

SENTENCE OF DEATH

Russian Reactionaries Condemn New York Editor.

MOSCOW ASSASSINS COMING

Editor Published Statement That Resected on Premier Stolypin and Now His Life is Declared Forfeit by the Reactionary Committee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Louis Miller, editor of the Warheit, a Russian newspaper published in New York, who, according to the cable despatches, has been sentenced to death by Russian reactionaries, is out of town and is not expected back until tonight. Robert Bades, night manager of the paper, states, however, that Mr. Miller has received a letter from the reactionary committees at Geneva stating that he had been sentenced to death and that the sentence had been placed in the hands of three Moscow men, who had started for New York, after drawing \$3000 of the committee's funds for expenses. Mr. Miller, Mr. Bades said, was taking no special precautions against assassins, because he did not believe they would attempt his life in America.

The sentence of death is supposed to have been passed on Miller because of his publication last July of documents said to prove that Premier Stolypin had given a reward for the assassination of a revolutionist named Schernakwa who was suffocated on a Dutch steamer, three innocents also falling victims to the same plot.

CONDEMNED TO MINES.

Social Democratic Leaders of Second Duma Sentenced.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—Sentence was pronounced today upon the social democratic members of the lower house, whose arrest was the indirect cause of the dissolution of the second Duma. Eight deputies, including very prominent men, were condemned to five years' labor in the mines, subsequent to their deportation to Siberia. Nine others were sent to the mines for four years and will be deported. Ten were sent into perpetual exile in Siberia. The leaders of the military organization, a man and two women, five years in the mines and deportation. Six soldiers, accused of agitating among their comrades, four years in the mines and deportation. Ten deputies who proved their innocence were acquitted. Among the men condemned were three noblemen. Their sentences must be approved by the Emperor. The deputies are accused of

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forming an organization whose aims was to overthrow the existing government and the institution of a republic. They were tried by the judicial section of the senate, the highest supreme tribunal in Russia. At the first trial the defendants were represented by counsel, but the trial just ended proceeded in secret, neither the accused nor attorneys being present.

SHOOTS HIMSELF FATALLY.

Woman Companion Also Attempts to Commit Suicide.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—William Burner, a longshoreman, discovered by his wife on the street in the company of another woman tonight, immediately drew a revolver and shot himself fatally. The woman, a Mrs. De Reign, grasped the revolver from Burner and attempted to shoot herself, but was disarmed by a policeman. Both Burner and Mrs. De Reign admit that a murder and suicide compact existed between them. The husband of Mrs. Reign lives in Tagoma.

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BUSINESS WILL BOOM NEXT YEAR

ASTORIANS WHO RETURN FROM PORTLAND BRING CHEERFUL NEWS FROM TALKS WITH PROMINENT MEN.

The financial situation in Portland according to the opinion of several of Astoria's citizens who visited that city during the past week is about to assume the even tenor of its way. A number of prominent buildings in Portland are being constructed as rapidly as if there had been no suspension of specie payments. In fact, a very prominent Astorian who recently visited Seattle brings the information that building is going on there now more rapidly than before because building material has been reduced about 20 per cent. This same citizen states that the contractors in Seattle are taking all of the contracts now that they can possibly handle believing that within a year labor will be higher than ever because more than one-half million recent immigrants have returned from the Atlantic coast to Europe during the past few weeks.

Mr. Theo. B. Wilcox stated to some of the Astorians on Friday that he expected to see all kinds of business in Portland positively booming before the first of next June. Mr. W. M. Ladd said that Oregon would not be set back at all by the recent financial flurry and that he expected to see for that reason more business done in Oregon during the coming year in any line that might be mentioned than had been done last year. The rooms at the hotels are all filled with people and in fact the best hotels have the largest number of guests. The only people that have so far suffered in Oregon are the day laborers who have been employed in the logging camps and in railroad construction and these can positively get work on the farms throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

CURTAIN EXPENSES.

Southern Railroads Cut Down Operating Forces.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A despatch to the Inter-Ocean from Galveston, Texas, says:

It was announced yesterday that between the first and fifteenth of January one of the railroads in the South will lay off 11,000 men for an indefinite period. As if by concerted action comes the reports from the following roads that owing to decreases in traffic it will be necessary to curtail expenses: Frisco, Rock Island, Southern Pacific lines, Texas and Pacific, Cotton Belt, Santa Fe, Houston and Texas Central, International and Great Northern, The Katy, Fort Worth and Denver.

These reductions will affect every branch of railroading from watchmen to operating forces. While the officials say

they believe the dull season will last but a few months, the cut in forces will mean a saving of at least \$50,000 in pay in the rolls.

COSTLY PAINTING.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The \$500 fine arts building prize which has given annually to a competition held by the Society of Western Artists, was awarded last night to J. Otis Adams of Brookville, Ind., for a picture entitled "A Winter Morning."

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WIFE REMARRIED.

Philippine Soldier Returns to Find His Spouse Gone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Alber Roades, who claims to have been a soldier in the Philippines, returned yesterday to what had been his home in Brooklyn only to find, according to the story he told the police, that his wife had remarried and disappeared. Roades said he was arrested in the Philippines on the charge of killing a native and was unjustly sentenced to imprisonment, first in Manila and later at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco. He was finally pardoned and worked his way back to New York to find his wife married. He says all his friends were told that he was dead.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

Central American Convention Concludes Its Labors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Central American peace conference concluded its labors today, when it was announced that an agreement had practically been reached upon seven treaties, most important treaty establishing a permanent court of arbitration. Other treaties provide for extradition, a financial convention, the establishment of better communication between the countries, a general treaty of peace and amity, and other provisions for the welfare of the Central American peoples.

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