

THAT ATTACK ON CZAR NICHOLAS.

Still Unsettled Whether the Shot
Was the Result of Design
Or Accident.

ST. PETERSBURG PRESS IS MUM

But Accounts of the Grand Ceremonies
Is Long and Rich in
Detail.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20, 4:10 a. m.—In spite of the official statement that the cannon shot yesterday which might easily have wiped out the whole of the Romanoff family, was the result of carelessness in leaving a shot at target practice, the mysterious case is still under the combined investigation of the military and the police, and the public seems as little inclined as the authorities to accept the published version. The officers and men of the battery have not been arrested, but are confined to barracks, and by the military regulations are so closely under restraint that it is impossible for the culprit or culprits to escape until the responsibility is determined. It cannot be said definitely whether the affair was an accident or the result of design. The general belief is that a widespread plot did not exist, but evidence of design are so apparent that the statement attributing the presence of a loaded shell to previous target practice evoked smiles in many quarters. It is pointed out as being highly improbable that the gun had not been cleaned for two days, and it is impossible that a second cartridge could have been inserted for saluting purposes behind the first, and it is certainly a startling coincidence that the gun containing this cartridge should have been trained directly upon the imperial chapel.

Whatever may be the solution, it is a strange fact that the shot came from the Bourse esplanade, where was stationed the First horse artillery of the guard, the premier artillery organization of the empire, and one of the most noted regiments in the whole Russian service. The roster of this organization of aristocratic traditions has included Grand Dukes, princes and some of the most illustrious names in Russia. Lieut.-Gen. Grippenberg was formerly an officer of the regiment, and Grand Duke Sergius Michailovich, the chief artillery inspector of the Russian army, whose duty it is to conduct the investigation, was himself formerly colonel of the regiment.

The two investigations are proceeding independently, and both are guarded with the utmost secrecy. Military experts say indications point to a charge consisting of grape having been inserted surreptitiously in a saluting cartridge. If this was the case, probably only one man was involved. Certainly if there was an extensive, deep-laid plot or if an officer was involved, it was badly executed. It is pointed out that it is hardly probable that an expert artilleryman should have prepared a weak, scattering charge which could hardly carry across the Neva. At the same time an indication of design is the fact that the gun was laid directly against the imperial pavilion. Had the gun contained a service charge or a regular shell the pavilion must infallibly have been destroyed. It is clear that the saluting was done most recklessly, as the flashes of the blank shots from St. Peter and St. Paul fortresses showed, and the guns were directed straight at the winter palace.

PRESS VERY MUM.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—Nothing betrays the conditions in Russian journalism than the appearance of the St. Petersburg papers on the morning after an occurrence which nearly added another violent death to the history of the emperor and his family. There are prominent headlines, but almost no editorial references, and the most brief mention possible of the unexpected hail of grape shot around the little chapel which the emperor and the Romanoff family had gathered for the great religious festival of the Epiphany and blessing the waters of the Neva.

The account of the state ceremony prepared by the court means much and rich in detail describing the appearance and garb of the individual participants and the progress of events from minute to minute. Appended to this court circular are short paragraphs from various papers, alluding in the most guarded terms to the unexpected danger in which his majesty stood. These add practically nothing to the knowledge of the event in spite of half a day's opportunity for investigation and inquiry.

The Novoe Vremya, which publishes the most extended account, shows that chief interest in the incident followed the second and third shots, but offers no explanation. The paper editorializes briefly on the inexcusable carelessness of permitting so perilous a happening and on the general joy at the escape of his majesty, and the relief to strained nerves. It concludes by expressing the hope that the miraculous escape of the emperor from mortal danger while engaged in the pious rites of the faith may be an omen that Russia is under like protection; that Providence is watching over those who live by faith and that she may emerge in equal safety from the perils in which she now stands.

Other papers publish less regarding the event, not even the names of the officers commanding the battery or the artillerymen tending the guns, are given. The reader is left largely to draw his own conclusions as to the connection between the sound of the salute and the patter of the balls about the pavilion.

Port Arthur's Capture Celebrated
Tokio, Jan. 20, noon.—The business men of this city celebrated the capture of Port Arthur today. Speeches were made by the premier, Count Katsura; Vice Admiral Togo, and the ministers of war and the navy.

An aide-de-camp of the emperor left the Shinjoh station today, taking with him nine carloads of imperial gifts for the officers and men of the armies in the field.

BILL RAISER ARRESTED.
W. S. Kirk, Man of Many Aliases, Caught by the Officers.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Representing himself to his wife of a year as a government secret service agent and living in a luxurious apartment in Prairie avenue, but in reality declared to be the cleverest bill raiser who has worked in the west in recent years, having made, it is said, \$5,000 since last January, the story of the career of W. S. Kirk has come to light.

Kirk's bill was raised by Judge Sanborn of the United States district court from \$5,000 to \$10,000 after Thomas I. Porter of the secret service had testified to his operations and ex-

If it isn't right we'll
gladly make it so.

**SMITH'S
FLOUR**
IS GOOD OR MONEY
BACK.

hibited his implements and raised bills.
Kirk was arrested in Aurora, giving the name of Charles Clemens. He was brought to Chicago and his young wife learned that she had been deceived.

Kirk was wanted in almost every large city of the west on a charge of passing raised bills. He worked under the names of Charles Clemens, W. S. Kirk, Eusebius, Carson, Larson and W. H. Lehman.

"There are enough charges against this man," said Secret Service Agent Porter, "to keep him in the penitentiary for 100 years. For each he may be imprisoned 15 years."

Sick and Wounded at Pt. Arthur

Tokio, Jan. 20, Noon.—It is stated that there are 18,556 sick and wounded Russian prisoners at Port Arthur. Of these, 3,557 are connected with the navy.

ST. PETERSBURG STRIKE

Employees of Sangalli Kolinkin Spinning Mills Go Out.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—The employees of the Sangalli Kolinkin spinning mills ceased work today and considerable further accessions to the ranks of the strikers are expected in the course of the day. The men already out in pursuance of the plan to enforce a general strike are parading the streets of the Basile district compelling work shops, printing works and small shopkeepers to close. It is estimated that the bands so engaged aggregate 5,000 men. They have broken into several factories and into the printing works of the academy of science forcing the employees to join them. The management of the printing works, which is a government establishment, acting on the advice of the police, agreed to the men giving up work so as to avoid a disturbance.

As the day progressed the ranks of the strikers were rapidly augmented. Delegations, each 200 strong, visited all the factories and printing shops threatening to compel a cessation of work unless the employees voluntarily joined in the strike.

Practically all the small establishments in St. Petersburg are already closed in response to the demands of the strikers, while the printing works and tobacco factories are following suit. One of the deputations of strikers visited the office of a recently established news agency and informed the printers that unless they joined the movement the building would be wrecked. The printers, numbering about 100, promptly quit work and the agency is now sending out its news in stenciled sheets instead of printed. The troops have been called out.

STEAMER LETHINGTON CONDEMNED.
Nagasaki, Jan. 20, 4 p. m.—The British steamer Lethington has been condemned by the naval prize court of Sasebo.

The Lethington was captured on Jan. 12 in the Tushima straits by Japanese torpedo boat destroyer No. 72. She had a cargo of coal on board and was bound for Vladivostok.

She was taken to Sasebo.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK CAR.
Was Supposed to be Carrying Government Money.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 20.—An unsuccessful attempt was made today to wreck an early Ford Des Moines car, supposed to carry government cash to meet the post payroll. An open switch on a high grade threw the car from the rails when it was barely prevented from plunging down the high embankment. Ida Stewart, colored, a domestic employed at the post, was the only passenger. She was thrown violently against the side of the car and severely injured. It is believed to have been the plan of the bandits to cause the car to be wrecked at the bottom of the embankment. When this failed they disappeared without attempting to loot the contents.

Correct Detective Bureau Evils.
New York, Jan. 20.—Reports that Police Commissioner McAdoo will ask the legislature to pass a bill that will correct the alleged evils of the city detective bureau have been confirmed by that official. The bill, which may even go so far as to abolish the bureau in its present form, will be prepared next week and hurried to Albany for legislative consideration.

At police headquarters it is generally believed that Mr. McAdoo will endeavor to free the central office of those detectives sergeants who were given their positions by a former police commissioner, many of whom, it was said at the time, met with political favor, but had little or no real detective qualifications.

Decision to reorganize this important branch of the police department grew out of a conference between the commissioner and Mayor McClellan. The entire police situation was gone over, the commissioner pointing out where the evils lay that forbade a complete rehabilitation of the department without legislative help. The subject of proposed changes against certain members of the force was likewise discussed.

PROPOSAL TO DAM PT. ARTHUR HARBOR

Then Water Will be Pumped Out
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Russian War Vessels.

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nomical Method.

Tokio, Jan. 20.—It has been proposed to dam Port Arthur harbor at the entrance and pump out the water preparatory to salving the Russian war vessels. Discussing the matter a naval officer today said that under ordinary circumstances such a great work would be unprofitable, but in view of the number of ships possibly salvable and the shallowness and smallness of the harbor, it may be the most economical method.

TOOK CORROSIVE SUBIMATE

Did Mrs. Sadie Thompson Be-
cause Husband Upbraided Her.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Because her husband upbraided her for smoking cigarettes, a habit which had undermined her health and which she could not conquer, Mrs. Sadie Thompson, wife of Robert Oliver Thompson, sexton of the Oak Park Episcopal church, has swallowed a dose of corrosive sublimate and died after a lingering and agonizing illness. While she was in the fatal grip of the drug, the sight of her grief-stricken husband and little daughter renewed her desire for life, and although a physical wreck, she prayed that she might live for her family's sake.

According to the testimony of Thompson at the inquest, his wife had been addicted to the cigarette habit for seven years.

"We have often had angry words over it," said Thompson, "and she often had tried to break herself of the habit, but she would always go back to it again. She was nervous and irritable because of the smoking, and once before four years ago she tried to kill herself by taking morphine."

DENVER GETTING GOOD.

Mayor Spear Designates This a
Day of Prayer.

Denver, Jan. 20.—Out of deference to Evangelist J. W. Wangerman and his assistants, who are holding meetings in this city, and who had designated this as a special day of prayer, Mayor R. W. Spear ordered all city and county offices closed between 11:30 and 2 o'clock today. Nearly all large stores were also closed to permit their employees to attend the noonday meetings in the business district.

THE PENN'S TROUBLES.

Board of Adjustment Trying to
Settle Them.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—The board of adjustment, with Grand Master Morrissey and First Vice Grand Master Lee went into session early today. Both Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Lee stated that there was nothing to say about the conference which began shortly before last midnight and lasted until nearly 2 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Morrissey said that while he expected to see General Manager Atterbury of the Pennsylvania during the day, he had no positive engagements with him. It is believed that the proposition which Mr. Morrissey will make to Mr. Atterbury is that extra firemen be placed at various points along the Pennsylvania railroad, where it is necessary for the regular fireman to have assistance. This, it is said, is what the board of adjustment has had in view.

REPLY TO UNITED STATES.

Pres. Castro of Venezuela Will
Give a Negative One.

Paris, Jan. 20.—Information reaching authoritative quarters here from Caracas, Venezuela, says President Castro has decided to give a negative reply to the representatives of the United States. The president has left Caracas for a fortnight with the evident intention of putting off an immediate reply. His attitude leads to apprehensions here that the situation in Venezuela may develop serious complications.

Injured in a Wreck.

Durham, N. H., Jan. 20.—A number of persons were injured, four seriously, by the wrecking of the Sunrise express on the Boston & Maine railroad, near here today. No one was killed. The accident was caused by a broken rail.

F. E. ELLINGSON

Agrees to Make Good Amount of
Alleged Defalcation.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 20.—Upon the payment today of \$9,000 by F. E. Ellingson, president of the Farmer's Mutual Co-operative Livestock associa-

TEA
The Bank of England
couldn't stand such a draft
as dissatisfaction with mon-
eyback tea would bring.

tion, who, with Cashier Haugen, nephew of Congressman Haugen, and T. S. Baker, was made defendant in a suit to recover an alleged defalcation of \$26,000, the suit is practically dropped and Ellingson has agreed to make good the entire amount.

GUILTY OF MURDER.
John M. Speyer Cut His Son's
Throat With a Razor.

Kansas City, Jan. 20.—John Martin Speyer, a circus performer, formerly of New Orleans, who killed his young son while showing in Kansas City two years ago, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree. At his first trial he was given a sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary, and appealed. Officers had gone to the circus tent to serve a warrant upon Speyer, charging him with assaulting a young girl, and a mob threatened to lynch him, when he broke away, cut his child's throat with a razor and then tried to commit suicide. Speyer said he killed the boy to save him from disgrace.

SHOT BY A NEGRO.

C. A. Wagoner Mortally Wound-
ed While Defending His Wife.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 20.—C. A. Wagoner, a carpenter, was perhaps mortally wounded in his own home today. He

told the police that a negro had entered his house and made an attempt to assault his wife, and in his endeavor to protect her he was shot by the negro, who made his escape. Sixteen men have been arrested on suspicion.

Half an hour before the negro attacked Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner, he also attempted to assault Mrs. Louis Jones, a neighbor of the Wagoners. In the struggle Mrs. Jones seized the negro's revolver, when he shot her into insensibility. It is also feared that she will die.

WISCONSIN SENATORSHIP.

Republican Caucus Called for
Monday to Decide It.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 20.—A Republican caucus has been called for Monday night for the purpose of nominating a candidate to succeed United States Senator Quarles. Forty-six out of 48 administration, or La Follette, supporters, members of the assembly, have pledged themselves to vote for the caucus until a senator shall be nominated, and to prevent an adjournment without a nomination. They will vote for Gov. La Follette. This action, it is said, practically assures the election of the governor.

**NIEDRINGHAUS LOST
ANOTHER VOTE TODAY**

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 20.—The fourth ballot for United States senator to succeed Francis M. Cockrell, taken by the legislature today in joint session, resulted on no election. The vote was: Francis M. Cockrell, 81; T. K. Niedringhaus, 80; R. C. Kerens, 9; Pettijohn, 1. Necessary to a choice, 84.

Niedringhaus lost one more vote today, which went to Kerens. Two men who yesterday voted for Pettijohn today went to Kerens. Adjourned until Monday.

Before the balloting began today, Col.

R. C. Kerens, who started the recent bolt against Thomas K. Niedringhaus, the Republican caucus nominee, and the latter held a 15 minutes' conference.

Mr. Kerens told Mr. Niedringhaus that he claimed precedence for senatorial honors on account of his service to the party and his long years of waiting.

"I would be willing to give up a senatorship if I had your youth," said Kerens to Niedringhaus, adding that he thought the caucus nominee could afford to wait. Mr. Niedringhaus smiled pleasantly at the comments of Mr. Kerens and the heat of feeling prevailed apparently.

Later Mr. Niedringhaus said that the meeting was personal and not for the purpose of breaking the dead lock.

"I am practically United States senator from Missouri now," he said, "bearing a little formality in the joint session."

Temperatures.
Chicago, Jan. 20.—7 a. m. tempera-

ture: New York, 38; Boston, 36; Philadelphia, 3; Washington, 31; Chicago, 25; Minneapolis, 26; Cincinnati, 32; St. Louis, 28.

DELEGATE RANDALL.
United Mine Workers' Union Has
Expelled Him.

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—Delegate Randall of Wyoming, who charged President Mitchell with having sold out the Colorado miners was today expelled from the United Mine Workers' union.

MURDER OR SUICIDE.
Jacob Rigeway Wright Dies of a
Bullet Wound.

New York, Jan. 20.—Jacob Rigeway Wright, who is said to be a wealthy and socially prominent resident of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was taken

from his apartments in the hotel Imperial today with a bullet wound in his left side. He died a few hours after being taken to a hospital.

Before his death he declared that the shot which caused his injury had been fired by himself by accident. His physician, Dr. Howard A. Pardee, however, who was with him at the time of the shooting, was detained for a time by the police as a witness.

When the policeman who arrested Dr. Pardee arraigned the prisoner in police court he said the doctor had told him that he believed Wright had shot himself because of business troubles. The physician was then paroled until tomorrow.

Mr. Wright had been a guest at the Imperial for more than four months and during nearly all that time has been in poor health.

NEUTRALITY OF CHINA.
Russian Complaints Said to Have
A Sinister Purpose.

Peking, Jan. 20.—A high official of the Chinese foreign office said in an interview today that the neutrality of China was assured now as hitherto. Every precaution had been taken, the official declared, and he could only suppose that the present Russian complaints were intended to constitute a pretext for further demands as compensation for the loss of Port Arthur. The official emphatically denied that there was any connection between Chinese neutrality and anti-foreign feeling, instancing the prompt suppression of the disturbances at Shanghai in connection with the delay in bringing to trial the Russian sailors who killed a Chinaman there as the result of a dispute about the hire of a Jukihsa.

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Boys' and Girls' fleeced lined Undershirts and Drawers, only— 15c	Family size Meat Platters, only— 9c	Infants' and children's knit hoods, only— 10c	Infants' Knit Jackets, 50c regular, only— 29c
Ladies' Knit Under Skirts, only— 39c	Children's union suits, fleeced lined, only— 20c	Ladies' union suits fleeced lined only— 39c	Best Matches, one dozen boxes for— 10c
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