



RUSSIAN NEWS

Naval Battle Has Not Been Fought.

FLEETS ARE SIGHTED

Professional National Reform League Being Organized in Russia.

BY COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS

Leaders of the Movement Declare That the Plans Do Not Contemplate an Assault on Monarchical Reform of Government or Disloyalty.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—Ambassador Meyers this afternoon presented his letters of credence to Emperor Nicholas at Tsarskoe Selo. In diplomatic circles much interest is manifested at the first interview with the emperor and the new American ambassador, owing to the widespread belief that President Roosevelt has already allowed the information to be conveyed to both belligerents that he stands ready, upon mutual request to undertake the promotion of peace.

It is supposed that Meyer this afternoon delivered confidential communication to the emperor from President Roosevelt, but so far as ascertained the emperor did not discuss a question of peace with the new ambassador. Meyers' reception followed the traditional old world pomp and ceremony observed at the court of Romanoffs. He was received literally in great and solemn state.

The formation of a professional national reform league to unite the activities of lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers and other professional classes of Russia to bring about the democratization of the government and institutions into a representative parliament and responsible ministry is the ambitious project of lawyers the national committee of lawyers which was finished last night.

The deliberations of the lawyers carried to the conclusion of a direct disregard for police orders and was participated in by 173 delegates representing every judicial district in Russia except Siberia. It resulted in an organization of a national legal association and election central bureau of 13 select legal representatives for a proposed central committee to draft preliminary plans for the organization of that body. The leaders of the movement declare that the plans do not contemplate an assault on monarchical reforms of the government of disloyalty to the emperor, but the elimination of absolutism and the establishment of a participation by the governed in the direction of affairs.

London, April 12.—A correspondent at Labuan, off the northwest coast of Borneo, to the Daily Mail, says the report is current that three large fleets have been sighted south of Borneo.

CHINESE HIGHBANDERS.

Offer Reward for Spies in the Immigrant Service.

Seattle, April 12.—The members of the Seattle Masonic fraternity have engaged an attorney and have made a public statement acknowledging that they have offered a reward of \$50 for any information establishing the identity of alleged Chinese spies in the employ of the government immigrant officials, intending, they say, to expel such spies from membership in the order if they proved to be members.

They deny, however, that circulars have been issued placing a price of \$1000 on the head of China Jack, the local Chinese interpreter, as reported in the Seattle papers.

YANKEE CIRCUS.

New York Opens a Popular Place of Amusement.

New York, April 12.—The Hippodrome, New York, newest and largest

place of amusement, was opened to the public tonight and everyone of the 5200 seats was taken. The performance began with the spectacle, "A Yankee Circus on Mars."

Following the circus on Mars came a spectacular production of American civil war incidents. In this there were battle scenes, bringing large numbers of mounted men on the stage. The great hippodrome tank was utilized in the battle scene, the fore part of the stage sinking until the stage represented a river. Horses and riders rush forward and plunge into the water, many feet deep, and many of the horses were in the water at the same time.

ROLLED DOWN EMBANKMENT.

Sixty-Seven Passengers Injured in a Train Wreck.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 12.—The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley passenger train, south bound, was derailed near Hardee station, 16 miles north of here at 12:36 this morning. The reports state that 67 passengers were injured. A train carrying physicians has gone to the scene of the wreck. It is reported that the entire train rolled down an embankment.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

Skeleton of a Missing Man Found and Identified.

West Granby, Conn., April 12.—Mystery surrounding the disappearance 21 years ago of Lewis Case, a farmer, has been cleared up by the identification of pieces of clothing on a skeleton found by two boys at play. The bones were almost hidden from sight between two large rocks within the town limits. Some of the clothing which was still in a fair state of preservation, was positively identified by Mrs. Case as having belonged to her husband. Case was despondent when he disappeared and is thought to have taken poison.

ROOSEVELT'S SHOW

President Still Enjoying Himself Hunting in Oklahoma.

HE LOSES 'THE FOOT RACE'

President Appears to Be a Whole Show by Himself and is Constantly Surprising old Plainsmen, and proves a Skillful Hunter for Wolves.

Frederick, Okla., April 12.—This has been an ideal day for President Roosevelt and party of hunters in the big pastures. The weather is cool and cloudy, enabling horses and riders as well as dogs to do the best there is in them. The president appears to be a whole show in himself and is constantly surprising old plainsmen. About 15 dogs were taken in each chase and the remainder of the pack were kept in camp, where their yelps could be heard for miles.

The party goes out about 6:30 each morning and returns to camp about 11 o'clock for dinner. Fresh horses are saddled by attendants and a start is made about 1:30 in the afternoon. One of the diversions of the camp is a series of foot races in which the presidential party all participate. Here he failed to distinguish himself, however.

Concessions Granted.

Portland, April 12.—It is announced that the transcontinental railroads have yielded to the petitions of the North Pacific Coast Jobbers' Association and that there will be a partial readjustment of rates from coast points to the interior. It is stated also that the 100 mile rule established for Spokane will be still maintained. It is claimed that the changes will put Portland, Seattle and Tacoma on a parity with interior points while it will be fair to the jobbers of Spokane.

Baseball Scores.

At Oakland—Portland 3, Oakland 2 (18 innings).
At San Francisco—Tacoma 4, San Francisco 1.
At Los Angeles—Seattle 5, Los Angeles 2.

RATES RAISED

Higher Assessment on the Older Members.

A. O. U. W. RATE RAISED

Older Members of the Order Will Probably Be Crowded Out.

ASSESSMENT IS OUTRAGEOUS

If Proposed Plan is Adopted at a Meeting of the Oregon Jurisdiction in Portland the Older Members Who Paid for Years Will Have to Quit.

Portland, April 12.—Higher assessment rates for men over 55 years of age will probably be adopted by the special convention of the jurisdiction of Oregon, A. O. U. W., to be held in the Marquam building tomorrow morning. An effort was made at the annual convention last July to raise the rate, but it failed. Local officials are now confident the new plan will be adopted.

At the present time men over 55 years of age must pay \$3.56 each time an assessment is demanded on the \$2000 beneficiary plan, while members under that age pay from \$1.50 to \$2.62 at each assessment. According to the proposed scale members over 55 will pay for the \$2000 beneficiary on the classified plan or the level rate plan \$5.40. For the \$1000 beneficiary the rate will be half of the foregoing.

From statistics of the order it was figured out some years ago that members over 55 years of age did not pay in accordance with what was paid by younger men. It was found that the younger men were really paying what was due from others, and to right that condition the supreme lodge gave each jurisdiction the right to adopt the new rates. That was three years ago, and since that time 28 of the 49 jurisdictions of the United States have adopted the higher rate with satisfactory results. Other jurisdictions, including that of Oregon, have been trying to adopt the increase, and with probably do so as soon as all understand the conditions.

Naturally the older members object to the raise, as it means more than double their present expense, and it is through their efforts that so much delay is being occasioned in gaining the desired change.

The method of assessment is regulated by the number of deaths in a year. There can be only 12 assessments in the year, but there are generally less, for assessments are made simply to meet the amount of money needed to defray the outlay. Last year there were nine assessments made in the Oregon jurisdiction.

When the 12 assessments permitted by the order to do satisfy the call of money needed, the deficiency is made up by the supreme lodge. This is for the protection of individual members.

That all the members of the jurisdiction might understand the provisions of the new method, a pamphlet has been issued, setting forth the necessity for the change. It explains that the guarantee fund for members over 55 years cannot be made to meet the demands upon it. In the various local lodges the matter has been carefully considered, and now it is believed that it will not be possible for the proposed change to fail of adoption.

Prof. F. Barthold of Clatskanie is president of the Oregon jurisdiction, and Newton Clark of Portland is recorder.

CHICAGO STRIKE.

Efforts for a Settlement Proves Unavailing.

Chicago, April 12.—Efforts were made today by Mayor Dunne to make the controversy between Montgomery, Ward & Co. and striking employes submitted to arbitration but it was

unsuccessful and the indications are tonight that the struggle will be continued until one or the other submits to a compromise.

Several clashes occurred today between the police and strike sympathizers who blocked the streets and harassed nonunion drivers who took the places of the strikers. No one was seriously hurt, however, and tonight Montgomery, Ward & Co. declared that they had been more successful today in making deliveries than at any time during the strike.

MURDERER NOT ARRESTED

Whereabouts of Torturici Unknown to the Police.

San Francisco, April 12.—Pietro Torturici, the suspected murderer of Biggio Vilardo, has not yet been arrested, though every effort for his apprehension is being made. The general belief is that Torturici is still in this city. Vilardo will be buried tomorrow in the Holy Cross cemetery.

A number of Italian women in this city, are resenting what they consider the cruel treatment inflicted on Mrs. Torturici by the police, have subscribed a fund for her legal protection. They have engaged an attorney to represent her at the coroner's inquest and to aid her so far as is deemed proper until the question of her complicity in the crime attributed to her husband is determined.

INSANE MAN KILLED.

Lee B. Cook of Great Falls Becomes Suddenly Insane.

Great Falls, Mont., April 12.—While driving with his family yesterday, Lee B. Cook, a stockman living near Glasgow, became violently insane. In his frenzy he lashed his team and in the runaway, which followed, he was thrown to the ground, sustaining injuries from which he died today. His wife and sister were in the carriage at the time, but were uninjured.

WILL VISIT COAST

Chicago Commercial Association to Visit Coast Cities.

AFTER WESTERN BUSINESS

Desire to Become Better Acquainted With the Merchants and Jobbers of the Pacific Coast With a View of Strengthening Commercial Relations

A delegation of the Chicago Commercial Association left here tonight on a three weeks' trip through the northwest and west. These men are connected with the leading industries and mercantile establishments of Chicago and they go west with the idea of becoming acquainted with the people and their surroundings, resources and special features of the different sections.

The party will occupy the hotel Pullman car during the entire trip. They left on the Burlington for St. Paul and will go thence over the Northern Pacific, Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Oregon Short line and Union Pacific through Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. En route they will be joined by representatives of the stock yards industries of Chicago, who are also making a tour of the northwest.

The delegations will visit among other places April 22, Spokane; 23, Seattle; 24, Tacoma; 25, Portland; 26, Boise. Stops will also be made of an hour or two at intermediate points. The delegation is due on its return in Chicago on May 5.

SMILEY SOAKED.

Grain Handler Secretary Must Serve Three Months.

Topeka, April 12.—The mandate in the supreme court in the Smiley case has been sent to the district court in Rush county with orders that the judgment of the lower court be carried out according to law.

Smiley is secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers' Association, which the United States supreme court recently declared to be in violation of the Kansas antitrust law. He was sentenced to serve three months in jail.

BUNCO LAWYER

Prominent Chicago Attorney Disbarred.

SWINDLED COMPANY

Charges of Subornation of Perjury Also Filed Against Bunco Man.

SECURED FRAUDULENT ORDER

Among Other Things He is Accused of Buncoing the American Trust and Saving Company Out of \$2700 and Securing Appointment as Receiver.

Chicago, April 12.—Accused of attempted subornation of perjury in defending disbarment proceedings, Wm. Eugene Brown, formerly a member of the Kansas legislature, and more recently president of the Indiana Club of Chicago, has been arrested. He was taken before Justice Richardson, who set the hearing for next Tuesday and released Brown under bonds of \$5000.

The warrant was sworn out by J. Scott Matthews and John L. Fogle, secretary of the bar association, and was served immediately after the hearing of testimony in the proceedings for his disbarment before Master of Chancery G. Fred Rush.

The charge was the result of representations by Charles T. Haas, a detective, that Brown had offered him \$200 if he, and others, whom he might select, would swear to certain statements which he said Brown had admitted to him were false. Supporting Haas in his statements, Miss Mable Starek, a stenographer in a detective agency, testified that she and Haas had been instructed by Brown in a rehearsal less than an hour before.

Last fall Judge Dunne entered an order disbarring Brown from practicing in the Cook county circuit court, and when similar proceedings were brought in the supreme court he appointed J. Scott Matthews to represent the circuit court. Mr. Matthews was assisted by Secretary Fogle.

The charges in the disbarment proceedings are very complicated, but briefly, the first count charges Brown with swindling the American Trust & Savings bank out of \$2700 on May 6, 1901, and these counts accuse him of fraudulently procuring an order appointing him receiver for his own property.

HYDE'S BIG SUPPER.

Stockholders of Equitable Object to Paying for the Same.

Albany, N. Y., April 12.—Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks received a formal application today to inquire specifically into the charges that the Cambon dinner and fancy dress ball arranged by James H. Hyde were paid for out of the general fund of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and also into other allegations of extravagance on the part of the management of the corporation. The request came from Senator Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga, who is attorney for Charles P. Penfield of that place, one of the policy holders.

THE LITTLE DEARS.

Girls Organize Baseball Team and Will Play Ball.

New York, April 12.—A baseball team, composed of girls is in process of formation among the students of Erasmus hall high school in Flatbush, Brooklyn.

The fair athletes of this institution claim to have been first to wear the divided skirt while playing basket ball and later introduced the rational gymnasium costume, bloomers and all. Now they assert themselves as the first to still further invade the realms of masculine sport.

A ball somewhat lighter than the regulation and bats of much lighter

weight will be employed. The girls will practice three times a week and are hoping for a challenge in the near future. The idea is heartily approved by the faculty.

FELIP CHEVES DEAD.

Early Governor of New Mexico Is Dead at His Home.

Albuquerque, N. M., April 12.—Felipe Chaves, grandson of Francis Coxavier Chaves, first governor of New Mexico, under the Mexican regime, and son of Joseph Chaves, one of the early territorial governors under the United States, is dead at his home in Belen, a village south of here, aged 71 years. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage.

Chaves was probably the wealthiest Mexican citizen of this territory, his fortune being estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. One son and two daughters survive him. Jose Chaves, the son, is a stock broker in New York. He came across the continent in a special train, arriving a few hours too late to see his father alive.

CASTRO INSOLENT.

Uncle Sam Liable to Take a Fall Out of Him.

Washington, April 12.—The text of President Castro's reply to Minister Bowen is now before Secretary Taft, who has decided not to send it to President Roosevelt, but will take it under consideration himself. He stated that the communication fills the description conveyed by Minister Bowen in his cablegram as to the form of expression, which he declared to be insolent.

Negro Arrested.

Coffeyville, Kan., April 12.—A report comes late tonight from Lenaph, 12 miles south of here, in Indian territory, that the negro who assaulted Mrs. Griffith in Coffeyville Tuesday morning, had been run down and captured. The news causes great excitement here and lynching threats are being made.

FAREWELL SUCKERS

Kansas City Get Rich Quick Concern Closes Business.

MESSAGE TO THEIR VICTIMS

The American Mercantile Association, After Swindling Hundreds of Victims, Announces That Company Has Permanently Retired.

Kansas City, April 12.—The American Mercantile Association, alleged to be a "get rich quick" concern, with an office in a downtown office building, has been closed and this notice posted on the door:

"Good-bye, suckers, good-bye!"

The whereabouts of the officers of the corporation is not known. The company's head office was at St. Joseph, Mo., and from there a notice has been sent out to its subscribers announcing the suspension in the following words:

"The officers of the American Mercantile Association take this means to announce to you that the business of the corporation has been suspended and that it will be unable to complete or carry out the contract with you."

When this notice was received by the Kansas City subscribers, the majority of whom are laboring people, they flocked to the concern's office.

The subscribers had agreed to pay \$1 a week for 80 weeks on the promise that they were to receive \$100 at the end of that period. Many working girls and laborers had been making payments for months past. One woman had paid \$7.50 a week for 68 weeks.

The American Mercantile Association began business in May, 1904, and its books which were left behind by its officers show that it had many subscribers.

Fear Russian Interference.

San Francisco, April 12.—The fear of Russian interference with contraband laden steamships bound for Japan ports are again beginning to effect shippers. The Doric, which sails tomorrow, has received orders to go from here direct to Midway and there await instructions.