

# A MASSACRE IMPENDING

Alarming Rumors From Kishineff Credited by New York Jews.

## PUBLICITY THE ONLY HOPE.

The Fact That the Czar Knows the Eyes of the World Are on Him May Force Him to Circumvent the Plotters.

New York, Dec. 20.—Varying opinions are held by the editors of the Jewish papers in this city regarding the reports from Kishineff relative to an intended massacre of the Jews. While it is admitted that the situation in Kishineff and, in fact, all over Russia is alarming, it is thought that the fact that the outside world is conversant with what is taking place may compel the government to suppress any disturbance or at least prevent con- tinuance in any action taken by the mob.

While it is said in the dispatches that the only safety for the Jews is in flight, it is pointed out that this is almost impossible, as the government refuses to issue passports to those who would leave. To evade the law, the spending of so much money is involved that it becomes impossible for some to leave, while others would find their capital so slight after numerous bribes that they would be unable to proceed farther after crossing the border.

Thinks Story of Plot True. Philip Cowen of the American Hebrew said:

"I do not think there is any doubt about the dispatches already printed being correct. The circumstances are well known to us, and it is improbable that the reports are exaggerated. We have received no direct communications regarding the situation, but regard the statement of Governor General Crossoff as highly significant. He said:

"If the Jews insist on protecting themselves it is impossible to foretell what will happen should Christian blood flow."

"That utterance," said Mr. Cowen, "is typical and, in Russia, sounds very emphatic. We have been fearing another outbreak."

The possibility of the Russian government being compelled to keep order through the knowledge that the whole world is watching it is realized by the editor of the Jewish World, who says:

**Publicity May Prevent Massacre.** "While we do not think that what has been printed is an exaggeration of the true situation, we think that the giving of the news widespread publication will cause the Russian government to put down any disturbance, or at least prevent the continuance of officials in the outbreak. The trouble is not confined to Kishineff by any means, as small disturbances, such as the attacking of the houses of the Jews and the breaking of the windows, have taken place all over the district, but nothing has been mentioned of these outrages in the papers.

"However, we have received no advice, and until we get information from a reliable source we do not feel that we are in a position to express any opinion regarding the situation as reported by the press."

At the office of the Jewish News it was said that there was undoubtedly danger to the Jews in every part of Russia at the present time.

**Correspondents on the Alert.** Ezekiel Sarasohn, the managing editor, said:

"We have instructed our correspondents to be on the alert and to let us know the exact situation at the earliest possible moment. From the reports printed in the papers and from what we know of the conditions in Kishineff there can be little doubt that the situation is alarming. Just what the exact condition is we are not prepared to say until we hear from our correspondents."

Another Jewish newspaper man said: "It has been argued that the Jews will find safety in leaving Russia, but that is not feasible, as the government refuses to issue passports, and in order to get by a Jew would be compelled to pass so many officers that it would cost him a great deal of money. It is owing to this fact that some of the Jews come to this country poor men while in Russia they have been accounted rich."

**Snake Chief Killed.** Scipio, I. T., Dec. 20.—Lah-Ta Mico, the executive head of the Snake Indians, the most turbulent faction in the Creek Nation, has been killed by a falling limb of a tree. Lah-Ta Mico will be succeeded by Chitto Harjo, who was second chief. Harjo is now in Washington with Crazy Snake, who is the commander of the fighting forces of the Snakes. He is expected to return upon the announcement of the chief's death.

**Seri Indians on Warpath.** Chicago, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Hermosillo, Mexico, says that the Seri Indians, who occupy Tiburon Island, in the Gulf of California, have gone on the warpath, and, according to information received by the military authorities here, the savages are raiding ranches and committing depredations on the mainland. The Seris are said to be cannibals and are known to be the fleetest runners in the world.

**The Pope on Sacred Music.** Rome, Dec. 20.—The pope has issued a note on the subject of sacred music in churches, recommending the Gregorian chant.

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**Won't Let Japan Have Korea.** This unofficial opinion, however, believes that the controlling party in Russia regards Korea as necessary to the consolidation of Russian interests in the far east and therefore is determined to prevent the peninsula falling into Japanese hands and that any concessions Russia now makes to Japan will only be with the object of deferring the difficulty until a more seasonable time.

There is not likely to be much difficulty in finding money in case of war. A foreign loan on acceptable terms is probably impossible, but the Russian banks and merchants have ample funds on which the government could draw.

One reason why the British alarmists' news fails to convince the Russian is the perfect understanding here of the benefits Great Britain derives from a continuance of the strained situation. It was known here a year ago that Great Britain was planning to occupy Tibet and extend the railroad to a point in the Yangtze valley which is accessible by gunboats from the sea.

**England's Action Enrages Russians.** Great Britain's forward movement at this time excites both admiration and rage, the former for the clever political move, the latter because Russia is so preoccupied in the far east that she is unable to prevent Great Britain

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