

CZAR IS IN DANGER

Dynamite Is Found Hidden in Imperial Palace.

SECRET POLICE WERE IN PLOT

Twelve Members Arrested and Placed in Dungeon—Chance Leads to Discovery of Explosive.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—At last the terrorists have succeeded in penetrating the cordon of guards about the czar, and in smuggling high explosives into the palace itself, and as a result there is a feeling of apprehension among all of the high officials and the guards about his majesty have been trebled.

Late yesterday afternoon, as the guard at the palace was being changed, Lieutenant Colonel Shiraupeky, who was in command, noticed that one of the Cossacks who had been posted at the main door was wearing the sword of an infantry officer, and not the sabre of a Cossack. He thereupon called a corporal and placed the man under arrest. He was at once searched and incriminating documents were found on his person.

Search of the palace revealed two packages of dynamite, placed against the main door of the imperial suite, in a dark corner where they were not likely to be noticed.

A searching inquiry was at once instituted, with the result that 12 secret police agents were arrested as accomplices, and all were hurried to the Peter and Paul fortress, where they were interviewed by General Trepoff.

The fact that the terrorists have succeeded in corrupting members of the secret police and soldiers has caused much alarm, and another attempt against a high official is looked for.

PRICE PAID FOR CATTLE.

Next Question for Consideration Before Beef Trust Grand Jury.

Chicago, April 6.—Prices paid for livestock by the packers, alleged rebates granted the packers by the railroads for handling the same and the private accounts of some of the packing concerns are to be closely inquired into within the next few days by the Federal grand jury which is investigating the business affairs of the beef trust.

Another phase of the question of the alleged combination of some of the packers in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and Judge Grosscup's injunction which is to be inquired into is the price paid by wholesale dealers to the packers for meats.

Witnesses who can give the jurors detailed and accurate information along these lines have been subpoenaed and appeared at the investigation today. Some of these witnesses testified and, although they refused to make public what they told the jury, it is said a large amount of data valuable to the government was secured from them.

More complaints of interference with the witnesses reached United States Attorney Bethea and Captain Porter, of the secret service, during the day. The session today was devoted to the examination of men employed at the Chicago stockyards and packing houses.

With the exception of the Sunday adjournments, the jury, it is said, will now proceed steadily to the end of the inquiry. The United States attorney has announced that May 15 will probably see the close.

It is said the hearing of the plea and demurrer of Thomas J. Connors, the indicted superintendent of the Armour company, will be disposed of before the jury presents other true bills involving persons on charges of tampering with witnesses.

Standard Sued for Inspection Fee

Chicago, April 6.—The city of Chicago today filed suit for \$40,000 against the Standard Oil company. The bill is based upon the alleged non-payment of inspection fees by the Standard Oil company. It is claimed that the company has for years refused to pay for inspections made by the city under an ordinance regulating commerce in naphtha and gasoline. Representatives of the Standard Oil company hold that gasoline and naphtha are not products of petroleum and that the ordinance does not apply.

Peasants Loot and Burn.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—Official advices report continued disorders in the Caucasus. Within the past week peasants have looted and burned public offices in many villages in the Gore district, sacked schools and private estates, cutting down trees and threatening to kill the police if they interfered, and forced priests to go with them and take an oath of solidarity with their cause. Similar disorders are reported in the Tiflis district.

Want To Be Paid Monthly.

Santo Domingo, April 6.—The Belgian creditors of Santo Domingo have presented a proposition to President Morales and American Minister Dawson for the monthly payment of \$25,000 to the Belgians, intimating that then they would favor the debt arrangement being concluded. It is expected that the situation will remain unaltered until the United States takes final action regarding the pending convention.

DON'T RUSH TO MINIDOKA LAND

Pumping Problem for Irrigation Has Not Been Solved.

Washington, April 7.—The attention of the director of the geological survey has been called to the fact that a misapprehension exists on the part of certain citizens of Idaho as to the plans of the reclamation service in regard to some important details relating to the Minidoka project. This misunderstanding has arisen, it is believed, by reason of the efforts of many settlers to anticipate the plans of the engineers and secure choice holdings of land.

The government from the first has warned intending settlers to go slow in making entries on the lands embraced in this project, and has called particular attention to the fact that the plans for irrigation, especially those involving the pumping plant, were merely tentative, and could not be worked out as quickly as those for the gravity system. While nothing has arisen to prevent the ultimate development of a pumping plant, so many delicate engineering features are involved that careful consideration must be given to these before any definite conclusions are reached or the final plans are approved.

Thus, apparently, while no reason exists for believing that the pumping features of the Minidoka project will not ultimately be utilized, the engineers very wisely have concluded to give this question more study and consideration before recommending it for construction.

YAUQUIS ARE SPREADING TERROR

Murder and Pillage Mark Their Trail Through Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., April 6.—John St. Clair, a well known prospector, whose statements are considered reliable, has returned from the Yaqui country near Ures, Sonora, and reports that the Indians are still on the warpath. He says that Malpuche, the old chief, is at the head of a band of over 50 and is devastating the whole country, murdering, pillaging and burning. Grain and cotton ranches have been destroyed and the people are going into the towns for protection.

The whole country is in a state of panic. Mail routes between the small towns have been abandoned and provisions are getting scarce. Although the country is overrun with soldiers, he says, the Indians are fearless and continue their depredations. St. Clair does not believe it is safe for Americans to go into the Yaqui country at this time, as the Yaquis are very hostile to Americans.

While going from Ures to his camp in the mountains, St. Clair heard firing and ran into what had been an Indian ambush. He found two dead Mexicans who had been killed only a few minutes before he reached the place. The Yaquis are armed with rifles and are well supplied with cartridges, St. Clair says.

HUNDREDS WERE MANGLED.

Results of Earthquake in India Worse Than First Reported.

Lahore, British India, April 7.—As the particulars filter in from the outlying districts, it is being revealed that the casualties caused by the earthquake of two days ago have been under, rather than over-estimated. In one spot alone at Dhamala, it is reported that fully 1,400 natives have been killed or injured. Of the injured many will die. Seven of the Europeans previously reported hurt have since died, and two others are in a dying condition.

There is not a house left in the vicinity that does not show evidence of the trembling of the earth.

This is the report from one district alone, and as authentic information comes in it seems certain that the magnitude of the disaster will be sufficient to stir the entire world when fully revealed.

The Indian government is making arrangements to relieve all distress as soon as possible.

Think All Americans are Thieves.

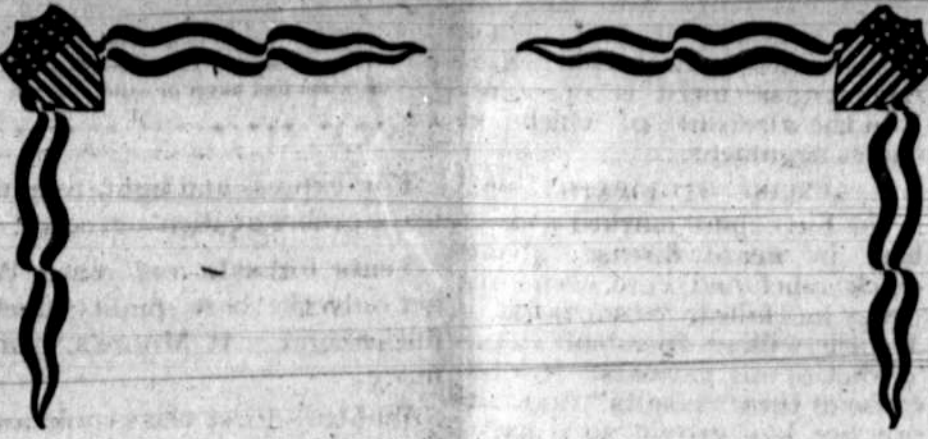
St. Petersburg, April 7.—A correspondent of the Journal de St. Petersburg draws a rare picture of the dishonesty which he says pervades the highest American circles. The precautions taken by social leaders to prevent their guests from being robbed by one another, and tells of the consternation produced at a white house reception by a sudden failure of the lights, the illumination showing that the ladies had hastily divested themselves of their jewels and concealed them, the men holding their pocketbooks.

Japanese Minister Will Rest.

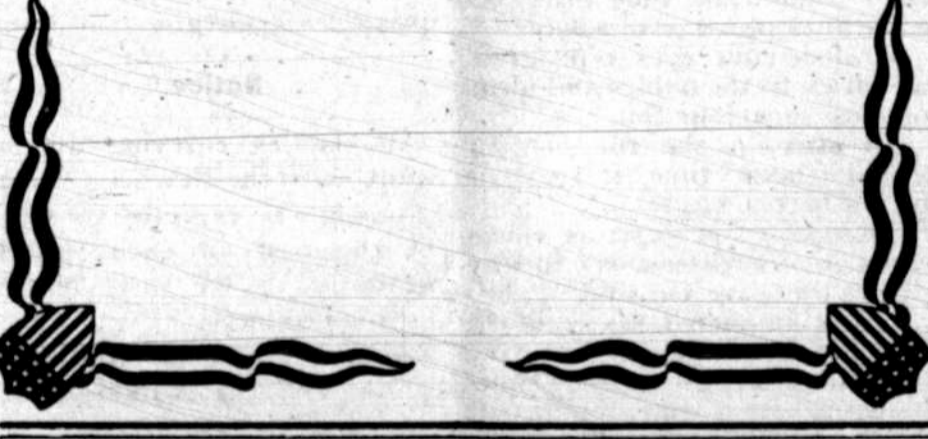
Washington, April 7.—Minister Takahira, of the Japanese legation, called on Secretary Taft today and told him that of account of the state of his health he would be compelled to leave Washington for a different climate. He also states that there have been no further developments toward a settlement of the war. The secretary and the minister arranged to communicate with each other in case anything happens to make it necessary.

Forest Fire on South Mountains.

Gettysburg, Pa., April 7.—Forest fires burning over an area of thousands of acres have started in the South mountains, the line of fire extending a distance of three miles. The destruction of valuable lumber is great.



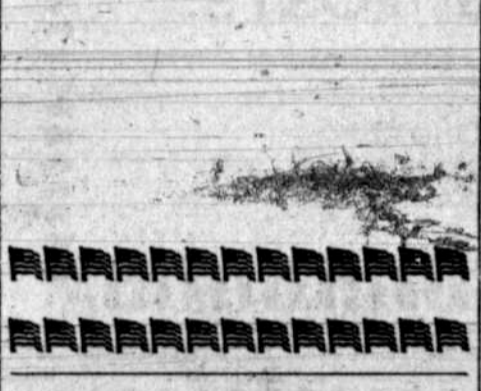
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