

RUMANIAN QUEEN RAPS SON'S BRIDE

Declares Girl's Scheming and German Agents Brought About Wedding

SHE MAY VISIT AMERICA

By the Associated Press
Bucharest, April 6.—"It was German agents who maneuvered and brought about the marriage of my son Charles," said the queen of Rumania in speaking of the marriage contracted in September, 1918, between Crown Prince Charles of Rumania and Zoyka Lambino, a young woman said to have had little social rank or wealth.

The queen requested the correspondent to publish her explanation of the marriage. In that there is a heavy burden of reports of the action of herself and King Ferdinand. She declared she had been pictured as tearing at a loving couple that it was not a case of true love, except on the side of Charles. "I have never seen the girl, except at public balls. She is not pretty, but she is intelligent and ambitious. She saw her chance to capture the affections of the prince of this country to have a member of the royal family intermarry locally, and thus become a mixer in party intrigues. It is an established fact.

Prince Is Disciplined

"I begged Charles to consider all these facts and to promise to forgo his personal wishes for the benefit of the country, but the marriage took place at Odessa, and it was aided by German agents. I fear an annullment was granted on the grounds that no bans were published.

"Charles joined his regiment, compelled to do so under military discipline, and he went to Budapest with our army. Association with patriotic Rumanians showed him his duty and he quickly realized how foolish he had been to lose his country for a girl. He has now accepted a mission to Japan, where he will stay for six months. Should the girl marry another person the affair will be ended."

The queen received the correspondent in a comfortable sitting room on the family floor of the palace, a large, roomy, ranging structure, formerly a convent, perched on a wooded slope outside the city.

"The reconstruction of Rumania is the great task for which we now are working," were the opening words of the interview. "This is one of the reasons I hope to visit America, possibly in September.

Queen Marie said she was trying to be a practical queen, adding: "That is why I am interested in the reconstruction of Rumania. I am sure that any one who invests money here will get a return with a handsome profit. We have several loans offered us and we would accept them if we could adopt methods of payment, such as oil and timber against imports. Our pockets are empty now because the national treasury is in Russia, as well as the crown jewels.

Her Crowns in Doubt

"It is an old tradition that a queen should wear a crown. I have had several very smart ones. It is uncomfortable."

able to go abroad and feel shabby. I do not know if the Bolsheviks have sold my crowns. However, the safety of the national treasury is guaranteed by the Allies.

have been urged by the Daughters of the Revolution and others to visit that country. An American visit will open for me a new horizon and I shall be able to gauge the woman's movement. She can never go back. I say this without being an ardent or violent feminist. In politics woman is a most useful element.

MOTOR RECEIPTS \$2,931,902

N. J. Commissioner Shows Income Increased \$500,000 Over 1918
Trenton, April 6.—Gross receipts of State Motor Vehicle Department for last year amounted to \$2,931,902, as shown in the annual report of William L. Dill,

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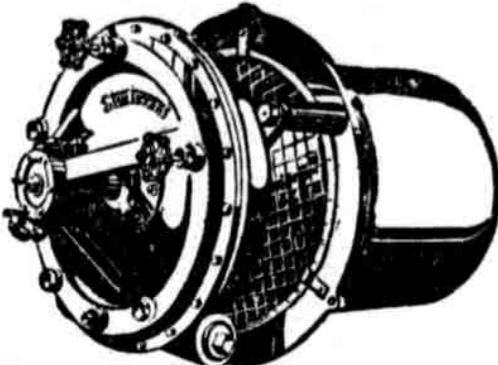
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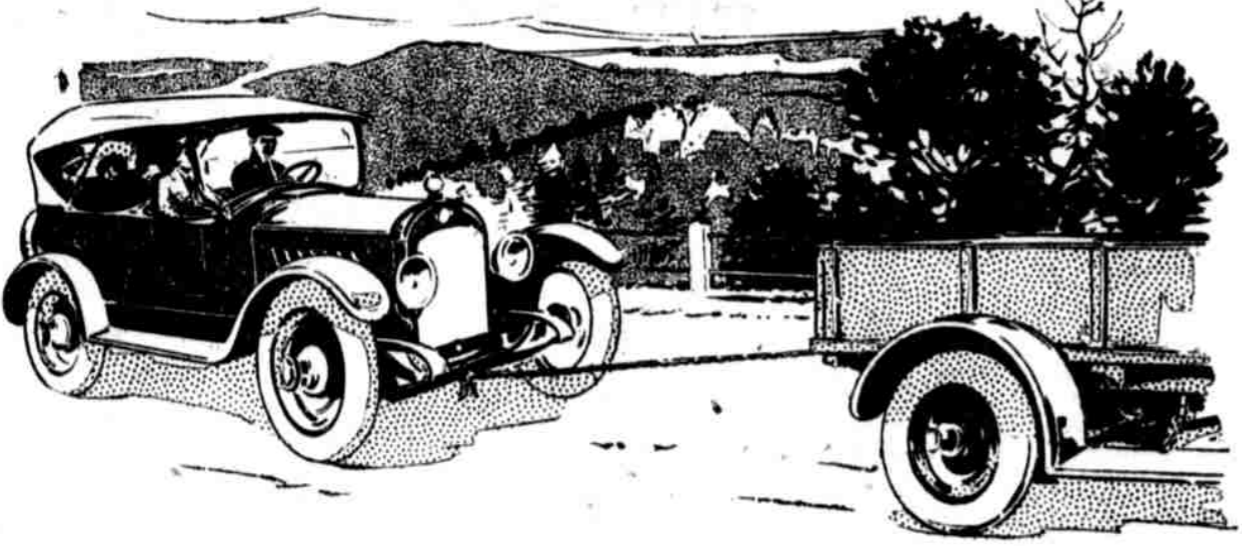
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