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HAND OF CZAR IS FOLLOWING GORKY

Agent of Russian Secret Police Arrives in New York to Organize System of Espionage Upon Eminent Novelist and His Friends.

NEW YORK, April 14.—According to the Times a trusted agent of the Russian secret police is in this city for the purpose of organizing an effective system of espionage upon Maxim Gorky and his two fellow revolutionists, who are here to raise funds for the cause of the Russian revolutionists.

The agent is one of the keenest members of the political police force employed by the Russian government to watch the doings of the enemies of the czar beyond the borders of Russia itself. Until recently he was in charge of the intelligence department maintained by the Russian government at Geneva, Switzerland, where the flower of the Russian intellectuals under the protection of the Swiss republic are at present framing a constitution and a form of government for the Russian republic they hope to establish.

The czar's spy crossed the Atlantic on the Kaiser Wilhelm from Germany, the North German Lloyd steamship that brought Gorky to this country last Tuesday. Though he is a man who has contrived to make himself practically indispensable to the Russian government, through the valuable services he has rendered, his extensive knowledge of the revolutionists and his resourcefulness, and while he ranks high in the secret political force, he came in the second cabin and under a name different from that under which he was known on the continent. He has managed to keep his place of residence in this city a secret so far.

Like most of the men in this branch of the service he is an accomplished linguist. Besides his native Russian, he speaks English, German and French fluently. He followed the Russian writer during his recent journey through southern Europe, then for a while he dropped out of sight, but he took up the trail again when Gorky and his wife left Zurich and he boarded the Kaiser when they went aboard at Cherbourg. In this city the Russian spy does not boast his knowledge of Russia. He was waiting at the gateway when Gorky came ashore with his wife and his adopted son, and when their carriage drove away the czar's spy followed in another carriage. Since then he has been seen occasionally about the lobby of the hotel where Gorky is staying, and he is said even to have entered the apartments of the Russian writer as one of the endless procession of visitors who come and go every day.

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INTEREST IN THE CIVIC ELECTION NEXT WEEK IS STEADILY INCREASING

There are 8366 Voters on the List Who are Qualified to Vote ---- Estimated That About 5500 Will Exercise Their Franchise.

City Hall was the scene of much activity this morning, as there were visits from nearly all the aldermanic candidates, who were desirous of taking a copy of the list of qualified voters of the different wards.

The lists have been completed and all morning representatives of various candidates were engaged in marking out those who will not have a chance to cast a ballot next Tuesday.

As the fateful day draws nearer the aspirants for civic honors are making an energetic canvass. On Prince William street this morning there were small groups of citizens collected every few yards discussing the situation and airing their views as to the probable outcome of the election.

The candidates themselves all express confidence in the result, and each one is looking for a victory. All unite, in saying, however, that it will be one of the most interesting civic contests in many years.

Owing to the large number of candidates it will probably be early Wednesday morning before the result is known. There will be 8,366 people qualified to vote next Tuesday, but it is probable that the total number to exercise that right will not be over 5,500. In order to elect the mayor it would therefore be necessary for him to receive about 2,900 votes, in a three-cornered fight, providing they all run fairly closely.

The list of voters in each ward, with the number struck out as follows:

City Ward, ... Struck out. 96 Brooks, ... 330 213 Sydney, ... 547 707 Dukes, ... 757 108 Queens, ... 1005 176 Kings, ... 1045 110 Wellington, ... 1069 188 Prince, ... 1392 271 Victoria, ... 830 120 Dufferin, ... 952 270 Lansdowne, ... 999 319 Lorne, ... 979 245 Stanley, ... 261 93

Total qualified, 8,366. From this number subtract about a third and you will find pretty nearly the number of votes that will be polled.

Five Coal Operators in Mosilian District Sign the 1903 Wage Scale.

MASSILLON, Ohio, April 14.—The first break in the ranks of the operators in the Massillon district came last night, when five operators signed the 1903 scale. The three largest operators in the district are still holding out against the demands of the miners. The five operators who signed employ about 400 miners.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 14.—The 1,200 miners of the Great Lakes Coal Co., at Ticonderoga, N. Y., who were sent out on a strike yesterday because the company refused to sign the wage scale, returned to work today, the scale having been signed.

GREENVILLE, Pa., April 14.—The miners and operators of Mercer and Butler County fields of the Pittsburgh district reached an agreement on the wage scale last night, which will be effective for two years. The miners were granted an advance, but it is a compromise on the 1903 scale demanded. About 1,500 miners, who have been on strike, will return to work immediately.

IT IS ALMOST A CIVIL WAR

WARSAW, Poland, April 14.—The religious troubles between the Catholics and Mariavites, the new Catholic sect, in many places in Poland are assuming a very serious phase. Indeed the situation has almost reached the dignity of civil war. At Lupat 3,000 Mariavites attacked 2,000 Catholics and a regular pitched battle followed, during which three men were killed and forty wounded. The fighting is proceeding today. At Lehno constant skirmishes are in progress and several persons have been killed or wounded. Last week at Charkew, the Mariavites, who are in the majority there, took possession of a church and insisted on the reappointment of a priest who was dismissed by the Catholics.

HACKETT TO BE HELD FOR TRIAL

MONTREAL, April 14.—(Special)—The investigation into the Cote St. Paul tragedy has been concluded by the coroners jury, which recommended that James Hackett be held criminally responsible and sent before the criminal courts for trial.

DREDGING BOULDERS

The dredge Beaver, at Sand Point is having much difficulty with boulders. Day before yesterday a large one was taken out that got so firmly wedged that it was necessary to drill it out of the bucket. Yesterday six boulders were taken out, two of them very large. One measured 17 yards, and would weigh over 30 tons. These boulders make the work of dredging very difficult.

HOME FROM WEST INDIES

W. H. Thorne and J. R. Stone returned home today after a very enjoyable trip to the West Indies and South America. They have been away about seven weeks and during that time have visited many places of interest.

They spent some days in Havana, Cuba and went from there to Mexico, where they visited a number of the principal cities, returning by way of New Orleans, New York, etc.

They report having had a delightful time, warm, balmy days and nothing to do but enjoy it.

WANTED—FLAT OF ABOUT FIVE rooms, centrally located. Rent not to exceed \$100.00. Address K. K. Times office.

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