

HAS WIND OF PLOT

RUSSIAN REACTIONARIES SEEK TO STOP REFORMS

Willing To Take Any Risk

NEGOTIATIONS WITH TELEGRAPH AND RAILROAD EMPLOYES

RIOTS AND MASSACRE OF JEWS ONE OF PLANS PROPOSED TO PROVE TO CZAR UNLIVENESS OF THE PEOPLE

ST. PETERSBURG.—At session of the cabinet Premier Witte, who was warmly supported by Prince Alexis Obolensky, procurator general of the holy synod, and Count John Tolsto, minister of education, insisted on the suppression of the organization known as the league of the Russian people, through which the agitation of the reactionary "black hundreds" is propagated. It is reported that he was forced to arrive at this decision but this is not absolutely confirmed.

The police prefect, M. von der Launand asked to explain how it happened that the publication of the proclamation calling for the extermination of the Jews was printed in the official printing office attached to his department. The prefect denied having any personal knowledge of the printing.

However, it was established that there is constantly accumulating evidence that the plot to produce a counter revolution in the hope of sweeping away the reforms outlined in the manifesto of October 30, had its origin in a court cabal. The conspiracy includes General Trepoff, commandant of the palace; General Count Ignatieff, M. Stichnisky, former chief adjutant of the interior department; Count Sherometieff, a noted reactionary, and General Prince Potiatin who are said to be utterly reckless of the consequences.

The plan is to provoke riots and massacres of Jews and revolutionists over as wide an area as possible in order to justify still more terrible repression and thereby prove to the emperor that the people in order to justify still more terrible repression and thereby prove to the emperor that the people are not ripe for any sort of self-government. It is a desperate game, but it is backed by many of the provincial authorities, and the support of the governor generals has been enlisted, the former using the police and the latter the troops, among whom proclamations against the Jews and revolutionists, which are understood to have been printed at the army headquarters in Odessa, have been distributed.

The complicity of Interior Minister Durnovo in the conspiracy is not proved, although suspected. Premier Witte and the liberal section of the cabinet will be consequently a break in the ministry is not regarded as improbable.

It is understood that 50,000 members of the "black hundreds" in St. Petersburg are armed, but it is not believed, in view of the warnings they have received, that the conspirators will attempt to provoke a massacre at the capital. The authorities here, however, are in sympathy with the conspirators, and the danger of an outbreak about Easter is regarded as very real.

In the meantime, on the other side, the proletariat organizations which were ruthlessly crushed by the government's repression measures, are trying to organize another strike. Negotiations are proceeding with the telegraph and railroad employes, whose co-operation is regarded as vital to this end. The socialists of Finland have promised their support. Some rioting has already occurred at Moscow and in the vicinity.

The Strana (Country) says that M. Durnovo has telegraphed to the governors of ten provinces in Poland to proclaim elections until further orders.

The rumor that the officers of a regiment of the guards had met and resigned in a body upon receiving orders recently to go to the Baltic provinces and participate in the pacification of the country was confirmed. The officers belonged to the First regiment of artillery of the guards.

M. Krustaleff, former president of the executive committee of the workmen's council, is still confined in a luncheon in the fortress of St. Peter and Paul, and is reported to be very ill, owing to the bad treatment he has been subjected to.

PRISONER ESCAPES JAIL

MAN UNDER SENTENCE ELUDES THE GUARD

Many Prisoners Given Trial and Their Sentence—Woman Sent to the Penitentiary

VALENTINE, Neb.—District court adjourned here after a ten day's session. There was an unusually large docket and a large number of cases were disposed of. There were three convictions for keeping gambling devices, one for selling liquor without license, two for robbery from the person, one for larceny and one for stabbing with intent to kill.

John H. Stratton and William Spence were each fined three hundred dollars for keeping gambling devices. Charles E. Price convicted for selling liquor without a license drew \$500 and costs. John G. Stetter and Harry F. Hilsinger convicted of keeping gambling devices were fined three hundred dollars each. Harry Strickland and Robert Adams, convicted of robbery, were sentenced three years in the pen. George Royles, convicted of larceny, was given one year in the penitentiary, and Lillian Kiteher, convicted of stabbing with intent to kill, was sentenced to two years. This is the first woman to be sentenced to the penitentiary from this district. There was a large number of cases on the civil docket which occupied the attention of the court for several days. Five cases for keeping gambling devices were continued over the term by agreement.

Robert Adams, one of the prisoners who was given a three years' sentence, made his escape from the county jail. When the jailor, Mike Clynnes, entered the jail to give the prisoners their supper, Adams made a break for the door and succeeded in getting past the jailor and out of the building before he could be overtaken. As it was dark and stormy at the time the prisoner up to this time has eluded his pursuers. The sheriff and his deputies are still searching for the escaped prisoner.

Judge Westover presided at this term of court and conducted the business of the court in his usual business-like manner to the satisfaction of attorneys and litigants alike. Attorneys from a distance were Judge E. M. Bartlett of Omaha, M. F. Harrington of O'Neill, Judge W. W. Wood of Rushville, and Allan G. Fisher of Chadron.

Boys Get Into Trouble

DAKOTA CITY, Neb.—Ernest Sheppard and Wm. Roberts, two seventeen-year-old lads, the former of whom lives in South Sioux City and the latter in Sioux City, were lodged in the county jail by Constable Dan Purdy of Homer, and were taken to Pender by Sheriff S. M. Young of Thurston county to answer to the charge of horse stealing. These two boys stole a hand car from the Great Northern railway, and boarding it pumped themselves to the Winnebago agency, where, after wandering around for a couple of days the elder Sheppard boy and young Roberts put up one night at the home of George Wilcox. On Monday night they returned to the Wilcox place and stole a team of horses out of the barn, starting horseback towards Homer. One of the horses threw its rider off and got away, but after hiding in a hay stack all night with the horse tied out, the animal was taken to the home of C. C. Fram and sold for \$17.50. Mr. Fram, who is a former supervisor of Woodbury county, reported his purchase to Sheriff Young of Thurston county. Sheppard's elder brother is now confined in the county jail at Sioux City, charged with swindling a farmer by selling him a horse not belonging to him. Sheppard's father is employed as engineer by the Akron Milling company at Akron, Ia.

Atkinson Hotel Loses

NORFOLK, Neb.—Miss Emma Beckwith, alias "Mrs. Lucas" the young domestic who recently created a sensation by her stealing from many Norfolk homes and who, when arrested at Neligh, confessed her past thefts but declare she was driven to the life by her father, and who was released on her promise to reform, has just finished with the Commercial hotel at Atkinson where she worked a week unknown to the landlord and from which place she has just disappeared with jewelry, silks, skirts, a suit case and other valuables approximating from \$50 to \$100. She bought a ticket for Omaha.

STREET CARS IN COLLISION

ONE KILLED AND OTHERS HURT NEAR SOUTH OMAHA

Blinding Snow Storm Prevented Motorman From Controlling the Car.

OMAHA, Neb.—One dead and a score or more injured, some of them fatally, is the record of the street car disaster at Thirteenth and J streets on the Walnut Hill line to South Omaha at 6:30 in the morning. Both cars were heavily loaded, one with people coming to South Omaha and the others with those going to Omaha.

The southbound car jumped the track through snow being on the rails, and crashed into the northbound car. The side of the southbound car was driven into the side of the northbound car. The people sitting on the colliding sides were those crushed. The northbound car did not leave the rails. The grade is to the south along that part of thirteenth street. The motorman of the southbound car says the snow on the rails made it difficult for him to keep it under control.

The accident was due to the jump of the rails by the southbound car being in charge of Motorman Tom Kelly of 2023 Binney street, Omaha, and Conductor William Crosby, and the northbound car in charge of L. J. Boland 2716 S street, South Omaha, and J. A. Morgan.

The body of the dead man was taken to the Brewer undertaking rooms. He is described as being tall and strongly built, and aged about thirty-five years. It is supposed that he is a track man. The only mark of identification was a key in his inside pocket upon which was inscribed the name Joseph Ratican. He also carried a stem winder gold watch. It was at first supposed that he was Jacob Paulsen of Fourteenth and O streets, who was later found to be among the injured. Mr. Paulsen is night watchman for the Eggers Flying company.

Little Figa Anderson was accompanied by his mother, but she escaped without serious injury.

Doctors W. H. Slabaugh, C. E. Jupp, City Physician Koustky, E. L. Delaney, Thomas Kelly, R. S. Davis, G. J. Aberly, and others were early on the scene and attended the injured ones.

Road Foreman William Musgrave and Peter Boland were at the scene of the accident in a very short time and assisted in caring for the unfortunate ones. The South Omaha ambulances were immediately pressed into service and removed the injured passengers to the South Omaha hospital.

Walter Binder, 1217 Missouri avenue, South Omaha, says that he was standing at the corner of Thirteenth and J streets, waiting for the car when the accident occurred. He saw the southbound car jump the track, the wreck following immediately. The unfortunate passengers were piled in hopeless confusion and in a few minutes the doctors began to arrive. Both cars were crowded and he says that he considers it miraculous that there were not more killed and hurt. The sides of the cars were completely demolished.

A south-bound Dodge street car, filled almost to its full capacity with school girls on their way to the high school was struck by a Missouri Pacific switch engine and string of box cars, at the railway crossing near Twentieth and Izard streets.

The car was knocked completely from the tracks, and partially upset, but what seemed almost a miracle, every one escaped injury.

The accident happened at 8:30 in the morning at a point where the Missouri Pacific track crosses the Dodge street line on Twentieth street, between Nicholas and Izard streets.

Man Fell From Train

HUMBOLDT, Neb.—A stranger was found near the home of A. L. Drake east of the city almost frozen, trying to make his way along the road. The Drake family took him in and kept him until morning, when the authorities of the city were notified and they brought the man to town. The man at first refused to talk beyond a mumble. He was finally induced to give his name, which he said was Frank McNulty. He is thought to be the same individual that fell from passenger train No. 44, as she was passing through the yards at a slightly reduced speed.

BURN IN A WRECK

COLLISION HORROR ON THE RIO GRANDE RAILROAD

Trains Meet In Snow Storm

AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF BODIES INCINERATED

Complete List of Dead Cannot Accurately Be Told—Many Injured So Badly That They May Die

PUEBLO, Col.—Many charred bodies lie in the ruins of two passenger trains on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad which were wrecked by a head-on collision at 2:10 o'clock in the morning at a point between Beaver and Adobe, about twenty-eight miles west of Pueblo. Part of the train was burned. Fifteen persons severely injured in the disaster are lying on cots at St. Mary's hospital in this city with the prospect that some of them will be added to the death list. For two hours and a half nude men thrown from their berths by the impact of the two trains rushing together frantically tore at burning timbers endeavoring vainly to extricate themselves, dying people from an awful fate. When the first relief train arrived from Pueblo there was little left in the cars that were burned to indicate that there had been precious freightage of human lives except piles of scorched flesh and smouldering bones.

One man in the first coach of No. 3 had managed to raise a window and had forced his body half way to freedom when he became lodged in the window. He fought fiercely for life, but each movement only wedged him the more tightly. The flames swept over him and left him writhing in agony. He cried out: "For God's sake and for the sake of my baby, shoot me!" The on-lookers, prevented from approaching the scene of the intense heat, could do nothing to relieve the man's suffering. Finally a timber from the roof of the car fell upon his head, killing him.

The first four coaches of the train No. 3 were piled up, the greatest damage being done in the forward coach. It was here that the worst havoc was wrought, hardly a person in the coach escaping with his life. A majority of the bodies caught by the fire were reduced to a crisp. J. L. Lawrence, Beilflower, Mo., and S. Z. Sweeney, Trenton, Mo., were the only passengers in this coach that are known to have escaped, both sustaining injuries.

Passenger train No. 3, the Utah and California express, which started from Denver at 8 o'clock in the evening, left this city soon after midnight, heavily loaded with passengers and pulled by engines 529 and 720. The forward coach of the hapless train was well filled, in fact it was difficult to find a seat anywhere, and a number of passengers were standing in the aisles. Just as this train was rounding a sharp curve between Beaver and Adobe train No. 16, eastbound, running at high rate of speed, whirled around the curve and crashed into the heavy train which was climbing the sharp grade.

In an instant all was confusion. Passengers were hurled from their seats and covered with splinters of wood and flying glass. Many were killed in the awful impact and the others caught beneath the wreckage filled the air with their cries for assistance. A moment later the gas with which the train was lighted exploded and in an instant the wreckage was blazing fiercely.

When the collision came engine 720 which was pulling No. 16, was crushed and being forced back by the impact it telescoped the express car and shattered the first coach. The passengers in this coach were all taken out before the wreckage caught fire, and the casualties in this car were but slight in comparison to the awful havoc wrought upon the westbound train. E. M. McFarland, messenger of the Globe Express company, who was in the express car on No. 16 was caught in the wreckage and burned to death. So far as can be learned he was the only one on the eastbound train to suffer this fate.

Engine 529 with Engineer Walter Causlett in charge, was helping train No. 3 up the grade and this engine received the full force of the two engines and reduced to scrap iron. Engineer Causlett had no opportunity to escape.

NEBRASKA NOTES

W. L. Phillips, an old lumberman and contractor, is putting in an independent lumber yard at Ansley.

Motte Stanley of Columbus, who was shot in the hand with a 22-caliber gun he was trying to repair, will save his hand.

The doctors at Cook say that the smallpox is not spreading any, but that there are many severe cases of pneumonia in that community.

Farmers living near Rockford, have found coal along the creek banks eight miles east of Beatrice. The mineral burns readily, and the find will prove a valuable one no doubt if a shaft is sunk.

Emanuel Schembrek of Beatrice, sold his wholesale and retail liquor business to Carl Leopold of Ida Grove, Ia., who will assume charge May 1. Mr. Schembrek has been in business there for twenty years.

A. B. Eastor of Fairbury has purchased a farm on the Medicine, near Cambridge, and will in the near future remove his herd of thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs thereto and devote the farm exclusively to the raising of this breed of hogs.

Many of the local sheep men near Wood River are shipping their sheep as fast as cars can be secured, owing to the fluctuating of the market. The sheep are all in good shape, as the winter previous to the recent cold spell has been ideal for feeding.

Coffman Bros. of Adams three years ago purchased a farm near Beatrice for \$12,700, and the other day they disposed of the same track of land for \$17,500. This shows that there has been good money in real estate investments in Gage county the past few years.

At the home of Albert Carlson near Marquette a lamp exploded and the flames burned Mrs. Carlson so severely that she died. Mr. Carlson was also badly burned, but will recover. Mr. Carlson is a farmer living about three miles southwest of Marquette.

When H. W. Farrier of Ainsworth went out to his stable to look after his fine thoroughbred stallions and jacks he found one of the latter valued at \$1,000, dead, the cause being unknown. Mr. Farrier has been in this business for several years and this is his first loss of any magnitude for the last eight years.

The 12-year-old son of F. L. Cool of Lyons has been missing for several days and so far has not been found. He went home from school, did his chores and then disappeared. A boy answering his description who said he was from Lyons was at the round house at Oakland but, although search has been made, no trace of the boy has been found since.

A petition has been presented to the county commissioners of Papillion to straighten Papillion creek from Gilmore to its mouth. The commissioners have decided to act on the petition and will view the location soon. The petition is signed by Barton, Gates, Trumbal and twenty other land owners along the route of the proposed change.

E. R. Cuddeback sold his farm of 165 acres, about four miles south of Fremont in Saunders county, for \$12,000 the highest price paid for farm land in the vicinity. The buildings, however, are exceptionally good. Mr. Cuddeback will move to Fremont and run an automobile store and garage.

Carl Farley, a citizen of eastern Cuming county, has decided to enter the banking business at the new town of Farley, on the Great Northern, and expects to commence the erection of a new bank building in a short time. Mr. Farley is enthusiastic over the future of his town, which is surrounded by magnificent agricultural country.

Little Robert Ricken, who was recently removed from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heekathorne at Beatrice by Judge Spafford because of brutal treatment on the part of the foster parents has been placed in the custody of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weingart, who made application a few weeks ago to adopt the child, and the court is of the opinion that the little fellow will have a good home.

Roy Pickham, a boy about 12 years of age, who has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams, of Beatrice, disappeared and no trace of him can be found. The lad ran away from home some time ago, and was found at Blue Springs and taken back to Beatrice. The officers have been notified to make every effort possible to locate the lad. His home is in New York.