

CZAR NOW BELIEVED TO BE A DEATH'S DOOR.

Imperial Officers Share General Pessimism as to His Recovery.

Official Bulletins on His Condition Believed to Be Misleading—Reports of Further Complications and Brain Trouble Necessitating Trepanning.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—The following special dispatch dated St. Petersburg, Nov. 25, 3:49 a. m., has been received here: "It has been persistently rumored in St. Petersburg that the condition of Emperor Nicolas is critical. Well-informed people here declare that the disease has made far greater progress than the czar's physicians have publicly admitted. A fatal issue is now gravely feared."

St. Petersburg, Saturday, Nov. 24.—From three sources of information, directly with the czar, and from many Ministers of State, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Associated Press to-day ascertained that imperial officials are becoming extremely pessimistic regarding the condition of Emperor Nicolas, and assert that the Livadia bulletins conceal the gravity of his illness. "In spite of the notorious ease with which an alarmist rumor can be circulated in the Russian capital, many good judges believe that the chances of the czar's recovery are diminishing."

One report says that the Emperor, in addition to typhoid fever, with pectoral complications, has brain fever, the result of the blow he received from a fanatic policeman during his tour in Japan; and it is even asserted in some quarters that trepanning has become necessary. Although the imperial Ministers have assumed wider powers in administration since his Majesty's illness began, the whole machine of Government is affected by his disability, and many departments are almost at a standstill.

Russian laws and customs impose an immense burden of detail work, particularly in the matter of signatures, upon the czar; for example, numerous special pensions, whose payment on each occasion requires the Emperor's name.

The following bulletin was issued this morning at Livadia: "The czar passed a quiet day yesterday. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon his temperature rose to 102.4. The pulse was 88. At 9 o'clock in the evening the temperature was 102.2, and the pulse 89. "His Majesty slept well during the night. This morning his general condition and strength are satisfactory. Temperature, 99.5; pulse, 75. No complications whatever have been observed."

ALL EUROPE IS ALARMED. SPECIAL BY CABLE. London, Nov. 25.—It is no exaggeration to say that the critical condition of the czar of Russia has alarmed all Europe. Already the Continental press is beginning to discount the death of Nicolas and to speculate upon the possibilities of the future.

There is general agreement that the demise of the young Emperor at this time would be most unfortunate. Czar Nicolas has impressed himself upon the civilized world as a power-making for peace. His policy has been wise and conciliatory, and he has succeeded in sweeping away the idea that Russian rule is a burden and a territorial aggrandizement and altogether warlike.

No ruler in modern times has done more to promote international concord and the peace of the world. In bringing about the Peace Conference at The Hague the czar

took a long step forward and compelled the respect of civilized nations the world over. It is too early, of course, to measure the results of that memorable gathering, but unless checked by some untoward event, the peace movement inaugurated at The Hague will mark an epoch in world history.

Fear Reversal of Russian Policy. It is fear of a reversal of the Russian policy that causes alarm at this moment, when the Russian ruler is lying in the shadow of death at Livadia.

In the ordinary course of events the czar would be succeeded by his brother, the Grand Duke Michael. This young man is little known outside of his immediate circle. It is well established, however, that he is opposed to many of the policies of his brother, and his accession to the throne might be a stunning blow to the peace of Europe, although it is more probable that he would be amenable to court influences, which, at this time, reflect the ideas of the present czar.

In any event, the death of Nicolas would cause temporary confusion, for, while the Russian policy in China could hardly be reversed, there would be a period of uncertainty which would threaten the success of arrangements now nearly completed for solving the many difficult problems involved in the so-called "Eastern question."

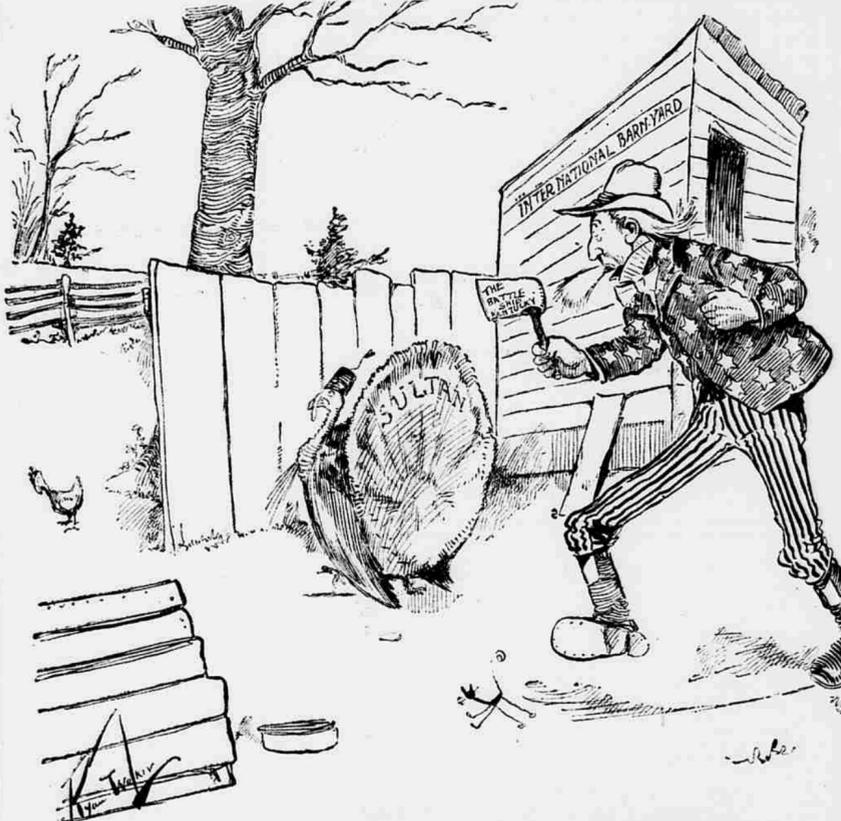
Speculations on Posthumous Heir. The czar has three children—all girls. Should he have a posthumous heir, a boy, he might, by royal decree, a decree which would be contingent, of course, upon the sex of the child—place this heir upon the throne. That was done once before in Russia, and the precedent is well grounded.

It has been reported from St. Petersburg that the czar had prepared and signed such a decree, but of this there is no official confirmation and no name will be forthcoming in the event of the czar's death.

The accession of a posthumous heir would mean a regency in Russia for a number of years and would, in the opinion of European authorities, result in the continuance of the policies enunciated by Czar Nicolas.

It may be, too, that the Grand Duke Michael, if he were to succeed, would be a present Emperor was at the time of his coronation, yet the mere possibility that Czar Nicolas has brought out a flood of pessimistic articles from the pens of political writers in every European capital, and the bulletins from Livadia are eagerly scanned by those who understand their import and the possibilities they hold in store.

Queen Victoria received daily bulletins from the bedside of the czar, and it should be noted that her advice gave every encouragement that the invalid will be restored to health, thus flatly contradicting the graver news from St. Petersburg.



Uncle Sam: "That Turkey don't seem to be aware that I'm after him."

EUROPE IS STIRRED BY KRUGER'S SPEECH.

Rumored That Russia Will Oppose Annexation of Boer Republics—Berlin Would Receive Kruger.

By MICHAEL DAVITT. SPECIAL BY CABLE. Paris, Nov. 25.—The Boer boom has come to stay. The comments of leading European newspapers show the startling effect produced by Kruger's Marseilles speech on Continental opinion. Mr. Kruger refused to agree to Count Mouravieff's proposal when it was made, owing to the existence of the Dreyfus movement in France.

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PRESIDENT'S PLAN ON THE CURRENCY.

Message Will Likely Contain Recommendation Which Will Place Gold Standard Above Assault.

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FUTURE OF CHINA IN THE HANDS OF JAPAN.

If Mikado Sides With America, Russia and France, England and Germany Must Yield.

Punitive Expeditions Will Then Be Stopped and Integrity of the Empire Assured—United States' Latest Note Bearing Fruit.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Developments in the Chinese situation to-day show that Japan's decision will determine whether the vengeance policy of Germany shall be adopted or rejected.

Her vote cast in favor of a policy of moderation will, in the opinion of the State Department officials, have an important bearing upon the prompt settlement of the Chinese question. Great Britain, Germany, Austria and Italy are united in support of the presentation to the Chinese commissioners of a demand for the importation of a severe punishment upon the responsible authors of the recent outrages. The United States, Russia and France are opposed to demanding more than the partition of the Empire, and that she understands the unwillingness of the Chinese Government to make concessions which would at once develop its weakness and precipitate renewed strife.

In view of this attitude the officials are inclined to believe that in answer to the note of Mr. Hay the Tokio Government will, in addition to the informal assurance already given, formally announce her support of a policy of moderation.

If this belief should be confirmed by future events, Great Britain and Germany and the smaller powers who are usually allied with them in the present negotiations, will find themselves confronted by the United States, Russia, France and Japan and the result will undoubtedly be a back-down on the part of her Majesty's Government and the German Empire.

Holding Powers in Line. A diplomat of high standing said to-day that Mr. Hay's note had already had its desired effect. It has once more shown Europe that the United States proposes to obtain renewed assurances in line with the already given and to hold the Powers to their promises. It has been reported that Mr. Hay in his note conveyed a statement of the instructions sent to Mr. Conger, in which the United States Minister was directed to consult with his colleagues and urge them to adopt a reasonable demand upon China.

The American note requested an exchange of views on the question of the punishment of the Boxer leaders, urging moderation in line with the instructions sent to the American Minister. There will be care-

ful consideration of this question and State Department authorities feel now that the moderate faction among the Powers will control the situation.

Reached an Agreement. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Peking, Saturday, Nov. 24.—The diplomatic body held a final meeting this morning and agreed upon the terms of the preliminary treaty. Nothing now remains except to secure the approval of the respective Governments before definite negotiations with the Chinese Peace Commissioners are begun.

The precise terms of the settlement have not yet been made public here, but it is believed, outside the diplomatic corps, that the main points are in a substantial agreement with those contained in the French note to the Powers, namely, punishment for the guilty, indemnity to Governments and individuals, retention of strong legation guards and the occupation of certain places.

SAYS KAISER MUST GIVE IN. London, Nov. 25.—Mild satisfaction is expressed in the London papers this morning at the news that the diplomats in Peking have arrived at a preliminary understanding, but no great confidence seems to be felt that any real step has been made in the endless negotiations. It is believed that there is little for Germany to do but to concede whatever the United States and Russia agree. The Standard says: "It is hardly possible for Germany to hold out, despite offered as she is, if the United States, Russia, France and Japan are disposed to moderation. Our Berlin correspondent believes that Germany is prepared to waive the death penalty."

"The foreign envoys have agreed to demand," says a special dispatch from Peking, "an extension of the legation area, so as to embrace everything from the Ha-Tu-Men gate to the Tsen-Men gate, Tartar cities, a street in the center of the city, a mile wide, M. Degiers, Russian Minister, has declined to yield on the indemnity question, and some kind of a verbal compromise has been arranged."

The Standard publishes the following from its Peking correspondent, dated Saturday: "Wang Wen Chiao, now a Cabinet Minister, has written to Sir Robert Hart, of Sian-Fu that Emperor Kwang Su would be glad to return to Peking, but that his Majesty would 'lose his face' if foreign troops were there."

Joseph F. Kushmann, a Justice of the Peace in Cincinnati, an associate of George B. Cox, the "boss" of Republican politics in that city, and a close friend of Mark Hanna, was taken to the St. Louis City Hospital yesterday morning for observation.

He was arrested in Union Station, where his fantastic garb and extraordinary demeanor attracted the attention of Police Officers Kassing and Little. Kushmann and a personal friend, William Wicheering, also of Cincinnati, arrived in the city shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning on the Iron Mountain train from Hot Springs, where they had been staying for the last ten days.

Apparently, Kushmann had not had time to dress when he started for this city. His footwear consisted of one tan shoe and one black slipper. He wore no hat, and a sweater with broad yellow stripes served for shirt. His suit was of very good material. Pink silk pajamas comprised his underwear.

No sooner had he arrived in Union Station than his appearance and actions attracted general attention. He went blither and thither, talking and even shouting excitedly. Wicheering made every effort to calm him, but his words were uncontrollable.

MADE A SCENE IN WAITING-ROOM. When the two made their way into the main waiting-room of the depot, their movements were noted by Policemen Kassing and Little. They thought that Kushmann was intoxicated, but, upon examining him, they decided that the man's mind was unbalanced. They took him in charge, and though he showed some resistance, they walked with him to the City Hospital.

Wicheering accompanied him and said before he left him that he would telegraph his father, Theodore Kushmann, who is Chief Jailor of the Cincinnati jail. The latter is expected in this city to-day. Wicheering is expected in this city to-day. Wicheering is expected in this city to-day.

PEARY'S WIFE SEARCHING FOR HIM AMONG ARCTIC ICEBERGS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—According to Herbert L. Bridgman of Brooklyn, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, Lieutenant Peary, the Arctic explorer, and his wife, are now playing hide and seek among the icebergs of the frozen North.

Mrs. Peary left Sydney, Cape Breton, on July 20 last, intending to join her husband, Lieutenant Peary, who is entirely ignorant of her plans, and husband and wife have been moving in opposite directions. Mrs. Peary was last reported at Disco, Greenland, on August 20.

Mr. Bridgman gave out for publication to-night extracts from two letters written by Peary last March. In these letters, Lieutenant Peary expressed confidence that he would find the North Pole during the summer. His plans, as set forth in the letters, would carry him at least 1,200 miles from his wife's declared destination, so there is little likelihood that Lieutenant and Mrs. Peary have yet met.

"These extracts," said Mr. Bridgman, "are from letters directed to Mrs. Peary at her family address in Washington. The letters were opened by her relatives. They contain the first direct information from Lieutenant Peary since August 23, 1899.

They were forwarded to me by Mrs. Peary's father. Whereabouts of Neither Known. "Mrs. Peary herself started with her daughter on July 20 from Sydney, Cape Breton, to join her husband at Etah, Greenland. She went in the steamer Windward and was reported at Disco, Greenland, on August 20. The lieutenant has not the slightest knowledge that his wife and daughter are on their way to meet him and none of us can even hazard a guess as to where, in all that Arctic region, she is at present."

FINDS HIS RUNAWAY CHILD A SUICIDE.

Alderman Wescott's Thirteen-Year-Old Son Believed to Have Shot Himself in Fit of Remorse Over Leaving Home.

After ten days of weary, almost hopeless search for his 13-year-old runaway son, Alderman George W. Wescott of Alton, Ill., found the lad yesterday dead by his own hand.

What impelled the boy to leave his home and what caused him finally to drive him to take his life, the distraught father declares he does not know.

Where the boy had passed the time in the interim between his disappearance and the discovery of his body is almost as much of a mystery.

About the only thing of which the police are positive is that the body was located yesterday by some boys in the group of willows in the rear of the Illinois Box Company's plant on the bank of a small stream known as Shields Branch. There was a bullet-hole in the head and beside the corpse lay a revolver belonging to Alderman Wescott, which had been missing ever since the boy left home on Thursday, November 15. The body had apparently lain where it was found two or three days.

Coroner H. J. Bailey held an inquest, but all that he could do was to return a verdict of death by suicide. The police are searching "The Green," a strip of lowland, inhabited by squatters, in the hope of tracing the boy's movements, but up to a late hour last night their efforts had not been very successful.

FATHER'S WEARY SEARCH BEGUN. George Wescott was the dead boy's name. He was the pride of his father and mother. The only other child in the family is a boy 4 years old. On the day of George's disappearance he went to school as usual, but that night failed to return. When his father returned from his work at the Illinois Glass Company's factory, he immediately instituted a quiet search for the lad. Some of his companions had played with George after school, but none of them could tell where he was. Late in the night the father returned home from his futile search to comfort as best he could his little hysterical wife.

Next day he resumed the search early, but with no result. Saturday some boys who knew the missing one said that he had talked to them of going to the country, and one boy was found who said that he had seen George that day. Early the next morning Alderman Wescott started to the country, and inquired at every farmhouse for miles around Alton, but could find no trace of his son. Next day (Monday) he asked the police to aid him in his search. But neither the police nor the father could obtain any information. The runaway's whereabouts until yesterday.

AND NOTIFY FATHER. When Wescott left his home yesterday morning he met Officer Parker, and together

they started to seek once more for a trace of the missing one. They had not gone far when they met some boys who had known George. Wescott told them that he would pay them well if they would find his son. At a venture they wandered down to Shields Branch, and within an hour after meeting the father found the missing boy. They hastened to tell Wescott and the officer, but both men were so excited over the discovery that they neglected to ask the boys their names, and late last night had not been able to locate them again.

The body was removed to the Wescott home, where it was later prepared for burial. It came out in the investigation of the case that George had been seen last Monday when he was carried from East Alton to Alton in a delivery wagon by George McCullum, a grocer's employe. McCullum stated that the boy told him his name and said that he had been away from home.

LAD LAST SEEN "WITH HIS PAPA." When the wagon was passing the factory where his father was employed, he climbed out, saying that he would "wait for papa." McCullum did not then know that the boy had run away, and dismissed the matter from his mind.

George evidently did not remain long in the vicinity of the factory. Later in the week a boy answering to his description was seen in "The Green" and the police believe that George visited the squatters until about Thursday. But their efforts to trace his movements yesterday with any degree of accuracy were not at all successful. For the squatters are ignorant and very suspicious people, evading questions. There was no suspicion in the minds of the officials that the boy had been murdered.

Alderman Wescott said last night that there was no domestic disturbance nor any other reason, so far as he knew, why his boy should leave home. He could only account for the suicide on the theory that the runaway had started home and was overcome with remorse for his conduct. No arrow which he had made for the funeral. The boy's mother is prostrated and the father is on the verge of nervous collapse from shock and grief.

MCCLINTIC A CANDIDATE. Desires to Be Assistant Secretary of State.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Monroe City, Mo., Nov. 25.—R. S. McClintic, son of W. S. McClintic, ex-State Senator, is an aspirant for the position of Assistant Secretary of State.