

# ESCAPES FROM COLD SIBERIA

### Karpovitch Reaches England With Spies Close on His Heels.

### HOME IN RUSSIAN EMPIRE

### Now Free, He Will Lose Himself and Later Return to Russia.

London, Aug. 7.—Karpovitch, the famous Russian nihilist, who killed Gen. Bogachen at the command of his society, and whose trial was one of the recent hearings in Russia, is in London, and talks freely to the trusted persons who have been admitted to his presence, of his escape from Siberia.

He was saved from the gallows by threats sent the three judges presiding at his secret hearing by his fellow nihilists. These friends demanded that he be set free. This the judges were afraid to do, but they were also afraid to condemn him to death. Two of the three have since been slain by nihilists. Karpovitch started from Siberia in March. He told this story to an Evening News representative, who has the confidence of the refugees here:

### His Grewsome Watch Chain.

Karpovitch is a middle-sized, but stoutly built young man. His head is covered with a mass of curly hair, and his general appearance is that of a working man.

He wore a red jersey with red tassels hanging down on the left side, while from a side pocket there dangled a peculiar watch chain made of revolver bullets, joined together with silver wires.

"This," he said, "is a very dear souvenir of mine.

"It is made of the bullets which I had on me when I shot Bogaleff, and destined either for him or his suite. Unfortunately, I could not fire them all.

"My friends got hold of them, and after my escape they presented me with this chain in token of gratitude for my work. The chain, by the way, was made by a friend who has since been shot.

After a short pause he related the story of his flight in the following manner:

"When I was sent out to Siberia there were, unknown to the authorities, five other members of my party in the convey of prisoners. At the same time a number of free men followed us from station to station in order to assist me in my flight.

"On the way we made several attempts, which were unsuccessful, owing to the close watch of Cossacks who escorted us.

### Time to Act.

"In this manner we arrived close to the town of Verchneudinsk, in Eastern Siberia.

"At a distance of two days' journey from that town we were informed that I should be sent to the desolate district of Borgusia, from which an escape would have been almost impossible.

"Now we had no time to lose. It was arranged that I should simulate illness in order to be allowed to travel on a cart instead of walking.

"But although I simulated illness the officer of the escort would not allow me to travel in the van. So I took a strong emetic, the effects of which assured him of the precarious condition of my health, and I obtained permission to drive.

"In the meantime a fellow convict made with a pocket knife small cuts into the horses legs above the hocks and rubbed cauphor into the wounds with the result that the horse soon began to lurch, and we were compelled to linger behind the rest of the convoy.

"We reached the forest, and when we had arrived at the prearranged spot the driver was prevailed upon to inspect the horse's feet. While doing so he was overpowered.

"I jumped into a carriage driven by friends and was driven post haste into Verchneudinsk, where I took a train to Vladivostok, and proceeded to Tokio without the slightest difficulty.

"From Japan I took boat to Alexandria in Egypt, and afterwards I journeyed to Austria, where I found myself for the first time tracked down by the Russian spies who have now followed me across Europe.

"Fearing that the continental countries might extradite me to Russia, I came to England, and here I shall hide myself as best I can from the prosecuting police agents.

"After I have succeeded in getting 'lost' I shall return to Russia."

# VALLEY TOWNS ARE IMPORTING FUEL PRICES ON WOOD ARE HIGHER THAN EVER.

### Consumers Are Compelled to Bring Supplies From Distant Points By Railroads.

Albany, Ore., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Though there are forests on three sides of Albany, about 100 car loads of fuel wood will be shipped into this city this summer by rail. Wood prices have reached a point far beyond any former prices for fuel in this city and residents are finding it profitable to secure their wood at Gates, Detroit, and other mountain points along the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, and ship it in by the car load.

Wood prices have risen 50 per cent over last year's prices here and have doubled in the past two years on most kinds of wood. There is no oak wood on the market here at a price less than \$6 per cord. Big fir is selling for \$5.50 per cord and small fir from \$4 to \$5, depending on the size and quality.

Scarcity of labor, not scarcity of well-located fuel timber, is the cause of this condition. There is plenty of timber, suitable for cordwood, close to Albany in all directions, but it has been almost impossible to get men to cut wood the past winter. A few years ago men would cut cordwood for as low as 50 cents a cord. Last year the price had risen to \$1 a cord, and during the past few months men have refused to cut wood at any price so many opportunities for work at high wages being offered in other lines of work.

As a result very little wood was cut in this vicinity the past year and there would be a wood famine here of alarming proportions did not Albany enjoy railroad communication with the mountain towns along the North Santiam river, where wood can be secured more easily and with less labor. As it is, many people say they will burn oak wood this winter but will depend on fir knots for heating purposes.

# WARLIKE MENACES BY KHL0T TRIBESMEN

### Trouble Arises in New Moroccan Territory—Consuls Demanding Aid of Warships.

Paris, Aug. 7.—The Tangier correspondent of the Petit Parisienne says the sea port of El Araish in Morocco is surrounded by the Khlote tribe, who are excited over the bombardment of Casa Blanca. The gates of the town have been shut. The consuls there are demanding warships. New disturbances have broken out at Alcazar, in the Fez region. French residents in this locality will be instructed to come to Tangier.

# LOCAL CONTRACTORS FIND HELP IS SCARCE

James Barclay, who has the contract for the lathing and plastering of the Smith office building, says he cannot secure help enough for the work. He has several men employed, but could use more handily. The company has advertised in Portland and another valley city, but no replies have been received. This is the rule with every employing contractor on the bay—help is extremely scarce. Common labor is paid three dollars per day, and even at that, there is not enough men to push the work at hand.

# EUGENE HAS \$10,000 CONFLAGRATION LOSS

Eugene had a fire loss Monday afternoon by which about ten thousand dollars worth of property went up in smoke. Six business firms lost by the conflagration, and the heaviest losers were the owners of the Eugene Dye Works, and Cherry Brothers, who owned the burned buildings for part of the distance traversed by the flames. Few of the losers had any insurance because the rates are so high on wooden buildings that insurance cannot be afforded. All the buildings destroyed were frame affairs.

# MYSTERIOUS TRUNK CRIME

### PARTS OF WOMAN'S BODY IN TRUNK AND VALISE.

Englishman and His Wife, Owners of Receipts, Taken into Custody.

Monte Carlo, Aug. 7.—Evidence now secured indicates that Teresa Williams, parts of whose body were found in a trunk and valise at Marshfield, was murdered for her jewels. Mr. and Mrs. Gold, English people, who owned the trunk and valise, have been arrested.

# SOCIALISM IN J. BULL'S LAND

### Parties Ponder Deeply Over First Socialist Victory in England.

### REPRESENTATIVE CHILLED

### New Movement Strong in Northern Part of the British Isles.

London, Aug. 7.—For the first time in English history the triumphant cry of socialism was heard in the house of commons this week, while the red flag proclaimed that the labor members associated themselves with it. The scenes at St. Stephens, as Victor Grayson, 25 years old, the socialist elected to represent Colna Valley, took his seat, recalled the memorable day when the late Dr. Kenealy, elected in 1875 to represent the Tichborne claimants' grievances, walked upon the floor of the house amid a stony silence. Kenealy could find no supporters, but Grayson is introduced by two labor candidates, one of whom is temporarily crippled and forced to use a stick.

One member said the three figures suggested a funeral march.

Grayson is a self-possessed young man and performed his part gracefully enough. There was not a sound in the house as the trio slowly moved up the floor, but as Grayson passed the speaker's chair, the labor members gave a faint hearted and unenthusiastic cheer.

### Socialist Member Is Lonely.

The new socialist member presents that ever interesting phenomenon, a party of one. He didn't receive the support of the labor party during the electoral contest and declares the intention of maintaining an attitude of independence. Part of his program is the equality of sexes and abolition of the marriage tie. By English socialists his victory is hailed as the beginning of a political movement designed to spread an irresistible force till their collectivist ideal is completely realized.

While it is possible to attach too much importance to this isolated incident, there is a growing feeling among both liberals and unionists they soon will have to reckon with a new formidable competitor among suffrages and working classes, without whose help neither party can hope to control the destinies of the state.

### Shows Where Strength Lies.

F. W. Jewett, a labor M. P., in a well considered article in the Morning Post, points out it is in the north of England that socialist doctrines have taken deepest root. He argues that people of those parts are of more serious and tenacious temperament than the majority of their fellow-countrymen and refuse to be deterred by the frantic denunciations of socialism as immoral and unpracticable, believing that the preachers of the new gospel base their case upon the ideas for which some authority was found in the writings of such men as Ruskin, William Morris, and Thomas Carlyle.

# FRED SHOEMAKER HERE FOR SHORT VACATION

Fred Shoemaker, who spent some time here last year, has returned to Coos Bay for a short time. He is in company with Dr. Emil Stoessel, who represents the United Wireless Telegraph Company. Mr. Shoemaker has been in the employ of this company since he left Marshfield and finds the work very interesting. He received a warm welcome by the many friends he made while here last year.

# GAY TIME FOR RED BRAVES THIS EVE

Tonight is the date set for the Red Men smoker. The program and plan of entertainment was published in a recent issue of the Times, and the order is planning on a very enjoyable evening. There will be speeches by several members of the order and one by Francis H. Clarke. The event will be held in the Red Men hall on Front street.

# MISS MAY STAUFF ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Miss May Stauff of West Marshfield entertained a few friends in a pleasing manner Tuesday evening. Cards were played and exceptionally delicious refreshments were served.

# NEW LIGHT ON NAVAL PROGAAM

### Probability of Trouble in Celestial Empire Brings Squadron to Pacific.

### DOWAGER EMPRESS FAILING

### United States Would be Prepared For New Order Should She Die.

Washington, Aug. 7.—It's China, and not even remotely Japan, that has aroused the concern of Washington authorities in connection of the choosing of the Pacific as the next practice ground for a big battleship squadron, according to the deductions of some students of affairs, in the far east. China as an entity, it is believed in certain circles, is in a condition as precarious as the health of the dowager empress, and that when the failing health of the latter leads to its inevitable end, the empire will face a crisis that will make it wise for the United States to have a presentable naval force within easy sailing distance.

Little regarding the situation suggested by the above statements has been spoken in official or diplomatic circles, but commercial interests profess to have been keen observers of what is going on. From sources connected with the latter comes the report that some time ago the administration here was quietly apprised that the health of the dowager empress was failing fast, and that when she goes to join the "guests on high" China will become the prey of plotters seeking to overthrow the Manchu Tartar dynasty.

At the same time the powers are deemed likely to take advantage of the situation again, by going in for the partition of the empire and possible closing of the open door, that means so much to America, and towards securing which American statesmen have accomplished so much. Whatever happens, it is possible that the attempt will be made to seize the government by a strong leader outside the present dynasty, or through the exerting of the in-

fluence of the same leader and others to restore the descendants of Ming family to the throne.

Chances are several to one that the powers will find an excuse to get into the game to subserve their own interests. It has been pointed out that when trouble comes the nation that has the strongest navy in the Pacific waters will be likely to have the most influence with China. The knowledge that a crisis might be reached at any time, and in all probability was not to be delayed beyond a comparatively few months, is believed by many to have had a great deal to do in determining plans for the sending of the battleship squadron to the Pacific as soon as possible.

If this understanding of the situation be correct, it would be impossible, of course, to get government authorities to admit the real purpose of the naval movement at this stage of the proceedings. That there is to be a big mix-up over China is the firm belief of those whose private business affairs on a large scale embrace the territory within the empire. America's commercial interests demand, when such time comes, that it exert a strong influence with Chinese statesmen and political leaders.

# NEW SHOW AT RINK TO

### Usual Dance Will Be Given Tomorrow Eve, After Show.

A complete change of program is presented at the Rink this evening. The feature attraction is a shape of new moving pictures to be "A Trip to the Moon," which is said to be one of the most produced. The picture is a French production, and depicts a voyage of a number of scientists to the moon in a twentieth century airship. A number of other new up-to-date pictures will be shown. As a special feature tomorrow evening, a dance will be given after the regular performance. Gentlemen will be charged 25c. Ladies will be admitted free.

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