

NEWS OF THE CITY

POLAND ABOUT TO STRIKE FOR FREEDOM

Milwaukee Pole Declares His Country Is Preparing to Join Revolution

Poland, according to the statement of Vincent Slawski, a traveling agent of the Milwaukee Kuryer Polski, a newspaper devoted to the interests of the Poles of Milwaukee, is about to rise and strike hard and fast at the government of the czar.

Slawski says that a call to the Polish National Alliance of America is now far off and that when it comes men and money from America will flow to the fatherland and the exiled Poles will return in masses to fight the power of the Russian bear.

Slawski grew eloquent as he talked of the coming action and quite a little audience gathered about him in the office of the general passenger department of the Northern Pacific yesterday, while he told of what he insisted was to be soon accomplished in the interest of Poland.

Call Is Expected
"The call may come at any moment," said he, "and when it does the throne of the czar will tremble. The terrible wrongs that have been heaped on Poland through many years will be avenged and the independence of my country will be once more established, never to fall."

"The people of America have been led to believe that the disturbances that are now beginning to rack Russia are without much power. I will say that that power has not yet been shown, but when the proper time arrives the military strength of the uprising will be such that a wonderful way will be opened for the people of Poland to be once more established, never to fall."

Soldiers for Poland
"It has, however, long been known that the soldiers of the One Hundred and Fifteenth and One Hundred and Sixteenth regiments stationed at St. Petersburg are Polish to the core of their hearts and I tell you that to a man they are members of the Polish National Alliance and ready to receive word of command to die for Poland if need be or to conquer and place their hands once more among the nations of the earth."

"A Russian regiment is as large as an American brigade and sometimes has as many soldiers as four American regiments. The Polish organizations mentioned would form a body of trained soldiers of about the size of a small division of the army of the United States. The men of Poland are considered among the best infantry in the world and around a devoted band of this sort a great army could be rallied in a marvellously short space of time."

"The Russian government has long kept our society under an intricate system of espionage. The spies are scattered broadcast throughout this country and every meeting save that of the secret committee of the alliance has been subject to their watchfulness."

Says Priest Is Spy
"One of the leading priests of the orthodox Russian church of Minneapolis is a paid spy in the service of the Russian government. He has reported on meetings in this part of the country and from our sources of information his connection with the spy system is complete. We also know that the spies have a very effective method of editorial control of the Polish paper at Winona and have offered large subsidies for the privilege."

"Under this plan the spies aimed to retain the present owners and ostensibly to maintain the present editorial policy, while in reality they influenced the public adversely to the cause of freedom by making the light of the work of the alliance and the gravity of the situation in Russia."

Revolution Is Coming
"The labor trouble in Russia may be crushed, but whether it live or die, it will have no effect on the revolution which is coming. Let me tell you the situation. A great part of the Russian army is at present very busy keeping the soldiers of the mikado from overrunning Siberia. Opposed to Finland, about to be stripped of the last vestige of independence by the ruthless hands of the ministers, is ready to strike. The laborers of Russia, starved, whipped and despoiled of everything that makes life sweet, have already risen. Sweden and Norway to the west would shed no tears if the end of Russian power were at hand, and while they might not stand with us on the field of battle, their hearts would be with us and they would aid us indirectly, for the making of the end of Scandinavia has too long been trembling in the balances for Norway and Sweden to waste any sorrow on the fate of a country whose strongest ruler, Peter the Great, died with the admittance of his lips, 'Scandinavia must be taken.'"

Poland Ready to Strike
"But, strongest of all, to the south of the frozen plains lies a fair land, its fields are productive; its mountains shelter mineral wealth; its forests cover a sturdy race and the dearest wish of the hearts of the people is to put the knife deep into the body politic of Russia."

"This is Poland, and in the day when the throne of the Romanoffs totters she will arise and take her station among the proud nations."

"In that land there are men who have seen their mothers die under the knout at the behest of the czar and in his name. There are others who have felt as old as any in Europe who have been reduced from wealth to penury by the stroke of the pen of the czar. But there are thousands who have felt the sting in the application of the name of their country and who have been made to understand that it is no honor in Russia to be a Pole. One of your English poets wrote a stanza that reads: 'This is my own, my native land.'"

"That is the way we want to feel. The day of the knout is passing; the day when a man's liberty, life and property is at the disposal of one man is on the wane; the bestial power of Russia is about to be broken like a reed."

"With Japan wrecking the Eastern force of the empire; with Finland and Poland chopping at her from the East and civil war in her vitals Russia's sun is setting."

Health Board Reports Smallpox
Three counties of the state reported nearly all of the 84 new cases of smallpox reported to the state board of health for the week ending Jan. 23. Rice county reported 25, Stearns county returned 21 and Todd 15. Maine Prairie, Stearns county, reported 18 cases of the disease.

VETERAN SKATERS TO RACE FOR PURSE

Dr. L. W. Lyons Will Meet Herman Benz on Down Town Rink

Two veteran speed skaters are due to race a mile for \$200 a side Saturday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock at the down town ice rink.

The race will prove the sequel to a meeting between Carlings, when Dr. L. W. Lyons and Herman Benz, both with spangles and medals gained for prowess on the ice but sadly tarnished for want of wear, engaged in a race in which they had appeared as stars.

The argument grew as warm as the ice is cold and resulted in the posting of a wager of \$200 for a mile event to be raced Saturday.

A book on the event has been opened at Carlings, and Robert street business men are betting heavily on their favorites. Dolph Schiffmann and W. G. Carlings are stakeholders and the meet is awaited with interest by lovers of the sport.

PUBLIC IS WARNED AGAINST SWINDLER

Unauthorized Young Man Attempts to Collect From Globe Advertisers

Several people have reported to The Globe that some unauthorized person, described as a young fellow of perhaps fifteen years of age, has been representing himself as collector for The Globe and endeavoring to obtain money from advertisers. The Globe employs none but its regular collectors for the business, and the person described is a swindler whose apprehension will be a favor to The Globe company. Any information concerning him reported to The Globe office by those whom he may have approached will be appreciated.

WIFE ASKS COURT FOR HALF OF HOUSE

Echo of Divorce Proceedings in Mrs. E. L. Grace's Petition

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Grace has petitioned the district court to divide between herself and her husband, John Grace, the homestead of the couple on Western avenue, near Holly. As the property is now Mrs. Grace owns with her husband an undivided one-half interest.

Attorneys are inclined to believe that the determination of the suit may meet with legal difficulties for the reason that the property under dispute is a homestead occupied jointly by both parties to the contest. As these parties are husband and wife, and both seem to have a right to the occupancy of the whole property, which is valued at \$8,000, the question becomes even more involved.

In 1902 Mrs. Grace sued her husband for divorce alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. The case was settled by Mr. Grace's signing to her an undivided half interest in the homestead, and for a time they continued to live together. Since August, however, Mrs. Grace has only visited the house when her husband was away. They have been married thirty years.

GOVERNMENT SAYS BOAT WAS OVERLOADED

District Attorney Houpt has returned from Duluth, where he was attending the trial of the district court. Aside from the prosecution of a few men charged with selling intoxicants to Indians the term was decidedly light. Assistant Attorney Ewert is still at Duluth, remaining there to conduct the case of the government against the river excursion steamer "Mary Mann," held on a charge of libel.

The Mary Mann is specifically charged with having carried more passengers than was allowed by her certificate and with having been run by unlicensed pilot, master, and engineer. Capt. Mann, a principal owner, has protested against the charge and will contest it. The government alleges that when the boat was overloaded it made three trips from Duluth to an island on the Wisconsin side, carrying 27, 25 and 25 people another time, and 190 people a third time. Her licensed capacity was fifty-five people.

Will Divide Bond Issue

The four per cent city bonds placed with Halsey & Co., amounting to \$100,000, and now owned by that company, to the Dime Savings bank, of New York, will be divided into two \$50,000 lots at the request of the Halsey company. It is likely that the signature of Mayor Smith will be attached to the documents today.

CAR CRASHES INTO SLEIGHING PARTY

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were on their way to Lake Como, and reached the Thirteenth street crossing just ahead of a west-bound Mississippi street car.

Leading Bus Escapes
The leading bus succeeded in getting across the tracks in safety, but the rear bus was not fast enough and was struck in the center by the fender of the car, which was going at a rapid rate.

There was a resounding crash and a tangled mass of people, horses and bits of splintered timber littered the street. Residents in the vicinity of the accident, hearing the crash, rushed to the assistance of the injured, who were carried to the home of Mrs. Charles E. Stevens, 848 East Thirteenth street, and Dr. C. P. Ariz called, who attended to the injured.

None of the party was seriously hurt and the injured were taken to their homes by the remaining bus.

Victims Blame Motorman
The victims of the accident say the motorman, C. Johnson, was to blame as he was running his car at a high rate of speed at the time and made no effort to slow up. Witnesses of the accident say it was a piece of fool hardiness on the part of the driver of the car to cross in front of the car and that the motorman was in no way to blame.

The front of the car was badly battered, the fender being torn off, the headlight crushed to bits and all the windows in the vestibule broken. The motorman was slightly cut by flying glass, but did not require a physician's attention.

TERRORISTS VOTE TO KILL THE CZAR

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Workingmen here, including 2,700 men employed in military stores, went to the factories yesterday and drew the pay still due them. This means a cessation of all production in the immediate future, and probably a renewal of the disturbances today, despite the immense concessions by the minister of the interior.

Outside of this city the situation continues to grow more threatening. It is stated that the revolutionists in Moscow now number 800,000 as against 200,000 here. Every workman has struck at Libau, the government station for the Baltic fleet, and most of the factories there, including the government works, are closed.

FINLAND IN OPEN REVOLT
Finland, it is declared, is in open revolt. Polish revolutionaries are preparing for a grand blow for freedom against Russia and Germany alike.

News from Kovno that rioters have wrecked railway communication with Berlin, which can be reached only by a roundabout route now. A large gang of soldiers is repairing the damage to the railway.

The revolutionists in the region bordering on Germany are largely prompted and inflamed by incomers from that country, so entry from Germany into Russia will be made increasingly difficult by the officials of both empires.

APPLY THE TORCH
Pahl's factory, a large cotton mill, one of the biggest institutions of its kind in Russia, is ablaze. The fire was set by revolutionists who hope by the use of dynamite and fire to break the control which has been established since Sunday by the troops.

THIRTY WORKMEN ARE SHOT AT RIGA
LONDON, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from Riga confirms previous announcement of a collision between strikers and troops. Thirty workmen were killed or wounded and a substitute chief of police and two soldiers were mortally wounded. The encounter occurred near the Tukkdum railroad station. The strikers attacked the troops and attempted to disarm them, when the order was given to fire.

REVOLUTION WINS
Not Now, but Shortly, Opines George Meredith
LONDON, Jan. 27.—George Meredith, the author, in an interview given to the Chronicle yesterday expressed a strong conviction that "the long reign of despotism which blots Eastern Europe is slowly but surely coming to an end."

"The emperor is a poor, weak creature," said Mr. Meredith. "We must all pity him in his fall. He has necessity of his own, but as for the grand dukes they are the enemies of humankind. Nobody in the world will regret their disappearance. They are the real authors of the terrible events in St. Petersburg and Moscow. We know now that it is the bureaucracy with the grand dukes at its head that rules Russia. By meeting the petitioners the emperor might have averted bloodshed and delayed revolution for a few years, but nothing, I imagine, can now prevent the early downfall of the government."

"I do not think the rising will be immediately successful. The revolutionaries are scattered and have few leaders. The poor creatures cannot hope to resist the troops. If peace were returned to their superstitious the revolution will be crushed now, but not killed."

"I think events will take the following course: The strike will stop preparations for carrying on the war; the necessity of dragging the people into submission will prevent reinforcing the army in Manchuria; Kuropatkin, with reinforcements and supplies cut off, will have no choice but to attempt a stroke which, I am convinced, will fail; the failure will send a wave back upon St. Petersburg, which will overthrow the emperor, and the grand dukes. In that way the revolution will be effected."

Mr. Meredith contended that it is impossible that Russia can long escape the spirit of liberalism that has overspread Europe, and said:

"The emperor's message, like himself, is weak. It means nothing after the appointment of such a man as Trepoft. Sympathizing Englishmen should give practical support in the shape of money to the Russian reformers."

It was expected that the Western roads and the Gulf lines would hold a conference relative to the proper differential to be maintained between the Gulf and Atlantic ports, but the action of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas has upset the plan.

SOME SOLDIERS OF KUROPATKIN BALK
Think There Is No Use Fighting, Now That Port Arthur Has Fallen
LONDON, Jan. 27.—The Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent asserts that Gen. Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the emperor that his offensive power is seriously hampered by the obstinate reluctance of his troops from the European provinces to advance against the enemy. While the Cossacks and Siberians are full of dash, the Europeans argue that, now that Port Arthur has surrendered, there is no object in continuing the war.

MUST KEEP WITHIN ITS APPROPRIATION
Littlefield's Bill Makes It Criminal for Department to Do Otherwise
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Representative Littlefield (Me.) introduced a bill today providing that no department of the government shall expend in any fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made for that year, or involve the government in any contract for future payment. Six months' imprisonment and a fine of not less than \$2,000 is provided for violation of the act.

TAWNEY HAS SEED WHEAT RESOLUTION
Globe Special Washington Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—A joint resolution has been prepared by Representative Tawney in accordance with the recommendation of Secretary Shaw, providing for refund of duty on seed wheat imported from Canada up to June 15 next. The ways and means committee will not consider the resolution "ill" Wednesday.

JAPANESE PURCHASE BRONCHOS IN AMERICA
LEAD, S. D., Jan. 26.—About 4,000 head of horses have been contracted by an agent who is said to be acting for the Japanese government. The first consignment has left Moorcroft, Wyo., where the agent has headquarters.

It is stated that it will require about 7,000 head of horses to fill the entire order placed with agents in this country. Most of the horses are of the broncho breed, which is said to be adapted to the use of the army in Manchuria.

Books for State Society
Lieut. David L. Kingsbury, assistant librarian of the Minnesota State Historical society, is expecting a large consignment of books from St. Louis today for the library of the society. The books were gathered by the Minnesota world's fair commission from the other states and countries having exhibits at the fair and include many that could not have been secured from any other source in this country.

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