

NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMON WEALTH.

FARMERS PREPARING TO STRIKE

Formation of a State Branch of the American Society of Equity—Losses of Nebraska People at San Francisco—Miscellaneous Matters.

Farmers Prepare to Strike.
HASTINGS—Farmers representing ten central Nebraska counties met here and formed a state branch of the American Society of Equity. Resolutions were adopted vigorously endorsing the farmers' strike which was called by the society's officers in Indianapolis two months ago.

The purpose of the association is to control through united action the prices of all farm products, the general plan being to withhold products until market prices have advanced to the minimum standard fixed by the national officers. The standard for the strike called in February fixed the price of wheat at \$1 per bushel, with a corresponding increase in the price of other grains and agricultural products. The society proposes to maintain its own system of crop reporting and to base the price standards, which are published in the official organ each month, upon the crop figures thus obtained.

National Organizer Sherman has been at work in this section of Nebraska since February 12 and thus far has enrolled 4,000 members. The counties represented in the meeting here are Adams, Kearney, Howard, Buffalo, Hall, Webster, Clay, Hamilton, Phelps and York.

The following officers were elected: President, O. B. Schafer, Hastings; vice president, J. S. Canady, Minden; secretary, C. C. Williams, Hastings; corresponding secretary, William D. McGaffey, Glenville; treasurer, A. G. Bloomfield, Minden.

Former Tecumseh People Lose.

TECUMSEH—Charles Stewart, brother of Dr. M. Stewart of Tecumseh, was a San Francisco financial sufferer. He was erecting a \$200,000 hotel across the street from the St. Francis hotel and the building was nearing completion. It was completely wrecked, and as Mr. Stewart was unable to have insurance on a building which was in course of construction his loss will be great. Mr. Stewart escaped from the city with his family. Dr. Stewart's sister, Mrs. Lillie Purdie, was one of the more fortunate ones, her residence not being destroyed. Miss Nellie Morse, a sister of Mrs. L. M. Davis of this city, was a teacher in the San Francisco schools. Fortunately she happened to be visiting at Healdsburg when the earthquake and fire occurred. She lost her personal effects, however.

Nebraska Companies Lose Little.

None of the Nebraska insurance companies were hard hit by reason of the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Insurance Deputy Pierce received a report from the following companies showing how much they were liable for by reason of the calamity. Farmers and Merchants, net liability \$1,000. The Nebraska Underwriters had a liability of \$750 of reinsurance. The State Insurance company of Omaha carried two risks, amounting to \$2,250. This company has not yet been informed whether its risks were destroyed.

Money Sent to 'Frisco.

Governor Mickey sent to James D. Phelan, head of the relief committee of San Francisco, a draft for \$2,416.73, the balance in his hands for the relief of the California sufferers. There has been sent in all which sum \$3,020.35 was spent for provisions. Friday the governor received a telegram that the sufferers needed money rather than provisions.

Champion Cow of the World.

LINCOLN—Florence Aldrie VI, a splendid red shorthorn cow at the Nebraska experiment station at the state farm, has produced 10,487 pounds of milk during the last year, which made 482.84 pounds of butter. This makes her the champion shorthorn cow of the world, according to statistics compiled on the subject by Prof. A. L. Haacker.

Peach Crop Partly Saved.

TECUMSEH—Early in the spring it was presumed the peach crop had been lost in this section owing to late frosts. However, the fruit raisers now agree that there will be at least two-thirds of a crop of the fruit.

Smallpox Almost Eradicated.

COLUMBUS—All danger from smallpox here has passed and there is but one case in the city. The board of health and city have done all in their power to wipe out the disease.

Brother Bought Revenge.

KEARNEY—Everett Edwards, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Anna Grosh, was released from the county jail, his bond in the amount of \$2,500 being signed by A. U. Dunn. Somers Grosh, brother of the dead girl, attempted to kill Edwards by shooting. Edwards was on his way to the train when he was met by Grosh, who pulled a revolver and shot. The shot hit him on the left side, but an account of a heavy overcoat the ball did not penetrate his clothing.

Farmer Kills Himself.

ST. PAUL—John Chalapski, a farmer, residing about three miles south of St. Paul, committed suicide at his home yesterday. He had been drinking and is said to have had trouble with his wife, who left home.

Butte Postoffice Is Robbed.

BUTTE—The postoffice here was robbed. About \$1,100 in stamps and money was taken. The robbers broke open the door from the outside into the Gazette office and from there broke into the postoffice.

OVER THE STATE.

Ogallala will have two saloons this year.

The citizens of Arlington are moving for a curfew law.

The Burlington will build a hand-some depot at Alliance.

The city gas works of Kearney has been sold to H. D. Watson.

The mother of ex-Congressman Mercer died in Omaha last week.

Walter Arends of Syracuse died suddenly in Los Angeles, Cal., last week.

John Gabourusky of Dodge county died from injuries received in a runaway.

Liquor dealers of the state will have their annual gathering in Columbus next month.

Hon. J. H. McCall of Lexington died last week. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

The new Springdale Methodist church in Valley county is about ready for dedication.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the forming of the Farmers' Elevator company of Bee.

John Rickett, a grocer in West Beatrice, was severely cut and bruised about the head and body in a runaway accident.

Ida Terrill, an Omaha girl, held up an insurance man at the end of a six-shooter and took from him \$322. She is under arrest.

Copy for the docket for the May term of district court will contain 1,210 civil cases, a decrease of 100 from the number in the February docket.

Elmer Fisher of Fillmore county, who was in San Francisco the night of the earthquake, has written his father that he was in the midst of it but escaped unhurt.

The relatives and friends of Roy W. Hinsdale at Beatrice were very much relieved last week when they received a telegram from him at San Francisco saying he was all right.

The state oratorical contest will be held in Lexington May 11. There are twelve schools to take part, four in the oratorical, four in the dramatic and four in the humorist class.

Dr. and Mrs. Halderman, who had been visiting at Ord, had started home but did not reach San Francisco in time for the earthquake. Most of their baggage was lost, but they are safe.

The registered live stock breeders of Johnson county have organized the Johnson County Breeders' Association for the mutual interests of its member ship.

One of the biggest land deals consummated in Gage county in years was the sale last week of the Emery Ellis section northwest of the city to Henry Damkroger and Henry Pohlman for \$49,000 cash.

Edward D. Snyder of Nemaha county has been adjudged insane and taken to the hospital at Lincoln for treatment. Mr. Snyder is one of the substantial farmers residing three miles east of Auburn.

Advices have been received at Plattsmouth from Guthrie, Okla., reporting the tragic death of Ed Jardine, who, for many years, resided in Cass county. He was burned to death by gasoline explosion.

During a storm P. Hinkson, residing a few miles northwest of Alda, was struck by lightning. Mr. Hinkson had just finished feeding his stock when the bolt of lightning struck close, rendering him unconscious.

Mrs. S. R. Gist of Humboldt has received word from her parents, Judge and Mrs. E. A. Tucker of Los Angeles, to the effect that their son, Dr. George Tucker, who was thought to be a victim of the San Francisco disaster, had arrived home safely.

E. F. Warren, a wealthy citizen of Springfield, Kan., who has been at Alliance investigating land and brought several thousand dollars for investment, disappeared last week. No traces of him has yet been discovered. His personal property is at a local hotel. Foul play is feared.

Lieutenant Pulls, the Nebraskan who was blown up by an explosion of dynamite in helping to save San Francisco buildings, is far from dead, as reported in press dispatches. E. B. Mather of Eldora, Ia., an old friend and comrade in the Third Nebraska regiment, has heard from him, and finds that he is all right.

Rollin Smith, formerly of Ord, had a thrilling experience at San Francisco. He escaped from a hotel that collapsed and through streets that were turning to turbanes of fire made his way to friends in Oakland. A policeman whom he saw looking up had his head severed from the body by a piece of falling plate glass.

Mrs. Sarah Young, for herself and her minor child commenced an action in the district court of Butler county against E. L. Beveridge, a saloon-keeper of David City and the Metropolitan Bond and Surety company of Omaha for \$5,000 for the death of her husband whom she alleges became intoxicated from liquor sold in the saloon.

Sheriff Quiston of Cass county has received word from Sheriff Ehlers of Polk county offering a reward of \$75 for the return of a valuable team, harness and buggy and the person who stole them from A. O. Tolbo of that county.

Henry Finley, who recently moved from Tecumseh to Highland, Kan., underwent the amputation of a limb on duty recently. He was suffering with necrosis of the ankle bones and gangrene set in. To save his life it was necessary to amputate his leg just below the knee.

An artificial stone structure three stories in height is being constructed at Milford, Seward county, by a son of Adjutant General Culver for the handling of lithia water from the Shogo springs.

Mrs. Freeman of Beatrice received a letter from Mrs. E. Klehans, a former Beatrice resident who is living at San Jose, Cal., in which she reports that in her family escaped the earthquake with little loss, though the town suffered as much in proportion to wealth and population as any on the coast.



AGITATORS THROG PARIS

DIFFICULT MATTER TO CLEAR CITY OF RADICALS.

Russian Student Is Killed by Explosion of Bomb and Companion Is Badly Injured.

Paris.—The strike has ceased to present any general menace and is now confined to scattered agitations, which promise prolonged struggles in several industries.

At no time did the demonstration reach the magnitude of a revolt, but was rather a leaderless tumult, in which the serious labor element, struggling for a principle, was hopelessly outwitted by violent agitators, anarchists, revolutionists, roughs and a large number of the curious. The workmen never succeeded in forming a procession or even in assembling more than scattered bands. Their chief action was a reunion of several thousands in the labor exchange, at which a resolution was adopted not to return to work until the eight-hour day shall have been accorded.

The explosion of a bomb which was being carried by two Russian students—killing one and lacerating the other—has recalled attention to the continued presence of a violent element, despite the wholesale expulsions and arrests of the last few days. It leads the authorities to maintain precautionary police and military patrols both in the central and outlying districts. Squadrons of cavalry are stationed in the Place de l'Opera and at the various town halls, but there is no further necessity to exercise force.

Many workmen who quit at the end of eight hours Wednesday found themselves locked out Thursday morning, the proprietors refusing to formally concede the principle while intending to stop work at the eight hour.

RECEIVER FOR BOND CO.

Application of Investors in American Reserve Concern Is Granted.

Chicago.—Judge Bethea in the federal court Wednesday granted an application for the appointment of a receiver for the American Reserve Bond company. The Western Trust and Savings bank was named as the receiver, with a capital of \$200,000. The complainants in the bill are Wirt E. Humphrey, who invested \$1,011, and Jake Filkowitz, who invested \$416. The defendant besides the American Reserve Bond company are alleged subsidiary companies: The Southern Mutual Investment company, Lexington, Ky.; the North American Investment company of the United States, St. Louis, and the Colonial Security company, of St. Louis.

Chicago Banker Bound Over.

Chicago.—John R. Walsh, former railroad owner and president of the Chicago National bank, waived a hearing before United States Commissioner Mark A. Foote Thursday and was bound over to the federal grand jury upon \$50,000 bonds. He must answer the charge of making a false report to the comptroller of the currency.

Explosion at Powder Works.

Louisiana, Mo.—The machine house, gun-cotton house and dry cotton house of the LaMotte Powder Works, situated two miles from Ashburn, Mo., blew up Thursday. Charles Bernard, of Haverton, and Henry Pulze, of Ashburn, were killed and several were injured.

Congratulate Athletes.

Athens.—President Roosevelt has telegraphed to James E. Sullivan, manager of the American team at the Olympic games, as follows: "Heartly congratulations to you and American contestants. Uncle Sam is all right."

Professor Goes to Prison.

Kansas City, Mo.—Michael Angelo McGinnis, a former college professor and author of a standard work on mathematics, was convicted of forgery in the criminal court here and sentenced to ten years in prison.

Building Strike in Oshkosh.

Oshkosh, Wis.—All building operations where union men were employed have ceased, all union carpenters of the city, about 150 in all, going on strike. The demand is for a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour.

Wells May Be Going Dry.

Elgin, Ill.—Fears are felt that the artesian wells installed in 1904 are going dry. It is asserted that at times the flow is not great enough to supply the city and that water has to be pumped directly from Fox river.

NAMES SUCCESSOR TO WITTE

Former Minister of the Interior Is Selected to Fill Position of Premier.

St. Petersburg.—The official announcement that Premier Witte's resignation had been accepted, coupled with the statement that former Minister of the Interior Goremshyn would succeed him, was made Wednesday.



COUNT WITTE. (Emperor Nicholas of Russia Has Accepted His Resignation as Premier.)

In view of the publications of the last few days, the former statement did not come as a surprise, but M. Goremshyn's elevation to the premiership created amazement. He is not only regarded as a reactionary, but the general opinion is that he is not equal to the task of facing the coming crisis.

OIL TRUST REBATE PROBE

Alleged Violations of Anti-Trust Law to Be Investigated by Department of Justice.

Washington.—The statement is authoritatively made that the department of justice will immediately begin an investigation of the relations of the so-called oil trust and a number of railroads, with a view of determining whether there have been violations of the anti-trust law.

The basis for this investigation will be the information recently submitted to the president in a report of Commissioner Garfield, of the bureau of corporations, which is soon to be made public. This report, it is learned, deals only with the subject of rebates and does not go into the questions of violations of the anti-trust law.

TWO BANKS HAVE TROUBLE

National and State Institutions, Controlled by Pittsburg Man Are Closed.

Pittsburg, Pa.—National Bank Examiner John B. Cunningham Wednesday closed the Delmont National bank at Delmont, Pa., of which James McQuade, of this city, is president, and almost at the same time the attorney general's department at Harrisburg made application to the Dauphin county court for a receiver for the Monongahela Valley bank of Duquesne, which is alleged to be insolvent. Mr. McQuade is vice president of the Monongahela bank and also has been conducting a chain of amusement enterprises about the country, which consists mainly of merry-go-rounds.

Pardon for Midshipmen.

Washington.—Three midshipmen, dismissed from the naval academy for hazing, have been recommended by the president for restoration to the academy with a loss of one year. The midshipmen are Worth W. Foster, a member of the first class, and George H. Melvin and Richard L. Desausure, members of the third class. In his letter the president says:

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Arrested for Land Frauds.

Oshkosh, Wis.—Five lumbermen and bankers representing an aggregate wealth far in excess of \$1,000,000, were arrested Thursday night on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government by means of alleged land frauds in the state of Oregon.

To Probe Boodle Charges.

Marietta, O.—A great sensation was created here when Judge Jones instructed the grand jury to thoroughly investigate the reports of booting at the Republican county convention held last Tuesday.

Actor's Eldest Son Married.

London.—Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw, of Virginia, and Waldorf Astor, eldest son of William Waldorf Astor, were quietly married at All Souls' church by the Rev. Francis Scott Webster, M. A.

Rockefeller's Aid Is Dead.

Cleveland, O.—Henry C. Rouse, chairman of the board of directors of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company and president of a number of other western railways, died here Monday of pneumonia.

Fire in Illinois Town.

Peoria, Ill.—Peoria was appealed to for help Wednesday morning as the result of a fire which destroyed the Verry elevator, the Methodist church and several residences at Arlington, in Tazewell county.

NO FEAR OF HARD TIMES

'FRISCO HAS CAPITAL IN SIGHT FOR ALL NEEDS.

Work of Clearing Up Burned Section Progressing—New Yorkers Ready to Advance Money.

San Francisco.—An investigation made Wednesday demonstrated that the fear that San Francisco will suffer a period of hard times as an aftermath of the disastrous fire is unfounded. Careful estimate made by authorities competent to speak, show that within the next year there will be over \$200,000,000 available for the rehabilitation of San Francisco.

The following figures made clear where this sum is to originate: Investment of new Geary street municipal road, \$340,000; Home Telephone company expenditures, \$1,000,000; insurance losses now due and payable (approximately), \$175,000,000; United railroads new constructions, \$9,000,000; city bonds of 1904, sum still available, \$17,000,000; Ocean Shore railway, approximated expenditures here, \$1,000,000; restoration of Pacific States Telephone company, \$1,000,000; restoration of government buildings, \$70,000; building of sea wall, \$2,000,000. Total, \$207,110,000.

It is expected that a large part of this money will come from eastern and foreign capitalists. In figuring the two hundred odd million which will be available, the investigators did not take into consideration the sums that may be raised for the beautification and improvement of the city.

San Francisco.—The first definite proposition for furnishing money on a large scale to San Francisco for the purpose of rebuilding some of the burned sections was made public Tuesday, when it was announced that a syndicate of New York capitalists had agreed to advance \$100,000,000.

The news came in a telegram received by W. F. Herrin, chief counsel of the Southern Pacific, from United States Senator Newlands, of Nevada, who had a large interest in the burned Palace hotel. Senator Newlands stated that he had submitted the plan to New York financiers and that they had virtually consented to supply the money on a bond and mortgage basis. The names of the New York people are not given. The offer is under discussion by the local finance committee.

San Francisco.—According to P. H. McCarthy, president of the Building Trades council, there is no dearth of mechanics at this city. Between 2,000 and 2,100 men affiliated with the council are registered, and this number, he says, will be more than ample to handle current operations. He advises against mechanics coming to San Francisco. Regarding wages and hours Mr. McCarthy has pronounced in a statement that the council would not ratify the slightest change of the previous standard and that no advantage would be taken of the people who contemplate reconstructing buildings within the near future.

PARDONS EXPELLED MIDDIES

Men Dismissed from Naval Academy Are Restored to Classes in Interest of the Service.

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The president then points out that under the drastic provisions of the old law it became the duty of the superintendent of the naval academy to court-martial midshipmen who committed any act of hazing without regard to its character, whether grave or critical.

He then recalls that congress by act of April 9 last has done away with the inflexible features of the law and has conferred a measure of discretion upon the superintendent of the naval academy, the secretary of the navy and the president in the disciplinary administration of the naval academy.

Daring Plot Nipped.

Baku, Caucasus.—A daring plot of Armenian revolutionists to rob the magazine in the arsenal here, which contains over 1,000,000 rifle cartridges the entire reserve supply for all the regiments composing the garrison, has been accidentally discovered just as the conspirators were on the verge of success. They bored a tunnel 700 feet in the direction of the arsenal. It was one of the most pretentious examples of subterranean work in revolutionary annals since the days of the terrorists of the '80s.

Divorce for Tobacco Chief.

Newark, N. J.—Vice Chancellor Pike Thursday advised that a decree of absolute divorce be granted to James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco company, in his suit against Mrs. Lillian Duke.

Heresy Court to Meet.

Rochester, N. Y.—The members of the ecclesiastical court were tried Dr. Algernon S. Crapsey for heresy at Br. Taliga last week with recesses in executive session at that place May 9 to decide on a verdict.

Confess to Eight Murders.

Dresden, Saxony.—Max Dittich, a leather worker, who was arrested recently on the suspicion of murder confessed to the police that he had killed eight persons in the course of seven years.

Swedish Lutheran Conference.

Joliet, Ill.—The annual district conference of the Swedish Lutheran church convened Wednesday evening, with 30 delegates and 115 pastors, representing Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

GOLL FOUND GUILTY.

Former Assistant Cashier of First National of Milwaukee Is Convicted on Thirty-Four Counts.

Milwaukee.—Henry G. Goll former assistant cashier of the First National bank of this city was found guilty by a jury in the United States district court Sunday on 19 counts out of 34. The counts in the indictments against the defendant on which he was found guilty relate to false entries and the misapplication of funds in the bank, those relating to embezzlement and telegrams being thrown out.

The verdict was reached by the jury after a session lasting eight hours. The amount of money which Goll was alleged to have misappropriated was about \$250,000. Mr. Goll was unmoved by the verdict and referred all interviewers to his attorneys. He was remanded to the custody of the United States marshal.

Attorney William B. Rubin, for the defendant, at once made a motion for a new trial.

The trial of Henry G. Goll lasted exactly three weeks, during which time a large volume of evidence was submitted to the jury. The most interesting part of the testimony was that offered by the former president of the bank, Frank G. Bigelow, who is now serving a ten years' sentence at the Fort Leavenworth prison, he having pleaded guilty to looting the bank, without undergoing a trial. Bigelow testified that many of the acts with which Goll was charged were committed under his direction, but stated that he had no knowledge of some of them. Aside from Bigelow's testimony, bank officials were subpoenaed from several outside cities and testified as to various accounts with the Milwaukee bank. Several bookkeepers and tellers of the bank gave testimony on most of the charges, the basis for which having been unearthed by the government's expert accountant.

Goll was Monday denied his freedom on a bail bond pending argument for a new trial before United States District Judge Quarles on Saturday next.

WIFE DENOUNCES APOSTLE

Dowie Is Publicly Told He Was Indiscreet in Relations with Ruth Hofer.

Chicago.—White and trembling and hoarse with emotion, Mrs. Jane Dowie faced her husband, the deposed apostle of Zion, on the platform in Zion tabernacle Thursday night and asserted flatly, in the hearing of a crowd of 300 of his present and former followers, that he had been indiscreet in his relations with Miss Ruth Hofer, the Swiss helress, and other young women. It was the first time that the wife of Dowie had attacked him publicly and in his presence, and the encounter was the most dramatic episode in the recent series of sensational events attending the disruption of the north shore community.

The audience was astounded at the show of feeling on the part of the wife, which was brought about by Dowie himself, who had asked Mrs. Dowie for a statement in his defense. Not only did the "apostle's" helress denounce him, but she scored Overseer Voliva and his lieutenants, and ended with a statement that she would demand a hearing in her own defense before a Voliva audience next Sunday.

CONSTABLES FIRE ON MOB

Foreign Mineworkers Attack State Police with Stones and Receive Shower of Bullets.

Mount Carmel, Pa.—The first serious collision in the anthracite coal regions since mining was suspended on April 1, occurred here Monday between a mob of idle mine workers and a platoon of the new state constabulary force, and resulted in the injuring of probably 20 men, three of them will likely die.

The disturbance was caused by an attack on a detail of the state police by several hundred foreigners, who threw stones at the policemen and otherwise endangered their lives to such an extent that they were forced to fire on the crowd.

While it is believed that a score of persons were injured during the day only ten are accounted for. Three, it is thought, will die.

Attempt Is Made Upon Life of Vice Admiral Doushoff.

MOSCOW.—A bomb was thrown at the carriage of Vice Admiral Doushoff, governor general of Moscow, as he was being driven to the palace Lincoln. He was wounded in the foot and his aide-de-camp and a sentry were killed. The man who threw the bomb is reported to have been killed. He wore an officer's uniform. Access to the palace is barred.

Edward Rosewater for Senator.

OMAHA.—The Omaha Bee contains an article announcing the candidacy of Edward Rosewater for United States senator. A copy of the article was furnished to the Associated Press for transmission to its patrons.

Indicted for Land Frauds.

PORTLAND, Ore.—United States District Attorney Bristol made public the names of twenty-one persons included in the final batch of the most important government land fraud indictments which has been returned by the present federal grand jury.

Greely Gets \$300,000.

WASHINGTON.—Following representations made to the war department by Major General Greely, commanding the Department of the Pacific, Secretary Taft has placed at the disposal of that officer an amount approximately \$300,000 appropriated by congress for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers. With this money General Greely will pay for supplies already purchased and others which are needed, including fresh meat, which he says, is indispensable.

Automobile Industry.

WASHINGTON.—The automobile industry, according to a preliminary bulletin issued by the census bureau, shows a very large increase for the calendar year 1904 as compared with 1900. In the former year 21,336 passenger and pleasure machines were produced, as against 3,316 in 1900, and 1,441 vehicles of other styles in 1904, as against 407 in 1900. In 1904 the amount of capital invested was \$208,555,247, as against \$5,768,857 in 1900 or an increase of 256 per cent.

RUSSIAN MEETING

A GREAT GATHERING ABOUT TO BE HELD.

COMING RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT

Its Deliberations May Have Tendency to Change History of Europe—A Great Advance from the Present Autocratic Rule.

WASHINGTON.—The national assembly of Russia, to which so many hopes for the future of that country are anchored, will be convened at the Tauride palace in St. Petersburg on Thursday, May 10. Never before in the history of Russia has there been an assemblage which, with the sanction and approval of the government, has represented the people. It would therefore appear to be an experiment upon the outcome of which will depend the future of Russia. The national assembly or duma was granted by the emperor August 19, 1905, and according to the official announcement is established for the preliminary study and discussion of legislative propositions, which, according to the fundamental laws, go up through the council of the empire to the supreme autocratic authority. The composition of the council of the empire or upper house—one-half appointed by the emperor and one-half elected from the nobility and clergy—would seem sufficiently pliable to block the duma should it be in opposition to the crown