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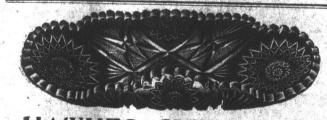
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VonGunten Bros.

The little choir boys of the Christ

Church vested choir were entertained

the coasting they were treated to refreshments.

London, Feb. 18.—The first court of the year was held in Buckingham Palace last night. It was exceptionally brilliant and essentially diplomatic function. The attendance was matic function. The attendance was large, with a particularly full representation of the Embassies. King Edward and Queen Alexandra were accompanied by the royal circle, the only absentee of which was Princess Victoria, who has not yet recovered from a recent operation. There were a large number of presentations, including Princess Edna of Battenberg and Lady Elleen Wellesley. The front of Queen Alexandra's gown was a biaze of jewels, with a beautiful single diamond of great size in the gentre of the corsage.

Date Not Yet Decided.

to, Feb. 18.—At the close of the Frovinday's meeting of the Provinbinet the Premier announced
had no news to give. out.
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Ferth, and a convention in

ments By Terrorists' Bomb.

Moscow, Feb. 18.-While Grand Duke Sergius was driving yesterday from the Nicholas Palace through from the Nicholas Palace through the Senate quarter, his carriage was followed by two cabs. At the Law Courts a sleigh in which were two men, one of whom was dressed as a workman, went quickly ahead of the Grand Duke's carriage. The sleigh then slowed up to allow the carriage to pass, and at that moment a homb was thrown beneath the carriage. The force of the explosion broke all the windows of the Law Courts and the report was heard outside the city.

ne carriage was blown to pieces, ling but the four wheels remain— The horses were not hurt and

The Grand Duke was instantly kill-ed. His head was blown off actually being separated from his body, which was frightfully mangled. The coachman was also killed. He

was so frightfully burned by the ex-plosive with which the bomb was charged that he died while being taken to a hospital. The murderers were arrested.

Sensation in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18, 4.50 p.m.—The news of the tragedy in which Grand Duke Sergius was blown up tetersburg, where the announce-ment by telephone from Moscow ar-rived during the afternoon. Owing to the intense excitement

Owing to the intense excitement prevailing at Moscow, few particulars are ascertainable.

The tragedy in reality was no great surprise, as it was known that the terrorists had already condemned the Grand Duke to death, and over since the affair of January 22 the inauguration of a bomb-throwing campaign had been expected.

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Grand Duke Sergius, who was a brother-in-law, as well as uncle, of the Emperor, and who had exercised immense influence at court, was re-garded as the most reactionary of the

Persecuted Jews and Students

As Governor-General of Moscow, the Grand Duke Sergius was in-ensely unpopular. His advent as Governor-General was followed by expulsion of the Jews from the central Provinces, and throughout the Ad-ministration his rigorous and harsh neasures aroused the greatest hostility, especially among the students. Two years ago, after the students' riot, in which many were killed or wounded, several hundred expulsions wounded, several hundred exputo Siberia followed under the wolfinded, several mindred expulsions to Siberia followed under the orders of Grand Duke Sergius and General of St. Petersburg, but who was then Chief of Police of Moscow. As there were many threats made against his life, the Grand Duke was obliged to flee to his summer residence, twenty miles from the city. During the recent strike disturbances the Grand Duke left the Diskoutchny Palace on the outskirts of the city, where he had been living, and took refuge inside the ramparts of the Kremlin, where he had since lived in what is known as the little palace, opposite the famous statue of Alexander II. The trip to the Kremlin on that occasion was made at night, between sailed living of trovers. on was made at night, between solid lines of troops.

Wealthy and Handsome.

Grand Duke Sergius was the wealthiest member of the Imperial family. He was tall, handsome, and cordial in manner in entire. ruthless fashion in which he exercised his authority as Governor-General. He was childless, but had adopted two children of his brother Paul, who was banished on account of a morgantic alliance. Sergius' record as a soldier was not brilliant. He suffered a disastrous defeat at the hands of General Kuropatkin during the famous Koursk manouvres.

The Grand Duke is understood to

The Grand Duke is understood to have been condemned to death by the revolutionary party in December the Governor-Generalship of Moscow was abolished early in the year, and the Grand Duke, according to despatches from Moscow on January 4, kept closely to the well-gnarded Mokouski Palace on the outskirts of Moscow, retaining his position of commander-in-chief of the military district. Later in January, however, it was announced that the Grand Duke had sought refuge in one of the palaces of the Kremlin. He has been classed as the most reactionary member of the Imperial family, as the head of what is referred to as the war party, and has been stigmatized by the Liberals as Russia's evil genius, Grand Duke Sergius was born in 1857, and was married in 1884 to Princess Elizabeth of Hesse-Darmstadt. They have no children.

Explesion's Frightful Power.

The deed was committed by a single terrorist, who threw beneath the Grand Duke's carriage a bomb charg-Grand Duke's carriage a bomb charged with the same high power explosive which wrought Minister Von Plehye's death. The missile was loaded with nails and fragments of iron, and its explosion tore the Imperial victim's body to ghastly fragments, which strewed the snew for yards around. Every window in the great lefty facade of the Palace of Justice was should be supported by the same of Justice was should be provided the property of the property of the provided with the provided provided the provided provided provided the provided 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 the noted

"Fighting group," of the Socialist revolutionary party, which has re-meved other prominent officials, and

long since passed sentence of death leng-since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius.
Grand Duchess Elizabeth, who had been engaged in the task of preparing comforts for the sick and wounded Russian soldiers in Manchuria was about to drive to the palace to join her husband. When she heard of what had befallen the Grand Duke she was driven in bacts. driven in haste to the scene of the tragedy and knell hatless and coat-less on the bloodstained snow and murnured prayers for the welfare of the soul of her slain consort.

King Edward Sympathizes.

London, Feb. 18.-King Edward so on as he was informed of the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius at Moscow telegraphed to Emperor Wicholas expressing his horror and sympathy.

Pope Is Saddened. Rome, Feb. 18.—The Pope, on learning of the murder of Grand Duke Sergius, yesterday, said: "How sad it is that people think they can find relief in wiclence."

Students Did It. Washington, D.C., Feb. 18.—United States Ambassador McCormick cabl-ed the State Department yesterday from St. Petersburg as follows:
"Grand Duke Sergius assassinated at
Moscow yesterday by bomb. Way-laid by three students, one of whom
threw bomb, two of them killed."

Japs and Russians Clash. Tokio, Feb. 18.-The following ofcial announcement was made here yesterday: "On Thursday the enemy's artillery bombarded our positions in front of Shaleopao, Hanchanpao, Mengtapao, and their vicinities. Yesterday at 5 in the morning the officer in command of our scouts encountered and results of descouts encountered and repulsed a de-tachment of the enemy's infantry about 100 strong, near Pinniulupao. The enemy had come southward since Wednesday and retreated north to Liukanfang, ten miles northwest of Chitatise.

Oppess Free School Books and Ra

Toronto, Feb. 18.-The Dominic and placed themselves on record as opposed, to the state furnishing school books to scholars in the pub-lic schools of Ontario. They are also opposed to the newer system of education inaugurated at Guelph in connection with which busses are run to bring to and take children from

The committee on legislation waited on Premier Whitney in the afternoon. They reported: "That we consider the unequal proportion in which
the burden of taxation is at present
adjusted as between farmers and railways, telephone and telegraph companies to be one of the greatest
grievances of which farmers have to
complain. We recommend the new
Government in this province be reduested to present a measure at the

Government in this province be requested to present a measure at the coming session with the essential features of the Pettypiece Bill."

The committee views with alarm the several proposals looking towards an increase in the burdens already imposed upon the farmer in the form of Dominion taxation. Among the proposals referred to are: To place an import duty on No. 9, 12 and 18 wire, now free; to put a tax on binder twine, and to levy an import duty on lumber. They protax on binder twine, and to levy an import duty on lumber. They protest against adding the above articles to the list of taxed articles, and are also opposed to any proposal looking to a restriction by Parliament of the markets the farmers self in. A serious restriction would be imposed by putting an export duty on wheat. Protests are also made against the granting of subsidies to

on wheat. Protests are also made against the granting of subsidies to railway promoters and bounties to iron manufacturers.

The report said. "In view of the fact that even Cuba can secure railfact that even Cuba can secure railways without bonusing them, the Grange emphatically declares that the time has come when an end should be put to the granting of land to railway corporations; and that where aid is necessary it should take the form of a loan, to be repaid with faterest."

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The Dominion Parliament will be urged to enact a law limiting the speed of trains crossing streets in villages and towns, and the railway commissioners will be urged to adopt measures to present the loss of life

by shunting at crossings.

A local law which the Grangers want changed is the Assessment Act.

A secret ballot will be welcomed. A secret ballot will be welcomed. They recommend that the Dominion Government take over trunk telephone lines in order to facilitate the formation of nunicipal or co-operative telephone systems.

Election of Officers.

The session adjourned to meet next year at the same place after electing the following officers: Master, Henry Grose, Lefroy; overseer, Thos. McMurphy, Loree; secretary, Wm. Fisher, Burlington; treasurer, Jas. Fallis, Newbridge; chaplain, S. Goodfellow, Duncan P.O.; lecturer, Jas. Gelen, Glenworth, P.O.; steward, Albert Caruthers, Whitby; assistant steward, J. G. Lethbridge, Strathroy; gatekeeper, W. A. Coulter, Painswick, Lady officers: Ceres, Miss Cowan, Whitby; Flora, Mrs. D. Brennan, Whitby; Iady assistant steward, Mrs. Warnica, Painswick; executive; Wm. Fisher, Burlington; Jabel Robinson, Middlemarch; auditors, F. M. Warnica, and W. Ralston.

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New Ontario Railroad.

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Chatham, Feb. 18,—The bonds for the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Electric, Road have been disposed of in New York in one block, and the material for the line will be on the ground before March 1, while work will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. The road, which is backed up by American capitalists will be seen to be seen the control of the seen that the which is backed up by American cap-italists, will take in all the lake

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