

RUSSIAN GOV'T IN A PANIC; POWERLESS BY NEW STRIKE

Telegraph Throughout Empire Stilled and General Walkout Set for Monday---Fresh Army Mutiny.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1. — 2:20 p.m.—To resist the revolutionary movement the Government is powerless with the threat of a general political strike next Monday hanging over its head, and the fact that Interior Minister Durnovo will probably be sacrificed to secure the resumption of telegraph communication. At the same time the Government is fully conscious that the demands for the reinstatement of the leaders of the Telegraphers' Union and the dismissal of Mr. Durnovo are mere pretexts, and that its surrender will only serve to encourage the revolutionists to new efforts. Those following the tactics in the case of the Cronstadt mutineers are certain to take the form of a fight to save the lives of the Sebastopol mutineers, for the purpose of again proving the proletariats' solidarity with the army and navy.

The Russ declares the situation is such that the Government is unable to guarantee that tomorrow the guns of Cronstadt will not bombard the capital.

Tele-up Is Complete.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1. — 2:20 p.m.—The crisis continues. The telegraph tie-up throughout Russia is practically complete, and the Government does not know what is happening in the interior of the empire. Emissaries of the strikers have sent to Finland to induce their comrades to join in the strike. This would cut off cable communication, which remains open for press and Government messages, although the central office here is nominally closed. Much as the Government would like to resist it is powerless.

Dragoons Mutiny.

Paris, Dec. 1. — Special dispatches from St. Petersburg say that the dragoons have gone on strike there, and that vehicular traffic has almost ceased. The Government, the dispatches say, intends to adopt special measures to assure the dispatch of official messages.

The Warsaw correspondent of the *Reich* says that at Grodno, artillerymen have been arrested for refusal to suppress popular demonstrations. At Cheshotovo the dragoons mutinied and fought with the Cossacks, resulting in

the death of a number on each side. Citizens in various towns of Poland are forming civil guards for the suppression of bandits.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30. — A terrific naval and land battle has occurred at Sebastopol between the mutineers and the military and sea forces that remained loyal to the Czar.

The mutineers were defeated and two or more of their vessels were sunk and the remainder surrendered.

Land Battle Three Hours.

The sailors and soldiers entrenched in the north fort, after a sanguinary battle lasting three hours, were driven out by a bayonet charge, every man being killed, wounded, or captured.

The town sustained enormous damage, one report saying half of it is in ruins. Fire, produced by the rebel bombardment, did a vast amount of damage.

Fate of Rebel Fleet.

The damage sustained by the rebel fleet is as follows:

Otkafok—Protected steel cruiser of 6,670 tons, costing \$1,500,000, riddled with shot, burning and sinking. It was 434 feet long, armored with 5 inches of steel, 1 with a 23-inch steel deck; carried 12 6-inch guns, 12 3-inch guns, and 6 machine guns. Its full complement was 240 officers and men.

Pantelemon—First-class battleship, formerly the *Kniaz Potemkin*, which mutinied at Odessa a few months ago; riddled with shot and sinking. It cost \$5,000,000, and was of 12,480 tons displacement. Its main armor belt was 9 inches thick, of Krupp steel, the heavy guns being protected by 12 inches of steel. It carried 4 12-inch, 16 6-inch, 14 3-inch, 6 1.8-inch, 14 1.4-inch, and 7 machine guns. The complement was 636 officers and men.

Duplek—Third-class cruiser of 3,050 tons, riddled and sunk; built in 1882, and costing \$1,000,000, carried 6-inch, 20 3-inch, and 8 1.4-inch guns. Full complement, 172 officers and men.

Rebels Fire First Shot.

Lieut. Schmidt, the elected commander of the mutinous fleet, fired the first shot, according to a special dispatch to the *Slovo*.

He gave the signal to attack the town immediately after 3 p.m., when his ultimatum to the authorities expired. He had demanded by that hour an acceptance of the various demands made by the rebel sailors.

Those demands included the immediate formation of a constitutional assembly.

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Toronto News.

ABDUL HAMID—"Don't shoot! I'll make some new promises."

BALFOUR TO RESIGN.

London, Dec. 1. 2:20 p.m.—The cabinet held a meeting this afternoon, lasting an hour and a half. There is reason to believe that the colleagues of Premier Balfour approved his decision to resign rather than dissolve Parliament, but no official communication is yet forthcoming. Mr. Balfour is going to Gloucestershire for the week-end, so he will not see King Edward before Monday, when his majesty will arrive in London.

GERMANY'S LITTLE WAR

South African Struggle Has Cost Kaiser Over 1,500 Men.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The *Militär Wochenblatt*, the army organ, publishes this morning the losses of German troops operating against the Insurrectionists in German Southwest Africa. The total number of men in the field is given as 16,000. Of this number those who were killed or who died of wounds were: Eighty-three officers, 175 non-commissioned officers and 953 privates. The total loss, including wounded, is given at 151 officers, 267 non-commissioned officers and 1,394 privates.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION

Investigations Into the Combines May Postpone the Revision.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 1. — The members of the tariff commission returned to the city this morning and attended a meeting of the cabinet this forenoon. They will leave by the midnight train for Winnipeg, where the commission sits on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday they will sit at Brandon. Meetings will also be held at Regina on the 7th, Prince Albert on the 8th, Calgary on the 13th, Edmonton 15th, and then back to Ottawa on their way to the Maritime Provinces.

A meeting will be held at the Soo on the way back.

Today's cabinet meeting will likely decide if possible as to whether there will be revision of the tariff, which is left over until the coming session, or left over until the fall session, which will follow. It looks as if the disclosures in connection with the combines would result in postponing the revision.

The evidence taken in the combines' investigations will no doubt have considerable bearing on the tariff.

NEW MONTREAL DEPOT

G. T. R. to Spend Six Millions on Station and Elevated Tracks.

Ottawa, Dec. 1. — The Grand Trunk and Railway Company has given the railway commission to understand that one of the next large improvements to which the management intends to address itself will be the erection of a new passenger depot in Montreal with elevated tracks leading thereto. The intended station site is on the north side of St. James street, opposite Bonaventure depot, and it is understood that negotiations are now in progress for the purchase of the whole block north from St. James street, and east from Windsor.

The plan of improvements that Mr. Hays' company has in mind involves the laying out of about six million dollars. The Bonaventure station yards will probably be utilized as freight terminals. The intention is to have four tracks on the elevated level from the new passenger depot out almost to Lachine. The necessary right-of-way for the four additional tracks has already been arranged for from Blue Bonnets practically into St. Henri.

The Moroccan Conference.

Paris, Dec. 1.—Premier Rouvier today announced to the council of ministers that the Moroccan conference had been postponed until January, owing to the delay in the arrival of the Moroccan delegates.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA IS SIXTY-ONE

Guns Boom and Bells Ring Congratulations—Her Majesty Entertains Children.

London, Dec. 1. — Queen Alexandra was 61 years old today, and her birthday was celebrated with the usual heartiness throughout the Kingdom, in



QUEEN ALEXANDRA. Sixty-one Years Old Today.

cluding artillery salutes, the ringing of church bells, and the display of flags, etc. Congratulations from all parts poured in at Sandringham, where the Queen entertained all the children of the estate at tea, personally superintending the proceedings.

Big Winnipeg Fire.

Winnipeg, Nov. 30. — The store of the Tidout & Gilbert Carpet and House Furnishings Company, corner of Main and Pacific streets, here, is on fire, and the block is apparently doomed. The fire is one of the largest of its kind in the city, and the loss will probably not be less than \$100,000. At midnight the fire is almost under control, although for a time the adjoining buildings were in grave danger.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Milder With Snow.

London, Friday, Dec. 1. Sun rises, 7:31 a.m. Moon rises—11:48 a.m. Sun sets—4:43 p.m. Moon sets—10:08 p.m. Toronto, Nov. 30—5 p.m. The gale which has prevailed during the last two days from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces has now pretty well subsided, and fair, decidedly cold weather prevails in all localities.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40—42; Edmonton, 8 below—2; Calgary, 2 below—4; Qu'Appelle, 10 below—4; Winnipeg, 20 below—2; Port Arthur, 12 below—14; Parry Sound, zero—12; Toronto, 13—15; Ottawa, 6—12; Montreal, 8—10; Quebec, 2—8; St. John, 12—20; Halifax, 25—40.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Dec. 1.—8 a.m. Today—Easterly winds; fine and cold. Saturday—Strong south-easterly winds; light snowfalls; slowly rising temperatures.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	—2	—	Fair
Parry Sound	—2	—	Fair
Toronto	—4	—14	Fair
Ottawa	—4	—4	Fair
Montreal	—8	—20	Fair
Quebec	0	15	Fair
St. John	14	20	Fair
Halifax	25	40	Rain

The sign — indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is fair and wintry throughout the Dominion. The lowest temperature reported this morning was 9° below at Rockville but zero was quite prevalent in Northern Ontario and the Northwest Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 28°; lowest, 4.5° above.

POWERS OBDDURATE; SULTAN GIVING IN

Turk Pleads in Vain for a Modification of Reform Demands.

Constantinople, via Sofia, Dec. 1. — An extraordinary council of ministers is in session at the Yildiz Palace to consider the situation arising from the refusal of the ambassadors to modify their demands in regard to the financial control of Macedonia. Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, previously interviewed the British ambassador and urged a compromise which would not injure the Sultan's dignity, but the ambassador was obdurate. He declared that any modification of the scheme was impossible.

It is believed that the Sultan, within the next few hours, will submit completely to the demands of the powers.

WILKIN ACQUITTED

Liveryman Not Guilty of Obtaining Horse by False Pretences.

The final stage of the Wilkin-Harris horse trading case was reached this morning at the county court when Joseph H. Wilkin was acquitted by Judge Elliott on a charge of obtaining a horse by false pretences.

Last August Wilkin drove to the home of James H. Harris, in North London, with a horse for a brown horse. Harris swore that he asked Wilkin if he could recommend the mare as sound. Wilkin said he could. He then asked whether the horse had the heaves or not. Wilkin said she had not.

Wilkin's story was to the effect that when Harris asked him whether the mare had the heaves, he said to him, "If that mare has the heaves I would not touch her if I were you."

The trade was made, and Harris got the worst of it, as the mare had the heaves.

Wilkin was arrested and was committed for trial by P. M. Love, Harris in the meantime reprieved the horse, but the horse was returned to Wilkin. Harris then sued the latter for \$99 damages, but lost the case.

Three boys swore to the conversation that took place between Harris and Wilkin, and corroborated the story of the latter.

"DAVY" HOTSON DEAD

Well Known Character About Town Passes Away at Hospital.

"Davy" Hotson, 70 years of age, and a well-known character about town, died in Victoria Hospital today after an illness from pleuro-pneumonia. As far as known he has no relatives in Canada, and the body still lies at the hospital unclaimed.

The old man is well known to Londoners as the talkative old fellow who sold poetry on various topics from door to door. He was decorated with all sorts of medals and buttons, and was an object of curiosity to the small boy from time to time. When business was played out he went to St. Thomas, and after working that city he would return to London. He had been boarding on King street, and Superintendent Heard has notified his friends there.

By Trolley in the Spring London to St. Thomas

Traction Company Announces Close of Winter Will See Cars Running on Line.

The cars of the Southwestern Traction Company will be running between London and St. Thomas, carrying passengers and freight, as soon as the snow is off the ground in the spring.

This is the statement made to The Advertiser today by Manager Welch. After several years of hard work, and an expenditure to date of over \$400,000, the company at last sees the completion of its line in sight, and great is the satisfaction of the men behind the scheme.

To ex-Mayor Rumball belongs especial credit for the success of the enterprise, which is sure to help London, and London merchants, in no small degree. And the credit to which Mr. Rumball is entitled is no puny item, for it requires indomitable courage to encourage such a costly enterprise and high financial standing to interest outside capital in such a venture.

Only those who are engaged in the work of building a railway line have any idea of the trouble met with. Compelled to travel through half a dozen different municipalities, each municipality does its best to drive a hard bargain with the company, and as they are always jealous of one another, the company frequently knows what it means to be between the devil and the deep sea. It requires great tact and patience to get along with so many diverse interests, but in this respect Mr. Rumball and his manager, Mr. Welch, have not been found wanting.

Station To Be Built Next.

Now the company is about to reap the fruits of its efforts and great expenditure of money. The line is completed to St. Thomas, the wires are nearly all up, and the line into the city is rapidly approaching completion. The new bridge at the foot of Richmond street is being pushed ahead, the power-house and car-barn are built, the machinery is in the former, and the cars—six of them—are in the latter, and a station will be built at once, if the weather permits, on Horton street, near Richmond.

The station will be built on what is known as the Franks property, or, more properly speaking, the Rudd property on Horton street, opposite Bren-

MR. GIBBONS IN CHAIR

New Head of Waterways Commission on Niagara's Power.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 1.—The Canadian portion of the international waterways commission held a meeting of a private character this morning at the Queen's Hotel, at which George C. Gibbons, London, the recently appointed chairman, Thomas Cote, Montreal; W. P. King, Ottawa, and Mr. Ceste, were present. In reply to questions, Mr. Gibbons said the meeting was one for the purpose of coaching him in what the commission had already done and what its grounds of argument would be in some of the important matters which are to be taken up. One of these, said Mr. Gibbons, is the question of the Niagara power. Wires are to be strung over to the American side and a number of difficult features present themselves in connection with these matters. It is the intention of the commission to arrange, if possible, a conference with Hon. Adam Beck and the Ontario power commission with a view to coming to some better understanding and securing all the facts.

Kuroki Going Home.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—General Baron Kuroki, who commanded the Japanese right army in Manchuria, will leave Port Dalrymple tomorrow for Japan. The balance of his term of office as commander in chief of the Japanese army in Manchuria is estimated at \$25,000,000. It is believed that this sum will be devoted to the development of the interests of Manchuria.

SCHOOL BOARD IS TO HAVE SURPLUS

No Overdraft This Year, 'Tis Said—Where Much Money Was Saved.

It was announced at the city hall today that the board of education will come out with a flying colors this year. There will be no overdraft in either the public or the private schools' accounts. In fact, it is expected the board will come out with a small surplus.

This year very much work has been accomplished by the board of education. Colborne street school, and King street school have been thoroughly renovated, and a new furnace has been installed in Rectory street school.

The trustees are very much pleased with the work of John Clemens, the superintendent of repairs, who was appointed this year, and has given the greatest satisfaction. It is said he has saved the board a couple of thousand dollars on repairs, and has always been on hand when he is wanted, so that when a pane of glass is broken the trustees do not find it necessary to hunt all over the city for a man to do the work.

Yesterday, Treasurer Pope paid out about \$11,000 in teachers' salaries for the month of November.

er's cigar factory. On the land there is now a double brick cottage, but this will be torn down. The company tried to purchase the property from the owners, but could not agree as to the price. Consequently, the property is being expropriated, and it is now in the courts. The station will be two stories high, and it will be equipped with a large platform and veranda, so the cars will be loaded and unloaded under shelter and with no inconvenience to the public, let the weather be wet or dry. It will cost about \$8,000.

A New System for Canada.

The car barns are located just south of Mr. Thomas McCormick's residence in South London. The six cars stored there are very handsome. They comprise two apartments, one for passengers and one for freight. In the power house, which is situated on Chelsea Green, may be seen the splendid plant which was made in Britain and shipped to London.

The electrical system with which the traction company has equipped its lines is the only one of its kind in the United States or Canada, but it is known in England as the most modern and best of all systems in use. Five wires are used, three of which are feeders, so that it will be impossible to exhaust the power anywhere on the line, power being fed to the cars all the way between London and St. Thomas.

During the winter experimental cars will be run over the lines to test them, but the regular service will not be commenced until probably in March. Manager Welch stated today that word had been received that the iron-work for the bridge at the foot of Richmond street will be shipped at once from Hamilton, and as soon as it arrives it will be put up. The cold weather will not stop work on the bridge, and it is expected that it will be completed in four weeks.

Many citizens have approached the company in regard to the building of a footbridge alongside the railway bridge, and the company has signified its intention of allowing the city to build such a footpath on the company's abutments, the city to be charged nothing for the use of the abutments. It is probable the matter will be brought to the attention of the council shortly by those interested. If the footpath were built it would prove a great convenience to those who live across the river.

RAILWAYMAN ADVANCED

Superintendent Cunningham Now in Charge of Buffalo Division.

A St. Thomas dispatch states that the entire Buffalo division of the Watash Railway will be under the control of Superintendent Cunningham, whose headquarters are at St. Thomas. Mr. Cunningham, who is now holidaying in Indiana, was formerly connected with the Grand Trunk Railway, and was twice assistant superintendent in this city. He went from London to St. Thomas about two years ago and entered the employ of the Watash.

DAMAGED BY SEWAGE

Loss of Several Hundred Dollars Caused by Bowling Alleys.

The bowling alleys at the new armories have not been in use for some time, owing to damage caused by the backing up of sewage. The entire alleys were flooded, causing the flooring to swell so badly that bowling was impossible.

The militia department has ordered the repairing of the alleys, and in a short time the re-rolls will again be indulging in the sport of knocking down the pins.

The cost of repairing will amount to \$500 or \$600.

TRAGIC ENDING OF SIMCOE MAN

During Attack of Mental Trouble Falls Into Harlem River and Drowns.

New York, Dec. 1.—The body which was found in the Harlem River on Wednesday night was positively identified by relatives yesterday as that of John N. Tisdale, the president of the Alaska Snettisham Gold Mining Company, who disappeared recently from the Hotel Seville. It will be taken tonight to Simcoe, Ont., for burial.

"Mr. Tisdale was subject to fainting spells," said William W. Corbett, his stepson, yesterday, "and it was doubtful during one of these attacks that he wandered off and suffered his tragic ending."

Mr. Tisdale was born 56 years ago at Simcoe. He early moved to Wyoming and went into the cattle business. From this he drifted into mining. Besides his interests in the Alaska Snettisham Mining Company, he leaves valuable properties in Alaska.

TRAINMEN BLAMED IN WESTWOOD CASE

Jury Says Neglect on Their Part Was Responsible for Death of Sectionman.

Coroner's jury at Hyde Park last returned a verdict that neglect on the part of the crew of the way-out train, No. 528, was responsible for the death of Jesse Westwood, the G. T. R. man, who was run over and injured by the freight on Saturday afternoon last.

The inquest was held by Coroner C. Ross, the Grand Trunk being represented by Mr. Pope, of Belleville, and the relatives of the deceased by J. M. McEvoy, of this city.

One dozen witnesses were examined, including the crew of the way-out train. The conductor admitted that standing on the rear end of the train, while the train backed into the siding, and that he did not see the sectionman, nor did he sign the engineer to stop until after the evidence of the other members of the train crew was somewhat contradictory.

The inquest was not concluded until 10 o'clock this morning.

"We agree that there was neglect on the part of the crew of train 528," was the way the jury put their verdict.

WILL PAY \$40,000 FOR CITY HALL

A Real Estate Man Ready to Make an Offer for the Building.

"If the city of London will sell the city hall, I have a purchaser for it," said Mr. P. Walsh, the well-known real estate man, in the tax collector's office, today.

"You are in earnest?" the reporter asked.

"Certainly," replied Mr. Walsh. "What are you willing to pay for it?"

"I will give \$40,000 for the building," "Are you at liberty to state who your client is?"

"No; not at present," said Mr. Walsh. "Will you say for what purpose you want the property?"

"No; not just yet. But I am open to discuss the matter with the city, if the council is willing."

The aldermen do not favor the idea of selling the hall at any such price as named by Mr. Walsh. They say that they could not erect a building to take the place of the present one for \$100,000.

It is pointed out that the Bank of Commerce paid \$25,000 for the building lot on the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, where its new building is being erected. The old building was torn down, so that the bank really paid \$25,000 for the lot upon which the new building stands.

Property on Richmond street is worth in the neighborhood of \$900 a foot, and as the city hall site has a frontage of about 100 feet, it is seen that the lot alone would be worth about \$30,000.

BUY A QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS CARD AND HELP LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED

London, Dec. 1. — Queen Alexandra has not given up her interest in behalf of the unemployed and has sanctioned a unique plan to raise more funds for them. This will be in the shape of the issue of a Christmas card, which will be entitled "The Queen's Christmas Card." It will consist of poems, stories, sketches, drawings and music by persons prominent in the worlds of art and literature of Great Britain.

Austin, the poet laureate; Thomas Hardy, Marie Corelli, Hall Caine, George Meredith, Arthur Wing Pinero, Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, Edwin A. Abbey, William Holman Hunt, Sir Edward John Poynter and Sir Edward Elgar are among those who will contribute. The production of the book will be practically gratuitous. It will sell for half a crown and the proceeds will be devoted to the Queen's unemployed fund.