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TRANSITION.

Summer is here with rustling grace,
And clover all crimson with bloom;
Where cobweb castles of silvery strands
Are wove in a fairy loom.

The cherry-tree branches bend gracefully down
Neath a weight of ruby balls;
Hidden from sight on a willow spray
A brown thrush sweetly calls.

The queen of the garden lifts her dainty head
The lily's sweet breath fills the air,
And wisteria droops from vine clad eaves
In a leafy tangle wondrously fair,

In a fleecy blue gown the heavens are dressed,
With spangles of dazzling light;
And noon-day stars that are taking a rest
Smile down on the earth so bright.

Summer is going! and on the walk,
Along the streamlet's edge
I wander for a farewell talk
With the bracken on the ledge.

The sumach's plumes were waving still,
The rushes were rankly growing;
The wavelets yet sang in the rippling rill,
But, each whispered—"Summer is going."

It seems to me but a day or two
Since last I wandered here,
Roaming the forests through and trough
In the spring-time of the year.

To-day the leaves go floating by,
Each one an amber flake—
Like fluttering wings, from tree-tops high
Their wavering course thes. take.

With brilliant colors, tastily mixed,
October her banner weaves;
Showers of gold woven betwixt
Threads of grass and nut brown leaves.

But ah! 'tis a beauty too bright to stay,
Its birth but heralds its death—
While we admire, 'tis passing away
On each frost laden breath

Of autumn time, and the we still hear
The rymthm of water flowing,
Each wail of wind from far or near
Is whispering,—"Summer is going."

Summer is gone, the nights grow chill,
We creep to the ingle side;
A moan comes forth from the trees on the hill
As their leaves sweep by or the tide.

The tall willows stretch 'mid storm clouds dark
Their glistening branches above,
Weeing summer again with a sad wailing song
For they miss her caresses and love.

Though she's gone—waving willows—a lover will come
And wreathe every twig and limb
With shimmering white, and a pearl spangled crown
For your head with diamonds will trim.

He will win you away from your summer
With baubles that vanish in air;
He will clasp you about with his crystal chains,
And with feathery fingers fair;
But with shudder and sob, and shivering moan,
You will die in his icy lair.

Ah! a blue bird's note in the maple, a gleam of light from the misty heavens. The sun bursts forth amid the patter of rain, and with a magician's art places the irridescent arch above us. See! the willow throws off the glittering tiara which has so long bowed her down, and, freed from the icy fetters, rises in stately majesty as of old.

Some hand, invisible to us, has touched the hidden keys of the grey and dingy forest and life springs from apparent death. The brook renews its gurgling song, and all nature rejoices in this glad resurrection.

Forever and ever will summer go
With a loss no tongue can tell;
Ah—yes!—and
Forever and ever will the blue birds return
When Lilacs begin to swell.

THE BORDER TROUBLES.

The Clerical Party to Join the Garza Movement on a Certain Date in the Near Future.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 19.—United States Marshal Paul Fricke, whose district embraces all of the Rio Grande frontier, returned here from an extended trip through the turbulent section. He has received information from a reliable source that Garza is not on the Texas side of the river, and that he is in Mexico where he has thousands of secret friends who are ready to offer him protection. Mr. Fricke also states that Garza has been among the Mexican soldiers in several states of the republic, and that he has received unanimous assurances from them that they will come to his support when the sign is given for the uprising to occur. He has promised to increase their wages from 37 cents, which they are now receiving, to 80 cents per day, and by this promise has virtually secured control of the whole Mexican army.

A private dispatch was received by a prominent Mexican merchant of Brownsville last Thursday night, stating that every Catholic priest in Mexico and the clerical party in a body are to be used in a revolt against President Diaz and join the Garza movement on a certain date in the near future. Mr. Fricke asserts that the situation in Mexico is exceedingly critical, notwithstanding denials to the contrary by the government officers and casual visitors to the republic. Garza's organization never has been on the Texas side of the river. It is in Mexico, where thousands of people are now ready to fight for the principles advocated by their new leader.

KANSAS MORTGAGES REDUCED.

Official Reports Indicate a Steady Payment of the Indebtedness.

TOPEKA, Jan. 19.—Official reports from forty-four counties for the month of December in central and eastern Kansas show a net reduction in Kansas farm mortgage indebtedness of $294,746. For seven and one-half months in 1891 the farmers in fifty-seven counties made an average reduction of their mortgage indebtedness of $3,073,156. Scattering reports from county registers of deeds show that farmers have bought farm lands heavily and that there is a steadily increasing demand for Kansas farm property.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A severe blizzard is raging in Texas and it is feared that many head of cattle will be lost.

The death is announced of Henry Louis E. Montgern, the German composer. He was born in 1840.

THE FIRST HOSTILITIES.

Our War Fleet Ordered to Chilean Waters.

GHERARDI AND 1,500 MEN

Chilean Matters Thoroughly Discussed at a Meeting of the Cabinet—Awaiting Judge Advocate Remy's Report. Recruiting Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Orders were issued from the navy department today to concentrate the squadrons under Admiral Gherardi and Admiral Walker at Valparaiso, Chile. Admiral Gherardi has been designated to command the Pacific section. His squadron, which is now in the West Indies, comprises the Philadelphia, Concord and Kearsage. Admiral Walker's squadron, composed of the Chicago, Atlanta and Bennington, are at Montevideo. Both squadrons will proceed at once to Valparaiso, where they will be joined by the Yorktown, Boston and Charleston, making a fleet of nine vessels, three of which are the most powerful in the United States navy. The fleet mounts seventy-six first class high power guns, beside the secondary batteries. The combined crew will number 1,500 men. It is understood the Chilean matter was thoroughly discussed at the cabinet meeting today and the president's message will be sent to congress as soon as Judge Advocate Remey's report arrives from San Francisco.

Chile to Guard the Straits of Magellan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Captain Evans has reported to the department that four of the best cruisers in the Chilean navy will leave Valparaiso Jan. 20 for the straits of Magellan, with a torpedo boat besides.

This news is interpreted to mean that Admiral Walker's fleet may be halted there and directed to turn back or risk a fight.

Naval Officers Called for Duty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Orders have been received here for all officers on shore leave to report at once to the admiral of the Pacific squadron for duty.

The naval reserve here has established a bureau of naval intelligence, and every effort is being made to get all information regarding San Francisco bay, its strong and weak points, the best place for an engagement, if such a thing be unavoidable, where to lay torpedos, etc. A canvass will be also made of vessels in port to estimate the number of available ships that could be used in case of war.

At San Diego they have the war fever badly. General D. E. Coon opened a recruiting office for the first brigade of volunteers for war with Chile. At Mare Island 1,000 tons of coal are being put aboard the Baltimore. A force of machinists and coppersmiths are working on her.

Invoked Divine Guidance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Chaplain Milburn, in his prayer at the opening of the house, invoked divine guidance for the president, his cabinet and the two houses of congress in dealing with the Chilean matter. A number of bills and executive documents were presented and referred.

Refugees Will Be Arrested.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Santiago correspondent of The Times confirms the news of the wreck of the steamship John Elder, off Carenzia port, and adds that all the Balmacedist refugees on board of her will be placed under arrest by the local authorities.

Sailed for Montevideo.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A cablegram from Barbadoes says the Philadelphia, Admiral Gheradi's flagship, sailed from there for Montevideo.

SECRETARY BLAINE ILL.

Again Stricken with the Malady from Which He Suffered Last Month.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — Secretary Blaine was taken suddenly ill at the cabinet meeting today shortly after 11 o'clock. He was assisted to his carriage by Secretary Elkins and taken to his residence.

Physicians were immediately summoned. His illness is a recurrence of the nausea, from which he suffered in January, when he was taken ill at the state department.

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—There would have been difficulty in maintaining a quorum in the senate if the point had been insisted upon. Senators Carlisle, Hiscock and Aldrich were in New York closing up the investigation into into the operations of the tariff. Senator Voorhees and several other senators were also absent from the capital. Moreover the special order of the day, the ancient Weil and La Abra claims against Mexico, was one in which only a limited number of senators took interest. The La Abra case was first taken up and occupied the entire day after the morning hour.

A Bank's Rights.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The supreme court of the United States, in rendering an opinion in the case of A. C. Petri vs. the Commercial National Bank of Chicago, on an appeal from the circuit court for the Northern district of Texas, decided that a national bank was entitled to the same rights as a citizen in entering suit against a person in the judicial district of the state where the person sued resides. Chief Justice Fuller rendered the decision.

Has Become a Railroad Man.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—General W. J. Sewell, ex-United States senator, has been appointed second vice president of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad and will have his headquarters in Washington.

ANOTHER ALABAMA LYNCHING.

The Work of Exterminating the Sims Gang Almost Completed.

MOBILE, Jan. 19.—Harry Hinton, the negro implicated by Bob Sims as a member of the gang that participated in the massacre of McMillan's family in Choctaw county, and who was captured near Demopolis, Ala., two weeks ago, was sent to the Choctaw county jail at Butler Thursday last and the sheriff, apprehensive of mob violence, gave it out that he died of the wounds received while being captured. This story was found to be untrue, however, and the negro was taken from the jail by a mob and hanged to the tree on which Bob Sims, Thomas Savage and two sons of Con Savage were hanged. It is said that he made a confession implicating other parties. Goods taken from the McMillan store were found in Hinton's house. Neal Sims, Bob's brother, the only male member of the family now alive, was surrounded by a posse in Oaklupa swamp, Leak county, Mississippi, but escaped, a negro piloting him.

Label Makers Assign.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The R. S. Dickie Manufacturing company assigned with liabilities of $100,000. The concern was in the business of manufacturing labels.

THE CRIME RECORD.

A Woman and Child Murdered by a Drunken Missouri Brute—Wife Murder and Suicide at Peoria.

LAMAR, Mo., Jan. 19.—A telegram came from Kenoma announcing that a woman had been killed there, and requesting the presence of an officer. City Marshal Moran and Constable Wilson started through the snow storm for Kenoma. Arriving there they found Robert Hepler under arrest and strongly guarded for committing one of the most atrocious crimes known in Missouri. He had been drinking during the day and about 4 o'clock went to the house of Mrs. Goodley, murdered that lady and her youngest child, a boy about 6 years old, and left for dead her daughter, aged 9 years. The girl upon recovering consciousness, stated that Hepler had committed the deed and an examination showed his tracks leading from the Goodley residence to that of his own. After a desperate struggle he was brought to Lamar and lodged in jail.

Hepler attempted suicide in jail by hanging himself with a rope made of a blanket. He was discovered and cut down, but not until he had grown black in the face. Sheriff Garrett fearing summary vengeance would be visited upon Hepler, took him to Nevada, Mo.

Wife Murder and Suicide.

PEORIA, Ills., Jan. 19.—Four months ago Harry Johnson of Chicago and Lizzie Laforce of this city were married in Chicago. Shortly afterwards the husband became so abusive that the wife returned to her mother's home in this city. She was followed a week later by her husband, who desired to renew their marital relations. This she declined to do. Johnson kept away from the Laforce home until last evening, when he came to the house and during the mother's absence shot his wife. He then turned the pistol upon himself and completed the bloody work. It is supposed Johnson repeated his request for his wife to live with him and did the shooting upon her refusal. Both will die.

Killed His Mother-in-Law.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 10.—A negro named John H. Thompson, 26 years of age, a porter at the Kirby house barber shop, cut his mother-in-law's throat with a razor and then shot his wife. He has been arrested.

TROUBLE IN TENNESSEE.

Miners and Militia Fire Upon Each Other, But No One Is Hit.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 19.—About 2 o'clock a. m. nearly two thousand miners gathered on the hillside about the Coal Creek stockake and openen regular fire upon the militia who were guarding the convict miners. The soldiers returned the fire, but so far as known no one on either side was hit. Further trouble is apprehended, however, as the miners are in an aggressive mood.

Sensational Sermon.

DENVER, Jan. 19.—Bishop Matz, the Catholic bishop of the Denver diocese, preached a sensational sermon, in which he declared that the public school system of America propagates infidelity and divorces. He said it was oppression to tax Catholics for public schools. The result of this sermon will probably be a religious war between Catholics and Protestants in this diocese.

The Grip.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 19.—There are 2,000 cases of grip in this city, or one-fifth of the entire population, including four of the best physicians here. Funerals are so frequent that undertakers have brought help from adjoining towns to keep up with their business. Among the deaths yesterday was that of George Winter, an employe of the pension office in Washington.

Has Been Swallowed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A Montreal special says the Great Northwestern Telegraph company, which some years ago entered into a contract to operate the Montreal and Dominion Telegraph companies for ninety-nine years, will hand over all its franchises to the Western Union company, which will in the future operate the two Canadian companies.

The Chess Match.

HAVANA, Jan. 19.—In the chess match Steinitz had the move. The Russian played his favorite two knights defense. He soon obtained a good position and was enabled by a few weak moves of his opponent to wind up with a brilliant combination. Steinitz resigned after twenty-three moves. The score is now: Steinitz, 3; Tschigorin, 2; drawn, 3.

Will Not Handle the Freight.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 19.—Committees representing all the employes in the transportation department of the Southern Pacific, between Houston and Sanderson, unanimously resolved not to handle any San Antonio and Aransas Pass freight.

ACCIDENTS ON THE RAIL.

Many Passengers Injured in a Wreck on the 'Frisco Road.

TWO COACHES ROLL OVER.

A Sleeper Ditched on the Northwestern and Omaha and Eight Persons Are Hurt—Fast Mail Train on the Santa Fe Derailed.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Jan. 19.—The west bound passenger train on the 'Frisco line was wrecked half a mile south of Wolses switch. The train was running at full speed when the two rear coaches left the track and turned completely over. The wounded were brought to Fayetteville and cared for by the local physicians. The following were hurt:

ERNEST COLLINS of Van Buren, Ark., left leg broken.

JOHN MITCHELL of Salem, shoulder blade fractured and spine injured.

J. L. HAWKINS of Salem, cut in the head and severely bruised.

J. M. EGAN, Superintendent of telegraph at Springfield, Mo., serious gash in back of head.

MRS. DAVIS of Fort Smith, bruised about the head and face.

O. R. ECHOLS, Fort Smith, cut about the arms.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Mead Centre, Kan., cut in the head, may prove fatal.

Eight Were Injured.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 19.—Passenger train No. 3, from Chicago on the Northwestern and Omaha road, was derailed near River Falls while running fifty miles an hour. The sleeper rolled into the ditch painfully injuring eight persons, but not fatally. The injured are:

E. G. SHAUL, Minneapolis.
A. H. MILLER, Bovin.
G. W. LITTLE, Jr., Chicago.
H. B. BELL, Philadelphia.
E. G. TOWLES, Chicago.
A. HUNT, Chicago.
J. STEWART WALLACE, London, Eng.
MR. SHOWLDS, Chicago.

Fast Mail Train Wrecked.

NEWTON, Kans., Jan. 19.—The fast mail train on the Santa Fe was wrecked here at 11:30 a. m. A switch rod broke as the engine passed, allowing the rails to spread. No one is to blame for the accident. W. F. Jones, formerly private secretary to ex-Senator Ingalls, but now mail agent, received painful but not fatal injuries. The mail car was thrown across the track and turned over on its side. The baggage and smoking cars left the track but remained up all right. The passengers hardly realized that a wreck had taken place.

Ran Into a Freight Train.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Jan. 19.—A vestibule train from St. Paul to Chicago on the Northwestern road ran into a freight train near Clinton Junction. Two cars were demolished and a passenger engine thrown from the track, but no one was seriously hurt.

International Bicycle Tournament.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—A six days' international bicycle tournament in which it is expected that many records will be smashed, began at Battery D. There were eight starters and the list includes some of the fastest wheelmen in the world. They are Wood of England, who made the sensational ride at Omaha last week; Howell, Lamb and Robb, three more of England's fastest riders, Wallace Sage, who holds the championship of Scotland; M. J. O'Flanagan, the Irish rider; Ashinger of Omaha, the 48-hour champion of the world, and Albert Schoch, one of Chicago's fast riders.

Ashinger took the lead at the word go, with Schoch close behind. The racing for the day closed at 10:48 p. m., as under the provisions of the tournament the men are to ride but eight hours each day. Ashinger was in the lead with 138 miles. Wood also made 138 miles, coming up close behind Ashinger. Lamb's score was 137 miles 4 laps and Sage's 137 miles twelve laps. Schoch left the track with 120 miles. O'Flanagan was taken sick during the evening and quit on his 62d mile. The race has already narrowed down to a contest between Ashinger, Wood, Lamb and Sage.

REVISING THEIR FAITH.

Presbyterians Have Eleminated the Doctrine of Infant Damnation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The general assembly committee on the revision of faith took up the doctrine of infant damnation, which is entirely eliminated by the adoption of the following substitute for chapter xii, section 3, which now reads: "Infants dying in infancy and all other persons who are not guilty of actual transgressions are included in the election of grace, and are saved and regenerated by Christ through the Spirit which worketh when and where and how He pleaseth. So also are all others elected, persons who are not outwardly called by the ministry of the Word."

Notorious Variety Theater Burned.

COVINGTON, Neb., Jan. 19.—The notorious variety theater known as the Fashion was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, $20,000; insurance, small. The fire also destroyed the buildings occupied by McCoffin's gambling house and Billy Leech's saloon.

Exiles Unwelcome in Massachusetts.

FALL RIVER, Jan. 19.—About four hundred Russian Jews have arrived here within the last few weeks. They expect to work in the mills. At least 600 more will arrive next month. A general public sentiment against welcoming their wholesale immigration has arisen here.

Fatal Sleigh Ride.

ZELIONOPLE, Pa., Jan. 19.—A bob-sled with a dozen young people in it went over a 300-foot hill in Butler county, and the entire party was injured. Elizabeth Morton, Miss Long and William Berry will probably die. The sled was demolished and the horses killed.

Fire at Toledo.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 19.—Fire destroyed the storehouse of the Toledo Electric Street Railway company together with thirty cars. Loss, $100,000.

JAY GOULD TALKS.

He Says the Burlington was Leeds' Chief Prosecutor.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The Missouri Pacific directors, at a special meeting, passed a resolution in which, after dwelling upon the importance of maintaining rates, a special meeting of the Western Traffic association is requested to be called. The Missouri Pacific officials say, in view of the importance of maintaining rates, speedy action should be taken on the charges made against the officials of the Burlington, Atchison and Southern Pacific roads. Action on these charges was deferred at the president's meeting last week until the April meeting.

Jay Gould, in an interview, said: "Nothing will be done hastily. The Western Traffic association has accomplished much good in having strengthened the general confidence in stability of rates, and the Missouri Pacific will do nothing uncalled for or impair the association's usefulness. Action, if any, must be taken by the board of directors. In the meeting where Leeds was condemned, I remember particularly how earnest and forceful the Burlington's representative was. I would like to see the Burlington traffic manager brought here in a case of this kind. His head would come off or I would resign."

DEFEATED THE ROAD.

Interstate Commissioners Decide That Railroads Cannot Enforce Car Service Demurrage Charges.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The interstate commerce commission, in an opinion by Commissioner Veasey, announced its decision of the case of William H. MacLeon vs. the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company in favor of the complainants. The points decided are briefly as follows: Defendant's railroad connects at Janesville, Wis., with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. Complainant is a merchant doing business at that point and having coal yards on the line of the latter road, but receiving shipments from points of shipments on the defendant road, and his financial responsibility is not questioned in this proceeding. Carriers operating in that section of the country are members of a car service association, which has established a rule requiring the payment of demurrage charges when cars are retained by shippers more than forty-eight hours after receiving notice that such cars are in position to unload, and the rule is set forth by the carriers in their bills of lading.

Upon all the facts in the case, held: That the action of the defendant in refusing, after payment of freight and offer of customary switching charges, to switch two carloads of coal to the connecting line for delivery at the coal yards of the complainant on such line unless he promised in advance to pay any demurrage charges that might be made, regardless of whether they were just or legally enforcible, was unreasonable, notwithstanding complainant had previously refused to pay demurrage charges on other cars switched to his siding, which he had failed to fully unload within the time prescribed by the rule, and defendant, by retaining the coal in his possession and demanding such promises from complainant as a condition to proceed to the performance of its duty as a carrier subjected the complainant to unlawful prejudice and disadvantage; that complainant is entitled to reparation for injuries sustained in consequence of such refusal and neglect of defendant, but, the proof as to the extent of his damages being insufficient, that the case be held open for the present without order, and that upon notice of adjustment by the parties of the question or reparation, the petition be dismissed.

The provisions of the 8th, 13th, 14th, and 16th sections of the act to regulate commerce are construed in the light of recent decisions in federal courts, and the commission further decides that a procedure for the enforcement of lawful orders of the commission, founded upon controversies requiring trial by jury having been provided by the amendment of March 2, 1889, of the 16th section of the act to regulate commerce, it is the duty of the commission to pass upon the suggestion of reparation for the past damages whenever a claim is made therefor.

Hill and Cleveland.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—Already the Democrats are getting ready for the great battle for delegates to the national convention. Up to within a comparatively short time it was believed that the convention to choose the delegates at large could be brought to instruct the delegates for Cleveland, but that plan has now been abandoned, and delegates will be allowed to go as they please. The Cleveland men acknowledge that the Hill sentiment is growing all the time in Massachusetts, and that Hill as a candidate for the presidency is looked upon with very much more favor than he was a year ago. The Cleveland men are not inactive, and the result will be a lively fight.

Pennsylvania Politics.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 19.—The Pennsylvania administration is confident that its candidate for chairman for the Democratic state convention, Marshal Wright of Lehigh county, will be elected. A prominent member of the committee exhibited a list showing that forty-six of the sixty-seven counties will contribute fifty-eight of the seventy-eight votes in the state committee to the support of Mr. Wright. In this estimate only ten counties are given to James Kerr, who is being supported by nearly all of the Pennsylvania congressmen.

Cullom's Candidacy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—David T. Littler was in the city and with several political friends discussed the recent meeting of the state committee of Illinois.

"Will the delegation support Blaine as against Cullom on the first ballot?" Mr. Littler was asked.

"It is understood that Cullom will not be a candidate if Blaine is in the field," he replied.

Warren and Siddons to Meet.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 19. — Tommy Warren and George Siddons will meet in the rooms of the Metropolitan club Thursday evening for a purse of $1,500; $1,200 to the winner and $300 to the loser.

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UNEARTHED A SCANDAL.

A Russian General Raids a Supposed Nihilistic Meeting.

HE FINDS A DANCE HALL.

Prominent Officers, Foreign Diplomats and Women High in Station Were in Attendance—Rage Shown by the Czar at the Participants.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—Berlin society is discussing a St. Petersburg scandal, to which no one dares to refer openly. Most of the fifty or more principals are Russians, but a few of them are aristocratic Germans, some of them the highest officials.

The St. Petersburg police recently informed the czar that many men in his councils and in Russian official life attended frequent nihilistic meetings at a mansion in a fashionable street. These gatherings were peculiar for the large number of foreign diplomatists, especially Germans, who went to them. The visitors arrived between 9 and 11 p. m. and straggled away at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. The police watched the house four weeks before they received orders to raid it. They were then sure that a tremendous nihilistic plot was hatching and a force of 200 police was called out to make it certain that not a single participant escaped. The police were supported by four companies of soldiers within call and were directed by General Gresser and a small body of detectives. The house in which the meetings were held was surrounded last Monday night by this little body at midnight, when the usual number of visitors had been seen to enter. General Gresser, who had carried the password, gained admittance to the closed vestibule. He was closely followed by his detectives.

Broke Up a Scene of Revelry.

The doorkeeper was thrown down and gagged, the inner door was smashed with an ax, and with drawn revolvers the detectives and policemen, led by General Gresser, burst through. They were astounded to find themselves, instead of in the somber proceedings of a revolutionary meeting, at the open entrance of a brilliant ball room, filled with music and flowers and gay with national colors. Some forty men and women in light, flowing Grecian costumes were dancing. At small tables in the corners half intoxicated couples drank champagne, and in small, private rooms at the back several more couples were found dining and drinking freely. To the mutual surprise and dismay of General Gresser and his officers the fifty or sixty persons participating in the orgies were found to be men and women in the highest St. Petersburg society. Several of the women were known to be received with favor at court, and among the men were Russian officers of high rank and representatives of foreign legations in the capital.

To relieve the mutual embarrassment temporarily, General Gresser took the names and official titles of all the men and names and official titles of the husbands of all the women, and then hustled everybody out of the house. No prisoner was taken to jail by the police. All, however, received the next day paternal admonitions or cuffs, according to his greater or less enjoyment of imperial favor, from the Czar Alexander.

How the Participants Entered.

The fashionable house at which the orgies were held was found to be owned by a Russian Jew, who rented to the principals, as the debauchers were politely termed. The police had been deceived as to the nature of the gatherings there by the fact that every attendant entered in male attire, for a rule of the society was that, for the sake of safety, the women must come in coats and trousers. Each carnival was devoted to the initiation of the dress and customs of a particular nation. On the night of the raid everything was Grecian.

The Czar in a Rage.

General Gresser went to the czar with his report in the expectation that his sovereign would be relieved and pleased by the explosion of the theory of a dynamite plot. The czar, however, was in a rage when he heard details of the corruption prevalent among the noblemen in his army. The result of his examination of the names submitted by General Gresser was that many Russian officers and officials were transferred to places in the provinces, and that two secretaries of legation were compelled to take long vacations. Two married women who participated in the Grecian night have been excluded from court, and another left the city before she was asked to go.

Mercier Guilty.

QUEBEC, Jan. 19.—Before the royal commission investigating charges of malfeasance against ex-Premier Mercier, it was proved that Mercier had stolen $25,000 in one deal and $24,000 in another, the proceeds of the latter going into the pocket of a confidential friend and party organizer, Earnest Pecaud. The frauds were committed in the contract for furnishing stationery to the public departments, and the bank officials swore to giving the money to Mercier and his friend. There is no longer any doubt of the ex-premier's guilt and his arrest is looked for daily.

Will Not Defy London Police.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The committee of the Liberal and Radical unions, forming perhaps the strongest single political body in London, met, and after a lively debate definitely decided not to support the Socialist federation's plan for a monster demonstration at Worldsend, Chelsea, Sunday, Jan. 31, in defiance of the police.

In Grip's Clutches.

MALTA, Jan. 19.—Two hundred sailors and many officers of the British Mediterranean fleet are in the hospital here, prostrated with influenza. There are 250 additional cases of the disease scattered among the various vessels of the fleet.