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PETITION TO CZAR

Regarding Condition of Jews Is Rejected

SECRETARY HAY TELLS WHY

In a Statement Given Out This Morning—This Settles the Question.

Washington, July 17.—The state department this morning gave out a lengthy statement regarding the Kishinev petition, which is in part as follows:

"The Russian government has declined to consider or receive the petition relating to the condition of Jews in Russia, signed by several thousand American citizens, and cabled to St. Petersburg by direction of the president at a conference on July 14th at Oyster Bay. The president conferred with Messrs. Levi Wolf and Sumner regarding the presentation of the petition and decided to send the following dispatch to St. Petersburg: 'You are instructed to ask an audience with the minister of foreign affairs and make to him the following communication: "His excellency, the secretary of state instructs me to inform you that the president has received from a large number of citizens of the United States of all religious affiliations and occupying the highest positions in public and private life, respectful petition addressed to his majesty the emperor, relating to the condition of Jews in Russia and running follows: (Here was contained petition in full). It continues, "I am instructed to inquire whether or not the petition will be received by your excellency to be submitted to the gracious consideration of his majesty, in that case the petition will be at once forwarded."

This was sent July 15th. On the same day Riddle was informed by the minister of foreign affairs that in view of the publications which had appeared in the newspapers of Russia he wished to notify him that the proposed petition would not be received under any circumstances and that this resolution was taken independent of any consideration of its substance or merits. On receipt of this Secretary Hay addressed the following to Messrs. Sumner and Wolf: "I am directed by the president to acquaint you with the fact that this department has been informed by the American embassy at St. Petersburg that the imperial government of Russia has declined to consider the petition which was transmitted to its high destination."

"It is generally admitted in official circles that the petition was almost unexampled in the weight and dignity of the signatures attached. Oyster Bay, July 17.—President Roosevelt believes that despite Russia's refusal to accept the petition the same moral effect was obtained. It is now learned that had Roosevelt followed his own impulse he would have thrown the petition at the imperial palace door and told the czar to make the most of it. He argued in conference with Secretaries Hay and Root, that it would be no more of an insult to Russia to refuse to receive it in presentation, than it would be to refuse it. Secretaries Hay and Root, however, convinced him that he must make the usual formal course or violate all diplomatic precedents. The president agreed that we have no more business meddling with Russia's internal affairs than she has in ours. The incident is closed but it will undoubtedly have a bearing on future diplomatic dealings with the czar. A high source says that it adds just one more straw to the bitterness and suspicion that the president feels for Russian statesmanship and when the time is ripe in the future to express resentment in more emphatic terms, no one who knows the president will doubt his doing so as he never forgets.

The president has often said that he believes war with Russia more likely to occur than with Germany in spite of all that has been written to the contrary.

ARTHUR'S BODY SENT HOME.

Winipeg, Manitoba, July 17.—The body of President Arthur, of the locomotive Engineers, who dropped dead while making an address at a banquet last night, was started home for Cleveland at 1 this afternoon, accompanied by several members of the Brotherhood of Engineers.

POPE'S FINE TOMB ONLY A MYTH

The Permanent Resting Place of Leo XIII Has Not Yet Been Decided Upon.

Rome, July 17.—The events of the last week have served to explode a theory that has been current for a number of years to the effect that Pope Leo XIII. had erected for himself a magnificent tomb as his last resting place. This tomb was frequently described as being constructed of Carrara marble, with a lion upon the lid whose paws protect the pontifical tiara. On the right was supposed to be a statue of Faith bearing a candle and the Holy Scriptures; on the left a figure of Truth bearing the coat of arms of Leo XIII. upon a shield, and upon the pedestal the inscription: "Hic jacet Leo XIII. Pontifex Maximus. Pulvis est." (Here lies Leo XIII., Sovereign Pontiff. He is dust.)

This story was so generally circulated that in many quarters it was accepted as truth, despite the fact that until his fatal illness the pope had never been known by his most intimate associates of the Vatican to express any preference as to his final resting place. It was supposed by many who had enjoyed his friendship and confidence that his preference was for the splendid new basilica erected during the last fifty years outside the walls of the city upon the spot where St. Paul, the Apostle, is supposed to have been buried. Pius IX raised most of the money and did most of the work and the church was completed and decorated under the direction of Leo XIII., although, strange to say, he never saw it.

After his election to the pontificate he remained a nominal prisoner in the Vatican, and before that, although he was in Rome much of the time, he seems never to have had curiosity enough to go out to inspect the new church, which is a mile or more beyond the city gates. Near by is a curious little chapel, erected three or four hundred years ago to mark the spot where St. Peter and St. Paul had their last interview and embraced each other before going to martyrdom.

It was supposed that Pius IX. would be buried in the new basilica of St. Paul, in which he took so great an interest, but to the surprise of everybody he selected the old church of St. Lorenzo, in the most disreputable part of Rome, near by the principal cemetery. He was provided with a beautiful tomb in a subterranean chamber, lined with the finest modern mosaics in the world. The sarcophagus is a very plain piece of marble, severe in its simplicity, but its surroundings are superb.

Shortly before he was taken ill Pope Leo XIII. expressed to Cardinal Satolli his wishes in regard to his funeral and burial, and it is probable that he indicated in his will the same desires as to where he would like to lie, though it is possible that a number of years may elapse before the final disposition of his remains is made. Thus, it was not until 1862, many years after his death, that the remains of Pius IX. were finally removed from St. Peter's to the Church of St. Lorenzo. It is definitely known that to Cardinal Satolli Leo XIII. expressed the desire to be buried in the church of St. John Lateran. The spot he designated is on the left of the apse above the entrance to the sacristy, corresponding to the opposite niche in which is the monument erected by himself in 1881 to Pope Innocent III. It is said that a statue of Pope Leo, forming part of the monument, has already been made. In other respects the tomb will resemble that of Innocent III., consisting of a sarcophagus with a bas relief, two niches, two statues, and two medallions.

VANDERBILT HIS FERRYMAN.

New York, July 17.—William Blair, of River Edge, N. J., was ninety-one years old today, and his relatives and neighbors gave him a reception on his lawn. Despite his advanced age Mr. Blair was as chipper as any of his grandchildren present.

In his prime Mr. Blair was one of the most widely known sailmakers on the Atlantic coast and during the sixty years he was engaged at his trade he rigged out many of the best boats that left this port. It was while making a trip between Staten Island and Perth Amboy to measure a vessel that he paid 25 cents to Commodore Vanderbilt for rowing him across the Kills.

May Follow Arthur.

Meadeville, Pa., July 17.—Youngstown, first assistant chief of the Brotherhood of Engineers has been hovering between life and death at a hospital here for several days. He has been notified of Arthur's death.

YACHTING REPORTERS SAIL.

London, July 17.—A number of British yachting reporters sailed for New York this morning to cover the International races.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS ARE AT WORK

Four Separate Conferences Were Held This Morning—The Topic Discussed.

Detroit, Mich., July 17.—The second day's session of the Epworth league international conference began at an early hour this morning with a "sunrise prayer meeting" in the Central M. E. church. There were present nearly 1,000 delegates. The exercises were led by Rev. S. B. Towne, D. D., of Greencastle, Ind. Following the exercises an experience meeting was held, in which delegates from nearly every state in the union and from several of the Canadian provinces participated.

It is estimated that there are fully 15,000 leaguers in the city. In spite of the crowd, Detroit was so well prepared for the entertainment of the visitors that not near half its entertaining capacity is exhausted. The residents report that they are not crowded in the least.

Four separate conferences were held this morning in as many meeting places. When the delegates assembled in the Central M. E. church, H. E. V. Porter of Jamestown, N. Y., presiding, the splendid choir led a short service song, after which the morning "Devotional Meeting" was the first subject, by the Rev. H. E. Warren, of Lennaxville, Que. Under the head of "Our Obligation to the Juniors," Mrs. Anna H. Woodcock, of Aurora, Neb., delivered an interesting address. "Training the Worker for Personal Work" was the topic assigned Rev. A. B. Higgins, of Middleton, Can. Rev. F. S. Parker, of Crowley, La., spoke on the subject, "Prayer a Farce in League Work," and Rev. J. J. Robinson, of Marysville, Tenn., closed the session with an address on "The Presence of the Spirit an Essential."

Missionary papers and discussions occupied the time of the delegates assembled in the Detroit Opera house. W. W. Cooper, of Kenosha, Wis., presided over this meeting and the speakers included John W. Pennington, of Colorado Springs, Colo. Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Bessie Brooks, of Beaver, Pa. The juniors held sway in the General Presbyterian church, where the problems of child culture, study courses, and the enlistment of adult helpers were some of the topics discussed.

The literary and social work of the league were the chief subjects of consideration at the fourth of the afternoon conferences, held in the Fort Street Presbyterian church. Rev. J. M. Workman, of Benton, Ark., presiding. After an offering of prayer by the Rev. M. W. Dogan, of Marshall, Texas, papers treating on social fellowship, reading rooms and the literary activities of the leagues were presented by Rev. W. P. Eveland, of Bloomsburg, Pa., Miss Clara Wallace, of Toronto, Rev. C. O. Jones, of Knoxville, Tenn., Rev. W. E. Grose, of Baldwin, Kas., and others.

A wide range of subjects relating to leagues and denominational work were discussed at the three large meetings of the afternoon, prominent among the speakers being Rev. S. G. Thompson, of Oklahoma City, Rev. E. H. Comon, of Buffalo, Rev. G. A. Hough, of Los Angeles, I. Garland Penn of Atlanta, James M. Ogden of Indianapolis and Rev. C. E. Manning of Montreal. The Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor of the People's Temple, London, is one of the eminent speakers to be heard at the meetings tonight.

CUBA AT WORLD'S FAIR.

Havana, July 17.—The Cuban senate has approved the coaling station agreement. A bill was also authorized appropriating \$80,000 for the St. Louis world's fair exhibition.

Philippine Bandit Captured.

Washington, July 17.—War department advices from the Philippines report the capture of Faustino Guillermo, the most famous bandit of Luzon and predict that this will end disorder in Razon province.



Major General William R. Shaffer of the United States army (retired) and national president of the society of the Army of Santiago de Cuba.

CHICAGO LABOR RIOTS STILL ON PROGRAM

Thousands of Men and Boys Today Battled With the Police—Many Injured.

Chicago, July 17.—Rioting lasted almost the entire night in the vicinity of the Kilgus Smithboard company's plant. The day's arrests were augmented to 37. The number of injured is unknown. With the resumption of business at 7 this morning immense crowds again collected and vigorously hooted and jeered the workmen who were taking the places of 400 strikers as the former were escorted to work by a heavy guard of police. Five hundred policemen were held in reserve and orders were issued to see that their pistols were in good condition.

At 9:30 the first wagon moved for the Panhandle depot, under protection of 50 police. The crowd followed and again seized street cars, compelling the motormen and conductors to surrender and to run fast to keep in the procession. There were frequent arrests. The police clubbed the mob indiscriminately and lustily. Scores were wounded and were assisted to get away by comrades.

This morning Judges Freeman, Baker and Stein of the appellate court affirmed the recent decision of Judge Holdom, which prohibited the picketing of the Kilgus plant by strikers. At noon all was quiet, the crowds keeping a safe distance from the policemen on guard.

A RACE OF DWARFS DISCOVERED

In Mindanao by Henry Savage Landor, the Famous Explorer—Live in Trees.

Washington, July 17.—Advices to the war department from the Philippines state that Henry Savage Landor, the noted explorer, has discovered in the interior of Mindanao a race of three dwellers similar to the dwarfs found in Africa by Stanley and Duchs. He succeeded in getting many photographs.

WON ECLIPSE STAKES.

London, July 17.—The 16th Eclipse stakes of 10,000 sovereigns was won today by Gubbins Patrick, Madden up. Selver's Sceptre, Hardy up, second; Sir Miller's Rocksand, Skeets Martin up, third.

The Victoria handicap was won by Richard Croker's Liquidator, Skeets Martin up.

Gubbins sold Ar Patrick after the great race to Count Lehndorff of Germany for \$100,000.

GIBBONS IN PARIS.

Paris, July 17.—Cardinal Gibbons arrived here this forenoon and went at once to St. Sulpice, where he will remain until the pope's death.

American Squadron Dispersed.

Portsmouth, Eng., July 17.—The American squadron sailed this morning for different ports. The Rear-Admiral started on her speed test for Frenchmen's bay, Maine.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ben selling and Mrs. Fanny Levy are enjoying a vacation at Long Beach.

A marriage license was issued this afternoon to Emmett Carr and Miss Sadie Patterson, both of Walla Walla.

Miss Maude Guile, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Greene, for several months, has gone to her home in San Francisco.

Assessor Berryman and a force of deputies are hard at work extending the county tax rolls for 1903. The rolls are expected to be completed ready to turn over to Treasurer Hawley next week.

ARMY IN PHILIPPINES TO BE REDUCED

On the Recommendation of General Davis—Changes in General Staff.

Washington, July 17.—General Davis commanding in the Philippines, having recommended the reduction of troops, Secretary Root has instructed him to withdraw three cavalry regiments and three infantry regiments whenever transportation is available. This will require several months. The oldest troops in the service will be sent first. The war department this morning formally announced directions and preparations following promotions. Major General Young will be Lieutenant General, vice Miles, retired; Brigadier General Sumner will be major general, vice Davis, retired; Brigadier General Wood will be major general, vice Young, promoted. Miles retires on August 8th, Davis on July 26th.

SEATTLE BUTCHER IS ARRESTED

For Poisoning the Widow Mull and Her Child—He Wanted to Marry Her.

Seattle, July 17.—E. I. Crowell, a butcher, living with the Mull family, who was arrested yesterday threatens suicide. Developments show that whoever administered the poison was intimately connected with the family.

Poison killed Mrs. Annie Mull and her baby daughter, Gussie, within 36 hours of each other at Seattle. Pending investigation of the mysterious affair E. C. Crowell, who was engaged to Mrs. Mull, was taken into custody yesterday.

Strange circumstances surround these deaths. Mrs. Mull passed away Monday evening between 6:30 and 7 o'clock. The baby died Wednesday morning about 1:30 o'clock. Similar symptoms were present with each. Both deaths were sudden. In the case of the mother no doctor was present until after death.

Evidences of a strong irritant poison were found in Mrs. Mull's stomach. Her lips and mouth were burned, apparently by carbolic acid or some similar poison. The stomach was cramp-like and highly inflamed.

In the stomach of the child, to a less extent, the same symptoms were present. It takes a much smaller quantity of poison to kill a baby than a grown person.

Coroner Hoge, Dr. W. G. Booth and Dr. Arthur Crookall performed the autopsy at Butterworth & Sons' undertakings. All said that they felt sure an irritant poison had killed the mother. Regarding the child Dr. Hoge and Dr. Crookall thought the same poison probably brought on death.

The circumstances of the case as found by the coroner and detectives, are these: Mrs. Annie Mull was divorced from her husband last January. They separated last fall. The husband was anxious for a coroner's investigation this morning.

Mrs. Mull lived with Mrs. Crippen, her mother. Crowell lived and boarded in the same house. According to neighbors, there was some friction in the family. Mrs. Mull is said to have brooded over the divorce to some extent. The husband thinks his divorced wife might have come back to him had it not been for her mother.

Crowell was on close terms with Mrs. Mull. He is said to have been very anxious to marry her. She is said to have been less anxious for the union.

Mrs. Mull owned two lots worth about \$500 at Green Lake. They were deeded, it is said, to the child.

Monday night, according to Mrs. Crippen, Mrs. Mull suddenly became violently sick after being under the weather all day. In her mother's presence she had a sudden hemorrhage of the stomach; then passed away. Mrs. Crippen and Crowell had been with her all day, they themselves state.

At about 7 o'clock according to a clerk in the drug store at the corner of Third avenue and Union street, Crowell, beside himself with excitement, rushed in and telephoned for Dr. Cunningham.

When Dr. Cunningham arrived Mrs. Mull was dead.

The baby was taken sick the next morning at 11 o'clock and medical aid was called. Drs. McCulloch, Richter and Booth were present. There was no hope from the beginning. The baby was unconscious all the time.

THE POPE HAS CANCER

Of Pleura Due to Surgical Operation

PERFORMED FOUR YEARS AGO

This Accounts for His Lingerin Illness—No Hope for His Recovery.

Rome, July 17.—(Official Bulletin.)—The holy father had during the night some hours of sleep and on the other hand some short periods of excitement. The level of liquid in the pleura, which it was announced yesterday was seriously molesting the patient, has been maintained within safe limits and his general condition presents no change. His pulsation is 88, respiration 30, temperature 36.5.

"LAPPONI," "MAZZONI."

Mass was celebrated in the pope's apartments this morning, the pontiff joining in the responses feebly. Workmen this morning began preparation for handling the crowds expected to view the holy father's body. A quarter of a million people are expected. Hand rails have been arranged, making continuous alleysways.

After the consultation this afternoon Dr. Mazzoni left the Vatican, saying he would not return until night unless summoned. He said it is possible the liquid in the pleura would be naturally absorbed.

Rome, July 17.—A good breeze assists in the ventilation of the pope's bed chamber this afternoon. It is stated that Dr. Mazzoni wanted to operate on the pontiff but Dr. Lapponi dissuaded him.

Cancer of Pleura.

Rome, July 17.—Dr. Rossini has told friends in the medical profession that the pope is suffering from cancer of the pleura as the result of an operation four years ago. This fact was discovered when the sepium from the pleura was analyzed. It explains the lingering character of the disease and shows the impossibility of recovery.

Rome, July 17.—8:00—"During the day the pope had repose at intervals and his general condition was less depressed."

"LAPPONI," "MAZZONI."

RELIGION AND CONSTITUTION.

Glencoe, July 17.—The Reliance, the Constitution and the Columbia after two weeks' rest meet again today off Metonock point for the first day's race of the annual cruise on the New York Yacht club's course of 37 miles. The wind was very light. The start was to have been made at 9:30, but it was postponed until later in the day owing to inadequate wind.

The starting gun was fired at 11:30. The Reliance and Constitution were nearly together, the Columbia last.

The Third finished at 4:12:40, beating the old boat by 11 minutes and 30 seconds.

Challenger Wins Again.

Highlands, N. J., July 17.—Shamrock I started at 11:34, the challenger 50 seconds later. The latter was soon overhauled and passed. There was a light wind and the weather was hazy. At 2:20 the challenger rounded the 15-mile mark, the old boat being four miles in the rear.

TUCKER TO MEET LOVE.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 17.—The newly organized Central Athletic club has completed arrangements for holding its first boxing show tonight. The star feature of the program is to be a six-round go between "Chick" Tucker and Tommy Love, two promising featherweights who are expected to put up an interesting contest.

BIG SHOOTING TOURNAMENT.

Menominee, Mich., July 17.—One of the most notable shooting tournaments ever held in Michigan began here today under the auspices of the McQueen Gun club. Nearly 200 crack shots from various parts of the country are in attendance.

SICK MAN OF EUROPE.

Berlin, July 17.—Tageblatt says the sultan of Turkey is ill and that he has been ordered to take absolute rest.

There are many changes in telephone numbers that should be changed on cards and stationery. The Statesman Printery will do the work at reasonable prices.