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Demons Kill Young Babes in Robbery.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—Fifty criminals, known in Russia as "the Demons of the Steppe," are now in prison at Ekaterinoslaw. Eleven have been sentenced to death and thirty-one to long terms of imprisonment.

In the last five years "the Demons of the Steppe" have committed two hundred murders and countless other crimes, all characterized by such extraordinary cruelty that most of the medical experts at the trials believed the criminals to be madmen, largely because the evidence showed that the "demons" laid more stress on tormenting their victims than on the material profits.

In the early days the gang murdered chiefly by hanging in order to avoid the accusation of shedding blood, but later when several unfortunate creatures who were supposed to be hanged managed to escape alive "the Demons" resorted to the knife and even to the axe.

Usually the gang attacked farmers in lonely districts and worked only at night. One of the chiefs told the judges it was the custom never to leave a person alive at the scene of the crime—not even a child—lest there be a witness to the horrible affair. "Where we passed there was sure to be complete silence," he said with a sardonic grin.

Often when the peasants refused to reveal the hiding place of their poor savings "the Demons" poured kerosene on the victims' legs and lighted it, but when the tortured victims told the secret and the money was safely in their hands the thieves killed the peasant with knife or axe.

In five instances they placed dynamite cartridges between farmers' teeth and blew them and their families and house simultaneously to atoms.

One of the last crimes of the "Demons" was to attack a German peasant named Hiel and shoot his two oldest sons and one of the servants. Then they ran into the house, pulled Hiel and his wife from bed, carved them to pieces, hanged to the ceiling the four younger children, from two to thirteen years old, picked a six months old baby from its cradle, dashed it out of the window and then killed Hiel's two nieces.

The bandits might still be at work if one of the leaders had not quarrelled with other chiefs. The police always failed to detect them, but the reason was very simple, for money buys anything in Russia, and the bandits paid large sums to very high police officials in the Kuban district.

Curious Gifts.

King George of England, as Emperor of India, is sending a costly and curious gift to the Dalai Lama of Tibet. The centre piece is a great teakwood casket lined with white velvet, within are a cup and platter of gold; then set in frames of gold are autographed portraits of King George and Queen Mary. In addition there is a complete sequence of the English coinage of the current year, from a farthing to a sovereign; photograph of Buckingham Palace and the palace of Westminster in silver-gilt frames, and the whole guarded by small replicas of the Trafalgar Square lions, fashioned in 18-carat gold. The cup is a magnificent piece of workmanship, a replica of a Charles II. cup. The crown goldsmiths were specially commissioned to execute this splendid gift at their London factory. But this casket and its wonderful golden fittings are only part of the peculiar treasure now on its way to the sacred city of Lhasa. A saddle and saddle cloth go with it, and rolls of varied tartans, and, most peculiar of all, a complete set of the latest edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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