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GLOOM OVER ST. PETERSBURG; DEATH'S SHADOW IN THE AIR

Czar Has Called an Extraordinary Council of Ministers for almost 60 years practiced and surgery.

William E. Bessey was born near Montreal, graduated from McGill Unito Discuss Situation.

ASSASSINATION MAY FORCE GOVERNMENT TO PEACE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18. - An extra- | Emperor and his ministers, Feb. 16. ordinary sitting of the council of the Strong influences, which, it is underempire has been summoned to consider the situation resulting from the tee of ministers), have been working assassination of Grand Duke Sergius.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18. - 1:30 p.m.

seems to be hanging over the Russian peror capital. Bells are tolling, and the people in the streets are awestruck at yesterday's bloody crime. Everyone from the systematic attempts made by seems to shrink before the contemplation of what may happen next. The army. tragedy struck deep in the heart of the perplexed and tried Emperor, and solit up into bands of several hunmany who were unsparing in their criticism yesterday today have only Russian detachment, following up the expressions of sympathy for his un- Japanese band, which cut the road be- the French comedienne is reported to happy lot. The bitter cup which dur- low Harbin, fell into an ambuscade of ing the past year has been pressed again and again to his lips, is once more filled to the brim, and in almost fear is that if the bands move furpathetic words this morning he im- ther north or west they might interplores his subjects to pray for the re-pose of the soul of his murdered as to make it impossible to supply the uncle. Death is in the air and no one knows where the next blow may fall. pelled the triple reinforcement of the Although precautions have been doubled in every direction for the preser-vation of the lives of the members of imperial family and the ministers, and the secret police are seeking out and arresting those known to be associated with the fighting organization, the authorities realize their impotency to ward off the swift acts of expressed personally to Count Von terrorism, murder in the streets being Osten-Sacken, the Russian ambassador, possible at any instant. The safety seems to lie in seeking refuge vey his deep sympathy to Emperor behind palace walls, and all the imperial family have been warned not to! venture out.

Although only the official papers and the Grashdanin (the Citizen, a reac-tionary paper owned by Prince Mestschisky, a friend of the late Em- A Friend of Kaiser. peror Alexander III.), appear with them are strangely sober. Some panual banquet of the Prussian House of pers which in the past have been Lords, absenting himself out of redoor of Grand Duke Sergius, are draw- of Russia. The grand duke was a ing back before the prospect of the inauguration of a reign of terror, fear- where he had received many honors at

Terrorists Elated.

there is a sentiment of elation. They that it removes the most reactionary influence at court, and also proclaims the general theory that in the absence of armed resistance only by ter- Darmstadt. ror can concessions be wrung from the hands of the autocracy. Expressions of condolence have reached the Emperor direct from practically all governments, those of President Loubet. funeral of Grand Duke Sergius.

May Bring on Peace.

In diplomatic circles the opinion is quite generally expressed that yester- outrage calls forth the reprobation of day's tragedy may be followed by the the civilized world." decision of the Government' to con-clude peace. For some time, despite deed will complicate the crisis through the official attitude maintained by the which Russia is passing." Government, there has been a growing appreciation of the difficulties of ecrable act will effect nothing. prosecuting the war in the midst of increasing complications at home, and, from whatever point of view, as announced by the Associated Press crime must be deeply deplored." yesterday, the matter was actually the The Siecle says: "The tragic event yesterday, the matter was actually the subject of formal consideration by the evokes surprise and horror.

quietly in this direction. Gen. Gripen-berg's revelations, followed by the murder of Grand Duke Sergius, in opinion of some of the ablest diplo--Oppression, like the shadow of doom, mats, are not unlikely to lead the Emdefinitely to decide upon peace. In this connection, the war office is considerably alarmed by the new danger threatening the Manchurian army

Japanese and Chinese bandits to cut

the line of communications back of the According to reports about 10,000 men dred each, are operating from Mongo-lia, and are striking at the railroad. A two regularly-organized Japanese regi-ments, and was almost cut to pieces, losing half its men and one gun. The railroad guards below Harbin.

Kaiser Horrified.

Berlin, Feb. 18.-An hour after the news of the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius reached Berlin, Emperor William drove to the Russian embassy, his horror, and requested him to con-

An informal requiem service was held at the Russian embassy at noon

today, for the repose of the soul of Grand Duke Sergius.

Berlin Feb. 18. - Emperor William black borders, the editorials of all of was not present last night at the anspect to the late Grand Duke Sergius well-known personality in Germany, bright the hands of the ruling family. prospects of reform and lead to an era held the highest Prussian order, the of repression. Black Eagle, and also the Ordre Pour Le Merite, which was instituted by William I. He was also the honorary Among the revolutionaries, however, colonel of the third regiment of Uhlans, stationed at Fuerstenwalde openly glory in the deed, proclaiming Berlin, and of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment of Infantry Darmstadt, whose officers' barracks he visited regularly whenever he was in

Paris Sorrowful.

Paris. Feb. 18. - President Loubet, Premier Rouvier, the entire ministry, Emperor William and King Edward and all the foreign ambassadors here, being especially sympathetic in tone. have forwarded expressions of sympa-It is probable that several govern- thy to the Russian embassy on the asments will send representatives to the sassination of Grand Duke Sergius. Grand Duke Paul, the victim's brother, and a resident here, is prostrated with sorrow. The Figaro says: "The abominable

The Petit Journal says: "This odious

The Echo de Paris says: "The ex-The Petit Parisian says: "Regarded

NEW PRESIDENT SCHEME TO JOIN ALL THE RAILWAYS FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

Electrical Charter, Has Important Aspirations.

was being discussed, that the application for a charter is but a preliminary move in a scheme to amalgamate all the traction lines in Ontario west of Toronto, It is understood the company contemplate the purchase of the Southwestern Traction Company and

amalgamating it with other lines. President F. G. Rumball, of the Southwestern, said today that his company has not been approached by the Niagara concern, or any other concern, with a view to purchasing the

A peculiar feature of the bill is that it stipulates that the Niagara Company desires to amalgamate with - if it wishes - not alone with electric reads, but steam lines as well; and this clause has given rise to the rumor that the C. P. R. is behind the bill, and seeks power to secure all lines, so dan, Thomas Taylor, J. A. Nelles, W. as to utilize them as feeders for the E. Saunders, Wm. Yeates, J. A. Wesand seeks power to secure all lines, so trunk line system.

Michigan Snowbound.

years have the railways of Michigan been so completely at the mercy of snow as at present. In every section of the state trains are stalled in deep drifts. Traffic on many lines has been suspended, and both passengers and freight trains have been canceled. The rural districts are almost completely

Country roads are drifted to the fence tops, and traffic is practically im-Rural mallcarriers have been compelled to abandon their routes entirely in many sections.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 18. - Not in

Manchester has sold his Tanderagee estates at Armagh under the Irish land Leopold Goes Home. St. Petersburg. Feb. 18. — Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia who had been visiting the Emperor, started for

The Soo Trial.

some months ago.

temporarily.

was re-elected treasurer.

tary of the board was not accom-plished. Mr. J. F. Kern was urged

to act, but he declined to accept the

position, agreeing, however, to serve

tary of the association, has not yet

his duties until the middle of April, by

which time the directors will in all

probably have many applications for

have not yet been advertised for, half

The board this year includes: Messrs. T. S. Clark, J. S. Barnard, J.

F. Kern, D. H. Gillies, Andrew Dale,

John Macpherson, F. W. C. McCutch-

L. H. Martyn, Wm. Jeffrey, A. D. Jor-

Manchester Sells Estates.

London, Feb. 18. - The Duke of

tervelt and Jared R. Vining.

Frank Lawson, E. F. H. Parker.

a dozen have already been received.

the positions. Although applications

been secured. Mr. Hopper continues

successor to Mr. Hopper, secre-

Toronto, Feb. 18. — The continuation of the trial of the man reported for corruption in the Soo election trial has been postponed until March 11, owing to the illness of Chanceller Eoyd,

A SNOWPLOW DIED OF BROKEN NERVE

Long List of Failures Kills Ex-Canadian at Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 18. - Dr. William E. Bessey, died in St. Mary's Hospital, a city charge, after having for almost 60 years practiced medicine

versity when he was 21 years of age, and practiced in Montreal many years. He was ambitious and engaged in several enterprises, all of which ended in failure. Ten years ago he came to journal. The journal went the way of all the doctor's early undertakings. The doctor and his wife separated by mutual agreement. This seemed to be tual agreement. This seemed to be plowman, rightly interest the last straw to the former's burden Clark, Brampton, plowman, slightly interest troubles. Dr. Bessey's death is projured; Patrick Fitzgibbons, Brampton, of troubles. Dr. Bessey's death is pronounced a pure case of broken nerve. The doctor's friends and relatives will

see to his burial. REJANE FINDS "ANGEL"

Magnate Hyde to Build Theater for French Actress.

New York, Feb. 18 .- James H. Hyde is to be "angel" for Mme. Rejane when she establishes her French theater here. Some are unkind enough to say this is the recompense for the can-can have danced at Mr. Hyde's fancy dress

"I am delighted with New York and with the prospect of returning next season," said Mme. Rejane today before sailing for France. "The theater will be built for me by Mr. Hyde and others interested in French literature. "Up to the time his business troubles began I saw a great deal of him, and we had almost completed our plans. As it is now we may have to wait for final arrangements.

CHANCELLOR BOYD HAS PNEUMONIA

Him in House for Several Weeks.

[Special to The Advertiser.] is ill with pneumonia as a result of his trip to Simcoe on Monday. The his trip to Simcoe on Monday. The success. The plan contemplates the the Detroit River abreast Amherst-chancellor, with Justice Teetzel, who withdrawal from the savings and other burg. The plan calls for excavating has so far escaped ill-effects of one of banks of the deposits of the workingthe roughest journeys either judge has had in years, held court at Simcoe, Union Financial Corporation, which is for the trial of Charles Baker, who said to be empowered to establish had been reported in the North Norfolk election case. The judges were snowbound a day in Simcoe and a day in Jarvis, and compelled at last, in returning to Toronto, to come by way of Fort Erie. The chancellor's cold confined him to his bed yesterday, and now pneumonia has set in. Physicians say they have caught it in time, and announce his condition today as satisfactory, but it will be a month at lease before the chancellor returns to his judicial duties.

Big Bond Robbery. Boston, Feb. 18. - The law firm of McPherson, Hyde & Damon announced today a robbery of notes and bonds to the value of \$50,000. The names of the owners of the securities are not disclosed, but it is understood that the papers were lost about a month ago from a State street firm of bankers, and that subsequent discoveries indicated robbery.

DISASTER IN MINING SHAFT

Niagara Company, Which Seeks Mr. T. S. Clark Chosen to Suc- Cage Dropped 1,200 Feet and Ten Miners Are Crushed ceed Mr. German-Secretary to Death. Not Named.

At the meeting of No. 1 committee At a meeting of the board of direc- Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 18. - While a last evening, a notice of application tors of the Young Men's Christian As- cage containing ten workmen was befor a charter by a company who de- sociation, held recently, Mr. T. S. ing lowered into the Lyttle shaft, four sire to run an electric line from Clark, of the Bank of Montreal, was miles from here, today, it caught in Niagara Falls to London was received. unanimously elected as president to some loose timbers along the side of Chairman Stevely explained, when it succeed Mr. German, who resigned the shaft, and when suddenly released, the cage dropped with such force as to tear the bottom from it. The min-Mr. D. H. Gillies was chosen viceers were hurled to the bottom of the take it altogether seriously shall have president and Mr. J. W. Westervelt shaft, a distance of about 1,200 feet, The election of a permanent secre-

HYDE IS HEAVY LOSER

and it is believed all were crushed to

By Renouncing Control of Equitable

· Lite Society. New York, Feb. 18 .- James H. Hyde, the 29-year-old vice-president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has formally renounced his control of that \$400,000,000 organization. He has consented to sell the stock of the Hyde family to the company at a price to be fixed by a committee of the directors. He has saved his official scalp and will continue as vice-president, but he and his family have lost their grip on the great financial institution, one of the greatest in the world.

At a long and acrimonious meeting of the directors this afternoon Mr. Hyde consented to have the Equitable made a mutual organization in fact as well as in name. Hereafter the policy-holders, who number nearly 600,000,

MOUNTS RAILS

in Accident Near Brampton This Morning.

Toronto, Feb. 18. - Three men were woman and started a medical Orangeville branch of the C. P. R., four

plowman, slightly bruised. The accident was due to an engine and snowplow jumping the track, the hard snow causing the train to mount

THE SMITHVILLE INJURED

Names of the Killed and Hurt in Accident on the T., H. and B.

Smithville, Feb. 18.-The names and nature of the injuries of those injured in the accident on the T. H. and B. here last night, when an engine ran into a snowplow, are as follows: A. Lowsly, Hamilton, killed, leaves widow and seven months' old child; Joseph Hootinjured, one of them quite seriously, in er, Italian, leg and ribs broken; Ste-Grand Rapids and married a Grand another snowplow accident on the phen Moore, Stoney Creek, knee opened and leg badly lacerated; John Acer, Italian, ribs broken and hip hurt; George Fowler, internal injuries; plowman, right arm broken; Arthur Evan Levy, ear partly torn off; Geo. Morse, injured about head and face; Alex Burns, bruised and leg hurt; John Punder, Russian, face bruised; John

Prago, Russian, internally injured.

Several others were burned and bruised

slightly. Names cannot be learned. BUSINESS BLOCK IN FLORENCE, ONT., WIPED OUT BY MORNING BLAZE

Escape From Total Destruction.

Florence, Feb. 18 .- One of the most disastrous fires the town ever had occurred this morning. About 3 o'clock fire was discovered in McDonald & being discovered, and nothing could be

The Entire Town Had Narrow hardware store it quickly spread to the furniture and implement store in the rear. Then it spread both ways, north and south. The brick block occupied by Walter Drew, general merchant, was next gutted. Here the fire was stopped from proceeding further gressive. The weather is still unfav-south. The adjoining block north of orable, but the excessive cold will be the hardware, occupied by Leroy Mil-Wells' hardware store. The fire had consumed. Dr. Kelly's office adjoining attained considerable headway before was partly torn down to prevent the After Dr. Kelly's barn was destroyed done to save the block. From the! the fire was brought to a standstill.

UNION LABOR IN A MONEY TRUST?

ute Cash to a Novel Money Combine.

incorporated in New Jersey meets with men, and the investment of such money in stocks and bonds of the Trade banks of its own or enter into any line of corporate activity.

Promoters of the scheme have been in Chicago for more than a week, seeking the indorsement of officials of various international labor organizations which have their headquarters in this The object is to sell 5,000,000 city. bonds at \$5 each, thus creating a fund of \$25,000,000. These bonds, as explain-"confidential" prospectus, "would be as good as gold and could be passed the same as \$5 bills.'

The scheme also contemplates a stock issue of 100 shares of \$1,000 each. It is designed that these shares shall be bought one each by the presidents of the various international unions, and by them held in trust for their unions. The stock will represent the voting control of the financial corporation, and whatever profits there may be af-ter the stock has shared in its dividends shall accrue to the bonds. The exact plans, so for as dividends are concerned, are not clear to labor leaders who have been approached. objects of the Trade Union The Financial Corporation, as announced in the prospectus, are "to purchase, hold and assign, tonds, capital stock and other evidences of debt of banks, trust | men, petual and managed by the directors chosen by the 100 holders of the \$1,000

The promoters of the "trust," in endeavoring to enlist the interest of Chicago labor leaders, have given out cards bearing the words: "W. R.Burch & Co., Financiers, 805 Lords Court Building, New York City."When pressed for an explanation of what connection Burch & Co. have with the scheme the promoter replied, "Oh, they are handling the business." Inquiry in New York last night failed to locate "Burch & Co." No such house is listed in the New York directory, nor is it rated by R. G. Dun.

The prospectus of the "corporation" is signed by J. Herbert Anderson and F. H. Phipp, both of Winnipeg, Canada. They are said to be the originators of

the scheme. "We haven't tumbled over ourselves as yet to fall in with the corporation.' said one labor leader, "and before we

to 'be shown' a lot of things." THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow -Fair and Warmer. London, Saturday, Feb. 18. Sun rises. 7:12 a.m. Moon rises. 4:48 p.m. Sun sets. . 5:51 p.m. Moon sets. . 6:17 a.m.

Toronto, Feb. 17—8 p.m.

High winds, with light snowfalls, have been fairly general today from the lakes to the Maritime Provinces, while in the Territories and Manitoba the weather has Territories and Manitoba the weather has been fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 16 below—4: Port Simpson, 28—42; Victoria, 38—48; Kamloops, 6—26; Calgary, 4—28; Qu'Appelle, zero—20; Winnipeg, 10 below—4: Port Arthur, 4—12; Southampton, 16—46; Toronto, 18—3); Ottawa, 12—24; Montreal, 8—24; Quebec, zero—22; St. John, 16—34; Halifax, 2 below—32.

FORECASTS.
Saturday, Feb. 18—8 a.m.
Today—Fine and cold.

Sunday-Fine, with a more modera

emperature.
TEMPERATURES. Stations. Winnipeg-Parry Sound....-

BIG IMPROVEMENTS **AMHERSTBURG**

Disease Checked, but Will Keep Workers Are Invited to Contrib- The Dominion Government to Give Harbor a Twenty-One Foot Channel.

Chicago, Feb. 18.-Union labor is to Detroit, Feb. 18.-Information was Toronto, Feb. 18. - Chancellor Boyd have a "money trust" of its own if a received in Detroit yesterday to the scheme born in Canada and said to be effect that the Canadian Government as a result of salvage operations now incorporated in A for Larger most with is about to make big improvements in the river to a depth of 21 feet from the present channel now being improved by the United States in to the Amherstburg dock line.

This will make it possible for the largest vessels on the lakes to tie up or coal at the Amherstburg docks and, in case of heavy fog or low water, to be secure and still get out of the main channel and not obstruct 43 passage of boats whose masters care to navigate.

At the present time boats wanting to hold fast on account of thick weather or low water are compelled to cast anchor outside by laying to abreast Amherstburg in the river. By digging out between the present American channel in Canadian water between Bois Blanc and the mainland the Dominion Government seeks to make a safe harbor at Amherstburg and greatly aid the town.

HUNDREDS ARE IN PERIL

Crack Miles Long Separates American Fishermen From Shore.

Bay City, Mich., Feb. 18.-The big crack in the ice of Saginaw Bay six miles from the shore nearly cost two more men their lives while a team of horses was drowned yesterday. The Gilbert William Rolse and The water in the crack at the point they intended crossing had been cov- fluence with the Emperor to secure of the explosion made their way inby a thin film of ice and snow peace. and the first intimation of the danger came when the team plunged into the The men succeeded in scrambling to the solid ice, but the horses were drowned and the sled lost. In their is violated not only beyond the fron- taken by way of a private corridor vet cothing and the temperature at zero the men walked six miles back in fairly good condition.

Messengers have been sent to the hundreds of fishermen on the bay, apprising them of the danger, as during the past few days the crack, which is now miles long, has been thinly covered over with ice and snow in many

JEWS KILLED OR MAIMED After Mohileff Rlots.

Berlin, Feb. 16. — The Vorwaerts publishes letters from Mohileff, in which details are given of terrible barbarities practiced by the police of that town on the Jewish inhabitants. In the early days of February the town was considerably disturbed by street demonstrations. Numerous arrests were made, and the prisoners were driven to the police station, they were brutally assaulted by the police. Many were flung down a flight of stairs, dragged up and again flung down, until they were insensible. Soldiers struck at them with muskets, breaking legs, arms and fingers, gouging out eyes and committing other horrible barbarities. About a hundred nersons were made cripples. death. One was thrown to the dogs. Time, 10 2-5 seconds. Others are dying. Although the majority of the crowd was composed of Christians, only the started at scratch, in the 75 yards Jews were treated in this manner. handicap. Time, 7.2-5 seconds.

JAPANESE JOIN

Through Mongolia.

Kuropatkin Active on Both Flanks Grand Duke Alexis, Trepoff and and a General Engagement is Supposed To Be at Hand.

Harbin, Feb. 18. - The Japanese attacks on the bridge across the Sian River and on Fantziatun were intended to cover a movement of considerable bodies of Japanese troops and Chinese bandits across Mongolia.Large rible watched the heads of his enemies parties were discovered at Fynshu Pass making their way northwards towards Harbin.

The attitude of the local Chinese owards the Russians is unfriendly.

sians are showing increased activity afternoon. The deed was committed on both flanks, and are extending and strengthening their right. They also neath the carriage of the Grand Duke seem to be concentrating a heavy force on their left in front of Gen. Kuroki. Fushun is the base of the late opera- ter Von Piehve's death. The missile was ions, and it is estimated that the Russians there number six divisions. The impression exists that Gen. Kuropat- perial victim's body to ghastly fragkin is preparing to assume the agsoon over.

Chinese reports to the effect that ler, druggist and optician, was next Gen. Kuropatkin is preparing to abandon the Shakhe River line and retire northward are discredited here. The Russians shelled portions of Oyama's center and left on Thursday, Feb. 16, On Friday, the Russian cavairy, in retiring from a recent at-tack upon Oyama's left, halted at Liu-

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18. - The Russian Government has as yet received no protest against the alleged violaport Lena at San Francisco, either proved unavailing against an attempt tion of paroles by officers of the transthrough Ambassador McCormick or Ambassador Cassini.

Mukden, Feb. 18. — Volunteers reconnoitering the right flank dislodged the Japanese from the villages of Vainta-

sels, including some warships, will be strength added to the Japanese nava vestigation has shown that the damage done by the Russians at the time of surrender was not so great as was at first believed. Twelve thousand men are at work on the docks preparing them to receive the ships as rapidly

as they are raised. There were 20,000 invalids in Port hatless and coatless on the blood-Arthur on Jan. 30 and an average of stained snow and murmured prayers 20 deaths occurred daily. guarding the Japanese warships guarding the straits leading to Vladivostock have

captured 37 vessels carrying contra-The conscription laws have been revised in Japan, enabling the country to place 1,000,000 troops in the field. New Industries.

Windsor, Ont. Feb. 18. - Two new industries have located here, the Chicago Coffee Company, and the Canadian Gelatine Company from Lorain,

large number of people. AN APPEAL TO CZARINA

Wis. Both concerns will employe a

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.-The Empress of Russia has received from the vicinity. It still appears to be uncerwomen of Moscow an address, pite- tain whether the assassin was in a other evidences of debt of banks, trust men. William Roiss and Gibert women and a manufacturing concerns, Dishaw, fishermen, started with a beauty team to secure their shanties. The corporation itself is to be perheavy team to secure their shanties. Woman and a mother, to use her inwho had been attracted by the sound who had been attracted by the sound

Influence for Peace.

tiers, but even in the heart of the fatherland. We see in recent troubles out the night and officers and aidesthe beginning of calamities that may de-camp will keep vigil over the body. crush all Russia if the Emperor does not seek to avert them. All the bases of life are shaken, and all the moral Murderers, Police Agents. foundations are trembling. Mothers Immense crowds gathered in the greatness, its women will help in the work of organization by guiding their uted the brothers and children into the new sleigh, but later it developed that the way and a life of light."

Duffy Defeated.

Melbourne, Feb. 18. - A. F. Duffy, the American runner, made his first appearance in Australian athletics here today, but finished second in both vents in which he competed In the 100 yards championship Duffy Several girls were flogged almost to was defeated by Mueller, of Bendigo Morgan, of Melbourne, with five yards start, beat the American, who

Frances Willard's Statue Placed in U. S. Capitol

MURDERED WITHIN PALACE WALLS

Russians Block Movement Assassination of Sergius Work of Terrorist.

WAS MOVING TOWARDS HARBIN THE EMPEROR WAS PROSTRATED

Pobledonostseff Also Doomed to Die-Detailed Story.

Moscow, Feb. 17, 4:20 a.m.-Within

the walls of the far-famed Kremlin Palace, almost underneath the historic tower from which Ivan the Terfalling beneath the axe on the famous Red Square, and within a stone's throw of the great bell of Moscow, Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, and the chief of the reactionaries, met a terrible death Tokio, Feb. 18. — According to reports from the Shakhe River the Russian the reactionaries, met a terrible death shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday by a single Terrorist, who threw bea bomb charged with the same high power explosive which wrought Minispacked with nails and fragments of iron, and its explosion tore the imments, which strewed the snow yards around. Every window in the great lofty facade of the Palace of Justice was shattered, and bits of iron were imbedded deeply in the walls of the arsenal, a hundred yards away The assassin belongs to fighting group" of the Socialist Revolutionary party, which has removed other prominent officials, and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius. The grand duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of repeated warnings and elaborate precautions were taken to insure his safety, but all the resources of the gendarmerie, secret police and soldiers almost exactly duplicating the procedure that caused the death of Minister Von Plehve in July of last year. It was the irony of fate that Sergius, after taking refuge in his country villa during the strike troubles of a month shan, Tadzepu. Koltai and Two-Mound ago, and later seeking even more se-Hill. The villages were burned. Kremlin walls, should be killed while Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16.-Fifty ves- proceeding to the Governor-General's Palace beyond the walls, and which he abandoned to enable the police to better protect him, Grand Duchess Elizabeth, who has been engaged daily in the task of preparing comforts for the sick and wounded Russian soldiers in Manchuria, was about to drive to

Within Kremlin Gates.

the palace to join her husband. When

she heard of what had befallen the grand duke she was driven in haste to

the scene of the tragedy, and knelt

for the welfare of the soul of her slain

The scene of the crime was the great open triangle within the Kremlin, bounded by the arsenal treasury and courts of justice, in one angle of which is the Nicholas or Little Palace, where the Grand Duke dwelt. At the opposite corner is the Nikolasky gate, the exit to the town beyond the ramparts. A few minutes before the bell of the gate sounded the hour of three the equipage of the Grand Duke emerged from the gates of the palace and proceeded, followed by sleighs containing secret police. It swept by at a smart pace, and was half way across the square between the great bell tower and the Nicholas Gate when the bomb Russian Women Ask Her to Use was thrown beneath his carriage where it exploded, literally demolishing the vehicle, killing the Grand Duke and fatally injuring his driver. The only actual witnesses of the assassination were two policemen on beat in the side the Kremlin before the police were "Oh, Sovereign," the petition says, able to close the gates, but they were speedily ejected. While the enormous "we believe your mother's heart feels crowds were gathering outside the gate all the horrors of war as we do. Peace the body of Grand Duke Sergius was from the palace to the Choudoff Monastery. Priests will pray there through-

who have to bring up the young gen- vicinity of the Kremlin, where some eration are saddened by seeing that factions began an attack on students it is impossible to train children on and other representatives of the Liberal the basis of truth, love and duty movement, while others cagerly when the social life of the country grasped and read a revolutionary prodoes not rest thereon. Our best clamation which had appeared as if by Horrible Cruelties Practiced by Police forces are perishing. Mothers whose magic, So threatening became the athearts are breaking cannot remain titude of the crowd that the authorisilent. More lives will be sacrificed ties felt obliged to order the Kremlin because what is happening is not cleared and the gates locked. The spasmodic, but the result of earlier gates remained closed all night, obligcalamities. The Emperor can still save ing pedestrians and carriages to take Russia by his puissant will. Be our roundabout routes instead of short cuts pleader. Pray the Emperor to listen through the Kremlin precincts. The to the voice of the country. If the police measures to preserve order have Emperor leads the country in paths of greatness, its women will help in the Early accounts of the tragedy attribcrime to three men in a three men were police agents appointed

to guard the Grand Duke. after the murder Grand Duchess Elizabeth, the two adopted children of Grand Duke Sergius, his staff officials and immediate servants assembled in the chapel, where a solemn requiem was celebrated. There was another guard of honor kept watch during the night. No arrangements have yet been announced for the funeral services. The assassination undoubtedly was the work of the fighting organization the socialistic revolutionary party, which condemned and executed Bobrikoff, Governor-General of Fin-land, and M. Sipiaguine and Von Plehve, Ministers of the Interior. It is garded as a direct challenge from the errorists to the autocracy, and a revival of the famous duel between the

Montreal \$ 6 Fair with an insurance aggregating the tremendous sum of \$1,500,000,000, will have a voice in the selection of directors.

This means that the Hyde estate suffers a great loss in money power and prays was 51 per cent of the whole and controlled the gigantic corporation. For it \$5,000,000,000 had been offered and refused. Shorn of its voting power, the will be a great shrinkage in its voting power.

Washington, Feb. 18.—A special feating in Quebec and the Maritime provinces a great loss in money power and pray was 51 per cent of the whole and controlled the gigantic corporation. For it \$5,000,000 had been offered and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 25°; lowest, 12° above.

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