RUSSIAN WOMEN MOST DEGRADED

Mrs. Baker Tells of Abject Misery Wrought by Czar's Tyranny.

SOLDIERS PREY ON PEOPLE

Peasant Girls Bear Children to Them—Boys Trained for Army, but Girls Neglected, Starved. Finland Crushed by Yoke.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Russian women and children are the most degraded in Europe, if not in the world, said Mrs. La Reine Helen Baker, of Spokane, Wash., this morning.

"I say this after investigating conditions in England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Lapland and Russia. Peasant girls in Russia are the prey of the Russian soldiers and bear thousands of children who become charges of the government. The boy babies are put in good hands. They are educated and trained for the army. The girl babies are so neglected and starved that 40 per cent of them perish.

"I saw more than 1200 babies under three months old in the government foundling asylum in Moscow. Nearly all were suffering from some disorder and many were physical and mental cripples.

"Poor Russian mothers sought, weeping, to touch the hem of my dress. 'Why do they weep?' I asked of the interpreter. 'They wish you to intercede with God to bring them boy babies. They say that their husbands cease to love them unless they bear babies to go to war.'

"I passed a week with Count Tolstoi and his family. I found the great reformer full of pity and horror over the misfortunes of his country women. The soldiers are privileged ruffians, who move their camps from place to place, robbing the peasants of their pigeons, potatoes and everything else they chance to covet. They make no return whatever, leaving the toilers destitute.

"Finland, otherwise a happy nation, is bowed down under the oppression of Czardom. Strong Finnish men, viewing the certain prospects of spoliation, cannot restrain their tears when discussing the subject. Only the interference of the civilized nations of the world can save Finland. If Finland goes, ultimately the whole Scandinavian peninsula will go, too."

NATURAL OLD MAIDS.

Those Wishing to Keep Young May Give Charm Free Rein.

Kansas City Star.

"Some women are born old maids, some acquire old maidism, and some have old maidism thrust upon them." Penelope said, despondingly. "I have had old maidism thrust upon me. I was the eldest daughter, and consequently always ancient in the eyes of the younger children. I had cares which made me staid, and so I was accused of primness, and now that I am 30 single blessedness is as inevitable as gray hairs and wrinkles."

"No woman is old at 30," I told her. "The trouble with you is that you are establishing old-maid milestones. At 25 you said, 'I am old;' at 30 'I am older,' and at 40 you will be moaning 'all hope is gone.' Now, as a matter of fact, Penelope, there is no age when a woman need settle down and declare that life holds nothing else for her. Tea and toast and tabby cats have no terrors for the woman of today. There was a time when to make a pet of a pussy was a confession of spinsterhood, but today some of the most attractive women I know make a display of their affection for felines. The serving of tea and of toast in the afternoons has done away with the bugbear and opprobrium attached to this our peculiarly feminine function, and single women of our time go on independent of criticism and know that no one need be prim, or fussy, or peculiar, unless she so desires."

It is always foolish for a girl to look upon herself as old. I have known young women of 20 who began to settle down. They seemed to lack joyousness, and so they were never young. And, on the other hand, there are women of 60 who are like girls; they have retained the spirit of youth, which is, after all, the thing that counts.

I am going to make the suggestion to Penelope that she fight for youth. As a rule I advise that life should be serene, and that when old age comes it should bring its own pleasures. In Penelope's case, however, the cares of a family and the duties of older sister have kept her from the girlhood which is her right. Now that she is free from such cares, it is her province to secure for herself some pleasures, and some joy, and some appreciation of the attractiveness which she really possesses. I am not just sure how she can do this, but there is always a way where there is a will, and she will never do it by counting the milestones along the way to old maidism.

It will not do for the woman who wishes to reform to say, "I did not learn to dance" or "I cannot sing," or "I have no talents." There is no talent which may not be cultivated to some extent in later life. I know a man who, as a boy, worked hard, and when he made his money he recognized that he had much need of certain accomplishments in society. He was awkward, and when he tried to dance he knew he was not an acceptable partner. He went, therefore, to a first-class dancing master and labored for hours in acquiring the graceful art. He kept at it until he bore himself well and made an impressive appearance wherever he went. Yet this man was over 40 when he started on his somewhat difficult road to cure his crudeness. Any woman of energy can do things that will shake her out of her prim ways. Many an old maid would seem like a different person after a few lessons in swimming, in dancing, or after association with a class in some vivid interest. Mere intellectual striving is not the remedy. Brains, overcultivated, may result in a woman of the blue stocking type. It is rather charm of manner and grace of body which a woman must seek in her avoidance of primness.

Penelope, if she follows my advice, will be younger at 35 than she was at 15, and so may many another old maid who resolves that she will not set up milestones along the way.

Elma Commercial Club to Be Host.

ELMA, Wash., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—A booster's meeting will be held in the rooms of the Elma Commercial Club Friday. A banquet will be served and prominent speakers from the Sound cities and from Portland will be present. This is the first of a series fo boosters meetings planned for the future, inaugurated by the Commercial Club.

YOUNG ACTOR AND BRIDE WHOM HE WON AGAINST HER PARENTS' WISHES.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barrymore.

BRIDE IS SNUBBED

Young Mrs. Barrymore's Father in Unforgiving Mood.

NO RECONCILIATION YET

Inquiry at Harris Home Brings Only Reply That Stern Father Is Not at Home to Inquirers Into His Private Affairs.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Sydney Harris, the wealthy father of Mrs. Jack Barrymore, two-days bride of the young actor whom she married in defiance of her father's wishes, has not been forgiven. This discouraging state of affairs is said to exist despite the fact that young Mrs. Barrymore's first act after her marriage was to seek the benediction of her father's good will and blessing.

Mr. Harris objected to his daughter's marriage from the time when the young couple's plans were first made known to him. He did not say he objected to Jack Barrymore. He declared his daughter, who is only 18, was too young to marry. The young woman's mother was won to the lovers' cause, but Harris remained adamant.

The young couple took out a marriage license August 21, but postponed their wedding, hoping the bride's father might yet be won to consent. Finally last Thursday they were married and are now on their honeymoon. But the blight of parental disproval remains.

At the Harris home tonight inquiry for Mr. Harris was met with the statement that he was "not at home."

"Will Mrs. Barrymore be received by her father?" was asked of a member of the family who answered a telephone call.

"That is for Mr. Harris to say," was the reply. "We have nothing to announce."

HASKELL WILL RETORT

GOVERNOR PROMISES ANALYSIS OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Stab Given in Kansas City Speech Will Move Him to Discuss Colonel From His Record.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 3.—Within the next ten days Governor Haskell will deliver an address at some point in the state, in which he will analyze the character of Colonel Roosevelt. The Governor tonight gave out the following statement:

"I have read the substance of Mr. Roosevelt's declaration of party principles at Osawatomie and his personal thrust at me at Kansas City. I have already had two invitations to speak on Colonel Roosevelt. Within the next ten days, if the rush of the state capitol building and other official business permit, I shall cover both propositions in a public speech; if time does not permit, then through the public press. I have no views at this time.

"Colonel Roosevelt is an enigma. He is either the greatest living American or the most insincere man ever born. The best men on earth may be misled into doing wrong things and it is possible that unworthy things may be so sugar-coated as to deceive the public. In the end the tree must be known by its fruit; gorgeous blossoms and beautiful foliage are to be thrust aside and the fruit itself tested for the real merit.

"I shall analyze Colonel Roosevelt strictly from the records and these records will leave no escape for an honest man, except mistaken judgment or confidence misplaced in his advisers. I shall analyze the question without malice or prejudice."

NEW ROUTE IS DISCOVERED

Engineer for Mysterius Line Surveys in Sierras.

OROVILLE, Cal., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Engineer M. J. Lorraine, who has for some time been in charge of a corps of surveyors running lines for a new railroad through Beckwith Pass and the middle fork of the Feather River, has arrived in this city and states that he has located such a route, with no grades exceeding one per cent, and that between Beckwith and Oroville his route is 30 miles shorter than that of the Western Pacific, and between Oroville and San Francisco Bay it is 60 miles shorter.

His surveyors now are camped in Onion Valley in Plumas County, and he declines to say what their next move will be. When the Western Pacific was being first surveyed an attempt was made to follow the route Lorraine has been working on, but he says these engineers made a mistake by keeping too low down on the sides of the mountains. They then selected the south fork route.

Lorraine's route follows the Feather River along the Western Pacific from Beckwith Valley, near the state line, to Spring Garden Valley, about 50 miles, and climbs over mountains at Spring Garden instead of tunneling under, as the Western Pacific does.

Lorraine refuses to give any hint as to whom he represents. Whether Hill interests or the Southern Pacific are interested, or some new scheme to interest other roads is afoot is unknown. The Southern Pacific helped finance the Butte and Plumas road now being built up the Middle Fork Canyon from Oroville for 30 miles by the Truckee Lumber Company.

NEW NAMES ARE ADDED

REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOW INCREASE OF VOTERS.

22,871 Republicans, 4396 Democrats and 2506 Others on Lists So Far—Eight Days Left.

Homeseekers who have come to Portland from the Eastern states are invariably Republicans, according to the many new names being entered on the registration books at the County Clerk's office. This fact indicates that there will be several hundred new voters over the total number who registered two years ago and that the total vote of Multnomah County should reach nearly 45,000.

Up to 9 o'clock last night, 29,773 voters had registered. Of these 22,871 are Republicans, 4396 Democrats and 2506 miscellaneous. Yesterday was the 76th day since the books were opened and the registration for the day was 622 as follows: 498 Republicans, 80 Democrats and 44 who registered miscellaneously.

There remain only eight days in which to register, not counting Sundays, and if the apathetic voters do not wake up this week, something like 15,000 male grownups may find that they will have no voice in the primary election. Tomorrow being Labor day, the county offices will remain closed.

The registration for the primary election will close September 14. The office will be kept open evenings until 9 o'clock except on the last day when the usual closing hour, 5 o'clock, will be observed.

WATER PLANT IMPROVED

Work Starts on Salem System to Be Owned by City.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Work has been started improving the plant of the Salem Water Company, which will be taken over in the near future by the city. A large force of men is installing a new conduit to bring water directly from the big filter in the gravel bar of the river to the pumping station.

The finest quality of spiral, riveted boiler iron conduit, measuring approximately six feet in circumference, and thoroughly coated with asphaltum, is being installed.

It is provided with the latest design of ball and socket joints, absolutely impervious to leakage, and is considered one of the most important steps yet taken toward safeguarding the health of Salem's residents.

PRUNE PICKING STARTS

Crop Is Short, Fruit Sweet, but Labor Scarce.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Prune-picking will start in this vicinity next Monday and this is asserted to be the earliest date that picking has started here in the history of the prune industry.

As in the hop yards a scarcity of labor in the prune orchards is reported and the ranch owners are seeking people to aid in the harvest. The prunes are reported to be of excellent quality and heavy with sugar, but the crop will be somewhat short.

AIR-CRAFT DROPS AT ATLANTIC MEET

Clifford B. Harmon's Machine Wrecked in Marsh in 40-Foot Fall.

AVIATOR ESCAPES INJURY

Among Distinguished and Interested Spectators Is Venerable Author, John T. Trowbridge, Who, for First Time, Sees Airship.

ATLANTIC, Mass., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Amid the soft strains of the "Star Spangled Banner," as sounded by a 30-piece band, with distinguished guests in attendance, daring aviators of two continents today met at the new Harvard aviation field here, on the opening of the Harvard-Boston aero meet, which will be continued through the next ten days. Only one accident marred the day, when Clifford B. Harmon's machine was wrecked. The aviator escaped injury.

Among those who participated in the flight were Ralph Johnstone, in a Wright machine; Claude Graham White, an Englishman; Walter Brookins, Charles F. Willard and Harmon.

It was in perfect weather conditions that White made the first flight of the day. It was an unofficial time in which the Britisher circled the field thrice at a height of 100 feet. The distance was six miles and his time was announced as 7:07¾.

Young Taft Wants an Air-Flight.

Though he had received several invitations to make flights with the noted aviators, Charlie Taft, the young son of the President, preferred to stay on terra firma and enjoy life in his automobile.

Harmon was the first American to arise from the field and it was during his air trip that the band played the famous American air, which made a great hit with the gathering of spectators, among whom was the venerable author, John Trowbridge, of Cambridge, who many years ago made famous the verses on "Darius Green and his flying machine."

One of the wheels of Harmon's biplane sank into soft dirt on the getaway, making the machine unsteady, and from a height of 40 feet it fell into a marsh and was wrecked.

White Out Again.

A drizzling rain fell during all of the afternoon flights and the crowds were leaving when Graham White came out a second time in his Bleriot, for what proved to be a sensational flight.

In a three-lap flight, Mr. White did the five and a quarter miles in 6 minutes and 5 seconds, the best speed of the day.

In the afternoon White made a trip of three miles out over Dorchester Bay and the Neponz River. This trip called forth especial interest from the aged Trowbridge, who had never seen a flying machine before today, and he continually walked about the field inspecting and commenting with wonder on the various airship models.

Taft's Son May Be Aviator.

BOSTON, Sept. 3.—One of the most observing spectators at the Harvard-Boston aviation meeting is Charlie Taft, the President's son, who has developed a great interest in flying and the flying machines. He was introduced to Graham White yesterday, and the two chatted for some time about aviation. When the Englishman said in parting, "I trust that you will be one of the skilled aviators of the future," young Taft seemed greatly pleased.

Aviator Reaches Bordeaux.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 3.—M. Bielovucci arrived at noon from Angouleme, completing the final stage of his biplane flight from Paris to Bordeaux. He made the trip with but four stops.

Bielovucci's time from Paris to Bordeaux was 7 hours 5 minutes and 54 seconds of actual flying, and the route covered is estimated at about 366 miles. On the last leg he maintained an hourly speed average of 54 miles.

CARD BRINGS FORTUNE

LOST HEIR SENDS POSTAL AND GETS $20,000.

Carney, Mourned as Dead, Does Not Know Rich Aunt Has Left Part of Estate to Him.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—An unusual story of a lost heir to a $3,000,000 estate whose chance mailing of a souvenir postcard will bring him $20,000, was revealed in the Probate Court, today. The man is Cornelius Carney, now a resident of Oklahoma City who was thought to have perished in the San Francisco earthquake and fire in April, 1906.

Early in 1906, Carney was in China and wrote home that he was sailing soon for San Francisco. That was the last his relatives heard of him in years.

In 1908 Mrs. Anna F. Baker, who was Carey's mother's sister died in Chicago leaving an estate of $3,000,000, of which a considerable part went to the Carney children who had grown up and prospered in Troy. To settle up the estate it was necessary to find Cornelius alive or prove him dead and one was about as hard as the other.

Finally the courts decided Cornelius was dead although he was married and living in Oklahoma. Within a short time Cornelius' share in his aunt's estate would have gone to Cook County, but just in the nick of time Cornelius sent a souvenir postcard to his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Pratt, of Troy, who at once wrote him that he was an heir to his aunt's estate. In court today Carney proved his heirship and will get the $20,000.

ARE SOBER ENGINEERS

Inflexible Rules Against Drunkenness Enforced by Brotherhood.

Charles Frederick Carter's "The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers," in Century.

It is safe to say that no other union, club or organization of any sort applies quite such heroic treatment to undesirable citizens as the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. One thing that the brotherhood most strenuously insists upon is that its members shall not drink. Thirty-five members were expelled for getting drunk in 1909, and their shame was publicly proclaimed in the Journal. The treatment does not stop here by any means. The brotherhood will not risk the lives of its members and the general public by permitting a drinking man to run an engine. When a man has been duly convicted of drinking and punished according to the laws of the order, the facts are laid before the proper authorities on the road that employs him, and his discharge is demanded. In one notable instance the engineer of a fast train got drunk during his layover and disgraced himself. He was tried, convicted and expelled, the management was informed, and the offender's discharge requested in regular form. But as the engineer had been a good man, the railroad company demurred, saying that he had not been drunk while on duty.

"But," said the brotherhood, "there is no telling when a man who gets drunk off duty may take a notion to get drunk on duty, and we do not intend to take any chances on having a drunken man tearing through the country at 60 miles an hour, endangering the lives of others. It is unfair both to the employes in your service and to your patrons."

The culprit was discharged. He can never be employed on a railroad again.

POLICE ARE STONED

IRISH POLITICS GROW TENSE. RIOT BARELY AVERTED.

Sorely-Needed Reforms Bring Cry "All for Ireland" From O'Brien's Party.

DUBLIN, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The Irish political situation grows more exciting every day. Unlike many previous embroilments, however, this one is developing rather in intensity than in the diversity of the parties implicated. William O'Brien's "all-for-Ireland" agitation moves ominously northward, while in the south, particularly in County Cork, the disaffection is complete.

In the many cities that have opened their gates to him, O'Brien has proclaimed the name of the new party as the Irish Liberals, and has devoted all his time since the rising of Parliament to thrusting at the weak spots in the Nationalist armor. With his colleagues in the agitation, Tim Healy and Peter Guiney, he contends that the signs of the present are ominously similar to those of 1885 and 1900, when a sweeping general election cleared the ground and lifted a younger generation of Irishmen into power. O'Brien considers the most attractive feature of his latest movement is the striking part played by young men.

O'Brien's attacks have been stoutly and gallantly met by the Nationalists. The Nationalist sections further north are still overwhelmingly loyal and inclined to back up the party of Redmond and Dillon. Joseph Devlin, M. P., from Belfast, claims a good 100 majority for home rule in the House of Commons. Thus, if the Liberals can subdue the Lords—and Lloyd-George's recent speeches show he is spoiling to get at them again—it is reasonable to hope, say the Nationalists, that Ireland's long-sought goal will be reached during the Fall. Considering the pressure of Parliamentary work, however, this looks to the impartial observer like an over-sanguine forecast.

In the meantime Nationalist efforts to recover their waning prestige in the south are proving disastrous. Attempts have been made to penetrate to the heart of the enemy's country and hold a demonstration at Bantry, County Cork. The speakers were allowed to discourse for a few brief moments, when the crowd rushed them off their platform, shouting for O'Brien and the "All-for-Ireland's," and captured all their standards. On their return under police protection, the incensed men of Bantry stoned them, and drove the police into a near-by tavern. Just as matters were about to assume the proportions of a riot, garnished with ample bloodshed, the leaders on both sides called a truce and the Redmondites retired hastily by rail to the north.

It is clear enough, therefore, that at present the paramount question in Irish politics is not the efficacy of recent reforms, but whether factions so hostile as the Bantry incidents disclose can again present a solid front and combine to secure the sorely needed reforms that still remain.

STOCKTON IN GALA DRESS

Fire Chiefs and Democrats Meet at Same Time in City.

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—With flags, streamers, and bunting, waving from the business houses and the streets prettily decorated in various colored flags intermingled with electric globes, Stockton is ready for the arrival of the delegates to the Pacific Coast Association of fire chiefs and the Democratic state convention, which will meet here Monday.

The first of the representatives to the convention arrived tonight and tomorrow most of them will be on the ground getting everything in shape for the big session.

The Firemen will come from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, and Alberta, Canada, in addition to the California cities.

Chief McCann has received a letter announcing that among other prominent fire chiefs of the coast will be Chief Fred H. Kelley, who has taken a very prominent part in fighting of the big forest fires, and who saved the town of Wallace from destruction by his clever fire-fighting tactics.

Work on Iroquois Hospital Begun.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—Construction work on the Iroquois Memorial Hospital has begun and the contract calls for completion of the building by December 30, the anniversary of the Iroquois Theater fire, in which nearly 600 persons lost their lives. The building at 87 Market street is to be put up and equipped by the Iroquois Memorial Association and then turned over to the city of Chicago to be operated as an emergency hospital, receiving emergency cases and victims of accidents in the down-town district. The city has a lease on the property for 30 years and has turned the land over to the association. The hospital will cost $30,000.

Parable Club Will Meet.

At the Portland Y. M. C. A. auditorium this afternoon will be held an hourly discussion by the Parable Club, led by R. R. Perkins. Today's meeting is a continuation of the previous sessions.

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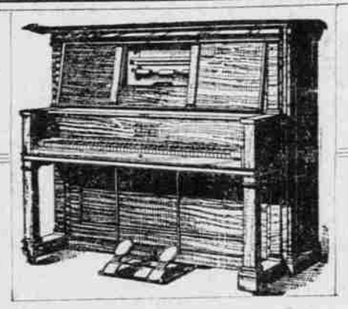

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