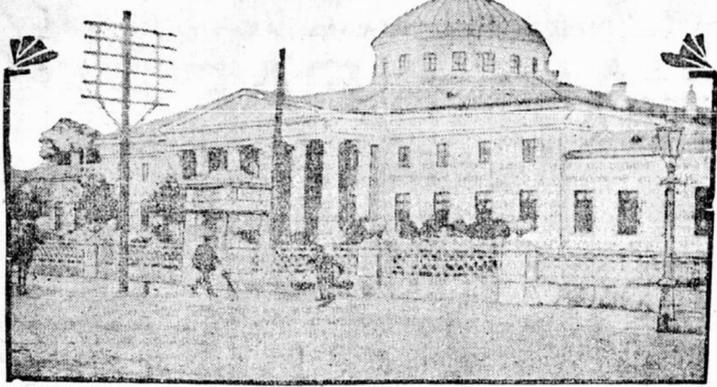


THE TAURIDE PALACE IN ST. PETERSBURG.



Picturesque Parliament House Where the Second Russian Douma Is Holding Its Sessions.

THE RUSSIAN DOUMA.

Russia's Parliament Made Up of Many Conflicting Parties. The second Russian Douma, now holding sessions in the Tauride palace at St. Petersburg, is the center of world-wide interest.

Unfortunately, however, the douma of 1907 is a body of minority groups, so that any positive action must be effected through coalitions. Coalitions as a rule are not very stable, so that surprising changes may mark the career of the new Parliament.

KILL JEWS IN ROUMANIA.

Mobs Slaughter the Semites, Sack Stores and Loot Homes. Massacres of Jews that equal in barbarity the bloodiest ever perpetrated in Russia have taken place in Roumania.

The massacres at Poddhilo were carried on through several days. The towns population of 7,000 was made up of 4,000 Jews and 3,000 Roumanians. The Jews were in the majority in the fighting, and in addition several thousand peasants from the country districts assisted the Roumanian urban combatants.

For the most part the Roumanians were armed. They attacked the Jews with ruthless hand, sacking stores, smashing windows, looting residences, and striking, shooting or cutting down all who resisted.

The Death Roll of Industry. Arthur B. Reeve, writing in Charities and Commons, speaks of the thousands of wage earners who were killed or injured in a year of prosperous business.

THAW CASE DRAGS.

Tide of Public Sentiment Seems to Have Taken a Turn. There seemed perceptible a turn against Thaw in the tide of sentiment last week. It is another case of sudden hero-worship falling to last.



ATTORNEY JEROME.

Jerome's task is a hard one. The main purpose of his rebuttal will be to assail, so strongly as to destroy them, the "brain storms" upon which the defense has pinned its faith in Thaw's acquittal.

Mr. Jerome will have his alienists support the theory that if there was anything unusual or unnatural in the appearance of Thaw at the time he killed Stanford White the exhilaration of intoxicants was responsible.

Although the general public has learned the details of but one quarrel among the lawyers who are defending Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, it is known among those who have been in close touch with the proceedings before the scenes of the great case—and behind them—that other disagreements, just as violent, have raged from time to time among the six counselors who are working so hard to steer for the young millionaire a course that will dodge the reefs of the death-chair and the shoals of the madhouse.

News of Minor Note. As a result of a quarrel Joseph Abbott shot and killed Charles Greenwood near Milton, Ky.

The Supreme Court of Ohio sustained the constitutionality of the Jones local option law. The law gives local option in cities by petition instead of by election.

BLOW AT RAILROADS.

President Appoints Inland Water Ways Commission. The development of a comprehensive system of rivers and canals in the United States is the object of the inland water ways commission created by President Roosevelt.

Progress in inland transportation, having made a full revolution, has got back to where it started. The rivers were the highways of the pioneers. Their canoes and freight boats gave civilization to the wilderness.

Now the country has outgrown the railroads. In ten years the traffic of the northern interior States has doubled, though railroad facilities have increased only one-eighth during the same period.

This is a hopeful sequel of the widespread movement which has been inaugurated by the commercial organizations of the Mississippi valley to secure the improvement of the inland rivers.



A dispatch from Rome is authority for the statement that the silence of the Vatican regarding the proposed correspondence of Mgr. Montagnini, formerly secretary to the nunciature at Paris, is due to the fact that the violation of the nunciature by the French government is now in the hands of Austria.

The new Lord's day act has gone into force throughout Canada, with the exception of the province of Quebec. Some of the things prohibited on Sunday by this act are: Public entertainments given for money, baseball, football, gambling, racing, hunting, shooting, fishing, the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Following the announcement that Minister of the Interior Brand had changed front by refusing to accept the proposal of Cardinal Richard as to church leases, and the publication of the alleged church documents taken from Papal Nuncio Montagnini, who was expelled from France, the Vatican published a note in the Osservatore Romano denouncing the French government as a violator of right and truth.

BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.



The desire to make money too quickly is our greatest financial fault. Railroads are vastly overcapitalized. If I wanted to work a big scheme I would not overcapitalize. The penalty is too great.

Is it reasonable that a stock legitimately earning 6 per cent would be allowed out of the hands of the controlling interests? The railroads are in a very lamentable condition. Labor is going up, while legislatures are cutting down the roads' incomes.

CUBA TO LOSE FREEDOM.

American Protectorate Sure to Be Declared Soon. Cuba is practically doomed to lose her independence. The United States will be compelled by circumstances to declare a protectorate, probably within a year, over the island.

These remarkable predictions are based on a most intimate knowledge of conditions gained by the chief American officers now in control in the island. The following reasons are given for their prophecy:

In Cuba the conservative property holding class is in a helpless minority. Citizens of Great Britain have at least \$100,000,000 invested in Cuba. German citizens have about \$40,000,000 invested in sugar and tobacco, and French men have about \$10,000,000 in the same industries.

The United States has already too much at stake in Cuba to willingly assume such liabilities, and the establishment of a strict protectorate by the United States over the island is regarded by Cuban commercial and financial interests as the only possible solution of the difficulty.

Cleveland's Insurance Brief. Ex-President Grover Cleveland, as head of the association of life insurance presidents, has taken the first step toward combating legislation proposed in several Western States requiring that each company shall invest 70 per cent of the State in policies which originate in any other State.

The Humboldt Lumber Company's mill at Sand Point, Idaho, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$175,000, insurance \$100,000. John Lamoreaux of North Adams, Mass., Republican Representative to the State Legislature, was arrested in Boston, charged with soliciting and accepting a bribe.

A fast Pennsylvania train from New York to Chicago was delayed seventy minutes near Pittsburg, Pa., by the breaking of a spring on a Pullman car. The passengers were badly shaken, but none was hurt.

THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB.



THE THREE MARYS AT THE TOMB, BY SPANGENBERG. "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and that other Mary (the mother of James and Salome), "to see the sepulcher."

And when they entered into the sepulcher they were sorely troubled because their Lord was not there. "And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments."

EASTER BELLS.

Ring loud, O bells of Easter! Your peals through spaces ring: With joy the fair earth greets you through all the notes of spring.

Again, O bells of Easter, Ring out in thrilling peal, That we, through all our pines The new-born glory feel.

MRS. TOP-KNOT'S COLORED EGGS.

It was the day before Easter, and a great noise was heard in the barnyard. Hens were cackling, roosters crowing, guinea fowls chattering, and ducks quacking.

"Quit! quit! quit!" cried the turkey hen. "Pot-rack! pot-rack!" shrieked the guinea. "Gobble, gobble, gobble!" cried the bronze turkey, strutting up and down with his tail spread out like a fan.

"Me, too," said the turkey hen; "quit! quit!" "Quack! quack!" said the Pekin duck, waddling up to take a peep at the eggs. "I lay a nice, greenish egg myself. I wouldn't be caught laying red and yellow eggs, no ma'am!"

Suddenly a glossy black hen, with a pert little top-knot, flew over the fence into the barnyard, and looked about with an air of vexation. She looked offended that all the fowls fell back a little, except the turkey gobbler, who bravely stood his ground.

of their delight at the way affairs had turned out. And from that day the new hen was not snubbed by the other fowls, and even the bronze gobbler pronounced her chickens as fine a brood as ever was hatched on Dickory Dock farm, which was saying good deal.—Helen Whitney Clark in Detroit Free Press.

EASTER A SEASON OF JOY.

Typifies Nature's Awakening and Man's Spiritual Rebirth. Spring is in the natural order what Easter is in the spiritual order—an awakening, a triumph over death. The softening of winter's rigors, the snow-melting of winter's ice and snows into streams, brooks and rivulets, the sprouting of the first blades of grass, the decking of the trees' bare branches with foliage, the birth of countless millions of flowers—these are the heralds of the vernal awakening of the triumph of spring over the deadening blasts of winter.

THE EASTER BONNET.



For Lenten vows, St. Marguerite Hath mortified her soul; Her penance now is all complete, Behold her aureole.

Changes in Date for Easter. An industrious collector of statistics who has been investigating the subject has gathered some interesting facts regarding the variable times of this festival. In 1882 and 1884, he says, Easter fell on the unusually early date of March 25, but in the three following centuries it will occur only eight times on that day, namely, in the years 1951, 2035, 2046, 2057, 2103, 2125 and 2198.

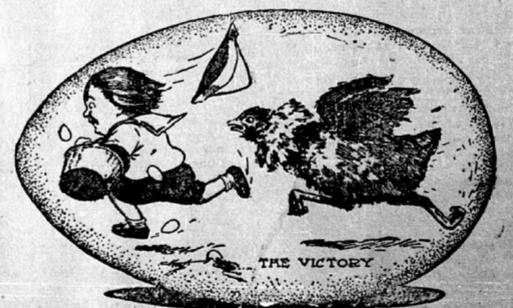
Resurrection Morning. 'Tis the Resurrection morning, Peace is in the open sky, Peace is in the bell's sweet murmur, Peace is in the wind's low sigh.

Paschal Candle's Symbolism. The Paschal candle is the name given to the light which appears on the gospel side of the altar during mass and vespers from Easter to Whit Sunday. It symbolizes the rising from the grave of Christ the "Light of the World."

AN EASTER BATTLE.



THE ATTACK.



THE VICTORY.