# SLAYING OF EX-CZAR IS FINALLY CONFIRMED

Russ Ruler, His Wife, Four Daughters and Son Shot and Their Bodies Burned.

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Berlin, Germany. Nov. 5.—Weshelms Romanoss, the former cuar, his wife and their four daughters and only son alexis are dead beyond any shadow of Goubt. They were all executed together in Espterinburg on the night of July 17, 1913, and their bodies were burned. Heretofore reports of the fate of the Romanoss family all came from sources outside the soviet realm, whereas the only authoritative place to get the facts was naturally soviet Russia. Unfortunately the bosshed vist leaders are reluctant to discuss the matter.

## Tells the Story with Chiase

With great difficulty I succeeded in finding a responsible communist who was present at the secret session in Moscow at which the president of the Ekaterin-burg soviet reported the circumstances of the Romanoff deaths. This person was Mikhail Pokrovsky, acting commissioner of education and a man of the highest integrity. He bowed his head in shame as he told me the story.

"Ekaterinburg was surrounded on three sides," he said, "when four letters written in French and asgned 'officer' were found in possession of the Romanoffs. These letters proved the existence of an organized plot to kidnap the caar and his family. The local soviet then burriedly evacuating the city took the matter up and decided to execute the czar, the czarina and all the children. The tales of torture are untrue. On the night of July 17 after a short notice the Romanoffs. were taken out and shot. In order to give no opportunity to the monarchists later to sanctify the Romanoff relies and use them for counter-revolutionary agitation the seven bodies were cremated. We make no attempt to justify this horrible deed."

Letters to Czar Photographed.

Pokrovsky had photographs of the four letters showing how the attempt at escape was to be made. He also obtained the czarina's diary from January, 1913, to the day of her death. She had made the entries while in Tobolsk and Ekaterinburg.

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