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LYING DEAD IN THEIR COFFINS.

Russian Royal Family so Represented in Picture in a St. Petersburg Paper.

IT CAUSED A BIG SENSATION.

All the Figures Are Done in Shadowy Outlines and at First Are Not Perceived.

M. WITTE IS HIGHLY INDIGNANT.

Czar Issued His Rescript Without Even Appraising Him of His Intentions.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Quite a sensation was caused this morning by the appearance in the *Neva*, the most widely circulated illustrated weekly in Russia, of a half-tone picture representing the imperial family, including the emperor holding the heir to the throne, in the background of the picture, showing in shadowy tones the emperor, Grand Duke Sergius, Grand Duke Alexius, the Dowager Empress, the heir to the throne and practically all the living members of the Romanoff family lying dead in their coffins. The work is done so skilfully that in the shadows in the drapery behind, the imperial family are discernible with great difficulty. It has never been illustrated in any previous knowledge of the shadow type. The culprits who were students employed on the paper, have not yet been located. Copies of this edition of the *Neva* are selling at a big premium.

M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, has definitely decided to place his work in the government. The last step was the imperial rescript addressed Thursday to Interior Minister Bougian, creating a special commission to discuss questions relating to peasant tenure of lands and the abolition of the peasant commission over which M. Witte presided. The emperor issued a step by step rescript up to M. Witte's intention. The members of the Witte commission were usually at work Tuesday evening and woke up yesterday to find the commission out of existence. M. Witte attributes the emperor's act to court intrigue directly aimed against himself and yesterday night his friends thought he was about to disband and disperse, no longer able to endure the humiliations heaped upon him and that he would leave all and go abroad for a time.

The *Slovi* has received its first warning for the publication of articles entitled "The Bureaucracy," and "The War," in which the paper severely assailed the competency of the bureaucracy and the general staff and the war office.

M. Witte's antagonists at court, where their influence was greatly feared by M. Witte, were effectively reinforced by part of the old Von Plehve cabal, headed by M. Schuster, formerly under-secretary of the interior, and M. Shchit, former chief adjutant of the interior department, who was forced out of the ministry of the interior by former Interior Minister Biatopolski-Mirsky, and they have wreaked their vengeance on their ancient chief enemy, M. Witte.

The Associated Press is informed that M. Witte has been summoned to see the czar and informed the emperor that it was quite plain that a plot against him existed, and that he desired to retire the emperor, however, is understood to be destined again to accept the minister's resignation.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIPS.

P. and O. Steamer *Marmora* Sights Five of Them.

London, April 15.—A telegram from Singapore, Sir Gully Settember, was received today announcing that the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company's steamer *Marmora*, sighted five Russian battleships April 3 in latitude 8 degrees south and longitude 92 degrees east, steering for the straits of Sunda and driving away the Japanese from the Malacca straits, through which he ultimately passed in safety.

JAPANESE HEADQUARTERS.

Reports Defeat of a Body of Russians.

Tokio, April 15, 7 p.m.—The following official announcement it was made today from the headquarters of the Japanese forces in Manchuria:

"Our force advancing east along the Hailong River in the scratch of the enemy April 14 near Heichou, and east of Pinan, and vigorously chased them toward Tachou, 28 miles east of Pinan."

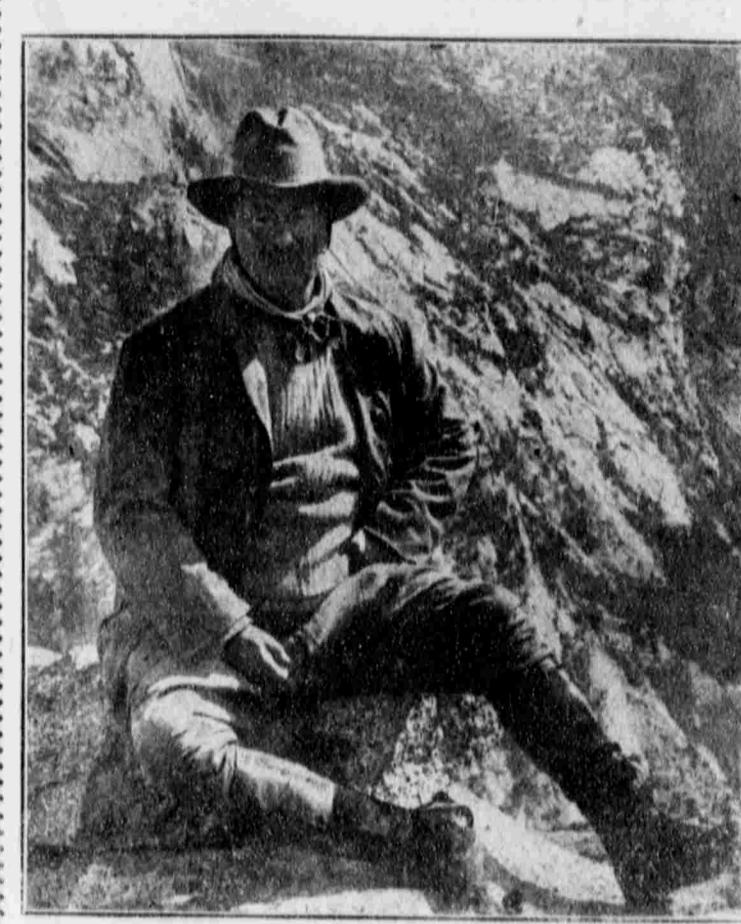
Another force advancing north from Shantung attacked the enemy, holding a position two miles south of Pachatsu. There has been no change elsewhere in the military situation.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON.

Latest Advice Say His Condition is Unchanged.

Atlanta, Ga., April 15.—The latest advice to the condition of Joseph Jefferson, who is reported seriously ill at his winter home, West Palm Beach, Florida, are that his condition is unchanged. His family and friends are hopeful, and his physicians say the reports of his illness have been somewhat exaggerated.

Joseph Jefferson has rallied from his previous condition of Friday night, and is reported better today. He is in very weak state, but his condition is not considered dangerous at this time.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN HUNTING GARB.

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ECCLESIASTICAL REFORM IN RUSSIA

HIGH SCHOOLS SCORE A VICTORY.

The Citizens of Nephi Vote Very Strongly Against Their Discontinuance.

FOUR FOR TO ONE AGAINST.

At a Favorable Moment Council Will Be Summoned—Discussion of Question of Faith.

STATE Supt. NELSON SAYS FIGHT WAS ONE OF HARDEST HE HAD EVER FOUGHT.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Emperor Nicholas has decided that the moment was inopportune to grant the petition of a group of influential clergy for a convocation of a general council to effect a reform of the ecclesiastical administration. On the margin of the petition the emperor appended a note as follows:

"I find it impossible in the present disturbed times to undertake a task of such magnitude requiring calm consideration. Following the old example of the orthodox emperors, I intend, however, as soon as there is a favorable moment to set foot this great work and summon the council of the old Russian church for a canonical discussion of questions of faith and ecclesiastical reform."

THREE MEN KILLED IN A QUARREL OVER LAND

Poplar Bluff, Mo., April 15.—Three men have been killed in a pitched battle at Ten Mile creek, 10 miles west of here, resulting from a land quarrel. The dead are:

H. S. Adams, William Hatch and Riley Henson.

Circuit Clerk L. M. Henson, brother of Riley, who witnessed the shooting, but declines to give any particulars, has been placed under arrest.

WHERE IS M. HAVLIN?

U. S. Marshals Want Him for Swindling.

St. Louis, April 15.—United States deputy marshals and postoffice inspectors are searching for M. Havlin, charged with being the head of the Keystone Commission company of East St. Louis, which is alleged to have used the name in an alleged "get-rich-quick" scheme. The offices of the company are closed.

ACCIDENT ON THE IOWA.

Muzzles of an 8-Inch Gun Blown Off.

Washington, April 15.—A telegram from chief of staff of the North Atlantic fleet today states that the muzzle of one of the 8-inch guns of the Iowa, blew off yesterday during target practice. No one was injured.

The telegram stated that after four of the 8-inch guns in target practice had been fired, the muzzle of the fifth gun blew off at the first round. It was one of the old type guns of that caliber, mounted on the deck of the ship.

It was suggested that the gun had been

rushed to the deck and driven to use because powder, and consequently had a much thinner muzzle than the new type.

It had been fired successfully 103 times and burst on the 104th time with normal powder conditions, as far as known.

Several other guns of the same type on the Iowa, and made at the same time, have suffered similar accidents, and this class of guns is being replaced as rapidly as possible with longer and thicker tubed weapons.

The navy department has ordered a thorough investigation of the accident.

JAPANESE TURNING MOVE.

Ginsu Pass, April 14.—The expected Japanese turning movement is not developing, but preparations, it is understood, are progressing. Reinforcements, food and ammunition are being brought up from New Chwang. The Japanese outposts extend 30 miles on either side of the railroad.

BONDS FOR MANILA AUTHORIZED.

Manila, April 15.—The Philippine commission has passed an act authorizing the secretary of war to issue, in the name of the city of Manila, bonds in the sum of \$4,500,000, for the construction of sewers and water works.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1905. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

PRESIDENT WAS EATING BREAKFAST

When His Train Arrived at Newcastle but He Immediately Left the Table

TO RESPOND TO GREETINGS

Then Started on Horseback on the First Bear Hunt of His Vacation

New Castle, Colo., April 15.—President Roosevelt left his private car here this morning and started on horseback on the first bear hunt of his vacation in the Rocky mountains.

The president was eating breakfast when his train arrived here but immediately left the table to respond to the noisy greetings of the crowd which had assembled at the station to welcome him. There were about 1,000 people in the assemblage which comprised practically the entire population of the town and hundreds from the surrounding country.

President Roosevelt made a speech occupying about 10 minutes, after which he finished his breakfast.

RETURN TRIP ITINERARY.

Pueblo, Colo., April 15.—The Star Journal today prints an announcement of the itinerary for President Roosevelt's trip from Newcastle, as given out by Mal S. K. Hooper, general passenger agent of the Rio Grande road, P. B. Stewart, whose guest the president was at Colorado Springs last evening, and Congressman Franklin E. Brooks. These gentlemen met the train here yesterday and it was arranged that he should go for his vacation would be accepted if nothing interfered. The president will be taken over the narrow gage portion of the Rio Grande railroad in a special narrow gage Pullman train prepared especially for him and in which he will be the first person to travel. This route will take him through some of the wildest country in the state. On the return the president will stop in Pueblo and Denver.

The details of the trip are being worked out by the passenger department of the road.

AT GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 15.—President Roosevelt's special train arrived here at 7:30 o'clock this morning and five minutes later left for Newcastle, 12 miles west of this town, where the first bear hunt of his vacation will be held.

President Roosevelt, in hunting garb, appeared on the rear platform of his car and responded briefly to the enthusiastic greetings of the large crowd assembled at the depot here. He said nothing on returning to his hunting trip next month, he would stop here for a day and take a plunge in the hot pool.

SUMMER OF SPORT AND PROSPERITY.

New York, April 15.—When the bugle calling to this afternoon at Aqueduct to the post the contestants in the opening race of the Metropolitan season, it is confidently expected that a summer of splendid sport and prosperity on the turf will be inaugurated, approaching the banner year of 1903.

There are more thoroughbreds in training now than ever before have been registered with the Jockey Club, insuring plenty of material for the blood contests which will continue each week day until November. Then, too, May 4 will see the opening of the magnificient course this afternoon at Aqueduct.

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