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WITHOUT ASSASSIN'S ATTEMPT THE CZAR OPENS PARLIAMENT

First Visit to Winter Palace Since Charge of Grape Was Fired

PALACE SQUARE WAS LIKE FIELD CAMP

Passage of Imperial Party Up River From Peterhof to Landing Stage in Front of Winter Palace Hardly Attracted Notice of Thousands of Spectators, As Emperor's Arrival Was Not Heralded by Customary Salute of 201 Guns.

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, May 10.—An April day like a happy augury greeted the uprising of the curtain for the low net of the great historical drama, Russia's struggle for liberty. Never did the show northern capital of Peter the Great present a more brilliant picture than for the inauguration of the Russian parliament. Just a suspicion of haze hung over the gulf, softening the outlines and giving the scene a touch of fairyland. The city, spreading out over the numerous green islands in the river, seemed swimming in a flood of light. The broad, swift-flowing Neva, with arms outstretched to the sea, and the interlacing canals were turned to azure by the reflecting blue of the heavens, while the golden domes of the churches, the spires of the admiralty and the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress and the shining minarets of the palaces seem to float above the mass of yellow buildings. Besides, the metropolis was dressed bride-like, awaiting the coming of her lord. The yellow imperial standard with the double headed eagle floated from the winter palace, flags by order of the police were displayed from every house, and streams of multi-colored pennants fluttered from the yachts and shipping in the harbor. Even the tiny passenger boats which thread the rivers and canals, the street cars and many cabs carried the Russian colors. The banks, stores, schools and some of the factories were closed in honor of the occasion, but there was no general holiday, the government specifically discouraging a suspension of work in the industrial districts owing to fear that crowding the workers into the center of the city might provoke collisions, disorders and perhaps bloodshed.

People and Emperor Face to Face.

There was something distinctly awe-inspiring about the day, with visions of chains falling from another branch of the human race, and the Russian people taking up the march of modern civilization. The representatives of the Russian millions and the Russian emperor were at last face to face, and the result was to determine the fate of the nation and country stretching from Germany to the Pacific, to the Polar seas and to the burning sands of Central Asia.

Notwithstanding the mutual distrust of the government and people there was not lacking the hope that the foundation of a sincere understanding between the emperor and his subjects would be laid strong and deep today. It was the attitude of mutual suspicion which constituted the great, jarring note on this occasion. It could not be concealed. It was apparent everywhere.

Troops Everywhere.

The city might have been in a state of siege, so heavy was the array of troops. Not only were detachments of infantry, cavalry and gendarmes stationed at strategic points, but large reserves were massed in the court yards of the public buildings.

Early in the morning the palace square resembled a field camp, two regiments of guards having bivouacked there all night. At daylight battalions of police took possession of all the approaches to the palace for the distance of a third of a mile, and all day no one was allowed to pass the lines without tickets.

The draw of the Nicholas bridge from Vassili Island was opened, and the palace bridge, which rests on pontoons, was allowed to swing down the current, so as to permit the imperial yachts bearing their majesties and the court from Peterhof to pass up the river to the landing stage in front of the winter palace. A flotilla of police patrol boats, several low lying torpedo boats and a number of oared galleys cleared the river as far as the palace of all moving craft.

Religious Services.

Like all great state functions in holy Russia, the ceremonies began with religious services. At 10 o'clock in the

PRESIDENT WILL OPEN EXPOSITION

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 10.—President Roosevelt will attend the formal opening of the Jamestown exposition next year and will deliver an address on that occasion.

The invitation was extended to the president today by Harry St. George Tucker, president of the exposition company; C. Brooks Johnson and Lieut. Gov. J. Taylor Ellyson of Virginia. The president accepted the invitation, saying that he had had the deepest interest in the exposition since the inception of the project. The opening of the exposition will take place on April 26, 1907, and assurance was given by President Tucker that there would be no delay. "The report recently circulated," said President Tucker, "that the exposition would not be opened on schedule time has no foundation. The acceptance by the president of our invitation for the 26th of next April ought to dispose of any talk of postponement."

The date of the opening is an anniversary of the first landing of the English at Cape Henry. The celebration on the occasion of the opening of the exposition will be brilliant and historic.

GRAPPLE WON METROPOLITAN

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 10.—Third race—Metropolitan handicap; one mile; Grapple first, Dandelion second, Oxford third. Time 1:39.

New York, May 10.—Raw, cheerless weather, a cold, high wind, and a track only partially dried out after the rains of yesterday were the conditions which greeted a big army of racing enthusiasts who journeyed to the splendid Belmont Park today to witness the running of the Metropolitan Handicap. All the early indications were that the running time would not endanger the record, and that any one of several of the entries might take the money.

In view of earlier successes this season Roseben attracted the most attention, but there was some doubt of his ability to go the distance. Among the notable entries which were counted on to make a showing in the money were E. R. Thomas, Stalwart, John A. Drake's Grapple, Rapid Water, Lord of the Vale, Ormonde's Right, Colonial Girl, Pegasus, Accountant, Israel and Dandelion.

The list of probable starters was no table for some of the absentees, which were expected to make it one of the most important of the spring turf events.

First race—3 year old and up, 5 furlongs, main course—Cressida, 1 to 5 and 1 to 3, first; Old Faithful out place, second; Lone Hand, third. Time 1:15.

Second race—2 year olds, 4 1-2 furlongs, straight—Sally Preston, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, first; Clare Russell, 7 to 5 place, second; Sir Toddington, third. Time 55.

NO DEFALCATION AT PITTSBURG.

(By the Associated Press.)
Pittsburg, Pa., May 10.—State Bank Examiner Peter G. Cameron, who took charge of the Columbia Savings & Trust Company, today announced that there was no shortage or defalcation, and that the depositors probably will be paid in full. He was unable to say as yet just what the stockholders will receive. The bank will not likely resume business. President Diehl said the officials were preparing for liquidation, and the action of the commissioner of banking was hasty. He denied that the bank had loaned money to the Ohio Coal & Sewer Pipe Company.

"The trust company," he said, "never had anything to do with that concern."

STANDARD OIL AND RAILROADS

Clerks of Rivals Bribed to Get Information

200 GALLONS MADE 208

Did Not Call It Giving Short Measure—Drivers of Tank Wagons Expected to Keep Up Stock By Selling 205 to 208 Gallons From 200.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 10.—The inquiry by the government through the interstate commerce commission into the relations between the Standard Oil Company and the railroads of the country began here today.

Two of the points upon which it is said the investigation will endeavor to throw light are the matter of the pipe lines of the Standard Oil Company, which are laid along the railroad rights of ways, and the purchase of the Galena Oil by the railroads for headlight and signal purposes.

The first witness was E. M. Wilhoit, of Topeka, Kas., now an independent oil operator, but ten years ago an agent of the Standard Oil Company. He testified that while in the employ of the Standard Oil Company he had, in following out instructions of his superior officers, bribed clerks in the offices of railroads and employees of independent oil concerns to obtain information of the details of the business done by the rivals of the Standard Oil Company. He declared that agents of the Standard Oil Company are held personally responsible for all oil sold in their territory by independent companies, and that drivers of tank wagons are expected to keep up their stock by selling 205 to 208 gallons from a wagon load of 200 gallons, he said that the actual tests of the products of the Standard Oil Company are carefully guarded and that when it was found necessary to cut the price to meet the figure of a competitor a cheaper quality of oil was substituted and guaranteed to be of a higher grade than it really was.

Mr. Wilhoit said that frequently three grades of oil were sold from the same tank by agents of the Standard Oil Company.

The hearing was conducted by Attorney J. F. Marchant and F. S. Monnett for the government, and Commissioner Clements, Cockrell and Prouty heard the evidence. John S. Miller and A. G. Eddy appeared for the Standard Oil Company. Commissioner Clements at the commencement of the hearing announced that it was held in pursuance of a resolution passed by congress, and that the present session was a continuance of the investigation conducted some time ago at Kansas City.

Commissioner Prouty asked Mr. Wilhoit: "Did you ever give short measure to your customers?"

"Well, we did not call it that," replied the witness.

"I was frequently advised by agents of the company that my stock was not showing up as it should, and was told that it was a simple matter to sell 205 to 208 gallons from a two hundred gallon load of oil. The company explained this by saying that the oil expanded in the wagon."

Coldest May Day.

Reading, Pa., May 10.—Last night was the coldest May day in the Susquehanna valley in some years, the thermometer touching the freezing point. There was a heavy frost, and it is feared fruit has been badly damaged.

DON'T EVEN SQUINT AT FIXING OF PRICES

(By the Associated Press.)
Cleveland, O., May 10.—Lucien B. Hall, president, and S. E. Strong, treasurer of the National Wholesale Druggists Association, both declare that the suit brought by Attorney General Moody to declare the association a trust and oust it from the country, was unwarranted. They declare that the attorney general's charges that the association was a combine organized to fix and regulate prices and prevent competition were entirely without foundation, as they said that the association was not an incorporated concern, and that there was nothing in the association's rules and regulations which even squinted at the fixing of prices.

KNOCKS THE SALVATION ARMY

Minneapolis Man Says Their Work is Poor

STATISTICS UNRELIABLE

Only Three Colonies At Present, With But 350 People, and Few Were Dwellers In the "Shums."—Lodging Houses Of the Army No Better Than Those Conducted For Private Profit.

(By the Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., May 10.—The first business session of the thirty-third national conference of charities and corrections opened today in Horticultural Hall. After the presentation of the report of Lee K. Frankel, manager of the United Hebrew Charities of New York, a paper on "Relief Work of the Salvation Army" was read by Edwin D. Solenberger, general manager of the associated charities, Minneapolis. He declared that the social relief work of the Salvation Army as carried on through its homes, lodging houses and other agencies, is poorly organized and poorly administered, and that the "so-called charitable work of the army is largely subservient to financial interests."

Continuing, the speaker said: "One of the chief difficulties in trying to arrive at definite conclusions concerning the army's work is the untrustworthiness of their statistics, probably due largely to lack of uniformity in recording and summarizing data."

"I find that, somehow, most people have gained the impression that the army has a large number of farm colonies, and that thousands of poor people from the 'shums' have been transferred to them. There are at present but three colonies, one each in Ohio, Colorado and California. These colonies have become self-supporting, but it would be interesting to know what percentage of them, while living in the city, have been recipients of either public or private relief, or even dwellers in what the Salvation Army calls the 'shums'."

"The Salvation Army maintains at present about seventy-four lodging houses in our various cities, furnishing beds at the rate of ten and fifteen cents a night. In its appeals for funds the army speaks of 'lodging thousands of homeless' and most people gain the impression that such lodgings are, in part at least, a charity, and that the accommodations furnished are much superior to those of the ordinary cheap lodging houses, run for private profit. Reliable information from a large number of typical American cities indicates that the system of cheap lodging houses conducted by the army have all the effects of the poorest of the privately owned lodging houses and few, if any, advantages over them."

"It is exceedingly difficult," said Mr. Solenberger, "to secure satisfactory information about the financial affairs of the Salvation Army."

MORGAN AFTER CANAL PEOPLE

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 10.—In condemnation of the action of Secretary Taft in transferring one share of Panama Railroad stock each to William Nelson Cromwell, Roger L. Farnham and Minister Obaldia of the republic of Panama to qualify these men to serve as directors of the railroad, Senator Morgan today continued the examination of Mr. Cromwell before the senate committee on interstate canals. Mr. Cromwell asserted that the transfer was necessary to the protection and preservation of the interests of the government in order to continue the corporation under its New York charter which provided for the election of a board of directors of bona fide stockholders.

Senator Morgan took issue with this statement, saying he could see no reason why all of the shares should not have been left in the United States treasury and some way found to have been dispensed with the services of these directors.

ORATION ON RANSOM'S LIFE

Veterans Do Honor to His Memory

MEMORIAL DAY HERE

Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn Gives Superb Story of the Military and Civic Life of Matt W. Ransom—Feast Served Veterans—Graves Adorned With Flags and Flowers.

Memorial Day, in commemoration of the Confederate dead, is being almost universally observed in Raleigh. Eighty-three members of the Wake County Survivors Association held their annual meeting at noon, the ladies served the veterans with dinner on the lawn in the capitol square, this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the hall of representatives Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn of Weldon delivered a notable oration on the "The Life and Military Services of General Matt Whitaker Ransom" and this afternoon at 5 o'clock the graves of the Confederate dead will be decorated with flowers and flags. Practically all the stores and places of business in Raleigh closed at 1 o'clock today.

When the veterans assembled at noon Capt. J. J. Thomas, president of the association, made a brief talk, telling of the organization of the body and its purposes. He expressed gratification at the attendance today for 82 veterans had answered to the roll call. "The association decided to have printed a new roster of the survivors in Wake county. Capt. Thomas was unanimously re-elected president and Mr. J. C. Birdsong was again elected secretary."

The veterans then went in a body to the capitol grounds where the members of the Ladies Memorial Association and the Daughters of the Confederacy served a dinner. The greatest abundance of good things were provided and it is needless to say that the veterans enjoyed the treat. Col. and Mrs. Burgwyn were present and met the Wake veterans. At the conclusion of the oration by Col. Burgwyn on behalf of the veterans publicly thanked the ladies for the feast. "The soldiers of the sixties then went to the state hall of history where Col. P. A. Ochs kindly explained to them the history of relics of the civil war."

The event of the day was the oration by Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn on the Life of General Ransom. The speaker was peculiarly qualified for the performance of this task. Col. Burgwyn was a warm personal friend of the dead soldier-statesman and knew his home life and his thoughts as few men did. The story of General Ransom's military achievements was recited by the orator with great accuracy for Col. Burgwyn himself was a gallant warrior of the gray in the civil war and has since served his country as colonel of a North Carolina regiment in the war with Spain. He is a cultured Christian gentleman, esteemed throughout this state, and the veterans of this county were honored by his presence here today. An appropriate musical program was rendered at the ceremonies. Rev. M. M. Marshall acted as chaplain and Maj. J. B. Hill served as chief marshal.

Col. Burgwyn's Oration.

Col. Burgwyn spoke first of Ransom as a Confederate soldier in the army of northern Virginia. Ransom's services began January 25, 1861, when he, Governor D. L. Swain and John L. Bridges were appointed commissioners to visit Montgomery, Ala., and consult "for our common peace." Already seven states had seceded but North Carolina had remained in the union and Swain and Ransom were both union men. The commission reported to Governor Ellis, expressing regret that the sentiment of the conference was hostile to a peaceable adjustment. North Carolina never seceded until President

C. & O. LIMITED WAS DERAILED; 7 HURT

(By the Associated Press.)
Cincinnati, O., May 10.—A dispatch to the Times Star from Portsmouth, O., says that the New York Limited train on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad which left Cincinnati last night was derailed near Beuna Vista Station, 100 mile east of Cincinnati, early today. The sleeping car was derailed, but of the sixteen passengers on it only four women were injured, one of them, Mrs. D. J. McKelvey of Cincinnati, being seriously hurt. The other three women are unknown. Three trainmen were badly injured. A broken rail caused the accident.

MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS IS DANGEROUSLY ILL IN NEW YORK HOME

SEVENTH DAY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

(By the Associated Press.)
Birmingham, Ala., May 10.—Rev. T. S. Wade of Clarksburg, W. Va., conducted devotional services at the seventh day's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. Rev. E. Sanford of New York, secretary of the inter-church committee on federation, in an address, said among other things that he was sure the church could accomplish more as a united body than by working as separate bodies. He said the entire church recognized the fact that many changes would have to be made in the schools.

The committee on publishing interests recommended that the number of official organs should be "substantially reduced" that their excellence may be increased and their influence augmented. It further recommended that annual conferences contiguous to each other combine in support of the paper wherever practicable.

CHINESE CONTROL OF CUSTOMS FEARED

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 10.—Another important step toward the realization of the policy of China for the Chinese has been recorded in the promulgation of an imperial decree at Peking naming Tieh-Liang as "minister superintendent of the customs affairs," with Tang-Shao Yi as vice minister. It is feared that this means the complete overturning of the system of foreign control of Chinese customs collections which has been in the hands of Sir Robert Hart for the past twenty years.

Tieh-Liang is the Manchou commanding chief of the Chinese army, dividing honors with Yuan Shi-Kai, the Mongolian commanding chief and he is said to be a man of great ability.

In 1888 an arrangement was made between England and China in consideration of which England paid 10,000,000 taels providing that so long as British trade exceeded that of other countries, the inspector general of Chinese customs should always be an Englishman. Under that arrangement Sir Robert Hart has administered the Chinese customs service with the greatest satisfaction to all foreign nations. Now these new offices are created and it is believed that they will dominate his own, so it will be made by the great powers as to the extent which this new Chinese decree tends to subvert the British agreement.

CONDITION OF SPIER'S FINANCES.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 10.—Interest in the investigation of the mysterious killing of Charles L. Spier, a confidential agent of H. H. Rogers, was mainly confined today to the status of his financial affairs, which have been found to be badly involved. Accountants were at work on his books today, and it was reported that they have already discovered indications of discrepancies which might account for the suicide theory in explanation of Mr. Spier's death. The whereabouts of certain securities belonging to Mr. Rogers was one of the points investigated by the accountants.

DRUMMER FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL.

(By the Associated Press.)
Greensboro, N. C., May 10.—S. M. Spangler, a well known drummer for a Worcester, Mass., glass firm, aged fifty-three years, was found dead in a bath room adjoining his sleeping apartment in the Benbow Hotel this morning. An inquest revealed the cause of death was heart disease. Disrobing, he had gone in the room to take a bath before going to sleep and must have dropped dead. The remains were sent to his home in Baltimore for burial this afternoon.

MRS. DUKE FILES AN APPEAL.

(By the Associated Press.)
Trenton, N. J., May 10.—Counsel for Mrs. Duke today filed an appeal carrying to the court of errors and appeals the divorce granted to her husband, James B. Duke.

Feared that Attack May Be Fatal, as Mrs. Davis Is Nearly 80

HER DAUGHTER HAS BEEN SUMMONED

The Grippe Is the Cause of Her Illness—Mrs. J. A. Hayes Has Arrived from Colorado Springs to Be With Her Mother at the Hotel Gerard in West Forty-Fourth Street, Where Jefferson Davis' Widow Has Lived for Several Years.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 10.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the southern confederacy, is dangerously ill of the grippe in her apartments in the Hotel Gerard in west Forty-fourth street this city today. As Mrs. Davis is nearly eighty years old, it is feared that the attack may be fatal.

Her daughter, Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, has been summoned from her home in Colorado Springs. Mrs. Davis has been living at the Gerard for several years, and is frequently visited by her daughter.

Dr. Robert H. Wylie, who is attending Mrs. Davis, said today that she is suffering from an attack of the grippe, and as she is eighty years old it appears serious.

MAN AND WIFE WERE MURDERED.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 10.—James Macchio and his wife Gelesti were found murdered in their rooms in the rear of a bootblacking stand which Macchio conducted in Court street, Brooklyn, today. Their skulls had been crushed with a hatchet and their throats cut. A young Italian lodger who occupied one of the rooms in the rear of the shop was missing when the bodies were found, and the police began to search for him.

The police believe that robbery was the motive of the crime.

ODD FELLOWS HAVE ADJOURNED.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Goldboro, N. C., May 10.—The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows adjourned today after selecting Elizabeth City as the place for the next meeting. Officers were elected as follows: Grand Master, T. M. Stephens of Durham; Deputy Grand Master, Perrin Busbee of Raleigh; Grand Warden, H. M. Shaw of Oxford; Representative, Plato Collins of Kinston; Secretary, B. H. Woodell of Raleigh; Treasurer, R. J. Jones of Wilmington.

BANKER KILLED BY BROTHER.

(By the Associated Press.)
Montesuma, Ind., May 10.—W. H. Sylvester, president of the First National Bank of Montesuma, was shot and killed today in his home by his brother, whose mind is believed to be affected.

CONDITION OF WINTER WHEAT.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 10.—The condition of growing winter wheat is given at 91 per cent by the agricultural department crop report issued today.

Zion Compromise.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 10.—John Alexander Dowie and Wilbur G. Voliva reached an agreement in court today upon the proposition for mutual representation in the management of financial affairs at Zion City. The Dowie forces appointed John A. Lewis, while Voliva named Alexander Granger. The third member of the committee is still to be chosen.

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