

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 Shirapovsky, 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 had 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.

Burton Will Soon Resign.

Kansas City, Mo., April 6.—A special to the Journal from Abilene, Kan., says: "Senator J. R. Burton, will resign his seat as United States senator in a short time, according to information given out by one of his close personal friends here. After he was convicted, and pending his appeal to the supreme court, he could not resign for fear that it would be taken as an admission of guilt. The supreme court reversed the decision and Burton now stands as innocent, until convicted again."

Peasants Loot and Burn.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—Official reports 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.

YAQUIS 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 Malpuché, 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 are being abandoned 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 Dhamsala, 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.

Whiskey Under Other Names.

Rockland, Me., April 7.—A wholesale grocery store here owned by Governor William Cobb and others was raided today by the sheriff and deputies and a large stock of a patent medicine said to contain a high percentage of alcohol was seized on the ground that offering the preparation for sale is in violation of the Maine prohibition laws. In addition, the sheriff seized the entire stock of the city agency. The charge is made that the city of Rockland has been engaging in the sale of liquor in violation of state law.

Japanese Minister Will Rest.

Washington, April 7.—Minister Takahira, of the Japanese legation, called on Secretary Taft today and told him that on 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.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WHEAT OUTLOOK VERY BRIGHT

Cold Rains Have Damaged Prunes, but Farmers are Satisfied.

Albany—Linn county people are watching the weather man closely these days, and yearning for a "fair day" flag. This is particularly true of fruit-growers, for the recent cold rains are a menace to the fruit crop.

As it is, some injury has been reported. A prominent farmer and fruit-grower of Linn county states that he is of the opinion that cherries and prunes are somewhat injured already, particularly cherries. The cherry trees were loaded with blossoms at the end of the warm spring weather that marked the closing days of February and the first half of March, and the rain caught them at the tenderest age. Then a couple of light frosts last week added to the danger.

Prunes were not brought out so much as cherries by the premature advent of spring, and may possibly escape injury. Although the trees seemed to be in blossom at the beginning of the rains, they were in reality not generally in full bloom, but were loaded with buds that were just ready to burst but had not yet exposed the tender inner part to the weather. Under these circumstances it is believed the damage will be nominal, if good weather comes soon. However, it would not take many days of chilling rains and winds to do irreparable damage. It has been stated that the prunes were giving evidence of such a heavy crop that it would really be better for the fruit if some of the embryo prunes were killed by the cold.

Other branches of farming are faring well. An easy winter and early spring places stock in excellent condition, and every class of stock looks well. Dairy farmers are milking more cows, with better results than in years before at this season of the year. Many farmers will finish the winter in much better shape than was anticipated after the poor crops of last year.

Wheat is looking fine, and, barring some unforeseen freak of nature to destroy the present bright prospects, the wheat yield of the valley will be far above the average. Fall sown wheat can almost be seen to grow now, and many farmers are preparing to put all their remaining acreage in spring grain.

Albany Mill May Be Rebuilt.

Albany—President Charles Cooney and Secretary H. M. Grant, of the Bannockburn Woolen Mills company, who have been in Albany looking after their property, which was recently almost totally destroyed by fire, state that it is possible the mill will be rebuilt. The brick walls are part of them standing and in good shape, and some of the machinery can be saved. The big boiler in the engine room was not damaged, and altogether there is quite a nucleus around which to start a new mill. The company had a great deal of business ahead when the fire occurred.

Independence Idea To Be Aired.

Independence—It is the purpose of the Willamette Valley Improvement league to call a meeting of the executive committee provided for at Salem last week to meet in Independence the last of April. Members of the Independence Improvement league are considering the advisability of calling a general meeting, to be held here at the same time. If called, and it most likely will be, the program will be an executive session in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening, at which the Independence idea will find expression.

Logs for Riverton Sawmill.

Riverton—The Riverton sawmill, which has been idle for some months past, will begin operations in a few days. E. J. Price, of the Riverton Lumber company, and manager of the mill at this place, has secured a large number of first-class logs from the upper tributaries of the Coquille. The recent freshet is bringing down several thousand logs which have heretofore had no opportunity to float. Considerable improvements are being made in the Riverton sawmill, which it is expected will increase its output.

Ranchers to Fight for Water.

Milton—A mass meeting of 300 fruit growers and citizens of Milton and vicinity was held in Alliance hall for the purpose of providing legal advice and the best methods to pursue against the Peacock Mill company, which has brought suit against the city of Milton and all the irrigation ditch companies and private property owners in this valley, to determine the amount of water the Peacock Mill company shall appropriate for the purpose of running their mills at this place.

Snow in Linn Mountains.

Albany—There is now considerable snow in the mountains in this part of the state and high water in the streams in this part of the valley is feared. The recent rains have filled the streams up to their banks, and warm rains, which would melt the snow all at one time would cause a flood. There has been no damage from high water during former rains this winter, as there was comparatively no snow on the mountains until the recent cold weather.

Klamath People Raise Big Bonus.

Klamath Falls—Klamath county has raised \$80,000 of the \$100,000 bonus for the Weed railroad extension to Klamath Falls, and has obtained an extension until May 1 to raise the balance. The balance undoubtedly will be raised, and the railroad connection of this section with the outside world is now assured.

FRAUD ON STATE.

Marion County Grand Jury Will Investigate Illegal Transactions.

Salem—Though the statutes governing the sale of state lands have been violated ever since they were enacted, the investigation to be made by the Marion county grand jury this week will be the first attempt that has ever been made to punish infraction of these laws. Several hundred thousand acres of land have been bought illegally, and the state school fund has been despoiled of several hundred thousand dollars, but usually punishment of the offense has been barred by the statute of limitation before it was discovered, or, the state having received the legal price for the land sold, no one feels interested enough to start an investigation. The offense which the grand jury will investigate this week is of recent date, and the facts are so well known that the transactions can scarcely be overlooked.

Because the state in every instance receives the price required by law, and is not directly robbed, it has been easy to let the infractions of law go with scarce a passing notice. But indirectly the state has been robbed and vigorous action at the proper time would not only have landed the offenders in prison, but saved many thousands of dollars for the school fund. It is not through the ordinary sales of school land that the state has taken place, for in all such cases the state has received all the land is worth. It is through the lieu land operations that the manipulators of public lands have made their fortunes at the expense of the school fund.

Show Valley Live Stock.

Woodburn—Two thousand people attended the livestock fair in this city last Saturday. A splendid address was delivered by Hon. James Withycombe, of the State Agricultural college, of Corvallis. Colonel J. B. Eddy, Hon. J. W. Bailey, state food and dairy commissioner, and J. H. Settlemier also delivered lively speeches. Altogether the initiation of this fair was a magnificent success. President Fred Dose and Secretary William P. Pennebaker will proceed to perfect a permanent organization. A three days fair of all products and livestock will be held during next October.

To Bring Engineers Here.

Portland—Efforts are being made to have the American Institute of Mining Engineers stop in Portland this summer, while en route to or from Alaska at the close of the annual session at Victoria, B. C. It may be possible to have the members of the organization cut out Alaska from their itinerary and make a stay at the exposition. The secretary of the institute has been addressed on the subject, and it is hoped the desired results will be obtained. The makeup of this organization is notable.

Dog Poison in Bologna Sausage.

Independence—Dog poisoning has become so common in Independence that no surprise is expressed when a canine is observed in the throes of death on the street or in a front yard. Some of the most valuable dogs in town have been poisoned and though there is a standing reward of \$200, the poisoner has not been apprehended. Bologna sausage containing poison has been picked up in different portions of town, but it affords no clue as to the identity or motive of the poisoner.

For Cheese Factory at Ukiah.

Pendleton—Ward Emigh, proprietor of the Walla Walla creamery, who will establish a cheese factory at Ukiah, 60 miles south of this place, is in the city making arrangements for the transportation of his cheese making machinery and will open the factory within a few days for business. The machinery has a capacity of 24,000 pounds of milk a day, but as the dairy interests have declined of late, Mr. Emigh does not expect nearly that much at first.

Waiting for a Market for Coal.

Riverton—The bunkers of the Riverton Mining & Development company's mine have been filled and mining operations have been suspended awaiting a vessel to carry coal. Manager Rouse of the company is now in San Francisco looking up the coal market and arranging for the freighting of his coal. The steamer Chico, of San Francisco, which is now due here, will take the first cargo of coal from this place.

Heavy Snow Now in Bohemia.

Cottage Grove—There is heavy snow in the Bohemia district now, and outside work will be late this year on that account. The telephone line between Cottage Grove and the mines is down on account of the recent storms.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c per bushel; bluestem, 95c; valley, 88c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$28@29 per ton; gray, \$27@28.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17@17½c per dozen.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25c.
Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 90c@91; common, 75@85c.
Apples—Fancy \$1.75@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.25.
Hops—Choice, 1904, 23½@24½c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 20c per pound; East-ern Oregon, 15@18c; mohair, choice, 31@32c per pound.

EASTERN CITY ELECTIONS.

Democrats Carry in St. Louis, Chicago, Colorado and Kansas.

Chicago, April 5.—A political tornado yesterday overwhelmed one of the most ruggedly unique leaders in the country. Incidentally the Republican party met defeat in a memorable effort to capture the mayoralty of Chicago. As a direct result the city is officially committed to the policy of the quickest possible cessation of private franchises for public utilities. Municipal ownership is especially threatening street car lines valued high up in the millions.

After winning successively four remarkable biennial fights of independents against the regular Republican organization here, John Maynard Harlan, son of Associate Justice Harlan, of the Supreme court of the United States, was a loser as Republican candidate for mayor. The defeat is attributed to an extraordinary whirl of causes starting in a wide sweep, embracing the most up-to-date Socialism as a factor. The victor is Judge Edward F. Dunne, Democrat.

Wells Ahead in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 5.—With 100 precincts missing out of a total of 405, Mayor Rulla Wells, Democratic nominee for re-election, is leading John A. Talty, Republican, by 774. The returns for 303 precincts give Wells, 33,719; Talty, 32,945; Lee Merriweather, independent public ownership, 2,239. The \$9,000,000 bonds issue, the proceeds of which were to have been used for municipal improvements, generally conceded to have been defeated by a big majority.

Democrats Sweep Colorado.

Denver, April 5.—A Democratic landslide struck Colorado, where municipal elections were held yesterday in all cities and towns excepting Denver. In Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Leadville, normally Republican, the Democratic tickets were successful, in the latter case for the first time in 20 years. In the smaller towns, where party lines were drawn, the Democrats won, the notable exceptions being Cripple Creek, Victor, Golden and Central City. A vigorous fight was made in Northern Colorado towns and also in towns on the western slope, against saloons, and in only one instance, that of Montrose, was the liquor element victorious. Heavy roads, due to recent storms, caused a light vote to be polled.

Democrats Win in Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo., April 5.—Elections were held in the larger cities of Kansas yesterday. The Democrats carried Kansas City and Leavenworth, this being a revolution entirely unlooked for in each case. In Topeka, Davis, Rep., is elected mayor by a majority of at least 400.

HOPE ALL FROM ROJESTVENSKY

Russians Expect Change of Fortune When Fleet Meets Togo.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—The announcement that President Roosevelt has left Washington on a vacation trip is accepted here as evidence that the efforts to draw Russia and Japan into peace negotiations have come to grief for the moment. No definite explanation of exactly what happened is forthcoming, but the general impression is that Japan either declined to treat upon the Russian basis or demanded a direct avowal that there was a pacific disposition.

At any rate, the advocates of a continuation of the war seem secure in their position, and everything indicates that the hope of an immediate change of fortune is staked on Vice Admiral Rojostvensky, whose squadron, according to the best information, is now actually on its way to meet the Japanese. The admiralty is greatly encouraged by the prospects that Rojostvensky will be able to defeat Admiral Togo, owing to the splendid reports which have just arrived here from Rojostvensky, dated from the Island of Madagascar, recounting in detail the condition of the ships and personnel and the results of the target practice of the squadron and of the maneuvers, in which the warships have been drilling for three months.

Hungry for Trepoff's Scalp.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—The police arrested yesterday in the Nevsky Prospect a man disguised as a carriage driver, presumably belonging to the same organization as the 21 persons who were arrested last week for supposed connection with terrorist schemes. There is little doubt that there was a plot directed against the life of Governor General Trepoff and the latest arrest indicates that the terrorist are acting on a concerted plan, with auxiliaries and lookouts to aid the actual perpetrator of the assassination.

Begin Investigation of Oil.

Washington, April 5.—Commissioner James A. Garfield, of the Bureau of Corporations, returned today from a fishing trip on the Gulf of Mexico. In his absence the preliminary work of the inquiry into the production and marketing of oil, which he instituted before he left Washington, has progressed to such a stage that he is now enabled to begin his personal work on it. He will leave tomorrow for Kansas to begin his inquiry there.

Linievitch Said To Be in Straits.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—General Linievitch's position has altered for the worse. The general staff fears that the Japanese will be in Harbin within a month. There is a rumor that the railway has been cut near Tsitsihar.

NEW MEN NAMED

President Announces Reorganization of Canal Commission.

ONLY ONE OLD MEMBER REMAINS

Consists of Seven Members, but All Actual Work Will Be Done by Three Only.

Washington, April 4.—The president has carried out his plans for the reorganization of the Isthmian canal commission as to the personnel and business methods, generally on the lines of the legislation he suggested to congress at the last session, which failed in the crash of business in the closing hours. Today, within half an hour after the president's departure from Washington, Secretary Taft, directly in charge of canal matters, made public the names of members of the new commission and the division of duties among them. Only one member of the old commission was reappointed, Benjamin M. Harrod. Otherwise the commission is new from top to bottom, for there is a top and bottom and considerable difference in the functions and pay of the commissioners. Finding he was obliged legally to appoint seven commissioners, the president did so, but he carried out his own plan by making three of them practically the full commission. The other four, though bearing the title of commissioners, not only receive a much lower compensation, but are assigned much smaller fields of activity.

The personnel of the new commission is as follows: Theodore P. Shonts, chairman; Charles E. Magoon, governor of the canal zone; John F. Wallace, chief engineer; Rear Admiral M. T. Endicott, United States navy; Brigadier General Peter C. Hains, United States army (retired); Colonel Oswald M. Ernst, corps engineer, United States army; Benjamin M. Harrod.

FAILS IN SPEED TRIAL.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Makes Final Effort on Puget Sound.

Seattle, April 1.—Twenty-five knots was the average speed made by the torpedo-boat destroyer Goldsborough on her final trial held in the waters of Elliot bay this afternoon. On the fifth lap of the mile course the craft made 29.4 knots for half a mile, but she failed to keep it up, and from the report of the trial board there is little hope that she will ever be able to develop an average of more than 25 knots.

True to her reputation, the Goldsborough featured the trial with a series of accidents. They were of a minor character, however, consisting only of trouble with her auxiliary engines and the blowing out of packing in her steam connections. It cannot be determined what the Navy department will do regarding the Goldsborough until after the result of the trial is submitted to the bureau at Washington. The trial board was composed of J. V. B. Bleker, captain of the Bremerton navy yard and resident of the board; J. B. Baret, naval constructor at the yard; Commander Stacy Potts, head of the steam engineering department; Commander R. M. Doyle, of the Philadelphia, and Lieutenant B. H. Fish, of the Philadelphia, who acted as recorder of the trip.

FIFTY MINERS ARE ENTOMBED.

Double Explosion Wrecks Shaft and Kills Majority of Men.

Benton, Ill., April 4.—Some 50 miners were entombed today in Joseph Leiter's mine at Zeigler by a terrific explosion of gas, and it is probable that 30 or 40 of the buried men are dead. Thus far four bodies have been found.

When between 35 and 40 miners had descended into the mine today to resume work, a terrific explosion blew the timbers about the mouth of the mine high into the air.

Czar Still Hopes to Win.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—A meeting of all the members of the Grand Ducal circle was held in the palace of the Grand Duke Vladimir late last night, at which the czar was present and at which the question of war or peace was thoroughly discussed. A majority of those present favored the beginning of peace negotiations, but the Grand Duke Vladimir and his intimate associates stated that in their opinion it would be far better to continue the fighting, at least for the present. This view apparently met the czar's view.

Awful Havoc by Bomb.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—Seventy persons, 30 artillerymen and 40 Chinese, were killed Monday by the terrific explosion of a bomb in the artillery depot at Harbin, Manchuria. The man who caused the explosion was also killed. The entire laboratory, a huge establishment, was wrecked, and 10,000,000 projectiles were destroyed—2,000 packing cases containing 5,000 each. Millions of other projectiles, not yet completed, were made useless.

Rates of Desertions from Navy.

Washington, April 4.—In a statement issued today by Rear Admiral Converse, chief of the Bureau of Naval Education, it is shown that of an enlisted force of 30,000 men in the navy, only 10.7 per cent deserted.