

LOT OF ROUMANIA KING IS UNHAPPY UNDER HUN RULE

Teutons Employ Every Possible Means to Make Position as Uncomfortable as Possible.

By Associated-Press.
Jassy, Roumania, July 15.—(By Courier to the Paris Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Threatened with the bludgeon of German militarism and with loss of the throne of Roumania if they offend the sensibilities or oppose the policies of their German masters, the fate of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Roumania is most unhappy. Germany has resorted to every means of making their lot as uncomfortable as possible.

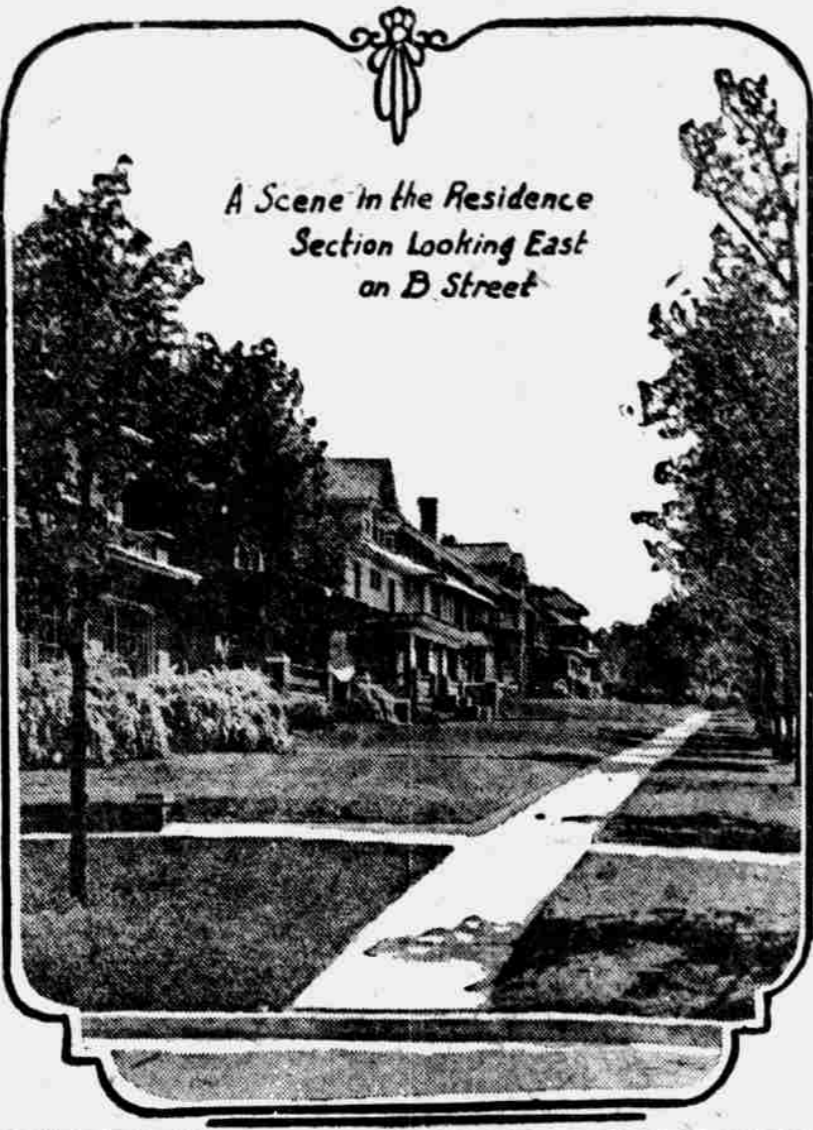
Living today in the little village of Biczaz, on the Roumanian-Austrian frontier, in what amounts to a self-imposed exile, every convenience or accommodation that might be considered a privilege has been taken from them by the Germans, who now have the country and the people completely subjugated and shackled.

No opportunity has been lost by the Germans to exact retribution from the queen for her action in bringing Roumania to fight against the central powers, and no discount or slight is considered too great for the king for what the Germans consider his betrayal of the Hohenzollern family and his own blood relatives.

When the queen sought recently to write to her mother, the duchess of Edinburgh, who is now living in Gotha, Germany, the German authorities told her she could do so only by sending the envelope unsealed and having the contents examined by the censor. In the letter the queen attempted to describe her anguish of mind and heart and the harshness of the German rule, but every such reference was summarily cut out by the censor.

Again, when her majesty cabled to the American Red Cross appealing for sympathy and support of the people of the United States, the German officials in Jassy threw every obstacle in the way and finally passed the message in an expurgated form.

The king likewise is made to bear many unpleasant experiences. When recently the Rumanian parliament was preparing to reassemble for the purpose of ratifying the German peace treaty, King Ferdinand was asked to open the proceedings. His majesty found it a very painful duty. To avoid fulfilling it, he kept to his bed for three days and insisted he was not equal to the task. On the third day, M. Marghiloman, the pro-German prime minister, came to the palace with an ultimatum. In the most uncompromising manner he said to the king: "Open parliament today or you will



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be forced to accept my resignation as premier, which I now hold in my hand."

The king realized that if Marghiloman resigned a new cabinet would be formed, with M. Carp, his bitterest antagonist, as its probable head, and that his dynasty would then be overthrown. So he yielded to Marghiloman's threat and went to the National theater in Jassy, where the sessions of parliament are held, and delivered a perfunctory address which occupied not more than four of five minutes. Only the members who were avowedly German were present.

Toward the German authorities the king and queen are forced by circumstances to maintain an attitude quite contrary to the innermost feeling of their hearts. The royal family and indeed all the loyal Roumanians place their hope in the United States and the allied nations. Fate of circumstances will compel them for the present to tolerate the domination and yoke of Germany, but they look finally to the entire allies to deliver them from the bondage into which the German emperor has forced them.

Marriage Rate High in Sweden; Birth Rate Low

Stockholm, Aug. 24.—Sweden's population at the end of 1917 was 5,800,847, according to figures just made public. The increase over 1916 was 43,281, which is greater than in any year since 1910. Preliminary figures indicate the highest marriage rate since 1907, but the birthrate—20.84—and the death rate—13.35—were the lowest ever recorded in Sweden.

CANADA SENDS MOUNTED PATROL TO AID SIBERIA

Famous Scarlet Riders Will Be Dispatched Overseas for Work in Disturbed Country.

Regina, Sask., Aug. 24.—Canada's scarlet riders are going to Siberia. The provinces from the Great Lakes to the Pacific were thrilled by the official announcement that a unit of royal northwest mounted police will be mobilized immediately at Regina to form part of a Canadian force in eastern Asia.

Last April permission was given the members of this famous patrol to enlist for overseas service. Instantly scores of these men joined the military forces of the Dominion, and since then a number have been decorated for bravery in action. Their departure left gaps in the ranks of the mounted police, but they were rapidly filled.

The first unit of policemen-soldiers is to consist of 100 men and 180 horses. A "limited number" of recruits will be accepted, but all must be expert horsemen and crack shots. The fame of the mounted police must be upheld in Siberia, it is declared.

Terror to Criminals.
For more than 40 years the relentless, determined mounted riders have struck terror to the hearts of criminals from the grain fields and mountains of the American border to the white wastes of the Arctic. Stories of their achievements almost form a part of

western Canada's history. When a mounted policeman started after a criminal he brought him back or reported where he buried him.

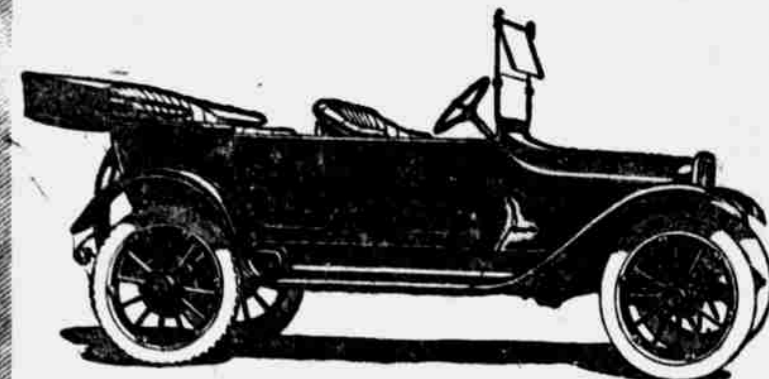
Indian troubles in the district now comprised by the Dakotas and Montana were chiefly responsible for the organization of the Canadian mounted police. Sioux Indians often fled into Canada when pursued closely by American soldiers. When they began to commit depredations in the Dominion the mounted police was organized. From a band of 150 riders the organization grew to a body of about 1,200. Every member was a picked man who could shoot, ride, trail and live for days on food picked in the open while stalking his man. Now and then the fugitive shot first and killed, but mounted police records make the claim that the slate was wiped clean in every instance before the case was finally closed.

After the war broke out many of the scarlet riders attempted to enlist as a unit, but permission was refused until last spring. Government and military officers felt that the small band of men were doing invaluable work in the northwest and that the nation would not gain if they left.

Portland to Turn Out Eight Wooden Steamers a Month

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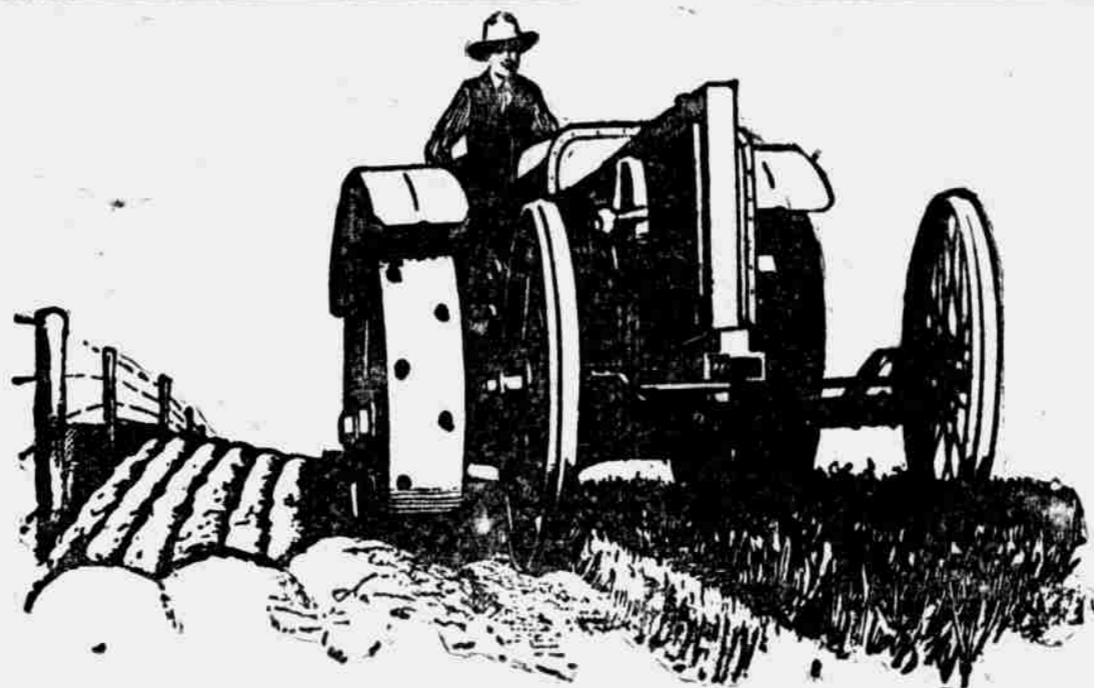
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