

# ANTI JEWISH PROCLAMATION.

It Declares That the Authors of Russia's Misfortunes Are The Jews.

AND WITTE THEIR SUPPORTER

Summons the Faithful to "Fear the Christ Sellers to Pieces."

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Some of the reactionary organizations are pushing the agitation against the radical elements to a dangerous point. Today a "League of the Russian People" held a service in the Alexander'skaya monastery to celebrate the manifesto of March 8 as a victory for the old regime.

Later, at the horse guard menage, the fighting society of the same organization held a public meeting and listened to inflammatory speeches by Dr. Doubrov and Prof. Nicolai, two extremist leaders, at which the orators openly summoned their followers, the black hundreds, to kill the Jews and hang Count Witte.

Prince Mestchersky, editor of the Grazhdanin, who supported the Witte section, charges the bureaucracy with having sympathy with the court clique, which is opposing the plans of the cabinet, and with inclining class hatred and strikes, with the purpose of making the national assembly a failure.

He quoted Prof. Nicolai as declaring that friends of the autocracy should see that a number of revolutionaries are elected, in order to furnish an excuse for dispersing the national assembly with bayonets. As proof of the complicity of the bureaucracy, Prince Mestchersky prints a proclamation against the Jews which he asserts was printed in the typography of the police master, with the approval of the censor, and widely distributed.

The proclamation, which is addressed to workmen and peasants, declares that the authors of Russia's misfortune are the Jews, who throughout the world hate Russia and want to rob the peasants of their land and make them their slaves, "unlock the gates and turn churches into Jewish stables and pig sties."

The proclamation also asserts that the Armenians, English and Germans want to destroy Russia and divide the country among its enemies. The proclamation calls Count Witte a supporter of the Jews and the chief enemy of the country, and summons the faithful, wherever they find Jews, to "fear the Christ sellers to pieces."

Prince Mestchersky calls attention to the unrest among the peasants, and warns the bureaucracy that it is playing a desperate game in arraying class against class.

"If today the peasants are incited to slaughter millions of Jews, the Armenian tomorrow may be seized with the mania of murder, and massacres may occur everywhere without regard to race or class."

Another important development in the political situation, though more moderate in character, was the subject of what is called the reactionary elements in wresting the control of the zemstvos from the hands of the Liberals.

Although the zemstvos are not elected and are democratic in their views, they heretofore have been in the forefront of the fight against the old regime. The issue was raised by the zemstvos upon the demand of the federal administration in the provinces to discharge doctors, teachers, agricultur-

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al experts and other employees of the zemstvos suspected of revolutionary tendencies or activity.  
At Moscow the Liberals made a hard fight to protect the employees, but the reactionaries, under the leadership of M. Guchoff, were victorious, whereupon 30 Liberals resigned.  
At Toula the struggle was so bitter that two challenges to duels were exchanged, one of them between Prince Dolgoroukoff and Prince Ouroussoff, the latter heading the reactionaries. Neither of the duels was fought, but the reactionaries won.  
The entire staff of the sanitary department of the zemstvos was discharged and the department closed. A revolutionary propaganda must not be stopped.  
A similar contest is being waged in the St. Petersburg domain.

## JEALOUSY CAUSES MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Oakland, Cal., March 11.—Fired by insane jealousy, which for more than a year smoldered in his breast causing numerous quarrels with his wife, Frank T. Homer, a painter, this afternoon shot and fatally wounded his wife, Mrs. Mary Homer, and then turned his weapon against himself, inflicting a wound from which he died this evening at the receiving hospital. Homer's crime was committed in the presence of two of his children, Ruth and Dede Homer, Ruth, when her father fired the first shot at his wife, sprang to his side and tried to tear the revolver from his grasp, but he shook off the clinging hands of the child and regardless of her screams, fired another shot at the woman and then shot himself in the head.  
Homer's crime was committed after a long quarrel with his wife, who left him a week ago, and was caused by her refusal to return to him.

## "SCOTTY, KING OF THE DESERT MINE."

Seattle, Wash., March 11.—At the Third Avenue theater today occurred the initial performance of Chas. A. Taylor's play, "Scotty, King of the Desert Mine." The play was written around incidents in the recent life of Walter Scott, the cowboy miner of Death Valley, Cal., and interest was enhanced by the appearance in a leading role of Scott himself, this being his first appearance on any stage. At the beginning of the play, which is played on his own account, and did not at all times follow the dictates of the stage manager, he proved a surprisingly good actor, and was received with vociferous applause from all parts of the house. Even with Scott out of the cast, the play would have taken with the audience, judging from the scenes with which it is highly sensational scenes were received. Scott's wild ride from Los Angeles to Chicago was faithfully depicted, and his mule, Slim, a pack of Alaskan dogs and other animals were objects of interest. People fought for admission to the theater.

## BOY CONFESES TO MURDER.

Pogosa Springs, Colo., March 11.—Oral Weir, at his preliminary hearing here last night, confessed to murdering his uncle, Joseph Weir, who was visiting friends in this vicinity. Joseph Weir was from Leavenworth, Kan., and had been an inmate of the Soldiers' home there.

# GREATEST OF ALL MINE HORRORS.

Eleven Hundred Miners Perish in An Explosion at Courrieres France.

WHOLE REGION IS APPALLED.

Death and Sorrow Brought to Six Thousand Fathers, Mothers, Wives And Children.

Paris, March 11.—The worst fears as to the enormity of the mine disaster in the Courrieres, district of the Pas de Calais, Saturday morning have been realized. The death list numbers 1,100 and the whole of the region stands appalled at the terrible tragedy, which has brought sorrow to 6,000 fathers, mothers, wives and children.

The last great mine disaster in France occurred in 1885, when 293 persons were killed and 80 injured, but that and all others sink into insignificance before Courrieres.

The vast military camp is under military guard, 400 soldiers having arrived there to assist in holding in check the crowds of distracted mourners.

For a time hope had been held out to the people that the trapped on pithead, the imprisoned men had been heard, but gradually this hope vanished, and the people demanded admission to see the bodies, and even threatened to break their way through the cordon of troops, who had the greatest difficulty in keeping the crowds from the pit.

One man named Sylvestre succeeded in entering the mine, but he never returned. It is believed he groped about inside until he was overcome by the gases and perished.

It is reported that a rescue party numbering 40 has been sent by the caving in of one of the galleries.

Minister of Public Works Gauthier, Minister of the Interior Dubief and the secretary of President Fallieres remain on the ground endeavoring to comfort the distressed families of the miners.

President Fallieres has given \$2,000 to aid in relief measures. The ministry will add a further sum to this, and the chamber of deputies will be asked to vote \$100,000 for the purpose of alleviating distress.

Ministers Gauthier and Dubief have received complete details of the catastrophe from M. Lavaures, the director of the mine.

"Of 1,800 miners who were down in the pits when the explosion occurred," he said, "733 were working in pit No. 4, 489 were in pit No. 3, 571 in pit No. 2, and the remainder in pit No. 1. Those rescued were taken out as follows:

"From pit No. 4, 190; from pit No. 3, 15; from pit No. 2, 140; and from pit No. 1, 1. A number of them were injured and some of them have died since. At the present moment over 1,000 men remain imprisoned."

Another director declared that the imprisoned men numbered 1,100. Minister Dubief inquired:

"Have you still any hope?"

To this the director replied: "No, I believe all of them are dead."

This was whispered into the ear of the minister in order that his words might not be overheard by the pale-faced miners who stood anxiously about the mine building waiting for an official view on the state of affairs.

Then the ministers listened to a graphic description of the scene in the mine by Leon Cerf, one of the men rescued, and who still is suffering from the terrible effects of his experience.

"I was working with a gang when the explosion occurred. The foreman immediately shouted for us to follow him, and dashing into a recess in the gallery, we were followed by a blast of poisonous gases, which rushed by, however, without affecting us. We remained there for eight hours, when, feeling that suffocation was gradually coming upon us, we attempted to escape."

"We crawled in single file toward the shaft, but several of the men dropped dead on the way, including my son and the foreman."

"I carried my son back on my back for 40 minutes and succeeded in saving him. It took us four hours to reach the shaft."

"For the time being the mine building has been transformed into a lane through which the body-bearers process to the sanitary chamber. Sometimes the burden consists of a mere heap of burned flesh and in nearly every case the body is terribly discolored. Only one-half of the bodies recovered have been identified."

Despite a danger incurred, the volunteers, who include a number of those who were successful in escaping at the time of the explosion, do not hesitate to descend the shaft. Some of them have been down more than a dozen times. One of them, after being brought up fourteen bodies, was suffocated on his fifteenth attempt, and it is feared that other fatalities among the volunteers will follow, as the air in the mine is still impregnated with noxious gases.

A number of the men engaged in rescue work have already been brought to the surface unconscious, and as they were driven to their homes in closed carriages the women followed and broke the windows, suspecting that bodies were being hurried away.

Several miners have come up from pit No. 11, which is connected with pit No. 3. They effected their escape by means of a ladder, and as they came from the mouth of the pit they appeared to be bordering on madness. Those who were successful in escaping were asked about their comrades, one of them said:

"It is horrible. All of them are dead."

A young miner, who escaped from pit No. 4, where about 500 men remained, said:

"I was working about 50 feet from the shaft. Suddenly I felt a puff of hot gas and started toward the shaft. I was half suffocated and was unable to advance further because of the fumes. Finally, however, I succeeded in reaching the cage and came up in it."

"After the ascent I neither heard nor saw more of my comrades, and I believe that all in that gallery in which I was working are dead."

Another miner said: "It is indescribable. Everything was demolish-

ed or has fallen in. I saw bodies lying in piles. My son is below."

One rescuer has asserted that he heard voices in the mine, and others found two horses still living. This gives rise to hope that some of the men are still living.

Replying to an inquiry as to whether hope remained for the finding of men alive in the mine, an engineer who had been down the shaft said:

"It is scarcely possible. The state of the galleries is such that clearing them will be a difficult task, while the flames were so fierce that many of the victims must have been reduced to ashes."

It is thought hardly possible that the bodies will be recovered tomorrow on account of the difficulty of reaching the bottom of the pits, the runners on which the cages descend being broken or bent.

The engineers are endeavoring to devise means for locating the dangerous zones in the mine and aerating the galleries. The shaft of pit No. 3 is completely blocked and the authorities are considering the advisability of dropping a heavy mass of metal down the shaft in order to clear it and thus enable them to descend and learn the worst.

The recovery of bodies is proceeding very slowly. Only 60 were brought up today, but this evening the rescuers reported that 100 more had been found.

An attempt is being made to reach the miners entombed in No. 3 by way of Pit No. 1, but there is faint hope of success in this direction.

The mining company is arranging to take a census of the surrounding mining villages in order to ascertain who is missing from them, as several communities have been almost absolutely cut off from the outside world.

The funerals of the victims will begin Tuesday morning, when services will be held in all the village churches in the vicinity of the mines.

## SALT LAKE MAN STABS MAN AT HUNTINGTON, OR.

Portland, Or., March 11.—A Weiser, Ida, dispatch to the Oregonian states that William Rice was probably fatally stabbed at Huntington, Or., in a quarrel in a saloon today by William Hartley, who was waylaid by a man in a mill in Pleasant Valley. Hartley came here from Salt Lake City.

## GOLD STANDARD IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, March 11.—The railways are feeling the good effects of the gold standard established here nearly a year ago, and show a gain in net earnings. The gold standard is also powerfully aiding the movement of foreign capital here for investment.

## STORMS IN NORTHWEST.

Portland, Or., March 11.—Reports to the Oregonian from all parts of the Pacific northwest indicate that the district in the three of the worst storms ever experienced in March.

A snowfall varying from 15 inches at Weiser, Ida, to three inches at Huntington, Or., Eugene, Or., occurred last night and today.

Albany, Or., is experiencing a snow and sleet storm.

Snow blocked one of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation branches in southeastern Washington last night, and at Walla Walla severely cold winds threaten the fruit crop.

At North Yakima, a bitter wind, reaching the proportions of a gale, uprooted several buildings and did property damage aggregating thousands of dollars.

At Aberdeen, Wn., ice formed a quarter of an inch thick.

In Portland the weather is not alone unseasonably cold, but a penetrating east wind is blowing. According to the district forecaster, the weather tomorrow is expected to be considerably warmer.

## REFORM IN ZION CITY.

Vollva Will Make Striking Departures From Dowle's Policy.

Chicago, March 11.—Wilbur G. Vollva, the new deputy general overseer of Zion City, speaking before 1,500 Chicago members of the church today, announced several striking departures from the policy of John Alexander Dowle to be inaugurated in the management of Zion City and its industries.

The overseer spoke reverentially of Dowle as the founder of the church, but condemned the administrative abuses which are said to have existed under his government.

Among the reforms promised are the abolition of female labor in the laundry and other shops; the establishment of an agricultural scheme in connection with Zion City; courteous treatment of newspaper correspondents; the toleration of other religious creeds, and a regulation of all sensational and emotional religion.

The new overseer led his hearers to believe that Dowle had been permanently deposed.

"Concerning the general overseer we will have to wait until the proper time," said Vollva. "Moshe led the children of Israel out of Egypt and afterward for 40 years he led them in the wilderness. I am thinking of the children of the line."

## MAY BE FAMINE IN MOROCCO.

London, March 12.—The Daily Mail's

correspondent at Tangier says that the failure of the wheat and barley harvest is threatened throughout Morocco. With no reserves from last year, he added, a terrible famine seems to be imminent.

## MURDERED BY ROBBERS.

Cripple Creek, Colo., March 11.—Fred Poeschke, a cigar and confectionery dealer, was murdered by three masked robbers who broke into his store tonight. The men escaped.

## NAVAL CADETS SET BACK.

Annapolis, Md., March 11.—Owing to deficiencies in studies, the following midshipmen have been transferred from the class of 1908 to that of 1909:  
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