

FEELING TOWARD ASSASSINS TOLD BY ROOSEVELT

Writes Sir Otto Trevelyan That Public Man Should Not Have Mind on Fear of Death.

A new lot of Roosevelt's own letters appears in the October Scribner's magazine. This group of letters will not only appeal to those interested in important political affairs, but are of the widest appeal to men and women of literary and social appreciation. They contain letters written to the nephew and biographer of Lord Macaulay, Sir George Otto Trevelyan, who wrote what Roosevelt called "the very best history of the American revolution." These letters cover a period of 20 years, beginning while he was governor and coming down to the most exciting period of the great war. We are privileged to reprint one of these letters in full. It is interesting to note that the Edward Grey mentioned in the last paragraph is Viscount Grey, who has just arrived in this country as British ambassador.

Letter About Shooting.

On October 14, 1912, Roosevelt, while on a speaking tour in the west as the progressive candidate for the presidency, was shot and slightly wounded by a half-crazed fanatic in Milwaukee. Four days later, when it was known that the injury was not dangerous, Trevelyan wrote him a charming letter of sympathy. In reply to this letter Roosevelt gave expression to views about the assassination of public men which his intimate friends had often heard him utter. "There are worse deaths than for a man to be killed in the service of his country."

Expected Assassination.

Oyster Bay, October 29, 1912.

"Your letter touched and pleased me very much. I shall always keep it. I have not yet reached the point where it is wise for me to write with my own hand, so I shall only send you these few typewritten lines of greeting.

"It is just as you say; prominence in public life inevitably means that creates of morbid and semi-criminal type are incited thereby to murderous assault. But, my dear Sir George, I must say I have never understood public men who get nervous about assassination. For the last 11 years I have, of course, thoroughly understood that I might at any time be shot, and probably would be shot, some day. I think I have come off uncommonly well. But what I cannot understand is any serious-minded public man not being so absorbed in the great and vital questions with which he has to deal as to exclude thoughts of assassination. I do not think this is a question of courage at all. I think it is a question of the major interest driving out the minor interest. It is exactly as it is in the army. I can readily understand any enlisted man having qualms about his own safety, but the minute that a man gets command of others and has responsibilities for more than his own personal safety, especially when he becomes a colonel or a general, I don't see how, in the middle of his wearing anxieties, he has a chance to wonder whether he personally will be shot. A man, say, is not a question of courage; it is a question of perspective of proper proportion. If tomorrow I were to go fox-hunting I would probably feel a little more need of hardening my heart when I approached an uncommonly stiff jump than I would have felt 30 years ago; just because there would be no responsibility in the matter, no duties to be first considered, nothing whatever to appeal to me except the chance of a smash-up as balanced against the fun of the hunting and the galloping. But if I had a division of cavalry and were in a battle with it, so far I thought selfishly at all, it would be as to whether I were handling the cavalry creditably. It would not be as to whether I was in danger of being shot. So that I never have felt that public men who were shot whether they were killed or not, were entitled to any special sympathy; and I do most emphatically feel that when in danger it is their business to act in the manner which we accept as commonplace when the actor is an enlisted man of the army or navy, or a policeman, or a fireman, or a railroad man, or a miner, or a deep-sea fisherman.

"I am really pleased at what you tell me about Edward Grey. I have felt toward him almost as I feel toward you—and that is as strongly as I feel toward any man not in my immediate family."

Treaty Has Interest For American Inventors

American inventors would do well to familiarize themselves with Section, Part 10, of the Peace Treaty, entitled "Industrial Property." Among other things this section provides that patents held by citizens of allied countries at the beginning of the war shall be restored to the original owners as from the coming into force of the treaty. Other paragraphs consider allied use of German patents, failure to work patents during the war, and steps necessary for the prosecution of applications pending since the beginning of the conflict.

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BELIEVES BIRD IS WOMAN HE KILLED NINE YEARS AGO

Mad Italian Prince Sees in Bird Reincarnation of Countess He is Imprisoned for Murdering.

BY EDWARD C. STRUTT.
(International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

Rome, Sept. 27.—Prince Enzo di Paterno, who has been imprisoned since 1911, when he brutally murdered the Countess Trigona, lady-in-waiting to Queen Helena, has gone stark mad and now believes that a little bird he found flying about his cell is the reincarnation of the beautiful countess who has returned to grant him pardon.

The circumstances of the murder were particularly revolting and created a sensation because of the position of the victim and the esteem in which she was held by the queen. Countess Trigona was madly in love with the prince, although married to the Count Trigona and the mother of two little girls. She attended a love tryst in an obscure hotel and was slain by Paterno because she refused to give him \$6,000 to recoup his gambling losses.

Paterno shot himself in the head. The bullet lodged in the brain, but did not prove fatal, and after a long trial he was sentenced to life imprisonment with seven years solitary confinement.

The mental condition of the once brilliant young cavalry officer became apparent when he was removed this week from the penitentiary of Portolongone to Pisa, where he is to undergo an operation for the extraction of the bullet, which caused him acute pain. He stepped off the gangway at Leghorn, a walking skeleton, clinging tightly to a square parcel covered with light gauze.

The wardens pounced upon him and seized the parcel. Upon opening it they found a small cage and in the cage a little bird. Paterno became hysterical when the cage was snatched from him and cried: "Give me back my countess Give me back my darling!"

Though prison regulations strictly forbid the keeping of pets, the prison doctor recommended that the bird be restored to the mad prince.

Want 200-Lb. Blond Heroine for 'Rescue' Work of Firemen

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Here is a chance for a 200-pound heroine. It's imperative that the Oak Park Fire department have a 200-pounder to act as heroine at imaginary fires. If such a heroine is not found in the very near future the whole works will go on strike. Here's why:

Part of the daily drill of the Oak Park Fire department is to "rescue" a comrade and run up a ladder with him. Up, mind you, not down.

Lately it has been Captain Water's turn to be rescued. The captain weighs 240 pounds. Also the crew drops him on the floor with a dull thud, or—should one say s-u-a-s-h, after he has been rescued.

The captain and the crew say they are done with this style of practice—that unless some nifty-looking 200-pound blond heroine can be found to be carried not only up the ladder but, the firemen add gallantly, "down as well."

Weds to Give Her Expected Child a Name

New York, Sept. 27.—Is a woman justified in defrauding a man into marrying her in order to give a name to her expected child—that of another man?

This is the problem presented in the circuit court here, in the filing of a suit for annulment of marriage by William F. Hoppe against Stella S. Hoppe.

Hoppe married the girl on June 15, 1918, and a child was born on January 23, 1919. Hoppe swears it was not his baby and charges that "a physician" and the girl married tricked him into marriage in order to give her child a name.

The husband has an affidavit from his wife bearing a confession of her misdeed prior to her marriage.

Charles II. Left Nell Gwynne In Hard Luck, Old Bank Book Shows

London, Sept. 27.—Nell Gwynne, best beloved of Charles II., died not only of a broken heart, but with a broken bank account as well, according to evidence given before

a select committee of the House of Commons during an inquiry into dormant bank balances. F. W. Fane of Child & Co.'s bank started in 1559 during the reign of Charles, disclosed this hitherto unknown information. Even in those romantic days bank accounts and balances were the bane of the courtiers' lives, and Nell was one of the most extravagant of the court beauties in her heyday.

That Nell ever bothered about finances opens a new chapter in her

history, and even at this late date one can imagine this proud courtier, bank book in hand, wondering if she had enough cash to purchase a new gown with which to dazzle the eye of her lover.

Nell died poor, according to her historians, but it was never imagined that Charles left her absolutely penniless. The figures of her account, however, disclosed after hundreds of years, show that even then it wasn't wise to "put one's faith in

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