

MAY EXPRESS VIEWS

CZAR'S GRACIOUS CONCESSION TO HIS PEOPLE.

Emperor Issues Rescript—Will Be No Change in Autocracy—People's Rights to be Heard—This Much It Recognizes, and No More.

St. Petersburg: In the Alexandria palace at Tzarskoi Selo, surrounded by the ministers and a few members of the court, and with the empress at his side, Emperor Nicholas Friday afternoon affixed his signature to a rescript containing his majesty's decree to give elected representatives of the people an opportunity to express their views in the preparation of the laws of the empire.

This is the autocracy's final response to the agitation in favor of representation of the people in the government, which has brought Russia in the last few months almost to the brink of revolution.

No change in the regime of autocracy is involved for the present, and it means neither a constitution nor a national assembly. At the same time it recognizes the principle of the people's right to be heard regarding laws under which they must live.

Whatever the result may be, the document is sure to mark an epoch in Russian history as important as the signing of the emancipation manifesto, the twenty-fourth anniversary of which it was intended to signalize.

The signing of the document came at the end of a dramatic scene, the climax of which was an impassioned speech by Emperor Nicholas to his ministers, in which he declared that he sought only the welfare of his subjects.

SEVEN PERSONS KILLED.

Collision of Trains Bound for the Inaugural.

Pittsburg, Pa.: Seven men were killed and a score of persons injured Friday night in a rear-end collision of special trains bound from Cleveland, O., to Washington on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, carrying Ohio delegations to the inauguration.

The first train of seven cars carried a battalion of Ohio National Guard engineers. It stopped at Clifton, eight miles west of Pittsburg, to repair a hot box. The second train, with the same number of cars, carried the Tippecanoe Club of Cleveland, a band and twenty-five women.

The special trains were running close together and the rear brakeman of the forward train did not have time to run back. The engineer of the rear train said the block signal light showed green and he ran ahead at forty-five miles an hour.

His locomotive plowed through the rear Pullman of the forward train and half way into a tourist sleeping car, just ahead.

BATTLE STILL ON.

Desperate Fighting is in Progress in the Far East.

St. Petersburg: According to the latest information from the front the battle is now general and of the most desperate character. The loss has been exceedingly heavy on both sides during the preliminary fighting.

Although not officially admitted, it is regarded as certain that Kuropatkin is directing all his efforts to the withdrawal of his army to T'ie Pass. It is now practically a rear guard action, but the task of extricating himself is proving very difficult.

The Japanese have not only driven in Kuropatkin's left, but a column is already reported to have crossed the Hun River east of Fushan. At the same time the Japanese are pressing the Russian center under cover of the fire of their siege guns, and Kuropatkin is gradually retiring before the Japanese advance.

Station Agent Kills Burglar.

Unionville, Conn.: A. A. Burnham, station agent of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, shot and killed a burglar in the station early Thursday. A burglar's kit was found on the body, but there was nothing to reveal the man's identity. His companions escaped.

Yale Expenses Going Up.

New Haven, Conn.: An analysis of the income and expense account of Yale University shows that in cost of tuition alone there was paid out last year 15 per cent more than the students paid in as tuition fees.

ESTATE IS GOING BEGGING.

John Dickson, Heir to a Canadian Estate, is Wanted.

Sioux City, Ia.: A rich estate in New Brunswick, Canada, is awaiting the appearance of one of the heirs for a settlement. The man in question was a resident of Sioux City, Ia., ten years ago. His name is John Dickson, and if he will communicate with Richard A. Dickson, of Elyria, O., he will shortly find himself in the possession of more money than the average man knows what to do with.

Twenty years ago the elder John Dickson and his family lived in New Brunswick, which is a Canadian province bordering upon the Atlantic. He acquired a very large estate, and at his death left it to his two sons after his wife had died. This event took place last year, but in the meantime John Dickson, the younger, had departed for the United States and the west and all track of him was lost.

RAILROADS WILL GO TO LAW

Enough to Kill Hundreds

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San Francisco: The receipt Thursday by the acting chief of police of a cablegram from High Sheriff Henry, of Honolulu, stating that there were no less than 602 grains of strychnine in the bottle of bicarbonate of soda from which Mrs. Jane Stanford took a dose shortly before her death, has aroused the detective force of this city, and every effort is being made to discover who placed the poison in the medicine.

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BANDITS ROB TRAIN.

Holdup on Frisco Road Near Mammoth Springs, Ark.

Memphis, Tenn.: A passenger train on the Frisco system was held up on a robbery by bandits near Mammoth Springs, Ark., Wednesday. The safe in the express car was robbed.

The train was signaled shortly after leaving Mammoth Springs by three men heavily armed. They entered the car of the Southern Express Company and covered Messenger Harry White with revolvers. After rifling the safe the robbers made a dash for the woods and escaped.

The train, which was due in Memphis at noon, arrived an hour late and a report of the holdup was immediately made to the railroad and express officials. The officials of the Southern Express Company in Memphis state they do not know the amount of money secured by the robbers.

Messenger White went to the company's office, but has not yet made a statement.

The amount of money usually carried on this train is not large.

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STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Fire in Norfolk Church—Panic Narrowly Averted—Rev. Father Walsh Showed Great Presence of Mind—Saved Many from Serious Injury.

Fire broke out in the Sacred Heart church at Norfolk during service Sunday morning and the 800 people comprising the congregation were thrown into a frenzy which, but for the presence of mind of Rev. Father Thomas Walsh, must have resulted seriously.

While Father Walsh was in the midst of his sermon a puff of smoke gusted through the floor and was almost instantly followed by huge flames in the center of the church.

The congregation arose as one person and made for the doors. Not a cry was heard, but the throng of people, a majority being women and children, was terribly frightened. Several women fainted and children fell under foot.

Father Walsh held out his hands imploringly. "Be calm," he commanded. "Go out, but go out slowly. There's no danger if order is preserved."

His advice was heeded and none was seriously hurt.

The fire started from the furnace in the basement and burst forth without a moment's warning. The interior fixtures and a portion of the church were badly damaged, but the local fire department by prompt work saved the building. The smoke was so dense that the firemen could not enter, but were forced to fight the flames through the windows. Fortunately there were no casualties.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Nemaha Man Shoots Himself While Driving in the Country.

News has just reached Auburn of the death of H. D. Clark, of Nemaha. The best information that has been obtained is that Mr. Clark was driving along the country road in a wagon with a shotgun between his knees; someone passing saw this, and they had gone but a short ways when they heard the report of the gun and saw Clark's hat fly in the air. When he was found about half of his head was gone, having been blown off by the charge. It is naturally supposed that his death was accidentally caused.

REFUSES TO LEAVE PRISON.

Mrs. Worsbaker Wants to Stay and Finish Her Novel.

"I positively will not leave the prison at present," she declared Mrs. Worsbaker, of Dakota County, sentenced to seven years for shooting, Warden Boemer, of the state prison at Lincoln, was surprised that she had a good time allowance of fifteen months.

"I want to finish my book," she declared. "If you mean to put me out before I get it done I'll do something to knock out my good time."

Found His Hogs.

George Frost, a Colfax County farmer, says that in the last week of December he missed five large hogs and had strongly suspected parties in the neighborhood. Last week he, with one of his sons, went into a field to haul up some straw and went to a stack which had been partly blown over some time ago. While loading the straw they heard sounds emanating from the stack and they soon uncovered the missing five hogs. The animals were badly emaciated, but soon began to recuperate. They had been buried up about nine weeks without food or water.

Dakota County Court.

The regular spring term of district court for Dakota County was convened in Dakota City Monday morning. The State vs. Steve Whittecar was taken up for trial. Whittecar is accused of raping his 14-year-old daughter, Miss Georgia, and at the last term of district court was found guilty of the charge by a jury, but Judge Graves set the verdict aside on the grounds of misconduct of the jury. Whittecar has been in jail ever since his arrest last June, being unable to furnish bonds.

Fire Season at West Point.

At West Point the weather is balmy and springlike. Frost is rapidly leaving the ground and every vestige of snow is gone. Gardens are being planted and farmers are busy preparing for spring seeding. The snow has apparently all been absorbed by the soil, insuring plenty of moisture for the coming season.

Wreck Near Fremont.

A train on the Northwestern went off the track just west of the Platte River bridge on the Superior line Wednesday night near Fremont. Seven cars loaded with grain piled up, making a wreck that was a bad one to handle. A temporary track was built around it and trains are running over it as usual.

Engineer's Narrow Escape.

Joe Norris, engineer on the "Irish Mail," had a narrow escape from death at Table Rock. He was under the engine for some purpose, and his fireman, not knowing, dropped the ash box to clean it out and caught him, bruising him quite seriously.

Platte County Jail Empty.

The Platte County jail at Columbus is empty. This is a condition which rarely happens. The last inmates were liberated a few days ago, and who had been given a term during the cold spell.

Explosion Proves Fatal.

J. E. Donnell, of York, died from the shock caused by the explosion of a gasoline can, which occurred last week at the Donnell & Co.'s laundry, in which Mr. Donnell was seriously burned.

Will Be Some Peaches.

William Mohler, of Falls City, has been investigating the condition of the peach buds in that locality and he reports that there will be some peaches this year. They will appear only on the seedling trees, however. The large budded fruit is all killed by the severe weather.

Officers Elected.

At the session of the Dakota County Farmers' Institute held in Dakota City the past week Emmet H. Gribble was elected president for the ensuing year and Andrew J. Kramer secretary.

FIRE AT LINCOLN.

Hargreaves Bros., Wholesale Grocers, Heavy Losers.

Fire early Wednesday evening at Lincoln caused the complete destruction of the wholesale grocery stock of Hargreaves Bros., causing a loss of \$100,000 on stock and between \$5,000 and \$10,000 damage to the four-story building occupied by the firm. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Capt. Stopper was overcome by heat and was taken home. His condition is not serious. The blaze was discovered in the southwest corner of the stock of floor, where were located the stock of mice matches, and it is supposed that mice started it. Owing to the low water pressure and the fact that the department got to work, much time was lost and the blaze gained much headway. It was checked, however, in the third story and prevented from spreading.

Thousands of people crowded the firemen and this made their work the more difficult. The greater portion of the loss was caused by water.

TWO GIRLS NEAR DEATH.

Have Narrow Escape While Boating on Elk Horn River at Pierce.

A Pierce special says: While out boating on the Elk Horn River Miss Edyth Nelson and Lillian Reimers were nearly drowned by the overturning of the boat. Prof. J. M. McIndoo, who happened to be walking along the street next to the river, saw them hanging on to the limb of a tree, and, not being a swimmer, he ran to the Upton residence and telephoned up to the Upton lumber office for assistance.

Mr. Upton and several others jumped into the dray and made for the river as fast as the horses could carry them. Upon arriving at the scene Mr. Upton and Frank Drebert jumped into the water and swam to the girls and boosted them up into a tree and held them there until the other men pulled out the log boat, poured out the water and then rowed out and rescued the girls.

BRIDGE AT FREMONT GOES OUT

Four Spans of Structure Across the Platte River Gone.

The three north spans of the Platte River bridge south of Fremont were carried off Sunday forenoon and a little after noon the next one followed. There is but little ice in the river, except on the sand bars, and the current, aided by a northwest wind, is very swift. Sunday morning a small ice gorge formed west of Fremont, sending a big stream of water through the southwest part of that city. It broke before much damage was done.

The streets in the north part of Englewood are under water. The county has a gang of men using dynamite at the bridge across the south channel, but as communication with that side is cut off the condition of the bridge is not known.

SERIOUS TROUBLE FEARED.

Melting Snow Causes the Loup River to Rise Rapidly.

Reports from railroad offices in Lincoln on Thursday say the Loup River is on the rampage and serious trouble is feared if the warm weather continues. The ice has begun to go out without melting perceptibly, and a great gorge has formed at Ravenna, which threatens to cause a flood. Pleasanton and Pool Sliding are both under water. One bridge has gone out and railroad men are looking for trouble.

Newspaper Change.

The Blair Republican and all office fixtures, good will and the subscription list, along with the lot and building owned by C. B. Sprague, retiring editor of the Republican, were bought by Thomas Osterman, Mr. Osterman is an all around newspaper man and will assume active control of the paper, changing the name to the Blair Democrat, and will be Democratic in politics.

Will Enforce the Quarantine.

The Gage County board of health held a meeting at Beatrice. In view of the fact that the smallpox is spreading over the county, and is likely to assume an epidemic form, it was decided to enforce the quarantine regulations more rigidly in the future than in the past. Patients caught violating the law will be subject to the penalties prescribed.

Killed by the Cars.

While standing beside a Rock Island train that was pulling out of Ashland, J. C. Hottle, aged about 18 years, was killed. He was struck in such a manner that his right leg was thrown under the wheels, cutting it off above the knee and cutting off his right hand and bruising his left foot.

Old Stone Barn Burned.

The large stone barn on the premises of H. V. Rison, in the south part of Beatrice, was damaged by fire Tuesday to the extent of \$300. The building is an old landmark and was built forty years ago by Ford Reper, who at that time owned the Beatrice flour mill, saw mill and dam.

Insane Man Returns to Wales.

Louis Williams, until recently an inmate of the Lincoln hospital, will shortly leave for Wales, his old home, where his father, who is said to be wealthy, wishes Williams was the owner of a ranch in Kimball County and last September became suddenly demented.

Painter Falls to His Death.

F. W. O'Connor fell from a window in the third story of the Thurston Hotel in Omaha Thursday morning and was crushed to death on the pavement below. He had been drinking, his friends say, and it is supposed he lost his balance and fell while raising the window.

Had His Foot Crushed.

Ed Burrow, a young farmer living northwest of Humboldt, got one of his feet caught in the cogs of a horse power, the result being a severe bruising and laceration of the member. The physician hopes to avoid amputation.

New City Building for Humboldt.

The mayor and council of Humboldt at a special session passed an ordinance providing for the submission of the proposition to vote \$10,000 bonds for a new city building to be erected in the city park.



Congressman John A. Sullivan, whose violent altercation with Congressman Hearst, involving a charge of murder, shocked the House of Representatives, represents the Eleventh Massachusetts District. He is a Democrat, served two terms in the State Senate, and is now serving his second term in Congress.

He was born at Abington, Mass., in 1863, was educated at the public schools of Boston and in the Boston University Law School. In both his State and Senatorial races he defeated popular Republicans in a Republican district, and in both his Congressional campaigns he defeated Eugene N. Foss, brother of Congressman Foss, of Illinois. The charge of murder made against him by Mr. Hearst grew out of the death of a man in Boston twenty years ago, while the man was being ejected from a saloon owned by Mr. Sullivan's father. The elder Sullivan was punished for the offense, but Congressman Sullivan, then 17, was allowed to go free.

Thomas Carlyle once told Dr. Joachim, the well-known violinist, "I don't care generally for musicians; they're an empty, wild-baggy sort of people."

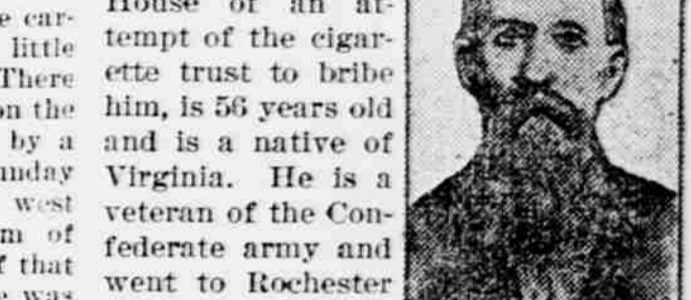
Ananias Baker of Rochester, Ind., Representative from Cass and Fulton counties, in the Indiana Assembly, who started that body of lawmakers by telling the House of an attempt of the cigarette trust to bribe him, is 56 years old and is a native of Virginia. He is a veteran of the Confederate army and went to Rochester shortly after the close of the war.

James Hall, the Newcastle ship owner, whose death has been recorded, was part owner of the first steam collier. He also was a philanthropist of original views.

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