

CZAR ATTENDS THE CEREMONY

Takes Part in Solemn Religious Rite Commemorative of the Baptism of the Savior

BLESSING THE WATERS

Diplomatic Corps and Ladies of Court Witness Service From Windows of the Palace

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19.—The czar made his public appearance this morning at to-day's solemn ceremony of blessing the waters. In the orthodox church this rite is commemorative of the baptism of the Savior. It took place in an open chapel built out on a quay extending far from the Winter Palace. It was preceded by a religious service within the palace, which was attended by the imperial family with the exception of the Czarina, whose condition was such as to prevent her being present, and the court officials, nobility and representatives of the foreign powers.

The scene outside the chapel was extremely impressive. The thermometer registered below zero and the atmosphere was clear. Along the quay the people were held back by a troop of mounted gendarmes. The bareheaded procession moved through double lines of imperial infantry and a sailor guard from the palace to the chapel, with the czar and general held aloft, preceded by the Metropolitan and the higher clergy in gold-embroidered vestments, with church banners, and followed by the scarlet-gowned court choir, the chamberlains and other court officials. Then came the officers of crack regiments without their overcoats, thus permitting a gorgeous display of uniforms, bearing the flags of the empire. Next was the magnificent Chevalier Guard, in white tunics, with gold cuirasses and double-eagled helmets; Hussars and Red Lancers, with sable-tipped headgear and crimson facings.

The Grand Dukes immediately preceded the czar, who carried himself easily. He wore a simple uniform, that of the famous Prochorsky regiment, the cross of St. Andrew glittering on his breast. This was his only decoration. The czar, who held his helmet in his hand, looked strong and well. A rocket screaming up from the middle of the river signaled his Majesty's appearance, which was greeted with a salvo of artillery of 101 guns from the fortress Saints Peter and Paul, punctuated with the simultaneous chiming of bells throughout the city. When the czar had taken up his position in the chapel and the ice below had been broken, the Metropolitan blessed the shadowy waters and the cross was dipped thrice therein.

The diplomatic corps and the ladies of the court witnessed the brief ceremony from the windows of the palace. United States Ambassador McCormick and Mrs. McCormick, Secretary Eddy and the Japanese Minister, M. Kurino, were among those present.

When the rite was finished thousands of people swarmed across the ice and dipped up water with which to sanctify their homes.

Similar ceremonies were observed throughout Russia.

LOSS OF LIFE IS HEAVIER THAN AT FIRST REPORTED

It Is Now Estimated That Sixty Persons were Drowned by Bursting of Reservoir at Bloemfontein.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, Jan. 19.—It is now estimated that sixty persons were drowned as a result of the bursting of a reservoir here Sunday, which also destroyed 112 houses and three hotels. There was a public funeral and interment to-day of twenty-three of the bodies already recovered. The ceremonies were attended by all the local officials and 2,000 inhabitants. The shops were closed and the town is in mourning.

Falling Walls Injure Brave Firemen.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 19.—The large plant of Mihalovitch, Fletcher & Co. on East Pearl street, used as a distillery and for compounding liquors, was burned to-day. Loss, \$250,000. Two firemen were seriously injured by falling walls. Fifty girls and many men employed in the six-story warehouse had narrow escapes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

EVERYBODY DELIGHTED.

Newbro's Herpicide Destroys the Dandruff Germ and Prevents Baldness. Quinine and rum and a whole lot of other things are pleasant to rub on the scalp after washing it free of dandruff, but not one preparation of the general run cures dandruff and falling hair. It is necessary to kill the germ, to be permanently cured of dandruff and to stop falling hair. Newbro's Herpicide will positively destroy that germ, so that there can be no more dandruff, and so that the hair will grow luxuriantly. "Destroy the cause and you will remove the effect." Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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Schilling's Best baking-powder, flavoring extracts, and spices, are best without qualification. Coffee and tea good enough. Your grocer's; moneyback.

CHAMBERLAIN

Champion of Fiscal Reform Is Given a Hearty Reception in the British Capital

SCORES A GREAT TRIUMPH

American Colonies Brightest Jewel Albion Ever Possessed, Says the Former Secretary

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Guildhall was packed to suffocation to-day by a throng gathered to hear Joseph Chamberlain speak. Chamberlain, who was accompanied by his wife, received a great ovation. He began by declaring that the provincial centers of commerce of the United Kingdom had been heard from in regard to his tariff proposals, but not yet known. He desired to ascertain how the city men felt on the subject of his scheme before the opening of Parliament, but he regretted that owing to its non-political character the meeting would not have the opportunity of voting directly for or against him.

Chamberlain, in an eloquent peroration, pointed out that the struggle for life and existence in the future would not be between the cities of kingdoms, but between mighty empires. The minor states would come off badly. "Profiting by the experience gained when the finest jewel of the British empire ever possessed, the United States, left us for a separate existence," he continued, "a new empire has arisen, greater than any in the world, but the great work of keeping and making permanent this inheritance remains to be solved. In the great revolution which separated the United States from Great Britain the greatest man that the revolution recognized, in my judgment, was Alexander Hamilton, the soldier-statesman. He left a precious legacy to his countrymen when he said to them: 'Learn to think. Think continually.'"

"I venture now to give you a similar message. Learn to think impartially and remember that the future of this country lies in the future of the British race in our colonies and possessions." Although no vote of confidence was permitted, the extraordinary enthusiasm of the Stock Exchange, which escorted Mr. Chamberlain's carriage to the Guildhall, the cheers which punctuated his speech and the vociferous applause at the close of his remarks must have assured the former Colonial Secretary that he had the full sympathy of his audience.

Almost simultaneously with Chamberlain's exposition of his policy in the Guildhall the Duke of Devonshire and Lord George Hamilton addressed at Liverpool an equally enthusiastic, if smaller, meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Unionist Free Food League. The Duke of Devonshire said he was coming more and more to believe that the Government was right in advocating a policy of retaliation against protectionist countries, but with Premier Balfour allowing himself to be so dragged into the Chamberlain propaganda would have possibly for the Unionists to maintain their alignment with the Government before the country if it was desired to differentiate between retaliation and protection. When he justified the Government's position before the House of Lords, the speaker continued, he believed there would be a real inquiry into the trade conditions of the United Kingdom, and he had not then thought that this inquiry would be limited to the production of an undigested mass of statistics coupled with an academical treatise by the Premier.

The meeting passed a resolution declaring against a general protective system.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Several Changes Are Made in the Postal Service and More Patents Are Granted to Inventors.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Postoffice established: Oregon—Quinton, Gilliam County; Charles E. Brown, Postmaster. Fourth class postmasters appointed: California—John B. Brown Jr., Grapeland, San Bernardino County, vice Francis A. Meyers, resigned; Oregon—Jennie McTae, Fox Valley, Linn County, vice J. W. Gardner, resigned; Washington—James Florence, Cloverland, Asotin County, vice B. R. Howard, resigned; Glen H. Elder, Stellacomb, Pierce County, vice F. Doyle, resigned; H. G. Mondor, Tampico, Yakima County, vice H. J. Knox, resigned.

Army orders—Lieutenant Colonel William H. Conroy, deputy paymaster general, goes from the Department of Colorado to San Francisco as chief paymaster of the Department of California upon the retirement from active service of Colonel Frank M. Cox.

Lieutenant Wilson Pilcher, Ninth Cavalry, goes from San Francisco to Fort Bayard, N. M., for treatment.

First Lieutenant Henry de H. Waite (retired) is detailed to the University of California, Berkeley, as professor of military science and tactics.

The following patents were issued to-day: California—Debbie B. Allen, San Francisco, assignor to her, wash basin; William V. Allen, Chico, harvester, thresher and separator; William G. Anderson, concentrator; Walter J. Bell, assignor one-half to L. F. Moss, San Francisco, electro-mechanical switching mechanism; Robert J. Brown, Coalinga, cable grip clamp; Augustus S. Zoster, Oakland, projector; Robert Forch, Downsville, trunk strap; Charles V. Fowler, Los Angeles, spring valve for raising or lowering heavy bodies; Joseph Hensault, Los Angeles, cooking device; Willard C. James, Cucamonga, wardrobe, chest, etc.; Albert Klatt, assignor one-half to E. Emmington, Collinsville, detachable sail fastening for mast; Frederick J. Lewellyn, San Francisco, machine for grinding piston chambers and rings; George A. Richards, San Bernardino, machine for grinding pistons; Charles W. Smith, assignor one-half to R. L. Bloom, Lakeview, making butter; Sherman Peasfield, Houliam, umbrella; Royal J. Mullin, Seattle, automatic controller for feed pump; Frank Stuart, Pitzville, wrench; William J. Winter, Christopher, saw sharpener.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Postmaster General Payne to-day was holding a meeting with bar postmasters or other Federal officials from serving as delegates to political conventions—national, State or county.

GREEK GOLDSMITHS MISTAKEN FOR PAUPERS AND GYPSIES

When Immigrant Inspectors Suggest That They Might Become a Charge Upon the State They Produce Ten Thousand Dollars in Gold Coin



LEADS NATIONS OF THE EARTH

America Is the Most Active in Perfecting the System of International Arbitration

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The annual address to the State Bar Association and its guests was delivered to-night by former Secretary of State John W. Foster, whose subject was "What the United States Has Done for International Arbitration." He said:

By its steady championship of a free commerce and of most elevated principles of conduct in war, the United States has brought about an almost complete change in the practice of nations. There still remains to be incorporated into international law one of the principles announced by the founders of our Government and steadily advocated up to this day—the exemption from seizure of private property on the sea in time of war. President Roosevelt, reiterating the words of his illustrious predecessor in his last annual message, has again urged it upon the nations of the world, and the day is, I think, not far distant when it will be accepted by them.

As our country from its earliest history led the nations of the earth in creating a more elevated and perfect system of international law, so also it has been the most active in adjusting international controversies and preserving peace by means of treaties of arbitration. The most important acts of the United States in respect to the peaceful solution of international controversies from a record of which every American may be justly proud. The era of wars has not ceased upon the earth, but if the principles for which our country has contended from its earliest history should universally prevail among men, the future of nations will be quite different from the past.

BLAIR'S BODY BURIED BESIDE THAT OF FATHER

None but Relatives and Close Friends Attend Funeral of Former General Counsel of World's Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—The funeral of James L. Blair, former general counsel of the World's Fair, who died last Saturday in Eustis, Fla., was held to-day from the residence of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Graham. None but relatives and close friends of the family attended the services. Blair's remains were placed at rest beside those of his father, General Frank P. Blair, in Bellefontaine Cemetery. The pallbearers were old friends of Blair, six of whom were associated with him in the St. Louis Bar Association.

CHINESE HIGHBINDERS ARE ORDERED DEPORTED

Two Notorious Gun Fighters Turned Over to Federal Authorities Are Finally Disposed Of.

United States Court Commissioner Hoacok yesterday ordered deported Dec. Seak Ngee and Lee Sing, highbinders, who had been turned over to the Federal authorities by Chief of Police Wittman. They, with two other Mongolian "gun fighters," had been suspected of complicity in the shooting that prevailed in Chinatown a few weeks ago. It was found after their arrest that they were not in possession of certificates of registration such as Chinese laborers are required to have. They claimed that they were natives of San Francisco.

TRAIN WRECKER IS SENT TO PENITENTIARY FOR LIFE

Full Penalty of the Law Is Meted Out to Tramp Who Caused Railroad Disaster Near Fowler.

LA JUNTA, Colo., Jan. 19.—John Devine was to-day convicted in the District Court of wrecking the Santa Fe passenger train near Fowler last summer, at which time Engineer John Walker was fatally injured. Judge Voorhes sentenced Devine to life imprisonment. Devine was a tramp and was found within 150 yards of where the wreck occurred, apparently asleep, and claimed that he had been sleeping there for some hours, not being at all disturbed by the noise of the wreck.

Gas heaters, formerly \$4.50, now \$2.50, at San Francisco Gas and Electric Company, 415 Post street.

TELLS STORY OF THE CRASH

Whitaker Wright, the Company Promoter Charged With Fraud, Goes on Witness Stand

COURTROOM IS CROWDED

Victims of Financial Disaster Anxious to Hear Explanation of Man Who Lost Their Money

LONDON, Jan. 19.—There was a considerable crush in court and a buzz of anticipation when Whitaker Wright, the company promoter, on trial on the charge of fraud, entered the witness box to-day. The former financier was composed and answered questions firmly. He first related the story of his life in America and then told of the foundation of the London and Globe Corporation, which, he declared, was prosperous until the end of 1899, after the South African war had started, when matters became disastrous. The witness added that he assisted the company out of his private pocket, advancing between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000. Previous to this he had prepared a settlement of \$1,500,000 on his family, giving \$500,000 to each of his children, but one day in 1899 the company's accountant informed him that he must have \$1,500,000 or the company would be obliged to suspend. The witness said he supplied the money and consequently the settlement on his family was never carried out. Wright admitted that he only held 2500 shares of the London and Globe Corporation at the time of the crash and said he tried to induce the late Lord Dufferin to resign his directorship because the newspapers attacked him over Lord Dufferin's shoulders. The witness had intimated to Lord Dufferin that the position of chairman of a speculative company was not dignified, but Lord Dufferin replied that he was well satisfied and that he wished to retain the position.

Wright was cross-examined concerning his departure for the United States. He said that at the time he felt justified in leaving, in view of what had been said in Parliament. He admitted that while managing director of one company he would sell to himself as managing director of another.

Questioned on the subject of various items in the balance sheet of 1899, he asserted that the sheet was "straight as a die." He would never admit anything wrong therewith.

PROHIBITION OF CHINESE LABOR IS IMPERATIVE

Premier Deakin Foresees Grave Evils and Perils if Coolie Help Is Introduced into the Transvaal.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 19.—The Federal Premier, Albert Deakin, after a consultation with the Premier of New Zealand, R. J. Seddon, has cabled to the authorities at Pretoria to the effect that Australia, after an experience of years, is convinced that the prohibition of Chinese labor is imperative in British communities expecting to enjoy responsible self-government.

Premier Deakin added that he was reluctant to interfere outside of Australia, but the Federal Ministry was compelled to express deep apprehension as to the results of the introduction of Chinese labor into the Transvaal. He foresaw grave perils, racial, social, political and sanitary, as, in spite of safeguards, it was impossible to prevent serious evils.

Premier Seddon has cabled to Pretoria in similar terms.

Introduces State Admission Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Senator Quay introduced a bill providing for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State.

BECOMES BRIDE OF A CLUBMAN

Mrs. M. J. Plant, Widow of New York Millionaire, Is Quietly Wedded to R. Graves

GROOM IS WELL KNOWN

Marriage Recalls Famous Will Contest Involving an Estate Valued at Twenty Millions

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Robert Graves and Mrs. M. J. Plant, widow of Henry B. Plant, millionaire Southern railroad, steamship and land owner, have been married at the Plant residence on Fifth avenue. There were only a half dozen witnesses, all relatives of the bride and bridegroom. A small luncheon was served, and then Mr. and Mrs. Graves departed in a special car for a short trip. Every effort was made to prevent any publicity, and some of the nearest relatives of both were in complete ignorance of the affair until they were notified by telephone or telegraph. The groom is well known in society and club life here. He is very rich, having inherited the fortune of his father, a pioneer wallpaper manufacturer of the country.

The story of Mrs. Plant's fight in the courts for her dower rights in the will that she contested and won is well known. It will be remembered that Plant, desiring that his enormous fortune, estimated at more than \$20,000,000, should become the greatest in the world, provided that the entire estate should remain undivided until the youngest unborn son of his grandson (the latter then only four years old) should reach his majority. An annuity of \$20,000 each was set aside for the widow and only son, Morton F. Plant.

Plant drew up this provision of his will under the direction of shrewd lawyers, but a legal flaw was found and the instrument was broken. The ground upon which the will was set aside was that Plant's seven years' residence in Connecticut did not establish a bona fide citizenship in that State, the laws of which permit the entailing of property. He was declared to have been a resident of New York, where the laws forbid entailing, and the property was divided under the statutes of this State.

SURGEONS PERFORM A WONDERFUL OPERATION

Successfully Treat a New York Boy Who Accidentally Broke His Neck While Diving From a Pier.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Cured of a broken neck, James Dunn, 17 years old, has been discharged from a hospital, where he had spent five motionless months, rigid in a plaster cast and with heavy weights at his head and feet which held his body immovable.

The operation and cure have attracted great attention among surgeons. Dunn was injured by diving from a pier while bathing. Three vertebrae were crushed and chipped. He was kept alive with great difficulty during the operation. The splintered bone was removed and the fractures set. Then the whole of the upper body, neck and head were placed in a plaster cast.

Dunn was laid upon a table and heavy weights attached to his head and feet. He was told that to move meant death or permanent helplessness for him and he became the most knitted person imaginable. The bones knitted perfectly and when the cast was removed the boy was found to be as sound as ever.

MacLean May Be a Captive.

TANGIER, Morocco, Jan. 19.—An unconfirmed report is current that General Sir Harry MacLean, in command of the bodyguard of the Sultan of Morocco, has been captured by the rebels near Fez.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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