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## RUSSIAN FESTIVITIES

Vienna, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Petersburg says elaborate religious services will be held there tomorrow in celebration of the Czarowitz, who was born Nov. 22, O. S. (Dec. 4). The services include thanksgiving for the Czarowitz' progress toward recovery, although as a matter of fact, those in a position to know declare that the heir presumptive

Vladimir is in vigorous health, well educated, and an experienced administrator. He has traveled over Europe and much of Asia. He was greatly esteemed by the late Czar and enjoys the confidence of the Dowager Czarina, who is the most influential figure among the reactionary forces that control the Russian councils. She and Vladimir



The Czarowitz and His Intended Bride

to the throne is afflicted with tuberculosis, and that the disease has reached an advanced stage.

The announcement was made last August that the Czarowitz was engaged to marry the second daughter of the Grand Duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the Duchess Cecile Augustine Maria. It is regarded as a significant fact that no date has been set for the union, nor have any preparations been made for the event. To put it plainly the condition of the young Grand Duke is regarded as hopeless unless the climate of the Crimea should work a miracle. The pulmonary disorder with which he is suffering is complicated by a tendency to diabetes.

These diseases have worked frightful mischief among the collateral branches of the house of Romanoff and have already found shining marks in the ranks nearest the throne.

With the demise of the Czarowitz and the Czar without a son the diadem of the Romanoffs, the richest prize attainable by the human ambition, would pass to the eldest uncle of the Czar, the Grand Duke Vladimir, who is in his fifty-fifth year.

have had many differences as to Russia's Asiatic program and there was a brief estrangement, but cordial relations have been resumed.

Vladimir is very popular in Vienna and Paris. His manner is engaging and his handsome person is familiar to the boulevardiers. When visiting here he has always gone about the city in an unconventional way and is altogether more democratic than any other member of the reigning family of Russia.

In a careful dispatch to his paper the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Politische Correspondenz of this city says:

"Vladimir, while too strong a man to be dominated by the military party, has little sympathy with the political doctrines of Nicholas. He embodies the prudence of the Romanoffs. Like all Russians, he is full of craft. But his tendencies are toward the fulfillment of Russia's so-called traditional mission, and the imperial scepter would be wielded by him with no special deference to that wise principle of arbitration of which Nicholas is the most illustrious exponent."

tions will be added, to care for the interests of the Indians and against polygamy

At the morning session the Senate listened to the annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw; also the report of orders issued by the Governor General of Cuba.

In the House Henderson appointed Shepard today a member of the Committee on Public Building and Grounds.

The House went into committee of the whole to consider Cannon's \$50,000 bill to defray the expenses of the Anthracite Commission.

## OPERATORS REFUSE

### To Allow Examination of Their Books

DON'T WANT COMMISSION TO KNOW THEIR PROFITS Increase in Wages Would Add But Little to Cost of Coal

Scranton, Dec. 3.—The Anthracite commission resumed its hearing this morning. Darrow produced as witnesses several miners and their wives and children. Justice Gray in opening said he regretted the misunderstanding which had prevented the parties from coming to some conciliatory agreement, which would have been approved by the commission.

Only one company, the Delaware and Hudson, submitted a statement of wages. McVeagh said forty experts had been constantly employed during the ten days recess going over the Pennsylvania's books and the work was still uncompleted.

The independent operators would not submit their accounts to show profit and loss.

Darrow replied if they were willing to admit that miners were entitled to fair wages, whether company was making money or not, he would agree that it was useless to have accounts submitted; otherwise, if they contend that they are unable to pay fair wages, the submission of the accounts would be necessary.

Mitchell was the first witness, who said that 20 per cent increase in wages meant 17 cents per ton added to the cost of mining coal.

## Halibut Fisheries

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4.—The Atlantic Halibut Company of Gloucester, which is interested in the halibut fisheries of Pacific, has decided to increase its Western business, with an idea of controlling the trade in Western fish in the Eastern markets. The International Fish Company has just been organized for this purpose. The plan provide for the building of many additional steamers to fish for halibut in the Pacific.

Mr. Samuel Patterson Starford, who has been appointed the government physician at the Yakima Indian reservation, in the state of Washington, is one of the best known colored physicians of St. Louis.

"You have discovered a new disease," said the doctor. "What are you going to call it?"

"That is a matter requiring some thought," responded the eminent medical specialist. "I have decided upon a name so fit as the first three or four syllables are concerned, but have not made up my mind yet whether to classify it as an 'itis' or an 'osis.'"—Chicago Tribune.

"All the needed."

Ascum—I fear that French count is your wife and daughter met abroad is going to visit you.

Richman—Yes! I believe he is.

Ascum—Better take French lessons, hadn't you?

Richman—Oh, I'm fixed. I got a bad money."

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## PANAMA ROUTE

### MAY BE CHOSEN

Special to the Mail.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Heran, acting minister from Colombia this morning held a conference with Secretary Hay on the Panama canal. It is generally understood that all questions regarding the right-of-way were settled. The only question remaining is of compensation to Colombia, which claims to derive an annual income of \$5,000,000 from the canal. Accordingly Hay entered into a thorough investigation of the sources of revenue and until his report is received there can be no progress of moment in the proceedings.

## STEAMER'S OIL TANKS EXPLODE

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—The big tanks of the Steamer Progress blew up this morning when she was lying at the wharf of the Fulton Irons Works. The Steamer had just been fitted with oil burners and was to make her trial trip before starting for New York tomorrow.

It will be impossible for several hours to tell the exact number of lives lost. Fifty men were at work in the hold at the time the oil tank, containing 400 barrels, blew up. The explosion tore up the decks and broke the ship in two. Capt. Harding escaped miraculously. Many were blown into the water. A boy was blown to the dock, a piece of flying steel taking his arm off. Captain Harding says the oil tank's burners had just been inspected by Lloyds and that the surveyor pronounced them satisfactory, therefore there is no accounting for the explosion.

## Monument To Kosciusko.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 4.—The Kosciusko Monument association announced today the close of the competition for designs for the handsome monument which it is proposed to erect to the illustrious Polish patriot. It is intended to expend \$13,000 upon the monument.



## FIXED EXPENSES

Every retail merchant must have a store as well as a stock and pay rent or its equivalent. He must buy heat, light, service, transportation, postage—in fact, a host of things. He cannot get along without them. They are sometimes called the "fixed charges" of the business. But having all those expenses does not bring business.

The one thing needed is publicity—that people should know him and that he has something which they need or want.

If the expenses are 10 per cent without advertising, make them 12 or 14 per cent with advertising and double or quadruple the business.—Men's Outfitter.

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## SENATE OUT

### TILL MONDAY

## Efficiency of National Guard to be Promoted

Washington, Dec. 4.—When the Senate adjourned today it was agreed that adjournment should be made until Monday. Beveridge received a lengthy telegram from the non-partisans convention held at Oklahoma city yesterday, favoring the creation of a single state out of Oklahoma and Indian territory and opposing the Omnibus bill.

A bill for collection of exhaustive statistical matter pertaining to the trust laws was passed.

Proctor reported favorably from the Military Affairs committee the House bill to promote the efficiency of the militia.

## Quick Work.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 4.—Work on the Gould line down the western bank of the Mississippi between Memphis and New Orleans, know as the Memphis, Helena & Louisiana Railroad, is making phenomenal progress, and it is said that it will be in operation between Tripp Junction, near Arkansas City, Ark., and Concordia, La., straight down the river, by February of next year.

At Concordia a connection is made with the new northern extension of the Texas and Pacific, while at Tripp Junction, the Iron Mountain Line from Little Rock to Arkansas City is tapped. After the opening of the portion of the line indicated, Little Rock and contiguous territory will have a through short line to New Orleans along a water level over the Gould roads. It is not expected that the direct connection into this city will be completed short of eighteen months.

## MINER

### GIVES

## Some Light on Operators Methods

### HAVE WAYS TO DISCOURAGE ACTIVITY IN THE UNION

## Car Shortage and Removal of Refuse Cut Down Nines's Output

Scranton, Dec. 4.—Andrew Matty, a miner employed in Cox Bros. colliery was the first witness called this morning at the anthracite hearing.

He said it required fifteen years to become a thorough miner. One difficulty about making fair wages was the lack of cars. He had often had only one a day, and this was particularly noticed after he had been elected to office in the Miners Union.

He was offered a job bossing if he would repudiate the union. He made from ten to twenty dollars per week.

He said the rules of the company were such that the men were compelled to remain in the mines from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Regarding inspection methods Matty said that the miners who made complaints when the inspectors were around usually found themselves discharged a few days later.

When asked if he was ever injured he said no; he got squeezed once so badly that he stayed in bed two weeks.

Another miner, John Strenax, was called. He said the average of \$300 yearly salary could not keep his children, so he had placed them in charitable institutions. There had been times when his salary was a debt against him. He had to tear down stone refuse two weeks, and mined so little coal that it did not pay for the powder and oil.

## OMNIBUS BILL FOR TERRITORIES

Adversely Reported by Committee House Considers Authentic Expense Bill

Washington, Dec. 3.—At a full meeting of the Senate Committee on Territories today it was agreed to report adversely the Omnibus bill providing for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state. Certain restric-

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