

Happily, however, for the imperial family, and their friends, it was nipped in the bud, and the new emperor got firmly seated in his throne. He issued a proclamation on the 2d of January, 1826, on the subject of this atrocious plot, and his determination to repel the secret efforts of anarchy even as the Russian nation, always faithful to its sovereign and the laws, has ever repelled the open attacks of its declared enemies. He professed a firm purpose to pursue the same line of policy which his deceased brother had followed. The note addressed by count Nesselrode, minister for foreign affairs, to the foreign ministers accredited to the court of Russia, on the accession of the emperor Nicholas to the throne, was as follows:—"Called to the inheritance of the dominions of the emperor Alexander, the emperor Nicholas inherits also the principles which directed the policy of his august predecessor: and his imperial majesty has therefore given orders to his ambassadors, ministers, and agents at foreign courts, to declare to them, that, earnestly striving to follow the footsteps of the sovereign whose loss he deploras, he will profess the same fidelity to the engagements contracted by Russia, the same respect for all rights consecrated by existing treaties, the same attachment to the maxims which ensure the general peace, and of the bonds that subsist between the powers. On the other hand, the emperor confidently hopes from them the same disposition to maintain the relations of intimate friendship and mutual confidence, which, having been established and maintained under the emperor Alexander, has given to Europe ten years of repose."

THE END.









