

GERMANY TAKES A HAND

Safety of Germans in Russia Leads to Important Step.

Feeling That More Than Merchant Relief Steamers May Be Necessary—Workmen's Council Decides on General Strike For Dec. 20—Troops at Riga Have Joined Revolt—300 Killed During Street Fighting at Mitau.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The decision of Chancellor Von Buelow, with the approval of the Emperor, to send German steamers to ports of the Russian Baltic provinces, and bring away the Germans who are in danger of their lives, is regarded as a most important act and one that may be the first in a series of steps which the German Government may deem necessary to safeguard the interests of German subjects whose estates are now being plundered or whose businesses are being ruined by the insurgents.

May Have More To Do. The optimistic feeling as to the outcome of the Russian disturbances seems to be waning, and there is even talk, entirely outside of Government circles, of the possibility that Germany may have to do more than send merchant ships to the relief of the beleaguered and spoliated Germans.

The Government has informed Russia, in the ordinary diplomatic way, that vessels are being sent to Baltic ports. The greatest interest is felt here as to how the steamers will be received, and whether any obstacle will be placed in the way of their carrying out their benevolent mission.

One Steamer Has Sailed. A German steamer sailed from Stettin yesterday, for Riga, chartered by the Government, to bring away German subjects, whose lives are endangered by the revolutionary disturbances there. Another steamer will leave here Wednesday for Riga, on a similar errand.

The region between Riga and Wenden in Livonia is a wilderness. The buildings on all the estates have been burned and plundered, and many German barons and their families are held prisoners by the insurgents.

GENERAL STRIKE, DEC. 20.

American Ambassador Asks For Protection of Arrests at Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Workmen's Council at a secret meeting held yesterday decided in favor of a general strike, beginning Dec. 20. The decision has been communicated to the labor leaders at Moscow. If the latter approve the strike will forthwith be declared.

All the men arrested at Saturday's meeting of the Workmen's Council have been released with the exception of 30, two of whom refused to give their names. A train which was derailed on Saturday near Chishina is understood to have had on board \$10,000,000 in gold.

It is rumored that the crown jewels have been sent abroad. The War Department is concentrating two army corps to suppress the revolt in the Baltic provinces. According to the Government's information 60,000 Letts are under arms.

On account of the situation at Moscow Ambassador Meyer has requested the authorities to place at the disposal of the American Consul there protection for Americans in case of an emergency.

Troops Join Revolt.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, says that the conductor of a morning train from St. Petersburg, asserts the troops at Riga have joined in the revolt and the town is being shelled and is burning. Between St. Petersburg and Witten (the frontier station), according to the conductor, flames could be seen from several places and were often reflected by the sky.

Three Hundred Killed.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Roonigsberg, Prussia, dated yesterday, says that during the street fighting at Mitau (the capital of Courland, 27 miles from Riga), three hundred persons were killed.

The despatch further says that at Lennwarden, in Southern Livonia, the revolutionists liberated all the prisoners and shot Assistant District Governor Peterson and M. Maximovich, his secretary, and threw their bodies into the river.

Mutineers Punished.

Kronstadt, Russia, Dec. 19.—The military court has acquitted eighteen out of forty-nine privates of the Kronstadt Fortress Artillery, who were charged with mutiny in connection with the recent outbreak there. The others were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two to twenty-four months.

Refugees Tell of Horrors.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The Lokal Anzeiger has the following from Eydtkuhnen, dated Dec. 18: A train of about eighteen cars brought fugitives here this afternoon from Riga, by way of Duensburg, West Russia. Over 400 refugees from Libau and Mitau have arrived. The regular train from St. Petersburg brought about 300 refugees, many of them women and children. The refugees report that brutalities of the most frightful description have been committed in the Baltic regions. Many officers have been horribly mutilated by the Lithuanian peasants.

The Tschelabinsk correspondent at Kiel says that several German steamers have arrived at Holtenau, with Russian fugitives, chiefly owners of landed estates.

Isolated Protests.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Senior Registrar Helmestead of the High Court has issued advertisements announcing that the election protests for North Norfolk and North Grey against Col. Tisdale and W. P. Telford will be heard on the 4th prox. at the county courts. It is believed that a settlement will be arrived at.

Sueing For Wife's Affections.

Brockville, Dec. 19.—An action has been entered for trial in the High Court by W. A. Lamond against A. Cheson, to recover \$5,000 for alienating the affections of his wife.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills.

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Still a Free Trader.

London, Dec. 19.—(C. A. P.)—In his speech at Leeds before 5,000 people, A. J. Balfour, the late Premier, expressed himself as still belonging to the free trade party. His views on dumping, on fiscal union and on commercial union with the colonies were all consistent, he said, with free trade. He believed a colonial preference possible without a tax on corn.

Lead is Higher.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Latest advices to the Trade and Commerce Department are that the market price in London for lead is £17 2s 6d per ton. The figure at which the federal bounty to the Canadian lead mines ceased was £16 per ton. Twenty mines in the Slocan district of British Columbia produced last week 651 tons of lead.

U. S. Schooner Seized.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Word has been received at the Marine Department of the seizure of an American schooner, The Tattler, off Sydney, Cape Breton, for an infraction of the Canadian marine laws. It is understood that the vessel was shipping men without a license.

Canadian Resigns Post.

London, Dec. 19.—Mr. Roy Somerville, who about a year ago took charge of the advertising department of The London Standard, has resigned.

SIX CANADIANS RUNNING.

Candidates For the Imperial Parliament in Coming Elections.

London, Dec. 19.—(C. A. P.)—Among candidates for Parliamentary honors at the forthcoming general election are four Canadians.

Hammer Greenwood, the Liberal candidate for York City, has for his opponent J. G. Butcher, who was at the last election returned unopposed. York City is a Conservative stronghold, but it is believed Greenwood will be returned.

Poster Boulton, formerly of Toronto, is the Liberal candidate for North Huntingdon, his opponent being A. E. Fellowes, the late President of the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Fellowes' majority at the last election was 1,161, but it is thought that, though the majority to be overcome is large, Mr. Boulton has a fighting chance.

H. F. Wyatt, well known in connection with the Navy League, is the Unionist candidate for the Russell division of Nottinghamshire. Wyatt's opponent is J. E. Ellis, who had the Radical majority at the last election of 446.

Dr. Rankin Dawson, son of the late Sir William Dawson, of Canada, is the Conservative candidate for East Edinburgh. Mr. McRae, the present Liberal member had a majority of 1,291 at the last election.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The Canadian Associated Press despatch is incomplete. There are at least two Canadian members of the British House of Commons who are up for re-election—Sir Gilbert Parker, who has represented Gravesend since 1900; William Allen Baker, who won East Finsbury from the Conservatives a few months ago.

Ministerial Appointments.

London, Dec. 19.—The Ministerial appointments approved by King Edward yesterday include that of the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, with a peerage; the Civil Lord of the Admiralty, George Lambert; the Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, Hudson E. Kearley; the Parliamentary Secretary of the local Government Board, Walter Runciman; the Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Education, Thomas Lough; and the Solicitor-General for Scotland, Alexander Ure, K. C.

Stove Mounters Strike.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—Twenty-five stove mounters, employed by the Burrow, Stewart & Milne Co., struck yesterday because a non-union man was employed as a riveter. When the men made the kick, the man applied to be taken by the union, but he was refused, because the union said there were union workmen walking the streets idle. The firm refused to discharge the man.

HIS OCCUPATION.

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20 PER CENT REDUCTION

All Table Cutlery, Pocket Cutlery, Carvers, Carving Sets, Spoons, Silverware, Graniteware, Heating Stoves, Cook Stoves, Mitts, Robes, Horse Blankets.

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District Doings

DRESDEN

Dec. 20.—Miss Eva McVean was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Miss Edith Wannamaker has gone to her home in Detroit for Christmas.

Mr. Campbell, of Camden Township, passed away on Monday at a good old age.

Miss Maud Watterworth, teacher of second classes here, has been offered a position on the Central school staff, Chatham.

For Christmas and New Year's Holidays, W. E. Hixson, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, Grand Trunk and Wabash Ry., 115 King St., will sell return tickets on Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th, good to return until Dec. 26th, and on Dec. 30th and 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return Jan. 2nd, at single fare, and on Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, return tickets at one-third, and on Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return until Jan. 2nd, to all points in Canada, and will also sell tickets at special rates to a number of points in the United States, which can be had on application. He is also issuing special holiday tickets to students going home for the holidays.

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 19.—A few from our town attended a grand Masonic function in Ridgeway yesterday.

Mrs. Geo. Mayhew and daughter Maud, Mrs. Charles Mayhew, Edith and Robert, arrived from Detroit yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Our Historical Club are quite interested in the fact that some agitate the site of the Tecumseh monument should be not at Thamesville, nor Tecumseh Farm, nor Chatham, but the spot on the Detroit River where he had his headquarters.

Mrs. Wilbert Milton and little Leonard left this morning for Detroit, where they will stay over Christmas.

Carol Scott is expected home this week. He will call on Thamesville friends before going to Chatham.

Miss Mayhew comes from Highgate to-morrow and will spend the holiday at her home here.

School closes Friday night for 11 days.

Mr. Harry Stead goes to London to-day.

John Coultis is spending the day in Chatham.

Mr. John Stewart, from Chicago, is visiting his brother, Dr. Stewart.

A meeting of the High School Board of Ridgeway is being held to-day. A representative will attend from here.

Great preparation is being made for the Christmas tree in the Presbyterian church to-morrow night.

AFTER THE COMBINES.

First to Face Music Will Be Those Which Make Tacks.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Crown Attorney Curry has now everything in good shape to tackle the alleged combines which come under the Jenkins & Hardy lists.

The first that will face the fire of his queries will be those who make and deal in the busy little tack. Detective Verney is the complainant, and yesterday he laid the informations against James Hardy and Thomas Jenkins, both of the City of Toronto, in the County of York; E. J. Fry, J. Mowat, J. C. Robertson, W. Bruckoff and E. Perkins of the Portland Rolling Mills Co., St. John, N.B.; H. M. Blacklock, W. H. Woodall, J. R. Kinghorn, A. H. Huff, W. McMaster and A. F. McPherson, Montreal Rolling Mills Co., Limited, Montreal; F. W. Knowlton, United Shoe Machinery Co., Montreal; F. H. Whitton, the Ontario Tack Co., Hamilton; Jas. H. Peck, T. Edmund Peck, W. T. Cumming, E. T. Sinclair and M. A. Irwin, of Peck Penny Co., Montreal; Jas. Pender, St. John, N.B.; E. W. Near, the Pillow Hersey Co., Guelph; G. Boyd, G. A. MacAgay and R. Hersey, Pillow Hersey Co., Montreal; in the year of our Lord, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, and 1905, at the City of Toronto, in the County of York, did conspire, combine, agree and arrange, the one with the other, and others of them, with the Portland Rolling Mills Co., Peck Penny Co., Pillow Hersey Co., Montreal Rolling Mills Co., the Ontario Tack Co., the United Shoe Machinery Co., Jas. Pender & Co., and W. T. Woodall and other persons and corporations to the complainant unknown to unduly limit the facilities for producing, manufacturing, supplying and dealing in tacks.

The trial will not commence until the 28th, as so many of the witnesses will have to come from a distance.

BOOK BINDING.

Orders for bookbinding should be left at this office. It is surprising how nice a volume can be made of those magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals bound or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices. Blank books such as journals, ledgers, day books, with any kind of ruling, made to order. All work warranted first class.

NEW YORK HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

On Dec. 15th the Lackawanna will run a popular excursion from all stations in New York to New York City. The week before Christmas is the best week in the metropolitan; it is the climax of the season's glory; everything is at perfection. For rates, time of special and regular trains, reservations, etc., call on nearest Lackawanna agent or write Fred. P. Fox, D. P. A., Buffalo, N. Y.

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S. F. GARDINER, Manager.

Chatham, Nov. 18th, 1905

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75c Shirts now 59c	1.25 " \$1.00	Also a line of 50c Ties now 25c	2.50 " 2.00
\$1.00 Shirts now 75c	1.50 " 1.25	Fancy Boxed Ties, now 59c	2.00 " 1.50
1.25 " \$1.00	2.00 " 1.50	25c Ties now 2 for 25c	1.50 " 1.00
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Underwear	Mufflers	Gloves	House Coats
Men's Wool and Cotton Fleece Underwear, regular 50c, a garment, now 37c	Regular 75c Ways' Mufflers now 50c.	Men's Fine Mocha Gloves and Mitts, regular \$1.00 now 75c	Regular \$10.00 House Coats now \$7.00.
All Wool Elastic Ribbed Underwear, regular \$1.00, now 75c	\$1.00 Mufflers now 75c	1.50 " 1.25	
The best Fancy Fleece Underwear, regular 75c, a garment, now 59c	1.50 " \$1.25	2.00 Silk Lined Gloves now \$1.50	Pants
Underwear from 50c. to \$8.00 a garment, all to go at CUT PRICES.	50c " 40c	2.50 Fur Lined Gloves now \$2.00.	Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Tweed Pants now 89c.
Socks	Handkerchiefs	Mitts	\$1.75 and \$2.00 Pants now \$1.40.
20c Socks now 2 for 25c	Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, 8c, 4 for 25c	All 50c, heavy Working Mitts now 40c.	\$2.50 and \$3.00, now \$2.25.
25c Black and Grey Wool Cashmere Socks now 5 pairs for \$1.00.	25c Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, now 19c	75c Mitts now 59c.	3.50 and \$4.00 Pants now \$3.00
Fancy Cashmere, regular 50c Socks now 40c.	50c Silk Handkerchiefs, now 40c		
	75c " 59c	Caps	Suits
		50 Caps now 40c	\$6.50 and \$7.50 Suits now \$5.00
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