

GORKY'S STATEMENT

Police Seized His Manuscript On Government.

CLAIM GOVERNMENT ATTACK

Gorky Maintains That the Documents Only Contained an Expression of Personal View on the Management of Government.

New York, March 2.—A dispatch to the American from Riga quotes Maxim Gorky at some length on his experiences since his arrest January 24.

"The absolute silence enforced in the prison was depressing," he said, "and I became pessimistic, not through personal fear, but through anxiety, owing to the impossibility of learning what the authorities might do.

"There were four days of this suspense and then I was examined by the assistant procurator who showed me my manuscripts which the police had seized. They contained a draft of my project for national reforms and an expression of my personal views about the government. I learned then that there were two accusations against me: First, of forming a secret society; second, of possessing documents attacking the government. The first charge is absolutely untrue, but I expect to be tried on both charges.

"I never encouraged any other prisoners in the fortress, and after a time the authorities permitted visits from Mme. Gorky and my friend Platnitsky. My friends outside sent me warm clothing and other necessities and these were duly given me.

"When I was permitted to see my wife there were double wire screens between us so we could not even shake hands.

"The officials read my letters, and many were not transmitted because I had written humorously wishing to reassure my friends, but the prison authorities declared my humor was out of place and returned these letters.

"Before the acceptable letters were allowed to leave the fortress officials drew a broad cross on them in cop-

peras so as to bring out any invisible writing.

Gugheimo to Hang.

Portland, March 1.—Frank Gugheimo's money is gone, and it is probable that when the 20 days fixed by the supreme court in which to file a petition for a rehearing expires he will be brought into court and for the second time sentenced to be hanged. His estate is practically eaten up by the expenses of the trial and judgments secured against him by the parents of the girl he killed. The state has priority of claim against the estate for the costs of the trials, and then come the judgments of the parents of the girl.

WILL IGNORE ORDER.

Western Railroad Ignore Interstate Commerce.

Chicago, March 2.—Executive officers of the western railroads have decided to ignore the order of the interstate commerce commission requiring them to charge no higher rates for live stock products. By the advice of the attorneys for the different roads the matter will be tested in the courts, as the railroads are agreed that it will be impossible to either lower the live-stock rates or to increase the rates on live stock products.

Boom in Iron Trade.

New York, March 2.—Leaders in the iron industry are growing rather uneasy over the accelerated pace which the markets are developing, says the Iron Age. Indications of an unwelcome boom are multiplying. The tonnage produced and taken is of unprecedented volume and yet in many branches makers are falling behind in deliveries. The only exception are the steel rails and bridge material. The bridge shops have been running light during the past few months, but are beginning to do better.

JEWELRY INTACT.

Valuables of Mrs. Stanford in Possession of Friends.

Honolulu, March 2.—Mrs. Stanford had in her possession when she arrived here, jewelry valued at about \$75,000, which is apparently intact. High Sheriff Henry denies the rumors circulated here that Miss Bertha Berner, Mrs. Stanford's secretary, and her maid, Miss Hund, are under surveillance. A meeting of the native Californians, residents of Honolulu, have been called for next Monday evening, for the purpose of taking measures to show respect to the memory of Mrs. Stanford.

OUR NATIONAL DEBT

Public Statement Issued to March First.

A BILLION AND A QUARTER

The Decrease of the Public Debt for the Month of February Exceeded Three Million Dollars Not Including Cash in Treasury.

Washington, March 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business February 28, 1905, the debt less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$989,574,153 which is a decrease for the month of \$3,005,401.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, \$895,137,530. Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,417,320.

Debt bearing no interest, \$283,681,143.

Total, \$1,280,253,997. This amount, however, does not include, \$1,001,134,969 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand which is held for their redemption.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows:

Gold reserve, \$150,000,000. Trust funds, \$1,001,134,969. General fund, \$122,533,491. In national banks, \$162,128,348. In Philippine treasury, \$4,735,869. Total, \$1,380,532,680, against which there are liabilities outstanding which leaves a cash balance on hand of \$290,681,839.

Strike in France.

Brest, France, March 2.—Strike manifestations continue here and several minor conflicts between strikers and troops have occurred, during which two officers of dragoons were roughly handled. The strike includes ten trades and the strikers are estimated to number 4000. A large military force maintains order.

Cane for President.

Washington, March 2.—Ben Daniels, superintendent of the Arizona penitentiary, a former member of the

picked escort of honor of the president on inauguration day, has called at the White House and presented to the president a handsome cane beautifully fashioned from cowhorn by one of the convicts in the Arizona prison. Secretary Loeb was the recipient of a similar cane from Mr. Daniels.

JENNIE'S INHERITANCE.

Daughter of Charles F. Crocker Receives \$5,000,000.

San Francisco, March 2.—Her inheritance amounting to about \$5,000,000, has been formally handed over to Miss Jennie Adeline Crocker, daughter of the late Charles F. Crocker, she having reached the age of 18 years. She at once transferred the custody of it to Henry T. Scott and Charles E. Green as her attorneys in fact, they having been her guardians during her minority.

Charles Crocker, her brother, will soon reach the age of 21 years, when he will receive his third of the estate.

SANTA FE INCLUDED.

Railroad Left Out of Suit by a Mistake.

Topeka, March 2.—The Atchison and Santa Fe Railroad Company is to be included in Attorney General Coleman's suit for conspiracy against the Standard Oil Company. Coleman said tonight that the Santa Fe was left out of the original petition by an error of the stenographer. He will file an amended petition. The suit will thus be brought against all the railroads of this state.

Crop Report.

Washington, March 2.—The weather bureau's monthly statement of crop conditions says: The condition of winter wheat on the Pacific coast is favorable, except in Washington, where it experienced severe freezing weather. In California February was abnormally warm with plentiful rains in the southern districts. Unusually heavy precipitation occurred in New Mexico, Arizona and portions of Utah and Colorado.

Important Notice.

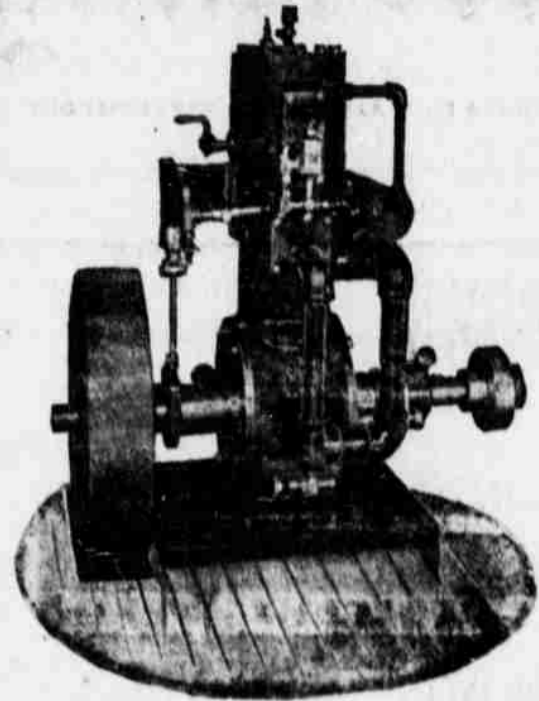
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Statistics show an import of 131,330 cases of G. H. Mumm's Champagne, the highest record ever made. This is due to the remarkable quality of Mumm's Extra Dry now imported.

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We agree to deliver to each member of the Suit Club, one tailor-made suit of clothes upon the payment of one dollar a week for thirty consecutive weeks, or until such time as the member shall be the successful drawer of a suit. Failure to make payments regularly forfeits former payments. After a person has been a member for ten weeks, if for any reason he wishes to discontinue he will be allowed to pay the remaining twenty payments and obtain his suit; but his number will be taken out and he will have no further benefit of the club. After a person has been a member for fifteen weeks he will be permitted to pay the remaining fifteen payments and receive his suit. His number will remain in each drawing and should he be successful he will be refunded the amount due him.

\$30 SUIT

THIS WEEK OR NEVER!

The Great Alteration Sale Ends Next Saturday Night When the Clock Strikes 10.

S. Danziger & Co., Astoria's Greatest Clothiers.

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MEN'S SUITS.

Don't ask us to describe them for it's impossible to give any satisfactory description, but you can have a half-hundred styles to select from at about the cost of cloth and making.

OVERCOATS.

By the score. Step in and select one, the price will be so low that you can't help buying.

PANTS.

Prices practically pulverized. A hundred styles. Every pair of them high class; take them away. Our price is lower than yours.

SHOES.

We have several lots, broken in sizes, odd pairs, etc., worth up to \$4.50. Your choice at prices that will make you buy.

GRAND CLEAN-UP

As a fitting end to the greatest sale that Astoria ever saw. From now until 10 P. M. Saturday night we will let off business brakes and send the GREAT SALE through with a whirl.

Hundreds of choicest styles of Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings, that are in small or broken lots will be cleaned up. No power of cost, loss or value will change our course.

Goods will be sold for a mere fraction of their worth.

THIS SALE SHALL GO DOWN IN HISTORY as the greatest bona fide sacrifice of fine goods ever attempted on the Coast.

We will Sweep the Counters of All Odds and Ends.

We offer you a chance to secure Clothings, etc., at prices that will cause thousands of thinking people to visit this sale.

THE GRAND FINAL. THE WIND UP!

Is running under a full head of steam. Remember that when the Clock Strikes 10 next Saturday night, March 4. This Slaughter Sale ends.

P. S. —After this unpa ralled alteration sale closes Saturday night several days must be devoted entirely to arranging new fittings, stock, etc., in the now nearly ready enlarged store, during which time our service will be badly crippled. But knowing that the public is aware of our big undertaking and immense amount of work necessary to prepare the big stock, etc., for Spring trade we ask that you defer buying as much as possible, or excuse us for any inconvenience that may arise while trading with us during the week following this. Yours respectfully,

S. DANZIGER & CO., Astoria's Greatest Clothiers.

Boys and Children's Suits.

Mothers, just step in. You can save money now if you ever saved it in your life. The price will make you glad that you came.

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No store in Astoria ever showed as perfect a hat stock as Danziger & Co., at \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Our prices this week are extremely low.

It's Hat Time This Week.

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We will clear up every odd or small lot of goods in this department or break our neck in trying. You know what prices will do. Well, come along between now and Saturday at 10 P. M. and you will be glad that you did not miss Danziger & Co.'s Grand Windup of the alteration Sale.