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A DESPERATE DILEMMA.

The imperial council which is probably now in session in St. Petersburg is confronted with a desperate dilemma. If the czar and his ministers decide to continue the war they increase the already imminent danger of a revolution which may sweep them out of existence in a torrent of bloodshed; if they make up their minds to seek peace under present conditions they mark as wasted all the life and treasure they have sacrificed in the Far East, surrender forever all hope of aggression in that direction and damage Russian prestige to such an extent that, for a century probably, that nation must take a low seat at the council of the powers. There is a not an enviable task.

The war, from its beginning, has been unpopular with the people, being a selfish and unjust war, and the repeated reverses, together with the awful loss of life, have increased the public disfavor. Added to this, the growing hatred and distrust of the methods of the bureaucracy, whom the masses justly blame for the stain which has been put upon the Russian eagle, has fostered a state of popular mind which the revolutionary agitators have not been slow to take advantage of. The result is only partially indicated by the unwonted boldness of the public press and the unprecedented gathering of such representative bodies as the Zemstvos for the open expression of opinion which, only a couple of years ago, would have sent to Siberia every man suspected of holding them.

The views of so eminent a Russian as Prince Troubetzky, president of the Moscow Zemstvo, who was quoted in this paper yesterday as saying that the country was already in a state of anarchy and that only the personal intervention of the czar and the granting of radical concessions could avert a bloody revolution, may be taken as fairly describing the condition of the country. A in order to do this work the czar must have his hands free, not only of the ring of reactionaries whose machinations caused it.

On the distracting other hand is the fact that to seek peace at this time is an ignominious admission of defeat at the hands of a despised nation, a nation Russia was fully confident of crushing as a man would crush a courageous mouse which dared to bar his pathway to something desired. It means the loss of the hardy won foothold in Manchuria and the impossibility of ever again regaining it. It means that Japan will be supreme in the Chinese court and that Russia will be despised and utterly without influence in the place where it most desired to be paramount. And it means a loss of prestige in the world's affairs that can only be restored by some subsequent victory as impressive as the defeat has been or, in the event of a long era of peace, by such decided internal growth and development as will leave no room for doubt of the nation's ability to meet any probable emergency.

The choice is a hard one. The wiser course would be the one that now seems ignominious; but Russian pride is strong and the czar seems to be under the influence of those whom the course that makes for reform would ruin and who would dare any risk rather than face that certainty. A great deal hangs on those discussions now going on in the great palace of Tsarkoe Selo, at St. Petersburg.

HOW TO MAKE A SURPLUS.

The secret of declaring perpetual surpluses has been discovered by the Tweedie administration. In the first place require certain classes of corporations to make deposits with the government. Call this deposit a part of the current receipts. Secondly, if the deposits are insufficient, cause the several departments to pay the bills for the last two or three months of the year by overdrafts on the banks, arranging with the banks that the money will be returned with six per cent. interest out of next year's appropriation. These payments must not be entered as outlay of the year in which they are made. By following this method a surplus may be produced on paper even when the expenditure largely exceeds the income. Private individuals have sometimes managed their finances the same way. Where are these people now?—Sun.

CARELESS ALDERMEN.

As a class get used to being skinned so the aldermen have apparently become so accustomed to the open and persistent violation of their orders that they don't mind it a little bit. It was announced at the meeting of the safety board yesterday that the instructions issued a year ago for the provision of fire escapes and other means of protection for frequenters of public buildings had been almost entirely ignored, that people who go to church, to the theatre, to hotels, still go to face the danger of being roasted to death in fire traps; yet only one alderman, and he is a comparatively

new one, seemed at all astonished or affected in any way by the announcement.

It was offered as a full apology for these conditions that the building inspector, whose duty it is to enforce the law, was sick. As Alderman Frink said, the illness of one man should not be allowed to imperil the safety of hundreds. There is urgent necessity that the flagrant violation of the fire regulations in this city should be stopped immediately. It is present inspector is incapacitated, his duties should be delegated to some other of the officials who are tumbling over each other—or would if they all woke up at the same time—around city hall, or another man should be appointed. The carrying out of a work so important to the public safety should not hang upon the health or the pleasure of any one man.

Yet the common council is content to doze along and let things take their course. It is noticeable that the only aldermen who express inclinations otherwise—through unfortunately, even in their case, the expression is followed by no definite action—are those who were met elected last spring. A good suggestion is here for the electors of St. John.

St. John and Moncton were ordered by the fire underwriters to buy Yankee chemical engines, because those of Canadian make were worthless. St. John obeyed orders. Moncton refused and gave the preference to an engine made in Canada. Both were ordered about the same time. Moncton's arrived several weeks ago and proved such a good machine that it would investigate those charges. He did. He took the evidence of the accused in public and invited the newspapers to send reporters. He took the evidence of the woman in private and refused to give out any information concerning what she said. Now he reports to the safety board that the accused are honorably acquitted. Well; what did you expect?

Alderman Carleton offered the best suggestion for the reform of the fire department when he said at the meeting of the safety board yesterday that "he would like to see a head to the organization."

Alderman Frink will be getting himself indicted in civic official circles if he don't shut up; but he is earning the confidence of the people who vote for aldermen and mayors.

LOVE SONG.

Love's for Youth, and not for Age. 'E'en though Age should wear a crown. For the Post, not the Sage; Not the Monarch, but the Clown.

Love's for Peace, and not for War. 'E'en though War brings all renown; For the Violet, not the Star; For the Meadow, not the Town.

Love's for lads and Love's for maids. Courts a smile and flies a frown; Love's for Love, and saucy jays; Love Love most when Love has frown.

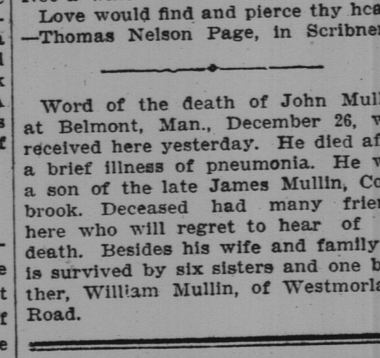
Love a cruel tyrant is; Slays his victims with a glance, Straight recovers with a kiss. But to slay again, perchance.

Wou'dst thou know where Love doth hide? Whence his sharpest arrows fly? In a dimple Love may hide, Or the ambush of an eye.

Wert thou clad in triple mail, In a desert far apart, Not a whit would this avail: Love would find and pierce thy heart. —Thomas Nelson Page, in Scribner's.

Word of the death of John Mullin, at Belmont, Man., Dec. 28, was received here yesterday. He died after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was a son of the late James Mullin, Coldbrook. Deceased had many friends here who will regret to hear of his death. Besides his wife and family he is survived by six sisters and one brother, William Mullin, of Westmorland Road.

Do not undervalue the services of a skilful physician. Even the best medicine cannot take the place of the family doctor. Therefore we say: Consult your physician freely about your case and ask him what he thinks about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for your cough. If he says take it, then take it. If he says do not take it, then follow his advice.



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NEW YEAR'S CALLS AT SING SING.

Double Holiday With No Work Compels the Paying of Imaginary Visits in Locked Cells.

(New York Herald, Jan. 2.) New leaves were turned yesterday at Sing Sing Prison with the grating of the bolts in twelve hundred locks. Every man registered his resolution to get out of there as soon as the customary good behavior or otherwise, and they of the room of the little door took heart for a struggle against fate.

These double holidays mean two days spent in narrow cells, where there is barely room to shift about when the beds are folded up to the wall, yet the prisoners had talked withly that the New Year's calls which they did not pay. One twist of a lever closes one hundred cells at a time, and those who are in the custody of the state were divided into a dozen classes. Imaginary visits were paid on the supposition that iron bars do not a prison make when Sing Sing woke yesterday morning to a new, if not an altogether happy year.

GOES TO THE CHAIR IN A WEEK. One of them will go a week from today on a long journey. He is William Spencer, a negro, slayer of Charles S. McFarlane, an agent of the Anti-Police Society, whom he shot to death a year and a half ago in the Criminal Court Building. Spencer has, within the last month, been converted, and he is visited constantly by Roman Catholic priests. He is resigned to his fate and spends a large part of his time in religious study.

Next to his is the cell of Albert T. Patrick, who yesterday was in his usually hopeful frame of mind. He was hard at work for most of the day on his medical defense, which is based upon the theory that the amebic fluid which he has caused the same condition which the physicians maintain was due to the use of chloroform administered to the aged William M. Ebbett. Patrick, in his cell surrounded by anatomical charts and books on medicine, industriously buttressing his arguments, as he has been doing for a year and a half. To the condemned even the day was not without its ray of hope. Ebbett and Reppo, convicted of murder, received the new verdict yesterday morning. The new verdict had granted new trials to them, and the other nine spoke wishes for success with New Year's greetings. The customary "many of them" was omitted by common consent.

Reppo and Ebbett on Christmas Day had bought a turkey in common, which was cooked for the death house company. Yesterday there was another turkey, which had been sent in by a generous priest, who has been the spiritual adviser of those whose lives are near an abrupt ending.

No vain regrets were heard yesterday in the death house, and after the dinner had been served the eleven had desert and apples and finished the feast with the incense of perfumes. To the condemned even the day was not without its ray of hope. Ebbett and Reppo, convicted of murder, received the new verdict yesterday morning. The new verdict had granted new trials to them, and the other nine spoke wishes for success with New Year's greetings. The customary "many of them" was omitted by common consent.

Breakfast at the prison yesterday differed from the usual meal. The principal item of the bill of fare was frankfurters and sauerkraut, served at half past seven o'clock in the morning. With this dish were mashed potatoes, bread, coffee and buns. The men went to chapel after breakfast, the number being about equally divided between the Roman Catholic and the Protestant services. The Rev. Father Mahoney preached on good resolutions, and his subject was "The duty of the Christian." He told them they should be thankful that their lives had been spared, so that they might yet have time to repent and to learn habits of discipline and self-control, which would guide them when they again went into the world.

After religious instruction the prisoners were sent back to their cells. On the way they received rolls and apples, and at noon coffee was served. Pipes and tobacco were provided, and books and newspapers furnished. Coffee was again given at four o'clock in the afternoon. The tedium of the double holiday will be relieved at nine o'clock this morning by a vaudeville performance. On holidays no friends or relatives of the prisoners are permitted to visit them.

HIGH FINANCIERS CHEERFUL.

Those who have recently gone from New York to the institution on the river were yesterday cheerfully following the prison routine. Robert A. Ammon, of get-rich-quick fame, suspended his activities in mat making and read the newspapers. Rothschild, of high finance, is working in one of the shops. Alvord, who was accustomed to spend feast days in Broadway restaurants before his irregularities as a note taker were detected, was relieved from his duties as a bookkeeper.

William A. E. Moore has been suffering from a severe cold and he appears much thinner than he did five years ago, when he first went to the colony on the Hudson. It is said he has abandoned all hope of being released. He was sentenced to twenty years.

Rose, an actor, who killed his wife in a fit of jealousy, is among the most contented of the prisoners, and is employed in the cabinet shops.

LOCAL NEWS.

UNGAR'S HEAVY PLEASIBLE FINISH LEADS. It positively does not crack your shirts, collars and cuffs. In the Christmas examinations at Diocesan College, McGill, W. O. Raymond, B. A., son of Rev. Dr. Raymond of this city, led his class in six subjects out of seven. The subjects in which he takes first place are the Old Testament, New Testament, dogmatic theology, apologetics, ecclesiastical history, liturgics and patristics. On Saturday evening Dr. Hannah will deliver a lecture to the King's College law students. He will discuss Canada's legal relations with the Empire. A reception will be given this evening by the King's College auxiliary of women to Dr. and Mrs. Hannah. Eben Perkins, manager of the Maritime Nail Works, has been granted a patent in the United States, for a nail making machine.

NAVAL MEDICAL PRACTICE.

Says the London Daily Mail: Fancy sending a glibfoot to China seas without a surgeon on board! But such things used to happen. The admiralty provided a well-stocked medicine chest. But the captain knew nothing of medicine, so he had all the medicine bottles emptied into a big tub and then assembled the company. "All the stuff is there," said he, "and if anyone goes sick he shall have a dose of the mixture, for there's bound to be something in it that will suit you."

If you select your servants from the class who read and answer want ads, you will at least have intelligent help—and you know from experience that nine out of ten of the poor servants are ignorant ones.

DEATHS.

HASLAM—Died at Elgin, Albert county, N. B., 28th Dec., 1904, Alexander Haslam, aged 102 years, a resident of New Brunswick for 44 years, leaving an aged widow to mourn her loss.

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H. R. COLEMAN'S STORE, Corner WALL and PARADISE ROW.

Japan and Miss H. H. McCully, returned missionary from Korea. Both speakers described their work among women at their mission stations. Miss Robertson's address dealing with educational and Miss McCully's with the religious work. Mrs. E. A. Smith moved a vote of thanks to the speakers. After the addresses, a prayer meeting was held. A very large number was present.

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