

DUPED POLICE OF THE CZAR

Shrewd Wit Enables Nihilists to Escape From Trap.

The police of St. Petersburg had made a descent upon a nihilist strong hold and, having taken every one found there to prison, left several policemen to take in any one who, uninforming of the arrest of the occupants, should come to visit them.

Katia Vassalich, the wife of one of the principal nihilists, then in the city, walked into the trap and was at once placed under arrest. When asked her name she gave an assumed one, but refused to give her residence, knowing that the house was full of compromising documents and her husband already under suspicion. She feigned to be a very stupid person and to believe that they were arresting her for complicity with theft or some such offense, but that she was very much afraid of her husband and that he would be greatly enraged at seeing her brought home in charge of the police.

The privy, or chief police officer, reassured her, saying that in case all was right he would tell her husband that no blame was to be attached to her. Upon this she consented to show him to her home, intending to take him to the wrong place in order to delay him, hoping that her failure to return by a certain hour would serve as a warning to her husband. Fortunately when the party descended into the street a man entered the building who was intending, as Katia had done, to visit the nihilist quarters there. Seeing her in charge of the police, he entered a different room, but Katia knew that he would warn her husband, and her object was simply to delay reaching her home long enough to enable Vassalich to rid the house of all compromising documents and get away.

Katia led the police several miles, she stopped at a house, telling the privy that she lived there. But when he asked her on which floor she lived, she began to weep and confessed that she had misled him for fear of her husband. The officer sternly ordered her taken to prison, whereupon she began to shriek and promised that if he would spare her she would take him to the right place. He agreed to give her one more trial, and she led the way back again to a point near where she had been arrested, and as more than two hours had elapsed and she felt sure her husband had gone she took the police to her home. What was her consternation to see her husband sitting at a desk writing as calmly as if not threatened with such a danger.

Vassalich had been warned and had taken away all compromising documents. Instead of disappearing, however, he resolved to stand his ground and either save his wife or suffer with her. When she entered, he looked up at her though greatly astonished. Katia, in order to give him his cue, fell into hysterics, begging him not to believe her guilty of any crime, whereupon he regarded her sternly and asked the police why she had been arrested. When informed of the cause, Vassalich invited the privy to search the house. This was done, and of course not a scrap of compromising paper was found.

"All which remains," said the privy to Vassalich, "to verify your passports, after which, I assure you, neither you nor your wife will be further troubled, but in the meanwhile it will be my duty to keep a guard here."

Both Vassalich and his wife knew that their passports were forged and that their banishment to Siberia would immediately follow a discovery of the fact. They were left in the living room with one policeman to watch them. While the privy went out to verify the documents, in order to put the watch off his guard, they talked freely, the wife telling her husband how distressed she had been and how happy she was at the turn the affair had taken, the husband promising her that as soon as the privy returned he would take her out and solace her with a good dinner. Suddenly Katia put her hand to her heart, gave a shriek and fell on the floor. Vassalich rushed to her, raised her in his arms and between his sobs and moans told the policeman that she was dying, at the same time imploring him to go up to the floor above and bring a bottle he would find on the table. The man rushed upstairs, seized all the bottles standing on the dressing case and rushed down again.

The room was empty! Knowing he had been duped, the guard cast a quick glance about the room and espied an open window that had undoubtedly been opened for the purpose of flight, for it was closed when he left and, being on the ground floor, would afford an easy means of escape. Jumping out into the narrow yard, for a moment he deliberated whether the fugitives would go into the street or back into an alley. Taking it for granted that they would naturally go where their haste would not be noticed, he darted to the rear. The fugitives were not there, and he ran back and forth, looking for an egress through which they might have gone. Coming to a gate, he opened it and rushed through a passageway to a street—a block from the house he had left. The street was crowded, but he saw nothing of those he sought.

Vassalich, when the policeman went for a restorative, in order to mislead him ran to the window and threw it up. Then he and his wife rushed for the front door and, closing it behind them just in time, went out upon the street as composedly as if they were going for a walk. They did not stop till they passed the Russian border.

ROUND THE WORLD

In the Netherlands the population is steadily increasing. The birth rate in Italy is \$1.52 to each 1,000 inhabitants.

South African creameries produce 8,000,000 pounds of butter yearly.

The new sword of the United States army has a blade 37.78 inches long. Missouri mines produced nearly 35,000,000 worth of zinc and lead in 1912. Germany yearly wages \$400,000,000 on horse races, with 210,000 bookmakers.

Natives of China are gradually learning to wear European shirts and collars. More than 32,000 tons of aluminum were produced in the United States last year.

The United States has 363 glass factories, and the value of the product is \$50,076,000.

Berlin is experimenting with small electric automobiles for the rapid distribution of mail.

The importation of docked horses into the Philippine Islands has been prohibited by law.

Several piers 1,000 feet in length will be constructed at the Atlantic end of the Panama canal.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, is using great quantities of rat traps because of the bubonic plague scare.

Philadelphia has thirteen play grounds. Last year they were enjoyed by 1,571,315 persons.

Last year churches of Christendom contributed more than \$30,000,000 to missionary work.

A machine for drying whey and converting it into powder for food has been invented by a New Yorker.

Sugar producing countries of the world are exporting 18,000,000,000 pounds of it to other lands each year.

After two years of experiments an English manufacturer has turned out a successful steam driven motorcycle.

It is estimated that the force developed by the hydroelectric companies of Japan is over 2,000,000 horse-power.

A French scientist found 10,215,000 microbes the other day in a mud pie with which his little son was playing.

Waters of Lower California produce jobbers, and many tons of the crustaceans were shipped to the United States last season.

With a carrying capacity of 15,500 tons, the largest oil tank steamer in the world has been completed in England for the Mexican trade.

Practically all the lepers in the Philippines have now been segregated and transferred to the leper island of Cullon or the hospital in Manila.

With its newly established bureau of mines, the University of Arizona hopes to aid materially in the development of mining and other industries of the state.

That radium emanations have a marked effect on woody plants, even forcing them to bud in dormant seasons, has been demonstrated by a German scientist.

Financial success in raising pigs has been attained in at least two Irish-cooperative enterprises. The Roscrea bacon factory is the most notable of these institutions.

In Hongkong, where labor is still very cheap and the port is free to the commerce of the world, the rise in the cost of living has averaged at least 50 per cent since 1890.

Crumbling stone arch railroad bridges in Germany have been strengthened by boring holes into the masonry and injecting thin cement mortar at a pressure of five atmospheres.

On its way to the sea the water of a river in southern California is used three times to produce power, thrice for irrigation and at two points to supply municipalities in the usual way, all within 100 miles.

In the southern states alone negroes are proprietors of 10,000 general stores, 800 pharmacies and fifty-seven banking institutions. In the entire country they own 20,000,000 acres of land and more than 600,000 houses.

Roumania is the poorest customer of the United States. In proportion to its total imports it takes only six-tenths of 1 per cent from this country. In value our exports to that country amount annually to about \$500,000.

Some good suggestion for making use of corn cobs is desired. The corn crop of the United States in 1912 was 3,160,000,000 bushels, with an average of fourteen pounds of cobs to each bushel or more than 22,000,000 tons of cobs.

The encouraging theory recently advanced that the mineral elements of the soil are inexhaustible seems to be borne out by the fact that Chinese soils are among the richest in the world after 4,000 years of intensive cultivation.

Rowland Ward, probably the most famous taxidermist in the world, died recently in London. His father, Henry Ward, accompanied the famous naturalist, Audubon on his travels. His career as a taxidermist extended over forty years.

A large quantity of wool in Australia has to be carried on the backs of "bullockies," or cattle, over wide stretches of waterless country. A specially constructed gasoline motor is expected to end this state of affairs, revolutionizing the pastoral, agricultural and mineral cartage conditions.

Here is an instance of how habit or fashion affects trade. The Chinese men began cutting off their queues then they began to wear hats, and the export trade in hats from Japan jumped from \$50,223 in 1910 to \$804,704 in 1912. Then fashion decided that women should wear switches and wigs, and the Chinese hair took on millions in value.

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