

AND here it may be well to add a word or two about these photographs. First, let us consider:

CUT NO. 1. On page 25.

This photograph was the cause of international complications. It was taken at Coburg on the arrival of the Czar and Czarina from their first visit to France, where they had been in order to cement the alliance between Russia and France. The Kaiser very cleverly placed his arm around the neck of Nicholas II. The next day copies of the photograph were forwarded to Paris for public sale, from which all the other members of the group were eliminated. The picture merely showed Emperor William with his arm thrown affectionately around the Czar's neck. The French were outraged to find that the Czar still maintained his friendship for Germany, their arch enemy. The sale of the picture was prohibited.

CUT NO. 3. On this page.

Taken at Coburg at the wedding of Princess Victoria Melita, of Saxe-Coburg, to the Grandduke of Hesse. This was Queen Victoria's last German visit. Sergius of Russia was killed by the Nihilists. His consort has since taken holy orders. Prince Henry of Battenburg, shown in uniform, lost his life in Ashanti. Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg (behind



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CUT NO. 2. This portrait was taken at Coburg, April 19, 1894, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to Germany, to attend a royal wedding. Standing, left to right: Arthur, Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada. The late Duke of Edinburgh, the sailor son of Queen Victoria. The Kaiser. King Edward. Seated: Queen Victoria. The widowed Empress Frederick.

the Emperor and the Czar) is the only suicide in the reigning house of England in two hundred years. Princess Philip (behind the Czarina, and with veil) is now an outcast, and barred from every court in Europe.

CUT NO. 5. On page 27.

THIS photograph of a shooting party given by King Edward at his country seat of Sandringham, while still Prince of Wales, in honor of his nephew and niece, the German Emperor and Empress, is of particular interest, owing to the fact that the Emperor had insisted upon paying a visit to England with his consort, at that exact time. It was in the closing year of Queen Victoria's reign, and owing to the frail condition of her health, he had been strongly recommended to postpone his coming to a later period. When the Kaiser persisted, however, the King did everything in his power to render his stay pleasant. He asked, as a favor, that Baron von Senden-Bibran, the Emperor's A. D. C., should be left at home, owing to the disrespectful remarks which the Baron had made about the King. The Kaiser ignored this request of his uncle's and brought his A. D. C. not only to England, but actually to Sandringham. The Baron is shown at the back, between King Edward and Prince Buelow.



THE 1896 WEDDING GROUP AT COBURG

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CUT No. 4. Left to right, Grandduke and Grandduchess of Hesse, the latter since divorced, and now the wife of Grandduke Cyril of Russia; Queen of Roumania; the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Duke of Edinburgh, and brother of King Edward; German Emperor; Grandduchess Vladimir of Russia; Dowager Duchess of Saxe-Coburg (sister of Czar Alexander III. of Russia); Queen Mary of England; German Empress; Princess Hohenlohe; Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg and of England, now wife of King Alfonso of Spain; Princess Philip of Coburg, daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, and now divorced; Duchess Charlotte of Saxe-Meiningen, elder sister of the Kaiser; King George; King of Roumania; late Prince Alfred of Coburg; Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein; Count Mensdorff; Prince Philip of Coburg.

OF these the Grandduke of Hesse, the Kaiser, Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince Philip of Coburg, and Count Mensdorff (all of whom appear in this picture) are now in the field against Great Britain, Belgium and Russia, three countries represented in this group

by King George, and Queen Mary of England; by Grandduchess Vladimir and Grandduchess Cyril of Russia; by the Dowager Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, only daughter of Czar Alexander II., and now a prisoner of state at Coburg; and by Princess Louise of Belgium.



CUT No. 5. THE SHOOTING PARTY AT SANDRINGHAM, 1898. Photo. J. Russell & Sons
 Seated, left to right: Fraulein von Gersdorff, lady in waiting to the German empress; Countess of Mar and Kellie; late Empress Frederick of Germany. Princess Royal of Great Britain; Queen Mary (then Duchess of York); Queen Maud of Norway, sister of King George V.; Lady Farquhar. Standing, left to right: Dr. von Ilberg, physician to the Kaiser; Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, grandson of Queen Victoria; the late General Sir Albert Williams, A.D.C. to the Duke of Cambridge; Countess von Stolberg, lady-in-waiting to the German empress; Baron von dem Knesebeck, Grand Master of the Ceremonies at Berlin; Field Marshal von Plessen, General A.D.C. to the Kaiser; Lady Mary Forbes-Trefusis, lady-in-waiting to Queen Mary; Hon. Charlotte Knollys, lady-in-waiting to Queen Alexandra; Queen Alexandra (then Princess of Wales); the late Duke of Cambridge; General Count Augustus Eulenberg, Grand Master of the Court of Berlin; King Edward; Admiral Baron von Senden-Bibran, Naval A.D.C. to the Kaiser (behind King Edward); Prince Buelow, late Chancellor of the German Empire (next to King Edward); Baron Eckhardstein, Emperor of Germany; Chevalier de Martino; King George; General Sir James Grierson; Princess Victoria; Admiral of the fleet, Sir William May.



CUT NO. 3. THE WEDDING GROUP AT COBURG, 1894. At back, left to right: Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, R. N.; Grandduke Paul of Russia; Prince Philip of Coburg-Kohary; the late Count Alexander Mensdorff, whose mother was a Princess of Saxe-Coburg; late Grandduke Sergius of Russia (with derby hat); Queen of Roumania; King of Roumania; the Grandduchess Sergius of Russia (the right hand female figure on the back row); late Duke of Edinburgh, and brother of King Edward (at right end of top row); late Prince Henry of Battenberg (behind King Edward, at the right, with a military hat); late King Edward; Princess Henry of Battenberg; Princess Philip of Coburg (Princess Louise of Belgium); Princess Ernest Hohenlohe-Langenberg, Duchess of Saxe-Meiningen; Grandduke Vladimir of Russia; Duke of Connaught, K. G.; late Prince Alfred of Coburg and Great Britain (behind the Emperor and Czar); the Czar; the Czarina; Princess Louis of Battenberg, sister of the reigning Grandduke of Hesse; Princess Henry of Prussia, sister of the reigning Grandduke of Hesse, and behind her, the Duchess of Connaught, wife of the Governor General of Canada; Grandduchess Vladimir of Russia; Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, at the extreme right; German Emperor (seated); Queen Victoria (seated); late Empress Frederick of Germany (seated). On the ground; Princess Beatrice, now wife of the infant Alfonso of Spain; Princess Feodora of Saxe-Meiningen.