

# VON PLEHVE A REACTIONIST

## Official Life of Assassinated Russian Statesman Passed in Opposition to Reform

Senator von Plehve, who was assassinated at St. Petersburg, July 25, was appointed Russian minister of the interior April 18, 1902, succeeding M. Bismarck, who was assassinated April 16, 1902, by a student named Balmashoff. He had formerly been director of the department of police, which position he practically assumed of his own accord, when in charge of the department of political prosecutions, owing to the incompetency of the official who was in charge of the police when Emperor Alexander III was killed, March 12, 1881.

M. Plehve conducted the prosecution of the regicides and afterward reorganized the police. From that time his power increased until it became only second in importance to that of the emperor.

Several plots to assassinate the minister have, according to reports, been discovered during the last two years, which period has been marked by strong political rivalry between the interior minister and the former minister of finance, M. Witte, now president of the committee of ministers.

It was at first supposed that the new minister of the interior would adopt a more liberal and conciliatory policy, but one of Von Plehve's first acts was to urge the abolition of the local statistical bureaus in the provinces. These bureaus were organized for social and scientific research and were not of a revolutionary character.

He made the censorship more rigid than ever, and even gave Prince Oukhtomsky a severe lecture for his manner of conducting the St. Petersburg *Viedomosti*, a journal noted for its independence and fair dealing. He

ally played in the Kishenev massacres will probably never be known, but his enemies have asserted that he actually planned the massacres through his political friend and agent, Kroushever, known as the most extreme anti-Semite in Russia and proprietor of the *Bessarabetski*, a newspaper of Kishenev. The object of Plehve in this matter, according to the charges made at the time, was to divert the attention of the people at large from the government.

At the time of the massacres in Kishenev and other places in April and May last year it was openly stated that Von Plehve and his associates in the government were in favor of exterminating the Jews in Russia or at least of driving them out of the country. It was asserted that the killing was done under cover of the troops and the police. The governor at Kishenev did not leave his house for two days and no communication could be had with St. Petersburg.

Subsequent investigation showed that there was some foundation for these charges. A correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News* at Odessa stated that Von Plehve ordered the troops at Kishenev not to stop the killing and reprimanded them for suggesting intervention on behalf of the Jews.

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Willie Was Sympathetic. The new clergyman was invited to dine with the family the other Sunday, and 8-year-old Willie, of course, made himself conspicuous during his stay. He seemed to be deeply impressed with the minister, and never let his eyes stray from him. He manifested an much interest as his elders in what was said, but regarded the minister with a somewhat horrified expression, which was altogether unbecomingly for, as he was of a jovial disposition and greatly amused his hearers. As the minister was about to leave, Willie modestly approached him and sadly asked: "Why-why-how does it feel to be poor?"

"What do you mean, Willie?" laughingly asked the minister, turning to the parents with an amused smile. "Why, I heard papa say to mamma that you was a mighty 'poor' preacher," was Willie's startling declaration.

Larger Sleeping Car Berths. One of the few railroad companies that owns and operates the sleeping cars in service on its lines, is the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

The sleeping cars on that line were formerly Pullman cars, operated by the Pullman Company, but for a dozen years past the railway company has owned and operated the sleeping car equipment in building its sleepers. A departure from the old standard pattern of cars has been made to the extent of adding about six inches to the berth, and both wider and higher berths. Length has also been added to berths, so that comfort is furnished which is lacking in ordinary sleeping cars. These large cars are in service on practically all of the lines of the St. Paul Road, and are very popular with the traveling public.

End of Famous New York Hotel. The Morton House, in New York, which was the center of a century ago, one of the noted hostilities of that city, has closed its doors for good, to give way to a large business structure on its site. The hotel, at Fourteenth street. In its prime this hotel was patronized by many men of note. Chester A. Arthur was often there. The late James H. Ripley could be found there, too, when in town. Lester Wallack was then in the height of his glory and Sherry Cook and A. M. Palmer were enjoying their last days. The Morton House was the headquarters of any consequence went to the Morton house. Politicians, professional men and actors rubbed elbows at the bar.

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Platt and Dewey. M. There has been some wonderment as to the cable message that Senator Thomas C. Platt received from Senator Chauncey M. Dewey on the occasion of the former's celebrating his fifty birthday recently. It was sent in cipher, and translated read: "You are good for 1909, but I am booked for 1911 and want to get there. I hope you will be able to command an unlimited white pass."

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Canadian Sale of Land. The Board of Land of the State of Ontario has announced a public sale of land in the township of... The land is situated in the township of... The land is situated in the township of...

# ROBERT E. PATISON DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Democrat Who Was Secretary of Pennsylvania in 1890. Home Near Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special. Robert E. Patison, Democrat, Democratic governor of Pennsylvania and twice comptroller of Philadelphia, died early Monday at his home in Overbrook, a suburb of Philadelphia. Pneumonia, complicated with weakness of the heart, was the cause of death. He was 70 years old.

Mr. Patison was a candidate for governor in the Democratic contest against Gov. Pennypacker in 1902 and had not been a well man since his laborious campaign in that year, when his four or five weeks' convalescence



ROBERT E. PATISON

every county in the state. He was a member of the committee of resolutions of the recent Democratic convention at St. Louis and his health failed under the strain. He remained in St. Louis a few days after the convention to rest, and returning home, resumed his business, dividing his time between this city and New York.

Last Friday pneumonia developed and heart complications aggravated Mr. Patison's illness. Sunday his condition was encouraging, but late Sunday night he collapsed. Serious injuries were reported to, but the patient sank rapidly and died shortly after 5 o'clock Monday morning.

COAL MINERS MAY GO ON STRIKE. Executive Committee to Investigate Conditions Existing at Collieries. Pittsburgh, Pa., Special. The Mine Workers' executive board has decided to comply with the instructions of the Pittston convention and send out all the collieries where operators do not make the collections for paying the check, workmen and checking dock boxes in accordance with Empire Wright's decision. Where strike orders are issued, however, the officers of the board will make a canvass of the collieries and report each one where the umpire's decision is not being observed. At the other meeting of the executive board will then be called and an official order for a strike will be issued. There are 80,000 mine workers in this district and not 8,000 of them are now contributing to the award.

REPUBLICANS NAME A TICKET. Missouri State Convention Completes Its List of Nominations. St. Joseph, Mo., Special. The Republican state convention which met last night in St. Louis for governor completed its work by naming the following ticket: Lieutenant Governor, John C. McKinley of Hamilton; secretary of state, John Swanger of Mills; treasurer, Jacob Gamelich of Booneville; auditor, Henry Keller of St. Genevieve county; attorney general, Herbert S. Hadley, Kansas City; railroad commissioner, Frank Weightman, Moneka.

MAUSTON BANK CLOSES DOORS. State Examiner Takes Charge of Wisconsin Institution. Madison, Wis., Special. State Bank Examiner M. C. Bergh has taken charge of the state bank at Mauston, Wis., and closed its doors. The liabilities of the bank are \$137,901, of which amount \$78,000 is due depositors. No application will be made to a receiver until a movement to interest new capital is made. The making of too many large loans to single institutions is said to be the cause of the bank's embarrassment. J. T. Heiler is the principal stockholder.

DIEER FALLS DOWN INTO MINE. Victor Kalstrom Has Miraculous Escape. Newburg, Mich., Special. Victor Kalstrom, a young timberman in Republic mine, had a miraculous escape from death. He was sitting the rolls in the incline shaft and missed his footing, which sent him headlong on a perilous descent. He slid and rolled some 600 feet, when he recovered and sprang up and saved himself. But for this he would have gone down 1,300 feet further. His injuries were slight.

KILL FAMILY AND BURN HOME. Evidence of Detroit's Crime Found in Detroit. Detroit, Mich., Special. Henry B. Hodges, his wife and three children, living about six miles from Detroit, have been killed and their home burned. There were blood stains about the building and everything showed that Hodges, his wife and three children had their home burned. It is supposed to have been the cause of the crime.



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Women Pensioners. The largest pension in the United States are drawn by women, twenty-four of whom receive in the aggregate more than \$1,000,000 a year. Mrs. Garfield and Mrs. McKinley receive \$5,000 a year each. Mrs. Philip H. Sherrett receives \$2,500, while the pensioners of Mrs. Logan, Mrs. McClellan and Mrs. Frank Blair are each \$2,000. Eighteen widows of generals and admirals receive \$1,200 a year, six \$900 and 200 have pensions of \$600 each. The total received by 220 widows amounts to \$155,000, and makes the second largest sum paid to 1,238 veterans at 20 cents a day.

Londoners and Shakespeare. London has never had a memorial to Shakespeare. Recently a resident of that city offered to donate \$125,000 toward a memorial. The city council would accept a financial responsibility in the undertaking and secure other contributions. The council declines to do so, and the memorial is abandoned. As this honoring the greatest of English poets, some one else must guarantee the full funds before it will entertain the project. It is estimated that the city which Shakespeare so highly honored will ignore the wishes and generosity of those who would respect his memory, and postpone as one public testimonial to the poet to the little bust in Westminster abbey.

BUNCH TOGETHER. Coffee Has a Curious Way of Finally Attacking Some Organ. All that come from coffee are sensitive, that is, unless the coffee is taken away new troubles are continually appearing and the old ones get worse.

"To begin with," says a Kansas, "I was a slave to coffee just as thousands of others today; thought I could not live without drinking strong coffee every morning for breakfast and I had sick headaches that kept me in bed several days every month. Could hardly keep my food on my stomach but would vomit as long as I could throw anything up and was so nervous that I could not get to sleep. I could get hot coffee to stay on my stomach I thought it was better."

"Well, two years ago this day I was that sick with rheumatism that I could not get up and my back aching, had heart trouble, was nervous. My nerves were all unstrung and my finger nails and feet were blue as if I had a chill all the time and my face and hands yellow as a pumpkin. My doctor said it was heart disease and rheumatism and my neighbors said I had the second stage of consumption, and I was going to die."

"Well, I did not know what to do with the matter and every morning would drag myself out of bed and go to breakfast not to eat anything, but to force down some more coffee. Then in a little while I would be so nervous, my heart would beat like anything."



MINISTER H. VON PLEHVE

reprimanded M. Stakhovich, marshal of the nobility of Ork, for his activity in a movement to secure the participation of the provincial delegate assemblies in a certain agricultural inquiry begun by the government. These and many similar acts made him more unpopular than his predecessor ever had been.

M. Plehve was not a man of learning, but from his youth he had been brought up in official circles and he slowly but surely pushed himself ahead. Before the emperor called him to take the portfolio of the interior department he had already passed about forty years of official work and at the time of his death he was about 66 years old. The educated young men of Russia are said to have bitterly opposed to M. Plehve, owing to it has been asserted, to his turning on his own people and to the drastic changes which he inaugurated or advocated. He is said to have been bitterly opposed to M. Plehve, owing to it has been asserted, to his turning on his own people and to the drastic changes which he inaugurated or advocated.

Contempt of Court. Josephus W. Neagle, editor of the Raleigh News, is in the dock for contempt of court for which he was fined \$2,000 said the other day: "I suppose I may as well without being arrested for contempt, and I describe the remark that I heard on the tramp make to a judge. 'The tramp was up for some charge or other'—'right, perhaps—and the judge said to him: 'I mean to know your face.' 'Yes, the tramp agreed; 'we was boys together.' 'Nonsense,' said the judge, frowning. 'But we was,' the tramp insisted. 'We're about as good as boys together.' 'We was boys together.'"

Effect of Dismal Weather. Lowers the Moral Tone of Many Human Beings. Thomas A. McQuinn, superintendent of the mines in Pittsburg, has long held the idea that depressing weather had a decided effect on the moral tone of human beings. During the period of low barometer and especially on sticky, rainy days. On such occasions he has remarked with some frequency that the miners on the verge of insubordination and again he has made it his business to watch people who are on the street and find out if they are entirely irresponsible. In many people, he says, the animal passions are aroused to such a degree that they are unable to control their work. They wander about the streets in a dazed condition, often requiring constant watching, so that they will do no harm to themselves or to others.

Appendix Vermiformis. It has remained for a Memphis, Tenn., surgeon, Dr. Alfred Moore to unmask the dreaded appendix vermiformis that has long wrought havoc with the human race. This strange survival has long been regarded as a vestigial organ and its function, but the Tennessee doctor after much thought works out the problem. Illustrated with extraordinary illustrations in the New York Medical Record. Minus the pictures, the surgeon's conclusion is that the appendix was "the distal end of a tube that led from the vitellus to the yolk sac of the embryo. That's all there is to it, and the distal end of a tube, Marked may now breathe easier. It is so terrible after all."

Women Would Be Stock Brokers. A number of New York women have set themselves on the last of the stock exchange. It is not so much their purpose to try their hands at the bulls and bears in an speculative way, but to get their bank notes, as in elevate the tone of the exchange and by their presence lead to a real independence. The women have been successful in their purpose. It is supposed that a woman has applied for membership on the Dublin stock exchange.