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A DESPERATE DILEMMA.

The imperial council which is prob-
ably now in session in St. Petersburg
is confronted with a desperate
dilemma. If the czar and his ministers
decide to continue the war they in-
crease the already imminent danger of
a revolution which may sweep them
out of existence in a torrent of blood-
shed; if they make up their minds to
seek peace under present conditions they
mark as wasted all the life and treas-
ure they have sacrificed in the Far
East, surrender forever all hope of
aggression in that direction and dam-
age Russian prestige to such an extent
that, for a century probably, that na-
tion must take a low seat at the coun-
cil of the powers. There is a not an
enviable task.

The war, from its beginning, has been
unpopular with the people, being a
selfish and unjust war, and the re-
peated reverses, together with the
awful loss of life, have increased the
public disfavor. Added to this, the
growing hatred and distrust of the
methods of the bureaucracy, whom
the masses justly blame for the stain
which has been put upon the Russian
eagle, has fostered a state of popular
mind which the revolutionary agitators
have not been slow to take advantage
of. The result is only partially indi-
cated by the unwonted boldness of the
public press and the unprecedented
gathering of such representative bodies
as the Zemstvos for the open expres-
sion of opinion which, only a couple
of years ago, would have sent to Siberia
every man suspected of holding them.

The views of so eminent a Russian as
Prince Troubetzky, president of the
Moscow Zemstvo, who was quoted in
this paper yesterday as saying that the
country was already in a state of
anarchy and that only the personal
intervention of the czar and the grant-
ing of radical concessions could avert
a bloody revolution, may be taken as
fairly describing the condition of the
country. A man in order to do this work
the czar must have his hands free, not
only of the ring of reactionaries whose
machinations caused it.

On the distracting other hand is
the fact that to seek peace at this
time is an ignominious admission of
defeat at the hands of a despised
nation, a nation Russia was fully con-
fident of crushing as a man would crush
a courageous mouse which dared to
bar his pathway to something desired.
It means the loss of the hardy won
foothold in Manchuria and the impos-
sibility of ever again regaining it. It
means that Japan will be supreme in
the Chinese court and that Russia will
be despised and utterly without in-
fluence in the place where it most de-
sired to be paramount. And it means
a loss of prestige in the world's affairs
that can only be restored by some
subsequent victory as impressive as
the defeat has been or, in the event
of a long era of peace, by such de-
veloped internal growth and develop-
ment as will leave no room for doubt of
the nation's ability to meet any probable
emergency.

The choice is a hard one. The wiser
course would be the one that now
seems ignominious; but Russian pride
is strong and the czar seems to be un-
der the influence of those whom
court makes for reform would ruin
and who would dare, any risk
rather than face that certainty. A
great deal hangs on those discussions
now going on in the great palace of
Tsar Nicholas at St. Petersburg.

HOW TO MAKE A SURPLUS.

The secret of declaring perpetual sur-
pluses has been discovered by the
Tweedie administration. In the first
place require certain classes of
corporations to make deposits with the
government. Call this deposit a part of
the current receipts. Secondly, if the
deposits are insufficient, cause the sev-
eral departments to pay the bills for the
last two or three months of the
year by overdrafts on the banks, ar-
ranging with the banks that the money
will be returned with six per cent. In-
terest out of next year's appropriation.
These payments must not be entered
as outlay of the year in which they are
made. By following this method a sur-
plus may be produced on paper even
when the expenditure largely exceeds
the income. Private individuals have
sometimes managed their finances the
same way. Where are these people
now?—Sun.

CARELESS ALDERMEN.

As a rule used to being skinned so
the aldermen have apparently become
so accustomed to the open and per-
sistent violation of their orders that they
don't mind it a little bit.

It was announced at the meeting of
the safety board yesterday that the
instructions issued a year ago for the
provision of fire escapes and other
means of protection for frequenters of
public buildings had been almost en-
tirely ignored, that people who go to
church, to the theatre, to hotels, still
go to face the danger of being roasted
to death in fire traps; yet only one
alderman, and he is a comparatively

new one, seemed at all astonished or
affected in any way by the announce-
ment.

It was offered as a full apology for
these conditions that the building in-
spector, whose duty it is to enforce the
law, was sick. As Alderman Frink
said, the illness of one man should not
be allowed to imperil the safety of
hundreds. There is urgent necessity
that the flagrant violation of the fire
regulations in this city should be
stopped immediately. If the present
aldermen are incapacitated, his duties
should be delegated to some other of
the officials who are tumbling over
each other—or would if they all woke
up at the same time—around city hall,
or another man should be appointed.
The carrying out of a work so impor-
tant to the public safety should not
hang upon the health or the pleasure
of any one man.

Yet the common council is content to
doze along and let things take their
course. It is noticeable that the only
aldermen who express inclinations
otherwise—through unfortunately, even
in their case, the expression is followed
by no definite action—are some of the
new men elected last spring. A good
suggestion is here for the electors of
St. John.

St. John and Moncton were ordered
by the fire underwriters to buy Yankee
chemical engines, because those of
Canadian make were worthless. St.
John obeyed orders. Moncton refused
and gave the preference to an engine
made in Canada. Both were ordered
about the same time. Moncton's ar-
rived several weeks ago and proved
such a good machine that even the
underwriters are satisfied. St. John is
still without chemicals and doesn't
know whether or not they will be any
good when they do arrive. But St.
John has the pleasant consciousness
that it was not disobedient.

A woman made charges against a
certain company of the fire department.
The chief announced that he would in-
vestigate those charges. He did. He
took the evidence of the accused in
public and invited the newspapers to
send reporters. He took the evidence
of the woman in private and refused
to give out any information concern-
ing what she said. Now he reports to
the safety board that the accused are
honorably acquitted. Well; what did
you expect?

Alderman Carleton offered the best
suggestion for the reform of the fire
department when he said at the meet-
ing of the safety board yesterday that
"he would like to see a head to the
organization."

Alderman Frink will be getting him-
self disliked in civic official circles if
he don't shut up; but he is earning the
confidence of the people who vote for
aldermen and mayors.

LOVE SONG.

Love's for Youth, and not for Age,
Even though Age should wear a
crown.
For the Post, not the Sage;
Not the Monarch, but the Clown.
Love's for Peace, and not for War,
Even though War brings all renown;
For the Violet, not the Star;
For the Meadow, not the Town.

Love's for lads and Love's for maids,
Courts a smile and flies a frown;
Love's for Love, and saucy jades
Love Love most when Love has
frown.

Love a cruel tyrant is;
Slays his victims with a glance,
Straight recovers with a kiss,
But to slay again, perchance.

Wouldst thou know where Love doth
hide?
Whence his sharpest arrows fly?
In a dimple Love may hide,
Or the ambush of an eye.

Wert thou clad in triple mail,
In a desert far and wide,
Not a whit would this avail:
Love would find and pierce thy heart.
—Thomas Nelson Page, in Scribner's.

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NEW YEAR'S CALLS
AT SING SING.

Double Holiday With No Work Compels the
Paying of Imaginary Visits in
Locked Cells.

(New York Herald, Jan. 2.)
New leaves were turned yesterday at
Sing Sing Prison with the grating of
the bolts in twelve hundred locks. Every
man registered his resolution to get out
of there as soon as he could by good
behavior or otherwise, and they of the
room of the little door took heart for a
struggle against fate.
These double holidays mean two days
spent in narrow cells, where there is
barely room to shift about when the
beds are folded up to the wall, yet the
prisoners had talked blithely of the
New Year's calls which they did not
pay. One twist of a lever closes one
hundred cells at a time, and those who
are in the cell of the state were
divided into a dozen classes. Imagin-
ary visits were paid on the supposition
that iron bars do not a prison make
when Sing Sing's voice yesterday morn-
ing to a new, if not an altogether happy
year.

GOES TO THE CHAIR IN A WEEK.

One of them will go a week from to-
day on a long journey. He is William
Spencer, a negro, slayer of Charles S.
McFarlane, an agent of the Anti-Police
Society, whom he shot to death a year
and a half ago in the Criminal Court
Building. Spencer has, within the last
month, been converted, and he is
visited constantly by Roman Catholic
priests. He is resigned to his fate and
spends a large part of his time in re-
ligious study.

Next to him is the cell of Albert T. Pat-
rick, who yesterday was in his usually
hopeful frame of mind. He was hard
at work for most of the day on his me-
dical defense, which is based upon the
theory that the embalming fluid might
have caused the same condition which
the physicians maintain was due to the
use of chloroform administered to the
aged William M. Rice. Patrick sat in
his cell surrounded by anatomical charts
and books on medicine, industriously
buttressing his arguments, as he has
been doing for two years and a half.
To the condemned even the day was
not without its ray of hope. Ebbett
and Reppo, convicted of murder, received
the new yesterday morning that the
Court of Appeals had granted new trials
to them, and the other nine spoke
wishes for success with New Year's
greetings. The coronary "thank you"
was omitted by common con-
sent.

Reppo and Ebbett on Christmas Day
had bought a turkey in common, which
was cooked for the death house com-
pany. Yesterday there was another
turkey, which had been sent in by a
generous priest, who has been the spiri-
tual adviser of those whose lives are
near an abrupt ending.

No vain regrets were heard yesterday
in the death house, and after the din-
ner had been served the eleven had de-
sert and apples and finished the feast
with the innocence of perfects.
Jackson, a negro condemned to death,
occupied the adjoining cell, and not far
away was Emil Totterman, convicted
of the murder of a woman in Ruess
hotel. No teacher of religion has
been able to awaken any interest in the
future in his mind, and yesterday the
giant Swede sat smoking as serenely
as if he were in the forecastle of a bark
upon a summer sea.

BREAKFAST A FRANKFURTER
FEAST.

Breakfast at the prison yesterday dif-
fered from the usual meal. The prin-
cipal item of the bill of fare was frank-
furters and sauerkraut, served at half
past seven o'clock in the morning. With
this dish were mashed potatoes, bread,
coffee and buns. The men went to
chapel after breakfast, the number be-
ing about equally divided between the
Roman Catholic and the Protestant ser-
vants.

The Rev. Father Mahoney
preached on good resolutions, and his
sermon made a profound impression on
the six hundred men who heard him.
He told them they should be thankful
that their lives had been spared, and
as if he were in the forecastle of a bark
upon a summer sea.

After religious instruction the pris-
oners were sent back to their cells. On
the way there they received rolls and
apples, and at noon coffee was served.
Pipes and tobacco were provided, and
books and newspapers furnished. Coffee
was again given at four o'clock in the
afternoon. The tedium of the double
holiday will be relieved at nine o'clock
this morning by a vaudeville perfor-
mance. On holidays no friends or rela-
tives of the prisoners are permitted to
visit them.

HIGH FINANCIERS CHEERFUL.

Those who have recently gone from
the city to the country are reported to
be in high spirits.

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ors: Dark Navy, Light Navy and Dark Grey.

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ing and Coat Cloths. Lengths from 1 1/2 to 5 yards. All marked at less than half-price to clear.

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A clearance sale of CHECK MUSLIN AND VICTORIA LAWNS. On sale
Thursday morning. Low Prices will be the rule on this lot.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDER VESTS of good quality to go at
Cost Prices while they last.

English Shaker FLANNELS in stripes or plain grey, pink or white, at 8c,
10c, 12c. yard.

Clean Sweep Sale of MEN'S ENGLISH CARDIGAN JACKETS, \$1.00,
\$1.25, \$1.50 each.

New York to the institution on the
river was yesterday cheerfully fol-
lowing the prison routine. Robert A.
Ammon, of get-rich-quick fame, sus-
pended his activities in mat making and
read the newspapers. Rothschild, of
high finance, is working in one of the
shops. Alvord, who was accustomed to
spend days in Broadway restaurants
before his irregularities as a note
teller were detected, was relieved from
his duties as a bookkeeper.

William A. E. Moore has been suffer-
ing from a severe cold and he appears
much thinner than he did five years
ago, when he first went to the colony
on the Hudson. It is said he has aban-
doned all hope of being released.
He was sentenced to twenty years.

Rose, an actor, who killed his wife in a
fit of jealousy, is among the most
contented of the prisoners, and is em-
ployed in the cabinet shops.

LOCAL NEWS

UNGAIR'S HEAVY PLEASIBLE FIN-
ISH LEADS. It positively does not
crack your shirts, collars and cuffs.
Under the microscope examinations at
Dioecesan College, McGill, W. O. Ray-
mond, B. A., son of Rev. Dr. Ray-
mond of this city, led his class in six
subjects out of seven. The subjects
in which he takes first place are the
Old Testament, New Testament, dog-
matic theology, apologetics, ecclesi-
astical history, liturgics and patrologics.

On Saturday evening Dr. Hannah will
deliver a lecture to the King's College
law students. He will discuss Can-
ada's Legal Relations with the Empire.
A reception will be given this even-
ing by the King's College auxiliary of
women to Dr. and Mrs. Hannah.

Eden Christ, manager of the Mari-
time Nail Works, has been granted a
patent in the United States, for a nail
making machine.

NAVAL MEDICAL PRACTICE.

Says the London Daily Mail: Fancy
sending a gunboat to China seas with-
out a surgeon on board? But such
things used to happen. The admiralty
provided a well-stocked medicine chest.
But the captain