## ROSA BENKO, NOTED BEAUTY, IN DESPAIR

Sweetheart of Kings, Divorced Princess, Now Old and Poor, Attempts Suicide

#### SEEKS DEATH BECAUSE FORGOTTEN

As a Girl She Sang in Chorus of Music Halls-King Milan of Servia and His Son Alexander Were Among Her Many Admirers.

Vienna, Austria.-Rosa Benko, who in her halcyon days was known as 'The Star of the East" and "the most beautiful woman in Europe"-Rosa Benko, who was the very dear friend of two kings and who almost won a crown prince for her husband; Rosa Benko, now old, poor and forgottentried to commit suicide in her sordid room here the other day. She has learned how perishable is beauty when it is not preserved by modesty and illumined by brains. At her best she was only lovely; she never was

In her youth Rosa Benko was a strikingly beautiful brunette, tall for woman and with a superb figure. Though she lacked education, she had learned to assume an aristocratic bearing and had great charm of man-

She was a chorus girl in the music halls of the European capitals when she attracted the admiration of Milan. then King of Servia, the worst spendthrift and one of the greatest roues in all Europe. The King was devoted to her for perhaps a week longer than he ever was to another woman.

She transferred her affections to Milan's son, young King Alexander of Servia. He gave her an apartment in the royal palace at Belgrade, gave her exquisite gowns and costly gems. The chorus girl of the music halls was introduced in court circles as the niece of the King's physician and a gentlewoman of birth. She adapted herself quickly to her new surroundings; a court that had endured King Milan was not to be shocked by an incident like this. Milan often invited whole burlesque and comic opera companies to the palace and entertained them for days.

Natalie, King Alexander's mother, knew Rosa Benko's antecedents, but the former Queen merely remarked: "Doubtless my son will marry before long, so he should learn how to make love."

King Alexander did marry, and he and Queen Draga met the same dreadful fate at the hands of assassins.

Immediately after his marriage Rosa Benko was compelled to leave Belgrade and came to Vienna, where she soon became famous, not only for her beauty, but for a series of lawsuits with jewellers and dressmakers. Here, too, she met the Prince of Bulgaria, who fell madly in love with her. But her efforts to wear a crown were frustrated for the second time, for the Prince divorced her.

In her prime she had herself pictured in the garb of a nun, probably to heighten the effect of her beauty. As she grew old and went out of fashion, she treasured that portrait as a reminder of her brilliant past.

Finally she was forgotten, and in her extremity sought death.

## BREAKS HEN FASTING RECORD.

Jersey Fowl Starves for 25 Days and Escapes Death Sentence.

Belleville, N. J.-Oscar De Rose of Belleville is the owner of a chicken that has survived a fast of twentyfive days. The hen, a Plymouth Rock, was placed in the cellar of the De Rose home, and was intended for dinner the next day. Its legs were tied. When Mrs. De Rose went to the cellar the next day to get the chicken, it was not to be found. She thought that it had been stolen.

Some days afterward while in the cellar Mr. De Rose heard a noise and decided that rats had begun to frequent the cellar. The house cat was kept in the cellar nights thereafter.

The noises, however, continued from day to day. Mr. De Rose had occasion to go into the cellar, and hearing the same noises he searched around with a light until he came to a hole which had at one time been used as a cistern. At the bottom of the hole was the missing chicken. It was still alive and De Rose carried it upstairs. It was so weak, that when its legs were untied, it could not stand on thein, and food and water had to be poured down its throat. Next day it

was much improved and could walk. When placed in the cellar the chicken weighed six pounds, and when it was taken out it weighed just a pound and a half.

So it won't be eaten just now.

People Grow Rich Fast in Prussia. Berlin,-Vorwaerts, the Socialist newspaper, publishes some remarkastatistics which show that the wealth of comparatively few persons in Prussia has increased greatly in recent years.

In 1903, says Vorwaerts, there were 80,000 persons in Prussia with incomes of more than \$7,000 a year. In 1908 there were 104,000 such.

In 1894 there were 8,300 million aires in Germany, whose aggregate wealth was three and a quarter bilions. In fourteen years their wealth almost doubled; increased to five and three-quarter bilions.

WHY THE BIG TREES ARE 215.

Heavy Rainfall Gives Quick Germina tion and Steady Growth.

The magnificent forests of Douglas fir in Washington—it is salled Wash-ington fir there and Oregon fir (its ommercial name) in Oregon—do not have an equal anywhere else in the world. This is not surprising if we take into account the rainfall, which in the Puget Sound country is about fifty-three inches, while up in the higher Cascades near Seattle it is 100 inches and even reaches 150 inches.

Under such climatic conditions the seeds of trees germinate readily and all trees continue to make a vigorous growth. These great forests, says Horticulture, are due to the climatic conditions of the region.

On the east slope of the Cascades the rainfall is much less, and here the bull pine is found, interspersed with beautiful white pines, which some times reaches a height of 200 feet and a diameter of 6 feet, although there are many trees over 100 feet high and 3 or 4 feet in diameter. The tree resembles our Eastern white pine, but is more slender and with slender spreading or somewhat drooping branches.

Valuable Chinese Medicine.

Curious experiences occasionally come to administrators of even so prosaic a department as the customs. A Sydney correspondent tells of one which recently befell Mr. N. Colston Lockyer, the Federal Assistant Comptroller-General. Above the mantelpiece in his office is natled a sun dried lizard. It had been imported by an enterprising Chinese merchant, who desired Mr. Lockyer to take particular note of it and instruct his officers as to its nature and the amount of duty chargeable on similar consignments in bulk. The Chinaman explained that dried lizard was a very important item in the pharmacopaels of the Celestial Empire, and when ground to powder possessed medicinal properties of untold value. The officers of the department were at a loss to know how to classify the article, their choice apparently lying between drug, preserved food and prohibited vermin. Mr. Lockyer cut the Gordian knot by classifying the "medicine lizard" as "unenumerated" and admitting it duty free.

New 12-Cent Stamp.

A new twelve-cent postage stamp is to be provided by the Post Office Department to meet the changed conditions resulting from the increase of the fee for registering letters and parcels from \$ to 10 cents.

Acting Postmaster General Stewart has requested the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the preparation

of such. The new stamp will ultimately result in the discontinuance of the thirteen cent stamp. The latter was calculated to cover the cost of the eightcent registry fee and the 5 cents international postage rate. The fifteen cent stamp will serve this purpose for the registry fee has been increased from 8 to 10 cents. The proposed twelve-cent registry fee and the two-cent postage rate in this country and for England and Ger-The twelve-cent stamp was discontinued some years ago. It bore the head of Washington.

Valuable Common Land. No fewer than 1,500 towns and villages in Germany still own and have owned down from the middle ages so much common land that their inhabitants pay neither rates nor taxes. Five hundred of these townships and villages derive so great a rental from their lands that they are able, in addition, to pay every citizen, on New Year's day, a bonus of from \$25 to \$100 as his share of the surplus rev-

One of Fashion's Follies.

A lady came on an odd-looking bag the other day in one of the fashionable London shops. It was in expensive leather, and seemed too large for an ordinary hand-bag; also it had a curious opening cut at one side towards the top. "Ladies use it for carrying their little dogs," the salesman explained.

Early Showed Greatness.

Andrew Jackson was a marvel of precocity. He carried a flintlock musket, as a soldier of the revolutionary army, at the age of 14. At 23 he was appointed by Washington district attorney of Tennessee. He was a United States Senator at 30. He did not reach the presidency until he was 62 .- Sunday Magazine.

Intellect and the Body.

Men of stupendous intellect too often have little bodily powers, for, according to the law of the balancing and conservation of energies, all power here goes to the brain, and little is left for physical use and conventional display; and, indeed, genius has too often lacked even self-ontrol.

To Take Place of Saltpeter. By the aid of electric-chemical production of manures containing at mospheric nitrogen, Germany expects soon to largely decrease its importation of saltpeter from Chili.

A Suggestion.
I cannot think but that the world would be better and brighter if our teachers would dwell on the Duty of Happiness as well as the Happiness of Duty.—Sir John Lubbock.

The Servant Question. "That woman seems to have a lot of trouble with her help." "Yes, she passes her life on the cooretep, either welcoming an angel of dismissing a flead!"—Life.

### **WOMAN FAILS IN HIGHER AIMS**

Judge Grosscup Tells Her Why She Cannot Be Theologian, Lawyer or Scientist.

Chicago.-"You can't be theologians because you haven't the power of analysis; you can't be lawyers, be-cause you are devoid of the reasoning faculty; you are not successful scientists, because you consider only one detail at a time; you are only occasignally successful in business and you succeed only in those branches of medicine which call for the exercise of the nursing instinct."

Federal Judge Peter S. Grosscup told the women of the Ossoli Club, the women's auxiliary of the Highland Park Club, all these things in an address at the first meeting of the club this season in the club-house of the men's organization.

But he escaped the vengeance that might otherwise have been wrought upon him by telling the women a lot of things they can do, and which they must do if this old world is to roll along unchanged in the course mapped out for it.

"But," he said, "I wish to present an analysis of woman's work from my point of view. The only woman lawyer I know who is a success in her profession began her career by being put in jail for contempt of court for throwing a pitcher of water at a judge who overruled her motion.

"In law, theology and medicine she rarely succeeds, she cannot be a scientist because that involves a multitude of details, and while woman is essentially a creature of detail she can consider but one detail at a time, and not many in their relation to one another.

"I'll tell you what woman can do. The feminine mind is the complement of the masculine mind. With but one of them in existence the world would soon become a dreary place of existence, and in a few generations its population would disappear."

#### FIGHTS OFF BULL WITH AXE.

Harkey Probably Saved the Life of Helpless Man on the Ground.

Montclair, N. J.-When a big bull eserted the farm of Henry Becker in toseland to trespass on the land of Mrs. Horace Osborne adjoining, Augost Becker, a brother of Henry, followed to drive the bull back. The bull charged, and Becker turned and

The animal overtook the man and tossed him ten feet in the air. Becker fell in a helpless heap on the ground. Then the bull rolled him over and over, playing with him as a cat does with a mouse. Bernard Harkey saw Becker's plight and, seizing an axe, ran to his help. Harkey swung the axe and brought it down on the bull's head with all his force, The blow knocked the bull to the ground, but it staggered to its feet and, neglecting Becker, charged Har-

The man stood his ground and again dealt the bull a stunning blow on the head. The animal fell, but managed to regain its feet after a moment. The fight was taken out of it,

however, and it staggered away. Harkey and Henry Becker, who had run up, carried August to his home, where Dr. Edward H. Peck of Caldwell treated him. Becker had a broken arm, severe cuts and bruises, and internal injuries.

The bull, which was almost dead from Harkey's blows, was killed later.

#### GET FAT ON \$1.50 A WEEK.

Kansas Students Beat Prices at Boarding Houses.

Lawrence, Kan.-The cost of living in Lawrence boarding houses is \$4 a week, but eight students have formed a co-operative boarding club, and have been living for an average of \$1.50 a week. As evidence that they have had sufficient food the average weight of the members of the club has increased two pounds since the opening of school. Here is a sample of the average meals:

Breakfast-Oatmeal, eggs on toast, milk toast and hot cakes, with butter and syrup.

Dinner - Meat, potatoes, apple sauce, bread and butter and rice pudding.

Coffee and tea are not served, as the members think they are not conductive to scholastic pursuits. One week the cost of board ran to \$2. They then lived for \$1.25 for two weeks to make up the deficit.

#### "TRAMP KING" BACK.

Seventh Trip Around World Without Paying.

Boston.-Claiming the distinction of being the king of tramps, Frank Clark, of New York, forty-seven years old, arrived here on the Cestrian, from Liverpool, completing his seventh trip around the world without paying a cent for transportation or food. He had with him a bundle of newspapers from all parts of the world giving accounts of his tramping

experiences, with his picture. Clark has been a tramp for thirty years. He was once a newsboy in New York, enlisted in the navy, deserted and then took to tramping. On his last trip he traveled thirty thousand miles. He has relatives in New York, and intended to jump a freight train to visit them.

Columbus, Ind .- Judge Hacker has decided that a mule is legally a horse. William Patterson had a mule killed by lightning and sued an insurance company for \$150 on a policy protecting horses. He contended a mule was legally a horse and the Court sus-tained him.

HOUSE INVENTORIES.

Convenient Booklets lesued by the Insurance Companies.

Of the simpler schemes of the insurance agents who are always fever-ishly trying to hold old business and to attract new one of the most sucecesful is the issuing of a blank book for use as a residence inventory.

This is usually a neatly prepared booklet of 12 pages, says System. On the inside of the front cover is a notice of what to do in case of fire, instructions for making an inventory and appraisal and on the opposite page are lines for the dates of the eriginal inventory and three revisions. On the inside of the back cover are

printed general instructions for placing insurance, how to give a notice for additional insurance and what to do in case of removal of property. The twelve pages of the book are each devoted to a room and are ruled to show the number of articles inventoried, and a memorandum of each article itself, date of purchase, cost and description.

These inventories cost from six to seven cents apiece if they are got up in attractive style, and therefore they should not be carelessly mailed.

Convicted by a Thermometer. In connection with the death of Dr. Whitelaw of Kirkintilloch, Scotland, an interesting story is told of his early career. Being called up one night he was walking along with the messenger when he was set upon and knocked down in a lonely part of the

His pockets were rifled and he was left lying on the road severely injured. One of the articles stolen was s clinical thermometer with which he had that evening taken the temperature of a patient. He remembered the temperature registered, also that he had not shaken down the mercury before putting the thermometer back in his pocket and he communicated these facts to the police.

Some time afterward a thermometer registering the identical temperature was discovered in a pawnshop in Glasgow and by this means the police were enabled to track the doctor's assailants and to arrest them.

Orientation.

Orientation means that strange, baffling power by which many birds and animals find their way home in the dark. Fishes traverse worlds of water back to their spawning grounds, cats tied in a sack and taken over distances of many leagues find their way home again; horses after a water voyage of a hundred miles away from home have found their old places. In no end of similar cases the return path was found by other powers than sight and hearing. In some whales the eyes are set so far back in the head that they can see only rearward, seeming to sense their swift way by some oragns of sense in the head or

Chivalry in Lower Animals.

In rough and tumble competition like Peary's and Cook's, even the fiercest lower animals sometimes show a chivalrie compassion. Tip with his own eyes saw a wet, dreary rat put into a cage and kept for days with a male and female mongoose, animals which cut a rat's throat like a pair of scissors. The wretched rat made a crouching, pitiful obeisance and the pair thereafter had no disposition to injure or kill this miserable prey. During the several days, however, perhaps a dozen husky rats were put in with the mongooses for the amusement of the ship's company and were instantly killed .- New York

Europe's Onerous Burden. In foreign lands the question of armament is discussed in conjunction with treasury deficits. In Germany increased taxation is grumbled at; Japan has already curtailed her military expenditures for lack of revenues, while in England an almost certain falling off of \$25,000,000 in revenue is foreseen, and a demand for at least \$60,000,000 new expenditure has been created by the enactment of service legislation coupled with the institution of old-age pension.

Scientists Aiding Rivals. Science in its motives, philanthroples and results is almost identical with religion, and, as a rule, has not only been amiable toward rivalry but has often encouraged it for the common good. Many rival eminent scientists are constantly assisting one

another outside the commercial sci-

Life and Licensed Anarchy. In all things below the range of genius it is foolish to talk in universal terms. Whim is just enough good for the small matters of every day; and life has large areas of licensed anarchy where truth cannot reach as far as your next door neighbor .-Frank Moore Colby.

Glass Bonnets.

Venetian glass manufacturer is said to be making and selling bon-nets by the thousand. The glass sloth of which they are made has the same shimmer and brilliancy of color as silk, and is impervious to water.

Forgetting.

If some people were to think twice before speaking they would probably forget what they wanted to say.—Chicago News.

A Profanation. Guest-Mercy! What's that awful profamity downstairs? -My husband has late and fallen over the new Persian

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