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THE RUSSIAN DUMA.

In spite of the almost hopeless prospect existing at the convocation of Russia's sacred Duma, this body has so far succeeded in accomplishing its purpose for which it was elected. It has not indeed been able to put through any notable reforms, nor have the members, following the example of their predecessors, attempted to vote a resolution all at once. On the contrary the policy of the second Duma has been chiefly to establish itself as a permanent feature of the Russian system of government, to retain that almost insignificant measure of power granted under the imperial manifesto, and by calm and judicious legislation to gradually acquire greater influence. Yet in spite of what might be called a stand-pat attitude the second Duma is a more potent factor in the life of Russia than the first assembly could ever have been. When under the emperor's authority, the first Duma convened, the majority of members, elected by a suffering people and flushed with what they regarded as the acquisition of power, endeavored to vote resolutions. They demanded, and insisted upon, wholesale reforms of a nature such as would at that time not be seriously considered by an autocratic government. During the elections, if the system instituted by the Czar can be called elections, there had been ample evidence that the revolutionary party as a whole was not in close sympathy with the Duma. Besides this there were in the latter part of 1905 a series of industrial strikes which so weakened the working classes that they were unable to actively support their representatives. Such being the case, the Emperor felt no hesitation in dissolving the Duma when its demands became too insistent and when it refused to bow to the will of his officers. The dissolution was followed by a series of minor disturbances, but not by anything approaching a general movement.

Since that time, however, many things have happened. There has been a very material change in the make-up of the body. In the first assembly the party of the Left, the Social Democrats, Social Revolutionists and Party of Toil, numbered 116; the Constitutional Democrats, known popularly as the Centre, had 152 members; and those on the right, including Monarchists, Octobrists, Regenerates, Polish Nationalists and non-partisans, numbered 134. The left has increased in the second Duma to 132, the Constitutional Democrats now number only 116, while the Monarchists and allies have fallen to 154. The balance of power which still rests in the hands of the Socialists, is gradually swinging to the centre as the present representatives come to recognize more and more the abilities of their better educated colleagues. And not in the Duma alone, but in the empire as a whole, is this taking place. The revolutionists who, as a body, withheld their support from any party in the first Duma, are now strengthening the hands of the Socialists and Democrats, thus menacing the government. It is altogether probable that in the event of dissolution, the solid organ of a campaign against the government. This is feared by the Emperor for the probability of bringing on such a catastrophe which could result only in great loss of life. The danger of such a rising is augmented by the fact that the working classes are not now weakened as formerly through strikes, but have enjoyed a year of comparative prosperity and are better prepared to take the offensive. Beyond a few skirmishes over rather unimportant questions of policy the second Duma has not had any disagreement with the government, but has accepted the legislative programme laid down, and while steadily progressing toward the goal of reform is exercising much better judgment than did the first body.

THE ETERNAL QUESTION.

The eternal town of Coventry in England is facing a most perplexing problem. Some time ago it was decided to hold a Godiva Pageant and committees comprising the social leaders of the burg were selected. A certain member of the nobility, a countess by the way, has been chosen to represent Lady Godiva. But now the eternal question arises "What will she wear?" Lady Godiva's raiment on her historic career through the streets was painfully limited, and the ladies of the nobility, swelling in an abundance of costly and beautiful gowns, feel that it would be extremely undignified for one of their number to appear as did Godiva. They insist on a costume consisting of a blouse and skirt, but the historical committee will not listen to any such suggestion, maintaining that the pageant must be historically correct. There is not even a chance of compromise. This question of dress is always making trouble.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

What is the White Man's Burden? We'll tell you if you wait. It's beating dusty carpets, it is as sure as fate; It's taking down the stovepipes and cleaning out the soot; It's pulling tacks from oilcloths for many a weary foot.

It's lifting down the pictures and hanging them again; It's seeing desolated his own peculiar den; It's eating frigid victuals in weariness and woe; It's lugging some things upstairs and others down below.

It's helping with the housework, it's raking off the lawn; It's crooning to the baby what's got it's nightie on; It's spanking of the big ones and putting them to bed; It's hustling at business to earn the daily bread.

It's digging in the garden and planting sundry seeds, And later on it's going and extirpating weeds; This is the White Man's Burden he totes upon life's road. Say, aren't you sorry for him with such a heavy load?

CURIOUS.

As an example of what men in the railroad business have to endure, a conductor on the Seaboard Air Line relates that while he was passing through a coach a few days ago a woman stopped him and asked how fast they were from Weldon. He replied that they were about fifty-five miles from Weldon. She then asked: "This side of the other side?"

SO SWEET OF HIM.

"Hello, old man!" exclaimed Dudley at the Literary Club reception. "It's a pleasant surprise to meet you here." "Good of you to say so, old chap," replied Brown. "Yes, you see I was afraid I wouldn't find anybody but bright and cultured people here."

A SLIGHT JOKE.

It was 1.30 p. m. according to the stragglers of the cuckoo clock. "There is something the matter with my watch," remarked DeBore. "It doesn't go." "Perhaps," rejoined Miss Wearyun, as she vainly tried to strangle a yawn, "is due to the unconscious power of personal association."

CIVILIZATION OF

ANCIENT EGYPT

Valuable Discoveries Made by Prof. Petrie—People Wore Ornaments.

LONDON, May 13.—Prof. Petrie, of Flinders, in a lecture Saturday to the British School of Archaeology, in Egypt on the first four months' work last season, at Gizeh, and subsequently four months in the region of Assut, said the results represented the first and to some extent the second and third dynasties, as well as a period from the ninth to the twelfth. In the first month 49 graves were found in the Royal tombs of Abydos. The objects disclosed were of the same character as that of Memphis. There were bronze vessels, blue glass pottery, and a long necklet, indicating that the people of the household wore ornaments similar to those of the Royal house, but of a cheaper kind. There was a slate palette for painting. Wands were discovered with elaborate ivory carving, and knives of the first and second dynasty. The work had been mostly destroyed by the 26th.

BRINGING HOME THE BODIES

OF THE DEAD SHRINERS

Funeral Train With 28 Victims of the Wreck Will Probably Reach Buffalo on Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—The special train containing the bodies of 28 of the Shriners and others killed in the South Pacific wreck at Oakland pier at 1 o'clock this morning. After a change of engines, it immediately left for Buffalo and Pennsylvania points over the Southern and Union Pacific, St. Paul, Wabash and Pennsylvania lines. It will run on special time, and reach Buffalo Sunday noon, where a committee from Reading, Pa., Shriners of Rajah Temple, will meet the funeral party. The train consists of a baggage car containing the 28 bodies, a composite car, a diner and one Pullman. The train left Santa Barbara with 19 bodies and took on 9 more on reaching San Luis Obispo.

EVERETT HOLDING FIRST PLACE

IN CUP CONTEST.

Yesterday's test in the arithmetic contest, at the Currie Business University, developed some very exciting changes in the standing of the leaders. In the final tests a special premium is placed on speed. Yesterday, A. R. Everett, son of H. D. Everett, of this city, succeeded in wresting the leadership from Baird, the Hampton champion, and Harry Lockhart, of Norton, loomed up among the leaders, like a dark horse in the race, jumping to sixth place. The standing of the leaders yesterday was as follows:

Points.
A. R. EVERETT, CITY, 1599
Murray W. Baird, Hampton, 1099
Chas. B. Sharpe, Hampton, 791
Laura Aids, West End, 781
Arthur W. Kyle, Fredricton, 531
Harry Lockhart, Norton, 525
Harold Sullivan, Douglas Avenue, 503
A. Mather, North End, 451
Harry Seeley, North End, 451
John T. Trainor, North End, 403

NEW GUN PRACTICE FOR BRITISH FLEET

Tests Much More Difficult Than Heretofore

Such Good Scores Made Last Year That It Became Imperative to Make Conditions Harder.

LONDON, May 13.—The new conditions are published under which the British fleet's heavy gun-layers, and light eight-setters will be tested in 1907. For light, quick-fire guns and heavy, battle practice the men will fire for 35 seconds, with the ship steaming at 12 knots an hour past a target 633 feet. The distance for 12-pounders will be 1,000 yards at the start and end of the run down to 520 on the beam. For 8-pounders, 2-pounder Vickers, and 3-pound automatic guns the conditions will be the same, except that the extreme beam, distances will be 800 and 700 yards respectively. Each ship will be allowed to use any colored sails, with a view of getting better results. The test of heavy guns covers a variety of weapons as diverse as the Dreadnought's 12-inch turret, guns of 1888. The test is made much more difficult, as in 1906 several ships made such good scores that it became imperative that the conditions should be more difficult. The admiralty state that in view of the great increase in the rapidity and accuracy of fire generally the target will be reduced in order to train the gun-layers to still greater accuracy of aim at the sacrifice of some rapidity. Rectangular targets of variable power, going as high as 21 magnifiers. It is not expected that the number of bulletins will be large this year, as the fleet is not used to the new arrangement.

BUSINESS SECTION OF MAINE VILLAGE BURNED

HARRISON, Me., May 14.—Nine buildings including those occupied by the only industries in the village were burned to-night, entailing a loss of \$20,000. At one time the entire village was in danger, but after a hard fight the townspeople were able to check the flames before they destroyed the residential section. The fire started in the dry room of the C. B. Whitney Company's chair factory and spread rapidly to the company's saw mill nearby. The Whitney plant was situated on the banks of a small stream directly across from the business places on Main street. A high wind carried the fire across the stream to the blacksmith shop and carriage factory of George Rose, and from there to the large general stores of Victor Jordan and F. H. Hicker. The fire then extended to the post office building and crossing the street destroyed the old Calvin Baptist church, Oddfellows' block and a small building owned by Eugene Dickey.

All these structures were destroyed and the occupants suffered greatly in saving their stock. The dwelling houses of Howard Sampson, Ralph Burnham, and B. L. Wells were slightly damaged. The fire was placed under control at the Dudley building shortly after 10 o'clock. The village has no fire protection, and help was sent from Bridgton, about five miles distant, but when the aid arrived the fire had been successfully checked in stopping the fire.

The embers set fire to the woods just outside the village and they are still blazing briskly at a late hour tonight.

A LA CARNEGIE.

"Prisoner, you are accused of stealing three revolvers and a gun. What have you to say?" "I am a public benefactor, your Honor."

"How do you make that out?" "I am a self appointed member of the disarming committee of the International Peace Society, your Honor."

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NO MAN'S LAND IN NORTH FINLAND

On It Lives a Voluntary Exile With His Family—He Pays No Rent or Taxes.

STOCKHOLM, May 12.—The newspaper Mellemhand says that on the Pasvik River, Northern Finland, 69 degrees north latitude, at a point where Russia proper, Finland and Norway meet, there is a triangular piece of land which legally belongs to none of the three countries. It is a sort of no man's land. On it lives a voluntary exile, a young Swedish nobleman, who is a fugitive from justice, with his young Norwegian wife. He has made a comfortable little blockhouse, where the couple with two children live undisturbed by rent or tax collector or officials of any sort. Game is abundant, and there is plenty of fish in the river. The exile quietly awaits the time for the legal period of his prosecution to expire. The paper withholds the nobleman's name and crime, but states that both are well known in Skania, his native province.

Keep your advertisements as fresh as your goods.—Oscar E. Dinner, Chicago.

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MARRIAGES.

STAPLES-GOLDING.—At German street Baptist church on May 15th, by Rev. W. W. McMeekin, Mr. Allan Staples to Marie Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Golding, of this city.

DEATHS.

OSBORNE.—At 23 Erin street, on the 15th inst., Mary Margaret, twin child of George and Mary Osborne, aged four weeks.

LORD.—At St. John West, after a lingering illness, Beale A., wife of George L. Lord, aged 55, leaving husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss of a kind and loving wife and mother.

Funerary from her late residence on Thursday, 18th inst. Service at 3 p. m. Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep.

THORNE.—In this city, May 15th, Frances A., widow of the late Butler Thorne, in her 87th year.

Funeral service at the residence of son L. H. Thorne, 78 Portland street, Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

John H. McLaughlin, died, May 15th, 1907. Requisite in pace.

Thou art gone to the grave, we no longer behold thee, Nor tread the rough paths of this world by thy side. But the wide arms of mercy are spread to enfold thee, And death hath no sting since the Saviour hath died.

Box of Jewelry

STOLEN FROM MRS. BERRY

Mrs. Sampson Berry reported to the police yesterday the loss of \$250 worth of jewelry which she claims was stolen from a dress suit case. Mrs. Berry with her husband, Capt. Berry, has been living with her mother, Mrs. McMeekin, Orange street, and the two planned to leave yesterday for Nova Scotia. While packing a dress suit case, Mrs. Berry found that a box of jewels had been stolen. She notified the police and to work on the case. Two colored women who were working at Mrs. McMeekin's house were taken to central station where they were put through a thorough examination.

Mrs. Berry says that one of these women was sent up stairs on Monday, and she believes she entered her husband's room and committed the robbery.

The stolen box contained a diamond ring, a gold watch, a silver watch, several valuable pins and a ring of peculiar design brought to Mrs. Berry by her husband from Buenos Ayres.

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BRUNSWICK, Me., May 14.—Bowdoin won the fifth consecutive debate of the season this evening, by defeating Cornell on the question of municipal ownership of street railways. Bowdoin had the affirmative.

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Are usually very hard on Shoes. The boy must have good Shoes. Good Shoes for boys are a necessity. Boys like good style Shoes. But good style and good wear in Boys' Shoes don't often go together. Our kind of boys' Shoes combine both style and wear, and will keep their good looks to the end. They will outwear two pairs, if not more, of the ordinary "cheap" shoes advertised as bargains. We guarantee our Boys' Shoes to wear as we represent that they will—so you take no chance here. Any price you want to pay—\$1.50 to \$2.50. Parents are learning that it pays to buy Boys' Shoes here.

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It is sixty years since the first operation in anesthetic surgery took place in Britain. It was performed by Robert Liston, F. R. S., at University College Hospital, and was one of the events that led the way to the marvelous advances of modern medicine, and achievements of the nineteenth century. It was performed in December 21, 1846, Liston having made use of ether, and it was followed within a year by Sir James Young Simpson's demonstration of the superior qualities of chloroform.

For untold ages patients had withered under amputation of the limb, and the surgeon had to steel himself against ordinary human emotions. Celsus, the famous Latin physician of the first century, declared that "pitilessness" was an essential trait in the man who wielded the knife. Sir James Y. Simpson at the beginning of his professional studies almost resolved to abandon a medical career, so affected had he been by seeing the agony of a poor Highlander under amputation of the breast. The fact recalls the similar experience of Lord Liston, who was so utterly disheartened at one time with the appalling count of deaths that occurred after operations, that he also had seriously in mind to give up the profession dogged by so many failures. Happily one of these lived to see the triumph of his own agent that prevented pain, and the other still lives to witness the universal adoption of aseptic surgery.

If such were the effects of surgical operations on those who had to perform them, what were they on those who had to suffer them? The stoutest hearts quailed at the prospect. It is said that Lord Nelson was so painfully affected by the coldness of the operator's knife when his arm was amputated after the assault at Tenerife that at the Battle of the Nile he gave orders to his surgeons that hot water should always be kept in readiness during an engagement, so that if necessary might at least have the poor comfort of being cut with warm instruments. Yet, strange to say, great as the discovery of anaesthetics seems to us, it is really wonderful that it came so late in the history of the world. The ancient Egyptians were acquainted with the soothing effect of opium, a drug probably identical with opium, and the Scythians inhaled the vapors of hemp to produce intoxication.

TORONTO, May 14.—MacKenzie and Mann have applied to the city council for a site in Ashbridge's Bay for a blast furnace, and their engineers are now inspecting the ground with a view of determining what land is needed.

Just Because It Is

Moving pictures and illustrated songs is the form of entertainment that is pleasing the public mind nowadays. Judging from the enormous crowds that are attending these shows all over the country—and the Nickel here is certainly holding its own, if not more, in point of remarkable attendance. For each picture mechanical effects are being introduced which considerably add to the realism of the stories told and dramas enacted. Today will be the last opportunity to see the five pictures that have made a hit this week, entitled Flat Dwellers, Prince of Wales at Lahore, Whirlwind Fishing, Peacocks for the Army, and the Witch's Cave. The performance commences each day at 12 o'clock noon and runs continuously until 8 p. m., and from 7 till 10.30. One noticeable feature is the particular attention that is being paid by the Nickel force of employees to make it comfortable for the ladies and children.

Word has been received in the city that the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago will expend \$100,000 for missionary work this year. This church is under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. D. A. Morrison, formerly of St. David's Church here.

There is excitement among the members of the Westfield summer colony caused by the report that the Methodist contemplate establishing summer camp grounds in that vicinity. The prospect of having the landscape disfigured by a lot of noisy palm singers is naturally disquieting. The site will be definitely decided upon at a meeting of the camp ground committee which will be held on Thursday morning. Brandy Point has been suggested as a desirable spot, but it is understood that Rev. Thos. Marshall, the chairman of the committee, would not stand for the selection of a place with a name like that andINGLESTEAD near there, will likely be the spot selected.

NO CHANCE.

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"How do you manage to control her so?" "I don't. She always talks first."

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Stop it, then. And why not? Falling hair is a disease, a regular disease, and your own doctor will tell you the remedy. He knows that Ayer's Hair Vigor, now improved formula, quickly stops falling hair, cures dandruff, and makes the hair grow. Just ask him. We publish the formulae of all our preparations.

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