

King of Abyssinia Lays Cornerstone



Ras Tafari, king of Abyssinia, or more properly Ethiopia, is here seen in attendance at the laying of the cornerstone of a new hospital. Standing beside him is the little crown prince, and at the left is W. Southard, the American minister to Ethiopia.

Stalin's Wife Gave Life to Save Mate

Officials Believe Poison Was Intended for Dictator.

London.—Throughout the length and breadth of Russia agents of the dreaded G. P. U., the Soviet secret service, have their ears to the ground in the hopes of getting some clue to the persons who are believed to have fatally poisoned the wife of Joseph Stalin while seeking the life of the dictator himself.

This is the report which has trickled out of Russia past the rigid censorship which Moscow exercises over all news. It bears out previous reports that Mme. Stalin—although she never abandoned her maiden name—had succumbed to a deadly drug in

taking such a duty upon herself would have been in keeping with the romance which began when she was merely a school girl, daughter of a locksmith in Georgia, and Stalin, part Georgian, part Mongolian, fell in love with her, parted from his first wife and waited until the girl reached adolescence to marry her at seventeen.

Rarely Seen in Public. Public appearances of Mme. Stalin were very rare despite the high position of her husband. They and their two children, a boy of eleven and a girl of six, and a twenty-three-year-old son of Stalin's first marriage lived in Spartan seclusion. So little known, in fact, was Mme. Stalin that for a year she attended an industrial academy to take a course in artificial silk making without her identity becoming public until she was posted for "cutting" classes, a demerit which she made up in time to graduate last June.

That some weighty reason lay behind the pomp of Mme. Stalin's funeral is indicated by the fact that Stalin permitted it, for the dictator is a man of simple tastes, of almost Puritanical ideas where his home and family are concerned and inclined to frown upon any display of rank.

Yet he permitted his wife's body to lie in state in a red coffin, amid white chrysanthemums—Russia's mourning flower—and threw open the doors that 100,000 persons might file past the bier in silent tribute to her. He could have forbidden, but did not, the miles long funeral procession in which infantry and cavalry marched past a million civilians banked along the route, but he and his fellow officials followed the red hearse on foot.

It was a marvelous display, but why should the Soviet bestow it upon a woman whose only claim to fame was that she was Stalin's wife? Was there some secret, known only to a few, why it should wish to bury her in splendor among those of royal blood?

Did Mme. Stalin die a martyr to her devotion to her world-famous husband? Did she sacrifice her life that the dictator might live?

Cook to Italian King Tells Dessert Recipe

Rome.—Here is a recipe given by Commendatore Petini, first cook to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy. It makes a dainty dish to set before a king and yet it is quite simple.

Peel and stone ripe apricots putting in the place left by the stone a lump of almond paste. Roll them in finely powdered biscuits, dip them in the beaten yolk of an egg and then in fine bread crumbs.

Melt butter in an earthenware, fire-proof shallow dish, put in your apricots and dry them fast.

Drain in the usual way and serve with fine sugar flavored with vanilla.

An Afternoon Dress



This afternoon dress is of dull fabric showing white ermine scarf trim and armhole decorations. The dress is of plain lines, giving attention to the flaring-about elbow-cuff sleeves and white effects of the ermine shawl. For variety, the scarf can be wound around to fashion a muff, showing the high rounded and button-trimmed neckline. The hat dips in the new manner over the forehead and is of small brim and rounded crown lines.

perseverance of her habit of tasting food intended for her husband some hours before it was served to him.

Explains Puzzle. If true, it explains the puzzle of why "Comrade Nadeja Sergeivna Alilueva," as she was officially known, was given the most impressive funeral, marked by pomp and ceremony, accorded any individual under the Soviet regime although in life she was retiring, self-effacing and insignificant in the general Soviet scheme.

Comment outside of Russia was aroused when the official announcement of Mme. Stalin's death failed to mention the cause. It was a terse statement, signed by the seven officials highest in the Soviet government and their wives. It referred to her by her maiden name and only as the "friend and devoted aid of our Comrade Stalin" and as "our comrade and friend and the finest person."

It served to recall that when Stalin suddenly leaped into the dictatorship after a ruthless and stormy career of violence under his predecessors it was said that his wife had made herself his "official taster" to test all his food as part of the precautions to protect him against the constant plotting of his enemies. Her close friends realize that

Simulating Youth

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I believe in one's feeling and looking young as long as possible. It is foolish to admit old age until it is upon us; but there is a certain imbecility in simulating youth when youth is far gone. It shows a lack of dignity, a lack of experience, a lack of a proper appreciation of the relative value of things.

The story of the friendship between David and Jonathan is one of the most appealing in the Bible. David is an impulsive boy, full of play, fearless, ready to take chances. Jonathan is a warrior, serious, slow of action, steady, middle-aged if not beyond it. He had experience, he had judgment, he had dignity. He didn't pretend to be a boy, nor did he have boyish ways, but he could sympathize with a boy.

Gifford says that he and his boy are just pals, which, if properly understood, is as it should be. What Gifford really does, however, is to act the part of a child when he is with his son. I am not at all sure that it pleases son, for he really is just a little disappointed that when in company with him his father does not act like a grown man rather than a school boy.

Deal is a successful business man who has been out of college twenty years or so. At home he is quiet, steady, and dignified. He is held up to the young men of his community as a model of exemplary conduct. He is a trustee of one of the churches and a member of the board of directors of the First National bank of his town. When he goes back to visit his fraternity at homecoming time, he wants to be one of the boys.

Now a man who has been graduated twenty years or so, is forty-five or thereabouts, and there is no difference between forty-five and eighty to a college boy. The forty-five is an old man and they expect him to act like one and are disappointed if he doesn't. The tendency to simulate youth is not confined to men. Middle-aged women and old women often try to be girlish, and too often the attempt is pathetic. To youth it seems quite silly and ineffective.

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Queen of the Desert



Eleanor Arthur of Douglas, Ariz., who went fresh from a mining camp to the University of Arizona at Tucson, has been crowned "Queen of the Desert" by her fellow students. Eleanor, besides being beautiful, is one of those old-fashioned girls who doesn't smoke and never has bobbed her hair; but she is a "good fellow" and would rather ride a horse than pour tea.

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ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



BIG INCOMES HAVE DECLINED SHARPLY

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Washington.—That group of American citizens who pay about 97 per cent of the income taxes collected by the federal government—citizens whose incomes are more than \$100,000 a year—have sharply declined during the last four years, reports the Treasury department. In 1928 there were 15,780 persons with incomes in excess of \$100,000. Today there are about 3,142. Taxes collected on the incomes of persons in this group totaled \$107,806,000 last year, as compared with \$237,716,000 the previous year. The number of taxpayers having net incomes of \$5,000 or more declined 27.1 per cent, and the taxes dropped 49.4 per cent, with 566,120 persons paying \$233,933,000. The net incomes of these persons decreased from \$16,200,000,000 in 1928 to \$10,190,000,000 in 1930 and to \$6,489,000,000 in 1931.

Income from sale of real estate and stock dropped from \$1,843,000,000 in 1928 to \$550,000,000 in 1931, while losses deducted increased from \$170,000,000 in 1928 to \$978,000,000 in 1930 and to \$980,000,000 in 1931. Income from salaries and commissions dropped from \$4,700,000,000 in 1928 to \$4,150,000,000 in 1930 and to \$3,154,000,000 in 1931. Dividends decreased from \$3,929,000,000 in 1928 to \$3,022,000,000 in 1930 and to \$3,154,000,000 in 1931. Businesses and partnerships which reported incomes of \$3,201,000,000 in 1928 decreased to \$1,974,000,000 in 1930 and dropped to \$1,236,000,000 in 1931, according to department figures.

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Camels

The life of a camel is about forty years. Although they are not fully grown until sixteen or seventeen, they are trained from their fourth year to work for man. They can travel from twenty to twenty-five miles a day, and will go from three to five days without water. A mature animal carries as much as a thousand pounds.

Silk Crepes

Silks for general day and sports wear lean definitely to crinkly crepe and smooth wool-like stylings. Although the new tailored silks have all the weave attributes of woolsens, their drape is characteristically silk.

Boas of Feathers

Fine feathers make smart boas these days, and when not of feathers, they are frequently of the fabric of the gown.

Back Seat Driving Held Legitimate

Topeka, Kan.—In a unique decision the State Supreme court held the "back-seat driver" has a right to interfere with the front-seat driver.

The court added that not only had the occupant of the rear seat the right to give instructions, but that it was his, or her, duty to warn of approaching danger.

William G. Carter suffered from the decision. He was denied the right to collect damages for personal injuries from the Missouri Pacific railroad.

Carter had been injured while being driven by his daughter-in-law.

His suit for damages came to the Supreme court. That body held that he, as a back-seat driver, was guilty of contributory negligence and not entitled to damages.

Star of the Ice



Helen Binn, Chicago's best girl skater, who was captain of the American Women's Olympic skating team of 1932, is out after more triumphs this winter. That thing in her mouth is a lemon.

GABBY GERTIE



"A windy secretary has a lot of correspondence to blow about."

U. S. Names Are Added to British Who's Who

London.—Several new American names were listed in the 1933 edition of the British Who's Who, published recently.

Among those included were Clarence Darrow, attorney; DuBoise Heyward, novelist; Rockwell Kent, artist; Anne Parrish, novelist; Carl Laemmle, motion picture producer and Phyllis Rotome, novelist.

"God's Acre" Movement Has Helped Churches

The continuing spread of the "God's Acre" movement is credited with infusing new life into hundreds of country churches in a number of southern states.

Because of this plan, which gives church work definite shares in farm crops, many depression-hit churches once in danger of shutting down or of curtailing their activities are showing renewed material and spiritual growth, say reports from leaders.

In Georgia where the modern movement began it is found in every section, and James W. Merritt, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist convention, estimates that the number of persons participating last year was double that of the previous one.

Variouly known as "God's Acre" plan, the "Lord's Acre" plan, the "Lord's Plot" plan, "Planting for the Lord," and the "Lord's Portion" plan, the movement aims to have its participants dedicate a certain part of their acreage to the church. The proceeds are given to carry on the activities of the denomination as well as of the local church.

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