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ALEXIEFF DISCOURAGED AND ILL FAVOR WITH CZAR, RESIGNS OFFICE

EMPEROR'S RIGHT HAND MAN IN THE FAR EAST LAYS DOWN WORK.

CORRESPONDENTS ARE ADMITTED TO MUKDEN

Russians Allow Newspaper Men to Go Inside Lines—Persistent Reports at Port Arthur Say Japanese Lost Ship April 15—Contact Mines Discovered.

London, April 20.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says that it is reported that a Japanese force has landed near New Chwang.

Port Arthur, Tuesday, April 19.—(Delayed.)—All is quiet throughout this district. It is persistently asserted that a Japanese cruiser was sunk off Port Arthur on April 15 and that the Japanese armored cruisers Nisnin and Kasaga were damaged respectively below and above the water line.

Nagasaki, April 20.—Contact mines have been found floating to seaward, forty miles from Cape Shang Tung, and twenty-five miles from Wei-Hai-Wei. Three mines were discovered and destroyed by the Japanese fleet.

Paris, April 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says that when it was asserted that one of the two Japanese caught in an attempt to blow up the railway near the Mongolian frontier was a member of the imperial family, instructions were asked from St. Petersburg. The reply, according to the correspondent, was "Hang," and the order was promptly carried out.

Tien Tsin, April 20.—It is understood here that only four Russian regiments remain on the Yalu river, and that the Russians' first line of defence extends from Feng Huan Cheng to Motien Ling Pass.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—Viceroy Alexieff has resigned his position as personal representative of the czar in the far east, and has asked that his resignation be accepted at once. This request will probably be granted.

Alexieff's resignation was received by telegraph last evening. An answer will be sent tomorrow, and there is reason to believe that the czar will come the chance to be rid of his viceroy without the necessity of asking him to resign.

Called a Hoodoo. It was only a few days ago that the czar speaking of his viceroy, said: "That man brings us nothing but ill luck!"

The immediate cause of the resignation is Vice Admiral Skrydloff's appointment to succeed Vice Admiral Makaroff as commander of the Russian fleet in the far East. Skrydloff and Alexieff have long been enemies, and the Admiral has of late severely criticized the viceroy's conduct of the war. Skrydloff had a long conference with Alexieff. It is believed he protested mildly against serving practically under the orders of a man he detested, and for whose ability he had no respect. Consequently, the czar, who is most anxious to have Skrydloff, in whom both he and the Russian people have the utmost confidence, was considerably relieved when the viceroy's telegram arrived.

Turns Against Alexieff. A great change has of late come over the feelings of the czar in regard to Alexieff, and M. Bezobrazoff, who represented the militant party, which was anxious that Russia should maintain her supremacy in Manchuria.

It was to these two men that the Anglo-Japanese entente first lost its terrors. They believed that Great Britain would not go to war, and that Japan could not. To the indignation of Japan they succeeded in turning the policy of the empire from carrying out the treaty for the entire evacuation of Manchuria, pending further demands on China.

Appointed in August. On August 12, last, after Japan had submitted an inquiry as to whether Russia was disposed to reopen negotiations respecting Manchuria and Corea, a viceroyalty in the far east, a special secretary of state, and an advisory committee were created, Alexieff being appointed viceroy and Bezobrazoff was relieved of his portfolio as minister of finance.

It was through his new official advisers that the emperor conducted negotiations with Japan, and it is claimed that they misjudged the temper and purpose of the Japanese, and left the czar in ignorance of the preparations for war which Japan was making, and the rising war spirit of that empire.

Should Have Kept Czar Informed. The enemies of Alexieff have persistently asserted that, as the man on the spot, he should have kept the emperor informed concerning these vital points.

Correspondents Go to Mukden. New Chwang, April 20.—Correspondents of the leading French, Italian

and British newspapers, one American newspaper and the Associated Press, have been permitted to proceed to Mukden. They left here today. They are the first foreign newspaper men admitted to the Russian lines since the declaration of war.

Skirmishes Along the Yalu. Seoul, April 20.—Japanese authorities here admit that constant skirmishing occurs between the opposing armies on the Yalu river, but claim that no decisive action has taken place, although news of such an engagement is expected momentarily. It is estimated that the Russians have 50,000 men on the Yalu.

The wildest rumors are afloat from Korean sources, which are absolutely unreliable.

DECISION AFFECTS STOCKS. Halts Advance in Prices That Was in Progress Yesterday.

New York, April 20.—The belief amongst stock operators that activity waited on the decision of the Harrison petition to enjoin the Northern Securities plan of distribution proved true yesterday afternoon but it did not appear that the decision itself was the cause of the increased pressure to sell stocks which developed and which caused a sharp reaction in the whole market.

CASCADES IN OPERATION. Feature of World's Fair Tried For the First Time Proves Success.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20.—The central portion of the three great cascades forming the crowing glory of the main architectural picture at the World's fair was illuminated while in operation for the first time last night. The result was an entrancingly beautiful scene surpassing even the great expectations of the exposition officials who witnessed the test.

EDITOR SHOTS HIMSELF. Paul Gohman, Publisher of Clinton German Paper is Near Death.

Clinton, April 20.—(Special)—Paul Gohman, aged 30 the editor of the Clinton Anzeiger, a German paper shot himself last night, the bullet entering his body just above the heart. He is still unconscious and may not survive the injury. His wife believes he shot himself by accident while walking in his sleep and no one can assign cause for suicide.

STRIKE IN HUNGARY. Railroad Employes Demand An Increase in Wages.

Budapest, April 20.—A strike of railway men for increased pay, which began yesterday on the Hungarian and Western railway has become general on all the Hungarian state railways and today traffic is at a standstill.

WHEAT DEAL IS ILLEGAL

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT DECIDES AGAINST WEARE CONCERN.

Springfield, Ill., April 20.—The supreme court of Illinois in the case of the Weare Commission Co. of Chicago, appellant vs the people, today affirmed the decision of the lower court, holding that transactions in grain, where actual delivery of grain is not intended, are illegal.

DOLLIVER ON TRUSTS. Iowa Senator Delivers Strong Speech On Important Question Today.

Washington, April 20.—After passing a number of minor bills the senate was addressed today by Dolliver of Iowa on the trust question. He denounced the speculative trust but expressed sympathy for business interests which by reason of business conditions were forced to combine in order to live.

A Strong Speech. The speech was a master piece even for so eloquent and forceful a talker as Senator Dolliver and it was punctuated frequently by bursts of applause.

AVALANCHE BURIES ITALIAN MINERS

TURIN, ITALY, APRIL 20.—NEARLY 100 MINERS HAVE BEEN BURIED BY AN IMMENSE AVALANCHE NEAR THE VILLAGE OF PRAGELATO. A VIOLENT STORM IS SWEEPING OVER THAT LOCALITY AND IT IS FEARED OTHER AVALANCHE MAY RESULT. THE WHOLE POPULATION OF THE VILLAGE AND A DETACHMENT OF SOLDIERS HAVE GONE TO THE SCENE OF THE DISASTER, HOPING TO SAVE SOME OF THE BURIED MINERS.

AGE LIMIT TO BE FIXED

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES MAY BE RETIRED WHEN 70 YEARS OLD.

Washington, D. C., April 20.—Every government employe who has attained the age of 70 years will be out of a job on the first day of July 1907, if a bill authorized by the house committee on reform in the civil service is passed. Yesterday the committee instructed Chairman Gillett to introduce the bill. It stipulates that every office held by a man in the employment of the government who is 70 years of age or more shall be considered vacant on the 30th day of June, 1907.

Seventy Years is Age Limit. It further stipulates that after that date no office in the classified service of the United States can be held by a man who has passed his seventieth year.

The bill which Chairman Gillett was authorized to introduce is worded as follows: That upon the 30th day of June 1907, every office in the classified service of the United States held by a person who is then over 70 years of age shall become vacant.

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Quicker Promotion Needed. More frequent promotions in the smaller salaried positions is also the ambition of the committee on reform in the civil service. Mr. Gillett was also authorized to draft a bill reclassifying the clerical service of the government with a view to securing this reform.

The committee also directed Mr. Gillett to report all pending bills granting pensions to civil employes of the government to the house with the recommendation that they lie on the table.

DEMOCRATS SWEEP LOUISIANA. Blanchard Elected Governor and the Legislature Practically Solid.

New Orleans, La., April 20.—The democrats yesterday swept the state electing their ticket, headed by former Justice N. C. Blanchard for governor and practically a solid representation in both houses of the legislature. Former Mayor W. J. Behan, an ex-confederate soldier and sugar planter headed the opposition ticket of lily white republicans.

KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR PHONE Conductor Tries to Attach Device and is Shocked to Death.

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 20.—Herman E. Wilson, a conductor on the Ft. Wayne and Southwestern Interurban railroad, was instantly killed yesterday by an electric shock while attempting to use the portable telephone carried on the car. He was making a connection with the trolley pole.

NEED NOT USE BOOKS ADOPTED Fond du Lac School Board Victorious After Three Years' Litigation.

Fond du Lac, Wis., April 20.—The mandamus secured by Ginn & Co., school book publishers to compel the Fond du Lac school board to use the text books which it had adopted, was quashed by the state supreme court yesterday. The litigation lasted three years.

WOMAN DROWNS HERSELF. Sister of Moline, Ill., Police Magistrate Takes Her Own Life.

Davenport, April 20.—(Special)—Miss Hannah Oleson, the sister of Police magistrate Oleson, of Moline, Ill., drowned herself in a well at her home this morning. Despondency is given as the cause.

WEALTHY FARMER DIES. Oel Englebert of Conroy, Ia., Victim of Heart Disease.

Davenport, April 20.—(Special)—Oel Englebert, aged 55 years, a wealthy farmer living at Conroy, in this county, dropped dead last night. His death was caused by heart disease.

AVALANCHE BURIES HAMLET. Town in Switzerland Swept and 13 of Sleeping Residents Killed.

Brig, Switzerland, April 20.—An avalanche from Spitzhorn yesterday swept Hamlet Muhlbach. The inhabitants were asleep at the time and thirteen were killed.

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FIRE DESTROYS MANY BLOCKS IN BUSINESS DISTRICT OF TORONTO

PHOTOGRAPHERS IN SESSION. State Association Opens Annual Convention Today in Des Moines.

Des Moines, April 20.—The exhibits of photographs being placed in Cycling hall for the contests in connection with the annual convention of the Photographers' association of Iowa include some of the finest work ever seen in the state. A collection of fifty of the best entries of the New England association has been sent here and this together with the exhibits of camera concerns offers exceptional opportunity to see the most advanced accomplishments yet recorded in this art.

ARRESTS PREVENT ROBBERY. Alleged Dynamiters Quarrel and One Gives Plans Away.

Joplin, Mo., April 20.—From the result of a quarrel two alleged bank robbers, who had been companions, were arrested at Hume, Mo., north of this city. They are C. H. Spencer and James Chase. The men arrived in town in the morning. Chase notified the authorities that Spencer was going to rob the Stotesbury bank. Both were taken with a quart of nitroglycerine, fuse, caps, revolvers and cartridges.

WILL SUSTAIN POWELL. Administration Will Back Up Acts of Minister.

Washington, April 20.—The administration will stand behind Minister Powell in anything he may have done in defense of American interests, no matter what other governments may think of it. It is hoped that what he has done has in no way constituted an infraction of international law, and if this proves to be true, he will be backed up with all the power and authority of the home government at Washington.

EULOGIZE HANNA. Both Houses of Ohio Legislature Hold Memorial Services.

Columbus, Ohio, April 20.—The two branches of the legislature met in joint session in the house hall today and held formal memorial exercises in honor of the memory of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna. The principal address was delivered by Senator Dick, who is Hanna's successor.

TO FIGHT CASE. President of Colorado Miners Is Taken To Denver.

Telluride, Colo., April 20.—Adjutant General Bell, with a guard of seventeen troopers departed today for Denver with President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners to be present at the habeas corpus proceedings in the supreme court tomorrow.

SMOOT CASE IS RESUMED. SEVEN WITNESSES TO BE HEARD BEFORE CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Washington, D. C., April 20.—The Smoot contest was repeated today before the senate committee on privileges and elections. It was announced that seven witnesses would be heard before the adjournment of congress. It is practically certain that the committee will then adjourn to convene in Salt Lake in July. Important testimony for the prosecution is expected to be developed at this session of the committee. Brigham H. Roberts was the first witness.

Roberts Practices Polygamy. In reply to a number of pointed questions Roberts confessed that he still believes in and is practicing polygamy, knowing that he disobeys both the laws of the land and of God.

A REALISTIC ACT. Wild West Showman Shot and Killed By An Employee.

Oklahoma City, O. T., April 20.—Joseph Gorman, master of transportation of a wild west show, which is playing here, was shot and killed today by W. L. Durant, an employee of the show.

EMIL ROESKI FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

CHICAGO, APRIL 20.—EMIL ROESKI, THE COMPANION AND ACCOMPLICE OF THE CARBARN BANDITS IN MANY OF THEIR ALLEGED CRIMES, WAS TODAY FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR THE MURDER OF OTTO BAUDER, IN A SALOON IN WHICH MARX, VAN DINE AND ROESKI ATTEMPTED A HOLD UP. DURING THE TRIAL MARX TESTIFIED THAT HE SHOT BAUDER IN AN ATTEMPT TO KILL ROESKI FOR FEAR THE LATTER WOULD INFORM ON THE OTHERS.

LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED AT \$10,000,000—ONE MAN IS MISSING.

THOUSANDS THROWN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Many of the Most Prominent Firms in the City Are Among the Losers—Direction of Wind Prevents Greater Destruction.

Toronto, April 20.—(3 p. m.)—Revised estimates of the loss place it at \$10,000,000 with \$7,000,000 insurance. One hundred and fourteen buildings were destroyed and it is estimated that 6,000 people are thrown out of employment by the fire.

Toronto, Ont., April 20.—Fire that raged throughout the night and up to an early hour today in the wholesale and retail business district caused a total loss of several million dollars. The principal warehouses of the city were burned.

Big Area Burned. The area covered by the fire is three blocks in length and varies from half a block to two blocks in width. Every building on Bay street from Melinda esplanade at the water front is wiped out. The fire spread on Wellington and Front streets and the esplanade, along the river front from their intersection with Bay street for distances of 200 feet to a whole block.

Neighboring Cities Aid Firemen. In answer to appeals for assistance London, Hamilton and Montreal, Canada, and Buffalo, New York, sent engines and men here on special trains, but it was long after midnight before the first one arrived and in the meantime the local firemen had fought as for their lives.

Wind Favors City. From the time the fire started on Wellington street in the rear of Currie's neckwear manufacturing plant until it burned itself out at daybreak, there was not a moment when a shift of the wind to the north would not have resulted in the destruction of the greater part of the city.

One Man Missing. The only person injured was Fire Chief Thompson, who jumped from the top of a building to save his life and who received a broken leg. One man, a traveler from Montreal, is believed to have perished in the flames.

Custom House Proves Barrier. The custom house, a four story stone building at the corner of Yonge and Front streets, was the barrier that stopped the progress of the flames. The structure was not badly damaged. Dynamite was used on several of the small buildings.

The losses run from \$50,000 to \$500,000 and the insurance is about three-quarters of the losses.

Firms Burned Out. Among the firms whose places of business were destroyed are the following: Gillespie, Ansley & Co., hats and furs. Dignum & Moneypenny, importers. Comfort Soap works. Davis & Henderson, wholesale stationers. Jessop Steel company's building, occupied by R. B. Hutchinson & Co., wholesale woolens. Abbott, Sargent & Westwood, fishing tackle. Dadds Medicine Co. Western Steamship Co. Richard L. Baker Co. E. T. Corset Co. C. H. Westwood & Co., fishing tackle. Garland Manufacturing Co. F. H. Craig, agent. Rothschilds Bros. & Co., manufacturers. C. W. Bangard & Co., brokers. Richard & Ramsay Co., paper manufacturers. Thomas Hoskin, manufacturers' agent. Killeth Paper Co. Andrew Muirhead, wholesale painters. E. W. Gilmore & Bro., silverware. W. H. Payne & Co., commis agents. R. M. Slater & Co., wholesale dry goods. International Brokers, Limited. Gale Manufacturing Co., white wear. Whiteman & Brown Bros., wholesale stationers. Ralph Smith & Co., lithographers. Geo. H. Hess, Son & Co., window shades. Menzies Manufacturing Co., window shades. H. F. Sharp & Co., photograph supplies. Crown hotel. Office Specialty Co. The Evening Telegram office. W. H. Brock & Co., dry goods. Toronto Soap Co. Jugsley, Dingman & Co. Gosdon, Malkay & Co., dry goods. Atkinson Bros., dry goods. Cockburn & Rees, milliners. Laight & Westwood, notions. Canada Paint Co. Breton & Manning, furs. W. J. Gage & Co., stationery. Warwick Bros. & Rutter. Chas. Cockshut & Co., woolens. Eckardt Casket Co. Wild Daring Co., dry goods. Dominion Fence Co. Buntin Reid Co., stationers. Corticelli Silk Co. Carlow building. Gault Bros. & Co., dry goods. E. V. S. Currie.