

CLERGY REBEL AGAINST STATE

RUSSIAN CHURCH COMPLAINS OF AUTOCRACY

Avers That It Has Been Used as a Political Machine With Which to Stir Up Class Hatred

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, April 8.—The revolt against the tyranny of the church administration is attracting immense attention.

"The church as a living idea is inextricably bound up with Russian life, and when the Russian public realized that they could no longer exist without breaking the shackles of the bureaucracy the church awoke from 200 years of lethargy and the first murmur was that it was the universal right of every thinking Russian to do his task with freedom."

The letter further declares that for years the clergy were held so closely in the vice of obedience not to an idea but to the dictates of one man who virtually said: "I am the church," that they had become automatics to register his decrees, and now, with the prospect of liberty before them, they are hardly capable of raising their voices.

In cities, it is added, there have been many instances where the church has been used as a political machine to stir up hatred and strife between the various classes of the population, this referring especially to the recent incitement of the ignorant against the intelligent.

The writer hails the day when the church, freed from state control, will devote itself to religion and not to politics.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IN MADRID

By Associated Press. MADRID, April 8.—Four hundred persons were killed or injured today by the collapse of a new water reservoir in course of construction.

The catastrophe caused a profound sensation throughout the city. As the day passed indignation and excitement increased, and serious disorders are now feared, especially on the occasions of the funerals of the victims, should the authorities undertake to prevent processions passing through the center of the city.

Already incipient demonstrations are in evidence, directed against those held responsible for the disaster. Processions of women carrying black flags are parading the district in which the disaster occurred. A great crowd marched to the center of the city and forced the merchants to close their establishments as a sign of mourning. The markets are all shut and business is entirely at a standstill.

The work of recovering the dead and injured is hampered by the enormous crowds of angry women.

King Alfonso was shooting at Carabanchel when he heard of the disaster and immediately repaired to the scene. His arrival was the signal for ovations from the crowds. The king was deeply moved and insisted upon personally supervising the relief measures.

The structure which collapsed was a huge quadrilateral, 350 by 150 meters, built on arches. The disaster was due to the weakness of the supporting pillars. As the greater part of the debris is under water, the work of extricating the victims is most difficult. Up to this time 100 bodies have been recovered. These were taken immediately to the cemetery in order to prevent disturbances.

Mayor's Brother Gets Berth

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Herbert Schmitz, the brother of Mayor Schmitz, who was removed from his position as president of the board of public works, and was later a candidate for chief of police, has been appointed to the position of secretary of the board of park commissioners.

Italian Admiral Visits Us

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Admiral F. Grenet of the Italian navy has arrived here from the Orient on the liner Manchuria, on the way to his home in Naples. He has been in command of the Asiatic division of the Italian fleet. His sea term has expired.

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FIFTEEN MEN INDICTED FOR PUBLIC LAND FRAUDS

Prominent Residents of Oregon and Washington Among the Accused

By Associated Press. PORTLAND, Or., April 8.—The federal grand jury this afternoon indicted fifteen well known men of Oregon and Washington. Among them are the following:

State Senator R. A. Booth, manager of the Booth Kelly Lumber company; his brother, Henry J. Booth, receiver of the Roseburg land office; Frank D. Alley of Roseburg, abstractor; A. R. and Edward R. Downs, Seattle timbermen; Rev. Stephen W. Turnell, a Roseburg minister; Edward Singleton, brother-in-law to the Booths; Willard O. Jones, a Portland timberman; T. S. Potter, formerly clerk in the law office of F. P. Mays; H. L. Sissler of Seattle; Daniel Clark, an ex-soldier; C. B. Zachary, Col. D. C. Barnard and Charles A. Watson of Fossil, Wheeler county.

They are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of a portion of its public lands.

METHODISTS IN HEATED DEBATE

MISS GOULD'S NAME CAUSES GREAT UPROAR

Announcement of Gift From Carnegie to Superannuated Preachers Is Interrupted by Stormy Scene Between Members

By Associated Press. MELROSE, Mass., April 8.—The conditional pledge by Andrew Carnegie to give \$1,000,000 to the fund for superannuated preachers was announced to the New England Methodist conference here today by the Rev. Dr. James Boyd Brady, field agent of the Preachers' Aid society, who was appointed last year to raise a fund for this purpose.

Dr. Brady reported that Mr. Carnegie had promised to give the last million dollars of a fund of \$25,000,000 to be raised by the society. There was an unexpected interruption to Dr. Brady's report. "I am engaged to Miss Helen Gould," said Dr. Brady, and then he paused. There was a stir at the press table. Several men rose quickly and one started to leave, when he was stopped by Dr. Brady's next words—"to meet her and discuss the needs of our work."

Before the sentence was completed, Dr. John Galbraith, Boston, a member of the conference, addressed the chair, saying that he hoped that no reporter would mention the name of the woman to whom Dr. Brady had referred. There were evidences of suppressed excitement in the room. Dr. Brady turned to Dr. Galbraith and said, with some heat: "I consider that a personal insult."

The last word was drowned in an uproar in which cries of "Stop, stop!" were heard from different parts of the room. A moment later the moderator's efforts brought quiet and Dr. Brady completed his report.

Immediately afterward the conference board of stewards presented a report which in effect was the legislation of Dr. Brady out of office. The report contained a recommendation that no field agent be hired by the conference next year. The report was promptly accepted.

Dr. Brady was appointed field agent last year to raise money to make good the loss sustained by the defalcation of Willard S. Allen, secretary of the Preachers' Aid society, discovered in 1903, amounting to \$75,000. Dr. Brady in taking up the work announced that not only did he propose to make up the loss sustained by the society, but to raise a much larger amount, which, in his report today, he placed at \$25,000,000.

After the incident Dr. Brady said: "It was an ignoble, unbrotherly, unnecessary and impertinent insult, and it was directed at myself and the reporters. Notwithstanding the action of the conference I shall continue my work of raising money and expect to secure the fund of \$25,000,000."

DENVER CITIZEN JUMPS FROM STEAMER AT SEA

George Wilder Drowns Himself After Writing of His Intention to Relatives

By Associated Press. DENVER, Colo., April 8.—Dispatches received here from Key West today brought the news that George Wilder, who disappeared from his home in this city about two weeks ago, had committed suicide by jumping into the sea from the steamer Concha, on which he sailed from Galveston on Wednesday last.

Before going away Mr. Wilder recorded deeds transferring valuable real estate in this city to his step-daughters. At Galveston on April 4 he wrote letters to these women, as well as Mr. Lee, announcing his intention to sail on the Concha and drown himself at sea.

He mailed these letters on Wednesday, shortly before boarding the steamer Concha. They were received here yesterday. Immediately telegrams were sent to all points along the gulf directing agents to use every means to signal the steamer. Efforts were also made to send messages to the steamer by wireless telegraphy. All efforts however, were unavailing and Wilder was in fact already dead when these precautions were taken.

ON TRAIL OF THE SICILIAN'S SLAYER

POLICE THINK THEY KNOW THE GUILTY MAN

Pietro Torturiti Is Accused of the Brutal Murder of Biaggio Vilardo in San Francisco Recently

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The police tonight are eagerly searching for Pietro Torturiti, a Sicilian, who is accused by them of being the murderer of Biaggio Vilardo, whose dismembered remains were found on the street a few nights ago. Torturiti's pretty young wife is in jail on suspicion of having been implicated in the horrible crime, and bit by bit the detectives are obtaining from her reluctant lips the details of the butchery of the unfortunate Vilardo.

Mrs. Torturiti was found by the detectives just after dawn, when she was returning from an all-night visit to some place that she refuses to divulge. The police believe that she was coming back from the hiding place of her husband.

Capt. Burnett and all the detectives are certain that the woman participated in the plot. They believe that she used her comeliness to lure Vilardo to leave his former lodgings at 710 Montgomery avenue that her husband might carry out his diabolical conspiracy.

"It was the work of a secret Sicilian order," the police assert. Besides the woman, four others have been arrested and are held in the tanks at the city prison. They are Rosario Domina, Frippe, Fretta, Salvatore Maranda and Sam Possiofrimi. All of these are Sicilians and were identified in some manner with the Jose Brogardo case.

Vilardo was butchered in the front room of the lower floor of the little house at 736 1/2 A Green street, not much over a block from where the mutilated trunk was found. The murdered man had lived there with Torturiti and his comely young Italian wife.

When Possiofrimi was arrested he made a statement that contradicts entirely the woman's story told to Captain Burnett.

"I saw Pietro and his wife Thursday night," he declared.

"I saw my husband at 11 o'clock Wednesday night—never since then," asserted Mrs. Torturiti.

In the home of the Torturitis was a woman's apron stained with blood.

It was said tonight that Chief Dinan is in possession of information that Torturiti had announced that he would kill Vilardo when he got him to Green street because he had been too attentive to Mrs. Torturiti.

SEEK MEETING WITH STRIKERS

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, April 8.—In a final hope of preventing a greater strike developing out of the Montgomery Ward troubles the Chicago Employers' association will seek a conference with the union leaders.

A committee, headed by John V. Farwell jr., was appointed at a meeting of employers this evening to arrange a meeting with the officials conducting the strike.

At the employers' meeting over thirty heads of large business concerns were present. John T. Pirie was chairman. The meeting was hastened by the serious outlook for a prolonged and desperate struggle unless action was taken to prevent it.

The marked activity of employers during the day was matched by the alertness of the unions. Meetings were called for tomorrow afternoon, at which the union labor strength of Chicago will be represented. Every local union of teamsters will hold special meetings and in addition a mass meeting of officials of all the unions, both affiliated and non-affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor, has been called.

Thrown Into Boiling Tank

By Associated Press. PEKIN, Ill., April 8.—Jerry Hardick, Joseph Byers and George Wagner, employed as cattle feeders at the American distillery here, were scalded to death early today. The men were working on top of a tank of hot distillery feed when the boards gave way, precipitating them into the boiling mass underneath.

Battleship Minnesota Launched

By Associated Press. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 8.—The battleship Minnesota was successfully launched at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company today. The vessel was christened by Miss Rose Marie Schaller, daughter of State Senator Schaller, of Hastings, Minn.

Japanese Minister Still Sick

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, expects to leave Washington for New York this evening to consult the physician who brought him through a severe attack of appendicitis last winter. The minister has not been a well man for several weeks.

Notice to Holders of Herald Photo Coupons Holders of Herald photo coupons on Barnett & Son's studio wishing sitings on Sunday must make engagement several days in advance. All coupons must be presented before 10 o'clock.

FIGHT FOR FREE HARBOR RESUMED

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railroads and the Banning company are the instigators of the newly launched scheme. They advocate the filling in of the center of the inner harbor at Wilmington, so as to leave room for a 1000-foot channel to be dredged around it. This work they want done at the government's expense, and they are the ones that will reap the benefit from it.

The plans for the dredging of the inner harbor at Wilmington, as outlined by the late Captain Myler, which were recommended by a number of the greatest engineering experts in the federal service, provided that the entire Wilmington slough be deepened. This would admit of the building of a large number of slips, or piers, so that under present conditions it would be impossible for the Harriman, or any other corporate interests, to gobble up the entire harbor.

May Dictate Commerce The Southern Pacific, Salt Lake and the Banning companies now practically control all of the frontage on the west and east sides of San Pedro. If their proposed plan is adopted by the government for the further improvement of the harbor, which means the dredging of the Wilmington slough, then, it is said, they will be in absolute control of the inner and outer harbors, and will be able to dictate the commerce of the port.

"While there are many persons owning large strips of property along the front at Wilmington, which might be accessible by piers extended out into the water," said one man yesterday, "there will be little chance left for them if the center of the slough is filled up and turned over to the South-

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Strongly Oppose Plans

John T. Gaffey, Dr. H. W. Hill and others who have large property holdings at San Pedro and Wilmington are outspoken in their condemnation of the railroads for trying, as they term it, to steal the privileges of a free harbor, which were granted to the people of Southern California after one of the greatest fights ever waged in the congress of the United States.

According to Dr. Hill, the old Southwestern Lumber company owns 300 feet frontage on the west side at San Pedro, which it desires to sell. This property, the doctor says, would be a good purchase for the Los Angeles chamber of commerce. It may be acquired at a reasonable figure, he says, and would serve a good purpose if held as a "whip" over the heads of the corporations.

"What commerce there is at present at San Pedro is being ruined by the corporations," said Dr. Hill. "Dockage and truckage is so high that independent steamship lines will find it difficult to compete with the railroads. If the proposed harbor lines are approved it will be all up with San Pedro, I am afraid."

As an example of the exorbitant rates charged by the corporations doing business at San Pedro, it is said it cost Mr. Gaffey a higher price to get freight a few weeks ago from San Francisco by water than it would have cost by rail. The goods, however, were loaded at San Francisco and carried 500 miles 100 per cent cheaper by sea, it is said, than the regular railroad price, but the over-charge was accounted for in the dockage and truckage after the consignment arrived at San Pedro.

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