

THE CZAR REPORTED DYING ALL HIS SYMPTOMS WORSE. THE END BELIEVED TO BE NOT FAR AWAY.

CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS MAKING RAPID HEADWAY—THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AND THE KING AND QUEEN OF DENMARK HURRIEDLY SUMMONED TO HIS BEDSIDE—MOURNING PREPARATIONS AT MARLBOROUGH HOUSE.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 30.—The latest dispatches from Livadia confirm the previous reports announcing a marked change for the worse in the Czar's condition. The most pronounced symptoms are greatly increased coughing and raising of blood.

The following bulletin was issued from Livadia at 10 o'clock this evening: "During the day the spitting of blood continued and the Emperor was seized at times with shivering fits. His temperature was 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and his pulse was 90 and weak.

The Grand-duke Alexis Michailovitch, youngest brother of the Grand-duchess Xenia's husband, is seriously ill. He left Yalta yesterday to hasten southward for the winter. The bulletins concerning the lung disease of the Czar deeply affected the public. Boys are selling the notices in the streets. Grave crowds gather round the bulletin boards all day.

The "Official Gazette" announces that the Czar received the Holy Communion yesterday, the anniversary of his escape from death in the railway disaster near Borki. The anniversary was celebrated at Livadia and Yalta, and throughout Russia. Father Ivan conducted services, first in the chapel at Livadia and afterward at Yalta. Services were also held in the Palace at Yalta by the confessor of the Emperor, which were attended by the Czarina and members of the Imperial family, the Queen of Greece and many guests.

Father Ivan has telegraphed from Livadia to his wife at Cronstadt, saying: "God has clearly given the Emperor fresh proof of His grace, and is working a miracle. I am convinced that His Majesty will recover."

London, Oct. 30.—The report is current here that the Czar is dying. The decorating firm of Marshall & Snelgrove is engaged upon an order which will occupy it until midnight in preparing mourning paraphernalia for Marlborough House, the residence of the Prince of Wales. In consequence of the receipt of an urgent telegram from the Czarina, the Prince and Princess of Wales will start for Livadia at 9:45 o'clock to-morrow morning, travelling night and day by special train.

The Central News correspondent in Denmark says that in consequence of an urgent telegram received this morning, King Christian and his wife will start to-morrow for Livadia. They will join the Prince and Princess of Wales on the way.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" prints a dispatch from Yalta dated this morning, saying that the Czar's malady has again assumed a serious phase and that the end cannot be far away. Vienna, Oct. 30.—The evening edition of the "Neue Freie Presse" has this dispatch from St. Petersburg: "The Czar was delirious last night and did not recognize his family. He grew calmer this morning. Upon learning that death was near he asked that several friends who had been summoned should be ones to his bedside."

A PORT ARTHUR FORT TAKEN. MINISTER DENBY REPORTS AN IMPROBABLE FLIGHT OF THE CHINESE FLEET TO WEL-HAI-WEI—ANOTHER JAPANESE FORCE LANDED IN CHINA—A RICE FAMINE IMPENDING.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Secretary Gresham today received the following cable dispatch from Minister Denby, at Peking: "Chinese forces have been defeated at Chin-Lien-Chang, have retreated to Moukden. Japanese have taken one fort at Port Arthur. A copy of Minister Denby's dispatch was sent this afternoon to the Japanese Legation. The Legation has received additional information that other forts are expected to fall into the hands of the victorious Japanese to-morrow. Minister Kurino has also received a report that upon the landing of the Japanese troops at Tallen-Wan on Saturday the Chinese war vessels at Port Arthur immediately fled to Wel-Hai-Wei without firing a gun, and at a time when the Japanese army, under Marshal Oyama was still a number of miles distant.

The Japanese Minister believes that the dispatch from Mr. Denby foreshadows the early capture of Port Arthur. The capture of this place from a military and strategic point of view, he says, can hardly be overestimated. The capture of Port Arthur, Minister Kurino adds, is a part of the Japanese movement upon Peking, and when effected will make the march to the Chinese capital a matter of mere easy accomplishment.

London, Oct. 30.—"The Westminster Gazette" has a dispatch from Yokohama saying that the second Japanese army, which landed at Tallen-Wan Bay, is now marching upon Port Arthur. The total number of Chinese troops at Port Arthur and Kin-Chow is 13,000, of whom 4,000 are raw recruits.

A dispatch to "The Pall Mall Gazette" from Che-Foo says that twenty-six Japanese transports conveyed by nineteen warships are landing troops on the mainland north of the Elliot Islands. The Shanghai correspondent of the Central News says that De Ting, Li Hung Chang's friend and Chief of Imperial Customs at Tien-Tsin, has been summoned to Peking to attend a conference as to ways and means of raising more money for the war.

A dispatch from Tien-Tsin to the Central News says that Major von Hanneken has gone to Peking, where he will have an audience with the Emperor. The Government has allowed all the Chinese troops to be sent to the front, but this permission was promulgated too late to prevent a winter rice famine.

General Nich has been appointed to the command of troops at Hankow. Thirteen thousand Japanese troops have left Han-Kow for Chin-Kiang, whence they will proceed onward to Peking. The Times's correspondent in Tien-Tsin sent to-day a dispatch confirming previous reports of severe fighting at Kullienchao on October 25. "The greater part of the Chinese force," he says, "is said to have been destroyed. Sunghwei, in reporting the battle officially to the Emperor, praised the valor of the Chinese troops, but confesses that they were overmatched in weapons and training. The complete initiative in the fighting was exercised by Li. In national affairs, however, he is in Peking. The foreign officers have not yet rejoined the fleet. They await the settlement of the conditions of service."

THE CATTLE EMBARGO EXTENDED. IMPORTATIONS PROHIBITED AT OTHER PORTS—THIS ACTION TAKEN BY THE INDIVIDUAL GERMAN STATES. Berlin, Oct. 30.—The "Reichsanzeiger" publishes a decree extending to Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Schleswig-Holstein, Bremen and other parts of Germany the prohibition against the landing of American cattle and dressed meat, announced last week by the Hamburg Senate.

The officials of the Foreign Office, the Interior Department and other branches of the Government, say that the prohibition is the result of the action of the different German States, they clearly having that right. The Foreign Office authorities say that they have nothing to do with the matter, the States having adopted the measure as a purely sanitary precaution. The Empire, as such, has taken no steps to prohibit the landing of American cattle or American horses. The Interior Department officials say that the measures are of a purely preventive nature, it having been proved that cattle suffering from Texas fever have been imported into the country. They declare that each German State has the right to take such measures within its own territory.

FOR GOVERNOR OF ALSACE-LORRAINE. APPOINTMENT OF PRINCE VON HOHENLOHE-LANGENBURG ANNOUNCED—CAPRIVI DECLINES COMMAND OF AN ARMY CORPS. Berlin, Oct. 30.—The appointment of the Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenburg to be Statthalter of Alsace-Lorraine has been announced officially. The "Königsche Zeitung" says that Prince von Hohenlohe-Langenburg has been appointed Imperial Secretary of State, while retaining the Imperial Secretaryship of Foreign Affairs. The Emperor has offered the command of an army corps to the Prince of Caprivi, but at present the Chancellor desires rest.

A LETTER FROM MR. CHOATE. AMENDMENTS EXPLAINED. HIS MASTERLY EXPOSITION OF THE APPORTIONMENT ARTICLE.

IN A COMMUNICATION TO THE TRIBUNE HE REVIEWS AT LENGTH THE WORK OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—LIBERALITY TO NEW-YORK AND BROOKLYN—ALL PARTISANSHIP LAID ASIDE IN AN HONEST EFFORT TO PREVENT GERRY-MANDERS. The amendments to the State Constitution drawn up by the Constitutional Convention are to be laid before the people next Tuesday for their approval. It would not be easy to dwell too long or too strenuously on the far-reaching importance of the provisions which it is sought to embody in the organic law of the Commonwealth, yet the great body of voters do not seem to be sufficiently acquainted with the amendments to give an intelligent judgment on them. It is this ignorance upon which Senator Hill relies in his sweeping denunciations of the work of the convention, and it is this ignorance alone that the friends of the new Constitution fear.

Hill does not deal in facts and arguments, but in broad assertions and bitter invective. A plain statement of the amendments, with an account of how they were passed and an analysis of the one that relating to legislative apportionment—which is the chief object of Democratic attack—is all that is needed to refute the Senator's charges. Joseph H. Choate, who was president of the Constitutional Convention, in a letter which is published on pages 11 and 12 of the Tribune this morning, does the public the great service of explaining the amendments. To the one concerning the apportionment he devotes most of his attention.

THE DEBATES WITHHELD. Democratic trickery is largely to blame for the fact that the public is not more thoroughly familiar with the apportionment provision. The contract for printing the debates of the convention was given by Democratic officials to a Democratic corporation in Albany. The proceedings were published from day to day until the official printers have quietly kept all the minutes and given nothing to the public. It was on the speeches made in Albany that the delegates largely relied to insure a general acquaintance with the terms of the apportionment article.

Mr. Choate made great personal sacrifices to attend the sessions of the convention through the summer months, and he has given additional evidence of his public spirit and patriotism by writing the letter which the Tribune lays before its readers to-day. He took time from his well-merited vacation to prepare this justification of the convention's action. No one who has any pride in this great Empire-State, and who wishes to see it well governed, can afford to pass this letter by. The terms of the apportionment article alone convey no thorough idea of the subject to the lay mind, but Mr. Choate treats the questions involved with singular lucidity and force. The discussion is robbed of all dryness by his masterly style, and becomes positively attractive.

A CONVINCING STATEMENT. Every one who will read Mr. Choate's words without partisan prejudice will, it is believed, find his facts and arguments absolutely convincing. The great mass of the amendments was passed by a practically unanimous vote in the convention. Democratic attack on them is due chiefly to the theory that the best way to defeat re-apportionment is to oppose the amendments as a whole.

The adoption of the new apportionment, as Mr. Choate points out, will effectively stop gerrymandering by both parties. Considerations of territory and diversified interests are not so likely to be taken into account as they have been under the present one. A bugbear has been made of the limitation of the number of Senators. Mr. Choate not only shows that this is just, but that it will prevent the Greater New-York from controlling the Legislature. That municipality of the future will take in Richmond County and part of Queens and Westchester, as well as New-York and Kings. If its total population is sufficient, it will, therefore, have more than 50 per cent of the representation at Albany.

The gravity of the issues involved in the vote on the amendments makes it worth every citizen's trouble to learn just what are the propositions submitted by the convention. No more trustworthy and agreeable way of doing this can be found than by reading the explanation of Mr. Choate printed this morning on pages 11 and 12 of the Tribune.

A CHICAGO DAYLIGHT ROBBERY. TWO MEN OVERPOWERED A CLERK AND OBTAIN JEWELRY WORTH \$600. Chicago, Oct. 30.—Two robbers made a bold play this afternoon in a downtown jewelry store, which netted them about \$600 worth of watches and jewelry, and the police have not caught them yet. Soon after 2 o'clock G. W. Brethauer, the senior member of the wholesale jewelry firm of Brethauer & Co., No. 71 Washington-st., left the office to go to his son in charge. Young Brethauer was standing over a showcase when the robbers entered. One carried a revolver and the other brandished a murderous-looking piece of lead pipe. The jeweler was ordered to hold up his hands, which he did, and then he was told to enter the vault, the door of which stood open. He hesitated, and the robbers seized him by the throat. The work occupied only a few minutes, when the father of the imprisoned jeweler returned he satisfactorily nothing. A commercial traveler soon came and heard the noise of pounding on the vault door. The discovery of the exhausted prisoner and robbery was then made, but there was no trace of the robbers.

AN EXCITING STEEPCHASE YEAR GENESSEO. Genesee, N. Y., Oct. 30.—One of the most exciting steepchases ever held in this part of the country took place to-day on the "Home Farm" near Genesee. The contest was for a cup valued at \$500 and presented by E. J. Mackey, of Chicago. The race was over a flagged cross-country course three miles and repeat, and brought together a fine field of houndstooth starters, and every inch of the ground was hotly contested from start to finish. The race was won by S. S. Howland's famous high jumper, Ontario, with Captain Adams up. A large crowd witnessed the race, among whom the prominent people from Chicago, New-York and other cities.

HE SHOT HIS WIFE. SHEEHAN'S DEFIANCE. HE DISOBEYS THE SUBPOENA. DECLARES HE WILL NOT SHOW HIS BANK-BOOKS TO THE COMMITTEE.

FREDERICK MERTZ, A BAKER, THEN ENDED HIS OWN LIFE. SHE DIED ON THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL—JEALOUSY THE CAUSE OF A TRAGEDY IN EAST FORTY-SECOND-ST. Frederick Mertz, a baker, thirty-seven years old, murdered his wife, yesterday, and then killed himself. The tragedy occurred about 4 p. m. on the third floor of No. 27 East Forty-second-st. The woman was shot in the side, and died while being removed in an ambulance to Bellevue Hospital. Mertz sent a bullet into his own head and died instantly. The motive for the crime seems to have been insane jealousy on the part of the husband. The place where the murder and suicide occurred is a barroom and boarding-house kept by George Wisser. Mrs. Mertz is said to have had an interest in the business.

Mertz and his wife came to this country in August, 1881, from Germany. On August 15, 1881, they were married. The woman had a little money which she invested in a small barroom in Fourteenth-st. Mertz worked at his trade as a baker, while his wife managed the barroom. Business prospered, and the place was finally abandoned. The couple then went to live at No. 152 West Sixty-third-st., where Mrs. Mertz became janitor of four houses. She saved \$1,000, Mertz, however, it is said, squandered the most of it.

Pondering over the question of how to retrieve her fortunes, Mrs. Mertz conceived the idea of taking boarders. She mentioned the subject to her husband. In a few days a boarder appeared. George Wisser, a barber, and his wife, Mrs. Wisser, came to live at No. 27 East Forty-second-st., and Wisser went along. Wisser was not extremely bright, but he had a snug sum of money laid by. About five weeks ago he announced that he had discovered a barroom and boarding-house, at No. 27 East Forty-second-st., which he thought he would like to become proprietor of. He finally bought it. Wisser had great regard for Mrs. Mertz's ability as a housewife. He therefore proposed that she and her husband should make their home with him. Their board would be in return for Mrs. Mertz's services as cook and manager. It is possible that Mrs. Mertz put what little money she had gathered together again into the concern. After this Mertz worked little at his trade. Some of the boarders say that Mertz would express to his wife in words the jealousy that was mastering him. Then in turn she would upbraid him for squandering her money.

At 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. Mertz was supervising some work in the kitchen. A servant girl named Minnie was with her. Wisser was behind the bar. A call sounded on the whistle of the speaking-tube which led from the third floor to the kitchen. Mrs. Mertz answered the whistle, and prepared a meal and carried it upstairs to their sitting-room. A few minutes later Mrs. Mertz went to the third floor and looked into the Mertz's sitting-room. They saw Mrs. Mertz prostrate on the floor. She rushed into the street for a policeman. A crowd of almost 50 men, women and children followed the policeman to the house. Mrs. Mertz, though conscious, was unable to make any statement.

The policeman entered the adjoining bedroom, and there he discovered Mertz lying dead on Wisser's bed. He had shot himself in the chest with a housewife. Mrs. Mertz died on the way to the hospital. It is supposed that the murder and suicide resulted from a quarrel which took place between Mertz and his wife when he brought in his dinner. It is believed that the husband was angry because the woman had given free vent to his jealous passion. A theory for Mertz's action is offered by the assertion that his brain had become unbalanced as the result of an injury upon the head which he sustained several years ago.

WESTON ON SCHEDULE TIME. WELCOMED BY THE PEOPLE OF MANY VILLAGES AND TOWNS, AND MAKING REVOLUTIONARY SPEECHES. Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 30 (special).—Late last night, after Edward Payson Weston had gone to bed at Cortland, a delegation of prominent Republicans called at his room and informed him that a large number of the members of the Republican League desired a speech from him. Weston had been ill all day, but he arose and was escorted to the hall by a fire and drum corps, and made a rousing speech there in advocacy of the Republican ticket, his remarks being received with great enthusiasm. At 6:15 o'clock this morning he left Cortland. Blocket's Mills was reached at 9:50 o'clock and Marathon four hours and thirty minutes later. This afternoon Weston's stomach trouble disappeared. At Marathon he made a Republican speech from the balcony of the hotel.

The demonstrations occurring all along the line of Weston's walk to-day were especially notable. This was because he was on schedule time, and consequently, he was in the hands of the people of the villages and towns through which he passed. At all the places passed—Blocket's Mills, Whitney's City, Chenango Falls, Chenango Bridge and in this city—Weston received a hearty welcome.

HE ADDRESSES A LARGE AUDIENCE AT GOVERNORS-VILLE AND DISCUSSES CAMPAIGN ISSUES. Saxton in Fulton County. He addressed a large audience at Governors-Village and discussed campaign issues. Saxton received a warm greeting on his arrival here this evening. He was accompanied by a large number of the members of the Republican League. The hall was crowded to the doors with persons eager to hear the speaker's words, and his appearance was greeted with vociferous applause. He spoke of the apportionment as proposed, and of the Democratic platform, and showed its fairness as compared with the present apportionment, which he called a partisan measure adopted by a stolen Democratic Legislature.

He then attacked the Democratic machine, and said he admired Senator Hill for his courage and ability, but detested his political methods. Three years ago, he said, the State Senate was made up of Democrats, and he was elected Governor, but Democratic, not by the votes of the people, but by a series of political crimes. Isaac H. Maynard by a series of political crimes, and was rewarded by a hand in the Governorship by a high judicial position. When Judge Maynard ran for office he was defeated by 10,000 majority. How much more should he be allowed to pass the bill? He said that the bill was the majority against him, the instigator of the "crimes."

SHEEHAN'S DEFIANCE. HE DISOBEYS THE SUBPOENA. DECLARES HE WILL NOT SHOW HIS BANK-BOOKS TO THE COMMITTEE.

A DESPERATE EFFORT TO KEEP SECRET THE SUMS HE HAS RECEIVED SINCE HE WAS MADE COMMISSIONER—"LIAR" THE WORD WHICH COMES MOST PAT TO THE ANGRY WITNESS'S LIPS—HIS CHARACTER SHOWN CLEARLY BY HIS BLACKGUARDLY RETORTS—WHY HE HAS BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO FOLLOW THE INVESTIGATION CLOSELY. Police Commissioner John C. Sheehan, as a witness before the Lexow Committee yesterday, caused a sensation by refusing to produce his bank-books for the examination of John W. Goff, of the committee's counsel. The books were wanted, of course, to enable the counsel to find out how much money the Tammany Commissioner has placed in bank since he has had the privilege of appointing captains, sergeants and other policemen on the force. The declaration of the Commissioner that he would not produce the books was made near the close of yesterday's session of the committee, and he was not asked to give the reason for his refusal, but it was understood that he had been advised that the committee could not compel him to produce his private accounts and that he was prepared to make a fight if there was an attempt to commit him for contempt. He will be a witness before the committee again to-day, and there may be some sensational development if he persists in refusing to allow an examination of his bank accounts.

The testimony of Commissioner Sheehan yesterday was marked by more outbursts of passion. He declared that Henry M. Tabor, the foreman of the Grand Jury for March, 1892, had lied when he had declared that blackmail amounting to nearly \$100,000 had been paid annually to the police. Later, when asked what he thought of an estimate published in a newspaper that the amount was \$15,000,000, Mr. Sheehan would only say he thought the newspaper had been mistaken. He was ready again to shout "liar" when Mr. Goff asked about a report that the liquor-dealers had been paying tribute to Tammany Hall. After telling the committee that he had originated the "shake-up" of the police captains as a method of stopping the payment of money by the liquor-dealers to the police, he declared that the liquor-dealers might have stopped such payments, because they thought there were two good Tammany Commissioners at Police Headquarters to protect them. It was then that Mr. Goff inquired about a reported meeting of Commissioner Martin and Richard Croker with some of the liquor-dealers at the Hoffman House, at which there had been an arrangement that the liquor-dealers should pay money to Tammany Hall instead of to the police. Mr. Sheehan declared loudly that the report was a lie.

There was more testimony by the Commissioner to the effect that the entire duty of enforcing the law in the city lay with the Superintendent, and that upon the Superintendent also devolved the duty to investigate all complaints which were brought to the attention of the Commissioners. His constant reference to the Superintendent raised the question: "What do the Commissioners do to earn their salaries, amounting to \$29,000 a year?"

The two Tammany Commissioners had voted against a resolution offered by Commissioner Murray last week, that the Superintendent should have power to assign policemen for duty at the polling places on Election Day as he saw fit. Mr. Sheehan had no desire to interfere. He declared that he had not followed the reports of the testimony taken before the committee so far as to know of the cases where the Tammany district leaders had been able to have policemen assigned to polling places to suit the Superintendent. He declared that not in his own case, but in the case of a member of the committee, the Superintendent had not followed the reports of the testimony taken before the committee so far as to know of the cases where the Tammany district leaders had been able to have policemen assigned to polling places to suit the Superintendent. He admitted that not in his own case, but in the case of a member of the committee, the Superintendent had not followed the reports of the testimony taken before the committee so far as to know of the cases where the Tammany district leaders had been able to have policemen assigned to polling places to suit the Superintendent.

It was shown that in respect to his following Commissioner Sheehan's lead in his following signal system, Mr. Sheehan had "cribbed" some passages from the advertising circular of a Boston signal company, and when a member of the committee remarked that the Commissioner might be accused of literary piracy, Mr. Goff declared that if the piracy had been confined to literature there would have been no cause for the Commissioner's removal from office. The east of the Bowery, told another tale of oppression.

WILL THE POOLROOMS BE INVESTIGATED? A FIELD WHERE MR. GOFF COULD REAP A RICH HARVEST. A rumor has gained currency that the Lexow Committee has sent out subpoenas to some former keepers of poolrooms. C. H. Thompson, the book-maker, who is known to have left the city to escape Thompson, is reported to have left the city to escape Thompson. It is well known to the friends of Mr. Thompson that he has been ill for several months and is a mere shadow of his former liberal proportions, although the shadow is still fairly substantial. The writer of this article met Thompson on Sunday night and talked with him for some time. Thompson said he intended to spend the winter in the South, and on his way to St. Asaph, Va., and he would spend a few days at the Virginia Hot Springs, but several of his friends advised him to try the springs. It is a matter of common knowledge that "Al" Smith was associated with Thompson in the White Elephant poolroom. 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