

NOT SO SERIOUS

Russian Political Agitation Will Soon Pass.

MINISTER OF FINANCE SAYS

He Likens the Present Troubles in the Empire to Sickness Which Will Subside in Time and Leave Government Stronger Than Ever.

New York, Dec. 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald cables an interview secured last Saturday with M. Shipoff, minister of finance, who was asked as to the extent to which the government suffered by reason of the political agitation, especially the recent proletarian manifesto in which the bankruptcy of the government was trumpeted.

"I do not seek to conceal the fact," the minister said, "that the movement has had itself felt among us. Coming on the head of our recent war it could not be otherwise. But don't think for a moment that we experience any alarm or anxiety.

"How often have you seen a young and sturdy organism prostrated by illness which has been insidiously creeping on? Have you not often noticed how an ill man, aided by a robust constitution throws of a malady and after convalescence converges from the sick room stronger and more capable than ever.

"That is the position of Russia just now. The illness is in no way fatal, nor will the convalescence be protracted. I cannot say exactly when the patient will be able to get out of doors, but rest assured, he will not die. The medical attendants are absolutely sure of that.

"The revolutionary party has been trying to make capital out of the alleged impending bankruptcy of the government, but it is going too far to apply the word bankruptcy to the government of a great country like Russia.

"I authorize you to state positively that the Russian treasury is in no difficulty, nor do we foresee any possibility of financial trouble.

"The revolutionists make a strong point of having touched a weak spot by endeavoring to bring about a general boycott of vodka. That is another of their random statements. To show you how unfounded it is just look here."

Opening his portfolio, the Minister pulled out a document showing the result to the treasury of the spirit monopoly for the period from January 1 to November 30, 1905. Actual income from that source exceeded by more than \$5,000,000 the amount estimated in the budget for 1905.

"Now you can judge," continued M. Shipoff, "how wild is the assertion of our opponents."

"Great uneasiness prevails among commercial circles interested in Russian business," was suggested.

"That, unfortunately, is only too true," replied the Minister, "and no doubt it will take time to dispel the diabolical distrust but you will see that the confidence will speedily be restored."

MORE COMFORT THAN EVER.

On Sunday, December 17th, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will inaugurate a daily line of standard and tourist sleeping cars between Denver and Los Angeles in connection with the new Clark road. Both cars will leave Denver daily at 9:30 a. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 1:35 p. m., the next day. At this point the cars will be held over until midnight, thus allowing through passengers the privilege of a stop-over of ten hours and a half in Salt Lake City. Eastbound, these cars will leave Los Angeles at 8 p. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 6:30 a. m., second morning where they will remain over until 3:50 p. m., thence to Denver where they will arrive at 4:20 the following afternoon. This stop-over at Salt Lake City of the regular line of sleeping cars promises to be an attractive feature for transcontinental travelers.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle, with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my diseases, by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, by Charles Rogers, druggist, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

NO BAD EFFECTS.

Chicago Banker Says Recent Bank Failures Are Not So Bad.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—"Other banks and financial circles in general in Chicago cannot possibly feel any bad effects from the failure of the John R. Walsh banks," said James R. Forgan, president of the First National Bank and of the Chicago Clearing Association last night. "In guaranteeing the deposits of the three banks, the other banks of Chicago have taken no unusual action. They have not assumed any great liabilities. In fact, the actual liability assumed by each bank is comparatively trivial—not more than is met on an average day's business.

"There is no other bank in Chicago in the condition which caused the downfall of John R. Walsh's institutions. No other bank can be subjected to the criticism that its president is engaged in other lines of business as Walsh was.

"Of course every Chicago bank has business men in its directorate. It is so all over the world. But with all these business men as directors in the Chicago bank, no other bank is using its funds for outside investments as were these three."

CONVICT ARE HEROES

Forgot They Were Convicts and Do Noble Work.

RESCUE PERISHING WOMEN

In Big Hospital Fire on Blackwell's Island—The Penitentiary Prisoners Are Released to aid in Saving the Imprisoned Women.

New York, Dec. 20.—Men forgot that they were convicts and remembered only that they were men on Blackwell Island early this morning when the male prisoners, marshaled by their keepers into a fire-fighting and life-saving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's wards five hundred and ninety-four frantic women and from the hospital beds fifty more.

Starting in the sewing room of the workhouse and from a cause which has not yet been definitely decided, the fire had reached a fierce blaze at 2 o'clock, when it was discovered. The fire engine on the island proved inadequate and a call for help was sent to the city department. Seven engines were sent over but were not sufficient to save the women's workhouse from destruction.

On the top floor of this building were cells for the women, and everyone held one or two prisoners when the fire occurred. These women became frantic with fright and were soon choking with the dense smoke that filled all the halls and their cells.

That most of them did not perish is due to the recent installation of a system by which in emergencies every cell in a tier can be opened simultaneously with all the others.

When the extent and danger of the blaze became apparent the Warden marshaled his regular fighting force of employes and soon were all at work.

The flames spread so fast, however, that this force proved hopelessly inadequate. Then it was decided to trust to the male prisoners sense of manhood and they bore the test well.

Released from their cells and marshaled into small bodies they entered the burning building and went at the work of fire-fighting and rescue with utter disregard of the danger to themselves. The flames were crackling all about them and they plunged through the dense smoke when they brought out in their arms the last of the women prisoners.

The fire bells and the shouts of the men at work could be heard all over the island and in the hospitals and buildings of the other institutions there was a panic which was quieted with difficulty by the nurses, physicians and keepers. The fire was confined to the women's workhouse.

WANT DAMAGES.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The Pacific Coast Company has filed a libel in the United States District Court against the Risdon Iron & Locomotive Works to recover \$5557, damages alleged to have been sustained by the steamer Asuncion while undergoing repairs by the defendant. The complaint recites that the damage was done when the steamer Corona collided with the Asuncion at the dock during a storm on March 9, 1904.

THINKS IT'S FUNNY

Stockholder in Broken Chicago Bank Jokes.

HE IS NOT AT ALL WORRIED

Says That One Had Better Take Things Coolly and Go Slow and Every One Will Get Their Money in the End.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The only jocular note heard thus far concerning the Walsh failure comes from D. K. Pearsons, philanthropist and stockholder in the Chicago National Bank.

Mr. Pearsons' enjoyment of what he calls "Walsh's decline and fall off," is due to his unshaken belief that the new directorate will bring both depositors and stockholders through without loss. That much conceded the college benefactor takes the position that his \$48,000, tied up in 132 shares, entitles him to whatever humor he can find in the situation.

"John R. Walsh was a mighty smart man, but no banker," said Mr. Pearsons last night.

"Friend John certainly has mixed things up. He was altogether too sanguine to make a goo banker, and now he is reaping the result.

"Of course I would not be talking like this if I did not believe that everybody would come out of it unscathed. People can say what they have a mind to, but I, who have known John R. Walsh for forty-five years, know that he is an honest man and that his investments ultimately will pan out all right.

"Let's take things coolly and go slow. At any rate that is going to be my motto, notwithstanding the liability entailed in my 132 shares. That committee of Chicago bankers is doing a magnificent piece of work, and the fact that it has undertaken to straighten out John's affairs supports my belief that genuine and sufficient assets are there.

"Poor John I have known him ever since he kept that dinky little newsstand on Dearborn street. His only mistake has come rather late in life. If he had stopped getting richer and tried to give away his money he would still be a rich man."

AUTOMOBILISTS RESCUED.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Dec. 20.—The searching party which left here yesterday afternoon to locate the lost transcontinental automobilists, Percy F. Megargel of New York, and David F. Fassett of Lansing, Mich., found them late last night in a desperate condition, snowed in, without food or gasoline, thirteen miles from town, near a deep ravine in the mountains. In a few hours longer they would have perished from the bitter cold.

Both men suffered from the cold, but had managed to save themselves from being frozen to death by use of gasoline to build a re. Smoke from this fire led the rescuers to the spot. By a mere chance a squirrel had been shot during the day and cooked over their fire. It was their first food for over thirty-six hours. While searching for the transcontinental automobilists, the searching party came across the frozen body of a logger by the name of Thomas Smith, who had been lost for two days.

The automobile was towed into town late last night and will leave Wednesday or Thursday, providing the crew is sufficiently recovered from their long exposure.

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