

EVIL DAY PUT BACK

PEACEFUL USHERING IN OF THE
RUSSIAN EASTER.

Cathedrals and Churches Full of
Faithful and Devout Wor-
shippers—Many Impres-
sive Services.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Easter day, Russia's greatest festival of joy and peace, was ushered in with none of the disorder and rioting most dreaded. As for centuries, throngs of the Russian faithful throughout the empire gathered at midnight in and around the cathedrals, churches and shrines to greet the risen Lord and to mark the end of the Lenten gloom and sadness of passion week with illuminations, the pealing of bells and shouts of "hallelujah, Christ is risen; He is risen, indeed."

Nothing could better illustrate the deep piety and devotion of the Russian folk than the participation in the midnight festival. Though for days the people had been fed with rumors that terrorists and revolutionists intended to signalize the festival with a series of bomb outrages throughout the empire, up to 3 o'clock no instance of such an attempt, which would be sure to bring upon the parties responsible the execration of the united Russian nation, has been reported, and it is believed, the rumors were founded only in fears. The credulous authorities, however, took precautions in grand scale, as if the reports of plots to destroy the Easter gladness were really credited, and in St. Petersburg, Moscow and other disaffected centers strong forces of troops and police were held in readiness for any possible emergency.

The governors of practically all the provinces have issued proclamations declaring that there is no basis for alarm, and the government has announced its ability and its intention to preserve order throughout the week, especially on Monday, when disorder is chiefly apprehended.

The absence of the emperor from the midnight services in either of his capitals diminished interest, but the ceremonial was carried out in all its elaborateness and stateliness. The main feature of the service, namely, the procession of the clergy to the tomb where the interment of the Saviour was enacted on Friday afternoon, and the discovery that the tomb was empty, the search around the church for the body of the missing Lord and the angelic proclamation "He is risen," which is repeated by the priests and answered by the congregation with "He is risen, indeed," is identical in every church in Russia, from the great cathedral of St. Isaacs in St. Petersburg or the Kremlin to the humblest village or the canvas tabernacle of the soldiers in the field. In all the larger churches the service is marked by magnificent intoned chorals by vested choirs of men and boys, resonant voices of priests and deacons, the glitter of golden vestments the heavy smoke of incense and the endless repetition of the message of joy.

Though the church capacity of Russia is enormous, the congregations in the cities were unable to get inside the churches, and the crowds outside the principal edifices in St. Petersburg were so dense that the guards had to force a passage or the processions of priests around the walls.

When the signal of the resurrection was given by the cannon from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul the city suddenly burst into light, beacons of resinous wood being kindled, towers and domes of all the churches being illuminated, designs blazing forth from the buildings and candles being lighted in every window. Kisses of greetings were exchanged between relatives and friends, and though among the higher classes in St. Petersburg the custom of general embracing in wailing, as are other ancient observances, among the great mass of the people everyone greeted his neighbor with a kiss.

After the conclusion of services the time for feasting set in. Every house in Russia, from the richest to the poorest, spread a loaded table, and people returning from the churches ate and drank until late. The feasting will be continued during the day, no caller having been allowed to leave the house without tasting its hospitality.

The emperor and the imperial family attended services privately at Tsarsko-Selo instead of at the winter palace, as in 1904, or at the Kremlin, as they formerly did.

HAS SEEN NO FIGHT

RUSSIAN ADMIRALTY SCOUTS RE-
PORT OF ENGAGEMENT.

Unlikely To Be One Soon

THINK TOGO HAS OTHER PLANS
THAN GENERAL ATTACK.

Sortie by Vladivostok Squadron Dis-
cussed at St. Petersburg—Jap-
anese Warships Sighted
Off Indo-China.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Admiralty circles are coming to accept the view that there will be no great or general action between the fleets of Russia and Japan for some time, basing their belief on strategic and tactical reasons, which incline Admiral Togo to avoid a decisive action until he has made every effort to demoralize the Russian fleet by torpedo attacks and interference with transports by his cruiser division.

The admiralty scouted the reports that engagements have already occurred, pointing out the great distance separating the places where the dispatches originated and a naval staff captain declared that reports from English sources should not only be doubted but even mistrusted.

The probability of a sortie by the Vladivostok squadron in an attempt to join Admiral Rojestvensky is discussed by the Razvedchik, a military weekly paper, which confirms the report that three cruisers, Gromobol, Rossia and Bogatyr, have been repaired and that Vladivostok harbor is free of ice and comments on this accession of strength of Rojestvensky. The paper also intimates that there is a possibility that Vice Admiral Nebogatoff has joined the second squadron, and expresses the opinion that Rojestvensky will proceed as rapidly as possible for Vladivostok.

The admiralty continues mistrustful of many of the dispatches from the far east reporting the sighting of Russian and Japanese ships. The officials apparently are certain, however that Admiral Nebogatoff has not entered the China sea. Some naval officers are of the opinion that Admiral Rojestvensky has left some of his transports behind to be conveyed by Nebogatoff, and has pushed on favored by the thick weather reported along the coast. But the majority believe that Rojestvensky will cruise along the Annam coast until Nebogatoff joins him, pointing out that he can afford to play a waiting game, leaving Admiral Togo the alternative of allowing a juncture or sailing a thousand miles from his base to give open battle, which is exactly what Rojestvensky most desires.

The public generally anticipates the publication of a general ukase before Easter, outlining the functions of the representative body promised by the rescript.

The Bouligan commission appointed to carry out the promised reforms, it is understood has completed its preliminary work. At the same time the public is convinced that M. Bouligan's career as minister of the interior is almost at an end. A dozen names are mentioned as his successor, the most prominent being M. Shipoff, president of the Moscow zemstvo, whose nomination would create the best impression. On the other hand, there are others who believe that M. Sturmer, who belonged to the late on Plehve's regime, will be placed in charge of the internal machinery of the empire. They say he will go far beyond what Von Plenev did.

SAIGON, Cochin-China.—Advices just received from Kamranh bay say that twenty Japanese warships passed the bay between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening of April 23. Two ships loaded with rice from Saigon and bound for Japan have been captured by ships belonging to the Russian squadron.

Russian officers are reported to have declared that Admiral Rojestvensky is determined to fight Admiral Togo and will endeavor to vanquish the Japanese squadron or sink with it. Admiral Rojestvensky has given every detail of the coming conflict his particular attention. Togo's flagship will be his objective to a special plan.

TO BUILD BIG NAVY

RUSSIA LETS THE CONTRACT FOR
MANY BATTLESHIPS.

Charles M. Schwab Outmaneuvers
His Foreign Rivals and Secures
Contract—No Sign Of a
Sea Battle.

ST. PETERSBURG.—American superiority over foreign rivals again triumphs in the complete success which has crowned the visit of Chas. M. Schwab to St. Petersburg. Charles M. Schwab's negotiations with the Russian admiralty have resulted in the practical conclusion of an arrangement for the construction of a number of formidable line battleships of a type which will probably startle the world. Mr. Schwab will leave St. Petersburg.

The details of the construction of the vessels remains to be worked out, but in addition to those that will be built in the United States it is quite likely that a yard will be constructed at a Baltic port to be manned by Russian workmen, but under American engineering and mechanical supervision, the Russian admiralty being extremely anxious to utilize the rehabilitation of the navy for the encouragement of the shipbuilding industry at home in order to eventually render the country independent of foreign yards. The admiralty has accepted Mr. Schwab's propositions, strictly on their merits, he having convinced the authorities that he can produce warships superior to anything afloat and at present projected by any government. They will be monster vessels, of enormous horse power and of a peculiar type, combining the projectile-resisting power of the battleship with the speed and wide radius of action of cruisers. They will be delivered fully equipped as to armor and ordnance.

The remarkable advance in naval architecture and construction which these American-built ships will mark is a well guarded secret, but it is believed it will involve the use of nickel steel of greater tensile strength, which, in boilers, frames, etc., will give greater power with dead weight. Mr. Schwab guarantees to create vessels with 20 per centum higher efficiency than any now existing. It is understood, however, that all the ships, will be built by the Bethlehem company, as the time for delivery is a factor, Russia desiring that the ships be turned over as early as possible. While the Bethlehem company will supply the armor and ordnance, of other American yards, therefore, will profit in the construction of the hulls. This is also in accordance with the wish of the admiralty. The Russian authorities, in placing so large a contract, have no desire to arouse hostility among rival commercial interests in America, the aim being not only to take advantage of American genius in building the navy, but distinctly to cultivate closer commercial relations between the two countries. It is understood that no arrangements have as yet been concluded with French or German builders for ships which will be constructed in those countries.

From an inquiry received from the United States it is evident that there is a misunderstanding there about the war tax on petroleum. It does not involve the custom due, but it is only the excise tax which is increased on vaseline and all by-products to a uniform tax of 30 cents. It is quite likely, however, that an increase in the custom duty will follow the internal tax increase.

It is intimated in naval circles that Admiral Rojestvensky is now in the Gulf of Tonquin where, under the shelter of Hainan islands and far outside territorial waters, he can await the arrival of the fourth division of his squadron commanded by Admiral Nebogatoff. No confirmation of this report is obtainable at the admiralty where it is maintained that the exact location of Rojestvensky's squadron is unknown.

General Linevitch, in a dispatch to Emperor Nicholas, dated April 25, says:

"Our advance posts April 22 forced the enemy successively to evacuate the fortified villages of Manchenzou and Nemanpaomeng. The Japanese occupied fortified position about three miles south of Nemanpaomeng, but our artillery fire and the appearance of our detachment on their left flank induced them to retreat hastily towards Kaiyancheng after burning their provision depot. Our troops April 23 compelled the enemy to retire to Kaiyancheng."

NEBRASKA NOTES

Alexander Vance died at his home in Milford. He was a well known stock dealer of Seward.

It is reported that the Burlington will add forty men to its force in the coach shop at Plattsmouth.

C. A. Hedlund has sold his hardware stock in Holdrege to John Hanlon and H. Elkburg for \$10,000.

Miss Mary Foster of Plattsmouth, a graduate of the university, will be school principal at Union.

Dr. Arte Folsom, an oculist of Beatrice, returned home from a four months' trip to Europe.

John Dundle of Humphrey has sold his drug store to O. W. Ferguson of Chappel, who will take charge.

John Beal, a well known ranchman living six miles west of Broken Bow was thrown from a horse and badly injured.

Miles & Johnson proprietors of the Crescent bakery at Beatrice, purchased the bakery of David Chamberlain & Co.

Miss Ella M. Crowell and Carl G. Norseen, both of Tekamah were married at the home of the bride's parents at Beatrice.

Amos Burnett of Plattsmouth, an old veteran, will be furnished a home at the National Soldiers' home at Leavenworth.

Mrs. Harve Beckner has filed a complaint in a justice of the peace court, charging her husband with desertion and abandonment.

The farmers of Bartley neighborhood have organized an elevator company, and will build an elevator at that point in time to handle this season's crop.

F. Hagenmaster has sold his grocery establishment at Table Rock to Oscar Bray of Pawnee City. Mr. Hagenmaster has been in business only three months.

George Philip Keim, a well known citizen of Tecumseh has died. Keim was born in Germany in 1842. Two sons and one daughter, all residents of Johnson county, survive him.

Word was received at Beatrice from La Crosse, Wis., announcing the sudden death of Mrs. Frank Powell, a former Beatrice resident. She was 34 years of age and leaves no family except her husband.

Chicken thieves have been operating at Ashland. S. S. Weddell and S. H. Martin lost a number of fowls, which were taken to Hoffman Bros. store and sold.

The village of Wisner will vote May 9 on a proposition to issue \$9,000 in bonds for the installation of a lighting plant. The bonds are expected to carry, as sentiment is very strong in their favor.

Seward county Board of Supervisors has been in session. The bids for the court house were opened. Five bids were sent in with a number of bids for certain parts of the construction work.

Guy Applegate and William Roberts were arraigned in the district court at Nebraska City on a charge of breaking into and robbing a store at Wyoming station.

Thomas Donahue, aged 22, and nephew of Mrs. P. Clarke, near McCool, Nebr., and with whom he was living, was fatally kicked in the back by a horse, dying a few hours later without regaining consciousness.

J. W. Phillips, who has been pastor of the First Baptist church at Ashland a few months, resigned his charge, to take effect immediately. He will move to Missouri. It is unlikely that a new pastor will be called soon for this church.

Four little girls procured some matches from their teacher's desk at Plattsmouth and while on their way home from school started a fire in the prairie, which spread very rapidly and soon consumed two stacks of hay belonging to E. L. Sack.

W. B. Williams of Stella an extensive breeder and shipper of Scotch collie pups, shipped a pure white one to Hon. William Jennings Bryan as a present. This is the only white one Mr. Williams has raised and he decided to make a present of it to Mr. Bryan. The pup was 3 months old and a fine specimen.

A 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Roos, of Nebraska City, while toddling over the floor fell, and a large darning needle, which she had in her hand, entered the abdomen and punctured the bowels. The physicians have hopes for the recovery of the child, but she is in a critical condition.

LET US ALL LAUGH

JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VA-
RIOUS HUMORISTS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the
World Over—Sayings that are Cheap
but to Old or Young—Funny Selections
that You Will Enjoy.

"Your father is very kind and polite to me, Miss Fleyms," chortled Freddie Fetherlop. "Do you know, when I called on you the other evening, I forgot my overshoes in leaving. And the dear old gentleman hurried after me all the way to the corner to bring them to me."

"Yes, I know," murmured Miss Fleyms, absently. "He was afraid you might come back after them the next evening."—Cleveland Leader.

Practical Economy.
Short—I am going to economize this year.

Long—How are you going to do it?
Short—By paying fewer bills.

Too Much of a Good Thing.



Dr. Quackem—Your husband has peculiar symptoms. Have you any idea what caused his illness?

Mrs. Patient—He took a violent fancy to a new health food recently, and I think he ate too much of it.

Just Before the Battle.

They had been married a year.
"And do you think I am an angel yet?" she asked, eagerly.

"No, not yet," he answered, indifferently.

No Formal Announcement Needed.

Neighbor—I hear you have a baby at your house?

Jones—Yes—who told you?

Neighbor—The baby.

A Joke on Him.

"A wfully dull and monotonous one this way, isn't it?" remarked the tourist who had alighted to stretch his legs at a small station.

"Not always," replied the quiet rustic. "By Heck! This country'll be stirred up purty consid'ble 'round here in a few weeks."

"You don't say? Riots?"

"No; spring plowin'."—Philadelphia Press.

From Around It.

Finnegan—What ails yer face?

Finnegan—The old woman hit me wid the Pavin's of this mornin's meal o' mush.

Finnegan—Go long wid yer! Sure mush is too soft—

Finnegan—Oh, she didn't stop to take it from the pot.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Cause and Effect.

The bald-headed tramp removed his hat as he asked for something to eat.

"Have you ever been married?" asked the kind-hearted lady, as she handed him a ham sandwich and a generous hunk of pie.

"Not guilty, ma'am," answered the tramp. "Appearances air agin, me, I know, but, honest, I lost me hat frum havin' a fever."

As Explained.

Miss Buddington—Are you compelled to wear glasses constantly, Mr. Supleigh?

Supleigh—Oh, dear no. I can—aw—see to sleep without them, donches know.

Proof Positive.

Askitt—Why are you so firm in your belief that thirteen is a fatal number?

Kuolt—Because the proof is indisputable. Why, there isn't a man alive to-day who lived in the thirteenth century.

Sized Them Up.

They were exceedingly smart young men, and they proceeded to have fun with the dignified waiter.

When he approached their table to take their order they stood up and yelled in unison:

"Half dozen raw!"

"I see you are, young gentlemen," replied the imperturbable functionary. "What will you have?"

Prevaricating Proficiency.

"I want to become a press agent. How would you advise me to make myself efficient?"

"Associate with fishermen."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.