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FIRST RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT OPENED

Czar Nicholas Formally Declares Douma Opened—Is Beginning of Popular Government for Slavs—Winter Palace Scene of Day's Ceremonies—Populace Cheers Procession of Deputies.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, May 10.—The session of the first parliamentary body in the history of Russia was opened at the winter palace by the czar today. It was the occasion of a grand display of imperial splendor and at the same time a demonstration of the fact that the government is determined not to abrogate completely its power of dictating to the people. Many thousands of people from all parts of the country had come to St. Petersburg to witness the scene accompanying the opening of the first national assembly, or douma.

Imperial Arrival. The czar arrived at Peterhof at 12:30 o'clock and went to the winter palace in a cutter. The czarina went to the palace in a carriage. The deumas were sung in all the churches at 11 o'clock. At 11:30 o'clock members of the douma and bureaucracy arrived at the winter palace, the deputies gathering in the emperor's room. The emperor greeted the deputies and proclaimed the douma in session reading an address. The deputies entered the Tauride palace after the address and the procession was loudly cheered by the populace.

An Insult to Czar. The peasants were not disturbed by the display of pomp and splendor. Bureaucrats and courtiers applauded the czar's address. The peasants were not demonstrative. The czar appeared to be in good health, but showed signs of address dealt in generalities. The deputies were silent and their attitude is considered an insult to the czar by the courtiers.

Significance of Liberty. But the all important fact is that a representative form of government for the Russian people has now become an established fact and with this as a foundation upon which to begin work the task of developing its powers and increasing its prerogatives is a matter for the genius of the people to work out. It is manifested, however, that this task must be accomplished in the face of government opposition.

The Tauride palace, where, at least for the present, the sessions of the douma will be held, was built in 1783, and was presented by the Empress Catherine II to Prince Potemkin, the hero of the Crimea. When the prince died in 1791 it became crown property and has since been used as an exhibition building. It was completely remodelled for the purpose of making it suitable as a parliament building.

BOY TRIED TO PULL PARENTS FROM PILE OF CRUMBLING RUINS

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, May 10.—A 3-year-old boy, who is at the Oakland police station and whose pathetic little story is only one of thousands enacted on the morning of April 18. He says his father's name is Jack Haskell, and they lived near Market street. "When the earthquake came," the boy says, "I ran out of the house and up the street. I stood around an hour or two, but could not find papa or mamma and went back to the house. I found them on the floor under a great big chimney that came down through the roof."

PLANNING TO REBUILD 'FRISCO'S CHINATOWN UPON ITS OLD SITE

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, May 10.—Twenty-five property owners interested in real estate in the burned Chinatown quarter have met and organized an improvement club, the object of which is to secure the rebuilding of Chinatown on the old site. A resolution was passed instructing a specially appointed committee to confer with the Chinatown committee and do all in its power to secure and prevent a removal to another part of the city.

WILL OPEN BIDS FOR CEMENT IN PORTLAND

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 10.—The secretary of the interior has asked for proposals for furnishing 7,500 to 8,500 barrels of Portland cement for use in the Okanogan and Unalakleet projects. Bids will be opened in Portland June 8.

MINERS RESPONDING WITH GREAT ALACRITY

(Journal Special Service.) Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 10.—Seventy per cent of the miners responded when the mines resumed operations today. There was no discrimination and all old employees were rehired.

RIVER REFUSES TO GIVE UP ITS VICTIM

(Journal Special Service.) Santa Cruz, May 10.—The body of L. E. Chapman, who was drowned in the San Lorenzo river yesterday, has not been recovered. His hat has been found. Everything indicates that he lost his life while attempting to assist Miss McKay. Parties are still searching the river.

THOUSANDS OF MEN TO STRIKE IN GERMANY

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, May 10.—Three hundred thousand men will be affected in the strike of the metal industries in Germany, beginning Friday.

CZAR AT CAPITAL FOR FIRST TIME IN FIFTEEN MONTHS

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, May 10.—The czar's entrance into the capital today from Peterhof was the first time in 15 months that Nicholas has been in St. Petersburg. The czar arrived at 12:30 o'clock on the imperial yacht, landing at the dock in front of the winter palace, avoiding the necessity of passing through the streets. The czar went to the palace in a carriage. Immediately after the ceremony his majesty returned to Peterhof, where they will spend the summer.

FLAMES WIPE OUT TOWN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., May 10.—The mining town of Berlin, on the Great Northern railroad about 75 miles from Seattle, was completely wiped out yesterday by flames from forest fires. Thirty families were left homeless, losing everything but the clothes they had on their backs.

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GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN MAKING TOUR OF BAKER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker, Or., May 10.—Governor Chamberlain arrived at Baker City at noon today and was met at the train by a committee of prominent citizens and escorted to a hotel. His admirers in Baker City are giving him an enthusiastic reception this afternoon. The governor, accompanied by prominent Baker City citizens, will go to Haines this evening, where he will speak at Huntington tomorrow night. He will hold a gigantic rally and address the voters of Baker county at the opera-house at Baker City Saturday night.

JOE LEITER SUSPENDED

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, May 10.—Joseph Leiter has been suspended from membership on the Chicago board of trade for failure to pay bills against him for services rendered during his spectacular wheat career eight years ago.



Russian Parliament Hall, St. Petersburg, in which the douma meets. Before the speaker's desk is a carved eagle.



Refusing to touch a mouthful of food or to utter a sound save the characteristic Indian grunt when she is questioned, Mabel Hood, an 8-year-old Indian girl, who traveled across the entire continent alone and arrived in Portland early this morning, has sat in the waiting-room of the union depot all day in stubborn silence.

MILLIONS FILL VAULTS

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, May 10.—The financial situation is growing brighter each day. The \$2,000,000 cash held by the banks previous to the fire has been augmented by large additional payments, while daily deposits exceed withdrawals. There is \$5,000,000 lying idle in the mint for which there is no immediate use.

JEROME SUBPOENAS PRESIDENT PEABODY

(Journal Special Service.) New York, May 10.—District Attorney Jerome has subpoenaed President Peabody of the Mutual Life to appear before the special grand jury. It is understood Peabody will be a willing witness.

PEASANTS ARE NOT AWED BY SPLENDOR OF CZAR'S PALACE

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, May 10.—Members of the douma and bureaucracy arrived at the winter palace shortly after noon. The deputies gathered in the emperor's room. The peasant deputies seemed unawed while viewing the splendor of the palace room. The opening of parliament was a splendid pageant, marked by pomp and panoply. The emperor greeted the deputies and proclaimed the douma in session and read an address, after which the deputies repaired to Taurida palace.

INDIAN GIRL IN PLIGHT

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, May 10.—E. M. Wilhoit of Topeka, former Standard Oil agent, was the principal witness in the investigation being made by the interstate commerce commission today. He testified that the Standard Oil company had ordered him to pay clerks in the employ of railroads and other firms for information concerning competitors. He stated that the Standard Oil company maintained by these methods a complete espionage system throughout the country.

BIG REWARD OFFERED FOR TRAIN ROBBERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, B. C., May 10.—No clue has yet been received as to the whereabouts of the men who held up and robbed the Imperial limited. Posses comprising 100 men, composed of cowboys and Indian trackers, are now in pursuit. A number of Vancouver and Seattle detectives are also on the scene. The robbers undoubtedly are the men who robbed the Imperial limited near Mission two years ago. It is believed to be Bill Miner's gang. The Canadian Pacific has offered \$5,000 reward, the dominion government \$5,000 and the provincial government \$1,500.

CAREFULLY WEEDING OUT UNWORTHY ELEMENT

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, May 10.—As the result of a careful census of the refugees, the number fed by the relief committee has been cut from 279,521 to 223,912. Today's rations consist only of meat, vegetables and bread. Next week the distribution will be made every other day. Employers are being urged to pay laborers part of their wages each day to enable them to buy food instead of depending on charity. In some money is unobtainable, employers are asked to give notes, which may be used as a medium of exchange. The Brotherhood of Painters is undertaking to build temporary four-room cottages for its members.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON STATEHOOD BILL

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, May 10.—A practically complete agreement has been reached on the statehood bill and a veto will be submitted Saturday to President Roosevelt. The agreement concerns the bill of the late President's commission.

WITHYCOMBE AN ALIEN FOR MORE THAN 17 YEARS

Republican Nominee for Governor Was Not Admitted to American Citizenship Until 1888, Though He Came to Oregon in 1871—Federal Records Show His Naturalization.

James Withycombe, the Republican nominee for governor, is an Englishman by birth and lived in Oregon for 17 years before he became an American citizen. He was born March 21, 1854, near Plymouth, England, and came to this country with his parents while a boy. The family settled in the Willamette valley in 1871 and ever since that time James Withycombe has been a resident of this state. Not until April 24, 1888, when he was 34 years of age, did James Withycombe become naturalized. The record of his naturalization is to be found in the office of the clerk of the United States district court in this city, and is as follows: "United States district court for the district of Oregon, April 24, 1888. 'In the matter of the admission of James Withycombe to become a citizen of the United States."

"May at this time comes the above named applicant and prays to be admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America, and it appearing to the court from the testimony of L. A. Goddard and F. C. Barnes, that said applicant is in all respects duly qualified and entitled to such admission, according to the laws of congress regulating the naturalization of aliens, and the said applicant upon his oath first duly administered now declares that he will support the constitution of the United States and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state and sovereignty whatsoever, particularly to Victoria, queen of Great Britain and Ireland, of whom he was a subject. Therefore it is considered that said James Withycombe be and he hereby is admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America."

SELLS THREE GRADES OF OIL FROM THE SAME TANK

Standard Oil Infamy Exposed by a Former Employee Who Confesses to Bribing Employees of Other Concerns.

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Wilhoit told the commission that the Santa Fe railroad and other trunk lines reduced tariffs as gifts to the Standard Oil company. Wilhoit said that the Standard was satisfied if it got 85 per cent of the oil trade, otherwise it cut prices and killed competition. He alleged that railroads delayed to become shipments and made long hauls, aiding the Standard in destroying competition. Subpoenas were issued for nine Ohio county treasurers to appear and produce documentary evidence during the oil hearing to show the organization and operation of the oil trust in Ohio. It is charged that all taxes for the Standard subsidiary companies and supposed independent companies are paid by one man.

RELIEF COMMITTEE CUTTING DOWN THE NUMBER IT FEEDS—DESPERATE BURGLARS CAUGHT

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IMMIGRANT STATION FOR ANGEL ISLAND

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 10.—Secretary McCall has requested congress to appropriate \$60,000 additional for the construction of an immigrant station at Angel Island, San Francisco.