

AMNESTY MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

Lower House of Russian Parliament Insists on Obnoxious Demand.

CZAR WILL COMPROMISE

"Land and Freedom" the Key Note of the Peasants' Propaganda.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 16.—The opinion is quite general today that the parliament's adoption of the reply to the special message of the czar will make conflict with the crown inevitable, as it contains number of points, in which the supporters of the government say it is impossible for the emperor to yield. The Novoe Vremya regards the reply as a purely revolutionary document. "Such as might appear as a leading article in a social democratic magazine."

On the other hand, the constitutional democratic leaders, while boldly asserting that the reply is intended to make clear to the emperor that the country will be satisfied with nothing less than a constitutional monarchy on a democratic basis, nevertheless insist that it is not an ultimatum. They consider the reply to be exceedingly temperate in tone, and say it required all their ability to prevent the introduction of more radical expressions. There is every indication that the emperor and Premier Gernykh's cabinet.

Desire to Avoid a Conflict
and that by a compromise on the question of amnesty they will seek to gain time. It can be asserted on high authority that the partial amnesty will be proclaimed May 19, the emperor's birthday.

The constitutional democrats, in addition to being much concerned over the increased radicalism developing in the ranks, find that the poles are inclined to cause trouble. The latter, at a meeting held last night, adopted a resolution in favor of the "historic position of Poland and the international guarantees."

The constitutional democrats fear this may raise the spectre of a revival of the kingdom of Poland and may weaken the constitutional democrats in this country, where undoubtedly the predominant feeling is in favor of the preservation of

The Integrity of the Empire.
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MUSEUM ASSOCIATION.

New York, May 16.—Representatives of museums in North and South America who are meeting here for the purpose of forming an international association today elected H. C. Bumpus, director of the American Museum of Natural History as president.

ONE MAN KILLED.

New York, May 16.—One man was killed and three were seriously injured tonight in the drying room of the dye house at Fulton Avenue and Second Avenue in Brooklyn, when a huge steam dryer cast iron revolving cylinder exploded.

NEW YORK GOOD ROADS.

Albany, N. Y., May 16.—Governor Higgins today signed several bills of the joint highway commission relative to good roads, the most important of which is the one which carries with it an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for this year's portion of the work under the constitutional amendment which provided for a \$50,000,000 bond issue by the state for such improvement.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Washington, May 16.—Having satisfied the American state authorities that the charges against him contained in Assistant Secretary Pollock's confidential report were without foundation, the man that he was the victim of mistaken identity in a measure. Richard T. Greenock the last commercial agent in Vilno, Lithuania, had been given another appointment in the consular service, when a suitable opening is found.

THE COLONIES AND BURDENS OF EMPIRE

Appreciation of Sea Power Is Apparent in the Dominion Says Mr. Wyatt.

LONDON, May 16.—(Special)—At the eleventh annual meeting of the Navy League this afternoon, H. P. Wyatt said that a tour of the empire had convinced him of the appreciation of sea power and that this had been widened and deepened in Canada. Among British Canadians he found the feeling very strong, but among the Canadians it was not so powerful.

Mr. Perkin said it was difficult for Canada to assume the shore burdens while developing her postal and other facilities, and that the charge of the sea of immigrants now entering the country. Assuming charge of the fortifications was a step in the right direction. He said that the Imperial parliament might devise a way out of the difficulty by the colonies at present vote large sums of money without favor of the Imperial parliament.

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A COMPLACENT DEPARTMENT

Hon. Brodeur Did Not Know He Was Financing a "Rake Off" Friend.

AN ASTONISHING REVELATION

Chairman's Dual Vote Causes Exciting Time in Private Bills Committee.

OTTAWA, May 16.—(Special)—George T. Merwin, of Montreal, one of the "rake off" friends of the government, who had been making thousands of dollars annually, created somewhat of a sensation when he intimated to Mr. Barker that he had destroyed some invoices of goods purchased by him for the government. He declined to say what his profit had been, and Chairman Geoffrin sustained him. The chairman's ruling being challenged it was upheld by 22 to 13. Further testimony showed the private department had arranged accommodation for him.

GERMAN REBEL CAPTURED.
Hostile Chief a Prisoner in South Africa.

Berlin, May 16.—The German consul at Capetown today cabled that Cape police had captured the leader of the rebels in German Southwest Africa and several of his warriors in British territory and had taken them to Uppington, Cape Colony. The native rebellion in German Southwest Africa up to March of this year, had cost the German government \$1,500,000. The rebellion is characterized as a man of great intelligence and well educated.

COLONIAL MARRIAGES BILL.
House of Lords Passes Second Reading Without Division.

London, May 16.—The Daily Mail this morning states that a bill which amounts to \$200,000 have been transferred from the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to the North British and Mercantile Company.

Dual Vote Causes Trouble
The senate railway committee this morning reported bills respecting the Vancouver and Lulu Island railway, British Columbia Southern, and Columbian Xpressway.

Budget Speech Tuesday.
Hon. Mr. Fielding announced the budget speech would be delivered next Tuesday.

Woman Condemned to Hang for Firing at an Intruding Policeman.
Odessa, Russia, May 16.—A court-martial today sentenced to death a woman who fired on a policeman but did not injure him during a domestic quarrel.

FAKIR IS CAPTURED.
Smooth Swindler Who Defrauded New Westminster Man in the Toils.

New Westminster, May 16.—The Bohemian gentleman who touched the proprietor Vachon of the Windsor hotel for the sum of \$185 last week, and the Empire hotel in Vancouver for \$50, has been arrested on the other side of the line, and Chief McIntosh departed for Everett this morning to bring him back.

Disappearing Chair.
Can Be Readily Folded and Placed in the Floor.

In the illustration below is a recent invention which can be applied called a "disappearing" theatre chair. It was designed for use in halls and rooms that are used for theatre or concert purposes. It being the work of a moment to fold and lower it to the floor. It will thus not occupy or obstruct any space when not in use. It is especially adaptable to be placed in aisles and such places where it is desired to temporarily have a seat in the hall crowded with spectators. It is a theatre equipped with such chairs.

EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE.
New York, May 16.—John Adams Thayer, treasurer and general manager of the Ridgway-Thayer Company, publishers of Everybody's Magazine, today announced that he had received a letter from the publisher of the magazine, stating that the magazine had been discontinued.

DEFENDS INSURANCE CO.
U. S. Senator Refutes Charge as to Standing of American Concerns.

Washington, D.C., May 16.—United States Senator Bulkeley, who is president of the Aetna Fire Insurance Company, was heard by the house committee statement made yesterday before the committee by Miles M. Dawson, of New York, attorney for the Armstrong Insurance company, to the effect that not one of the American fire insurance companies knew whether they would or would not be solvent when they paid their San Francisco losses. There was said Senator Bulkeley, absolutely no foundation for such a statement, and he said further that he knew of no American company who did not know just where it stood financially. There were only two or three companies which could not pay their losses out of their surplus and still live. The testimony was taken during a hearing which was progressing on the Ames bill for the regulation of insurance in the District of Columbia.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.
London Paper Alleges That Great Military Activity Prevails in France.

London, May 16.—The latest issue of Reynolds' Newspaper says that information has been received from a reliable source to the effect that France is still steadily strengthening her defence along the German frontier. During the past twelve months or so many garrisons have been considered as being too small for the frontier. It is now being crowded with strong bodies of armed men marching silently at dead of night, all bound for principal forts. So secretly has this been carried out that the vast majority of people in France have no idea of it; but the villagers along the frontier tell strange stories of strong bodies of armed men marching silently at dead of night, all bound for principal forts. So secretly has this been carried out that the vast majority of people in France have no idea of it; but the villagers along the frontier tell strange stories of strong bodies of armed men marching silently at dead of night, all bound for principal forts. 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