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UNITED STATES EXERTED INFLUENCE

Inflammatory Literature Was Being Circulated at Odessa Which Threatened to Bring About Recurrence of Trouble.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Oscar S. Straus, former minister to Turkey, speaking of the cable reports as to the fear of anti-Semitic massacres in Odessa and Kiev, in southern Russia, said today that he had accurate knowledge that pamphlets and circulars were recently distributed in Odessa for the purpose of arousing the lower element to repeat in that city during the coming Russian Easter the massacres which took place a year ago in Kishineff.

The matter, said Mr. Straus, has been taken up by the British government, Lord Rothchild having brought it to the attention of Lord Lansdowne. In this country President Roosevelt promptly caused Secretary Hay to bring the situation to the attention of Ambassador Casanovi at Washington. With the request to immediately place the matter before his government at St. Petersburg and convey the president's hope that the government at St. Petersburg would have all possible precautions to prevent a recurrence of the terrible outrages of a year ago, which caused such widespread protests on the part of the people of the religious bodies throughout this country.

There is reason to believe that the action taken by the government at St. Petersburg in instructing Governor Neidhart, who is in charge of Odessa, and Baron Kaulbars, who is in command of the troops in that district of Russia, will have the desired effect in checking any anti-Semitic manifestations.

Aside from the humanitarian consideration that has actuated the president and Secretary Hay in calling Ambassador Casanovi's attention to the alarm that is felt in this country, our government in the interest of friendly relations desires to prevent any occasion for such manifestations of public opinion which would put a strain upon the strictly neutral attitude this country seeks to maintain in the present war between Russia and Japan.

All Elected Omaha Women. The Omaha district of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church has held its annual meeting in Seward street church. Some very

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HERREROS FIGHT FIERCELY

Graphic Description by Eye-Witness of Battle in Africa.

MANY BAYONETTED IN ROCKY CREVICES

During Search for Wounded After the Battle Soldiers Are Shot by the Courageous Blacks.

BERLIN, April 8.—The Southwest African correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, Dr. Meisner, has sent his paper a graphic letter describing the relief of Omaruru, February 4, from which it appears that both sides fought with desperate courage. The garrison of Omaruru heard the firing of the artillery of the relief corps, twenty-five of the beleaguered force made a sortie against the enemy, who held a natural fortification consisting of a line of cliff-like projecting rocks.

The Hereros attacked in front and rear," says Dr. Meisner, "and held their ground with marvelous tenacity. When the Germans rushed among them many of the Hereros crept into crevices in the rocks, where they were bayoneted. Lieutenant von Koenigsmann received a mortal wound from a Herero twenty yards distant and a German cavalryman searching the rocks for wounded men was killed at a few paces' range.

"After being driven from this position the Hereros took up a new one, consisting of the ground in front of and leaving a number of dead at every rallying point. After the hottest firing was over the enemy fired at the German wounded from neighboring bushes and the surgeons dressed the wounds while bullets were whizzing in the air. The Hereros lost about 100 killed or wounded, of their approximate total, 600 men. The German loss was eight men killed and ten wounded."

STATE STORM SWEEP

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Stuart and O'Neill, being one of the heaviest falls of snow up there for the winter. He said: "The snow began falling in that section Thursday, but the weather was not very cold. The snowfall is much heavier all along the Northwest coast of the state than in the eastern section of the state."

L. H. Bachman, nurseryman of 4335 Biny street, said: "The storm has not been severe enough to hurt fruit buds at all in this locality, nor elsewhere throughout the state. The buds are not out enough to be hurt by the storm like this. In fact, I do not think that fruit is hurt at all by the storm, nor has it been hurt during the winter thus far."

COLD WAVE WARNINGS DISPLAYED

Worst Blizzard of the Year Hagging in Northwest States.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Cold wave warnings are displayed in western Iowa, extreme northwest Missouri and northern and central Illinois.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—After a fierce fifty-mile windstorm all night, a howling snowstorm set in at 8 o'clock this morning.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The worst blizzard of the year and old residents say it is the most severe April storm known in many years. A fine sheet of sleet and snow is driven by a wind that at times reaches the velocity of a hurricane, windmills being reported from several towns. Cattle on the range turned out for spring grazing, will suffer, the temperature having fallen 20 degrees since last night.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the most severe storms of the season is now raging in this section. Snow, driven by a strong northwest wind, has been falling all day. Telegraph and telephone wires are down and railroad traffic is greatly impeded as a result. The mercury is gradually falling this evening. The storm will be severe on stock.

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HURON, S. D., April 8.—The fierce wind and snowstorm that has been prevailing over the state east of the Black Hills for thirty-six hours has resulted in mammoth drifts which have seriously interrupted telegraphic communication. All trains are held at stations and none has been sent west or northwest over the Northwestern road from here today. No Great Northern trains have arrived or departed. Fears are entertained that heavy stock losses will result to herds on the open ranges. Fortunately the temperature is mild.

SIoux CITY, Ia., April 8.—A blinding snowstorm has raged all day in this section. Traffic on the railroads in South Dakota is seriously interrupted and in western Iowa has been seriously interfered with. A number of trains have been stalled in snowdrifts for hours. In parts of South Dakota the snow is ten inches deep on the level. The storm is the worst in many years for the region and for a time it is feared it will result in heavy losses of stock on the ranges.

GUTHRIE, Okla., April 8.—At Guthrie and in Oklahoma in general high winds and rain have prevailed during the entire day, accompanied by a cold wave unusual for this time of the year. The cold will do much damage to fruit it is feared. In the Indian Territory storms are general, accompanied in places by rain.

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FIRE CREATES SEVERE PANIC

Drives Fifty Tenants, Hal-Glad and Terror-Stricken Out in Storm

SOME INJURED, BUT NO ONE IS KILLED

Old Rooming House on Jones Street Seized by Flames in Early Morning from Unknown Origin.

A fire of unknown origin was discovered at the rooming house Mrs. J. Butler, 111 Jones street, at 2:30 yesterday morning and caused a panic among the eighteen families, aggregating fifty persons, occupying it.

Kirk Anderson, one of the roomers and a porter at the hotel, jumped from the third floor, breaking one of his legs, injuring the other and abating his chin, besides sustaining numerous body bruises. He was taken to the police station and attended and later sent to St. Joseph's hospital, where he is now resting as easily as could be expected. His injuries are considered serious, but not necessarily fatal.

George Pickrel, a fireman of No. 3 engine company, fell through a burning stairway and sustained an ugly cut on the side of the head. One of his shoulders was bruised and his hands were cut, besides other bruises of a superficial nature. He was taken to Clarkson hospital. It was reported that none of Pickrel's bones was broken and that he is resting well and that no serious consequences are expected from the injuries.

Mrs. Peterson dropped her two babies from a third-story window to a blanket being held below. One of the infants landed on the outstretched fabric and was none the worse for its downward flight, but the other baby, heavier than the first, went through the blanket and sustained a slight shock. The blanket did not tear suddenly with the second child, who is said to have sustained no perceptible injuries. Having saved her two babies, Mrs. Peterson then made her own escape safely and by more ordinary means.

Loss Less Than One Thousand.

It is estimated that the loss to the building and contents will be under \$1,000, as, although the fire burned with considerable fury for awhile, it was confined to the center of the house around the stairway, where it started. The insurance is scattered, but is supposed to cover all loss.

As to the origin of the fire there seems to be a difference of opinion, some of the roomers advancing the theory that a hall lamp was overturned, but this is merely hearsay. Officials of the fire department are of the opinion that it might have been started by mice and matches, the fire apparently having had its origin in a partition near the stairway on the first floor.

When one of the roomers awakened the eighteen families, consisting of fifty people, with the cry of fire, during the early morning hour, there was such a scene of consternation and panic that no one thought of stopping to see how or where the fire started. Realizing, as it did, near the main stairway of the front part of the building, there was particular reason for anxiety on the part of the occupants when they saw one of their means of escape being destroyed by the flames. The house is an old one and has been remodeled at various times to suit the purposes of an apartment building, and considering the irregularity of its hallways and stairways, the hour of the fire, the velocity of the wind, the number of occupants, and the fact that the fire department was at the time of the alarm a few blocks away at another fire, the wonder was that there was no loss nor more injuries of burn than life.

Old Omaha Land Mark.

The house is one of the old land marks of Omaha, having been built thirty-five years ago by Dr. J. H. Peabody, 228 Farman street. Dr. Peabody has lived in the house for many years and several years ago the building passed into the possession of Attorney George E. Pittchett.

The patrolman on that beat says he passed the building half an hour before the alarm was sent in and did not see any signs of fire. The alarm was turned in by one of the roomers, who rang in at Thirteenth and Jackson streets, and later telephoned it in from the Thurston hotel. The department, at the time the alarm was turned in, was fighting a fire at 1706 Jackson street and on going to Thirteenth and Jackson streets found it had to double back again, and a little time was lost before the blaze was located.

The scene in the hotel was one of wild panic by the time the firemen arrived. Men and women in their night clothes shouted and screamed and called for help. One of the roomers had tried to get out by his trunk, but abandoned it at the foot of the stairs, thus causing an obstruction which seemed to drive the panic-stricken people almost frenzied. In the crush many had their clothes torn. The cold high wind helped the flames considerably and for a time it looked as if the whole building was doomed. Patrolman Hill mounted a ladder and shouted to the people to keep calm and began passing women and children through the window. He managed to give three children and two women in this way. The act required great pluck and nerve, as the building was liable to have collapsed any moment, and he had just seen Fireman Pickrel fall to the ground as a result of a balcony breaking.

People Scream for Friends.

So great was the terror of the people that no sooner were they out of the building than some of them attempted to get back again, often calling out to the firemen to save someone whom they thought had been left behind. On the west side of the building blankets were held and about half a dozen children thrown out of the windows onto the street.

Clad only in their night dresses, and in one case entirely naked, the roomers had to face a cold wind and a driving sleet. To add to the discomfort a hose line burst and a stream of water rained right on them as they came out of the building. Everywhere men were taking off their overcoats to comfort the women, oftentimes the men himself having on nothing but a thin shirt and pair of trousers. One girl clad in a nightgown managed to save a \$5 gold piece, but she also was running across the street it dropped from her hand and nothing would satisfy her but to stay there until it was found. Another woman, after handing her baby to a fireman, called out to her husband, who was one of the baby's shoes and expressed her determination of going back for the mate to it.

When the fire was at its height somebody called out that Kittle Bock, one of the roomers, was missing and was likely to be in a back room. A ladder was put up, and sure enough Miss Bock was there, cool as could be and planning a way to escape.

Knows Nothing of War.

O. H. P. Noyes of Yokohama, Japan, is a guest at the Murray. Mr. Noyes is a prominent importer from the Orient, but has been absent from there since the opening of hostilities between Japan and Russia. He said: "I know very little in reference to the war, as I have not been in Japan for some time. One of the commonest relatives to the war comes from the common source, the newspapers, and there is nothing that I could add that would be of any possible interest. I am simply here on a business visit."

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