

TRADING IN SECRETS

INTERNATIONAL SPYING IS A DANGEROUS OCCUPATION.

Recent Tragedy In Sofia Recalls Similar Romantic Episodes—Women Spies Frequently Use Their Charms To Gain Information—Berezowski's Fate Was Slow Starvation In A Russian Prison.

According to the special correspondent at Sofia of The Petit Parisien, a woman of high social position in that capital and wife of a Bulgarian staff officer was frequently guilty of betraying the Bulgarian mobilization plans to the Turkish authorities, and was shot. A few years ago she fell in love with an officer attached to the Turkish Legation at Sofia, but her parents objected to the marriage, and she finally decided a Bulgarian officer. Some time later the Turkish officer renewed his friendship with his old sweetheart, and one day he said to her: "I have been ordered by my superiors to obtain the Bulgarian mobilization plans. If I do not succeed I shall be relegated to some distant command in Asia Minor, and we shall have no chance of seeing one another."

The woman handed him a day or two later a bundle of documents containing the Bulgarian war plans, which she had taken from her husband's desk, telling him to photograph them and return them to her. Just after the war broke out the Turkish officer was captured by the Bulgarians in one of the first engagements, and in his pockets were found papers revealing the whole affair. He was tried by court-martial and sentenced to death. The young Bulgarian woman was arrested at Sofia, tried by a special court, and, being found guilty, was slowly starved to death.

Military spies of the fair sex are comparatively common, and only a short time back a woman named Peterson was arrested at Kiel on suspicion of being a spy in the employ of France. It appears that she had entered into a love affair with a non-commissioned officer named Dietrich, of the German Explosive Department, solely for the purpose of obtaining from him some important naval secrets which she believed he was possessed.

This reminds us that some years ago a young English lady attached to our Secret Service was told off to secure, if possible, certain army documents from France. With the hope of being successful, she attracted the attention of a member of the French headquarters staff, who promptly fell in love with her. Her conscience, however, reproached her with the traitorous part she was playing, and finally she found herself returning the affection of the victim. As a consequence she resigned her post and was led to the altar by the young officer.

At the time the block of Gibraltar was being turned into a strong fortress a young German girl took up her residence there, and a large number of the officers became victims to her charms. A middle-aged major, however, suspected that the fascinating Fraulien was a spy in the employ of Germany, and during a few discreet chats he had with her he discovered that she knew a good deal concerning guns and other matters. After communicating with the War Office, he politely but firmly requested the German girl to return to her native country.

It has been said that the German War Office has female spies in all parts of the world, and comparatively recently a number of barmaids of German nationality employed in hotels and cafes on the Eastern frontier of France were expelled from the country owing to the fact that information had been placed before the French War Office to the effect that they were spies in the employ of Germany.

Perhaps one of the cleverest spies that ever lived was Berezowski, a Russian subject. In 1887 he laid the entire plans of a campaign elaborated by Duke Nicholas before the Turkish Government. He was a very daring fellow, but he allowed himself too much latitude and was discovered. He was brought before the Duke, who sentenced him to a long term of imprisonment in one of the subterranean dungeons of the fortress prison of St. Peter. Berezowski's jailer was so bitter against him that he refused to supply the prisoner with food, and, in consequence, he starved slowly to death.

Another celebrated spy was the French Sergeant Hoff, who has been described as the greatest military humbug in history. Again and again he pompously announced to his brother officers that he had killed scores of Prussian soldiers single-handed; but, strange to say, he was never seen to kill even one. Hoff's duty was to go out scouting by night and when he returned he nearly always brought into camp a number of rifles which he boasted were the property of the Prussians he had slaughtered. After a time Hoff's superior officers became suspicious, and one night they sent a lieutenant to follow Sergeant Hoff. He was seen to march boldly into the Prussian camp and chat with their officers. When Hoff returned to the French lines he was taxed with being a spy, and when the lieutenant produced evidence that he was a traitor to his country and in the employ of the Prussians, an officer, snatched Hoff's revolver from him and shot him dead there and then.

The Russian War Office has spies all over Europe, a good number being of the fair sex. The most notorious and daring women spies, however, are attached to the Russian Secret Intelligence Police. Zinaida Joutchenko, nee Guerngross, a member of a well-to-do family at Vitebsk, was a famous Russian police spy. This woman made her first appearance as an agent provocateur in 1894, when she was twenty-three years of age.

A Straight Tip.
He (moralizing)—After all, man is weak.
She (coolly)—In union there is strength.

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A MYSTERIOUS CITY.

Age-Old Petra Is Now the Study of the Archaeologist.

A rose hued city, which is said by scientists to be half as old as the world, is now being closely studied by scientific men with the hope that in its wonderful ruins lost secrets of man's earliest history, if not of light on creation itself, will be found. Go as far back as they can, archaeologists have so far found the history of Petra hidden in the misty past, its creation occurring before Pharaoh walked the earth, and when the civilization of Egypt was not yet dreamed of.

Petra is said to be the most remarkable ruins in the world. It is wonderful not only for its great age but for its former importance as a gay and wealthy capital, for its former wealth and grandeur and especially for the fact that its palaces and houses were for the most part carved from a beautiful rose-hued stone which is found there in all gradations of color.

Petra is located half way between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Akaba, and its location is perhaps unparalleled for isolation from modern civilization. It is a city hewn out of solid rock and lies in the hollow of great rocky mountains.

It lies in a valley two miles long by one in width, accessible by a single approach in any city on earth. In Moab, and a halting place in the caravan route to the Far East, it was well nigh impregnable. And even now, though isolated from civilization and uninhabited, would hesitate to call it a city of ruins.

Petra's foundation and early history is lost in the hazy mists of remote antiquity. We are assured that the capital of Moab. The sacred narrative records its conquest by Amariah in the ninth century B.C. The prophets of old heaped curses and abuse upon it. The Nabataeans in about the third century B.C. made it their capital. Strabo, Pliny, and other Greek and Roman writers describe the place. Trajan brought it under Roman rule, and it continued to flourish with unabated vigor until the caravans instead of being used as a route to the Persian Gulf, then turned westward to the Red Sea, and its gates and on to the Red Sea turned instead to the Persian Gulf. Then very slowly it was forgotten that its very site was lost for a thousand years. Indeed, it remained thus until a hundred years ago, when that indefatigable traveler and explorer, Burckhardt, gained access to it, and once more brought it to the notice of man.

The entrance gorge, or silk, is unquestionably the greatest glory of Petra. For almost two miles one follows its winding course, the gorgeously colored rocks on either side almost joining as they rise precipitously overhead to the height of several hundred feet. The stream which is responsible for this magnificent cliff now winds its wild course untrammelled over the road which follows through these tremendous rocks. Suddenly we emerge through the narrow opening ahead and without warning stand before the first image of the Red City—a pale pink front of pillars and sculptured figures—an excavated temple, unharmed by the tide of centuries, perfect even in detail, forming still a part of the same rock from which it was hewn. It is truly startling to find in these wild mountains, architecture of such peculiar grace and grandeur. Art and nature here seem as one.

Everywhere are scattered temples, theatres, tombs, obelisks, churches and public edifices, challenging admiration not only because of the variety of style—Egyptian, Greek, Roman they embody, but also by the exquisitely delicate hues of the sandstone from which they are hewn, an extraordinary veining and inter-mixture of colors, in which "yellow and blue are occasionally added, ribbon like, to red and purple."

Animals Clever With Their Feet.
Goats are the most sure footed of our native animals. They can walk upright where the average human being would not crawl. Horses are the daintiest treaders, however, though they cannot climb. No horse will step on a man if it can possibly help it. It is a standing rule in cavalry regiments that if a trooper is dismounted he must remain perfectly still, when the whole column passes over him without injuring him. Camels are careless, on the other hand, and the man who came out unharmed from under the feet of a camel corps was not born to be run over by any kind of beast or vehicle.

The Wrong Kind.
A strapping German, with big beads of perspiration streaming down his face, was darning in and out among the aisles of a departmental store.

His excited actions attracted the attention of all the salespeople, and they hardly knew what to make of it. A hustling young man of the clothing department walked up and asked: "Are you looking for something in men's clothing?"

"No," he roared, "not men's clothing, vimmin's clothing. I can't find my wife!"

Hockey.
The oriental origin of hockey is proved by the fact that it is often mentioned by Arabian writers in the earliest days of Islam at a time when France and England had no national existence. They speak of it as koura and describe it as a game in which the ball is struck with a curved stick, called mihdjan or sanladjan. The latter word is Persian, which seems to indicate that the Arabs learned the game from their neighbors of Iran, who first taught them civilization.

The Preacher's Closing Word.
The members of the Rev. Dr. Fourtly's congregation settled themselves resignedly in their seats.

He had just said, "One word more, and I have done."
The doctor looked keenly at them over his glasses for a moment. Then he closed the book in front of him. "Amen!" he said.

Under the able direction of Mr. H. K. Jordan, with 135 voices, Brantford will have a delightful musical evening in the Opera House, Feb. 4th, Schubert Choir Concert.

CHOLERA SCOURGES.

England Has Suffered Heavily In Times Gone By.

The terrible ravages cholera is making at the present time in Turkey remind one of many previous occasions when epidemics have carried off thousands at a time. As early as 767 B.C. we read of a plague, and again in 453 B.C. Rome suffered terribly. Athens was attacked by a pestilence in 430 B.C., which was believed to have been caused by their enemies poisoning the water supplies.

As many as 10,000 people a day fell victims to the plague at Rome in A.D. 80. So many people were killed during the epidemic which occurred in Britain during the fifth century that there were hardly enough people left to bury the dead. In 773 Chichester lost 34,000 people, and in 954 Scotland lost 40,000. London was visited in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and Ireland suffered severely in 1204.

The Oriental plague occurred between 1348 and 1352. It was known as the "Black Plague," on account of the black spots which appeared on the skin at death. It started in China in 1333, and the deaths numbered 13,000,000. It was brought to Europe by a Genoese merchant ship, which was in the rest of Asia. It appeared in Norway and Sweden in 1349 and 1352. About 2,000,000 fell victims to the Black Plague in England, of which 52,000 occurred in London alone.

The sweating-sickness occurred in England four times during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, the first time in 1485, and the last in 1603, in which 20,000 people died in London alone. It also visited Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Poland and Russia between 1529 and 1530.

In the seventeenth century a pestilence broke out in London and carried off 30,000 people. In Lyons 90,000 died during 1633 through a scourge which swept over France. Italy lost 400,000 in six months in 1630.

In the seventeenth century Holland was visited by a plague; in Leyden 13,000 died of it, and the following year 13,287 died in Amsterdam. It was brought to London in boxes of cotton by some Dutch merchants. This was the Plague of London, and, as everyone knows, about 100,000 persons died in one year.

During recent years India has been heavily visited by plague—in Bombay North-West, Presidency and Punjab, and in a less degree in Burma, and other parts of India. In January, 1905, there was a weekly mortality of 20,000, reaching by steady increase a total of 57,702. By April 1st it had dropped to 4,000, but again reached 5,000 by the end of June. Two years after the number of victims amounted to as many as 1,316,000.

"Cross Education."

This term is used to describe a phenomenon that has recently been under investigation at a laboratory attached to one of the New England universities. Experiments have shown that the effects of practice on one side of the body are transferred to the other side, where there has been no practice. For instance, a fencer, practicing lunges with a foil and using only his right hand, gained in two weeks 56 per cent. of accuracy in aim. At the same time it was found that his left hand had gained 36 per cent. of accuracy in the same exercise, although it had no actual practice. So the exertion of the muscles of the right arm likewise increased the strength of the left arm.

A Funny Eagle.

A Russian grand duke was once the guest of a German prince. It was early in the last century. In Russia the imperial double headed eagle is to be seen everywhere and on everything throughout the empire—stamped, painted, embroidered or sculptured. At that period the education of grand dukes was somewhat limited. This grand duke went out shooting in Germany, and among other things, shot a large bird. He asked an experienced huntsman who accompanied him what the bird was. "An eagle," four highness, "was the answer. The grand duke turned on him in an irritated way. "How can it be an eagle," he asked, "when it has only one head?"

Songless Spain.

There was almost as little acted as spoken drama in the streets. I have given my impression of the songlessness of Spain, in Madrid as elsewhere, but if there was no street singing there was often street playing by pathetic bands of blind minstrels with guitars and mandolins. The blind about everywhere in Spain in that profession of street beggary which I always encountered, believing, as I do, that comfort in this unbalanced world cannot be too constantly reminded of misery. As the hunchbacks are in Italy or the wooden peg legged in England, so the blind are in Spain for number.

The Fly and the Matches.

One would be inclined to say that for a fly to empty a box of matches is utterly impossible, yet it can be made to accomplish this feat. Catch an ordinary house fly alive and, taking hold of it carefully by the wings, let it touch a match and uncover the box with its legs. It will at once grip the match in its endeavors to walk, and on lifting the fly the insect will in turn lift the match, and the match away from the fly, and the same manoeuvre can be repeated time after time until the box is empty.

An Episode of the Flood.

The animals were just entering the ark. "I notice you are being enumerated and numbered by the proprietor of this ark as we pass in," said the giraffe. "Yes," answered the playful monkey, "but I will gladly acknowledge as correct any figure that is put down, as this is a Noah count affair, anyway."

On Guard.

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72 in. wide Double Damask, reg. 1.75. for..... **1.39**
72 in. wide Linen Damask, reg. 1.50. for..... **1.29**
72 in. wide Linen Damask, 4 patterns to choose from, reg. 1.25 and 1.35. Sale price..... **.98**
3 pieces Bleached Linen Damask. Sale price..... **.79**
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To-day's Special Calendar

Ladies' afternoon Bridge Club, at Mrs. H. McKenzie Wilson's, Dufferin Avenue.
Bridge at Mrs. Harry Cockshutt's, Dufferin Avenue.

Receiving on Tuesday

(Should there be any error in the day's receipts given below, correction will be gratefully received by the Society Editor.)

Mrs. C. Aird.
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Mrs. F. Cockshutt.
Mrs. G. G. Duncan.
Mrs. F. M. Foster.
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Mrs. W. L. Roberts.
Mrs. M. H. Robertson.
Miss Scarfe.
Mrs. W. C. Schultz.
Miss Skelly.
Mrs. S. W. Swaisland.
Mrs. A. S. Towers.
Mrs. A. P. Van Sumeren.
Mrs. C. J. Watt.
Mrs. A. Waterous.
Misses Wye.

Miss Wright of Montreal, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Macgregor, Pearl street, left with them on Sunday for Southern California.

Mr. Hacker and Mr. Austin Burke, leave on the 16th for a trip to the South of France.

Mrs. C. Aird, Dufferin Avenue, was the hostess of an informal but most enjoyable little bridge on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Logan Waterous is confined to the house with a severe cold.

Mrs. Hamilton of New Brunswick, who recently underwent an operation in the Brantford General Hospital, is reported to be progressing favorably.

Mrs. MacArthur is confined to the house with an attack of jaundice.

Many friends will be glad to know that Mrs. D. J. Waterous, who has been confined to the house for the past three or four weeks, is able to be out again.

Miss Fudge of Toronto is the guest of Mrs. James Cockshutt, Dufferin Crescent.

Mrs. W. C. Boddy, Nelson street, who has been visiting friends in Trenton, returned to the city on Friday.

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., and Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., have returned to Ottawa to resume their Parliamentary duties.

Mrs. J. A. Graham of Toronto is visiting her sister, Mrs. (Rev) Bowyer.

Amongst those enjoying Mrs. John T. Wallace's kind hospitality at afternoon tea in honor of Mrs. Robert Henry, of Windsor, last Saturday were Mrs. A. J. Wilkes, Mrs. Julius P. Waterous, Mrs. George Hatley, Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt, Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mrs. Forsythe, Mrs. Green, Mrs. J. A. Philip and others. The tea room being presided over by Mrs. Frank Cockshutt and Mrs. Gordon Scarfe, assisted by Miss Dorothy Wilkes, Miss Maude Henry and Miss Nora Wallace.

The Girl Guides (headquarters Y.W.C.A.) are working now to pass the test for senior class guides. The test for senior class guides is given every Monday afternoon in the Y.W.C.A. club room, and to-day they begin a course in first aid work to prepare them for the senior class test. All girls between the ages of 10 and 16 are eligible.

Mrs. Wm. Ellsworth has returned from Buffalo after spending several days with friends in that city.

Last Friday evening a "favor euche" of twenty tables was held at the Waterloo Golf and Country Club, special car bringing the Galtions home at in early hours in the morning.

Miss Enid Hatley, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hatley, Albion street, returned to her duties at Durham College, Province of Quebec, on Saturday.

The visit to this Continent of Lady Aberdeen recently has been especially for the purpose of studying the methods adopted on this side of the water for combating venereal troubles. Accompanied by Miss Violet Asquith, she returns to England again the latter part of this week.

At the Toronto Hunt Polo Ball officers will appear in uniform and the members of the Toronto Hunt Club will wear pink.

Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen arrives from Ottawa on Tuesday morning in her private car and will breakfast at Government House. The city will entertain her at luncheon at the Queen's Hotel, after which she will attend the reception at the Margaret Eaton School, taking