



RUSSIA'S NEW ERA. PARLIAMENT A REALITY.

Opens Without Hitch—Emperor's Speech Received Indifferently.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—Without a single hitch and with only a minor incident to mar the memorable day, the Russian parliament was opened to-day. The weather was superb and the management of the impressive ceremony at the Winter Palace, where Emperor Nicholas, surrounded by courtiers and all the pomp and paraphernalia of power, delivered the speech from the throne to the members of the two houses, was perfect. Such a spectacle perhaps never before has been witnessed.

The message in reality was less a throne speech than a greeting and required only three minutes for its delivery. Emperor Nicholas read slowly. The admirable and even cordial tone of the sovereign in renewing his pledges and asking the co-operation of parliament for the regeneration of the country was only negatively satisfactory.

Couriers and spectators other than members of the national parliament led the cheering, but the members were ominously silent, expressing neither approval nor disapproval. What rankled most was the failure of the Emperor to mention amnesty, and later, when the members assembled in the Tauride Palace, away from the spell of the throne room, many of them were with difficulty restrained from precipitating matters by offering resolutions on the subject.

The Constitutional Democratic leaders, however, who dominated everything, were anxious not to weaken the reply which the lower house will prepare to the speech from the throne. In which issues with the crown will be joined, and succeeded in staving off premature action. The Emperor's speech in full was as follows:

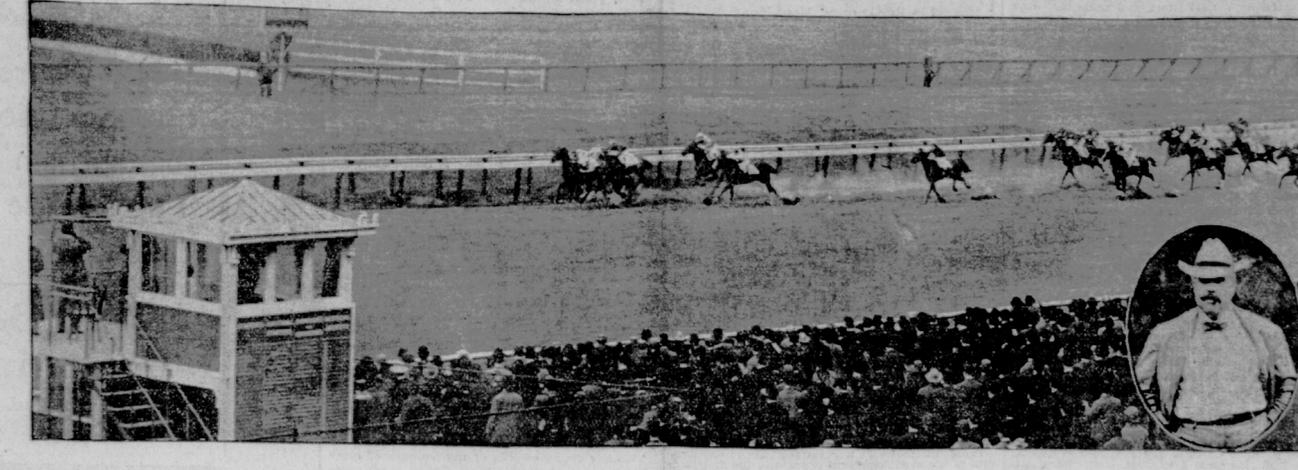
The Supreme Providence which gave me the care of our fatherland moved me to call to my assistance in legislative work elected representatives of the people. In the expectation of a brilliant future for Russia, I greet in your persons the best men from the empire, whom I ordered my beloved subjects to choose from among themselves.

A difficult work lies before you. I trust that for your fatherland and your earnest desire to serve it will inspire and unite you. I shall keep inviolate the institutions which have been granted, with the firm assurance that you will devote all your strength to the service of your country and especially to the needs of the peasantry, which are so close to my heart, and to the education of the people and their economic welfare, remembering that to the dignity and prosperity of the state not only freedom but order founded upon justice is necessary.

I desire from my heart to see my people happy and hand down to my son an empire secure, well organized and enlightened. May God bless the work that lies before me in unity with the Council of the Empire and the Imperial Duma. May this day be the day of the moral revival of Russia and the day for the renewal of its highest forces. Approach with solemnity the labors for which I call you, and be worthy of the responsibilities put upon you by the Emperor and people.

May God assist us. The scene around the Tauride Palace was in striking contrast to that at the Winter Palace. Each, indeed, was typical and told an eloquent story. At the Tauride Palace tens of thousands of people were acclaiming their representatives; at the Winter Palace legions of military and courtiers by the hundreds cheered for the Emperor. Nevertheless, the proceedings of the lower house were not spectacular; in fact, they were almost tame by comparison with those at the Winter Palace.

SCENE AT THE FINISH OF THE METROPOLITAN HANDICAP AT BELMONT PARK YESTERDAY.



Grapple taking the lead from Dandelion and Oxford, with Israfil and Roseben two lengths back. (Photograph by Penfold.)

JOHN A. DRAKE, Owner of Grapple.

TURF FAME FOR GRAPPLE WINS THE METROPOLITAN

Big Crowd Sees Brilliant Race at Belmont Park Track.

After Roseben had taken the heart out of Israfil and had himself given up the strife from sheer bodily exhaustion, John A. Drake's Grapple came thundering along on the outside and won the rich Metropolitan Handicap at Belmont Park yesterday. Some 20,000 persons stood up and cheered with the enthusiasm born of the moment and inspired by the gallant victory of a good horse over a worthy field. Not one person in a hundred, perhaps, had profited by the victory, but few there were who were not willing, nay, anxious, to hail the winner of one of the classics of the American turf.

Grapple won cleverly by a length, while Dandelion beat Oxford a head for the place after a desperate drive all through the last furlong. Israfil was fourth and Roseben, the public favorite, fifth, while the rest of the big field came straggling along stretched out a full sixteenth of a mile. The race was a brilliant one and of the kind to stir the blood and make the pulse beat faster. From barrier rise to finish there was no cessation of that terrific pace which tested the hearts of the horses to the fullest. The weaker ones faltered and came trailing home tired and distressed, but there were three, at least, so stout of heart and strong of limb that they fought on to the bitter end, and made of the finish a stirring ending to a hard fought and bitterly contested struggle.

Grapple took up 108 pounds and, well handled by Garner, followed the pace closely, and, finishing strong, won a well deserved victory in the fast time, considering the condition of the track, of 1:30. To him went the glory of winning and the rich prize of \$14,000, but the honors of the race were shared by F. E. Hitchcock's Dandelion and James McLaughlin's Oxford. Dandelion ran a particularly good race under rather trying conditions. He was shut off on the stretch turn and, while he saved ground on the rail in the final furlong, was in such close quarters that he could hardly do himself full justice. Oxford, too, made a determined but fruitless fight. It was he that gave battle to Roseben when straightened out for home and made the big son of Ben Strome captivate. Even then he might have been second but for the necessity of Hildebrand putting down his whip at a critical moment to keep him from bearing in and fouling Dandelion.

ROSEBEN BEATEN BUT NOT DISGRACED. Roseben, the favorite for the race, was beaten, but not disgraced. He was thoroughly fit, had the confidence of his owner, trainer and a large majority of those who went down to the track, got away well and was judiciously ridden, but failed to stay the distance. He gave of his best while he had it to give, but once more it was proved beyond any question that he is a sprinter, and that any distance over seven furlongs in good company is too far for him. Grapple has never been considered a horse of the top class, although he has been a clever and consistent performer. He is a four-year-old, by Westhorpe Embrace. He was trained to the minute by Enoch Wishard, and perfectly handled by little Garner.

The crowd was not a record breaker, although fully twenty thousand persons were on hand when the Metropolitan Handicap was decided. The big, commodious grandstand was not even comfortably filled, but the field and clubhouse enclosures were crowded. There were persons there from every walk in life, from the men of affairs who are prominent in the professional and business world, to the casual visitors who love the horse and make an occasion of this kind a holiday.

It was a thousand pities that the weather was so capricious, as this unquestionably deterred many from going to the track. In the early hours of the day it was more like blustering March than mild mannered and gentle May. The air was of the cold, damp, chilling kind, the clouds hung low and gray, and there was even an occasional spatter of rain. Those who made the journey to the course, however, had cause to congratulate themselves, as by the time the first race was run the sun had burst through the clouds and was shining with generous warmth. It hid itself from time to time throughout the afternoon, but all things considered the conditions were more favorable for a day's outing than the early promise gave.

Nature was decked out in her spring finery, and the grass in the infield and the trees and hills beyond were green with the freshness of spring. The big enclosure, built without care for expense, was spick and span, and the whole environment was such as to make the crowd feel fully satisfied. The track was dry on top, although dead and slightly cuppy underneath. It was in far better condition, however, than it was reasonable to expect, and in point of fact made no whit's difference in the result of any of the races.

STIRRING SCENE AT THE FINISH. The scene at the finish of the Metropolitan Handicap was one that will live long in memory. Out on the track were the struggling thoroughbreds fighting desperately for the mastery with flaring nostrils and swollen muscles and the jockeys using all the skill of their art and working with panting breath and all their young strength to aid their mounts to win the coveted prize and to earn for themselves the distinction which victory in a race of this kind means. In the field, grandstand and clubhouse enclosures was the bewildering and semi-hysterical crowd keyed up to the highest pitch of excitement by the battle going on before them and showing in every move and expression its full enjoyment.

The Metropolitan Handicap was run as the third race. It was at one mile, for three-year-olds and upward, with \$10,000 added, and twenty-two horses went to the post, making the biggest field which had ever driven for the stake. Of the nineteen sent out overnight as probable starters Battelaxe was the only one to decline the issue, while four were added, including S. C. Hildreth's Guiding Star, the three-year-old which won the Crescent City Derby at New Orleans last winter; J. W. Fuller's Tokan; and First Premium, and The Clown.

KILLING FROST GENERAL. Great Damage to Crops East of Mississippi.

Detroit, May 10.—A heavy frost, which was killing in many districts, was general all over Michigan last night. It caused much destruction among fruit trees and shrubs which were in blossom. Especially heavy damage is said to have been caused to strawberries and peaches. Professor F. A. Fletcher, of the horticultural department of the Michigan Agricultural College, at Lansing, said to-day that advice to him from an area in the fruit belt extending from Benton Harbor to a point about sixty miles north of Grand Rapids indicates that the peach, cherry and plum crop is nearly wiped out by the frosts of the last few nights.

Baltimore, May 10.—Advice show that frost occurred in all parts of Maryland except the extreme south, with ice in many places. Fruit and growing crops are not much injured. Altoona, Penn., May 10.—There was a heavy frost here last night, and it is feared that the fruit crop has been ruined. There was a light fall of snow early to-day.

Wilmington, Del., May 10.—Reports from various parts of the state show that a heavy frost was general last night. In Sussex County the fear is expressed that the early crop of strawberries has been seriously damaged. Peach growers generally state that trees are in heavy foliage, which protects them from the worst effects of the frost.

Zanesville, Ohio, May 10.—Reports from the country to-day indicate that the damage from last night's frost in this region will be enormous. The garden and fruit crops are totally destroyed. Wheat fields were blackened and hundreds of acres of the growing wheat are believed to be ruined, especially the more advanced fields. There was promise of great crops of all kinds of fruit and vegetables until to-day. Thermometers registered about 25.

Decatur, Ala., May 10.—There was another heavy frost last night in the Tennessee River valley, and this, with the frost of Tuesday night, has probably killed all the cotton in that part of the state. In some places the entire crop will have to be replanted.

Utica, N. Y., May 10.—A considerable fall of snow is reported to-day at Big Moose and other points in the Adirondacks. Columbia, S. C., May 10.—Advice from Spartanburg and Saluda counties, in upper South Carolina, show that heavy frosts fell last night in the north part of the state. Considerable damage has been done to young cotton, and replanting will be necessary. Farmers are sending orders for seed for replanting.

Birmingham, Ala., May 10.—A special from Decatur, Ala., says another heavy frost fell last night in the Tennessee River valley, and that this frost and the one of Tuesday night have killed all the cotton that was up in that part of the state. In some places the entire crop will have to be replanted.

THERMOMETER 42 DEGREES IN CITY. Caused by Cold Area from Northwest—Slight Snow Flurry Reported. Overcoats were seen aplenty yesterday and biting gusts blew about the city from dawn until dusk. The mercury crept down to 42 degrees above zero, and for a while it looked as if the old winter was planning a return trip to this city before summer had actually taken title.

While the air was chilly it was by no means an unusual occurrence for the early part of May. On May 10, 1900 and 1902, the thermometer was 4 degrees lower than yesterday's temperature. Local Forecaster Emery said the cold is caused by a cold area which for several days has been moving from the northwest in a southeasterly direction. The forecaster says the chilly period has reached its limit, and to-day the mercury will begin to rise. While it was reported yesterday that a slight snow flurry occurred in the early morning, there was no official snowfall recorded in the office of the local Weather Bureau. The forecast for to-day is fair and warmer.

FAINTS BEHIND RUNAWAY Woman Has Rough Ride Before Patrolman Stops Horse. Harnessed to a light runabout, in which Mrs. John Godfrey, of Clason Point, sat unconscious, the trotter Angie ran away from West Chester village to Unionport yesterday afternoon, and was halted at the latter place only after a policeman had been dragged a block along Westchester avenue. Mrs. Godfrey, who had fainted from terror during the ride, was revived and became hysterical.

The trotter is the property of Joseph Cowan, proprietor of a summer resort at Clason Point, and Mrs. Godfrey is the wife of Mr. Cowan's manager. Mr. Cowan, accompanied by Mrs. Godfrey, drove from the Point to West Chester village yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cowan leaving the runabout and Mrs. Godfrey to make some purchases. Some boys were playing ball near by and presently the ball struck the horse on the flank. Terrified, the animal dashed down Main street, with Mrs. Godfrey tugging at the reins. Reaching Westchester avenue, the trotter swung around and headed southward. The road was rough and the runabout nearly capsized several times. Mrs. Godfrey, badly frightened, soon lost consciousness. At Avenue C, Unionport, Policeman Burke caught sight of the runaway and went into the road to meet it. As the horse passed by he caught the bridle and was jerked off his feet. For a block the trotter fought to free itself; then the policeman regained his footing and brought the animal to a halt.

CITY HOSPITALS FULL. COTS PUT IN HALLWAYS.

Many Cases of Contagious Diseases—Share from Ellis Island. Dr. Thomas Darlington, president of the Board of Health, acknowledged last night that the city hospitals for contagious and infectious diseases are almost "swamped," as he expressed it, at the present time. He had been asked about statements published in the weekly report of the Department of Health, which showed that in the week ended May 8 there were 73 cases of contagious and infectious diseases taken from Ellis Island by the Department of Health, and a total of 2,489 such cases in the city. Dr. Darlington said that the reason such a large number of cases of contagious and infectious diseases had been taken from Ellis Island in recent weeks was that a phenomenal number of immigrants had arrived.

"Our hospitals for such cases are fairly swamped with these cases," the Commissioner said. "We have even had to put cots in the hallways for them. It is one of the worst conditions that has confronted us in a long time." The number of cases shown for the week ended May 8 is considerably less than for the previous week, when there were 2,696, and still less than for the week before, when there were 2,700. The records published go as far back as the week ended February 10, and in that time show there were 493 cases taken from Ellis Island. Of these 387 were cases of measles, 41 of scarlet fever, 16 of varicella, 6 of diphtheria and 4 of smallpox. The number from Ellis Island has steadily increased from the week ended February 10, when there were only 6.

Dr. Darlington explained that the Department of Health has a contract with the United States government, renewed during the administration and in operation several years, prior thereto, whereby the department takes care of all cases of contagious disease at Ellis Island among steerage passengers. The general contract nets, he said, about \$5,000 a month to the city, making an income of about \$60,000 a year for this work. There are cases in the Kingsboro Hospital, in Brooklyn, and the Willard Parker Hospital, in this borough, where the wards are crowded and cots are used in the hallways. Dr. Darlington did not give any optimistic outlook for the future, and said that, by the rate the immigrants were arriving, he feared the number of cases would become more rather than less.

The report published showed that there are six cases of smallpox in this city this week—none from Ellis Island. From what neighborhood they were taken was not shown. KILLED BY MAD BROTHER. Banker's Slayer Retreats to Barricaded Shed Under Fire.

Monteuma, Ind., May 10.—W. H. Sylvester, president of the First National Bank of Monteuma, was shot and killed to-day in his home by his brother, Stephen, who is believed to be insane. Stephen Sylvester was injured several years ago by a fall, and his mind has been affected since. Stephen had demanded money from his brother, and a quarrel and a fist fight followed. A neighbor named Pittman was called in by Mrs. Sylvester, and he separated the men, Stephen agreeing to return to his home. Pittman released him, and Stephen drew a revolver and fired a bullet into his brother's stomach, killing him almost instantly.

Stephen ran from the house to his own home and took refuge in a shed recently built by him, with an iron roof and wooden walls eight inches thick. He was pursued and fired at by neighbors of the dead banker, but did not return the shots. In the shed he had placed several revolvers, rifles and ammunition. Sheriff Carter and Marshal Boyd approached the shed where Sylvester was concealed and called on him to surrender. After a moment's hesitation he said he would surrender on assurance of safety. This assurance was given, and he surrendered. He was taken to the jail at Rockville.

THINKS CITY IS VICTIM. Jerome May Act Against Lawyers in Back Pay Cases. District Attorney Jerome and Controller Metz were in consultation yesterday with reference to the beginning of actions against a score of lawyers who make a business of bringing suits against the city to recover back pay for city employees under the Prevailing Rate of Wages law.

The District Attorney believes that he is on the trail of a system similar to the sewer fraud scandal in Brooklyn. These suits are brought by the hundred, and when a decision in any particular instance goes against the city the lawyers rush forward with propositions to compromise. The Law Department shrinks from being crowded into an attitude of hostility to the organized labor interests, and in many instances suits have been compromised, the Corporation Counsel confessing judgment. These suits in the aggregate involve hundreds of thousands of dollars.

POLAND SPRING, SUMMER SEASON. The Poland Spring House opens May 29th. The Mansion House opens throughout the year. A special representative will remain at the Resort from May 1st to 25th to make engagements and answer all inquiries. Tel. 475 Mad.—Adv.

MORE BLOWS AT TRUSTS. RATE BILL STRONGER.

Severe Penalties for Taking Rebates—Mr. Spooner's Amendment. [From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, May 10.—Mr. Spooner introduced in the Senate to-day an important amendment to the Hepburn bill, which has the hearty approval of the President, and which, if adopted, will prove a strong deterrent to attempts on the part of carriers to prolong litigation following decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission with a view to evading its orders.

Mr. Spooner's amendment prohibits the granting of any interlocutory decree setting aside or suspending an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission without the requirement that the appellant shall pay into the hands of the court money collected in excess of the rates ordered by the commission or file a bond in such sum as the court may prescribe, but sufficient to refund the excess with 6 per cent interest to the shippers. It is further provided that if the order of the commission is sustained such excess shall be returned to the shipper, together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. While litigation is pending the appellant is required to furnish statements of the excess which he is collecting and to increase the bond given, if so required by the court.

Further provision is made in the amendment for the refunding of such excess charges to the person who may have in effect paid them, even though that person may not be the actual shipper, so that, for instance, in the case of elevator purchasing grain from the farmer at a price determined by the freight-to-warehouse market the farmer would receive the benefit of the order of the commission instead of such benefit remaining with the elevator company.

Another important provision of the amendment deals with the practice, hitherto common, whereby carriers have failed to present their cases in full to the commission, but have awaited the review of the court to present their defence. Under the Spooner amendment the introduction in court of new evidence by the complainant carrier shall be followed by the submission of such evidence to the commission, which may then at its discretion rescind or modify its decision in accordance with the evidence. If the commission so rescinds or modifies its order the action shall be dismissed by the court. The Spooner amendment provides a remedy for three great evils not covered by the Hepburn bill in its present form and in a manner which will, it is believed, prove most acceptable to the advocates of the bill, as it has proved to the President.

MADE STILL MORE STRINGENT. With what Dr. Gallinger described as "deplorable hysteria," the Senate proceeded to-day to add materially to the stringency of the Hepburn bill by adopting Senator Lodge's amendment, restoring the penal clause of the interstate commerce law, which was repealed by the Elkins act, and by adopting the amendment of Senator McCumber imposing a penalty of fine and imprisonment against shippers who secure rebates from transportation companies. The amendment was incorporated for the avowed purpose of hitting the trusts. Following is the text:

Any person, corporation or company who shall deliver property for interstate transportation to any common carrier, subject to the provisions of this act, or for whom, as consignee or consignee, any such carrier shall transport property, who shall knowingly and wilfully, by employ, agent, officer or otherwise, directly or indirectly, or through any means or device whatsoever, receive or accept from such common carrier any sum of money or any other valuable consideration as a rebate or offset against the regular charges for transportation of such property, as fixed by the schedule of rates provided for in this act, shall be deemed guilty of a fraud, which is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof in any court of the United States of competent jurisdiction within the district where such offence was committed, in addition to any other penalties provided by this act, be subjected to a fine equal to three times the sum of money so received or accepted, and three times the value of any other consideration so received or accepted, or a period of six years prior to the commencement of the action may be received in evidence, and the said fine shall be three times the total amount of money or three times the total value of such considerations received or accepted, as the case may be. Provided, that the foregoing penalties shall not apply to rebates or considerations received prior to the passage and approval of this act.

After the adoption of numerous amendments offered by Senator Tillman, which were virtually committee amendments, Senator La Follette moved the adoption of his amendment, which provided penalties for infringement of the Interstate Commerce law as follows: Imprisonment of not more than five years or not less than one year, or fine of not to exceed \$20,000, or not less than \$1,000. Senator Lodge then offered his amendment as a substitute. Senator Stone urged the adoption of his amendment, which was identical with the Lodge measure, except that it specified the penalties provided by merely re-enacting the section repealed by the Elkins act. Mr. Lodge accepted the Stone amendment, which he offered as a substitute for his own, and it was adopted by the Senate by a vote of 49 to 27, despite Mr.

PLAN TO OUST PATTISON. Health of Ohio Governor To Be Made Plea for Mandamus.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Columbus, Ohio, May 10.—Republican state leaders are planning to oust Governor John M. Pattison from office. Lieutenant Governor Andrew L. Harris, if the plans succeed, would become Acting Governor, with power to make all state appointments and perform the duties of the office.

Ex-Congressman Tompkins, James A. Allen and David Pugh, Columbus attorneys, are backing the scheme for the Republican leaders. A mandamus proceeding will be started here in the name of some citizen, contending that Pattison is physically and mentally disqualified to perform the duties incumbent upon him and that by virtue of the state constitution the Lieutenant Governor should assume the office. The petition or suit will ask that Harris be compelled to fill some vacancies in the state service.

VOTE ON EDUCATION BILL. Second Reading Passed—Great Struggle to Come.

London, May 10.—The Education bill passed second reading in the House of Commons to-night by a vote much smaller than the government's normal majority, but fully equal to the government's expectation. The debate has not been especially interesting. The great struggle will come when the bill is in the committee stage.

H. H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in the House to-night, said the government would resolutely adhere to the main provisions of the bill, which were dictated by justice and approved by a vast majority of the electors, but was perfectly ready to consider all manner of details in committee and listen to any suggestions with a view to a harmonious adjustment.

Augustine Birrell, President of the Board of Education, in closing the debate, also expressed the hope that the bill will be discussed in a spirit of peace. The division was taken with a crowded house. Eighty Nationalist members voted with the minority; the Labor members mostly supported the government, and fourteen Ulster Unionists abstained.

LIMITED TRAIN WRECKED. Sleeping Car Ditched—Four Passengers Injured.

Cincinnati, May 10.—A dispatch to "The Times-Star" from Portsmouth, Ohio, says that the New York limited on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad which left Cincinnati last night was thrown from the rails near Buena Vista station, one hundred miles east of Cincinnati, early to-day. The sleeping car was ditched, but of the sixteen passengers on it only four women were injured, one of them, Mrs. D. J. McKeivry, of Cincinnati, being seriously hurt. The other three women are unknown. Three trainmen were badly injured. A broken rail caused the accident.

CONNECTICUT PEACH CROP RUINED. Unusual Cold Continues and Nips Peach Orchards at the Worst Time.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Pomfret, Conn., May 10.—The freezing weather of last night has continued to-day, and all the peach orchards in this town, Woodstock and Thompson have been badly damaged. The peach trees are in just the right condition for the cold weather to completely ruin this year's crop.

AN ODOROUS MONOPOLY BURSTED. Indianapolis, May 10.—Frank Wylie, a wealthy young man of Muncie, was on trial to-day on a lunacy charge, as a result of trying to corner the market in onion sets.

POLAND SPRING HOUSE. Special representative will be at the Resort Bureau, 2nd Floor N. E. Cor. B'way and 28th St. (May 10th to 25th) to make engagements and satisfy all inquiries concerning the summer season of 1906 at Poland Spring. The Mansion House (always open) greatly enlarged. The Poland Spring House opens May 29th.—Adv.

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