

# ROYAL ROMANCE

German Empress.

Duchess of Marlborough.

Lady Paget.



THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE

Emperor William

What will be the outcome of the intensely interesting royal romance that is at present agitating the court of Kaiser Wilhelm and creating a sensation throughout the civilized world? That young Crown Prince Frederick will be allowed to have his own way and marry Miss Gladys Deacon is considered out of the question. The Duchess of Marlborough, however, at whose palace at Blenheim the lovers met, is an enthusiastic supporter of her beautiful young countrywoman's ambitions. So also is Lady Paget, who introduced Miss Deacon into high society. The young crown prince is as high spirited as is his imperial father, and it is expected that further exciting and sensational developments will follow the most interesting romance that for some time has agitated a European court.

## Wet Summer Cuts Down the City's Water Profits

The water departments of Lincoln and the heavens have been carrying on bold, relentless warfare for the past four months and in every skirmish thus far the forces under command of General James Tyler, representing the municipality, have been badly worsted. It has been an unequal struggle clear from the start. The attacks upon the city's brigade have been made mostly without warning and have come with such frequency and terrific vigor that the lines of General Tyler, perforce, have been held in reserve, acting only in self defense and for short periods at long intervals.

For the first time in many years the city's water department has bowed in submission, not completely, but it realizes that competition is one-sided. Where last year it kept its batteries constantly at work now they are standing idle, held only for action in emergency. Day after day, almost without exception, for nearly four months, the opposing and overpowering force of nature has made persistent assaults and not until there is a cessation of its attacks will the city make any effort to assume the offensive.

But when that opportunity comes General Tyler will move his column with effective precision. He has been saving ammunition all summer, has his engines well oiled and trimmed for quick service, and if he gets a chance

will show to the people again that his army has not been dissipated by the hardships of the recent past.

"Yes, we have been easily defeated," said an attache of General Tyler's staff, "but we may soon get an opportunity to show that we are in fighting trim. Everything is in readiness for a terrific onslaught but if we make it at all we will have to make it soon or wait until next summer.

"Last year we kept five engines pumping constantly," continued the attache, "and we found it difficult and at times almost impossible to keep up sufficient pressure. The consumption of water was large, owing to the drouth, the bulk of the water, of course, being used on the lawns. This year the consumption or use of water for that purpose is less than half of what it was last year. I can give you no actual

figures for the reason that no accounting for July, August and September is made until October 1.

"We can estimate, however, just as anybody else can estimate, but undoubtedly with a greater degree of accuracy, that the water used this year on the lawns is really less than half as much as last year. We know that because we are using only two pumps and with those are having no difficulty in keeping up sufficient pressure. When we had five pumps going constantly last year the pressure was low for the reason that the pipes were always open and as fast as we could pump water into them it went out at the other ends."

The decrease in the output of the department will make a corresponding decrease in its earnings and also a decrease in the profits. The expenses at the pumping stations have been slightly reduced, owing to the decrease in the number of engines operated, but the boilers have to be kept pounding out steam all the time, night and day, and just as many men are kept on duty as when all of the engines are in use. The office force and office expenses are also about the same as usual.

The water authorities are unable to estimate closely what financial difference the great rainfall will produce in the department. They think it will be considerable but not large enough to be serious.

Probably not half as many persons are using any water at all on their lawns this season as last, for they rely entirely on the natural precipitation, and those who do use water for their lawns take only a little of it.



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