



RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT OPENS

HISTORIC EVENT PASSES UNMARRED BY ACCIDENT

Emperor Delivers Short Message Renewing His Pledges, and Asking for the Co-operation of Parliament for Regeneration of Country.

RECEIVED BY MEMBERS IN OMINOUS SILENCE

COURTIERS AND SPECTATORS ARE ONLY ONES TO CHEER EMPEROR - SPEECH OF NICHOLAS FAILS TO MENTION AMNESTY - DEMONSTRATIONS ARE HELD BY SOCIALISTS IN STREETS BY POLICE PERMISSION.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—Without a single hitch and with only a minor incident to mar the memorable day, the Russian parliament was inaugurated today.

greeted this appeal was never heard in a political convention in the United States.

Celebration Is Held.

After the adjournment of parliament there was a great spontaneous celebration in front of the rooms of the constitutional club to which the leaders repaired for consultation.

Police Allow Meetings.

Though open meetings are illegal, the police did not interfere. At a consultation of the leaders of the constitutional democrats, it was decided that when Mourmoussoff is received by the Emperor tomorrow, to review the confirmation of his election to the presidency of the lower house, he being a subject of amnesty to political offenders.

Temper of Members Shown.

The only genuine flashes of fire which showed the real temper of the members were when Professor Macourmoussoff, who had been elected president of the lower house, invited the government officials, and clerks to leave the hall and when Ivan Petrunkevitch in a few eloquent words from the rostrum told his auditors that the first thought of parliament should be for those who had suffered in the cause of liberty.

BANKS LOCKED UP.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Gustav Sorrow, former vice-president of the defunct Bank of America, failed yesterday to obtain bonds and was locked up in the county jail.

With Ex-Judge Abner Smith, E. Greenman and J. V. Pierce, Sorrow was indicted by the April grand jury.

RAILROAD RATE BILL IS CONSIDERED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The Senate today completed the consideration of the second section of the railroad rate bill and just before adjournment listened to the reading of sections three and four, preparatory to the introduction of the Allison amendments, which will take place tomorrow.

penalty of fine and imprisonment for the shipper who secures rebates. Later the amendment was incorporated for the avowed purpose of hitting the trusts. There was a continuous debate throughout the day and no little complaint that the senators showed a disposition to consume more than the 15 minute limit.

CONTEST ENDS.

PORTLAND, Me., May 10.—The contest for control of the Eastern consolidated Oil Company, a Maine corporation capitalized at \$4,000,000 with extensive interests in California, came to an end last night at the adjourned annual meeting when Lafayette E. Pike of Hartford, Conn., who promoted the enterprise was found to hold certificates and proxies representing a majority of the stock.

ALL CLASSES PRESENT.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—The most striking feature of the assembly at the palace today was the multiplicity of races and classes and the color of the costumes of the members. There were noblemen and other men of high station sitting beside simple peasants or workmen clothed in the costumes of shops or villages, turbaned Mussulmans and Buddhists from Bokhara; idolaters from the Kirghiz Steppes; Orthodox Priests in black cassocks and bishops in purple cassocks; Circassians, Armenians and Tartars from the Caucasus; Jews from the Pale; Buriats from Central Asia, and Lithuanians and Estonians from the Baltic provinces. Most wore their national dress.

MAKE HASTE SLOWLY MAXIM GORKY TALKS

Pardee Will Not Be in Hurry to Call Legislature

Denounces Opening of Douma in St. Petersburg.

WOULD FIND CITY'S NEEDS

IS "BURLESQUE IMITATION"

Governor of California Says First Find Out What Legislation Is Wanted and Then Legislature Can Take Action.

Russian Revolutionist Says Parliament Is Nothing But "Burlesque Imitation" of Constitutional Government.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—Although strongly urged to call an early special session of the state legislature, Governor Pardee is in no haste. He says: "better not have any legislature than to enact bad laws."

NEW YORK, May 10.—In an epistle addressed to "Brother in Arms, Authors of Free America" Maxim Gorky today denounced the Douma inaugurated in St. Petersburg. Leading up to his subject by criticizing the manner in which Russia for centuries has treated his subjects and ridiculing the "burlesque imitation" of constitutional government he declares the Russian people have at last understood they will get nothing except what they take with their own hands.

The Governor does not deny the urgent necessity of legislation to meet the effect of the disaster which has befallen San Francisco, Santa Rosa and San Jose, but insists on having a plain program mapped out before the call is issued. For one the special legislative committee today drew a draft of the call and will frame bills which the governor will be asked to recommend.

The Governor will discuss the call with the committee and when an agreement is reached the call will be issued. Another step was taken toward a resumption of civic conditions today, when a portion of the marines were sent back to their ships. Tomorrow the rest will leave. The state troops have been gradually relieved and it is understood the necessity for the presence of regular troops will soon cease to exist. The rougher element and the criminal classes are gone altogether; the presence of soldiers, and the absence of liquor, being the main reasons for their departure.

EXPERIENCE LESS LOSS.

NEW YORK, May 10.—According to President Washburn of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, sufferers by fire at San Francisco will experience less loss through failure of insurance underwriters than those of any great conflagration which has hitherto visited this country.

GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED.

NEW YORK, May 10.—A general strike is threatened at the new custom house today by the Associated Building Trades, an organization representing the unions which are not under the arbitration agreement. As an alternative the contractor must discharge members of the new unions formed in the place of those which violated the arbitration agreement. A stand is also made for the discharge of members of the Brotherhood of painters who are employed there because they strike with other members of the old unions.

WILL STOP TROUBLE.

Uncle Sam Will Not Allow Panama Elections to Cause Trouble.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Revolutionary movements or election troubles in Panama, which interfere with the work in the canal zone, justify the interference under the statutes supporting the Panama government. Such is the tenor of the instructions sent to Governor Magoon by Secretary Taft. This emphatic declaration by the United States it is believed will prevent serious trouble in the June elections, as it will discourage the opponents of President Amador, who are represented as planning a movement against him outside the canal zone, believing the United States will suppress any insurrection unless it extends within the zone.

"TRICKS OF THE TRADE" STANDARD OIL POLICY

Testimony Before Interstate Commerce Commission Reveals Fraudulent Means by Used Standard to Enrich Company at Poor Man's Expense.

SELL THREE KINDS OF OIL FROM SAME TANK

COMPANY GIVES SHORT MEASURE, MISREPRESENTS QUALITY OF OIL SOLD, PROCURES LAND LEASES DISHONESTLY—RAILROADS CHARGE STANDARD'S COMPETITORS TEN TIMES AS MUCH FOR HAULING PRODUCT.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Corruption of railroad employees and agents of the independent oil companies dishonest modes of procuring land leases, the giving of short measures, and the selling of three different kinds of oil out of the same tank and misrepresentation as to the quality of the oil sold, were charged against the Standard Oil Company at today's hearing before the interstate commerce commission. Incidentally it was charged that a San Francisco road gives a rate of two cents a

hundred to the Standard when it charges ten times that amount to competitors of that corporation for the same haul. The inquiry is held under an order of congress and the session today was along the same lines as the one held some time ago in Kansas City. The principal witness today was E. M. Wilhoit, of Springfield, Mo., formerly for ten years the Standard's agent at Topeka. P. C. Deran of Fremont, Ohio, E. P. Ripley, President of the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe and M. Maxon former agent of the Standard in Illinois also testified.

NEBRASKA SHOCKED.

CHICAGO, May 10.—A dispatch to the Inter-Ocean from Cody, Neb., says: At 6:25 o'clock last night an earthquake shock lasting nearly one minute passed through the Elkhorn Valley, the earth seeming to move north and south. No damage is reported from the various towns which have telephoned the news. Towns in all directions for a radius of sixty miles have reported feeling the shock.

COOLIES CATCH CHOLERA.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 10.—During the voyage of the steamer Falk from India to the Fiji Islands, 124 Coolies were taken sick of cholera and sixteen died.

AFTER THE ROBBERS.

VANCOUVER, B. C. May 10.—A special to the Province this afternoon from Kamloops states the train robbers are surrounded in the woods near Capt. Beals Meadow southwest of Kamloops. The dispatch adds that Sheriff Word sent a messenger to town this afternoon for more Indians to assist in the capture.

The messenger declares there is no chance for the robbers to escape. There

are more than one hundred men in the posse. It is believed there will be fighting before the robbers are captured.

CONTENTS ARE SAFE.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—The vaults of the city treasury were opened today. The interior was in good condition, and \$5,200,000 was removed to the mint.

CARL SHURZ DYING.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Carl Schurz is critically ill. At one time today it was thought he was dying, but he rallied and is resting more comfortably late tonight. Schurz is 76 years old, and suffering from a complication of disorders.

COAST BASEBALL SCORES.

Northwest League. At Tacoma.—Tacoma 3, Spokane 0. Pacific Coast League. At Portland.—Portland 11, San Francisco 6. At Seattle.—Seattle 6, Oakland 5. At Los Angeles.—Los Angeles 7, Fresno 6.

KILLING FROST.

DETROIT, Mich., May 11.—A heavy frost, killing in many sections, was general throughout Michigan and Northern Ohio last night.

WITTE AN OUTCAST.

Count Witte, a Pathetic Figure at The Opening of Russian Parliament

ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—A pathetic figure in the scene at the palace today was Count Witte, of whom the Associated Press correspondent caught a glimpse before the ceremony pacing the corridor entirely alone. Later he entered the thronged hall clad in gold and black uniform of a secretary of state, one of the highest dignitaries of the court, which still remains to him, and with the ribbon of the Alexander Nevsky order on his breast. He took his place in the ranks of the old bureaucracy. Former Interior Minister Durново was there, chatting animatedly and earnestly with companions, but Witte seemed to find a cold welcome from everyone. Finally he wandered away and stood apart until the imperial pageant had proceeded.

ORDINANCE TO BE BOUGHT IN THE OPEN MARKET

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Shells and projectiles for the navy department will, after next June be purchased by the Bureau of Ordnance in the open market instead of as is now practiced, in secret markets.

This change was brought about by an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, which is fostered by Tawney, in the house today. Much time was consumed in considering the question of enlistments in the navy and the fail-

ure of recruiting officers to properly enforce the laws as to minors. An amendment was offered by Keliher, of Massachusetts, and adopted, prohibiting the enlistment by recruiting officials of ordinary seamen or apprentices, unless the application was accompanied by a certificate of birth and written evidence that the applicant is of the requisite age. The debate on this amendment at times grew aggravated and acrimonious. At adjournment, the house had completed a few pages of the naval bill.