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INSANE GOVERNOR MAKING SIBERIA A LIFE INFERNO

Condemned Soldier Describes Sufferings of Convicts at Hands of Oppressor

PRIVILEGES TAKEN AWAY

Arrival at Prison Celebrated by Putting all of Inmates in Irons

ST. PETERSBURG, April 9.—An insane prison governor in Siberia is making life an inferno to the political prisoners under his control.

"For some time past," he writes, "the life of the convicts has been almost unbearable. The arrival of a new governor at the prison has been celebrated by all the convicts being put in irons. We have been deprived of the privilege of making purchases of tea, sugar and tobacco.

"But this is nothing to the punishments that the convicts have to suffer. For a trivial breach of the prison regulations we are sent to the cells. In each dark, unheated cell there are from seven to ten convicts. Most of them are ill and receive no medical attention. Those invalids who are fortunate enough to be in hospital are kept in irons. And the punishment of the last is becoming more and more generally used.

"The men who were confined in cell No. 8, deprived of their clothes, refused to march with the others to their work; so the director of the prison sent for a file of troops and ordered them to be taken forcibly. Two of the convicts were killed and eight were seriously injured in the struggle that followed. Those who survived the scrimmage received 110 lashes each; but even this was not considered sufficient, and the rest of the convicts, who had nothing whatever to do with the affair, received a hundred lashes each. Furthermore, the things used were steeped in salt, and salt was rubbed into the open wounds.

"Finally, the convicts of cell No. 8 and several others—forty of them altogether—were tried by court-martial, and thirteen of them were sentenced to death and thirteen more to penal servitude for life.

"Since this occurred there has been no limit to the mad brutality of the governor. The lighting of a cigarette has become an offense that only fifty lashes can punish. If the inmates of southern Siberia have been an epidemic of suicide, it is the convicts who recently arrived at _____ and who found it impossible to bear this frame of torture, six killed themselves. Then, as a means of dealing with this epidemic, it was decreed that the friends of suicides should receive the lash. Seven more have followed the example of these six, and these things still go on."

Siam Yields States to Britain LONDON, April 9.—One of the chief provisions of the new Anglo-Siamese treaty signed at Bangkok on Tuesday is the renunciation by Siam in favor of Great Britain of sovereignty over the three states of Kakanan, Triangano and Kedah, and part of the states of Rahman and Legah, where hitherto British interests have been unable to advance owing to the absence of effective administration and the remoteness of the region from the central government of Bangkok.

Great Britain is now at liberty to take over these states from the Malay Federated states under British protection. This will add some 15,000 miles to British territory and will bring the whole of the Malayan peninsula under British rule.

Provision is also made whereby the Federated Malay states will provide the necessary capital for the construction of southern Siamese railways leading from Bangkok southwards. The amount that will be guaranteed for this purpose will be approximately four millions sterling.

Preying on Stage Struck LONDON, April 9.—A young man of twenty-two, Frederick John Morgan, otherwise Norman Craig, an actor, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division at the London Sessions on charges of preying on stage aspirants on false pretences.

A young lady who was a cashier at a cafe at Fiskestone before she decided to go on the stage told how she was given a part in "The Bondman." Mr. Symmons (prosecuting)—What were you to play? Greeba. Did you say the Dreamer?—No, Greeba. Mr. Symmons—I beg your pardon. Did the part suit you? The girl acquiesced with a shrug of her shoulders. She had had no stage experience, and the chief business at rehearsals was to teach her. She considered prisoner a good actor, and "he looked like one."

Oyster Hawkers Tabooed LONDON, April 9.—It was stated at the annual meeting of the Oyster Merchants' association that the illegal obtaining of oysters by small traders who sold them throughout the country was a source of danger. The public should not purchase oysters from hawkers or street vendors.



The strike in Paris is assuming very serious proportions. This is Premier Clemenceau, who is doing everything in his power to prevent the strike getting entirely beyond bounds. His personality is largely due the credit that things have been kept so well in hand.

GAMBLING CLUB VICTIM OF JOKE

Rooms are Raided by Supposed Commissary of Police—Official Knew Nothing of Affair

PARIS, April 9.—A French imitator of the renowned Captain of Koepenick has just brought off a surprising coup at the Maison Lafitte, a club frequented by financial magnates and others, and the scene of much gambling. Last year the police raided the club, but as the members had by some means received warning of the approach of the police, they were discovered at nothing more serious than harmless games of bridge. The other day while the gambling tables were crowded an elegantly dressed man, accompanied by six companions, suddenly appeared. The leader, addressing the players, said: "I am the police commissary, and in the name of the law I forbid anyone to leave the building." There was much consternation. The "police" proceeded to lock the doors, while their leader, the "commissary," gathered up all the money on the tables and fled. The members of the club were entirely different persons! In fact, the real commissary knew nothing of the matter, but is now searching for the perpetrator of what was a very amusing and daring hoax.

WAR OFFICE AND WRIGHT BROTHERS MAY CONFER

Prospect of Aeroplanes Tests Near London—The King and Aviation

LONDON, April 9.—It is expected that the king will pay a visit to Pau within a few days and inspect the Wright aeroplane. The brothers Wright will probably give an exhibition of aerial tactics for the benefit of his majesty.

The war office has now opened negotiations with the Wright brothers, stated Mr. Perrin, secretary of the Aero club of Great Britain, on Wednesday. A special officer was sent over to Pau a short time ago to report on the practicability of the aeroplane.

His report was so favorable, said Mr. Perrin, that the war office had asked Messrs. Wright to come to England to give demonstrations of the flying abilities of their aeroplane before war office experts.

At present their plans depend very much upon the outcome of their negotiations with the Italian government. It is likely that a contract will be signed between the government before the end of this week. It is possible that on leaving Pau they will come to London for three days and then go to Rome. In any case they have made arrangements to return to the United States before the end of June.

TURNED INTO NOAH'S ARK

Historic Castle Demolished of Tortoise, Hedgehog and Dogs

PARIS, April 9.—A curious lawsuit has arisen over a three months' tenancy of a historic castle. M. Francois de Yturbe took Priere castle for the summer months, agreeing to pay \$1,400. When the tenancy expired and M. Sabatier, the owner of the castle, examined his property, he found that the place had been converted into a kind of Noah's ark. He claimed damages, but M. de Yturbe related the claim. Plaintiff's counsel told the story of the damage committed. The castle is magnificently furnished, but the rooms had been occupied by a tortoise, a hedgehog and three dogs. In the best bedroom a dog had given birth to pups, and a desk in the library had been used as a dog kennel. The cloth on the billiard table had been ripped up, and silk hangings torn and the porcelain cracked. "It was a scene of desolation," concluded counsel. The court appointed three experts to inquire into the damage done.

PRISONER SELF-ACCUSED MURDERER OF OLD LADY

Demands to Be Sent to the Guillotine—Request May Be Gratified

PARIS, April 9.—Joseph Grau, who is serving a sentence of three years imprisonment for assaults, is proving himself a rare type of criminal. After his conviction he wrote insulting letters to the officials of the court at Bordeaux, where he was convicted, and for this he was ordered to undergo a further year's imprisonment. He appealed against this sentence, declaring himself innocent. Somewhat sarcastically he prayed very little for his protestation when suddenly, to the astonishment of all present, the prisoner demanded that he should be sent to the guillotine. Somewhat sarcastically the judge replied that he felt sorry he could not comply with the unusual request. "Yes you can," answered the prisoner readily, and he went on to accuse himself of the murder of an old woman at Montpellier in 1897, "and," he concluded, "I insist upon being executed." On inquiry by the police it was found that such murder actually was committed and the culprit was never discovered. It is possible, therefore, that the prisoner's request will be gratified.

ROMANCE WITH BITTER DRAMATIC CONCLUSION

Lovers at First Sight May Be Brother and Sister—Father Disputes Claim

PARIS, April 9.—A romance begun in a ball room has been brought to a dramatic conclusion. A young dragon in a garrison in the suburbs met a young woman at a ball and fell in love with her. The girl returned his affection, and the soldier lost no time in presenting himself to her mother. As soon as the young man had furnished the necessary particulars concerning himself the woman exclaimed: "Why, you are my own son." She confessed to the young couple that twenty years ago she fell in love with a young man whose station in life was higher than hers. A boy was born and the father took the child into the provinces. The father married and his wife recognized the boy as her own.

MISER'S UNIQUE RUSE TO CHEAT SONS OF WEALTH

Swallows His Hoard of Wealth Before Committing Suicide—Coins Discovered in Corpse

PARIS, April 9.—Grave diggers at a small place near Epinal have discovered a treasure in the corpse of a man buried twelve years ago. This incident, perhaps surpasses all the known tricks of misers in their attempt to take their wealth with them to the grave. The man had grown up sons, with whom he was on bad terms, and he committed suicide. Before doing so he had determined that they should not have the small sum which he had hoarded up. They searched vainly after his death for the supposed treasure, and would probably never have thought of it again if they had not been informed that the corpse of their father would be removed from its grave.

One of the sons went to the cemetery while the transfer was being made, and when the grave diggers opened the coffin they were astonished to find inside the skeleton a number of gold pieces which the man had evidently swallowed before he committed suicide. Whether he was able to dispose of all his hoard in this way is doubtful, but he had taken a fair quantity. There were twenty pieces of twenty francs, and thirty-six pieces of ten francs, all in gold, which made up a sum of a little more than \$150.

Leader of Eleven LONDON, April 9.—A boy of eleven, Francis Glaze, was committed to Bolton Industrial school by the Preston magistrates on Friday, for not being under proper guardianship. The defendant, it was stated, was leader of a gang of letter-box thieves, and in one haul he secured checks and postal orders amounting to \$450. The chief constable informed the magistrate that the boy was absolutely beyond control.

WEEKLY LECTURES ON LOVE MAKING

Talented French Woman Who Has Eloquence and the Art of Education Will Lecture

LONDON, April 9.—Mme. de Perrot, a fascinating Frenchwoman, is going to give her English sisters weekly lectures on the art of love-making, all through the London season. Rank and fashion sat at the feet of Mme. de Perrot, who has eloquence and the art of the elocutionist at her command, at the Ritz hotel last season, when she lectured in French, but English is to be the language spoken at the Fortunate playhouse. "So many brilliant and clever women in England seem to lack the charm of womanhood, and I want to tell them that the qualities of the heart have been uppermost in the greatest and most brilliant woman of all times," explained Mme. de Perrot. "Intellect, talent, accomplishments and wit are no barrier to charm and to the power of loving and being loved. This is surely where the suffragettes make a mistake. They do not cultivate charm. The other day, at the British Museum, a young lady knocked into me as she passed. 'Pardon me,' I said to her, 'but may I ask you a question? Are you a Suffragette?' 'Why, yes,' she said, 'how did you know?' 'Because you have such many manners mademoiselle,' I said. Englishwomen have had no opportunity of hearing some of the great French love stories. There is no good translation, for instance, of the love letters of Heloise and Abelard, which are in Latin. What there is, is but the shadow of the real Heloise. Later I will tell the love stories of the women of the French revolution, a fascinating record."

BARR TO OPPOSE ALFONSO IN RACE

Spanish King and American Skipper to be Rivals During British Matches

LONDON, April 9.—The youthful king of Spain and the American skipper, Captain Charlie Barr, probably will be the dual attractions of the coming British yacht season. Racing will begin in British waters in May, and from the entries made and enthusiasm displayed it will in all likelihood be the most notable season in the history of the pastime. It will be the truly international character, owing to the passing of a new rule, to which all the yachting countries of Europe have signified their adherence. While the big class of cutters like the Shamrock, Brynhild and White Heather will remain, the next class, the 15-metre cutters. Three of these boats—Fife's Shimma and Mariska and Milne's Ma'coona—come over from previous seasons, but eight more are in the course of construction. There are being built on the Clyde, two in Spain, two in Germany and one in France.

One of the Spanish boats will be owned by the king of Spain, who will personally race in England. One of the Clyde boats is being built for Commodore Morton F. Plant of New York, and will likely be raced by Captain Barr, an entirely American crew. Commodore Plant will see an unprecedented muster of boats, and the racing ought to be excellent. Regret is expressed among British yachtsmen that American designers should be out of the game this year. A Herreshoff product would be welcomed.

POLICE COMMISSARY IN LEAGUE WITH BURGLARS

Enquiry Will Be Made Into Serious Allegations—Assisted Burglars for a Consideration

PARIS, April 9.—For the last week the authorities at Epinal have been investigating serious allegations concerning M. Patouillard, the police commissary of that town. Several burglaries have occurred there, and it is suggested that M. Patouillard, assisted the burglars for a consideration. Four thieves were arrested, and made certain statements, as a result of which the present inquiry was instituted. The antecedents of the four men are now being inquired into in Paris, and it is hinted that other arrests may follow. Meanwhile the police commissary's conduct has been the subject of careful inquiry. The criminal investigation department has decided to suspend him until the judicial inquiry concerning the four men under arrest has been completed. This measure is regarded as preliminary to the removal of the magistratus and to the dismissing of the personnel of the municipal police at Epinal.

No Oligarchs for Children

LONDON, April 9.—To help tobacco-smokers conform with the Children's act, which came into force on April 1, the periodical "Tobacco" is issuing slips for tobaccoists to place on their windows. The slips states in very large letters that no person under 16 can be served with cigarettes.

New Fleet of Liners LONDON, April 9.—For services between Liverpool, Spain and River Plate, H. & W. Nelson have decided to build six new liners. Each will accommodate 200 saloon and second-cabin passengers, and hold will be provided to carry over 150,000 cases of frozen mutton.

ECHO OF MINE DISASTER

Will Prosecute Courrières Co. for Contravention of Regulations

PARIS, April 9.—The last has not been heard of the terrible pit disaster at Courrières, three years ago, which resulted in 1,500 victims. Several inquiries have been held with a view to establishing responsibility for the disaster. The parliamentary committee on mining ordered M. Baisly the deputy for the Pas de Calais, to draw up a report on the subject. The report was recently forwarded to the committee which has adopted the conclusions arrived at. As a result of this report, the minister of public works has decided to prosecute the Courrières Co. for contravening the regulations of 1905 in not declaring the fire in the Cecile seam, and in allowing miners to work in naked light. M. Baisly has reported a third infringement of the mining regulations, that of using what is known as No. 1 Favier powder.

ESCAPED CONVICT TAKEN FOR MARATHON RUNNER

Is Allowed to Pass Through Streets Unmolested—Has Slipped Through Police Fingers Before

LONDON, April 9.—The convict Edward Toye, who so cleverly escaped from Duke street prison, Glasgow, and staid only in his underwear, was mistaken for a "Marathon" runner out for a spin as he fled along the city streets, is still at large. He is very well known to the police force, who have visited all his haunts without finding trace of him. On at least three previous occasions Toye had slipped through the fingers of the police, and among his criminal associates he was known as "Da Wet." The last time he escaped from prison he slid down a rain pipe and got on board an Atlantic liner. He reached New York in safety, and had he not been deported by the immigration officers as an undesirable alien the Glasgow police probably would never have heard of him again. Landing at Glasgow on the return voyage he was recognized by the police officers who catch arrivals of steamers, and was taken back to prison to complete his term. The police are inclined to believe that he is simply in hiding in the city, and anticipate his recapture on the first day he emerges.

GIANT FAMILY FIGHT AROUND DEATH BED

Daughter-in-Law Refused to Give Dying Man a Drink—Family Divided

LONDON, April 9.—A story that in sordid horror is equal to any of the most gruesome creations of Zola was told of a family at Le Mans in northern France. At the town in question, which lies on the road between Paris and Brest, an old man of eighty, named Tournet, lay dying. His son and daughter-in-law and their four grandsons intervened. All four are young giants of ages varying from twenty to twenty-five. Two took their father's part and the two part of their mother. A pitched battle raged round old Tournet's bed until the police came. The mother and her two sons had got the worst of the fight, but the son and two grandsons were likewise badly punished.

All six of them were handcuffed, and the police-sergeant sent for a neighbor to watch by the old man's bedside. But he had died while the fighting round him. The whole family remain under arrest for brawling.

SALOME DANGER ENTERS SUIT IN KING'S BENCH

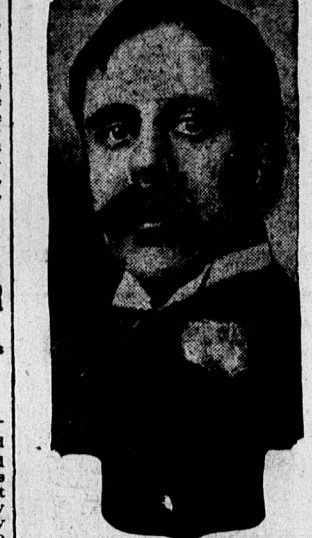
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CROWN PRINCE DEFENDANT IN A MINING LAW SUIT



Picture of U. S. Ambassador Leishman, who represents the U. S. government at Constantinople. Mr. Leishman is destined for promotion under Taft's administration.

YOUNG BRIGAND LEADS BIG GANG

Eight or Ten Youngsters Break Open Cash Boxes—Two of Them Carried Revolvers

PARIS, April 9.—Ashieres, the lively suburb of Paris has the dubious honor of having harbored in its midst the youngest brigand chief perhaps known, a boy of 14. How this lad was able to direct a formidable gang of thieves and robbers and have under his orders other outlaws, several years older than himself, will no doubt be explained when he is brought up for trial. He would probably still be at large if it had not been for the information given by his confederates, who were all caught before the police could lay their hands on him. He answered to the rather noble appellation of something like "The Squire," and had equipped several of his hangers on with knives and firearms.

His band consisted of eight or ten youngsters, like himself, between 12 and 18 years of age, and their scheme was to enter small but flourishing shops, break open the cash boxes, and make off with the contents. The operations were exceedingly lucrative, and in a short time they had collected a booty of several thousand dollars. It was quite usual for them to find from \$50 to \$100 in cash in each box. Complaints naturally poured in from all sides, and the police thought they had to do with a gang of old, experienced thieves. But things turned out otherwise when a policeman happened to notice three ragged looking youngsters go into a bank and change a bank-note, showing at the same time that they had a quantity of gold pieces. The policeman intervened at once, but the youngsters refused to give the police their gang leader until all the other members of the band, two of whom had revolvers in their possession, were arrested.

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Brought by the Widows of 377 Miners Killed in Radbod Mining Disaster Last October

BERLIN, April 9.—The crown prince and the governor of Westphalia are to be made defendants in an action brought by the widows of the 377 miners killed in the Radbod disaster last October for the purpose of compelling the immediate distribution of \$500,000 raised on behalf of the survivors. The crown prince is the honorary patron of a special fund of \$75,000, and the governor of the province is at the head of the national fund. So far only a small proportion has been doled out to the widows and orphans, as it was decided to defer the general distribution until the victims were disinterred and identified. This work will be begun next week. Fearing riots among the population the authorities have ordered it to be carried on at night.

To prove that complete abstinence from food for indefinite periods is not only conducive to good health, but also to perennial youth, Miss Claire de Servel, niece of the famous "fasting" Dr. Tanner, has submitted herself to a remarkable series of experiments at the Royal Charite hospital, in Berlin. Miss Servel ended at noon the other day in perfect health a fast of ten days without nourishment of any kind, either liquid or solid. During that time she has lived in a glass cage, into which fresh air was pumped by a motor. She was removed from the cage and placed in the ordinary ward, but she intends to abstain from food for another twenty days, living in the meantime on mineral water. Her weight has decreased from 120 pounds to 101 pounds, but her condition otherwise is perfectly normal.

Most of the time Miss de Servel has communicated with the outer world by means of a telephone, but latterly she has written messages to the medical men who are observing the experiment and held them to the sides of her glass prison. She informed an interviewer today that she never once felt ill from lack of food and drink, and was entirely free from fever or headache. The young lady says that she was induced to become a "faster" in order to cure herself of chronic headaches and lack of appetite, and also because she finds she emerges rejuvenated after a period of self-imposed starvation. Professor Kraus, the celebrated physician, under whose auspices the experiment is taking place, hopes that the results will be of much scientific value.

Dr. Karl Peters, the German explorer, who was married in Berlin to Fraulien Herbers, will, it is reported, shortly proceed to the Zambesi, on a visit to his gold and copper mines in the Mudda valley, near which he believes the land of Ophir to be situated. The principal object of his journey will be to inquire further into this theory.

More than ten years have passed since Dr. Peters first set out to search for King Solomon's mines, which he sought to prove the existence of in 1897 must have been situated in the region of the Lower Zambesi. He believes that the mines worked by the Phoenicians were only "scratched" and that their development and modern appliances might yield immense results.

The extraordinary spectacle was witnessed in the west end of Berlin the other day of a judge becoming suddenly insane and running amuck. The subject of the attack was Judge Niemir, formerly a judge in Berlin, and the outbreak occurred quite suddenly. The unfortunate man demolished all the windows in his dwelling, smashed the entire stock of crockery, glasses, wine bottles and flower pots, and wrecked a considerable portion of his own furniture.

Niemir had previously barred and barricaded the doors and threatened to murder his servants, but latterly he screamed to the balcony, and was rescued by means of a fire escape, which was hurriedly brought up by the brigade. The firemen then attempted to enter the dwelling, and when they broke the doors open Niemir rushed to meet them armed with an axe, with which he attacked them. He was felled by means of the jet from high pressure hose, and then the police seized and arrested him.

The arrests effected by the political police have a tendency to become as numerous in Odessa, proportionately to the population, as those in St. Petersburg, and the police searchings of private dwellings by night are again as much a part of the life as they were two years ago. A significant feature is that the military and private quarters of officers are not exempt from police search.

Three officers, all of subaltern rank, have been arrested during the last few days, but the local press is not permitted to make any mention of military arrests. I am informed that the charge against the three officers is that they are members of what is known as the "Pan-Russian Military Revolutionary Union."

It may be remembered that about a month ago five officers and twenty-seven soldiers were sentenced at Warsaw to eight years' hard labor for their proved membership of the same organization. The Revolutionary union evidently includes a large percentage of the rank and file, judging from the continuous and numerous arrests of private soldiers, and it is known to be giving grave anxiety to the higher military authorities and to the Military Council of the Empire.



Countess de Ravenel, a granddaughter of Napoleon III, who recently took an American who had been assaulted by a coachman to a hospital in her automobile.