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CROWN CZAR AND CZARINA

Nicholas and Alix Go Through the Solemn Coronation Formalities.

GORGEOUS CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL

All the Ancient Pomp and Circumstance of the Ritual Observed Minutely by Civil and Religious Authorities.

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MOSCOW, May 26.—His majesty, the Emperor Nicholas Alexandrovitch, autocrat of all the Russias, and her majesty, the Empress Alexandra Feodorovna, were solemnly crowned today in the Cathedral of the Assumption, with the utmost ceremony and in accordance with all the religious forms and ancient rites.

At 7 o'clock this morning the ceremonies commenced with a salute of twenty-one cannon shots, marking the opening of the day and at the same hour the bells in the Cathedral of the Assumption began ringing. Half an hour later the court dignitaries and distinguished persons who were to take part in the imperial cortege began to assemble in the halls of the palace and in the cathedral. The ladies wore court dress and the dignitaries were in full uniform. The envoys extraordinary, the ambassadors, the ministers plenipotentiary and the charges d'affaires, with their wives, as well as the representatives of the diplomatic corps, assembled at the palace of the Kremlin shortly after 8 o'clock and were invited by the masters of the ceremonies to repair to the Cathedral of the Assumption and take the places reserved for them.

Previous to this an immense body of troops had been gathered around the Kremlin, and from one end to the other of the route followed by the imperial party in passing from the palace to the Cathedral of the Assumption, and from there to the other cathedrals of the Kremlin, troops formed double lines on both sides, those immediately protecting their majesties being the grenadiers of the palace and detachments from the various cavalry regiments of which the czar is colonel-in-chief. Troops were also stationed in the palace, officers in brilliant uniforms being placed conspicuously at all the doors and turnings of the corridors.

A te deum was celebrated in the cathedral at 8 o'clock in the morning, and after prayers the clergy, in full canonicals, assembled in front of the cathedral to receive her majesty, the ex-czarina, Marie Feodorovna. The latter, on the conclusion of the te deum repaired to the Cathedral of the Assumption accompanied by the members of the imperial family of the highest rank, with the exception of those who were to take part in the emperor's procession, and by the distinguished guests of their majesties. The train of the ex-czarina was carried by four court chamberlains and the imperial mantle was held up by two court officials on each side, the train of the mantle being carried by a grand dignitary of the imperial court.

HONORS FOR THE EX-CZARINA.

From the last step to the Krasnoe Krylitso up to the cathedral entrance eight court dignitaries of the third class carried the canopy beneath which the ex-empress walked and the golden cords of the canopy, a most gorgeous construction, were carried by eight court dignitaries of third class.

After leaving the throne hall her majesty immediately preceded by two masters of the ceremonies and by the grand master of the ceremonies, all three carrying the insignia of their office, and by a number of gentlemen of the chamber, court chamberlains, dignitaries of the grand ducal courts, dignitaries of the foreign courts and officials belonging to the imperial court, and the whole party was preceded by two runners, four equerries of the court and an equery of the chamberlain. In front of the Cathedral of the Assumption her majesty was received by the metropolitan of Moscow, who presented her with the cross and holy water. Her majesty then received the benediction of the clergy and was escorted to her seat in the throne of the czar, Aeris Mikhailovitch, which had been placed on a special estrade for the occasion and surmounted by a beautiful canopy. Their imperial highnesses, the grand duchess and the grand dukes and the august guests of their majesties took places set apart for them and the grand master of the ceremonies of the imperial court stationed himself to the right of the estrade. The members of the imperial household, of the imperial grand dukes and foreign princes were afterward escorted to their places by masters of the ceremonies.

So soon as the procession of her majesty, the ex-czarina, had started for the Cathedral of the Assumption the high court dignitaries who had assembled at the palace received the imperial insignia in the throne hall and took up the stations allotted to them in the cortege of the emperor.

Before the procession started the grand almoner of their majesties, bearing a large golden cross studded with jewels, and assisted by two deacons carrying a golden bowl full of holy water, sprinkled the whole route which was to be followed by their majesties from the palace to the Cathedral of the Assumption.

The ex-Empress Marie Feodorovna's departure for the Cathedral of the Assumption having been announced, the czar and czarina made their entrance into the throne hall and seated themselves on the thrones, over which was a magnificent canopy.

IMPERIAL CORTEGE STARTS.

A moment later, a signal announced that the time had arrived for the departure of the imperial cortege, and the latter moved toward the cathedral. The grand procession was headed by the chevalier guards of the ex-empress, Marie Feodorovna. Following were the imperial pages, representatives of the synodic of the rural communes, the mayors of the leading cities and members of the various local governments, presidents of the commercial and financial bodies and of artisans guilds of Moscow, etc. These were followed by Cossack soldiers and the people, delegations from the nobility, the senate, the church, etc.

The imperial insignia, borne by high court dignitaries included the Collar of the Order of St. Andrew of the czarina; the sword, the standard and the seal of the empire; the imperial mantles of their majesties, the globe, the sceptre and the crowns of the empress and emperor.

These were followed by military officials, preceding the emperor and empress, walking beneath canopies borne by aides-de-camp, and after them came representatives of the hereditary nobility. Interspersed throughout were military officers and soldiers, whose brilliant uniforms made the cathedral resplendent.

At the moment the imperial cortege appeared on leaving the palace, the bells in all the churches of Moscow were rung and the troops in parade order presented arms and rendered all military honors to the imperial party.

As their majesties approached the entrance of the cathedral the metropolitan of Moscow pronounced the usual allocution, the metropolitan of St. Petersburg presented the cross to their majesties and the metropolitan of Kieff presented them with holy water.

Entering the cathedral, their majesties bowed to the knee three times before a holy door and venerated the saintly images. They afterwards moved toward the estrade and took their seats on the throne of the czar Mach Michael Feodorovitch and John III. The archbishops, archimandrites and the officiating clergy placed themselves in two ranks between the estrade of the throne and the holy door, and the choir chanted the psalm, "Misericordiam et Judicium Cantabo Tibi, Domine."

The dignitaries carrying the imperial mantles stationed themselves on the first step of the throne. A dignitary holding the sword of the empire stood on the second step of the throne, while the bearer of the standard occupied a position on the third step. Other ex-officers to the pageant were grouped about in suitable order.

CEREMONY OF CORONATION.

The ceremony of coronation and anointment was then accomplished as follows:

The metropolitan of St. Petersburg mounted the steps of the throne, placed himself in front of the emperor and invited his majesty to make, before his faithful subjects, and in a loud voice, his profession of orthodox faith and presented him with the open book, from which the emperor recited the symbol of the faith. After this the metropolitan of St. Petersburg pronounced the ritual: "Gratia spiritus sancti sit semper tecum. Amen."

The metropolitan then left the estrade, and after the reading of the holy gospel the metropolitans of St. Petersburg and Kieff mounted the steps to the throne.

The emperor arose and taking off the collar of the Order of St. Andrew ordered that the imperial mantle with the collar in diamonds of that order be presented to him. They were presented on cushions by the metropolitans of St. Petersburg and Kieff, who also assisted his majesty to put on his mantle. The metropolitan of St. Petersburg then pronounced the words: "In nomine patria et filii et spiritus sancti. Amen."

One of the assistants of his majesty adjusted the imperial mantle.

His majesty received the pontifical benediction of the metropolitan of St. Petersburg, who placed his hands on the czar's head in the form of a cross, reciting the two prayers prescribed by the ritual.

The prayers terminated, the emperor ordered that the imperial crown be presented to him. Thereupon the metropolitan of St. Petersburg took the imperial crown and handed it to the emperor, who took it in his hands and placed it on his head. The metropolitan then in a loud voice pronounced the prescribed allocution.

In a similar manner his majesty caused to be presented to him the scepter and the globe, and having taken the scepter in his right hand and the globe in his left hand he seated himself upon the throne for a few moments; then his majesty arose and placed the scepter and globe upon cushions.

The monarch then called upon her majesty, the Empress Alexandra Feodorovna to approach, and she knelt before him on a velvet cushion richly embroidered with gold.

CROWNED HER EMPRESS.

His majesty thereupon solemnly lifted the crown from his own head and touched with it her forehead. He then replaced the crown on his own head. His majesty then took up the crown of the empress and placed it upon the head of her majesty.

Her majesty's imperial mantle and the collar of the Order of St. Andrew were next presented with the same ceremony. This done her majesty took her seat on the throne while the emperor again took the scepter in his right hand and then took the globe in his left. The archdeacon then proclaimed the imperial title in extenso and intoned the verses: "Domine, salvum fac imperatorem" and "Domine, salvum fac imperatricem" followed by the "Ad Multos Annos," which the choir repeated three times.

After the chanting the bells of the cathedral and of the other sacred edifices throughout Moscow were rung and a salute of 101 cannon shots fired.

The emperor then rose, handed the scepter and the globe to the attendants and knelt down to recite from the book presented to him by the metropolitan of St. Petersburg the prayer prescribed for the occasion. The prayer terminated, the metropolitan and all present knelt and, in the name of the nation, offered up prayers to the Almighty.

After the prayer the metropolitan of St. Petersburg read a short allocution to the emperor and the choir intoned the Te Deum to the sound of the bells of all the churches of the Kremlin. During this ceremony the czar stood with bared head.

The reading of the holy gospel followed, and two of the archbishops presented the holy book to their majesties to kiss.

The anthem terminated and the officiating clergy having been notified that the holy door was open, two archbishops, assisted by archdeacons, advanced from the altar toward his majesty to announce to the latter that the holy ceremony of the anointment was to begin. Thereupon his majesty, having handed his sword to one of his august assistants, descended from the throne, and preceded by the scepter, the globe and the crown, went toward the holy door, followed by the empress, Alexandra Feodorovna.

On both sides of his majesty were his assistants, the minister of the imperial household, the minister of war, the aides-de-camp, etc. Approaching the holy door, the emperor and empress stood upon the golden cloth. The attendants grouped themselves on either side and behind their majesties. The metropolitan of St. Petersburg, bearing the precious amphora with the holy chrism, dipped it in the golden bowl, prepared for the purpose, and anointed the forehead, eyelids, nostrils, lips, ears, chest and hands of the emperor, pronouncing the words, "Impresnio dum spiritue sancti."

CONCLUSION OF THE CEREMONY.

The ringing of bells and firing of a salute of 101 guns notified the populace of the conclusion of the ceremony.

After the holy unction, his majesty placed himself on the right, in front of the image of the Savior, and the empress approached the holy door where the metropolitan of St. Petersburg anointed her on the forehead, pronouncing the words of the ritual.

The metropolitan of St. Petersburg afterwards introduced the emperor into the sanctuary by the holy door, the other prelates officiating holding up the imperial mantle from the moment he passed the doors.

Subsequently the emperor received the holy communion as it is administered to priests—that is, separately— by virtue of his sovereignty. Leaving the sanctuary his majesty again took up his place before the image of the Savior while the empress received holy communion according to the usual rite. Their majesties returned to their thrones where the post-communion ceremonies were performed and at the end of the mass the archdeacon intoned the verses: "Domine, salvum fac imperatorem," and "Domine, salvum fac imperatricem," the choir repeating three times "Ad Multos Annos."

At the end of the service the clergy presented the cross to their majesties for them to kiss, the emperor replaced the crown on his head and again took the scepter and the globe and the clergy and all the persons present presented their felicitations upon the conclusion of the ceremonies of the coronation and the anointment.

The procession then moved back to the palace in the same order and with the same ceremony as upon the occasion of leaving it, preceded by the cortege of the ex-empress Marie Feodorovna.

After leaving the Cathedral of the Assumption the emperor and empress repaired to the Cathedral of the Archangel where they were received by the bishop of Kostroma, who presented them with the cross and holy water and preceded them into the cathedral.

Upon entering the sacred edifice his majesty placed his crown, scepter and globe in the hands of attendants, their majesties knelt in prayer before the holy images, relics and tombs of their ancestors and the archbishop read the litanies. Resuming the crown, scepter and globe the emperor proceeded in state with the empress to the Cathedral of the Annunciation where they were received by the archbishop of Kherson and the clergy. There also his majesty took off the crown and placed the scepter and globe in the hands of those charged to receive them and the usual religious ceremonies followed. From the Cathedral of the Annunciation their majesties went to the palace and at the Krasnoe Krylitso received the benediction of the metropolitan of St. Petersburg. Entering the throne hall of the palace his majesty gave the scepter and globe into the hands of their keepers and he and the empress, wearing their crowns and imperial mantles, retired to their private apartments.

At the banquet which followed at the Granovitai palace the utmost state was observed, the imperial grand dukes and grand duchesses and august foreign princes and the leading members of their suites being in attendance with the royal synod, the high clergy and others. But only persons of the highest importance were present at the imperial banquet, the guests being entertained according to their rank.

FOUGHT FOR FIVE HOURS

Battle of Considerable Importance Reported from Cuba.

MACEO'S POSITION HAS BEEN FORCED

According to Spanish Authorities the Fighting Was Fierce and the Rebels Were Forced to Retreat with Loss.

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HAVANA, May 26.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—General Suares Valdez was wounded twice today in an action with Maceo near Consulacion del Sur, in the northwestern part of Pinar del Rio near the railroad from that city to Havana. The official report says that Maceo's camp was taken and the rebels put to flight with a loss of twenty-nine killed. Among the killed were two foreigners. Twenty-seven Spaniards were wounded.

General Valdez marched out of Consolacion with 1,700 men, infantry, cavalry and artillery, and found Maceo and Perico Diaz occupying the hills, roads and woods near a small place called Lajas. The troops attacked and there was fierce fighting for five hours. The insurgents were finally compelled to retreat. There is no report of any prisoners being taken, so, apparently, Maceo carried off his wounded.

This is the most important engagement reported since the affair at Cacara Jicara. The scene of the battle is east of Maceo's former position. It is evident, therefore, that he has been advancing against the trocha.

General Valdez was wounded early in the action. One ball pierced his forearm and a second struck his revolver and hurt his hip.

It is officially announced that General Arolas, commander of the trocha at Artemisa, is ill and will be succeeded in the command by General Melguizo, who has been very prominent in the operations in Havana province.

The gunboat Ardilla, whose name was connected recently with the Lauruda expedition, sailed Saturday from Cienfuegos.

It is officially announced that the armed launch Leakiid has destroyed two barks found at a point on the coast formerly occupied by the insurgents, and brought a third into Sagua, on the north coast of Santa Clara province. Insurgents have been seen about Alfonso Doce, near the boundary of Matanzas and Havana. Zayas has recently been reported retreating into Santa Clara province before General Molina. The rebels are still active in various parts of Matanzas and cavalry has been moved from the trocha to Union de Reyes to oppose their advance. W. W. GAY.

MRS. AYER ENTERTAINS MRS. ASTOR

Elaborate Dinner Party and Soiree Given in Paris.

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PARIS, May 26.—(New York World Cablegram.—Special Telegram.)—It will interest many people in New York, Newport and perhaps elsewhere in the United States, that Mrs. William Aster of New York was tonight entertained at a very elaborate dinner by Mrs. James C. Ayer, at Mrs. Ayer's beautiful residence, 18 Rue Constantine, hard by the Bourbon palace on the Quartier St. German side of the Seine.

There were eighteen covers at the dinner which was followed by a large soiree and musical, being a fete in honor of the czar's coronation. The Russian choir from the church in the Rue Daru sang Russian anthems and popular Russian songs. Madame Melba was the soloist, singing in excellent voice "Les Anges Pelurent" and "A Fol" accompanied by Composer Herman Bemberg, well known to Americans. Among those present were: La duchesse la Rochefoucauld (formerly Miss Mitchell of Washington), Baroness Selliere (formerly Mrs. Livermore of New York), Miss Patsy Reed, Mrs. Paget's aunt, Lady Grey Edgerton (formerly Miss Cuyler of Baltimore), Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Miss Elsie Dewolfe, Mrs. Marbury, Countesse Arizedo, Mrs. Schegg (nee Singer), Mrs. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Brulateur, Countess Castellane (formerly Miss Gould of New York,) Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Wayne Coyler, the duchess of Manchester (formerly Miss Yznaga), Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Belmont, (the latter formerly Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt), Countess Devonne (formerly Miss Audenreyed of Washington), and Mme. Christine Nilsson.

SEEKING FOR POSITIVE PROOF.

World Correspondent Goes to the Interior to Test a Reported Outrage.

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TWENTY-FIVE MILES WEST OF HAVANA, Province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, May 25.—(Correspondence of the New York World—Special Telegram.)—I start tomorrow for San Pedro, near by, where eleven "pacificos" (peaceful Cubans) are reported to have been killed by Vereda's Neuve guerillas yesterday. I hope to be able to send you photographs, which will be conclusive evidence, if I find that the report is true.

The Cuban insurgents are away ahead of where they were when I left the island in January. There is much starvation in the small towns already and plenty in the country. It is impossible to move provisions.

In this part of the province tobacco has not been destroyed and as much as ever is being moved over the roads toward Havana. I find from my personal observations that the destruction is much less than reported of both houses and crops.

SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

RAVAGES FROM CHOLERA IN EGYPT.

Fifty-Six Deaths in Two Towns—Riots in Cairo and a Missionary Hurt.

CAIRO, May 26.—There were thirty-seven deaths from cholera yesterday in this city. At Alexandria there were nineteen deaths.

LONDON, May 26.—The Evening News publishes a dispatch from Cairo saying that serious cholera riots have occurred there. The rioters, it is added, were finally dispersed by the police. An American missionary and his wife were injured during the disturbance.

TURKISH DEPREDATIONS IN CRETE.

Christians at Retimo Forced to Barricade Themselves in Houses.

ATHENS, May 26.—Advices received here from the island of Crete state that the Turkish soldiers at Retimo are continuing their attacks upon the Christians, who have barricaded themselves within their houses at that port. Telegraphic communication with the island of Crete, excepting messages to and from the foreign consuls there, has been prohibited by the Turkish authorities.

Deaths of a Day.

SCHUYLER, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Ernest Vystrcil, aged 22, son of Anton Vystrcil, died at his home in this city last night of rheumatism of the muscles, reported to have been contracted through going in swimming several days since.

Joseph Pocka died of consumption last night after a lingering illness of many weeks. He leaves a wife and three children.

Tax for Expenses is Tabled.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 26.—The general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of the United States today tabled the report of the finance committee, recommending that a tax be levied to defray expenses of delegates to the assembly and to do away with free entertainment. The location of the orphans' home was not decided. A supplemental salary fund of $1,200 for a theological seminary was adopted after a warm fight.

AMNESTY FOR RUSSIAN PRISONERS.

Czar Issues a Manifesto of Mercy in Celebration of His Coronation.

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MOSCOW, May 26.—The czar's manifesto issue upon the occasion of his coronation remits all arrears of taxation in European Russia and Poland, reduces the land tax by one-half for ten years, and remits or reduces all fines, quashes all petty convictions involving imprisonment or fines up to 300 roubles, with the exception of persons sentenced for robbery, embezzlement, usury, extortion, fraudulent bankrupcy or offenses against honor.

Further, the manifesto prescribes that all exiles in Siberia, after two or five years' exile in the remoter parts, be after ten years allowed to choose their place of residence, except in capital cities and governments; but their civil rights will not be restored. Exiled criminals have a third of their sentence remitted. Life sentences are commuted to twenty years, and many other punishments are lightened. Regarding political prisoners, the minister of justice is authorized to grant, according to the nature of the offense, remissions of punishment, in addition to those in the general amnesty, and advise the czar to restore civil rights to those who have led blameless lives since they have completed their banishment, and to reconsider the cases of those punished summarily, who, by their subsequent behavior, merit indulgence. Political refugees are accorded immunity from persecution, provided fifteen years have elapsed since their offense.

Further clemency is to be granted as follows: Refugees from Lithunia and Poland, who took part in the Poland rebellion, but who were not guilty of murder, cruelty, robbery or arson, are exempted from further police supervision, and are granted full freedom in the choice of residence, provided they take the oath of allegiance. On the other hand, refugees who are guilty of the offense mentioned above are to undergo three years' supervision by the police.

Later in the day an imperial ukase was issued, announcing many promotions and decorations of Russian diplomats and establishing as a special distinction to the clergy, a silver cross to be worn on the breast. The metropolitans of St. Petersburg, Kieff and Moscow, who officiated at the coronation ceremonies, will receive an imperial letter and the new cross in diamonds.

KAISER DOES HONOR TO THE CZAR.

Exhorts a Regiment of Soldiers to Be Worthy of the Russian Ruler.

BERLIN, May 26.—Emperor William, in the presence of the staff of the Russian embassy, this afternoon reviewed the Alexander grenadiers and the Alexander dragoons on the Lustgarten. His majesty afterward exhorted the regiments to be always worthy of the great honor of having the czar and czarina as colonels, and called for cheers for the czar and czarina. The bands played the Russian anthem.

At the luncheon at the castle after the review the members of the Russian embassy were present. The emperor toasted the czar and czarina, saying that the joy of the Russian people upon this occasion was shared by the other nations. His majesty eloquently wished prosperity to the Russian imperial family, and concluded with calling for three cheers for the emperor and empress of Russia.

PARIS, May 26.—President Faure has sent a telegram to the czar, expressing the deep attachment felt by France for Russia. Many houses in this city were flying the Russian and French colors today, and similar decorations appeared in the provincial towns, where the public offices were closed.

FREE SILVER REVOLT IN INDIANA.

Organization Effected in Opposition to State Central Committee.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 26.—More than 100 free silver democrats, representing every district in the state, met here today to perfect an organization. This was done by appointing an executive committee of fourteen, of which Allen W. Clark of Greensburg is chairman. This action almost amounts to an open revolt against the state central committee, the majority of whose members are gold standard men. The conference early decided to demand everything in sight and brought such pressure to bear that Hon. S. P. Sherrin, who had been requested by Governor Matthews to be a delegate-at-large to the Chicago convention, decided to withdraw as a candidate. Tonight he said he had withdrawn out of deference to the wishes of the majority, who are for free silver.

The conference, after accomplishing this much, did not stop, but appointed a committee, composed of Allen W. Clark of Greensburg, W. L. Slinkard of Bloomfield and R. M. Thompson of Elkhart, to prepare a manifesto to the free silver democrats of Indiana. This manifesto demands that the delegates-at-large and the district delegates shall be free silver men, and that no support shall be given to any candidate who does not favor free silver. If the free silver wing is able to control the state convention, B. F. Shively of South Bend will be nominated for governor. There was talk today among the free silver men of forcing Chairman Holt of the state committee, a gold standard man, to resign, but this was abandoned.

Cheers for Ex-Governor Russell.

MONTPELIER, Vt., May 26.—With a wild burst of enthusiasm the Vermont democrats informally showed their admiration of Hon. William Eustis Russell of Massachusetts, as a presidential candidate, at a big rally in the opera house tonight. Enthusiastic speeches were made and the rally closed with cheers for President Cleveland and Mr. Russell. An effort will be made at the convention tomorrow to have it declare for the ex-governor of Massachusetts for president. The convention will select delegates-at-large at Chicago, adopt a platform and nominate candidates for governor and the other state offices.

DUNKARD'S IN SESSION AT OTTAWA.

Users of and Dealers in Tobacco Are Refused Seats in the Convention.

OTTAWA, Kan., May 26.—The annual conference of the Dunkards Proper opened in regular session this morning. There are thirty-six members of the standing committee present, representing all the parts of the United States and Denmark and Sweden. There were 8,000 Dunkards on the grounds today, 5,000 of whom are from states other than Kansas. The business of the conference was taken up this afternoon. The divorce question was brought up and discussed, but no decision was reached.

It was decided that no person was eligible to the position of delegate who uses, raises, buys or sells tobacco. Wearing of gold was discussed, but it was considered that enough restraint was already on record. The question of life insurance was discussed earnestly and a committee was desired to investigate different methods, but the proposition was voted down. The day's proceedings closed with a sermon in the tabernacle at 8 o'clock by L. W. Foster. Over $100 was taken in collection for missionary work.

Unitarians Elect Officers.

BOSTON, May 26.—At the annual meeting of the American Unitarian association today, these officers were elected: President, John D. Long, Bingham, Mass.; vice presidents, Horace G. Wadley, Reading, Mass.; Joseph W. Simonds, Portland, Me.; Norman B. Eaton, New York; Judge Thomas J. Morriss, Baltimore; Daniel L. Shorey, Chicago; Horace Davies, San Francisco; secretary, George Batchellor, Lowell, Mass.; assistant secretary, George W. Fox, Boston; treasurer, George W. Stone, Wilmington, Del.; directors for three years, Henry J. Hosmer, Concord, Mass.; Alfred Metcalf, Providence, R. I.; Rev. M. J. Savage, Boston; Mrs. Kate Webb, Boston; Rev. T. R. Slicer, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. Thomas Elliott, Portland, Ore.

Business Men Pay a University's Debt.

BALTIMORE, May 26.—At a meeting of the business men of Baltimore today $38,350 was subscribed to aid in freeing Johns Hopkins university from the burden which the failure of the Baltimore & Ohio railway to pay dividends has imposed upon it.

CARS DROP INTO THE WATER

Frightful Accident by the Breaking of a Bridge at Victoria.

SIXTY-FIVE BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

Two Cars Went Down, Loaded with a Hundred Passengers, but Many Are Known to Have Escaped.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 26.—A terrible accident occurred here today. A sham fight and review was to take place at Macaulay point, near Esquimalt, this afternoon, and crowds were making their way there by every route. All the tramcars were packed. Two cars left Government street with more than 100 people. The first got over Point Ellice bridge, which crosses Victoria arm, safely, but when the other was about half way over the middle span of the bridge, about 150 feet in length, gave way and the car plunged into the water some 100 feet below. The car was completely submerged, and all on board were drowned with the exception of some of those who were standing on the platforms, and who, escaping injury from the falling timbers, managed to save themselves by using the floating ruins of the bridge to reach the shore. Many of the bodies are those of visitors. So far as at present known, the dead are:

MRS. ADAMS, Victoria, widow.
FREDERICK ADAMS, her son.
E. B. CARMICHAEL of Victoria.
MRS. CARMICHAEL.
J. B. GORDON of Vancouver, representative of Bradstreet's.
MR. EDMONDS of Victoria.
MISS NATHAN of Spring Ridge, Victoria.
MR. BOSSI, a storekeeper of Victoria.
ARTHUR FULLERTON, son of W. F. Fullerton of Spring Ridge, Victoria.
MRS. HEATHERBELL, wife of William Heatherbell of Victoria.
MR. WILSON of Victoria.
J. A. BOKKELEN, a prominent citizen of Port Townsend.
MISS ANNIE KEAST, daughter of Arthur Keast, deputy registrar of the supreme court, Victoria.
CAPTAIN LEVERIDGE of Spring Ridge, Victoria.
MRS. G. I. POST, Victoria.
JAMES M. CURDY of Port Townsend.
E. B. CARMICHAEL, commission agent.
MASTER POST, son of C. I. Post.
ARCHIE BIGGAR, aged 6, son of George W. Biggar.
MISS BIGGAR, aged 5, daughter of George W. Biggar.
FRANK ORESTAT, boot black.
MISS MINNIE ROBERTSON, daughter of W. A. Robertson.
MRS. E. B. CARMICHAEL.
—— HOLMES, bookkeeper of Sayward Milling company.
MISS SOPHIA SMITH.
MISS BIRT ANACORTES, Washington.
JAMES LAURIE.
WILLIAM PARSON.
MISS TURNER.
TWO MISSES BOWNESS.
MISS F. JACKSON.
GUISEPPE ROWE.
SON OF SERGEANT MAJOR MULCAHEY.
EMMA OTSEN.
MISS GRACE ELFORD.
MR. JAMES.
JAMES THOMAS PATTERSON.
GABRIEL MARATTA.
MRS. TROUT, Seattle.
MRS. WOODHOUSE, Seattle.
MR. JACKSON, a cattleman.
MISS FLORA JACKSON.
H. TALBOT, motorman.
GEORGE FARR, conductor.
MRS. HOUSAN.
JAMES HENRYTYACK.
MISS IDA GOODACRE, Tacoma.

Among the saved are the following:

Ex-Alderman W. A. Robertson of Victoria, head badly cut.
Canon Paddon of Victoria, bruised and nearly drowned.
G. W. Bigger, badly cut about the head.
Mrs. Biggar, bruised and nearly drowned.
Dr. Lang, badly bruised.

Sixty-one bodies have been recovered.

When the bridge broke several carriages were on the bridge, and these were also precipitated into the water. Superintendent Wilson was driving one of these, and had his five children with him. He succeeded in saving himself and four of the children. The fifth, a little boy, was wedged between some iron bars, and was drowned. The sad affair has cast a deep gloom over the city. As soon as the news of the accident reached Macaulay Point the review was brought to as speedy a termination as under the circumstances was possible, and the sham fight was abandoned.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 26.—J. A. Bokkelen and James McCurdy were killed in the Victoria railway disaster. Van Bokkelen was native of this city and prominent in state politics. He had been secretary of the republican state central committee and had held several offices of trust. James McCurdy was a pioneer of the northwest, a resident of Port Townsend for thirty-seven years and prominently identified with the history of Puget Sound.

FERRY BOAT CAPSIZES AT CAIRO.

Seven Persons Are Saved, but Fourteen Are Drowned.

CAIRO, Ill., May 26.—A burricane and cloudburst struck this city at 8:30 this morning. Thirteen lives are known to be lost by the sinking of a steam ferryboat at the wharf.

Five miles of telegraph poles were blown down on the Mobile & Ohio railway. It is impossible to tell the details of damage south of here, but it is believed to be very great.

The storm was accompanied by terrific wind and rain. The opera house and union depot were unroofed, numbers of trees destroyed and signs blown down, but no houses were blown down and no lives lost in the city.

The ferryboat Katherine was capsized at the mouth of the Ohio, drowning all on board but the captain, engineer and clerk and four others.

The following were killed:
CHARLES GILHOFER, Cairo.
DANIEL HAYES, Cairo.
A COLORED WOMAN, Cairo.
WARD RITTENHOUSE, Cairo.
MR. STANLEY, Wickliffe, Ky.
MISS STANLEY.
RICHARD THURMAN, printer, Cairo.
MRS. WILLIAM A. HANNON and BABY, Birds Point.
MRS. MARY JONES, Jackson, Tenn.
LOUIS HALL, colored, Cairo.
ASBURY ALEXANDER, colored, Wickliffe, Ky.
GEORGE DAVIS, colored, Cairo.
MISS ORR, Birds Point.

The saved were: Captain John Hacker, Clerk A. R. Pavey, Engineer McGee, all of Cairo; Dr. Orr, Birds Point; Joseph Curry, Mr. Richardson and an unknown man.

The storm came up very suddenly from the northwest. The ferryboat had just started from Cairo and was still in the Ohio river and near the Illinois shore. The rain was very heavy and the people were all in the cabin with the doors shut. There was no warning. The boat turned over when the squall first struck her. The captain and the clerk were both at the pilot wheel and were blown out of the pilot house into the water and the boat turned over on them. They happened to be so far away that as she came over they caught the guard and pulled out from beneath her. Of those in the cabin only Dr. Orr and Joseph Curry got out and they were badly hurt.

At Birds Point, Mo., opposite this city, a church and ten other buildings were moved from their foundations, trees blown across tracks and the running of trains interfered with.

LOSS GREATER THAN FIRST TOLD.

Damage in Polk and Jasper Counties Increases on Investigation.

DES MOINES, May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The reports from the storm-stricken country in this and Jasper counties, which were received today, indicated that the storms were even worse than were first supposed. The property loss is much greater than thought yesterday. The list of dead is now over a score, and it is probable there will be five or six more deaths, as there are a number of victims in a critical condition. Mrs. Charles Phaflen of Valeria is expected to die. She was the mother of the Charles Phaflen family, six of whose nine members are now dead. Their funerals were held today at Valeria, and the six coffins were buried in the same grave, in the presence of an immense throng of people. Mrs. Shell, who lived at the home of William Osborn, has died of her injuries. The others of the Osborn family will recover. Mrs. Cretia Whitney has died. She was an aged lady, and very poor. She lived with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Akin, who had a child killed.

Relief parties went through the district today from Des Moines and Colfax, and public meetings will be held here tomorrow to raise funds to help the destitute. Fully two score of homes have been wiped out of existence; in every case there is no salvage at all. Some of the families are very poor, and it will be necessary to raise several thousand dollars. Most of the property damage was northeast of Valeria, in Jasper county. The supervisors of Polk and Jasper counties will meet tomorrow to appropriate for the relief work.

FEARFUL LOSS AT M'GREGOR.

One Estimate Places the Number of Dead at Twenty-Seven.

DUBUQUE, May 26.—Passengers from North McGregor give particulars of the disaster, but they differ little from those sent out from there last night. The bodies of several town people have been recovered, and also those of six canvassmen, attached to Kirk, Hart & Ryan's circus. The six men had gone up to North McGregor and entered a box car, and were caught in there when the storm came. Their names cannot be learned. W. W. Robinson says the most conservative estimates place the loss of life at North McGregor at twenty-seven, and that it will be several days before the names of all can be learned.

MILWAUKEE, May 26.—Later reports from North McGregor, Ia., relative to the terrible havoc caused by the storm and flood that visited that place on Sunday night, show that the destruction of the vast interests of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road at that point, as well as of the little town, are about complete, the total damage to the property of the company alone being today estimated at $125,000.

It is stated by officials of the St. Paul road now at the scene that it will be at least ten days before the company can resume operations of its line running west from McGregor.

Conductor W. J. Durbin, who runs a passenger train between Milwaukee and McGregor, says that soon after the water from Bloody Run began to rise Sunday night, the cries for help from the terrorized and helpless people living upon the low lands were heartrending, but that little could be done by those on the bluffs near by. In one box car, as it floated by, Mr. Durbin saw two men calling in piteous tones, to be rescued. They could be seen jumping from one car to another, as they proceeded toward the Mississippi.

The houses of two families, one numbering seven, and the other five, floated by and the screams of the women, the wails of the children and the cries of the men were heard above the din and roar, but all who heard were powerless to rescue. The names of the dead and missing are not obtainable at present.

NONE OF THE INJURED WILL DIE.

Lucky Escape of People in the Wrecked Town of Mt. Clemens.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., May 26.—Last night's cyclone left a track 550 feet wide through the southeastern part of the town which looks as though a reaper with gigantic scythe had been endeavoring to mow a harvest. Fortunately nearly everybody was in such position as to avoid fatalities. No one was killed outright and none of the injured have died.

The injured are:

Mrs. Anna Pohl, widow, back broken, injured internally, breast crushed in; will not live.

Henry Pohl, aged 14, hip broken; injured internally.

Adolph Pohl, aged 12, right leg broken, bruised about the shoulders and body.

Willie Pohl, aged 16, injured internally, right leg broken, left shoulder dislocated, recovery doubtful.

Mrs. Joseph Harder, injured internally, cut about head and arms.

Russell Carter, head and face cut.

Mrs. Russell Carter, injured internally, breast and shoulders bruised; recovery doubtful.

Baby Carter, head badly cut.

Gustave Cutche, cut on head and right arm broken.

Mrs. William Ormsby, left arm broken and badly cut on face.

Mrs. Alma Belle Teaboy, arm broken, right arm injured, skull fractured.

The family of Ferdinand Heckman miraculously escaped. They had barely gotten into the cellar when their house was blown out of existence. Fred La Forge and wife had gone to a relative's house when their home was destroyed. The roof and sides of the largest of the Charbeneau ice houses were blown off, leaving the mass of ice standing.

MOTHER DROWNS THREE CHILDREN

Wife of a Missouri Cattleman Slays Her Little Ones and Herself.

HARRISONVILLE, Mo., May 26.—At Cleveland, a village in the western part of this county, Mrs. Martin Frost, wife of a prosperous farmer and cattleman, drowned her three young children in a barrel of water last night, and then cut her throat. She was temporarily insane. A son, 18 years old, and a hired man, were in town late last night and when they retired were ignorant of the murder. This morning, Mrs. Frost was found lying on the kitchen floor in a pool of her own blood, and the finding of the bodies of the children followed. Mr. Frost was absent in Kansas City, where he had gone to sell a load of cattle. He started for his home on the first train on receipt of the news. Mrs. Frost was his second wife, and was about 35 years old. The couple stood high in the community, and the finding of the bodies caused the most intense excitement.

SHERMAN IS BEING BURNED DOWN.

Tornado-Stricken Texas Town Suffers from the Ravages of Fire.

SHERMAN, Tex., May 27.—At 12:45 this morning fire was discovered in the second story of the restaurant and candy factory of Williams & Bower, on the east side of Court square. At 2 o'clock the fire was still burning. Ely & Cook's jewelry store can hardly be saved and it is likely that at least four or five brick buildings will be burned, entailing a loss of probably $125,000.

Damaging Wind in South Dakota.

DEADWOOD, May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—A tornado Sunday afternoon destroyed a small settlement on Indian creek about sixty miles northwest of Deadwood. Three houses were destroyed and a number of persons injured by flying timbers. The buildings destroyed were those of Peter Peterson, A. M. Arpato and Fred Ross. Several others were unroofed. Heavy hail accompanied the storm, doing much damage to growing crops and breaking the glass in the farm houses for miles around.

Another Case of Wife Murder.

PALOUSE, Wash., May 26.—Albert Taye killed his wife and then committed suicide at the farm of A. Torrey, about five miles south of here, last night. Taye killed his