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# ACCIDENT OR DESIGN. CZAR'S LIFE IN DANGER.

## Russian Imperial Family Had Narrow Escape From Death.

### Cannon Was Depressed and Loaded With Grape Shot.

#### All the Members of the Shooting Battery Now Under Arrest.

A St. Petersburg cable: What is believed to have been a deliberate attempt to take the life of the Emperor of Russia, when he was in the city of St. Petersburg, was made today when the Emperor of All the Russias attended the ceremonies of blessing the waters of the Neva. A loaded cannon was fired from one of the guns of a saluting battery placed on the other side of the river, and a gendarme who belonged to the Emperor's personal guard, was killed by one of the bullets. Other bullets and pieces of shell entered the Winter Palace, which fronts on the river and on the Nevsky Prospect. The battery from which the shot was fired was under the titular command of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who is a kinsman of the Emperor. All its members have been detained in barracks, and will be under nominal arrest until the completion of an investigation of the affair.

**Significance of Attempt.**  
On a day unmarked by a single item of news of interest or significance from the Far East, St. Petersburg itself has provided a sensation which for the time being has driven the war into the background. An attempt upon the life of the Emperor is often reported and often occurs, but to-day's attempt differs from the others in importance and significance. The official explanation that the affair was an "accident" is universally dismissed, as is suggestion that one gun was loaded with case shells, with the view of possible disorder. An immense crowd assembled in the neighborhood of the Bourse. All agree that the missiles which passed directly over the Emperor's head were fired during the sacred ceremony and crashed into the chambers through which he passed a few moments afterwards which he intended to kill him and as many of his courtiers as possible. It is significant that such an attempt was made by members of the army and by a regiment of the titular commander is the Emperor's kinsman.

**THE DETAILS.**  
A Narrow Escape of the Whole Royal Family.

A St. Petersburg cable: The festival of the Epiphany, the blessing of the waters, had just concluded at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when simultaneously with the salute fired from the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress a shower of grape shot swept over the little chapel built out over the frozen Neva in front of the Winter Palace, where Emperor Nicholas and every member of the Romanoff family were participating in the service. The missiles went high, entering windows of the splendid row of salons along the water front, from which the Emperor, the ladies of the court and the members of the diplomatic corps and all the high dignitaries of the state, army and navy were witnessing the glittering spectacle below. Fortunately the bullets passed over the heads of all the royals, and striking the opposite wall and clattering down on the parqueted floor of the white salon.

**Czar's Narrow Escape.**  
The Emperor had a miraculous escape. The missiles came from a gun of the Bourse Battery, which was loaded with case shot instead of blank shot, either by accident or design. Some of the bullets actually struck the little open chapel in which His Majesty was standing, and the staff of one of the standards and fairly rattled the basement windows of the palace, killing a policeman outright, and wounding an officer and three marines. Had the gun been aimed a little lower the charge of grape might have wiped out the whole Romanoff dynasty.

**Batteries Under Arrest.**  
After services in the chapel at 1:15 the procession returned. The Emperor and his ladies took place at the windows, while the Emperor, the Grand Dukes and clergy, gorgeously robed, descended to take part in the open air ceremonial. The Winter Palace stands on an embankment of the Neva called the Palace Quay. The river is now frozen and covered with snow. At this point the river is some 300 yards wide. Immediately opposite the palace is the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. A few hundred yards lower down is a wide open space ended by the steps of the Bourse. At the end of this space were eight guns of the battery the members of which are now under arrest. On the palace side of the river, facing the central entrance, was a gilded pavilion, with a blue, star spangled dome, surmounted by a cross. The procession of priests and chorists bearing tapers and sacred emblems, standard bearers of the guard regiments, the Emperor and the Grand Dukes slowly ascended the crimson-carpeted stairway of the pavilion. All were bareheaded. The solemn service began immediately and lasted some ten minutes. It concluded with the Metropolitan thrice immersing the Emperor in the waters of the Neva through a hole cut in the three-foot thick ice. Then stooping over he made a gesture, and dipped into the Neva a gold chalice already filled with holy water from the River Jordan. This chalice was handed to the Emperor, a historic prayer being pronounced for the river, its vessels and their freights.

As the Emperor raised the chalice to his lips a signal rocket announced that the ceremony was complete. Then the Emperor's salute boomed forth. With the third gun came a harsh report, the significance of which has been already described.

Throughout the excitement the Emperor remained unmoved. As he and the Emperor's ladies left the palace in a two-hour brougham His Majesty was calm and impassive. He looked careworn, but there was no emotion in his eyes, which are these of a dreamer.

**CONSPIRACY ADMITTED.**  
The Official Story of "Accident" Not Credited.

A London cable: The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Express says it is admitted that the occurrence was the work of a conspiracy. He adds that the men of the battery of horse artillery charged with firing the salute loaded the third gun with case shot and pointed it directly at the pavilion occupied by the Emperor. Its elevation was much lower than that of the other guns. The whole battery has been arrested pending an enquiry.

There was a great crowd on the ice at the time of the occurrence, but its members suspected nothing. They pressed forward to fill bottles with the sanctified water from a hole in the ice that the Metropolitan had broken with a crucifix in order to bless the water with which the Emperor was to be anointed. There was confusion, however, at one corner of the quay, where the police admitted they had received warnings of the possibility of violence happening. They searched for clues in vain. The quay was watched for several days, and a diver was even sent down before the pavilion. Nothing suspicious was found. Six windows of the palace were broken. The bullets used are obsolete, but can be easily obtained.

A St. Petersburg despatch to a news agency says that Admiral Avellan, Minister of Marine, was struck by a splinter from the framework of a window.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Morning Post says it is noticeable that while the Imperial and ecclesiastical procession was issuing from the palace a large number of the spectators did not remove their hats until officers of the gendarmes admonished them to uncover. This was an unusual attitude for Russians during a public religious service.

# BRITAIN'S CASE, RUSSIA'S REPLY

## Presented at the Hearing on the North Sea Outrage.

### Former Story Adhered to by the Russians.

#### Presence of Torpedo Boats Among Hull Fleet.

A Paris cable: The international commission appointed to enquire into the North Sea incident began its public sessions this afternoon. The meeting of the commission was held in the state dining hall of the D'Orsay Palace (Foreign Office), which was crowded with high officials, diplomats, and representatives of the navies of the principal maritime powers. Several members of the staff of the Japanese Legation were among the diplomats present. Admiral Fournier (France) presided, with Rear-Admiral Beaumont (Great Britain) and Admiral Van Span (Austria-Hungary) at his right and Vice-Admiral Doubauff (Russia) and Rear-Admiral Davis (United States) on his left. A large force of British counsel and advisers was at the right of the court. Baron Taube, the Russian judicial adviser, and other Russians, were in the left part of the hall.

**WOMEN'S DUEL TO DEATH.**  
Fists, Hairpins and Daggers Used in Paris Tug-of-War.

London, Jan. 23.—The Chronicle publishes the following from Paris: A remarkable crime in the open street took place in the Rue de Bondy, when two women, both of them well dressed, leapt out of cabs which had brought them to the place, and started fighting with their fists. Presently they used their nails, attacking each other ferociously, and finally they chose hairpins for their weapons. At last the hatpins broke, and one of the women cried: "Now we must finish it. One of us must disappear." "As you wish," answered the other.

The next minute they stood facing one another with daggers in their hands. The two women closed again, and, with a terrible cry of agony, one fell backwards to the ground, saying, "Oh, she has killed me!"

M. Paillard, a musician of the Porte St. Martin Theatre, attempted to assist the wounded woman, but the other interposed, and plunged her dagger twice into M. Paillard's chest.

Then, before she could get her way, she ran to where her cab was waiting, and, jumping into it, was driven off. The coachman slashed at the horses, and the murderess was soon out of sight.

The wounded woman was taken to the hospital, where she died almost immediately. The police later arrested Clementine Ponceaux, a girl of sixteen. Her plea was that she was first attacked, and struck out in self-defence.

# HUG WAS FATAL

## HUSBAND SAW IT AND SHOT DEAD

Charlotte, Mich., Jan. 23.—Charles Smith, in a fit of jealous rage last night shot and killed Morton Kimes, aged 16 years, because the latter, it is said, made love to Smith's wife. When Deputy Sheriff Spears reached the scene Smith was found pacing the floor, and on seeing the officer, frankly remarked: "Spears, I have killed a man, and am ready to be locked up."

The prisoner was taken to Eaton Rapids this morning, arraigned before Justice Weatherax, waived examination, and bound over to the circuit court for trial. It is possible Smith may plead guilty.

The prisoner was married about two months ago to a girl named Wagner, aged 16 years, who at the time was a dishwasher in a wood-chopper's camp. She was the only female in the house, with half a dozen men. A week ago, it is claimed, Smith discovered Kimes hugging and kissing Mrs. Smith, and the love-making so angered him that he was unable to control himself. He then decided to kill his wife's boy lover.

# NIPPED BY FROST.

## THE COLD SNAP WORKS HAVOC IN THE RIVIERA.

New York, Jan. 23.—A Paris despatch to the Herald, says special to that paper relate that the damage done on the Riviera in the recent cold snap, was very widespread. Flowers suffered and fruit was injured, perhaps destroyed. Ruin existed in the Italian Riviera, and the French Litoral. The beautiful garden of Nice and its neighborhood are now nearly barren. It is impossible to estimate the loss. Florists at Cannes say it will be at least 4,000,000 francs, or 800,000 dollars. Despatches give a gloomy picture of the desolation caused by this cold spell, which is the worst the Riviera has ever known.

# FIFTY CENTS FED SEVEN.

## New York Woman's Husband Allowed Her That Much a Day.

New York, Jan. 23.—To maintain herself and her six children, Mrs. Natalie Deprado, Hoboken, was given just fifty cents a day by her husband. She told Recorder Stanton yesterday, and arranged the following menu to explain how she did it:

Two loaves of bread and coffee ..... 15  
Garlic and macaroni ..... 15  
Fat pork and stale bread ..... 22  
Total ..... 52

She declared she was kept on this allowance for months, until her husband, who she said was a miser, died five months ago, because the father of the children would not save \$5,000 more.

The husband finally agreed to give his wife \$1 a day to maintain her family.

# BRIDE FAILED TO APPEAR.

## Englishman Residing in Toronto Leaves for England to Ask Why.

Haltax, N. S., Jan. 23.—F. P. Howard, an Englishman, who came to Canada some time ago, and holds a good position at Toronto, arrived here on Monday, and was expected from England on the mail steamer Portland. He did not arrive, however, and Mr. Howard called England for an explanation, but as no answer came he packed his trunk last night and sailed on the steamer Corinthian for England.

# AGED METHODIST MINISTER

## In a Detroit Court Pleading on Behalf of His Son.

Detroit, Jan. 23.—With tears in his eyes, his noble looking face depicting pain in its every line, Rev. Dr. James Livingstone, an aged Methodist minister, stood by the side of his young son, Richard, in Judge Phelan's court on Monday morning, and pleaded to be allowed to address the jury in his boy's behalf.

The young man was on trial charged with holding up and robbing Samuel Hittle, an ex-pugilist, of \$35 in his saloon, shortly before midnight on the night of Nov. 13 last.

The aged man of God, who has reached nearly the allotted time of man, stood there, his tall form erect and his white hair flowing nearly to his shoulders, like some noble statesman of old, fighting for some glorious cause. There was silence in the court room and every eye was upon him.

Prosecutor Trenor objected to a layman being permitted to address the jury and the old minister arose and said:

"If it is not in accordance with the jurisdiction, I am very sorry to ask for anything that would not be a privilege, your honor. No doubt as the prosecutor says, I view this from a different standpoint from what he does, and anything I might say might be irrelevant, preaching for effect, and we know to preach the law does not produce the most emotional and genial effect, and probably I might be inclined—naturally, I would, as the father of the defendant—to appeal to the warmer and to the more emotional nature of the jury.

My talk, of course, whatever it would be, would be more upon the line of protection as well as punishment, as I am a man of the people, and for the people, and of course, feel that I am interested in every man's son and daughter—have prayed for them, always—for the stranger that is within our gates. So that

into the wreckage resulting from the first collision. The cars of one of the Scotch expresses burst into flames, and were soon ablaze from end to end. There were not many passengers on the train, or the casualties must have been far heavier, as the impact was so great that the cars were telescoped and splintered.

# RAILWAY DISASTER IN BRITAIN.

## Four Passengers and Two Employees Killed and Many Injured.

London, Jan. 23.—An alarming collision, in which three trains were involved, including the Scotch expresses, occurred on the Midland Railway near Bardsley early this morning. Four passengers and two railwaymen were killed, and a score were injured, of whom seven were seriously hurt. The accident occurred at 10.15 a.m. The train, which was pulled on Jan. 16 consisted of 6,000 Cossocks, with ten guns. They retired in a northerly direction, through Looe-univision. The same force, when encountered later, appeared greatly fatigued. Many of the Russians were dressed entirely in Chinese costume, even to queues.

From other sources it is reported that lately Cossocks attacked a Japanese position near Hinglungton, southeast of Mukden. Eleven Japanese were missing after the action.

Twelve hundred workmen are repairing the dry dock at Port Arthur. The British steamer Bowdry, bound from Kiao-Chau to Vladivostok with a cargo of shipbuilding materials, was seized to-day in the Tushima Strait.

# MORE ROOM.

## MONTREAL G. T. R. OFFICES TO BE ENLARGED.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 23.—Plans are being prepared for the addition of two stores to the general offices of the Grand Trunk Railway Company. It is only two and a half years since the palatial McGill street building was opened, but pressure for more accommodation already has been experienced. Accommodation for the Grand Trunk Pacific staff also will be required, and with this in view plans are being prepared for two additional stores to the big building.

# WAITED WITH A ROPE

## TO LYNCH THE MAN WHO KILLED A CONSTABLE.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 23.—An Algoma despatch says: William Sauer, Jun., who shot and killed Constable Moore yesterday while the latter was attempting to replenish some logs in possession of Sauer, was captured yesterday afternoon a few miles from here. Had he been brought here he certainly would have been lynched, as a large crowd was waiting for him with a rope. A detour was made, however, and Sauer was taken to Robert's Landing. The Sauer's are farmers in middle Canada, a few miles below here. The logs are some that broke away from the booms of the Hatt Lumber Co., Sarnia, two years ago.

# CUTTING DOWN FORCE.

## GVERNOR WOOD RETRENCHING IN THE YUKON.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23.—A despatch from Dawson says that a wholesale reduction in the Government force is being made in the Yukon territory through acting Governor Major Wood. The present officer's department, mining inspector's office have been abolished and have been consolidated under other offices. The police will do all recording and inspecting in outlying districts, and will receive applications and forward the same to Dawson. Thirty employees are being dismissed, among them all the mining inspectors and recorders.

# THEY WORE QUEUES.

## How the Cossocks Disguised Themselves.

Tokio, Jan. 23.—A report comes from the Manchurian headquarters of the Japanese army that with the Cossock detachment that raided the district west of New-Chwang were a large number of Chinese regular cavalry. The Russian casualties in the fighting on Jan. 14 were over three hundred. The report states that the Russian force re-

the jury would expect me to protect their boys and girls, if they wandered into the city. All I would want them to do would be to keep in remembrance the fact that this defendant did not have the protection that he should have had from the man who is prosecuting. If I were to talk all day, that is about all I would have to say. I said to my attorney before I thought I would even have the privilege of speaking at all, that I was perfectly satisfied with the jury, that I liked the personnel of the jury, and was very willing to leave my case in their hands. I might also say that I have perfect confidence in the Honorable Judge who is presiding, and that he will deal fairly, justly and judiciously with this case."

Judge Phelan replied: "I would have no objections whatever to permitting the defendant's father to address the jury, were it not for the fact that there is not only a law to the contrary, but it is a well established rule. The defendant himself can defend his acts in person; he may himself appeal to the jury, but I do not recall where a third person can be granted that privilege, and while I appreciate the position of the respondent, I cannot allow him to address the jury."

When the jury filed slowly out to decide upon a verdict, the old minister stood with head bowed in prayer, and as each jurymen passed him, they seemed to gaze with sympathy upon the aged father, whose noble fight for his son's liberty they had just witnessed.

The jury was out but a few minutes when a verdict was reached. "Not guilty," the foreman said. For a moment the old man stood, his eyes raised to heaven, as if thinking the Almighty, then he embraced his son, and both thanked the jury and shook hands with each man.

Rev. Dr. James Livingstone is well known in Hamilton, although he was never stationed here. He is a highly respected minister of the Methodist Church of Canada.

# GROOM DROPS DEAD.

## Tragedy Following a Wedding That Took Place at Guelph.

A Guelph report: A most unexpected death occurred this afternoon at the residence of Mr. James Millar, near this city, amidst the enjoyment of a wedding dinner. Mr. William Lash, of Montreal, was married to Mrs. Miller's sister, Miss Jane Anderson. The wedding ceremony was performed at noon by Rev. St. E. Knowles, of Galt, in the presence of a joyous company of the immediate friends of the bride and groom. Afterwards the wedding breakfast was served. The groom replied to the toast to the bride, and the happy couple had gone upstairs to prepare to take the 2:45 Grand trunk train.

Messages of congratulation were being read by some of the friends, when Mr. Lash suddenly fell down. Dr. McKendrick, of Galt, who was present as a guest did everything possible to restore vitality, but to no purpose, and within an hour and a half from the time of the wedding the groom had passed away.

# RECIPROCITY AFAR OFF.

## Boston Chamber of Commerce Still Has Hopes.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 23.—The decline which has taken place in the foreign commerce of the port of Boston was commented upon in the directors' report at the annual meeting of the Boston Chamber of Commerce to-day.

Chief among the causes of the decline was placed the alleged discrimination practised by trunk line railroads in according to the ports of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Newport—New Jersey favors from the interior to the seaboard than to Boston and New York.

Upon the subject of reciprocity the report said: "For many years this organization was a strong advocate of more liberal trade relations with Canada and Newfoundland. We regret to say that no definite progress has yet been made so far as Canada is concerned. As we pointed out in our last report, however, the settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute on 1903, removed the chief obstacle to a satisfactory adjustment of the question."

Mr. H. M. Whitney was re-elected President.

# PIECE OF KNIFE IN HEAD.

## Took Kingston Man Months to Learn He Was Stabbed.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 23.—Dr. Ryan has performed a critical operation by taking almost two inches of a steel blade of a knife from the back of W. B. Manion's head. The patient, a station man on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway at Lavant Station, was set on by a gang of toughs last November, who knocked him down and kicked him. His doctor treated him for a broken blood vessel. About the 1st of January he could feel what he thought was a piece of broken bone coming out of his head. Dr. Ryan found that instead of a piece of bone it was about two inches of steel. This was the first intimation Manion received that he was stabbed.

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