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IN UNHAPPY RUSSIA

The assassination of Minister of the Interior Plehve, deplorable as it may appear, calls renewed attention to the real situation in official Russia.

The empire is ruled by a bureaucracy. The aristocracy, composed of the grand dukes and their associates in civil and military circles, in conjunction with the priesthood of the Greek church, controls the government. The czar is a figure-head.

It would require a much stronger man than Nicholas to dominate this powerful coterie. The present czar is no Peter the Great. However human as to intention and liberal in spirit the czar may be, the bureaucracy warps him at its will.

And the assassination of Plehve shows that the radical reformers of Russia appreciate this situation. They hate the ministry and the aristocracy of the court more than they hate the czar. In striking at Plehve they strike at the cabal that rules the empire.

It is persistently reported from St. Petersburg that the czar is so much discouraged by the corruption in the army and the court that he is contemplating a decree that shall establish constitutional government.

One thing, doubtless, will give him pause.

Such a decree would precipitate a conflict between the czar and the high officials, civil and military. In that conflict the czar would be likely to lose his life.

The masses of the people would rally around Nicholas. To the peasants he is still the Great White Czar. But with only a single life between them and the control of the empire the grand dukes and their associates would not hesitate at assassination.

Russia is in a bad way.

WANTED INSURANCE FOR BURNED ROAST.



BIRMINGHAM, Eng.—A woman who carried insurance made a claim against the company recently for the loss of a joint of meat. The adjuster found that she had put it in the oven to roast, had neglected it, and it was burned to a crisp. She was very angry when her claim was refused.

"I paid for insurance against fire," she said, "and anyone can see that the roast was burned."

STAR DUST

King Edward is traveling incognito in Bohemia. Ha, ha! That's why he started the packing-case style in trousers.

Some French astronomer says there'll be a brilliant display of falling stars. Is this to be another theatrical season as bad as last?

"Come, children," said the watchful father, "you mustn't leave the table with your breakfasts only half eaten. Start out with a good, hearty meal. Remember, we are going to a basket picnic and you won't see anything worth eating until you get back home tonight."

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE.

Kind words turneth away wrath sometimes, an' then again they make th' other feller think yer scared uv him.

THEY'RE FULL OF PUSH. It don't make any difference who is marshal—when our boys take a notion to start something, they start her. "By Granny,"—Bearden (Ark.) News.

There's something suspicious about it. Mrs. Maybrick will arrive in this country just as the vaudeville theaters are opening.

Nero laughed as the flames mounted higher and higher. "What strikes you as being so funny?" asked the centurion of ward 2, precinct B.

"I was just thinking that a bright fire like this is a fine thing for those fellows who intend to write 'sante-lights-on-history' jokes," he replied.

"Muggsy's struck his gait now," said the ward champion lightweight's manager.

"De only gait dat Muggsy's ever hit since I knowed 'im wuz de-can-

ter," remarked the friend of the man who had challenged him to a six-round scientific contest.



My Darling Wife: Never again will I take a vacation without you. For I have not enjoyed myself one minute, so lonesome have I been. There is absolutely nothing to do here except to fish, and I spend most of my time trying sleeping on the river bank, with the pole under a rock. Now and then I go out in a boat to catch something. This morning I rowed two miles up the river and landed a beauty. Your Loving Husband.

The war correspondent gave a great whoop and jumped up and cracked his heels together. "I've done it this time!" he yelled.

"Done what?" asked the correspondent for an opposition paper. "I've written a dispatch that even I can't understand."

The fierce Cossack jumped into the saddle, drove the spurs into his pony and shook his fist in defiance at the Japanese as his brave little steed galloped across the plain.

Bullets plowed the ground all around him. Suddenly a Jap sprang from behind a tree and fired. The bullet cut off the Cossack's ear, but on he sped to the Russian camp to deliver the dispatch.

The pony fell as he reached the commander's headquarters.

"That was a close shave," said

the general, when the gallant soldier sprang to his feet. With a shriek of terror the Cossack raised his hands to his face. His whiskers were still there, and he was ready to defy death again.

"John, I wish you'd buy Willie a toy gun or a sword," said Mrs. Smithers. "He's just crazy to play soldier."

"Not much I won't," said Smithers. "I won't encourage that, at all. First thing we know when he grows up he'll be joining the national guard."

MOTHER IS FREE

JOHANNA SWETISHER DISMISSED FROM CHARGE OF MURDER OF HER SON

Before the testimony of the defense in behalf of Johanna Swetisher, accused of the brutal murder of her own son, had been heard yesterday afternoon the case against her was dismissed on a motion made by her attorney, Thomas D. Page. Police Judge George granted the motion. The hearing of Anton Wehse, jointly charged with Mrs. Swetisher, will be continued today.

It is believed that the case against him will also be dismissed. The evidence against both the accused is purely circumstantial, but such as called for an arrest and investigation by the officers of the law. Police Judge George stated, in summing up the case, that it had not been shown that there was a probable cause to believe Mrs. Swetisher implicated in the murder.

TWO SMALL FIRES LAST NIGHT

A fire of unknown origin was found burning in the basement of the residence of F. H. Hathaway, of 1215 East Olive street, about 10:30 o'clock last night. A telephone call brought the fire apparatus full swing, and the fire was put out before much damage had been done.

Ten minutes later someone turned a lamp over in a residence at 321 Thirtieth avenue and the department was called out again. The fire was put out, but the small damage of \$20 had been done before the arrival of the fire ladders.

ESTELL RETURNS

United States Immigration Inspector W. R. Estell, in charge of the district of Washington, returned yesterday from the east. He has been absent about six weeks visiting relatives and friends in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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A Careful Calculation

(Continued from Yesterday.)

Higginson's skill as a broker had brought him considerable other business, but that of Lawson & Lawson was the most profitable.

It was time for new calculations. After slow consideration of the different avenues open, Higginson decided to adopt a conservative plan. "You see," he confided to a friend, "I will take what commission business comes my way, but I will become a scalper. I can make many small profits with very little worry and risk. I can beat the game. When I have made my roll I will put it away in a trust fund or a safe deposit vault for my old age. Then—then I will plunge, but not until then. I will put away a surplus so that they can never catch me. No Wall street wreck for me. You'll never find me hanging over Delmonico's ticker holding the tape with a trembling, cuffed hand, and fringed on my trousers, and a shiny coat." And Richard Higginson, the maker of good resolutions, shuddered as he thought of the broken-down speculators who haunted the stock market in Delmonico's old Broad street restaurant, now long since torn down and replaced by a towering office building.

A scalper is a speculator who balances his accounts from day to day. He determines impulsively if the market is going up or down, and will buy or sell 100 shares and take 1-8 per cent—the smallest profit—which is \$12.50 on each 100 shares. This is, perhaps, the safest form of stock speculation. To be more explicit: stocks sell at a percentage of par, and \$100 a share is usually par. If Missouri Pacific sells at 95-8, that means \$95.80 for 100 shares. If a scalper buys and is "long" of 100 shares at 95-8, and sells out at 96-8, his gross profit would be \$12.50. If he sells 100 shares at 95-8 and is "short," and bought in at 96-8, his gross profit is \$12.50.

At trading for fractional profits Higginson became the acknowledged leader. He seemed to instinctively know when the market was about to turn. He gradually became more daring. If a big selling order at a particular stock appeared in a particular market, Higginson was the first man to have the tip, either by one of the brokers he employed or through his intuitive knowledge of stock speculation that with some men is the equivalent of genius. Assume that Higginson detected such an order, say in Missouri Pacific, with the last sale at 95-8. Before the broken-down speculators had time to execute it, Higginson would at once fill up his order at 96-8.

"Sell 100 at 95-8. What's bid for it?" he would shout. "96-4 for 200," another broker would cry. "Sold! What's bid?" "95-8 for 100," from another buyer. "Sold! Sell 100 at 95. 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