

Political and Social News by Cable and Correspondence from the Old World

RIGHT OF ASYLUM FOR ANARCHISTS

Plague of No-Law Propagandists Is Spreading Under Liberty of Great Britain.

SEVERAL GROUPS OF THE CULT Asserted There Is No Closely Knit Organization.

BOTH VISIONARIES AND FIGHTERS Great Many "Sons of Beas" Supported by Women.

DANGER IN INNOCENT BEARING King George Is Embarrassed and Also Inclined to be Provoked at the Proposal for Present From Georges.

BY PAUL LAMBETH. LONDON, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—The anarchistic plague is spreading under the fostering care of what has long been known as "the right of asylum."

There are anarchists and anarchists, and any notion that there is a closely knit general anarchistic organization may be dismissed at once. Anarchism covers many shades of thought. We have at the one end the mild anarchism of M. Tcherkoff. We have the anarchism of Prince Krapotkin—the anarchism of study. The anarchists from a series of groups, some little more than debating societies of visionaries, others real fighting organizations. Some of the most effective of the latter work on the "circle" system, as the Fenians did.

The "circle" plan was adopted largely both by Russia and Polish groups. Under it no member, save perhaps the "head center," knows over of more than, at the most, twenty of his comrades. This is to reduce the risk from traitors to a minimum.

Many are "sons of rest" and are cared for by strong armed female companions who keep them supplied with tobacco and beer money. A great change has come over the anarchistic propaganda in London. There is no secret about anarchism in London. The different groups meet mainly at two clubs, the "Workers' Friend" club in Jubilee street, Whitechapel, and the Communist club in Charlotte street, off the Tottenham court road. There are smaller organizations around London, such as at Edmonton is among the strongest. In the provinces the most active center is at Liverpool.

Cult Flourishes Undisturbed. The murder of three policemen by anarchists has excited public attention to the fact that, in spite of England's habitual immunity from anarchist outrages, the cult of anarchy flourishes more or less undisturbed in London. Apparently the perpetrators of the Houndsditch crime were no ordinary burglars, but rather devotees of the red revolutionary type who, being in need of funds regarded the sacking of a jeweler's shop as the most promising method whereby their coffers might be refilled.

The leaders of the extreme revolutionary movement, the world over, are men who would be the last to be suspected of advocating violence and who would probably be mistaken for professional gentlemen. Perhaps therein lies the greatest danger.

Their organization is remarkable. Nothing is ever left to chance and once a coup is determined upon every detail in connection with it is worked out with the greatest exactitude as though it were a mathematical problem and not a scheme of blood-brothered murder. Time is no object, it only provides opportunity for greater precision.

Traitors there are, sometimes; generally the "agents provocateurs" of some foreign police force. But as a rule they are detected and then played with as a cat amuses itself with a mouse, till the day dawns when they are found dangling from a beam, in some empty house, a grim reminder that the iron hand of the anarchist is far-reaching. Aeff, Lapoukhine, Gapon, are names which occur to one—names of hideous mystery and of daily juggling with death.

Finally, the militant anarchist is content to leave his own nest undisturbed; in other words, he is prepared to pay for his freedom from active police interference by not practicing his methods upon the people among whom he lives. Hence the usual immunity of England from anarchist outrages. It is believed that the police wink at the existence of these criminals since their malice is directed against monarchs and officials outside of England.

One Typical Noble Lord. Lord Winterton has been in the House of Commons for years. The only thing he has done in all his legislative career has been to roar "Hee-ah, hee-ah!" He has a voice like a megaphone and a nose as red as a beet. He just sits in his seat and roars every time any Tory member says something against progress or human rights.

His "lordship" is awfully perturbed by the fact that after visiting Pentonville prison Mr. Churchill advised the exercise of the royal prerogative to reduce a number of sentences on prisoners. Winterton thinks that the home secretary stroled one day into the prison, talked casually to a few prisoners, and then returned to his residences as an act of self-glorification. Mr. Churchill made it clear that he went to the prison for the specific purpose of investigating the cases of all the youthful offenders, and that his action was the result of careful inquiry. In each case he said the offenders had been of a "truly nature," "for which, if the noble lord had committed them at college, he would not have been even rebuked."

King Is Embarrassed. King George is said to be provoked and very much embarrassed by the scheme which has been proposed for the purpose of collecting subscriptions from all male persons bearing the same Christian name as himself. He appreciates the sentiment animating the majority of his subjects who were christened George, but, like many other people, he realizes that some of the supporters of the project are merely desiring self-glorification from it. And that is the sort of thing which King George thoroughly detests. Moreover, there are rumors that certain well-to-do and dishonest Georges—some of whom have quite recently adopted the name—are organizing subscription scheme lots of their own of which they may, or may not, render accounts before the coronation.

CAMORRA TRIAL LONG STUNT

Over Six Hundred Witnesses Under Summons to Testify.

POPE PIUS SEES AN AEROPLANE Watched Airship Fly Around Dome of St. Peter's with Keen Joy of a Boy—Robbers Looting Palaces.

BY CLEMENT BARRETT. ROME, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—It is believed that the trial of the Camorra assassins at Viterbo for the murder of Genaro and Mario Cuccolo, man and wife, will last until July, as 600 witnesses are to be examined. The government is determined to put an end to the criminal organization to which the prisoners belong.

The crime, one of the worst ever committed by the criminals, is rendered doubly atrocious since the woman never done anything which even the most degraded member of the gang could construe into an offense. It is thought she was killed to prevent her from becoming a witness.

Pope Sees Aeroplane. The pope, who is concerned in nearly everything of human interest, the other day from the window of his library for the first time in his life saw an aeroplane in flight.

For the first time in history an aeroplane encircled the cathedral of St. Peter's. The pilot, who was a Frenchman, M. Fischer, who made a flight which was watched by thousands of people.

The holy father watched the course with as much eagerness and apparent pleasure as a boy would look on a new or wonderful toy.

Beautiful Countess Arrested. Countess Zola Dell'Alta, said to be the most beautiful woman in Sardinia, has been arrested at Sassari. Her husband was found murdered in a field last June. Some months later the police arrested a married couple, named Nuroni, and shut them up on the charge of having assassinated the count. They are now said to admit the crime, but allege that their services were hired by the countess. Her pretty 15-year-old daughter, it is said, was deeply in love with a young military officer. Her father, Count Dell'Alta, refused to sanction the match. The countess, however, persuaded that this marriage would seal her girl's happiness, and it took place. It has long been thought the count was murdered by the Mafia, whose public enemy he had long been.

Robbers Loot Palaces. Robbers have been devoting their energies recently to looting places where works of art or articles of historical value are to be found, as there is big money in selling them.

One of the most curious robberies of artistic objects is that just discovered in Perugia. In front of the cathedral is a fine statue of Pope Julius III, the work of Vincenzo Danti, a boy, who carved it over five centuries ago. Some days ago it was discovered that the head of the statue which enveloped the figure had been removed. It is supposed this treasure had been carried off to America.

Fought a Wildcat. A fight between a wild cat and a peasant is reported from Sassari, Sardinia. Nicolo Demaris, returning home from labor in the fields, was annoyed to find his frugal three cheese, bacon and meat diminished. Although he had locked the door of his habitation the theft continued. Finally he resolved to get to the bottom of the mystery and arming himself with a gun he hid in a clump of bushes.

He had not to wait long before he perceived an enormous wild cat approach the cabin strongly Demaris managed to free himself from the beast which he finally killed. Unfortunately, however, the second barrel of his gun was exploded and the charge entered the peasant's thigh, wounding him severely. He now lies in a serious condition, caused by the terrible lacerations inflicted by the wild cat.

Rogel Spoke Too Bluntly. A curious incident is reported from Wurzburg, Bavaria, in connection with the celebration of the 90th birthday of the prince regent. Rogel, of the local geographical institute, was invited to give a talk of calling for three cheers for the kaiser.

His speech, however, contained such references to his majesty that many army officers and officials gave vent to their disapproval. The professor declared that it was an "obnoxious necessity" to have to call for three cheers for such people as the kaiser, "about whom there were so many objectionable things."

Legacy An Attraction. Much amusement has been caused among members of the Reichstag, by the history of a legacy left to a socialist member by an admiring fellow socialist. This man, a humble tailor, left all to the politician, having no relatives except his widow, and desiring to mark his esteem for the principles of socialism. The total value of the estate was given to be about \$50, which was duly handed over to the legatee. Then his troubles began. The widow, who had been separated from her husband, claimed half of the estate; and though her legal rights were all the socialist gave her \$15 for which she asked. Shortly afterward the authorities came forward and informed the legatee that the tailor had received poor relief for some time past there was an amount of \$100 due from the estate. This was thereupon handed over, leaving the socialist member with only \$35.

His troubles, however, were not yet ended. One day there arrived at his house a large case, for which he had to pay the sum of \$125. Refusal to accept the case was impossible, as it was explained that it contained an urn in which were the ashes of the deceased tailor, who in accordance with his expressed desire, had been cremated, with the result that his estate was liable for the crematorium fees, and the legatee was properly the owner of the ashes. The socialist member has thus found his legacy reduced to \$30 and as there is still some stamp duty to be paid he will probably find himself out of pocket before the matter is ended, while there appears always to be the risk of fresh claims being put in.

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HURLIMANN TRIBE NUMEROUS

Almost Half of Total Population of a Swiss Village Bear the Same Name.

GENEVA, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—In the village of Walchli, Switzerland, out of a population of 1,984, no fewer than 968 persons possess the name of Hurlimann.

GERMAN BULLIES LOSE THEIR GRIP

Officers of Army and Navy Cannot Any Longer Insult Civilians With Impunity.

LIEUTENANT HAS FACE SLAPPED Tries to Kill Man Who Hit Him, But Is Restrained.

POLICE CHIEF JAGON HAS GRIEF Husband of Actress Alleges Chief Was Indiscreet.

WROTE LETTER TO THE WOMAN Practiced Firing at Dead Bodies by Soldiers Gives Rise to Socialist Protest, Loudly Voiced in the Reichstag.

BY MALCOLM CLARKE. BERLIN, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—Heretofore an army or navy officer might insult or assault a civilian with impunity. Such is no longer the case.

Recently a naval lieutenant at Wilhelmshaven had words with a commercial traveler in a bar and was struck in the face by him. The officer endeavored to return the blow, but was restrained by another civilian. He thereupon procured a pistol with which he fired several shots at the traveler, none of which struck him, though the barmaid was slightly wounded. He threatened to prosecute the civilian, who declared he wouldn't let the emperor himself hurt an insult at him.

Herr Jagow in Linelight. A few months ago two petty naval officers were sent to prison for fustian treatment of an enlisted man and now Herr Jagow, our unique and eccentric police chief has been at it again. He is the man who caused the slaying of American newspaper men who were sent to cover the historic Moabit labor troubles and thought this skin to a joke.

Max Reinhardt's latest play, which turns on the accidental dropping of a lady's garment, was censored by the police. After alterations, the play was allowed. The police president attended the dress rehearsal, and there made the acquaintance of Tulla Durieux, a star at the Deutsches theater. Next day he wrote to her that as he performed the functions of dramatic censor he wished to get in touch with stage circles, and, therefore, begged permission to call on her. Frau Durieux handed the epistle to her husband, Paul Cassester, art dealer, who wrote an indignant letter to Jagow, the latter sent a friend to give explanations which would prevent the husband from jumping to a false conclusion.

Cassester declared himself satisfied. There is now another development to the incident. Cassester is publisher of a weekly paper called "Pan," and Jagow, a literary critic, recently ordered the imposition of a fine of this periodical on the ground that extracts which it printed from the diary of Gustave Flaubert were indecent.

Now the conductors of "Pan" have obtained possession of the correspondence between Jagow and Herr Cassester and declare their intention of publishing it.

Practiced Firing at Corpses. In the course of a debate on the army estimates in the Reichstag, Major General Wandel, director of the War department, declared, in reply to a question whether it was true that corpses had been shot at by soldiers at Spandau, that some years ago firing experiments were carried out on corpses with the object of ascertaining the penetrating power of modern rifles.

These experiments, which, moreover, were made on anatomical exhibits, not on naked corpses, were, said Wandel, essential in the interests of army surgery. None of the soldiers who were shooting saw any thing of the exhibits, which were wrapped in linen or hidden behind linen. The socialist severely criticized the experiments, saying it was dastardly to inflict wounds on a dead body unless it was on a dissecting table.

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LOGUE ON MIXED MARRIAGES

Cardinal Primate of Ireland Explains Catholic Church View.

HELD TO BE A SACRED CONTRACT Church Insists on Right to Prescribe Conditions for Sacrament Just as the State Does in Civil Contracts.

BY THOMAS EMMET. DUBLIN, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—Cardinal Logue, the Catholic primate of Ireland, in his Lenten letter discussed the position of the church on divorce and mixed marriages at great length. Speaking of the agitation of the Presbyterian church against the pope's recent decree relative to mixed marriages, the cardinal says:

"One thing, however, it is not so easy to gather from the discussion how the decree 'Ne Temere' affects the settlement of the case. The avowed object of the agitation is to prevent, through the intervention of the civil power, the pope's writ, at least on the marriage law, from running in these islands. A penal enactment designed to fetter the conscience of Catholics, would leave matters just as they stand. It could never force them to acknowledge as valid a marriage declared invalid by the law of their church, as, for instance, the remarriage of divorced persons. It seems needless, therefore, to urge the civil authority to assume powers with which it is sufficiently armed at present."

The teaching and practice of the Catholic church with regard to marriage are pretty generally known and easily understood. It holds that marriage among baptized Christians is not a mere civil bargain, but a sacred contract. It is recalled by our Lord, from the laxity which had crept in under the Jewish law, to its primitive institution of unity and indissolubility. He raised it to the dignity of a sacrament, endowing it with sacramental grace to enable those who embrace the married state to bear its burdens and discharge its duties with Christian fidelity.

What Church Claims. The church has always claimed and exercised the exclusive right to prescribe conditions for the validity of the contract, just as conditions were prescribed even in the old law by the institution of certain disabilities, and as conditions are prescribed by the state for the validity of civil contracts. The state may legislate within the bounds of justice, for the civil effects of marriage; but where it touches the essentials of the sacred contract it goes beyond its province, usurping a right to which it has no claim. We have a lamentable example of the pernicious consequences which such usurpation leads to in the civil law of divorce. Its very pretension on conjugal fidelity, leads to the ruin of families and outrages public morality. In some states of America divorce is granted with such facility that there is one divorce for every twelve marriages. Some time since I have read of a man who had been divorced three times. He had been divorced in less than two hours. It is clear that this usurpation of the civil authority threatens to reduce marriage to a mere sham, a mere compact between the parties to live together just as long as they find it convenient. If the practice progresses, as it has done up to the present, of which a dramatic work on the subject and which admits no particular persons or convictions.

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BELGIAN THIEVES KILL PRIEST Old Man and His Servant Murdered in a Search for Concealed Treasure.

BRUSSELS, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—A terrible tragedy has been discovered in Damprey, a Belgian village, the old and popular priest and his aged servant having been murdered by thieves, who had been watching the house for some days.

The men entered the house by the garden, and broke into the room where the priest was lying asleep. Having awakened him, they tied his hands and forced him by threats to reveal the place of his supposed hidden wealth.

After ransacking every room, one of the thieves struck the priest on the head with an axe, killing him instantly. The noise woke up the servant, who speedily shared the fate of his master. The murderers then fled, and are still at large.

FRONTIER RAIDERS GIVEN HARD LESSON

British Commander in India Has an Effective Method of Stopping Outlawry.

CALCUTTA, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—News reached Lieutenant Colonel Sir George Ross-Kemp, chief commissioner of the northwest frontier of India, who was in camp at Charsadda, that a band of thirty raiders, under the notorious outlaw, Hakim Kahn, was hiding in a cave near Abazai.

Sir George at once preceded with his escort of 250 men of the Eighty-second Punjabi and two troops of the Guides cavalry, with two mountain guns, and surrounded the raiders, calling on them to surrender.

Next morning, as the outlaws refused to yield, the guns opened fire upon them. Hakim Bey and twenty-two of his followers were killed and seven were captured. Two of these being severely wounded. The troops suffered no casualties, but a villager was wounded.

DE MEDICI QUEEN WANTED AMERICA

Finding of an Old Manuscript in France Indicates Catherine Was Very Ambitious.

SHE HAD NAMED TWO VICEROYS They Were to Take Possession of American Continent.

BAD FORTUNE DEFEATED PLANS Death of Leaders Put an End to the Great Project.

ACADEMY CATERERS TO NOVELISTS Attempted Slaughter of a Disagreeable Parrot Results in Killing of a Woman by the Owner of the Bird.

PARIS, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—What is regarded as an important historical discovery has been announced by most respectable authority. A librarian of the Bibliotheque Nationale, the "Seminare Litteraire," announces seriously that he recently came upon a document which enabled him to guess "the secret of Catherine de Medici's plans for the conquest of the two Americas. The document in question is a map, dated 1584, in which both North and South America were marked out as being French colonies. This discovery put the finger on the way to obtain some proofs of the projects of this ambitious queen. She had named two viceroys, Trolle de Mercuras to conquer the north of the continent and Admiral Strozzi was to take possession of Brazil. The two viceroys sailed, furnished with secret orders, but an unkid fate ordained that Trolle should be shipwrecked and Strozzi defeated and killed in a battle off the Azores. The death of both the leaders brought the royal project to naught and nothing would have been known of it but for the diligence of the learned librarian.

Academy Caters to Novelists. Owing to the fact that a great number of its members made their name by novel writing, the French academy has decided to endow an annual prize of \$2,000 for the best novel of the year or other work of the imagination in prose. It seems that literary novelists had been rather left out in the cold by the academy. Eloquence, poetry, history, criticism were richly rewarded, but not romance writing. The Goncourt annual award of half the amount made under Edmond de Goncourt's will by the academy, which he founded, and which, by his express wish, must never include a member of the Academie Française.

Theater Rioting Condemned. The riotous demonstration at the Theatre Francaise during performances of M. Bernstein's "Apres Moi" had elicited a letter of protest from some distinguished literary men, including four members of the French academy, who have issued an address saying they protest in the name of art against the violation of the rights to public performance of a dramatic work on the subject and which admits no particular persons or convictions.

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NAVY ESTIMATE SANCTIONED

Austrian Preparations for Possible War to Go Ahead.

FOUR DREADNOUGHTS PLANNED Abnormal Head of Tyrolean Peasant Cut from Body and Delivered to Scientific Institute, as Per Contract.

BY EMIL ANDRASSY. VIENNA, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—Austria-Hungary evidently does not intend to be caught unprepared should war between this country and Italy or Turkey be declared. The Hungarian delegation adopted the navy estimates on Tuesday without modification and this sanctioned the program according to which 23 dreadnaughts, three fast cruisers, and a number of torpedo boats during the next six years.

An acute conflict is being waged between the Austrian delegation and Admiral Count Montecucoli, owing to the divulging of a secret agreement made by him promising Hungary special contracts for supplying much of the new navy.

English Visitors of Note. The news that the lord mayor of London, with the sheriffs and a number of common councillors, in response to the invitation of the Vienna burgomaster, will visit this capital in September, is received here with unusual demonstrations of sympathy. The entire press mentions the visit, adding many friendly remembrances of former interchanges of courtesy with England. The visit of the distinguished Englishmen, invited by the press as a mark of friendship between the two countries.

The Neue Freie Presse, after declaring the visitors will receive a warm welcome in Vienna says: "In the lord mayor and the sheriffs of the city of London Vienna will at the same time welcome part of the history of English self-government. It can only be to the advantage of both countries to recall the circumstances of friendship, to dispense misunderstandings, and to revive natural sympathies."

Big Head for Dissection. Carrying out the purchase contract, the head was severed from the body of Johann Rieser, a Tyrolean peasant, after his death and delivered to a pathological institute.

The head was buried at Zillertal, Reised, but bargained his head to the institution before his death for 62 (KST.21). The institution purchased the head because of its abnormal size to study for scientific reasons.

Great Sunday for Marriages. Carnival Sunday in Vienna was marked by the largest number of marriages ever recorded in the city in one day. More than 1,000 couples were married. In some churches as many as twenty couples were married with a single ceremony. The minister would have the couples arranged about the altar and standing in the center of the semicircle would unite all as if marrying but a single couple.

Most of the marriages were among working people who celebrated the day by marrying. When 800 couples were married on Carnival Sunday a year ago it was thought to be a record that would stand, but this year the number was surpassed by more than 200.

Crazy Man Attacks Family. A Budapest dispatch gives details of a shocking tragedy in the Croatian town of Sared, in which a carpenter named Ignaz Kavor, who had presumably become suddenly deranged, attacked with an axe his father, mother, sister and brother, all of whom were asleep at the time. The father was so shockingly injured that he expired immediately, and the madman also inflicted ghastly wounds on his mother and sister, but his brother was only slightly hurt and those in the van escaped with their lives. Kavor surrendered himself to the police still holding the blood-stained axe in his hand.

Second Houndsditch Battle. Six were killed in a battle between policemen and two burglars at Tver, which recalls the circumstances of the Houndsditch Rusians. Policemen tried to arrest two suspects at Hightsk. The men opened fire, killed a policeman and a police sergeant, wounded another policeman and then took refuge in a bath house, whence they fired on the assembled cordon of police. The siege lasted the whole night and another sergeant was wounded. In the morning the desperadoes were found dead. They were the authors of an armed burglary at the house of a neighboring village priest, whose wife they left for dead, and had afterwards murdered a cab driver.

Woman Aged Hundred Sixty-Five. Among the peasants are persons of very great age. Nina Turbatloff, a peasant woman, was kept up for a few hundred yards and it seemed that the world was being evaded, when suddenly a fresh pack of wolves appeared. The two men accompanying the bride couple demanded that the bride should be sacrificed, but the bridegroom indignantly rejected the cowardly proposition. "The men seized and overpowered the pair and threw them out to meet a horrible fate. The two men succeeded in rousing their horses to last effort, and though attacked in turn, beat off the wolves and eventually reached Tashkend. Both men were in a semi-demented state from their experience.

Our Meat Trust is Not Popular with Australians Agents Sent to That Country Will Be Prevented from Getting a Look-In.

MELBOURNE, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—The following memorandum has been issued to the press by the Commonwealth Minister of Customs:

"For several months past it has been an open secret that representatives of the American meat trusts have been visiting Australia with the ostensible object of attending its operations. The government is determined to take immediate and drastic action to discourage, and if necessary to prohibit, its operations in Australia. It is not proposed to wait until the combination secures a vested interest in the country. The minister of customs is consulting the Attorney-General with a view to bringing the full force of the present law into operation, and, if necessary, to obtain further legislation. The action of the government will extend to trust operations in Australia whether conducted directly or indirectly. It will not permit a repetition in Australia of the scandals and mercenary methods characterizing monopolies in other parts of the world."

Greek and Turks Fight on Frontier Authorities of Several Nations Are Taking Drastic Measures to Keep the Peace.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—During the last few days there have been many reports of encounters on the frontier. Fights have taken place between Turkish and Greek frontier guards, between Turkish troops and Bulgarian bands in Macedonia, between troops and Albanian bands near Dibra, and between troops and Montenegrins on the Montenegro border. The authorities are said to be taking drastic steps to clear the European vilayets of bands, but it is doubtful whether their measures will be successful. In Macedonia bands form themselves automatically whenever the severity of the authorities drives the peasants to the mountains.

CZAR NICHOLAS SPRING SURPRISE

Avows He Desires to Complete the Work Begun by His Grandfather, Alexander II.

WOULD ELEVATE THE PEASANTRY Desires They Should Be Land Owners, as Well as Free.

MAY LEAVE PEASANT COMMUNES Russian Ruler Advocates Improved Agriculture.

HAS CONFIDENCE IN HIS SUBJECTS Wolves Run Down Wedding Party of One Hundred and Twenty and Only Two Escape to Tell the Story.

BY GEORGE FRASER. ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—(Special to The Bee.)—The czar of Russia has taken in his latest imperial secret, perhaps most forward step ever taken, perhaps by a ruler of the country. It is the furtherance of his work of reform begun a few years ago.

The czar took occasion to declare his policy for the betterment of his peasants in an imperial rescript issued in the name of M. Stolypin, the prime minister, in which he says he is determined to all those who co-operated in Alexander II's great work of the emancipation of the serfs and lays stress upon the spirit of self-sacrifice manifested by the Russian nobility.

The czar declares that he has set before himself the task of completing the work of his grandfather and of transforming the Russian peasantry into not merely free but economically strong land owners. This, the czar states, can be achieved by affording them facilities to leave the peasant communes and by the improvement of agricultural science. He expresses his conviction that the institutions to which the execution of his reforms are to be entrusted will maintain civil order among the country population of Russia.

Wolves Devour Wedding Party. Run down on the snow field and devoured by hungry wolves was the fate of a wedding party, but two out of 120 escaping to tell the story, in Asiatic Russia. The severe weather has been the cause of many minor tragedies in which the wolves have played a part, but perhaps none has ever been known so terrible as that now reported, since in this instance no fewer than 118 persons are said to have perished. A wedding party numbering 120 persons set out in thirty sledges to drive twenty miles from the village of Ostipoff to Tashkend. The ground was thickly covered with snow and the progress was necessarily delayed. At a distance of a few miles from Tashkend the party was frightened by a black cloud approaching over the snow. Its nearer approach showed it to be hundreds of wolves, yelping furiously and evidently frantic with hunger, and within a few seconds the hindmost sledges were surrounded. Panic seized the party and those in the van jumped up their horses and made desperate attempts to escape, regardless of their companions.

The pursuit, however, never slackened, and the sickening carnage went on until only the foremost sledge—that