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CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visit in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we will send you local news—50c.)

Mrs. E. T. Banks who has been sick is better.

Mrs. H. H. Hooker who has been sick is improving.

Miss Alice Bell who has been very sick is able to be up and out again.

Rev. S. L. Birt of Boone was in our city this week enroute to Enterprise and Saylor mines.

Mr. Attrus Brown was called to Atchison, Kansas last Wednesday on business of importance.

BARNES
MEN'S OUTFITTER
317 5TH STREET

Mr. L. Courtney was injured in the wreck on the C. R. I. & P. last Monday, but not seriously.

Mr. H. H. Lewis who has been sick was improving until a few days ago and he seems to be taking a lapse again.

We are glad to note that Mrs. James M. Todd who has been sick the past fortnight is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Rev. Elizabeth Howard was the guest at a five o'clock supper given at the residence of Mrs. Bryant Carr on Ninth street Sunday.

The H. B. S. Reading Circle meets next Thursday with Mrs. Carr on Ninth street. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. L. R. Palmer left Wednesday evening for Chicago where she will visit a few days, from there she will go to Washington to be present during the inauguration of the President.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woods entertained at cards Wednesday at their home, 1046 Park street, after which a dainty five course luncheon was served.

BARNES
MEN'S OUTFITTER
317 5TH STREET

Mrs. Emma Rowland of Chillicothe, Mo., who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. John Wilkinson, since the latter part of November, returned to her home this week.

"Colonel" Lucian Johnson expects to go to Washington to see Roosevelt inaugurated. Wonder if the Colonel has been selected as one of the bodyguards for the President?

Mr. Frank Johnson of Davenport spent a few days of the current week in this city. He was among those in one of the recent wrecks on the C. R. I. & P. Mr. Johnson was in the city for a brief visit with friends.

Mrs. Hattie Woodson, Henry Sowards and Laura Adams were callers at the office last Saturday. Mrs. Adams ordered her name enrolled on our subscription book and she will hereafter read the BYSTANDER.

Mrs. H. S. Graves, president of the Iowa State Federation of Afro-American women, delivered a very interesting address on "The Needs of the Race Organization" at the February meeting of the Local Afro-American Council at Burn's M. E. church Thursday evening.

BARNES
MEN'S OUTFITTER
317 5TH STREET

Mrs. James Hamilton of 1005 Park street, fell on the icy sidewalk last Tuesday morning and broke her leg near the ankle. She is under the care of Dr. Edwards who reports that she is getting along nicely.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown was called to Buxton last Wednesday to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, who died in that city Monday afternoon of tuberculosis.

Services at the Union Congregation church Sunday, Feb. 26:
Morning service, topic—"What must I do to be saved."
Evening service, topic—"God's Kingdom First."

Men's League at 8 o'clock—Popular meeting, address by Rev. J. W. Day, pastor of the East Side Presbyterian church. Ladies are invited to attend.

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BARNES

Mrs. and Mrs. C. H. Conley of Webster City came down to attend Mr. Williams' funeral Tuesday.

Mrs. R. A. Jefferson entertained Mrs. W. L. Banks of Davenport at dinner Thursday. A very pleasant time is reported.

The little granddaughter of E. S. Morgan at 306 Oak street had a very severe case of hemorrhage of the nose one day last week. Dr. Edwards was called and after several hours of hard work the flow was stopped.

The David and Jonathan League was largely attended last Sunday, over 40 men were out. The life of Washington and Douglas was very interestingly discussed by Atty. J. B. Rush, S. Joe Brown, J. L. Thompson, J. C. Williams, Samuel Barrett, H. W. Hughes, J. H. Shepard, F. G. Goggins, R. N. Hyde and J. H. McDowell. The president, Mr. Gus Watkins, makes a good presiding officer. Next Sunday at 8 o'clock will be a popular meeting, at which meeting ladies are invited. Rev. J. W. Day of East Side Presbyterian church will address the meeting.

Mrs. Theo. Williams wishes to extend thanks to the many friends who so kindly aided her in the sad bereavement of the sudden taking away of her dear beloved husband.

For the benefit of those who are going to attend the inauguration of Pres. Roosevelt, March 4th, at Washington, D. C., will that the Local Public Comfort Committee of this city has received the following instructions: The Public Comfort Committee of Washington, D. C. That all persons desiring accommodations to send their names, addresses, number, sex and color to R. N. Hyde, 120 West Grand Ave., at once for I will have all tickets of admission to all public functions. The Public Comfort Committee at Washington will have messengers to meet all trains and receive the visitors free of charge.

All names that is sent to this committee will be forwarded to the Committee at Washington, D. C. This will enable the Committee at Washington to perfect their arrangements for all who may go.

R. N. Hyde, Chairman of Local Committee.

The local committee met Sunday and organized by electing John L. Thompson secretary and rates for the round trip can be secured for only \$29.65. Address all communications to John L. Thompson. The local committee will meet next Sunday at 4:30 o'clock at the A. M. E. church.

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Rev. H. W. Porter who lectured last Sunday before the Y. M. C. A. at Buxton returned from there this week and reports a very pleasant time. He speaks very highly of the good people of Buxton. In the morning he spoke briefly at the A. M. E. church and the Baptist church, and in the afternoon over 200 men filled the beautiful auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. The people were carried away with his address. While there he was the guest of Mr. Lewis Johnson, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Attorney Sellers.

We wish to express our appreciation of the kindness of friends and the members of North Star Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., after the death of our beloved husband, father and brother, and for the many beautiful floral offerings and for words of sympathy.

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EDITORIALS.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

On last Wednesday, nearly 200 years ago, George Washington was born. He is called, and may truly be styled, the father of our country, for he had no children, hence the American people could call him father.

At the age of 17 he was a surveyor, at the age of 19 he was made captain of a company of Virginia militia, later he took charge of the Old Continental army and for eight long years through all the trials, horrors and hardships no man ever suffered and endured so much, and in the midst of gloom and almost despair he would encourage his barefooted, half-clothed and starving army and saved them from mutiny and destruction. He was the hero of his age. There are two great characters that stand out in his life: his honesty and purity of character; he never told a lie. Second his loyalty and love of country; he freely gave all his service in war and would not accept pay for his work—greater sacrifice no man can offer. Let this nation always revere his memory and children eulogize his great deeds for he was first in war, first in peace, first president and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

SAN DOMINGO AFFAIR.

For the past few years there has been many insurrections and much internal strife as well as financial embarrassment upon the part of the little San Domingo Republic until now our government has been asked to take charge of the affairs, so that the republic might pay the other countries their obligations without these countries coming in and taking the land in payment of these debts, which would be an encroachment upon our time honored Monroe doctrine, and it was to prevent infringement upon this doctrine that the President has temporarily become receiver for the little black republic, and his protocol to the United States Senate clearly states it. We are sorry to see this little republic in such a condition, yet this is the best way out.

A VISIT TO BUXTON.

Rev. Porter Delivered an Address to 200 Men Sunday, February 19.

Leaving Des Moines via Washington Sunday 6:40 a. m., we arrived at Hamilton at 8:35 and found a sleigh to convey us to Buxton.

For forty-five minutes we glided swiftly over the hills and through the valleys of snow, nothing to be seen in the distance of five miles from Hamilton to Buxton save a few farm houses which dotted the beautiful sheet of snow.

After riding for thirty-five minutes we were brought to the top of a hill and in the distance we could see hundreds of houses on the hillside, which represented the town of Buxton with its five thousand inhabitants, turning northward and riding two miles further, in order to reach our destination, we came to the Perkins hotel. After breakfast which was acceptable and enjoyed, we made ready to attend services at the different churches.

In company with Mr. L. E. Johnson, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and Attorney Sellers we visited the A. M. E. church, and listened to Rev. Jackson as he endeavored to prove to his people the utter sinfulness of sin, after which we entered the Baptist church and Rev. Meadenhall presented to his congregation the gospel of peace, which of course follows freedom from sin.

Now the grandest of all was the scene at the Y. M. C. A. hall. The building is the neatest and best equipped I have visited.

The reading room, with the latest periodicals, and growing flowers is especially inviting; everything is done to make the men feel at home, and give to them comforts which

can only be known, as we see the well kept building and note the progress of the work. At 4 p. m. we entered the auditorium, and as the music began it was a sight to behold, and one to be appreciated, to see 200 men marching into the auditorium. The singing was good, and we never have spoken to a more intelligent and appreciative audience—men whose faces beamed with a desire for knowledge.

Buxton is in all particulars superior to the mining camps we read of. It is a town inhabited by men and women who are looking forward to the better things of life. The schools and churches and the Y. M. C. A. bespeaks progress.

It is interesting to note that the Buxton Y. M. C. A. is the second largest colored association in existence, and very soon it will be the largest.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The revival meeting closed at the A. M. E. church last Sunday evening. Mrs. Nora Taylor gave a very interesting lecture at the A. M. E. church last Monday evening. Mrs. Taylor possesses rare ability as a speaker.

Quarterly meeting was held last Sunday and Mrs. Taylor assisted Rev. Peyton. Mrs. Armstrong spent a few days at home this week.

Mrs. Martha has returned to the city. Mr. Fred Turner is home from Buxton. Mrs. J. D. Daniels is on the sick list. Mrs. Nora Taylor left Wednesday morning for Ottumwa where she will assist Rev. Phillips in a series of meetings. The Chautauque club met with Mrs. Nate Black last Wednesday night. Mrs. Nora Taylor and Mrs. Peyton were invited guests.

Mrs. Jas. Redd was hostess to the Chautauque club Tuesday evening; Mrs. Nora Taylor was guest of honor. The chicken pie supper was well attended at the church last Monday evening in connection with the lecture. The sum of \$12.00.

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SIoux CITY ITEMS.

The revival at the A. M. E. church is being well attended, and quite an interest is being manifested.

Rev. J. M. Burton, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, read a paper before the Ministerial Association Monday morning at the Y. M. C. A. His subject was "National Righteousness," which was ably discussed by his fellow laborers. The Improvement society met with Mrs. Anna Washington Thursday afternoon.

Last Tuesday was St. Valentine day and Mesdames Cora Harrison, Betty Campbell and Amy Lashly entertained the members of the Silver Leaf club at the former's residence. Each member was remembered with one of cupid's joys in the form of a calendar. A three course luncheon was served.

A dancing club has been organized, known as the Pleasant Hour club. President Abe Carson, Secretary Manoe Askew Treasurer Edward Askew, Manager Melton Williams. They gave a dance Friday night to a large number of their friends at Bimeon hall, tipping the fantastic into a wee small hour.

The Silver Leaf club meets at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Tuesday evening.

Wednesday being Washington's birthday the schools throughout the city will honor it with patriotic exercises.

Miss Mamie Webb of Centon, S. D. is in the city visiting, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cora Norris.

Mr. William Johnson of Moline, Ill., who has been rooming with Mrs. Chas. Carter was moved to the St. Joseph hospital last week, very ill with the pneumonia.

Mrs. Chas. Watkins gave a party at her residence on Center street last Thursday evening in honor of her husband's thirty-sixth birthday. Thirty-six of his friends and associates whom he has associated with at his place of business for the nine years were invited in to spend the evening. A three course luncheon was served, after which the evening was spent in dancing. Robinson's Mandolin club furnished music. They departed at a late hour voting the host and hostess good entertainers and wishing Charlie thirty-six years more of happy life. Mesdames A. Baker and E. Grant assisted the hostess.

Mrs. Rhoda Riding who has been very low for sometime with complications of diseases is reported to be getting much worse. She refuses to take nourishment. It is feared by her physician that she has but a few more days to live.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Strange, sudden and unforeseen things happen in this busy age, last Friday night about 10:45 when Mrs. Theodore Williams arrived home, 837 West Ninth street, she found her husband in bed dead. The cause is somewhat a mystery, some advances suicide, others that it was heart trouble.

Mrs. Williams had been away all Friday afternoon at the A. M. E. church Sewing Circle and with friends; returning home she called her husband, he did not answer she went to his bed and kissed him only to find him cold in death.

Mr. Theodore Williams was one of our good and highly esteemed citizens, well liked by all who knew him, was of a jovial and pleasant disposition, and his sudden death will no doubt be a great surprise to his many friends over Iowa. He was employed many years for the C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co., also worked as assistant head waiter at the Kirkwood and other places; making friends with all people.

His funeral was held from the the A. M. E. church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. S. Graves.

Mr. Williams was a kind and devoted husband to his dutiful wife. He leaves a loving wife, a stepson, Pleasant Breeden, a loving mother, five brothers and two sisters, and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Those from abroad were his mother and sister from Booneville Mo., Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Conley of Webster City, Frank Johnson and Mrs. W. L. Baker of Davenport, Mrs. Matilda Golden and J. H. Jenkins of Minneapolis, Minn.

The remains were laid to rest in Woodland cemetery.

LOW RATES TO OTHER POINTS.

Round-trip homeseekers tickets on sale to northern and western territory on first and third Tuesdays of each month. For tickets and particulars about rates and trains to any point call on or address W. S. Matthews, Dist. Pass. Agent or W. K. Adams city Pass. Agt, 512 Walnut street, Des Moines, Ia. Remember the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry. is the Short Line to Minneapolis and St. Paul. Trains now leave from Des Moines Union Station.

CLINTON HAPPENINGS.

Friends in Clinton learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Genevieve Tolliver of Rock Island, which took place recently at Tucson, Arizona.

Through a misunderstanding Clinton people are doomed to disappointment in not being able to witness a performance by Williams and Walker, as they will not appear in Clinton as expected.

Chas. Thompson is a new subscriber to the BYSTANDER. Who is the next?

Nick Smith attended a party in Davenport last week, making the trip on the Interurban.

J. T. Culbertson has joined the ranks of those on the sick list.

MOline GLEANINGS.

Mrs. C. Harding departed last Saturday for a warmer climate for the benefit of her health.

Moline friends are grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. J. C. Tolliver of Rock Island, which occurred a few weeks ago. The Sunday School class gave a party in honor of Mrs. J. L. Jones, the event being her birthday. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess. The class presented Mrs. Jones with a set of china breakfast plates. She received a number of other useful gifts. A delightful time was had by all present.

Mrs. R. Phoenix entertained Mrs. Robinson and the Misses Fannie Moppin and Alice Gorman at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Seary is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Jones were Moline callers last Friday.

Mesdames E. D. Pollard, J. H. Ligon and Messrs. C. Jones and J. H. Ligon were Moline visitors Sunday.

Mesdames Madison and Doty were South side callers last week.

Quite a number of our people are subscribing for the Voice of the Negro, Mrs. K. P. Pollard is the agent.

Mr. Hubbard and Karen have purchased a lovely home on Twenty-sixth avenue. We are glad to see our people doing so well.

VIA THE C. & N. W. RY.

Colonist one way tickets to California and the Northwest on sale at very low rates from March 1st to May 15. Full information at the C. & N. W. Ry. City office 401 Walnut street or at the Passenger Station.

ALBIA NEWS.

Rev. S. Peterson returned from his visit in Illinois the last of the week.

The Albion young people gave a birthday surprise on Miss Allin Reager Wednesday evening, it being her 17th birthday. All report a nice time.

Mrs. Harris and little girl of Hocking were in town Saturday.

Miss Cora Thomas returned from Buxton for a visit at home this week. She sang a very nice solo at the church Sunday evening.

A number of young people took a home talent play and to Buxton one night this week. They report it a success.

Mrs. M. F. Ward entertained Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Martin. Rev. Peterson, Mrs. Burne and Mr. Franklin at dinner Sunday.

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Des Moines to Seattle, Portland and Ashland, Ore., \$29.00.

BEDFORD NOTES.

Sunday Feb. 12.

Rev. James L. Wharton, the pastor of the A. M. E. church, was in Bedford. The pastor was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Loens.

Rev. Wharton was entertained for Sunday dinner at the home of the Franklins. Miss N. Franklin and father were home and made it indeed very pleasant.

Rev. Wharton was also entertained at the home of the pastor of the white M. E. church, the Rev. Thomas who is a friend of the Negro.

Mr. I. Boyd is sick. Mrs. Geo. Johnson is also sick. Mr. I. W. Franklin has been sick.

The Bedford people are yet all right.

Mr. Isom is living on the old home place of mother Johnson. He is fixed up nicely in his home.

BURLINGTON NEWS.

As the weather has moderated about 60 degrees in the past 86 hours in Burlington I wish to inform the readers of the Bystander that we are still among the live ones. We don't care if we never have any more 33 below weather.

Mr. S. L. Tigg is able to be out again after a month's illness. We are all glad to see him out again as things don't go exactly right when he is indisposed.

Miss Myrtle Drake's condition is improved.

O. C. Folks was the guest of Mr. F. S. Johnson in Keokuk several days last week.

The Smart Set stopped here a few hours Monday afternoon on their way to Ottumwa.

Mr. Fate Martin is reported sick at his home on North Fifth street. All hope that it is nothing serious and that he'll soon be out again, as we miss his welcome glad hand and the smile that won't come off.

Mr. Frank Scott, better known as "Scotty," is suffering with neuralgia. Poor Scotty.

The Smart Set plays a return engagement here Wednesday, the 22nd. After the play they will be entertained at the Black Diamond club rooms, where a program will be rendered. Among the numbers will be an address by A. Percival Hall of Washington, D. C., entitled "The Disfranchisement of the Negro."

The Stewardess of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment Tuesday night. A beautiful program was rendered. The affair was a huge success in every way.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Drew will entertain Tuesday in honor of Miss Wallace of Monmouth and Miss Danneberg of Pittsburgh, Pa., who will depart for their homes the last of the week.

Mrs. J. W. Mackay and children have returned home after an extended visit in Louisiana and St. Louis, Mo., and Murphreesboro, Ill.

Kid Carter is taking a vacation for a month. He departed Monday for a visit in Williams, Main and Court, Iowa. Hope he has an enjoyable trip.

The correspondent wishes to warn the two young ladies who were promoting the streets in the tangle in the district last Sunday and visiting a certain resort in the meanwhile. If they knew of one of the young ladies knew of one of the young ladies would be something doing around her house. Take a fool's advice girls and cut it out. If you knew the remarks that were made after your departure you'd never go back. So get wise to yourselves.

Mrs. Wm. Emanuel who has been on the sick list is improving.

Others who have been on the sick list and are convalescent are Mr. P. Pruett, Lem. Reed, Graves, Mrs. Sanford Mitchell, L. Reed, Young Curry and Aunt Saphia Bird.

A number of Burlington young men are forming an amateur minstrel company. B. Barnes, Jason Brown, M. Brown (better known as Mucky), E. Raham and O. C. Folks are the comedians. Eugene R. Williams is the efficient manager. We also have Mober Gentry (better known as the "Black Turtle," the champion buck dancer of the state of Iowa.) He will drill the first part in up-to-date dancing. Mahara's won't be in it. And we'll make the 3 K boys look like 2 cents off Dischibye. I'd Baretil 2 cents. May be. Will furnish particulars later.

Woman Centenarian Dies.

Louisville, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Katherine Jackson, 105 years old, is dead near Floral.

LITTLE RESPECT FOR DEAD.

South American Countries Have Primitive Burial Customs.

Havana's cemetery is typical of the burying places of all Spanish-American countries. It consists of a wall eight to ten feet thick, honeycombed with niches for the reception of coffins, and surrounding a plot of land which is never used for burial purposes and is usually in a neglected condition. The cemetery is run by the municipal authorities and the niches are rented. The payment required upon the sealing of one of these holes in the wall insures an undisturbed resting place for its contents for three or five years from that time, according to the particular custom of the locality. Then an annual rental must be paid for a period of twenty-five years, at the end of which time the tenant gets a title in perpetuity. But how few ever find a last resting place in one of these niches is shown by the fact that, despite the tremendous increase in population since it was built two or three centuries ago, the cemetery has never been enlarged and there are always plenty of vacancies. Upon default of payment of the rental the bones are raked out of the niche and it is ready for the next occupant. The bones are placed in one corner of the cemetery, and there, at least, they lie undisturbed through the passing of years as the pile constantly grows larger.

JUDGED BY HER COOKING.

Russian Peasant Brides Must Be Proficient in the Culinary Art.

Among the Russian peasants a bride's character is judged by the dinner she cooks on her wedding day. When she arrives at her husband's house she has to prepare a meal with her own hands as a test of housekeeping capabilities. If she succeeds in gratifying her guests, it is taken as a proof not only of the young woman's own excellence, but also as a recommendation of her whole family, by whom she was instructed in the culinary art. Speaking of marriages, too, a larger percentage of males marry under the age of 21 in Russia than in any other European country.

Thomas Carlyle's Rebuke.

Thomas Carlyle once took Richard Monckton Milnes to task for not securing government aid for Tennyson. "Richard Milnes," said Carlyle, slowly, withdrawing his pipe from his mouth, "when are you going to get that pension for Alfred Tennyson?" Milnes replied that it was not an easy matter. His constituents, he said, probably knew nothing of Tennyson or his poetry, and might think it a piece of jobbery from which some relative of Milnes was to benefit. "Richard Milnes," replied Carlyle, "on the day of judgment when the Lord asks you why you didn't get that pension for Alfred Tennyson it will not do to lay the blame on your constituents; it is you that will be damned."

On the Heights.

So high above the other things
We boastfully "the mountain" named
It; its streams poured down to feed our
mills;
Joyous its top when sunlight flamed it,
'Twas there that was signaled "victory's first
There fell the farewell kiss of day.
And now, far up the mountain side,
By winding paths the miller's daughter
And I had climbed where rocks defied
And frowning streams of sunny water.
We nearer to the summit now,
Enchanted with the widening view.
J.
Said I: "How near to heaven we
seem!"
As on the mountain top we rested,
"Yes," nearer, dawning, than we deem."
And on my breast her fair head nestled,
We felt the same, all earth above,
For naught is nearer heaven than love.
—George Birdseye, in Boston Transcript.

Nervousness in Animals.

Cases of death of animals from "nervous upset" are not uncommon, and are found among very different classes of mammals. Last year a couple of otters were caught apparently quite uninjured, on the River Eamont, and sent by train, each in a roomy box. Both died almost immediately after their arrival at their destination. A female elephant at the London Zoo died from the effects of a thunder storm. Some of the larger apes are said to be affected by capture that they always die within a few days, the system being so upset that they cannot eat. That is why we see only young specimens brought to Europe.

He Would Have to Swim.

A carpenter in a Scotch village, to oblige the local undertaker, who was ill, went to screw down a coffin lid. The sick man's wife gave him full and particular instructions respecting the task. "Weel," she asked when he returned, "hoo did ye get on?" "Fine," was the reply. "But there was hauf a sovereign in the corpse's hand. What was that for?" "Oh," said the lady, "that's a custom some folks have. He's supposed to give that to the ferryman who rows him o'er the river o' death." "Do ye tell me that? It's a queer warld. But I'm sayin', missus." "Yes!" "I'm feared you chap will hae to swim."

Irregularity in the Punishment.

There are two boys who manage to be rather unruly in school, and their teacher was so exasperated one day that she ordered them to remain after hours and write their names 1,000 times. She watched them plunge into the

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ROJESTVENSKY IS EXONERATED

International Commission Decides North Sea Incident.

STATEMENT IS SEMI-OFFICIAL

Holds Admiral Thought His Squadron Endangered—Commission Gives No Opinion On Question of Presence Or Absence of Japanese Boats.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Rumors are current in this city tonight that General Kuropatkin has been outflanked by a strong force of Japanese in the vicinity of Shimminin and compelled to retire from the Shakh river, but official dispatches, so far as made public, and the Associated Press' Mukden advices give no intimation that such a contingency is even remotely possible.

Paris, Feb. 23.—A semi-official statement appeared last night relative to the work of the international commission which has been considering the North Sea incident. It is as follows:

The Hull commission met this morning in the ministry of foreign affairs and again this afternoon in order to proceed to a final examination of the report recapitulating its conclusions. The report is rather long, comprising about ten large pages. The principal author is Admiral Von Spaun (Austrian); but all the members of the commission collaborated in drawing it up. The commission gives no opinion on the question of the presence or absence of Japanese torpedo boats in the North Sea, declaring merely that the Russian admiral quite legitimately believed that his squadron was endangered and that he had the right under the circumstances to act as he did. The commissioners refer to the Russian government's engagement to indemnify the victims of the deplorable incident.

"The report will be sent tomorrow by special messengers to the Russian and British governments, not because it is liable to modifications at the instance of one or the other of the governments, the commission's decision being without appeal; but the commissioners do not wish the powers interested to simply learn through the press of the last public sitting and the conclusions arrived at. There is nothing in this preliminary communication or report except an act of deference."

Members of the commission who were seen last night refused to either confirm or deny the statements; but officials having favorable opportunities to judge of the results of the inquiry consider the statement to be substantially correct.

"DEATH BLOW TO ARBITRATION."

English Papers Denounce Decision of Commission.

London, Feb. 23.—A strong chord of indignation is sounded by the London newspapers this morning over the semi-official statement relative to the decision of the North Sea commission giving to Russia the victory, but it is still hoped that the publication of the full text of the commission's report may modify the impression produced by the preliminary version, which is one of intense disappointment.

The Daily Mail goes so far as to declare that the decision has dealt a death blow to arbitration. Some of the newspapers blame the government strongly for ever consenting to submit such a matter to arbitration, while some of the government organs find cold comfort in the fact that the country by doing so avoided war with Russia. No question is raised that the decision must be respected and Great Britain's share of the heavy costs will be ruefully paid; but it is considered that the decision leaves the question of a neutral's right to sea in a deplorable unsatisfactory state and creates a dangerous precedent.

CZAR DECIDES TO CONTINUE WAR

All the European Courts Have Been Informed of the Decision.

OYAMA CAN BE DEFEATED

Czar Also Thinks All Force of Criticism Would Continue Against Government That Accepted War and Then Betrayed Country.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The emperor of Russia has elected to continue the war. His position is absolutely firm and the German court has been advised in that sense.

The war will be pressed with the utmost energy, the domestic situation being now within the control of the authorities.

Those who have advised peace and suggested inquiries for Japan's terms, the French and British governments, are for the present silent and are likely to remain so unless events of an extraordinary character shake the Russian emperor's resolution. The considerations that led to the emperor's decision are understood here, are:

First—The judgment of the chiefs of army that Field Marshal General Kuropatkin but stands in danger of defeat himself. How cowardly therefore for Russians to ask for mercy, with all the men and money essential to a successful war.

Second—All the forces of criticism now directed against the government for having fought rather than yield to legitimate interests and for having failed to win victories, would be continued with added fury against the government that accepted war and then betrayed the country. A government that would crave peace of Russia's enemy while still capable of winning victory would be giving the party of change genuine grounds for a revolution.

The facts of the military situation, love of country and arguments of expediency were all against peace and for pressing the war heroically.

TERRORISTS' VENGEANCE

Grand Duke Sergius Perishes On the Streets of Moscow.

WAS KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Head of Man Who Was Called "Russia's Evil Genius" Is Blown to Atoms by a Bomb—Mysterious Decree of Death Is Entirely Fulfilled.

Moscow, Feb. 18.—While Grand Duke Sergius was driving yesterday from the Nicholas palace through the senate quarter his carriage was followed by two cabs. At the law courts a sleigh in which were two men, one of whom was dressed as a workman went quickly ahead of the grand duke's carriage. The sleigh then slowed up to allow the carriage to pass and at that moment a bomb was thrown beneath the carriage. The force of the explosion broke all the windows of the law courts and the report was heard outside the city. The carriage was blown to pieces, nothing but the four wheels remaining. The horses were not hurt and bolted. The grand duke was instantly killed. His head was blown off, actually being separated from his body, which was frightfully mangled. The coachman was also killed. He was so frightfully burned by the explosive with which the bomb was charged that he died while being taken to a hospital. On the arrest of the murderers, neither of whom was known to the police, one of them coolly said: "We don't care, I have done my job."

ST. PETERSBURG NOT SURPRISED

News of the Assassination Creates a Great Deal of Excitement.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The news of the tragedy which killed Grand Duke Sergius was blown up, created a tremendous sensation in St. Petersburg where the announcement by telephone from Moscow arrived during the afternoon. The tragedy in reality was no great surprise, as it was known that the terrorists had already condemned the grand duke to death and even before the assassination of the grand duke a bomb-throwing campaign had been anticipated. Grand Duke Sergius was a brother-in-law as well as uncle of the emperor and who had exercised immense influence at court, was regarded as the most reactionary of the grand dukes.

As governor general of Moscow he was intensely unpopular. His advent as governor general of Moscow was followed by expulsion of the Jews from the central provinces and throughout his administration his rigorous and harsh measures aroused the greatest hostility especially among the students. Two years ago after the student riots in which many were killed or wounded several hundred expulsions to Siberia followed under the orders of Grand Duke Sergius and General Trepoff, now governor general of St. Petersburg but who was then chief of police of Moscow. As there were many threats made against his life the grand duke was obliged to flee to his summer residence from which he fled to Siberia. During the recent strike disturbances the grand duke left the Diskontobny palace on the outskirts of the city where he had been living and took refuge inside of the ramparts of Kremlin, where he has since lived in what is known as the little palace opposite the famous statue of Alexander II. The trip on that occasion was made at night between solid lines of troops.

Grand Duke Sergius was the wealthiest member of the imperial family. He was tall, handsome and cordial in manner, in spite of the ruthless fashion in which he exercised his authority as governor general. He was childless but had adopted two children of his brother, Paul, who was banished on account of a moribund alliance. Sergius' record as a soldier was not brilliant. He suffered a disastrous defeat at the hands of General Kuropatkin during the famous Koursk maneuvers.

HAVE THROWN DOWN GAUNTLET.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius undoubtedly was the work of the fighting organization of the socialist revolutionary party, which condemned and executed Count Bobrikoff, governor general of Finland, and MM. Sipagin and Von Plehve, ministers of the interior. It is regarded as a direct challenge from the terrorists to the autocracy, and a revival of the famous duel between the nihilists and the government twenty-five years ago.

Options differ as to the political effect of the tragedy, some inclining to the view that the killing of a member of the imperial family may result in Nicholas II reviving a period of reaction; but this opinion is not generally shared.

The murder of Grand Duke Sergius just at the time when the forces of autocracy were again in supremacy and when the summoning of the zemsky sobor was actually assured meets with universal disapprobation even by extreme social democrats, who denounce the crime as strongly as do the liberals and conservatives.

TUMBLE IN OIL STOCK.

\$21,000,000 Decline in Value Since Kansas 'War' Opened.

New York, Feb. 22.—As a result of the steps taken against the Standard Oil company in congress and the war waged against it in Kansas, Texas and elsewhere, the stock of the company on the Broad street curb has declined extensively.

Standard Oil stock broke 6 points yesterday, selling down to 610 a share. One week ago today Standard Oil was selling at 646 1/4 a share. During the interval the quarterly dividend of \$15 "came off" the stock. Allowing for this deduction, the net decline in the stock within one week has been 21 points.

Niedringhaus to Give Up Fight. Kansas City, Feb. 24.—A special to the Star from Jefferson City says: "Niedringhaus is getting ready to release us," was the information passed about among republican leaders yesterday. Just where it came from was not easily ascertained, but it developed later that Niedringhaus had indicated to his lieutenants that he was ready for him to see what could be done in the direction of getting together on someone else.

Health of American Women

A Subject Much Discussed at Women's Clubs—The Future of a Country Depends on the Health of Its Women.



At the New York State Assembly of Mothers, a prominent New York doctor told the 500 women present that healthy American women were so rare as to be almost extinct.

This seems to be a sweeping statement of the condition of American women. Yet how many do you know who are perfectly well and do not have some trouble arising from a derangement of the female organism which manifests itself in headaches, dizziness, nervousness, that bearing-down feeling, painful or irregular menstruation, leucorrhoea, displacement of the uterus, ovarian trouble, indigestion or sleeplessness? There is a tried and true remedy for all these ailments. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has restored my health and I am so grateful for it that I want every suffering woman to know what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will do for her.

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