



CZAR THROWS DOWN GAUNTLET

PARLIAMENT DEPUTATION REFUSED AN AUDIENCE

Emperor Denies Receiving Deputation from Lower House to Present Reply to Throne--Tells Members to Confer With Court.

DEPUTIES CONSIDER THE REFUSAL AN INSULT

REPLY OF NICHOLAS THROWS ENTIRE LOWER HOUSE INTO WILD RAGE AND PARLIAMENT AT ONCE CALLED TO MEET TODAY TO TAKE ACTION--CIVIL WAR MAY BE THE RESULT OF THE NEW FRUITION.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—A bomb was thrown into the parliamentary camp this afternoon by a note received by President Mourontseff of the lower house, from Peterhof, which, instead of making the appointment at which he and a deputation could present the address in reply to the speech from the throne, contained the information that the emperor would not receive the deputation and the address must be presented through the ministry of the court. Disconcerted utterly at this unexpected development the leaders of the majority hastily summoned a caucus of the constitutional democrats. The president instead of sending the address to Baron Fredericks, minister of the Imperial House, immediately called a meeting of parliament for tomorrow morning. A most heated meeting is in prospect.

The first disposition of the caucus of the constitutional democrats, which was in session all the afternoon and evening and which at midnight had not concluded, was to regard the refusal to receive the deputation as a challenge and an open affront which was only answerable by a counter declaration of war.

The deputies were wild with rage but after the first passion, the cooler

leaders recognized the danger of too precipitate action and set for themselves the task of bringing their enraged followers under control. The cooler heads seemed ultimately to be prevailing, but it is almost certain the radical group, accompanied by a portion of the peasants will regain their way tomorrow and endeavor to force the house into some fiery declaration against the government and the emperor, which might compel an immediate rupture, entailing dissolution and civil war. An interesting constitutional point is involved in the emperor's refusal. According to parliamentary laws, the president submits to the emperor the transactions of the lower house, but it is not stated whether he does so personally and a deputation is now authorized. According to a member of the ministry, the emperor is willing to receive the President alone, but believes it a dangerous precedent to permit the deputation to escort him as this might eventually be increased until the whole parliament should be included in the deputation. This minister intimated if the leaders desire to avoid a rupture, they would do so by accepting instructions to present the address through the ministry or direct to the president of the house, who would alone apply for an audience.

MOB THE OFFICERS.

SHELBY, Ohio, May 20.—When Cor stable Buck and his deputy walked on the Diamond here today, armed with warrants issued at the instance of the law and order league for the arrest of the players of the Mansfield and Shelby baseball teams, 20,000 spectators swarmed out upon the field and surrounded the officers, who were beaten and cuffed and jeered by the excited crowd. The officers escaped under police protection. Justice Sattray, who issued the warrants, was sitting in a buggy in the grounds and his vehicle was surrounded and the wheels removed by the crowd, which, however, offered no violence to the justice.

PIUS IS BETTER.

ROME, May 20.—Dr. Laponi visited Pope Pius three times today. The temperature of his holiness during the day was somewhat over 99 degrees, but tonight he had no fever. Pains incident to the attack were somewhat diminished and the movement of the limb was eased. Laponi considers his patient progressing satisfactorily and hopes the attack will soon be over.

EXPLORATION EXPEDITION STARTS FOR FAR NORTH

VICTORIA, May 20.—The Duchess of Bedford with the Anglo-American Arctic exploration expedition on board, sailed this evening for the Arctic with the object of seeking a large stretch of undiscovered land believed to exist in the Bering Sea, Northwest of the Alaskan coast and incidentally to conduct geological, geographical, ethnological and other scientific work. The expedition

is headed by Captain Einar Mikelsen, the Danish navigator and Ernest De K. Leffingwell, the Chicago geologist. The other members of the party are Einar Ditlevsen, the Danish artist and zoologist; George Howe of Harvard and seven members of the navigating crew, making a total of eleven. Stefansson of Harvard, an ethnologist has started for Herschel Island where he will meet the vessel on August 20.

ORDERED TO SANTO DOMINGO.

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—The cruiser Columbia is being hastily prepared at League Island for sea and will leave for Santa Domingo tomorrow with 600 marines. Under hurry orders from the Navy Department a detachment of marines from Boston, Brooklyn, Washington and Norfolk arrived here during the day and went aboard the Columbia.

Stop at Guantanamo.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The cruiser Columbia will make her first stop at Guantanamo, where further orders will be given her commander. The navy department declines to indicate the purpose of sending marines to the West Indies, but declared it had no bearing on the Santo Domingo situation. The navy department is watching closely for any signs of the reported filibustering movement from Porto Rico to Santo Domingo.

STEAMER FLOATED.

NAGASAKI, May 20.—The German mail steamer Roon of the North German Lloyd China line, which ran ashore on Oki Island on May 18, has been floated and arrived here today. Her passengers were rescued and landed at Moji.

DAYS ARE NUMBERED

Russian Parliament Has Not Long to Live.

PLOT TO ARREST MEMBERS

Court Party Already Regards Parliament as Dead—Crowns Will Probably Dissolve Parliament in the Near Future.

LONDON, May 20.—The Tribune's St. Petersburg correspondent claims to have obtained information of a plot to surround Tauride Palace, and arrest the members of Parliament and proclaim Treppoff dictator in the event of Nicholas failing to abolish parliament.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Telegraph declares that the days of the Russian parliament are numbered. He says:

"In the eyes of the court party, parliament is already dead and the only question being how and when to arrange a decent burial. My belief is that the crown will dissolve parliament, and promulgate a narrow electoral law and order new elections which will result in the return of its own partisans."

FUNERAL DRIVERS STRIKE.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The strike of the funeral drivers' association, local No. 164, which involved the whole territory of Manhattan below 140th street went into effect today. The fact that twelve of the thirty-five coach owners acceded to the demands of the strikers lessened the inconvenience, but about thirty funerals had to be postponed and others were conducted under difficulties.

PALMA INAUGURATED.

HAVANA, May 20.—President Palma was inaugurated at noon today in the presence of the high dignitaries of the country and the members of the diplomatic corps in full uniform. None of the liberal members of congress attended. The oath of office was administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

CORONATION OF KING HAAKON.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, May 20.—Preparations are already been made for the coronation of King Haakon on June 22. That day has been selected because 22 is King Haakon's lucky number. The king has resolved decidedly that there shall be no procession, though an energetic agitation has sought to move his objection, which is of a religious character. The bishop of Trondjem will pour the sacred oil on the king's naked breast, after which Premier Mickelsen, assisted by a priest, will set the crown on the king's head. The Prince and Princess of Wales are confidently expected to be present.

FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

ERIE, Pa., May 20.—One woman is killed and three other persons are in the hospital in a serious condition as the result of an automobile accident on the Lake Road shortly after midnight this morning near Girard. The party left Cleveland early in the evening to make the run to Erie with the intention of going to Buffalo in the morning. In turning a sharp curve at high speed the machine crashed into a telegraph pole throwing the occupants out. The machine turned over on top of them.

FIRE BURNED OUT

Disasterous Forest Fires Seem to Be Over.

THOUSANDS MADE HOMELESS

Almost Certain That 2000 Persons Are Homeless, Besides 1000 Left Desolate at Quinnesec—People Are All Hopeful.

MILWAUKEE, May 20.—The staff correspondent of the Sentinel who has toured the upper peninsula telegraphs that the fire appears practically out. It seems certain that now 2000 persons are homeless, besides 1000 left desolate at Quinnesec. The Quinnesec fire however was of different origin from the Escanaba fire, having started in a field where the men were burning debris. This fire spread to the city, wiping out everything except three residences and the paper mills, and then spread into the timber and running north for forty miles joined the flames east of Escanaba. It was also learned today that Woodlawn, Kingsley and Perkins are destroyed.

Stories of battles against the flames are numerous. Dozens of towns were saved only by the most desperate battle with the flames. Northland, a town of 1000 inhabitants was three times threatened. The fire was checked each time at a distance of only ten yards from the houses on the outskirts of town. A remarkable feature of the fire is the fact that nearly all the refugees are not disheartened, but determined to return and begin over.

CRISIS IMMINENT.

VIENNA, May 20.—A new Hungarian crisis is imminent owing to the refusal of Emperor Francis Joseph to approve the Hungarian cabinet's demand for an autonomous Hungarian tariff. The Austrian premier holds an independent tariff incompatible with what the common Austro-Hungarian customs are.

BOMB EXPLODES.

LOUDON, France, May 20.—A bomb exploded at St. Charles today. Several were dangerously wounded and several slightly.

CONGRESS TO CONSIDER MANY IMPORTANT BILLS

Railroads, Statehood, Consular, Naturalization, Pure Food, Indian and Army Appropriations Are Among Matters to Come Up.

SITUATION IN RUSSIA IS NEARING A CRISIS

COMING WEEK EXPECTED TO SEE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIAN POLITICAL ARENA--ANNUAL REGATTA OF AMERICAN ROWING ASSOCIATION TO OCCUR ON MAY 26--HARD CONTESTS EXPECTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—The following is a forecast of the week's events:

The railroad rate bill, the statehood bill, the diplomatic and consulate bill, the naturalization bill, the pure food bill, the conference report on the Indian and army appropriation bills, are all possibilities of the present week. The diplomatic bill, according to program, will be called up Tuesday. It is a small measure, and unless it is made the vehicle for a set speech it will require but a day or two. The bill will likely be the subject of more or less discussion when the motion is made to the conference. Just what will be the character and length of this discussion cannot be definitely ascertained. Conferences on the statehood bill indicate a preliminary report is not a distant possibility. The pure food bill will be called up at any time when the appropriation bills or other privileged mat-

ters are not under consideration. The senate today will take up the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill, and after that the immigration bill. Owing to the attention paid the rate bill of late, there is no well defined program for future legislation and no one has definite authority to state just what course will be pursued.

For all who have followed the progress of Russia's struggle for governmental reform, this week will hold great interest as it is expected an answer to the replies to the speech from the throne will be made today or tomorrow.

The annual regatta of the American rowing association, often called the "American Henley" will take place at Philadelphia on May 26. The crews of the prominent colleges of the country will be entered and spirited contests are expected.

◆ S. A. D. PUTER IS ARRESTED IN ALAMEDA. ◆

◆ SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—◆ S. A. D. Puter, wanted by the Federal authorities of Oregon to answer to a charge of complicity in the land frauds was arrested at Alameda tonight. ◆◆◆◆◆

SAVING MONEY.

CHICAGO, May 20.—W. G. Voliva, the present head of the Christian Cavalry church announced today that he had reduced the expenses of the church from \$9800 per month to \$3800 per month by a reduction of the working force and the cutting of salaries. In the same manner a cut of \$70,000 per annum was made in the ecclesiastical department. Voliva announced the resignation of John G. Excell from the office of general ecclesiastical secretary owing to his

lack of sympathy with some of the doctrines of the church. The condition of Dr. Dowie today was said to be unchanged.

IMPORT NON-UNION MEN.

STEBENVILLE, May 20.—Two more carloads of non union men were brought into the neighborhood of the United States Coal Company's mines today and an attempt will be made to operate the mines. Another lot is expected tomorrow. There is no trouble with the union men although they appeared sullen. All were closely guarded. Union workers are firm in their refusal to return to work.

BUSINESS HOUSES BURN.

MEDICAL LAKE, May 20.—Fire this morning on Lake street destroyed four frame business houses. The loss was \$13,000 and the insurance \$6000. The principal losers were David Gribbling and the Harris Drug Company.

INDICTED LAND FRAUDERS VIGOROUSLY DENY GUILT

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—The several Los Angeles business and professional men indicted at Portland in connection with the land frauds in that state, all deny that they have any connections whatever with the alleged crime. Warren Gilleen, president of the Broadway Bank & Trust Company and among the best known of the indicted men states positively that he is not interested in

any Oregon land deals and insists there must be some mistake. R. W. Kenny, while admitting the above named institution of which he is cashier, made a loan on some Oregon land, says they had no connection with the matter, further than the simple transaction of an ordinary business proposition. The other indicted men are equally strong in their denial.