

THE MOSCOW MASSACRE

Between Two and Three Thousand People Trampled to Death.

THE TRAGEDY OF THE GREAT FETES

While a Million People Are Crowding Forward for a Free Banquet Provided for Half a Million, a Rush for Souvenirs Precipitates the Fatality.

Moscow, June 1.—Half a million people were indulging in merry-making on Khodynsk plain, facing the Petrovsky palace yesterday, when the festivities were interrupted by a tragic occurrence in which nearly five were lost. The free feast, which has always been a popular feature of the celebration, has always been the occasion of a rush for souvenirs on the part of the guests, but a such noisy demonstration was witnessed on the plain as never before which marked Saturday's monster

banquet. It was first arranged to accommodate 500,000 people, but in view of the immense number of people assembled in and about this city for the coronation fetes extra tables and benches were hastily erected, and every effort was made to provide seating room for a heavy crowd for 500,000 people. Twice the number was desired of taking part in the feast, but the authorities decided that there must be a limit to the number of people, and so the figure was fixed at half a million.

To feed this multitude an army of cooks and waiters was gathered together, and many kitchens were tested to their utmost capacity. Five hundred thousand plates, each bearing portraits of the czar and empress, were ordered for presentation to the people taking part in the great banquet. Thousands of cattle, train loads of provisions and ship loads of liquid refreshments were sent to the Khodynsk plain during the week. At dawn the crowd gathered on the tables was enormous, and they were all desperately hungry, some of them having fasted, by choice or necessity, for nearly twenty-four hours.

Various versions as to the origin of the stampede and crush are current, but the account to which the most credence is attached is to the effect that the wagons laden with the 500,000 souvenirs which were to be distributed among the people were proceeding to the Khodynsk plain, followed by a multitude of eager peasants, when the attendants, with a view to pleasing the people, threw a number of the souvenirs among the crowd. There was a wild scramble towards the point where they fell, and the news spread like wildfire that the distribution had commenced. This resulted in a headlong, pell mell rush for the booths where the distribution of souvenirs was to have been made later.

What added greatly to the gravity of the disaster was the circumstances that these booths were surrounded by ditches. The foremost persons in the oncoming crowd fell prostrate in these ditches and the people following speedily trampled them to death. Others stumbled over their bodies and met the same fate. And so the horror grew. The pressure was so great upon the side of the booths from the struggles of the mass of mad humanity that they gave way, and hundreds of people were forced into them through the broken walls. One mounted gendarme near the booths was literally crushed to death, together with his rearing and plunging horse.

It is now said that the fatalities will amount to between two and three thousand, but it is impossible yet to ascertain accurately the extent of the disaster. An official statement issued yesterday places the number of dead recovered at 1,336, and the seriously or fatally injured at 236. But, in contrast with this official statement, there are 1,242 corpses lying at the cemetery, besides the many dead and dying that are known to have been removed from the ill-fated field by friends.

Despite the disaster a popular demonstration in honor of the czar and empress actually took place in the afternoon. The distribution of souvenirs occurred. In spite of the gloom caused by the terrible accident of the morning the multitudes participated heartily in the celebration, the members of the imperial family being accorded an ovation.

Very few of the victims, it is announced, belong to the well to do classes. Nearly all are mongrels, or peasants, and a large proportion of the dead are women and children.

The czar and empress yesterday, after attending the repitium mass in the chapel of the Kremlin, paid a visit to the injured survivors in the hospitals. The czar has given orders that the sum of 1,000 roubles be given to each bereaved family, and that the victims be buried at his expense.

Saturday evening, after receiving deputations, the czar and empress attended and danced at the brilliant ball of the French embassy. Preparations had been made on a most elaborate scale for this ball, and it is asserted that \$70,000 was expended on the supper alone. The czarina was not informed on Saturday of the disaster, owing to her delicate condition. While the dance within the French embassy continued amid all the accompaniments of luxury and gaiety, disconsolate friends and relatives wandered over the desolate plain among the dead and the dying, looking for their missing.

All day Saturday the full force of police and firemen worked among the dead, pulling bodies from heaps of the killed and injured and arranging them on the ground, which was covered for hundreds of yards with groups of ten and twenty begrimed, blood-stained and disfigured corpses.

The work of carrying the bodies to the cemetery where it is intended to inter those who fall of identification continued all night and yesterday. Yesterday the forces at work on the plain discovered the mouth of a disused well in the middle of the field, the plank covering of which had given way in the mad rush of Saturday morning. In the well there were thirty dead bodies, and wedged in among them and held by their weight were found two men, alive and comparatively uninjured physically. But the terror and the hideous surroundings of the night had proved too

great a strain on their minds, and they were raving maniacs.

There are countless incidents of special pathos, one case being that of a party of fifty-five humble peasants who had come together from a single village for the merry-making at the czar's feast. Of this party fifty-three were killed in the crowd.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Tuesday, May 23.

It is reported in Pittsburg that Senator Quay will be national Republican chairman should McKinley be nominated.

At the Methodist conference in Cleveland Rev. Dr. J. C. Hartzell, of Louisiana, was elected missionary bishop in Africa, vice Taylor, retired.

Cyclones which struck sparsely settled portions of Iowa, Kansas and Illinois killed forty-three people, fatally injured twenty and seriously wounded fifty.

The sentence of Captain Wilborg to two years' imprisonment for filibustering, was affirmed by the United States supreme court. The sentences of Mates Johansen and Petersen were reversed.

Wednesday, May 27.

Oklahoma's Democratic convention declared for Bland for president and a free silver platform.

Irwin L. Ford, who murdered 16-year-old Elsie Kreglio at Washington, has been sentenced to be hanged June 25.

Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, has been indicted by the London county grand jury for failing to file a description of his lands in that county.

Secretary Manley, of the national Republican committee, reports to Chairman Carter that he has official notice of contests involving 156 delegates to the national Republican convention.

The total number of deaths resulting from Monday night's cyclone in Michigan reaches forty-three. The places visited were Ortonville, Oakwood, North Oxford, Thomas, Thornville, Matamora, Fairgrove and Linger Station.

Thursday, May 28.

The national senate defeated the bill to increase the tax on beer seventy-five cents a barrel.

By the fall of a bridge at Victoria, B. C., fifty-five people were drowned, and there may be several others missing.

An imperial rescript has been issued by the czar appointing M. De Witte, the minister of finance, to be secretary of state for Russia.

At Boston John Kelly, a 75-year-old veteran, was fined \$250 and sentenced to ten days imprisonment for perjury in a pension case.

A mass meeting of New York cigar manufacturers passed a resolution asking that the tariff on cigars from Havana be increased to \$10 per pound if the embargo was not removed before Jan. 1 next.

Friday, May 29.

Ex-Governor S. D. McEnery was elected United States senator from Louisiana yesterday.

Dr. James O. Murray, dean of the faculty at Princeton university, will resign in October on account of his advanced age.

The Spanish government has authorized naval commission to be sent to Genoa to purchase two iron clads, already built, for \$3,600,000 each.

The general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church censured the South Carolina synod for refusing to admit negroes to the ministry.

Saturday, May 30.

Eva Booth, daughter of General Booth, of the Salvation Army, sailed from London for Canada today.

It is asserted that Portugal has offered to mediate between Great Britain and Brazil in the dispute over the Island of Trinidad.

On account of the Fenian scare experienced detectives are watching the arrivals from America at Liverpool and elsewhere.

Sir J. Russell Reynolds, M. D., F. R. S., physician to her majesty's household and the author of many valuable medical works, died in London yesterday, aged 65.

Monday, June 1.

Mrs. Cleveland and her children will go to Gray Gables early this week.

Playing with matches at Easton, Pa., little William Martin, son of John Martin, was perhaps fatally burned.

Thieves stole several hundred dollars worth of jewelry from the Grace brothers, students at Lehigh university, Bethlehem, Pa.

Miss Annie Berliner, of New York, has sued Jacob Scharlin for breach of promise of marriage, claiming \$50,000 damages. Both are deaf mutes.

STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Closing Quotations of the New York and Philadelphia Exchanges.

New York, May 29.—There was a recovery in prices in the stock market today, but trading was rather dull. Closing bids: Baltimore & Ohio, 19 1/2; Lehigh Valley, 33 1/4; Ches. & Ohio, 19 1/2; New Jersey Cen., 115; Del. & Hudson, 124 1/2; N. Y. Central, 99 1/2; D. L. & W., 139 1/2; Pennsylvania, 52 1/2; Erie, 11 1/2; Reading, 19 1/2; Lake Erie & W., 14; St. Paul, 73 1/2; Lehigh Nav., 48; W. N. Y. & Pa., 2.

General Markets.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—Flour weak; winter superfine, \$2.30@2.45; do. extras, \$2.65@2.80; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@3.30; do. do. straight, \$3.30@3.50; western winter, clear, \$3.10@3.25. Wheat dull; May, 63@64 1/2. Corn dull; May, 33@34 1/2. Oats firm; May, 25 1/2@26. Hay steady; choice timothy, \$17@17 1/2 for large bales. Beef dull; city family, \$9.50@10; beef hams, \$15@15 1/2. Pork steady; family, \$10.50@11. Lard weak; western steam, \$4.45. Butter steady; western dairy, 8@11; do. creamery, 11@15 1/2; Elgins, 15 1/2; imitation creamery, 10@12; New York dairy, 10@15; do. creamery, 11@15 1/2; Pennsylvania and western creamery prints, fancy, 17; do. choice, 16; do. fair to good, 13@15; garlic prints, 13@14; prints jobbing at 13@15. Cheese quiet; large, 5@7 1/2; small, 4@7 1/2; part skims, 2@4 1/2; full skims, 1@2 1/2. Eggs steady; western fresh, 11@12.

Live Stock Markets.

New York, May 29.—Beaves active; good grades stronger; oxen slightly easier; bulls steady; dry cows lower; native steers, inferior to prime, \$4@4 1/2; stags and oxen, \$3.45@3.75; bulls, \$2.95@3.45; dry cows, \$1.80@2.30. Calves fairly active and higher; poor to very choice veals, \$3@4.50. Sheep and lambs active; fair to fair sheep, \$3.12@4.25; southern lambs, fair to prime, \$3.50@7.25. Hogs quiet and weak at

Original Observations.

The Man in love with himself never has a rival.

Where there's a will there's always a won't

It hurts a man pretty badly some times to fall into an error.

Look not upon the wine when red—unless you want an aching head.

He serves his country best who don't steal everything he gets his hands on while in office.

Some people live so completely off their neighbors that they never sing except in a borrow-tone voice.

It is when a woman tries to whistle that the great glory of her mouth is seen without being very much heard.

An exchange says mush has become a popular dish in society. Nothing seems to take in society except something soft.

Because a girl wears a wig in each side of her hat, it does not prove that she is an angel; neither is it conclusive evidence that she is a goose.

"Our paths are different," said one medical graduate to another. One was an allopath, the other a homeopath, "and both paths lead unto the grave," said truthful number two.—Ex.

SAVE YOUR MONEY.

There is an old adage which says "Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves," and the truth of this has been time and time again, without number, demonstrated.

The latest verification comes from New York city, where a recent report shows that there are 4,875,519 depositors in the saving banks of the United States and that they have laid by the great sum of \$2,000,000,000.

The bulk of this enormous amount of money is the result of the savings of small sums—pennies, nickels, dimes and so on, and there is nothing in the report to show that any of the deposits at any one time amounted to any large amount.—Ex.

Corbett Attacked by a Crank.

Jim Corbett narrowly escaped losing his life at the hands of a wild eyed crank armed with a revolver at Hot Springs, Ark., a few days ago. As he was walking along Central avenue a man suddenly sprang from a doorway, facing the pugilist, demanded to know if his name was Corbett.

"If you are Jim Corbett," the crank yelled, "I'm going to lick you right here." Corbett hesitated a moment, and the crank with a quick movement drew a revolver and presented it at Corbett's breast. Corbett, realizing the situation, struck the weapon out of the crank's hand, and seizing the man held him until an officer arrived.—Exchange.



The man with a weight on his leg can't hope to win in the race. A man with a weight on his health can't expect to compete in life and business with those who are not handicapped. A man who spends two-thirds of his time in business, and one-third of his time being sick, cannot be expected to accomplish more than two-thirds as much as the man who attends to business all the time. If his brain is heavy, and his blood sluggish, because of constipation, he will not succeed in doing anything very well.

Constipation is the cause of nine-tenths of all sickness. It isn't considered sickness by most people, but it is just the same. It is serious sickness, because it causes almost all of the ill-health of mankind. Symptoms of it are: sallowness, listlessness, poor appetite, bad taste in the mouth, dizziness, biliousness, and laziness. Constipation can be cured easily and certainly by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are perfectly simple—perfectly safe. They are not at all violent in their action, and yet they are more certain than many medicines which are so strong that they put the system all out of order. The great advantage of the "Pleasant Pellets" is that they cure permanently. You don't have to keep on taking them. You don't acquire a "pellet habit." Take them regularly for a while, and you are cured permanently. After and you are cured permanently. There are many medicines offered for the same purpose on which druggists make a bigger profit. For this reason, some druggists would rather sell the other things. If your own health is of more importance to you than the druggist's prosperity, you will insist on having what you ask for.

SPECIAL One More Great Cut Sale OF THE SEASON.

Lasting Two (2) Days only, next . . . Wednesday and Thursday, June 10 and 11, '96.

WE WILL HAVE THE CHEAPEST LINE OF

Remnants, Slippers, Shoes, Novelties, Boys AND Mens Clothing, Hats and Neckwear.

Bargains in Dress Goods, Percaloes, Lawns, Satteens, Crepons. Duck (all shades), Dotted Swiss, and everything else in proportion.

We will have another line of calico at 3c, worth 5c, and 5c calico worth 7c; also a big line of samples of all kinds, Cheap. Don't fail to come and secure bargains once more.

Don't forget the date, Wednesday and Thursday, June 10th and 11th, '96.

Bring your purse. No goods charged at the unheard of prices.

All Millinery Down. Come one! Come all! M. T. Young.

Tartoro Street, WILSON, N. C.

REMOVAL.

I wish to inform my friends and patrons that I have changed my place of business to the new store on the "Best Corner" across the street from my old stand. Since moving I have added very largely to my stock of goods and am better prepared in every way to wait on the trade.

In addition to my time trade I am now prepared to offer

Bargains to the Cash Trade.

I can please you in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c., &c.

Can supply your wants in

FURNITURE. IN GUANO

We carry the following standard brands: Orinoco, Farmers Bone, Cotton Seed Meal, Eclipse, Acid Phosphate, Kainit.

Give me a call at my new stand.

J. C. Hadley.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.