

HUNGRY HALF MILLION

Gathers to Feast in the Czar's Honor

THOUSANDS ARE CRUSHED

In Their Desperate Attempts to Reach the Food

Not Discouraged by the Plague, the Starving Multitude Rearranges the Tables and Proceeds to Eat

Associated Press Special Wire. MOSCOW, May 30.—A panic resulting from the great crush of people at the coronation of the czar caused the tramping to death of many people, including a woman delivered of a child during the excitement.

In anticipation of the grand display and popular banquet on Khodkikskiy plain, tens of thousands of people began flocking towards the Petovsky palace, in front of which the plain is situated.

On the plain long lines of rough tables flanked by rougher benches had been erected. It was first arranged to accommodate 400,000 people, but in view of the immense crowds assembled in and about the city at the coronation fetes extra tables and benches were erected.

Every effort made to provide a meal for the 500,000 people. To feed the multitude an army of cooks and waiters was gathered together. The army kitchen was taxed to its utmost. Five hundred thousand mugs, each bearing the portraits of the czar and czarina, were ordered for presentation to the people taking part in the banquet.

In anticipation of the assembling of the immense crowd and the possibility of disorder, a strong force of police was detailed for duty on the plain three miles outside the city on the road to St. Petersburg.

By dawn today the mass of peasants about the tables was really enormous, and all desperate hunger, having fasted nearly twenty-four hours. The police did everything possible to keep back the crowd, but suddenly the mass pressed forward, swept everything before them, overturning tables and benches, trampling hundreds under foot and crushing the life out of a great number.

A THOUSAND KILLED. MOSCOW, May 30.—At 10 a. m. the official report fixes the number killed at 1358, but later reports from the scene of the disaster say that 2500 bodies have been recovered.

Among the dead were ladies evidently of high rank, dressed in the finest silk and adorned with the richest jewels. The police had to be called in to remove the bodies, and the scene was a terrible one in the extreme.

The disaster occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning, having taken place at the banquet should commence before noon but the immense throng which had gathered became so dense that the attendants were overpowered and thus to the ground in the mad struggle which commenced for food and the gifts, and many of these attendants are among the victims.

For a time the officials in charge of the banquet lost their heads entirely. The scene seemed to have gone mad, with rage and excitement, shouting, cursing and yelling as they pressed onward over a path strewn with dead and dying human beings.

Some terrible, heart-rending scenes were witnessed among the survivors who were seeking relatives among the dead, and many have as yet been identified. Many of the bodies were trampled into a shapeless jelly.

So immense was the concourse of the plain that hundreds of them were not aware for some time that disaster had occurred, for there was noise caused by thousands of people, and all entertainments were in full swing.

Some Elements of Comfort in the Clearing House Report. NEW YORK, May 30.—The statement of the New York clearing house banks for five days ending May 29, while it shows an increase in the amount of cash in bank vaults, is still favorable in several particulars.

NEWPORT, Ky., May 30.—After making a personal examination of the jail, Judge Helm today declared it unsafe and unfit for the keeping of Scott Jackson, and ordered his removal to Covington jail, which is very strong and secure.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Mark M. Pomroy, better known as "Buck" Pomroy, died today at his home in Brooklyn from Bright's disease. Mr. Pomroy was buried in Elmira in 1883.

IN THE QUEEN'S DOMINIONS

Interest Revived in the Transvaal Invasion

JUSTIFICATION OF RHODES

Likely to Increase the Boers' Distrust of England

Matters in O'Connell's Progressing Satisfactorily to the British Military Authorities.

LONDON, May 30.—(Copyright, 1896.) The most interesting feature of the week has been an article in the Nineteenth Century purporting to give the true motive or reason for Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal and seeming to be Cecil Rhodes' plea in justification.

Continuing, Mr. Watterson said: "I confess that I am a Jesuit, but from England I learned the Jesuit and got the cry, 'Greatness and glory give the true motive or reason for Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal and seeming to be Cecil Rhodes' plea in justification."

For further asserts that the immediate object of the raid was to secure documentary proofs of the alliance between the Transvaal and Germany, the necessary documents, it was believed, being in the possession of President Kruger at Pretoria.

The original plan of the raid, Fort said, was to capture Pretoria. Had that been carried out, forts, ammunition and even the town itself would be in the hands of the reformers in a single night.

CHICAGO, May 30.—H. H. Kohlsaat of the Chicago Times-Herald received a message this afternoon dated Yokohama and signed by Lord A. Thurston, ex-minister to the United States from the Sandwich Islands, which said: "I am sorry to hear of the death of Kate Field at Honolulu May 19th of pneumonia."

Miss Field was in the Sandwich Islands as the special correspondent of the Times-Herald, and on the last evening of her stay she was informed that she had been doing a great deal of horseback riding and that she had contracted the disease.

THE NEXT STEAMER. SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—The next steamer from Honolulu is scheduled to arrive here on June 4th, when details of the death of Kate Field will probably be known.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Professional World's Records Are Broken by Sprinters Still at School. NEW YORK, May 30.—The intercollegiate athletic games of this year will be memorable for many years to come.

YESTERDAY there was a wedding out in the country, and the bride and groom were in the first-class condition, the breaking of intercollegiate and other records looked for.

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ESTIMATES OF THE LOSSES

Inflicted Upon St. Louis by the Cyclone

TEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Will Cover the Damage Done to the Buildings

Even This Enormous Sum Does Not Include Damage to Furniture—The Total Can Never Be Known

Associated Press Special Wire. ST. LOUIS, May 30.—The Post-Dispatch this afternoon prints a statement which very materially modifies all previous estimates of the aggregate loss by the hurricane of Wednesday. The article says:

No estimate of the financial loss sustained by the city from the storm approaching this correct figure nearer than several million can be prepared at least for a week. But it is already evident that representations of loss equaling and sometimes exceeding \$50,000,000 are the result of the enormous total reported by many foreign papers that the loss of life would reach thousands.

With this end in view, the judgment and advice of prominent citizens with both knowledge and experience in such matters have been sought and obtained with the result of the enormous total here reported.

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WILLIAM'S FRIENDLY WORDS

Tend to Improvement of Germany's Foreign Relations

More Strict Surveillance Ordered of Importations of American Meat by Reason of Dutch Adulteration

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WHITELAW REID'S IGNORANCE OF CALIFORNIA AFFAIRS

MIKE AND THE ONLY KERNEL

Suggested as Fit Candidates for the Vice Presidency

The Honorable Whitelaw Evidently Regards This as a Yellow Dog Year—Oregon's Election on Monday

Associated Press Special Wire. SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—Hon. Whitelaw Reid left for the east tonight after a stay of several days in California. He talked politics to the Chronicle before leaving, and gave it as his opinion that McKinley would be nominated for president.

When asked about the vice-presidency, Mr. Reid said he was not a candidate, and that there were no indications that the nomination was seeking him. He suggested Thomas B. Reed as the ideal eastern candidate, but asked: "Why don't you newspaper people here in California make Reed the only candidate for the Pacific coast, put a candidate for yourselves? Why not stand together for once and present De Young with us?"

PORTLAND, Ore., May 30.—At the election which occurs Monday one justice of the supreme court of the state is to be chosen. Two congressmen and members of the legislature will also be elected.

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A LOCOMOTIVE COLLISION

For Experimental Purposes on the Hocking Valley Road

The Engines Were Thoroughly Mashed, and One Spector Had a Leg Broken.

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