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RUSSIA'S NEW PARLIAMENT; A GREAT HISTORICAL DRAMA.

Czar and Czarina and Court Attend the Opening at St. Petersburg.

Took the Water Route Up the Neva to St. Peter and St. Paul Fortress.

The Reporter Sends Quite an Interesting Word Picture of the Great Event.



CZAR OF RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, May 10, 10 a. m.—An ideal May Day, like a happy augury, greeted the uprising of the curtain for the new act of the great historical drama, Russia's struggle for liberty. Never did the showy 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 sky, 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 fortresses and the shining minarets of the palaces seemed to float above the mass of yellow buildings. Besides, the metropolis was dressed in the robes of a bride, awaiting the coming of her lord. The yellow imperial standard with the double-headed eagle flew 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 ships in the harbor. Even the tiny passenger boats which thread the rivers and canals, the street cars and the 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 workmen into the centre of the city might provoke collisions, disorder, and perhaps bloodshed.

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 in earnest and deep. It was the attitude of mutual suspicion which constituted the great jarring note on this occasion. It cannot be concealed. It was apparent 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 impeded yachts bearing their Majesties and the court from the Emperor's warship lying at the Baltic. A flotilla of police patrol boats, several low torpedo boats and a number of armed galleys having bivouacked there all night, the river so far as the palace, all moving craft.

Like all great state functions in holy Russia, the ceremonies began with religious services. At 10 o'clock in the morning the whole city reverberated with bells and chimes from St. Petersburg's myriads of cathedrals, churches and temples, summoning the people to the thanksgiving. Not only at St. Petersburg, but at the Kremlin of Moscow, bells were rung and Te Deums were celebrated, thus giving the occasion the solemn religious as well as civic importance necessary to impress the Russian masses.

While the bells were still ringing the Imperial yacht Alexandra, with the Imperial standard at the fore, moved majestically up the river, dipping her flag in answer to the salutes and cheers from the Emperor's warship lying at the Baltic. Instead of proceeding to the Winter Palace, the yacht stopped at the

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GRIMSBY WILL PROFIT AT EXPENSE OF BEAMSVILLE.

Hotel Men in the Former Place Will Go on Doing Business, Minus Bars.

Grimsbey hotel men do not propose to allow sentiment to stand in the way of business, and are evidently out to get not only the Grimsbey but also the Beamsville business, as the hotel men of the latter place closed up as tight as wax as soon as local option went into force.

Jim Livingston, auctioneer and poet, interviewed the Grimsbey hotel men after Judge Tietzel had given judgment, and said that they had said:

J. W. Van Dyke: "I intend to appeal the decision to a higher court. But whether I win or not, it is my intention to run my house as usual for the accommodation of the public, with the exception, of course, of the bar-room, which will remain closed, or possibly may be open for the sale of soft drinks

Fresh Off the Wires

Snow fell at different points in the Adirondacks yesterday. At Upper Lake the thermometer registered 34 degrees above zero.

The condition of growing winter wheat is given at 91 per cent, by the agricultural department's crop report issued today.

The Syracuse police to-day announced the apprehension at Christiana, Norway, Charles H. Paine, absconding teller of the Onondaga County savings bank. Paine took \$13,500.

The steamer Columbia from Glasgow, was in wireless communication with the Marconi station at Cape Race, when 164 miles southeast of this point at 8 a.m. She will probably reach her dock about Sunday.

Announcement was made yesterday that Joseph Leiter, who carried on a spectacular "boom" in the stock market years ago, has been suspended from membership on the Chicago Board of Trade.

The general association of German Metal Working establishments to-day denied the correctness of a statement sent to the press on May 4, which declared that they had appointed this day for a general lockout of the workmen in the metal industry.

In accordance with the agreement reached at Cleveland last evening all the workers on the dock at Buffalo reported for duty this morning at their respective elevators, ore and coal docks, and the work of warping vessels into position to unload and load was promptly begun.

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TRIAL POSTPONED.

CASE OF PIGOTT VS. WHITE CO. WILL NOT BE TRIED NEXT WEEK.

This morning Mr. S. F. Washington, solicitor for the defendant in the suit of Pigott vs. Canadian White Construction Co., moved before Judge Monk for an order for a commission to New York to take the testimony of J. Mott, and for an order postponing the trial from the May session of the High Court here. Mr. J. L. Connell, for Mr. Pigott, opposed the motion for an enlargement. Vigorously, and the two attorneys had a hot argument as to who was to blame for the case not going to trial at the last court. Mr. Washington said in view of the absence from the city of Mott, who declined to return, his client would not be ready next week.

Mr. Connell asked that the Judge order the case tried at Brantford or St. Catharines assizes next month. The Judge granted an order for the commission to New York, and postponed the trial from the assizes here. He reserved judgment in regard to setting the case down for trial at Brantford.

The new suit arose over the fall of the wall of the Commercial Chambers, owned by Mr. Pigott. He claims the damage was caused by the contractors for the Federal Life Building undermining the wall.

DRAPER NON-SUITED.

SUIT OVER THE BIG GAS EXPLOSION IN CALEDONIA.

Meester, George Lynch Staunton, F. Morrison, George S. Kerr, and other Hamilton solicitors, are at Cayuga attending the spring assizes, before Mr. Justice Tietzel. Yesterday the case of Thomas Draper, against A. Jones, of Caledonia, was tried and resulted in a non-suit. The suit arose over the big explosion that occurred in Jones' lakeshop about a year and a half ago. Draper was employed in Jones' shop at the time and was blown some distance, and was maimed for life, when the acetylene gas tank exploded. Jones' place was wrecked and the people of the town raised about \$1,500 for him. Draper thought he should have got a part of it and offered to settle for his physician's bill—\$200.

At the trial yesterday he failed to prove that it was negligence on the part of Jones that caused the explosion and the case was dismissed.

FOR APPENDICITIS.

P. C. McDONALD OPERATED ON IN CITY HOSPITAL.

Police Constable McDonald was removed to the City Hospital and operated upon for appendicitis to-day. The operation was every appearance of a successful and his many friends will be glad to know that the indications are entirely favorable.

Mr. Benj. Smith, jun., Mansion House, "We will continue to give the public accommodation the same as usual, as far as the dining rooms and upstairs is concerned. There will be no change in our rates, and we hope to be able to serve the public and live. Time will tell whether we will be able to do so or not."

In Beamsville no one can get accommodation of any sort in any of the hotels. The temperance people are trying to serve the public by giving meals and bedroom accommodation in some cases. There has been no definite action taken with regard to buying or building a temperance hotel in Beamsville.

WILL GIVE CAPTAINS NEW BEARINGS.

Vessels Have Had Trouble With Their Compasses—To Erect Sign Posts.

Washington, May 10.—The departure of Commander Reginald Nicholson, assistant chief of the Equipment Bureau, the Navy Department, for Cleveland, O., to-day, inaugurates a new work of much importance to lake navigation. For years past there have been many complaints by lake captains of the erratic behaviour of their compasses, through which the safety of their ships depends in thick and bad weather. Cargoes of iron ore and metals capable of affecting the magnetic needles were undoubtedly at the bottom of some of these complaints, but it was realized by navigators that natural conditions were often causing variations of the compass, and that it might be possible to reduce the evils arising from such causes. Therefore the Lake Carriers' Association and the Pittsburgh steamship combination and other influential organizations interested in lake commerce have called upon the Navy Department to aid them. Accordingly Commander Nicholson goes out to the lakes with the primary purpose of setting up prominent marks in proper places so that the captains of passing ships may check off any error in their compasses and make the necessary adjustments. He will take with him the necessary instruments to enable him to check the compasses, and call upon the nearest branch of hydrographic offices for any needed help. It is the present purpose to erect such marks on the banks of the St. Clair River and in the Straits of Mackinac, which will afford opportunity to make compass corrections to all shipping navigation passing between the two great lakes of Michigan, Superior and Huron. Officers of the branch hydrographic offices will be instructed to assist any ship captain in adjusting his compasses. They may also be called upon for observation of the marks to be out of order.

VALUABLE JEWELRY STOLEN FROM SALESMAN.

Was Buying Ticket at New York for Canada When His Valise Disappeared.

Police Unable to Find Any Trace of the Jewelry or the Robbers.

New York, May 10.—The World to-day says: Hardly a spot in New York is more closely watched for thieves than the Grand Central station, yet a daring and successful robbery was committed there yesterday afternoon. J. H. Racicot is a salesman for one of the largest jewelry firms in New York. He lives at St. Johns, P. Q., and travels through Canada booking orders from merchants. He carries his samples, watches, chains and other jewelry—in a case which weighs 15 pounds. His outfit is valued at \$3,000.

He went to the Grand Central station yesterday to buy a ticket for Montreal, intending to get dinner and take the train to the police. Racicot after 7 o'clock train. At the ticket window he laid down the heavy bag and counted out his fare, but the ticket in his wallet and then turned to pick up his case. The bag, it is said, was not there. He had been followed by thieves who knew his occupation and the value of the contents of his bag.

The salesman found a policeman to whom he told his story. The bluecoat hurried the victim to two detective sergeants on duty and the doors men were stationed to see that the bag, if still in the building, was not carried out. The thieves must have left the building however by the time Racicot noticed his loss.

Information of the robbery was telephoned to police headquarters and detectives at all the ferries were directed to keep a look out. A list of samples is reported from the various towns which have telephoned in the news. Towns in all directions for a radius of 60 miles have reported feeling the shock.

WILL BILLY BIRRELL LOSE HIS NEW JOB?

Feeling Among Leading Conservatives is Quite Bitter Against Him.

"Do not be surprised if you see Billy Birrell out of a job, over this," were the words of one of the most prominent Conservatives in the city, to the Times, to-day. The same sort of talk has been going around in Conservative circles for a week or more, and recent events have increased it. The Fairchild case and the connection which the dispute between the Farmers' Dairy Company and Mr. B. Edwards, owner of the Fairchild building, may or may not have had with the cutting off of Mr. Fairchild's license, is only one of the reasons being talked about by Conservative workers, why there should be a change.

It is stated that since the new licenses came into effect on May 1, there has been a "spotter" in town—a woman in former—suspected to be under direction of the city. It is said that she has been paying particular attention to drug stores and groceries with a view to "catching" them in technical breaches of the law by telling a story of sickness at home.

"It can be shown," said the Times' informant, "that in at least some of the cases where the woman has been trying to induce dealers to break the law the dealers have also had trouble over their milk."

The stories going around are so numerous and are discussed by such influential Conservatives that it is hard to see how the commissioners can fail to take notice of them.

MONTREAL R'Y BEFORE COMMITTEE.

The Question of Provincial Rights Raised Regarding the Bill.

Ottawa, Ont., May 10.—(Special)—Provincial rights were discussed again to-day at the Railway Committee meeting, when the Montreal Island Railway bill was called.

W. G. Ross, manager, explained that the bill was for an extension of time to continue the construction of necessary extensions. Funds were also required for the better equipment of the present system.

Mr. Emmerson pointed out that while he was in favor of the bill, still it was purely a local one, the same as was being opposed from Hamilton the other day. He merely wanted to point out that if local roads were to be opposed they should be consistent.

Mr. Demers (St. John and Berthel) said that the Province did not oppose this bill.

Mr. Emmerson pointed out that the question of provinces being represented by counsel had nothing to do with it, but that it should be passed, then the Hamilton road, which was opposed the other day, on the grounds of Provincial autonomy, ought not to be treated differently.

G. T. P. Branch Lines. Ottawa, Ont., May 10.—(Special).—When the bill to incorporate the Grand

Trunk Pacific branch lines company came up for consideration at the Railway Committee to-day, Mr. Johnston, Cape Breton, suggested that the bill be still held over for further consideration.

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VICTIM'S BODY EXHUMED TO-DAY; NO DISFIGUREMENT OF BREAST.

The Man In Overalls

Galt has organized an anti-treating club. But whoever heard of Galt setting up the drinks for anybody?

Mr. Policeman, kindly run in one or two of those fellows who use "cuss" words on the street. No wonder ladies come and complain to me. They must think I am the Police Magistrate or some other winder of the Big Stick.

When is Mr. Lamoreaux to start active operations on the Hamilton-Guelph road? We are waiting.

By the bye, the bird cage still adorns Sir John's monument. I am afraid it has already become a political issue, and in that case George Armstrong will not permit its removal.

Will the committee allow Mr. Sherring to pick out the house and lot or will it save him that trouble?

Are you great on put-up jobs, Inspector Birrell?

I don't begrudge the cost of such deputations as that on which Ald. Dickson went to Ottawa to fight for John Patterson's road.

I do not notice that Mr. Barker is doing anything to help Mr. Zimmerman in his efforts to get John Patterson's bill through the Committee.

I am afraid that when the Sunday Observance Bill becomes law a lot of us will have to keep on working on Sunday just as we are doing.

Now I hope the troubles of the North Enders are over. They have been many and grievous, and much credit is due Mr. Durand and his colleagues for the work they have done in this matter.

Another church is to be built on the top of the mountain. Upper Hamilton is growing.

Inspector Birrell is thinking of filling his pockets with paving stones the better to hold down the lid.

I hope the Finance Committee will look at the money twice before it pays that annual fee of \$150 to the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

Mr. Hendrie, why should the Ontario Government object to Mr. Patterson's road getting a charter?

Will Lieut.-Governor Clark be allowed to come and go on Saturday without any official notice being taken of his presence in the city? Add. Sweeney being the most prominent Scotchman in the Council, might take the pipe band down to the station to meet him by way of welcome.

The bathing season will not be fairly inaugurated until the Mayor takes his annual dip at the Donald swimming baths.

Mr. Whitney has put \$2,000 in the supplementary estimates for the Hamilton Art School. Is that "the something just as good"?

How would it do to dispense with representatives of the city altogether and maintain an alderman or two and one or two City Hall employees down at Toronto and Ottawa as a permanency?

What are city representatives worth, if we have to send civic officials down every second day to do their legislative work for them?

If Cass and Hendrie would just drop out, Frank Hutton would do their work for half the money and railway fare.

YOUR INSURANCE. There are few men in this city who have not some insurance on their lives, and the most of them are insured in the secret or assessment societies. Quite a number of women are also insured in them. The membership of these societies are largely made up of working men, who make considerable sacrifices to meet their weekly or monthly payments. In many cases this insurance is all that stands between their families and want should anything happen to them. How important, then, that this investment they make for their dependents should be a safe one. Is it safe? I cannot tell. Few of these societies have up to what is called the Hunter scale, and it is none too high to be safe. The Grand Masters and the Grand Treasurers and the other titled chaps tell us that their particular one is all right, and they are never done urging their members to bring in more. But we thought the York Loan was safe. Why wait until some such catastrophe overtakes the societies? Before we can feel safe the Government should make an official inquiry, should fix a rate of assessment, with a pro rata rate of expenditure for management, organization, etc., and see that it is lived up to. Hamilton people are deeply interested in this subject, and should demand an inquiry.

The Highland Regiment Will look up and span for the 24th. They may procure Bianco 10c, Royal military polish 15c, Shiloh, etc., etc., from Park & Park, druggists, 17, 18 and 19 Market square, and 22-1-2 and 24 MacNab street north, Hamilton.

Take One Chance. With us and be convinced that we can do better for the workmen than any other house. \$1.50 sweaters for 75c.—M. Kennedy, 240 James street north.

The Examination Made by Doctors Strengthens Theory of Detective W. J. Wells, of Toronto.

Red Hat in Possession of Police Not One Worn by Barton Murder Victim.

T. H. & B. Official Accounts for it—May be Developments in Case Shortly.

Another strong link in the chain of circumstantial evidence with which Detective William J. Wells, of Toronto, has surrounded his suspect in the celebrated Barton murder case was forged this morning when the point in dispute about the disfigurement of the left breast of the unknown victim, was settled.

The murdered woman's remains were exhumed this morning by Blackford & Son, undertakers and taken to the city vault, where a further medical examination was made at noon to-day in the presence of the undertakers, Dr. Griffin, the coroner, who had charge of the case and Dr. Carter, one of the physicians who made the post mortem examination, the day following the discovery of the body in the hickory grove on the mountain, made the examination. They announced positively that there was no disfigurement of the breast and this was apparent to those present.

Supports Wells' Theory. On the official circular sent broadcast over the country it was announced that the left nipple was missing. How such a mistake was made has not been explained. Detective Wells says that for a long time it puzzled him. A sister of a dead woman residing in the south, with whom Detective Wells has been communicating, gave a detailed description of her sister, who is believed to be the murdered woman, and in every way it corresponded minutely, with the exception of the disfigurement of the left breast. The sister could not account for that.

The officer was so positive that he was on the right track he came to Hamilton last week and interviewed the undertaker, Mr. C. Allbright, one of the assistants, declared positively that on the Saturday before the remains were interred he made a careful examination and found no such disfigurement as spoken of in the circular. When the story was published the authorities decided that this was the proper time to settle the dispute and the remains exhumed.

Detective Wells made a careful examination of the dead woman's hair and features, which correspond with the photograph of the western milliner in his possession. The eyebrows, ears, and the way in which the hair comes down over the temples, the prominent cheek bones all answer to the photograph in the detective's possession.

The body has been wonderfully well preserved, although it has remained in the vault for over seven months. The features, while drawn, have changed little from the time the victim was taken to the vault. A piece of the hair was clipped off by the undertakers, in the hope that it may aid later in identifying the victim.

Detective Wells was greatly pleased to find that the medical examination revealed no disfigurement and supported his contention. He has had further letters during the past week, which has strengthened his belief that he is on the right trail. From the correspondence with the relatives of the woman, who disappeared on September 30,

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