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MILLIONS NEED HELP

Famine Faces the Peasants in Many Provinces in Russian Empire.

GOVERNMENT ACTIVE IN GIVING AID

Sufferings of the Usually Humane People Are Rendering Them Brutal.

CHILDREN AND WIVES ARE BEING SOLD

Scoundrels Haunt the Villages on Lookout for Friendless Girls.

WORK ANIMALS DYING OF STARVATION

Problem of Government is Not Only How to Provide for Temporary Wants, but to Enable Farmers to Put in Spring Crops.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Russian government is face to face with the grave question of how best to feed 15,000,000 hungry peasants. These distressed peasants are scattered over numerous provinces in central and eastern Russia, especially in the southeast and along the Volga. In the greatest hurry the government has sent commissioners into the famine districts to make inquiries and report.

On the suggestion of Finance Minister Witte, the government has ordered \$1,000,000 worth of rye to the threatened districts, but there is an uneasy feeling that it will not reach the right hands. The government also bought \$7,500,000 worth of rye and wheat to be forwarded after the reports are received.

The villagers are not only suffering themselves, but the cattle are dying by the tens of thousands and their horses have to be sold, as they cannot feed them. The outlook for the spring plowing seems hopeless. Unaided man and horse will be needed for relief if the peasants are to keep their lands in cultivation.

The usual consequences of a famine already are in striking evidence. The humane and merciful traits in the peasant character are disappearing under the stress of hunger. Those with large families are in a deplorable state. The girls are leaving for the big towns, where they come to grief if they fail to get immediate employment. In too many cases they already have fallen victims to scoundrels on the lookout for friendless and homeless girls.

Selling Their Children.

The worst feature of the horrible situation is that some fathers of families are seeking people who will buy their children. It seldom happens that a boy is sold, but cases are becoming alarmingly numerous of men selling their women relatives for money enough to buy a yoke of oxen for the spring plowing. In most cases the girls are only too willing to go for it, means warmth and plenty for them. The purchasers are doubtful persons, who have been haunting the villages for months.

What becomes of the purchased girls is not known, but it is feared that most of them become white slaves in the villages of the provinces of Danubia, Samarat and Perm. The police are on the track of the dealers, but in Russia officers of this class know how to "square" the police.

Another shocking thing is the infant mortality. Typhoid fever, hunger, scrofula and measles are cutting them down by the thousands. Not every village has a doctor and if the wretched parents take any interest at all in saving their children, they have recourse to the dangerous simples or incantations of the "wise woman."

Finance Minister Witte, a many sided man, is working hard lately establishing temperance committees throughout Russia. The more temperance, the less revenue, but Mr. Witte himself is a teetotaler and he wants temperance spread among the people. He induced the czar to decorate the wretched parents who make no secret of their preference for teetotalers in the various offices of the department he controls.

TOO GAY EVEN FOR RIVERIA

Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwern Furnishes Food for Latest Gossip.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) MONTE CARLO, Dec. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The grand duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwern, a cousin of the czar, sister of the Grand Duke Michael, throughout the future queen of Denmark, of the present grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwern, has gone into retirement. It is given out that she has the measles, but the gossips of the Riviera look wise and are hinting about the blood of Catherine of Russia running in her veins.

She is a handsome woman of 43 and so unconventional in her manner as to give the scandal mongers delight. Her husband, Grand Duke Frederick Francis II of Mecklenburg-Schwern, who is now outside six years ago and the rumor was then current in fashionable circles that he killed himself because she flirted with a British officer. The story is now revived that after her husband's death a woman he had loved expressed to her surprise that she should carry on a flirtation, whereupon the grand duchess is quoted as replying: "All my women friends have devoted admirers and I could not be behind hand. Although society in general is notoriously tolerant there is talk now of a rigid social boycott."

CROKER BUYS ANOTHER FARM

Relieves the Apprehension that He Intended to Abandon Most House.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) WYANDOTT, Dec. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Richard Croker passed Christmas quietly at Most house. He gave himself a Christmas present in the shape of two new properties adjoining Letcombe estate. One is the White house, which at one time he rented from its owner. The other is the Hewitt farm. Both combined embrace about 130 acres. It is reported that he is negotiating for another farm called Angel Downs. All these together comprise land valuable for horse training. These acquisitions will involve large alterations for Mr. Croker's purposes, and the acquiring of them has relieved the fear of the Letcombe people that he was tired of Most house and meant to transfer himself to his Irish property at Ballinagarry.

SCHWAB FRIGHTENS THEM OUT

Offer to Buy Big Block of Russian Sleeping Car Stock is Turned Down.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Dec. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—J. P. Morgan and Charles M. Schwab have now acquired about one-tenth of the 300,000 shares of the ordinary train car company which will soon have cars running through from Moscow, across Asia, through Siberia, to Vladivostok, on the Pacific ocean. The International Sleeping Car company's latest issue consisted of 50,000 preferred shares. Mr. Schwab applied for them all, but the directors, alarmed at the thought of allowing the head of the American steel trust to get too large an interest, only let him have 5,000. A few months later Mr. Morgan came to Europe and bought 5,000 and 5,000 shares. Subsequently the shares rose and Mr. Schwab increased his holdings until he has something like 14,000 or 15,000 shares. Mr. Nagelmackers, the head of the sleeping car company and the superintendent of the great railway which connects Moscow with Vladivostok, Port Arthur and Port Dalni, said to a World correspondent, in talking of the stupendous enterprise: "The sleeping car company is now running its trains from Moscow to Irkutsk and Lake Balkal. A dining car is added to the ordinary trains on the other side of the lake, which go as far as the Manchurian frontier. Next June trains will run to Vladivostok, Dalni and Port Arthur. From Moscow to Port Arthur the distance is over 5,000 miles.

"At the commencement the journey will take about twelve days, but when the line gets into good working order we hope to cover the distance in nine days. Passengers from London or Paris by the Transiberian railway now reach Peking and Shanghai in about twenty days. In a few months the time will be reduced to fourteen days. The same journey by the old steamship route takes from thirty-six to thirty-eight days.

"At the beginning of 1903 firms in Europe will be able to send mail by the new route and receive replies in the time that a letter has hitherto taken to travel one way only.

"I myself have several times received in Paris letters from Peking in twenty days. The ordinary trains on the Transiberian connections and come by steamer they generally take about forty days.

"I would like to call the attention of the enterprising Americans to the fact that Siberia is a new, unworked country, rich in minerals, coal and especially gold. Without railroads, however, these resources are valueless. With regular transportation service its possibilities are illimitable. The western part of Siberia is a very rich agricultural district with vast cornfields, only awaiting developments.

"Every day freight trains leave western Siberia loaded with butter and eggs for Riga. A part of the produce is distributed in the big towns of Russia and a large quantity is sent by steamer to Shanghai in about twenty days. In a few months the Russian butter is sold as the product of the best Normandy farms.

CHICAGO GIRL WINS TRIUMPH

Now the Highest Salaried Soprano at the Paris Opera Comique.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Dec. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Miss Mary Garden, who had a grand reception at the Colonne concert. She sang "Demiselle Elise," which was given for the first time. Miss Garden has a charming voice and fully justified the high opinion entertained of her by Sibyl Sanderson.

A French actress who has triumphed in London, has just won her triumph, says: "To interpret this harmonious position there is required an artist like Miss Garden—impalpable as a white snowflake, which should sing ethereal as a ray of light, which might speak liquid as the water which might give. She did not sing. She exhorted the music of Claude de Busset. The manager Carre of the Opera Comique is about to revive "La Traviata" for the young American singer, and owing to her success in "Fleiss and Mollande" the management has raised her salary to \$200 a month, which makes Miss Garden the highest salaried soprano at the Opera Comique.

WESTINGHOUSE A BUSY MAN

Starts Work Early in the Morning and Keeps at It Steadily, Taking No Recreation.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—George Westinghouse is here now, taking things easy at his hotel for the holidays after two weeks of hard work. There is no busier man in London than this great engineer. At 7 o'clock in the morning he is out to his city office—three hours before the leisurely English capitalists think of starting to work—and often before the hour he is spending the day at his office. His enormous establishment there, which is quite as large and important as his Pittsburgh house.

Mr. Westinghouse takes no recreation in London. He never goes to the theater and no one has ever seen him at a race meeting. His work is his life. Every railway train in the United Kingdom is fitted now with his air brakes. He will return to Pittsburgh early in February.

DOWAGER AND GENERAL MEET

Empress of China and General Miles Exchange Plattering Speeches in Peking.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) PEKING, Dec. 27.—The dowager empress and Lieutenant General Miles exchanged flattering speeches at today's audience, the dowager being General Miles at the success of the American army was assured under a commander so celebrated. Officials here discredit the reports that General Tung Fu Siang and Prince Tuan are moving on San Pu with troops. The Frenchman's presence was said to be removing from that region.

SNOW CRUSHES THE ROOFS

Blizzard Greatly Damages the Houses in Constantinople and Small Boats in Harbor.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—Much damage was done to this city and its environs by the recent snow blizzard. Roofs collapsed and many small craft in the harbor and in the Bosphorus were wrecked or dashed to pieces on the shore and others drifted seaward. The Black sea fleet suffered in a similar manner.

TITLES TO THE FRONT

Position of Mr. and Mrs. Leiter at Durban is Worrying Lord Curzon.

CANNOT VIOLATE OFFICIAL PRECEDENT

Lady Curzon's Mother and Sister Must Therefore Stand Back in Line.

CEREMONIES TO COMMENCE MONDAY

All Indications Point to Its Being One of the World's Great Spectacles.

VICTORIAN CROWNING TO BE OUTDONE

Grounds on Which Ceremonies Take Place Are Full of Memories of the Matiny as Well as Mogul Times.

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In the ordinary course of things Mrs. Leiter and her unmarried daughter would not even precede the vicereine, but a line regiment, which fact the vicereine thoroughly realized months ago. Nevertheless he spared no efforts to have special permission given from headquarters providing that his wife's relatives should go before the representatives of foreign powers. Had it been possible the arrangement would have been for Lord and Lady Curzon. Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of Lord Curzon, the Indian office refused to give the necessary permission to establish a precedent and give offense to many peers and ex-peers, who resent any move of this kind, considering it their right to hold the places by reason of rank and seniority.

OFFERS TITLE FOR A MILLION

Aged Marquis of Donegal Finds a Taker in a Pretty Nova Scotian Bride.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—A peculiar disclosure is made in the leaking out of the facts in connection with the marriage of the aged marquis of Donegal to the 24-year-old Canadian heiress, Miss Gertrude Twining, granddaughter of a great shipbuilder of Nova Scotia.

The marquis had last spring an advertisement in the London newspapers that created no end of speculation, since it offered the title of marchioness, which, of course, included a husband and a seat in Westminster abbey for the coronation ceremonies, in itself a practically sought for privilege, in return for a settlement of \$1,000,000 upon the anonymous marquis. The strangely assorted marriage of the marquis of Donegal and the lovely young Canadian miss is the upshot of this advertisement, by which a fortune was put upon the market. At the time the advertisement appeared it was supposed to be the marquis of Donegal and the fact that he had a title to confer in return for cash became generally known. It came to the knowledge of Mrs. Twining, and she, being with most ambitious aspirations for her attractive, accomplished and wealthy daughter.

At any rate, an arrangement was made whereby the ancient marquis was to be presented to the young woman. The patriarchal marquis was enchanted at sight of the tall, lithe and dark girl from across the sea, who already bore herself with daintily poised head, like any queen. Within five weeks after he had been presented to Miss Twining at the isthmian club he led her to the altar.

LAST RITES ARE PERFORMED

Remains of Archbishop of Canterbury Interred in the Cloister of the Cathedral.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) CANTERBURY, England, Dec. 27.—The remains of Dr. Temple, archbishop of Canterbury, were interred in the cloisters of Canterbury cathedral today. The obsequies were carried out as simply as possible, in accordance with the late archbishop's desire. Representatives of King Edward and Premier Balfour were present. The archbishop of York, Dr. Macdonald, officiated at a portion of the services.

Simultaneously memorial services were held at St. Paul's and the other cathedrals in the United Kingdom. The lord mayor, Sir Marcus Samuel, and sheriffs attended the services at St. Paul's. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and United States Charge White were among the congregation.

MURDERED BY THE INDIANS

Bodies of Trader and His Companion Found on Boat by a Mail Carrier.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 27.—A French half-breed courier arrived at West Belknap, thirty miles north of here today, reported that he had called at the cabin on Snake island, Christmas morning, to deliver mail to Captain J. Petherill of the Dominion Fish company's steamer Daisy, and found the bodies of two men. Close to the corpse was the unconscious form of a Frenchman, Petherill's companion. The fire had burned out and pools of blood on the floor had frozen around the bodies. The Frenchman's body was half frozen. It is believed the murderers are Indians, with whom the captain had dealings, and who at this time are very ugly.

GIVES FRANCIS AN ALLOWANCE

King Edward Votates Prince's Scheme to Enter a Stock Brokerage Firm.

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AMERICAN WOMEN IN FAVOR

Always Among Invited Guests Where King Edward is to Be Entertained.

STIRS UP TWO COURTS

Princess Louise Makes Biggest Scandal Since Suicide of Prince Radolph.

HAS ALWAYS BEEN A WAYWARD FLIRT

Kept the Staid Saxon Court in Constant Turmoil for Years.

HAS SEVERAL TIMES BEEN UNDER ARREST

Turns Her Back on Veterans of the Court to Dance with Lieutenants.

BROTHER ASSISTS IN WAYWARD COURSE

Rumors of Attempt at Reconciliation, but Princess Fears Fate of Princess of Coburg if She Enters Germany or Austria.

(Copyright, 1902, by Press Publishing Co.) BRESLEN, Saxony, Dec. 27.—(New York Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Not the awful tragedy at Meyerberg fourteen years ago, when Crown Prince Radolph of Austria and the lovely Countess Maria Vetsera were found dead together, has a royal scandal created such amazement in the courts of Saxony and Austria as the elopement of Crown Princess Louise with her children's French tutor, Andre Giron. The members of the Saxon royal family and the courtiers are so pretentious as to be astounded as if a bolt from the skies had descended on the king, and royal family and courtiers bear themselves as if some calamity had happened.

First, a description of the woman who has stirred all Europe: The Crown Princess Louise is 32 years old. She has a well shaped, straight nose and fascinating eyes that sparkle eloquently. Her hair is perfectly black and is always stylishly groomed, and though her enemies say she has the manners of a peasant (and in truth she is democratic), she attires herself like a true aristocrat. Nevertheless, her gestures, manners and movements prove her to be a woman of high physical energy. Although she has very many valuable jewels, most of them wedding presents, she rarely wears more jewelry than a pair of beautiful pendant earrings and hairpins with tiny diamonds, emeralds and rubies.

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