

CLOSE TO THE CZAR.



Count de Cassini, now ambassador to the United States and mentioned as the possible successor of Count Muravieff, late foreign minister of Russia, is one of the two great Russians now in the public eye. The other is the Grand Duke Alexis, the highest ranking military officer of any nation now represented in the far east. Count de Cassini is at Washington and the grand duke at Peking or trying to get there. Both are warm friends of the United States. The grand duke, brother of the czar, is high admiral of the Russian fleet in the Yellow Sea or at Port Arthur.

Alexis was loafing one day at Kiel, where the United States steamship Columbia rode the waters. Turning to an American captain he said: "I'm glad you Americans are rebuilding your fleet. Twice in my career I have heard the project of capturing one or two of your great cities and holding them for ransom deliberately discussed by officers of European fleets whose coun-

tries had hard work to make ends meet. I once made a sensation when, after listening to a conversation of this kind, in which the officers of four different fleets took part. I said, 'Gentlemen, the United States and Russia are friends. Should she be unjustly attacked Russia would help to see that the wrong be righted.' Ah, I can't tell you where or who it was. Come over to the Kurik (the Russian flagship), and have a glass of wine." Alexis is the head of all the navy of Russia, a brave and intelligent man.

The family of the Count de Cassini were for more than 174 years the directors of the great observatory of Paris. His immediate family settled in Russia in the early part of this century. The members of it were scientific, and the present count is the first of his line to take to politics and diplomacy rather than the profession of his ancestors. At the same time few men in secular life in Europe can boast his attainments in the way of

scientific and classic knowledge. His diplomatic work for Russia in the Orient ranks with that of the best talent in the world. He was the czar's representative in the complications which followed the Japanese-Chinese war, and it was he who secured all the important concessions to Russia recently granted by the Chinese emperor and the empress dowager.

His reward for these distinguished services was the embassy to Washington, now considered one of the highest diplomatic stations by the governments of Europe. Count de Cassini speaks seven languages fluently, including a few Oriental tongues, and is a master now of English, which he did not readily speak when first arriving at Washington. He is a man of far more liberal views than the late Count Muravieff, and as foreign minister would be more satisfactory to England than the man who preceded him. Muravieff hated England and all English customs and England hated him.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Young Lady of Elk Creek Severely Injured at Tecumseh.

THE PROHIBITIONIST STATE TICKET

C. L. Nash, a Farmer, Near Ashland Badly Cut Up by a Reaper, Drawn by Five Frightened Horses - Other State News.

Injured by a Fall From Wheel.
TECUMSEH, Neb., July 13.—As Miss Amy Lawrence and Miss Blanch Hughes were bicycle riding Wednesday evening the former suffered a painful accident. They were riding at a lively gait when Miss Lawrence's wheel struck an old can in the road. She was thrown completely over the handlebars and landed on her head and back. She was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken home. Upon examination the physician found that four of her ribs were severed from the spine, her head badly lacerated and one limb considerably injured. The unfortunate young woman remained in a semi-conscious condition for hours and grave hopes were entertained for her recovery for a time. It is now believed she will recover, but she will be confined to her bed for weeks. The young woman lives in Elk Creek and the accident occurred there.

Prohibition State Ticket.

LINCOLN, July 13.—The following state ticket was named at the prohibitionist convention today: Governor, L. O. Jones, Lincoln; lieutenant governor, Charles P. Lawson, Santee Agency; secretary of state, N. L. Whitely, Beatrice; treasurer, C. C. Crowell, Blair; land commissioner, Ernest Hickman Seward, auditor, Wilson Brody, Brody; attorney general, D. M. Strong, North Bend; superintendent of schools, Bartley Blair, Page. Electors at large: D. A. Shaffer, St. Edward; Joel Warner, Creston. Electors: First congressional district, Charles E. Smith, Falls City; Second, John Dale, Omaha; Third, C. L. Carpenter, Creighton; Fourth, Frank A. Burt, Aurora; Fifth, William Trimmis, Orleans; Sixth, George H. Hornby, Valentine.

Cut in Pieces by Harvester.

ASHLAND, Neb., July 13.—A frightful accident happened at the farm of C. L. Nash, nine miles northwest of this city, yesterday afternoon, resulting in the death of Willie, the 9-year-old son of Melville Frederick, a farmer living near Memphis. Mr. Frederick was gathering grain with a reaper, to which there were five horses hitched, the little boy riding the leader. The horses became frightened and unmanageable, throwing the boy under the sicklebar of the machine. His left leg was severed below the knee, his left arm was literally cut to pieces and there were dreadful injuries about the lower part of his body. The child was beyond the help of surgical skill, which was immediately summoned, and died in a few hours.

Cambridge Buys Bloodhounds.

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., July 13.—The pair of bloodhounds recently purchased by the citizens of Cambridge arrived from Tennessee today. The numerous midnight depredations during the last few months prompted the citizens to take this precaution. It is believed that the hounds will not only stop burglary, but put an end to the petty thievery which has been quite prevalent.

Span of Bridge Drops.

FULLERTON, Neb., July 13.—A thirty-foot span of the bridge crossing the Loup river near this city gave way yesterday, dropping Russel Hadley and a traction engine and tender which were crossing at the time a distance of fifteen feet to the water below. Hadley was slightly scalded about the face and neck and his ankle was sprained. The injuries are not serious.

Tecumseh Bank Closes.

TECUMSEH, Neb., July 13.—Cashier L. R. Bailey of the Exchange bank of Vesta finds that there is not sufficient banking business in the little town to pay him for his services and consequently the management of the concern has decided to quit. The bank has gone into voluntary liquidation and is now closing up its business and paying up depositors. Mr. Bailey will devote his energies to farming.

Burglars Still at Large.

PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., July 13.—Sheriff W. D. Wheeler and Special Detective Delong have thus far failed to learn anything more as to the whereabouts of the two men who held up and robbed the night operator and the ticket office of the Missouri Pacific. As the robbers could not get the safe open they only succeeded in getting about \$10 cash, and half of that belonged to the operator.

Annual Mission Feast.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 9.—The German Lutheran church at this place, of which Rev. H. Meisler is the pastor, had its annual mission feast in the grove of Max Gotthard, six miles north of town yesterday, being joined by the Bismarck township church, Rev. A. Freese pastor and the Grand Prairie church, Rev. E. Holm pastor. A very large congregation attended the services.

State Fair Contracts.

LINCOLN, July 13.—The State Board of Agriculture met tonight and awarded contracts for state fair supplies. Secretary Furnas said all indications pointed to the largest exhibit of live stock in the history of the fair.

Farmer Killed by Fall.

ALBION, Neb., July 13.—At 10 o'clock today D. R. Pittenger fell from the upper floor of his hay barn, striking on his head and breaking his neck. He lived only a few moments.

MRS. FIGG TAKES THE STAND

Testifies in Her Own Behalf Before the Insanity Board.

PAPILLION, Neb., July 13.—The argument before the insanity board in the Figg case was closed this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the board took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The proceedings were enlivened somewhat today by the appearance of Mrs. Figg on the stand. While she maintained a quiet demeanor it was evident that her feelings were undergoing a terrible strain. Some of the questions she refused to answer, claiming Attorney General C. C. Wright was of a worldly make-up, while the questions should be answered to God.

Her husband also took the stand and along with a general denial stated that his wife was becoming more proper in a Godly form every day. During the entire trial Mrs. Figg sat holding a little girl. Her face was a study. She has eyes that resemble burnt holes in a blanket and has a habit of casting them heavenward, at times when testimony was not to her liking her features would become rigid.

The general opinion prevails that she will be acquitted. Dr. Armstrong, the examining physician, made a report that the accused were sound physically and mentally.

Floater at Bellevue.

BELLEVUE, Neb., July 9.—A floater was recovered at this place today. The body is that of a young man anywhere from 17 to 20 years of age, weight about 140 pounds, height five feet ten inches, color of hair dark auburn, close shaven, but beard evidently red, color of eyes indeterminate. The body had evidently been in the water from one to three weeks. A scar exists in the epigastric region, as from a burn or severe blister. No clothing or marks of violence. Internment at the county's expense. The body may be that of the youth lost at Gibson a few weeks ago. However, the coroner has failed to get a response to telegraphic or telephone inquiry from there.

Young Girl's Sudden Death.

PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., July 9.—A telegram from Maywood, Neb., contained the sad news of the sudden death of Miss Violet Newell through being thrown from a horse there last evening. Miss Newell was 17 years of age and is a daughter of Senator W. H. Newell of this city, where she was born and has since resided. At the close of school in Brownell Hall, in Omaha, she and her sister, Bernice, went to Maywood to spend the summer vacation with their sister, Mrs. William Stewart. The body is expected to arrive in this city tomorrow evening. The funeral services will probably be held Tuesday and the body laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

Farmer Cut by Sickle.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., July 8.—Fred Swihart, a farmer living several miles northeast of town, had a narrow escape from death the other day. While working in the harvest field he attempted to assist in stopping a frightened team of mules attached to a binder and was thrown in front of the sickle. His right arm was caught and literally cut to pieces, the bone being cut through in two places above the elbow. He was dragged thirty feet before the team could be stopped. It is feared that he is also injured internally. Fortunately the sickle bar was broken or the result might have been more serious.

Ogallala Bank Incorporated.

OGALLALA, Neb., July 8.—The Exchange bank, which has been run during the past three years by J. W. Welpton as a private bank, is now incorporated under the Nebraska laws. The paid up capital has been increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The management of the bank will remain the same, under the control of J. W. Welpton, who retains 97 per cent of the capital stock, while H. Whipton owns the balance.

Menonite Campmeeting.

MILFORD, Neb., July 9.—A Menonite camp meeting that has been in progress here for the past ten days closed its meeting last night. Large audiences have been in attendance at each meeting. There was lots of enthusiasm among the leaders, but it did not reach the people and few conversions were made.

Decides for the Saloon.

MADISON, Neb., July 9.—The anti-saloon league has begun proceedings in the district court to prevent the village trustees of Battle Creek from granting a saloon license to Ludwig Volberding. The matter was fought in the village board and the vote on the remonstrance was a tie and the mayor decided in favor of the saloon.

Rural Mail Delivery.

MILFORD, Neb., July 9.—On July 16 the first rural free mail delivery in Seward county will be inaugurated, beginning at Milford postoffice. Two routes have been established, covering a distance of six miles east and six miles west. E. C. Funk and Henry Madcke have been appointed mail carriers.

Boy Falls on Picket Fence.

TECUMSEH, Neb., July 8.—Ben Karnas, an Elm Creek lad, was walking on a picket fence Wednesday, when he fell on one of the pickets. An ugly wound was inflicted in his side which required half a dozen stitches to draw together. Fortunately the pickets did not enter a more vital portion of his anatomy than the flesh of his side.

Suffer Injuries in a Runaway.

CRETE, Neb., July 9.—An accident of a serious nature occurred at Crete Saturday evening. Mrs. Chemel and Mrs. Huncovsky and Miss Soebek were in a buggy on the main street when the horse took fright at a balloon and ran wildly down the street. On suddenly turning a corner the buggy was overturned, throwing out the occupants. Miss Soebek's arm was broken and one of Mrs. Chemel's fingers was broken. The horse was thrown on its back and the buggy badly demolished.

WERE SAFE ON JULY 4

Foreign Consuls Issue Statement Regarding Legations at Peking.

GEN. WARREN'S ADVICE DOUBTED

Allied Forces Will Soon Have at Least 50,000 Troops in China.—Prince Tuan Sends a Large Army to Attack the City of Nankin.

LONDON, July 9.—The foreign consuls at Shanghai met on July 7 and officially announced that the legations at Peking were safe on July 4. The foregoing statement, read with Consul Warren's dispatch to the foreign office on Saturday, makes it possible to believe that the legations will hold out for a number of days yet. Having fought to a standstill the first outbreaks of fanatical fury, it is believed that something may intervene to save them. The news, after the sinister rumors of the last ten days, is enough upon which to build up hopes. The Shanghai correspondent of the Express telegraphing on Sunday at 5:10 p. m., however, throws doubt upon Consul Warren's information. He says:

"Tao Tai Sheng now admits that there was an error in his communication to General Warren. The date of the courier's arrival at Chien Fu was July 3, which does not apply to his departure from Peking. The journey from Peking to Chien Fu occupies five days. The courier, therefore, could not have left Peking later than June 28. 'The date of the massacre, according to Chinese reports, was June 30 or July 1.'

Tien Tsin is still hard pressed. A Chinese force numbering from 80,000 to 100,000 men, as estimated by consular reconnaissance, floods the country. Communication between Tien Tsin and Taku is apparently possible by river only.

A Che Foo dispatch to the Express says the Russians have landed 8,000 men at Taku and the Japanese have discharged several transports. The Japanese pushed on to Tien Tsin, leading in the subsequent assault upon the native city, in which their commander was killed. More transports are engaged at Japanese ports. With the 10,000 British India troops afloat and fresh Japanese contingents it is quite probable that the allies will have 50,000 men ashore.

The disorders in the provinces appear to be increasing in violence. A Chinese army is within fifty miles of New Chwang and the foreigners are preparing to abandon their homes. The southern part of the province is swept by raiders, destroying all works of the white man, except in spots garrisoned by Russians.

Proclamations have been posted in all villages near Che Foo calling upon the loyal Chinese to rise and expel the foreigners for introducing among the pious Chinese an immoral religion. Every good Buddhist is expected to kneel three times a day, knock his head on the floor three and pray earnestly that sudden, cruel death may overtake all aliens.

The provisional government at Peking appears to have designs upon the southern provinces. Beside having ordered Kwan Shikai to advance upon Nankin, which Kwan Shikai says he will not do, Prince Tuan has sent an army along the route of the grand canal. Nankin is on the south bank of a river nearly a mile wide. The British cruiser *Hermione* and *Plaque I* will assist in repelling attempts to cross. Six Chinese cruisers are there and 17,000 Chinese troops are at the disposal of Viceroy Li Kun Yi. The forts mount thirty-four high-power modern guns. The foreigners at Shanghai are becoming uneasy. Everything they feel depends on Viceroy Li Kun Yi.

Killed in a Peculiar Way.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 9.—Two persons were killed outright and one seriously hurt last night in a peculiar railroad accident.

Thomas Edwards had his leg so badly lacerated that it will have to be amputated. The victims were on their way home from church and were standing on South Twenty-seventh street, south side, at the end of a blind switch on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad, waiting for a long Pan Handle train to pass. The switch which is on grade, was filled with cabooses. The freight broke in two at the switch, supposedly caused by a broken frog. The portion which turned into the switch jammed the line of cabooses through the buffer into the party of church people. Mrs. Edwards was literally cut to pieces. Both legs were cut off, her head was crushed and her entire body was covered with cuts and bruises.

Crawl From Boat to Shore.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 9.—Today's developments show that the storm which swept Lake Erie Saturday night was one of the most severe of the season. The large steamer *Pearl* was backing from its dock at Crystal Beach, Ont., with 900 Buffalo excursionists on board, and driven, stern foremost, on a sandbar.

New Mexican Gold Field.

HERMOSILLO, Mex., July 9.—Martin Hulen of Aspen, Colo., T. B. Geddie of San Francisco, and James Crawford of Benson, Ariz., prospectors, have arrived from the new placer gold fields in Lower California, about fifty miles south of Camp Company, bringing with them over \$200,000 in gold dust. The prospectors state that the placer field embraces a tract of gravel about 225,000 acres in extent.

Tried to Kill Kang Yu Wei.

LONDON, July 13.—The Singapore correspondent of the Express says: Two Japanese recently made a determined attempt to murder Kang Yu Wei, the exiled leader of the Chinese reform party, who is here under British protection and who is always accompanied by four Sikh guards. These foiled the attempt and arrested the assassins, but Kang Yu Wei was badly wounded. There have been many attempts to murder Kang Yu Wei by poison in order to gain the price set upon his head by the Chinese.

Tennis Champions.



Miss Edith Parker and Miss Hallie Champlin of the Chicago Country Club, who won the national women's tennis championship in doubles at Philadelphia, are the first young women of the West to ever achieve that honor. Both are expert players, and in their matches at Philadelphia they gave a shock to the knowing ones, who expected Miss Wimers of Washington, and Miss McAteer of Pittsburg, to win, by defeating them in straight sets, running up a score of 9-7, 6-2, 6-2, taking the last set and match with ease. In every match throughout the tournament in doubles the Chicago girls won the matches easily. The only ones to take as much as a set were Miss Huniwell and Miss Shaw, the women experts of the Longwood Country Club of Boston, who managed to win in one set of the preliminary rounds.

Miss Champlin and Miss Parker have played much together, and in the western women's championship last year both took a high place in the matches, meeting defeat in the semifinal rounds by the team which finally won the championship.

In singles both have been well to the front in the matches, but their work this year has largely in doubles, and their success is attributed to better team work, the result of good hard practice on the courts.

This season both will go to Niagara August 27, where the international championships are to be held. This will be one week before the western women's championships on the Kenwood courts, Chicago. They will also take part in several matches in the club tournaments this summer. They will again meet at Niagara, as well as in the western. Miss Wimers and Miss

McAteer, who won the championship in singles and who won the western championship in singles last summer, is regarded as one of the fastest players on the courts. Mr. Gardner, the leader of the tennis contingent of the Kenwood club, regards her as the best woman player he ever saw, and predicts that she will win all the events this year.

The Newsboy.

The reservoir of the Grand Rapids water works gave way last week, letting loose about 100,000,000 gallons of water. The escaping torrent did damage to property to the amount of \$200,000, and would have cost many people their lives but for a quick-witted newsboy. He happened to notice early in the morning a small leak near the gatehouse, jumped at the conclusion that it meant mischief, and rushed off as rapidly as his legs could carry him to give the alarm. As a consequence of his promptness only one person was fatally injured. The men and women whose homes were in the track of the flood ought to see to it that that newsboy gets something more substantial than a vote of thanks.

Love at Sight.

Sir Claude Macdonald, whose position in China has brought him into the public eye, has a touch of the romantic in his makeup, which is shown in the way he chose his wife. The story goes that he one day saw through a window Miss Ethel Armstrong, a daughter of Major Cairns Armstrong, of the old Fifteenth Regiment. He did not know her, but he then and there resolved to marry her—which he did.

To Save the Mind.

To preserve a sound mind in a sound body one must, says a doctor in the July century, observe the laws of health with regard to food, exercise, and sleep. Few become insane who, with sufficient mental occupation, daily take two or three hours of vigorous exercise in the open air, and do not protract exciting studies or business far into the night. "The observance of one day in seven by a complete change in subjects of thought, and the suspension of modes of activity required for six days, would be philosophical, even though it had no basis in religion." Other foes to sanity that the doctor mentions are anxiety, exaggerated sensitiveness, and the lack of occupation that great wealth makes possible. The best prescription for insomnia dates, he says, from the time of Solomon: "The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep." These are old truths that long ago men grappled to their souls with steel hooks, but the grappings have become weak and it is well to see to it that they are tightened.

Von Kettler's Marriage.

Baron von Kettler, the German minister to Peking, news of whose murder by Boxers is confirmed, was the son-in-law of Henry B. Ledyard, president of the Michigan Central railroad. The marriage of the baron and Miss Maude Ledyard took place in Detroit, Feb. 24, 1897. The baron was promoted from the position of minister to Mexico to that of minister to China last fall. Before going to China the baron and baroness visited Detroit and spent several days with their friends.

The marriage of the baron and Miss Ledyard took place in St. Peter and Paul's church, Detroit. It was the greatest social event of the winter season by 1897. Ledyard was a Protestant and the baron a Roman Catholic, a special dispensation had to be procured from Mgr. Martinelli. The civil marriage was performed first on the afternoon of Feb. 23, by Justice Merritt E. Shindel, at the Ledyard residence on Jefferson avenue. At the church service Bishop Foley, assisted by Very Reverend Father Schapman, S. J., and Rev. Father Joos, S. J., officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Amy McMillan, daughter of Senator McMillan, and the groom by Herr Adolf von Bruening, second secretary to the German legation at Washington. The baron and baroness left the same day for Mexico, where Baron von Kettler was then minister.



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