

RUSSIA SEEKS REFORM.

MODERATE POLICY TAKEN

Victims of Explosion Buried—Peasant Outrages Continue.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—In view of suggestions in the foreign press regarding the future policy of the government, founded on rumors current here, it is semi-officially announced that it would be a great mistake to suppose that revolutionary terrorism will be met by terrorism on the part of the government, which always will be able to distinguish between legal opposition and enemies determined to nullify the law.

Revolutionaries may try to destroy the work of the government, but finally they must fail, as an emperor cannot refrain from the fulfillment of reforms simply because one statesman or another may be replaced.

The Black Hundreds are conducting an agitation against the intelligentsia and Jews. In spite of the threats of the revolutionists the transfer of the body of General Min from Peterhof to St. Petersburg for burial in the regimental chapel of the Semenovskiy Regiment was made to-day without incident.

The funerals of victims of the bomb explosion of Saturday last at the residence of Premier Stolypin were held to-day under military escort. M. Stolypin has received from the governments of the United States and all the European powers expressions of sympathy and congratulations on his escape.

The police to-day attempted to arrest M. Dietz, a member of the former parliament, in a village near Saratoff. An alarm was sounded on the church bells and a crowd gathered, which became so threatening in its attitude that the police agreed instead of taking M. Dietz to prison to consider it a domiciliary arrest.

Agrarian disorders have begun in districts adjacent to Brest-Litovsk. There have been much barn burning and pillaging of estates. A congress of landed proprietors who have suffered by the agrarian disorders has been summoned to assemble at Tamboff. At a preliminary meeting it was resolved to press demands for financial compensation by the government.

On account of the strike of farmhands near Kieff, the convicts in the local prisons have been set to work in the fields. Many manor houses in the province of Kharhoff have been set on fire by the peasants. Two police sergeants and a rural guard were shot and killed at Usovka to-day by revolutionists armed with revolvers.

Police and troops to-day surrounded a lodging-house on Stolitsa street, Riga, where bombs had been discovered. The revolutionists inside fired with rifles from the windows and also threw a bomb, whereupon the troops riddled the house with bullets, killing or wounding all the inmates. Two men and a woman were killed. At another place in the suburbs a Lettish student was killed and several were wounded while resisting arrest.

Seventeen coconut oil barrels which were auctioned off to-day at Riga by the customs authorities were found to contain five hundred thousand copies of proclamations printed in various languages. Terrorist crimes against persons refusing to affiliate with the revolutionists increase at Lihau. Periodic lists are published in the Lettish secret press of those under the ban, whether they are to be killed or their property is to be destroyed.

SPANISH STATE OPENDS CHURCH. Decree Issued in Opposition to Papal Nuncio's View. Madrid, Aug. 28.—A royal decree published to-day restores the civil marriage formalities and supports the obligation on those desiring to get married to declare their religion. This directly opposes the Papal Nuncio's view and is expected to arouse a political struggle when Parliament reassembles.

ST. PIERRE FISHERIES FAIL. Cause Attributed to Newfoundland's Enforcement of Bait Act. St. John's, N. F., Aug. 28.—The French fishery at St. Pierre is a failure, the present season having been the worst in many years. Many residents are leaving the place for Canada, and it is expected that there will follow Newfoundland's enforcement of the bait act is largely responsible for these conditions.

EXTRAORDINARY PACIFIC CURRENT. Captain of Sierra Lays Stranding of Manchuria to It. Honolulu, Aug. 28.—Captain Houliett, of the Oceanic Steamship Company's liner Sierra, which arrived here to-day from Australia and New Zealand, says that during the last two days he experienced an extraordinary northwest current. It was the strongest he had ever encountered, throwing his vessel thirty miles out of her course in one day. He attributes the stranding of the Manchuria to the current.

RENNENKAMPF TO GOVERN WARSAW. London, Aug. 29.—The Standards' Warsaw correspondent telegraphs that General Rennenkampf has been appointed successor of General Skladin, Governor of Warsaw.

AMERICAN SCHOONER SEIZED. Dulny, N. S., Aug. 28.—The American schooner Desirée has been seized at Grande Coques by a French officer. It is alleged that she directly opposed St. Mary's Bay on Boston on July 13 and ended at 10:30 until she arrived later at Sautterville.

CONSUL AT GUADELOUPE RESIGNS. Washington, Aug. 28.—C. Jarvis Rowers has resigned as American Consul at Guadeloupe, French West Indies. He left the service shortly after the letting in Guadeloupe, which caused him to send alarming reports to the State Department about the dangers which threatened American interests in Guadeloupe. Mr. Rowers reported that the situation was at least as bad as beyond local conditions. In consequence of this report an American steamer was sent to the island, to the displeasure

WITH JORDAN WATER

Christening To-day at Potsdam of the Kaiser's First Grandchild.

Water from the river Jordan, furnished by the firm which the reigning Grand Duke of Hesse is the chief stockholder and active manager, will be used to-day for the christening of the infant son of the German Crown Prince at Potsdam. Jordan water has for the last hundred years or more been invariably used for royal and imperial baptisms. In fact, there is not a single scion of any of the reigning houses of Europe, no matter whether Catholic, Protestant or Orthodox, who has not been christened with water taken from that river in the Holy Land, which the founder of Christianity was baptized nearly two thousand years ago by St. John the Baptist.

It remained for the Grand Duke of Hesse to use the water of the Jordan for a business enterprise. Having discovered that there were thousands upon thousands of people who were prompted either by pity or by ambition to bring their children to be baptized in water from the Jordan, he has years ago decided that he would have the formula of Christianity was baptized nearly two thousand years ago by St. John the Baptist.

ADOPT NEW SPELLING. Business Houses and Others Take Up Simplified Forms. Announcement was made at the Simplified Spelling Board's headquarters, in this city, yesterday, that "The Army and Navy Register" would use the simplified spelling hereafter in all its issues, as also would "Profitable Advertising," a Boston publication, and "The Nassau County Review," of Freeport, N. Y.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S VIEW. Effort to Change Spelling, He Thinks, Will Come to Nought. Toronto, Aug. 28.—"President Roosevelt is liable to sudden impulses," said Professor Goldwin Smith to-day, when asked what he thought of the President's placing the stamp of official approval on the spelling reform movement. "If it is to be done," said the professor, "let it be done by experts and by common agreement, not by Mr. Roosevelt's ipse dixit. I think it will blow over. All attempts at a universal language have come to nothing. Men of commerce speak in the language of the market, and in business, the English do not seem to like the idea of their language being regulated by the President of the United States."

NEW SPELLING IN USE. Mr. Taft Receives First Reformed Letter from Oyster Bay. Oyster Bay, Aug. 28.—Secretary Taft will have the distinction of receiving the first letter from President Roosevelt written according to the rules laid down by the Simplified Spelling Board. The letter was sent to Mr. Taft at Murray Bay, Canada, where he is spending his vacation.

SPELLING ORDER EXTENDED. Washington, Aug. 28.—The President's order regarding phonetic spelling will be extended to all parts of the government. By his direction all public documents are to be printed with that form of spelling which is the chief characteristic of the various departments was held yesterday and a committee was appointed to formulate rules for carrying out this order.

ESPERANTO CONGRESS AT GENEVA. Geneva, Aug. 28.—The first international Esperanto (universal language) congress opened here to-day. Five hundred representatives of fifteen nations, including many Americans, were present.

FIRE IN TEXAS FIELD. Fifteen Oil Tanks Burned—Flames Spreading Among Best Wells. Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 28.—A boiler exploded in the Keith-Ward tract at Spindle Top to-night setting fire to oil storage tanks and derricks. Fifteen tanks have already burned and the fire is spreading. Some of the best wells in the field are endangered.

HITS UNION LABOR HEAVY BLOW. Wisconsin Judge Holds Closed Shop Contract Illegal—Awards Damages. Racine, Wis., Aug. 28.—Union labor was to-day dealt a heavy blow by the decision in the Circuit Court of Judge Chester A. Fowler, of Fond du Lac, in the boycott suit for \$2,000 damages brought by Otto B. Schultz, a Racine baker, against the Trades Labor Council, Benjamin Dressen and others. The decision holds illegal the contract exacted from the boss bakers by the union men in an effort to enforce the closed shop.

BIG BREWING INCORPORATION. Albany, Aug. 28.—The Central Consumers' Brewing Company, of New York, with a capital of \$2,000,000, filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State to-day. The directors named are Fred Blasenbrug, of Brooklyn; William Schock, of West Nyack, N. J.; and Walter Moffat, of New York. Mr. Moffat's shares of stock are to be common and half preferred.

TWICE TRIED, WANTS CITY JOB. Man Released on Forgery Charges on Controller's Office Eligible List. Controller Metz discovered yesterday that among the names on an eligible list sent to him by the Municipal Civil Service Commission for appointments to temporary places in his office was that of a man who has twice been tried for forgery in this city, escaping each time through the disagreement of the jury. The name of the man was not given out, and the Controller seemed to think he should have another chance. He thought it strange, however, that the Municipal Civil Service Commission had approved the name, in spite of the fact that the man stood second on the list.

MILLIONS FOR BROOKLYN WOMAN. Mrs. Ida Martin, widow of John Martin, of Pittsburgh, managing clerk for the brokerage firm of Morris & Wilbur, at No. 191 Montague street, Brooklyn, received news yesterday that she had fallen heir to one-thirteenth of a fortune she had inherited from her late husband, the late Rev. Mr. Roup, of Pittsburgh.

PRISON ASSOCIATION DELEGATES. Albany, Aug. 28.—Governor Higgins to-day selected John G. Brown, president of the State Prison Association; Cornelius V. Collins, Superintendent of State Prisons; and Joseph F. Scott, Superintendent of Elmira Reformatory, to represent the State of New York at the annual meeting of the National Prison Association, which will be held in this city from September 15 to 21.

HOW HE BECAME A COUNT.

Blanc showed himself grateful to Bertora and took him into his employ. In fact, he became after the fall of the Empire the Count Bacciochi, and devoted himself more particularly to the service of old Mme. Blanc. When she became a widow he moved heaven and earth to marry her, and, knowing her weakness for nobiliary honors, secured the title of count, not from the Vatican, as has been wrongly asserted, but from the Prince of Monaco. Mme. Blanc, however, wanted something better, and was on the point of contracting a marriage with the Duke of Parma, which would have had the result of turning Bertora out into the cold, when she suddenly died in a rather mysterious fashion. It was found that she had bequeathed a considerable amount of money to Bertora, with whom her intimacy was so great that he was wont to call her by her Christian name.

PRINCE BENJAMIN ROHAN, it may be remembered, spent a number of years in this country, where he had been obliged to seek refuge on account of certain unavailing scrapes in Austria, and while in New York was reduced to such penury that for a time he was obliged to earn his living as waiter in a Second Avenue restaurant.

ARCHDEACON GEORGE D. JOHNSTONE. Archdeacon George D. Johnstone, pastor emeritus of Christ Church, New Brighton, Staten Island, died at his home in 2d street, New Brighton, yesterday morning.

THE REV. DR. C. W. BOLTON. The Rev. Dr. Cornelius Winter Bolton, for sixty years a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, rector of Christ Church, at North Pelham, and the oldest active clergyman in Westchester County, died yesterday. He was eighty-seven years old. Until a few weeks ago Dr. Bolton remained in active work in his parish. He was attacked by paralysis about a month ago and gradually grew weaker until his death.

MISS EMMA VAN NORDEN DEAD. Daughter of New York Trust Company's President Expires from Injuries. Blair-Govrie, Aug. 28.—Miss Emma Van Norden, daughter of Warner Van Norden, of New York, who was thrown from a carriage near here on August 21 and sustained a fracture of the skull died this morning.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY. Democratic Club reception for visiting Democrats, evening. Free admission at the Museum of Art and Natural History and the Zoological Park.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS. ALBEMARLE—John Horsley, U. S. N. BELMONT—Sir Victor Horsley and family, London. NORTON—Mr. Charles T. Greene, U. S. A. (retired). FIFTH AVENUE—United States Senator Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina. WASHINGTON—Mr. Charles T. Greene, U. S. A. (retired). FIFTH AVENUE—United States Senator Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina. WASHINGTON—Mr. Charles T. Greene, U. S. A. (retired). FIFTH AVENUE—United States Senator Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina.

THE WEATHER REPORT. Official Record and Forecast—Washington, Aug. 28.—Showers prevailed Tuesday from Southern Pennsylvania to Florida, and were reported in areas in the southern Rocky Mountain region and from western Lake Superior over the upper Missouri Valley.

DAUGHTER OF AL ADAMS WEDS. Newport, R. I., Aug. 28.—There was some surprise in social circles here over the marriage this noon of Miss Evelyn Brewster, daughter of Al Adams, and Paul Ernest Napoleon, of Paris, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Dr. Aquilla Webb, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at the Casino, the horse show and other public affairs.

SPEAKER CANNON AT LAKE PLACID. Lake Placid, N. Y., Aug. 28.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon paid his first visit to the Adirondacks to-day, after which he will make his home in New York.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

WASHINGTON, August 28. GENERAL CORBIN RESENTS GOSSIP.—Lieutenant General H. C. Corbin has determined to "go after" the army officers who have been submitting themselves to newspaper interviews, with the result of charging that he and other prominent army officers have been using official facilities in Manila for the embellishment of their private establishments. For a long time it was the custom in Manila for the quartermaster shops to do odd jobs for army officers, all of it in the way of improving the government quarters occupied by the officers and their families. It was in the interest of honor and domestic propriety that such quantities which could not have been improved by resorting to private facilities in that city, where there are meagre means of doing such work. This labor of the quartermaster shops for the benefit of the public money for personal benefit, and whatever was done on the quarters in the way of improvement on the exterior interested him better for the benefit of any who chanced to occupy the buildings at that time and place. General Corbin feels keenly that the War Department to ascertain from certain army officers who have been submitting themselves to newspaper interviews, and if he finds there has been an injustice done him, he intends to seek redress through official channels.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following orders have been issued: ASSTANT SURGEON E. C. TAYLOR, to the Hancock at the navy yard, New York.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Navy Department: ARRIVED. August 27.—The Leontida, at Newport.

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ADMIRAL'S BODY AT ANNAPOLIS.

ANNAPOLIS, Aug. 28.—The body of Admiral Train, U. S. N., who died on August 4, while in command of the Asiatic fleet in China, arrived in Annapolis to-day, accompanied by the son of the Admiral. The body will be buried in the Naval Academy cemetery here to-day, and will remain here until after the funeral.

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