

Czar Alexander.
AN ATTEMPT TO WRECK HIS TRAIN AT MOSCOW.

Moscow, Dec. 8.—An attempt to destroy the life of the Czar was made at Moscow on Monday evening by placing dangerous explosives on the railway track near the entrance to the city. The Imperial train arrived safely at 11 o'clock at night, and the explosion occurred on the passage of the baggage train half an hour afterwards. An official account states that the explosion occurred as the baggage train was entering the Rogozh quarter of Moscow. The train was thrown off the rails, the baggage van overturned, and two passenger carriages thrown across the line. The explosion caused a gap in the permanent roadway over four feet deep, sixteen feet long, and eighteen broad. The house where the mine was exploded has been discovered, and search is being made for the perpetrators. The Czar will return to St. Petersburg to-morrow.

To-day a deputation proceeded to the Kremlin to congratulate His Majesty upon his visit to Moscow. Previous to the Emperor's arrival in the Hall of Audience the Lord Marshal gave the deputation the news of the catastrophe of the previous evening. The hearers appeared thunder-struck, but immediately afterwards broke into loud cheers at the Emperor's escape. The Emperor appeared in the hall at noon, and was presented by the municipal authorities with broad gold salt, when he spoke as follows:—"Gentlemen, I am very glad to see you again, remembering the loyal attachment which you evinced on the occasion of the sad event of April 14. Similar assurances then reached me from all parts. You are already acquainted with the events of yesterday. God preserved me as well as those travelling with me. I am anxious only for the welfare of Russia. I have placed myself in the hands of Providence, but sedition must be extirpated. I appeal, therefore, to you, and all right-minded people, to aid me in the eradication of this evil which has taken root in Russia. I address myself to parents, and urge them to conduct their children in the paths of truth and righteousness, in order that they may become, not miscreants, but useful men and good citizens." The Emperor's words were received with loud cheers.

A person in the baggage train at the time of the explosion says the baggage train of fourteen carriages and two locomotives was despatched half an hour before the train carrying the Emperor, but by a fortunate chance the Czar's train overtook the baggage train, and passed and left it some distance behind. The explosion attracted the police and crowd, who were loud in their expressions of horror. Telegraphic communication was interrupted for a time, the explosion having thrown the posts down. Two railway officials in the immediate vicinity were badly injured. The perpetrators doubtless thought the Czar was in the second train. The public lecturer and magistrates soon arrived. The latter discovered in the courtyard of an empty house concealed wires connected with a battery placed in an out-house from which passing trains could be easily seen. The house was bought in September by a young man who stated that he was a citizen of Samara. He had been observed digging in the cellar by neighbours, but he dismissed suspicion by declaring that the reason for doing so was to obtain sand. From this cellar was dug a passageway in which a train of powder was laid connecting with a mine under the railway. More wires were found behind the wall proper. From the quantity of clothing found in the house it is supposed several persons have been engaged in the work.

Late Comers and Early Goers

The Baltimore American tells the following good story of Rev. Dr. Ormiston, formerly pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, in Hamilton, and well known throughout the Province: No wonder Rev. Dr. Collyer, the great Chicago preacher, was driven to speak sharply to some of the members of his new church in New York when he found that so small a number of them were in the habit of rushing out during the singing of the last hymn in order to catch special trains. Rev. Dr. Ormiston, when he was called to his great charge in that same city, found upon entering his pulpit upon the first Sunday, that but few of his congregation had arrived. He waited until the time for beginning the service, when he rose in his pulpit ready to offer the opening prayer. Still the people kept coming down the aisles, one at a time. The great preacher stood perfectly silent in his pulpit, turning his penetrating glance to each late comer as he opened his pew door, and for fifteen minutes this silence upon his part was kept up, until the last arrival had been seated. This was an absolute cure for lateness in that church, for the members much preferred to sit waiting in their pews for a half hour before the service rather than run the gamut of their pastor's keen eyes in the solemn stillness of his church. There is an unwritten law of church manners, aside from any question of religious propriety, which demands promptness in arrival and a respectful stay until the benediction is pronounced and the official dismissal given from the pulpit. And yet one will find in nearly every church in the city a disregard of these laws which at times becomes intolerable, and which in no small degree disturbs both minister and congregation. In many churches, the last half dozen seats in the body of the house are occupied by persons who always make it a point to come in a few minutes after the service has begun, and go out a few minutes before it is ended. It is not the men, by any means, who are entirely to blame for this state of things, for the rustle of dresses is heard in the aisles after the service has opened fully as often as the creaking of new boots. Pastors owe it to the congregations and to themselves to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Collyer, or try the plan of Ormiston and break up this practice which is so offensive and frequently mars the beauty of a church service.

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