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Report from Baltic Provinces Reveals Critical State of Affairs.

Troops Unable to Traverse the Country Except in Great Force.

Insurgents Continue to Offer Battle and Artillery Alone Quells Them.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 6.—(1:55 a. m.)—The Associated Press has been permitted to inspect a report prepared for the Emperor regarding the situation in the Baltic provinces. The report declares that, though open revolt has been crushed in many parts of the provinces, and though the local authorities, who were deposed by the revolutionists, are resuming the reins of government under the protection of troops, the situation is still serious.

In the districts of Dorpat and Pernau, in northwestern Livonia, the attack was repulsed and the leader captured. A body of cavalry which made a forced march from Walk surprised an insurgent force and then the peasants resisted until their ranks had been torn and shattered by artillery. When they surrendered their arms and their leaders, there is a strong concentration of insurgents in Melskul and Lemeal, further to the westward, which must be attacked and broken up.

A band of insurgents attacked General Orlov and his escort of a squadron of cavalry near Marienburg, but the attack was repulsed and the leader captured. The latter was immediately tried by court-martial and shot.

Advices received by the government report the capture of an important arsenal of the revolutionists at Lemnisk, in Southern Russia, in which were found not only rifles, bombs and explosives, but also a small field piece. Another arsenal near Nakhitchevan caught fire and an explosion followed, resulting in the killing of 12 and the wounding of 13.

A Sad Christmas Time. The Russians love nothing so much as their holiday, but depressed in spirit and gloom in their revolutionary days, the celebration of the Russian Christmas, Sunday next will be a sad one. The streets of the capital have put on a dismal semblance of holiday attire, but none of the heavy buying characterizing the Russians in former days is evidenced, which in the industrial sections the workmen, exhausted by a long series of strikes, are without money for Christmas trees.

These reforms are being carried out at least as far as the industrial sections are concerned. The Novos Vremya is printing a series of articles in which the Premier, Witte, who are attracting much attention and are deemed to be inspired by the Premier himself.

Witte's Proposed Retirement. The most important statement made lately to retire as soon as the national assembly meets. With the turning over of the reins of government to the representatives he will regard his task as finished. The whole course of events since the revolution has been attributed by the paper to the refusal of the Conservatives to support the government. It is explained in many places the reform which Count Witte and his cabinet have been continually berated for, not realizing that they were not protracted because of the revolution was seized upon by the "Reds" to advance the cause of an armed revolution until finally the government being driven out the active support of the Conservatives was forced in self-protection to adopt repressive measures. Even then, it refrained from taking action until the temporary laws had been promulgated and during the interregnum there were no laws. While the government did not desire to act for fear of arousing indignation, the revolution gained headway. The policy it is now following is solely for the purpose of making possible the holding of the elections and accelerating the convocation of the national assembly. The government realizes that it is impossible to hold elections in the Caucasus and Baltic provinces, and does not think that the national assembly can be convened before April. The Premier, after the failure of his efforts to secure an alliance with the Conservatives, has given up the idea of the national assembly. The government is not uncertain as to what the results of the elections will be. It is confident that the parties of law and order will have a majority.

All the rumors that Witte's position is shaky are characterized as pure inventions. The writer of the article says: "Witte is as firm in the saddle as ever. His health is good and he is proceeding on the conviction that at least three quarters of the Russian people approve of his struggle against the revolution."

RUSSIAN POLICE ACTIVE. Harsh Repressive Measures May Arouse Resentment.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The government's victory over the revolutionists has been quite decisive, although open revolt continues in many places in the interior, but the military are employed mercilessly, and gradually the movement is being stifled. The fires of revolt, however, are smothered, but they are not extinguished, and the main fear is that the government, encouraged by success, will fall into the error of which the revolutionists were guilty and attempt to press its advantage too far. Already there are signs that the policy of repression may be carried to a point which is sure to arouse the resentment and discontent of the classes which shrank from the violent programme of the "Reds." In St. Petersburg for instance, the wholesale prosecutions of the police have been succeeded by a particularly offensive measure of the prefect of police which practically

gives the doormen or house porters a Free Hand to Search suspicious persons for documents, offering them a premium of 50 cents for the discovery of every revolver or bomb and 25 cents for a knife. Such a measure naturally will arouse the indignation of the house porters and restore the intolerable system of personal espionage which was in vogue at the time of the late interior minister, Von Plehve.

Thirty-five arrests were made last night. Among those taken into custody were four Moscow revolutionists who came here to consult their comrades in this city. They were captured on their arrival at the railway station, after a desperate struggle with the police.

The programme for the demonstrations of January 27, the anniversary of the "Red Sunday" includes services for the martyrs at the Nirva gate palace square and other places where the troops fired on the workmen, and also at the Cemetery of Transfiguration, where the majority of the victims were buried.

Two wings of the social democratic party, the "Right" and "Left" wings, are associated in declaring that they will boycott the elections to the national assembly. The social democrats have issued a series of resolutions, directing the members of socialistic organizations not to participate in the elections, but to make use of the advantage of such freedom of meeting as may be allowed them to discuss the elections and support the extension of the doctrine of armed resistance for the purpose of completely overthrowing the present government. Then, the resolutions say, it will be possible to discuss the real political situation through direct, secret and universal suffrage.

AGED MAN'S SUICIDE. Cuts His Throat From Ear to Ear and Dies on His Knees. Albany, N.Y., Jan. 5.—Kneeling as if in prayer, the body of Wm. Denn, aged 67, with his throat cut from ear to ear, was found today in the cellar of his daughter's house. Since the death of his wife several years ago he had lived with his married daughters. He has been acting strangely for some time past and frequently talked about suicide. This morning he left his room and, reaching the yard in the rear of the house, he slashed his throat with a razor and then staggered into the cellar.

ALL BODIES RECOVERED. Roanoke, W. Va., Jan. 5.—The bodies of all the twenty-three miners killed in a gas explosion in the Cooper Co. mine, Coalfield, E. Va., yesterday, have been recovered. A special today from Bluefield says that hundreds of persons today view the scene of the explosion. The bodies of victims were taken from the shaft and carried to the surface. The bodies of the men who were not residents of Coalfield. Nearly all of the victims were found lying with their faces to the wall. One body was in a sitting position on a pile of coal, the hands covering his face.

The scene about the entrance near that section affected most by the explosion, indicated that the mine was being worked for holding up the top of the mine were hurled from the drifts, one piece going across a narrow valley, and another into the water on the opposite side. Mine cars were blown out of the opening and wrecked about the entrance and material, power tools and appliances were scattered about, and

ADOPTS BALFOUR'S POLICY. London, Jan. 6.—The Standard, this morning says it learns that Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary has formally announced through diplomatic channels the intention to carry out the policy of his predecessor, Lord Lansdowne, with regard to Morocco. "Therefore," the paper adds, "his apprehensions are not a broad concern of the attitude to be assumed by Great Britain under the Liberal government has been expressed by the satisfaction of the interests concerned."

PREFERENTIAL TRADE With England. Settlement of Relations With Canada Depends on Present Contest. Mr. Chamberlain's Defeat May Lead to Reapprochement With U. S.

London, Jan. 4.—The Morning Post today devotes an entire article in an effort to point out that the settlement of the tariff relations with Canada will depend upon the result of the general elections in Great Britain. It says: "The administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is pledged to the formulation of a maximum and minimum tariff as a scientific substitute for the chaos of the present system. Germany and the United States will pay the maximum and Great Britain the minimum, but both Germany and the United States will speedily negotiate for preferential treatment with the colonies. Neither Germany nor the United States will be able to obtain the privileges of the Minimum of Preference scale, no matter what consideration they may offer. If, on the other hand, Mr. Chamberlain, by an overwhelming majority, should fail to obtain such a mandate, the United States and Germany will in the end obtain what they require."

Death of Dominican Leader Brings Uprising to an End. Washington, Jan. 5.—Additional advices received at the state department from naval sources as to the collapse of the Dominican rebellion in San Domingo, and the report that the conditions there were as follows: The rebel boat Independence was seen last night off Puerto Plata and was seen despatching a daily. Cacera apparently was successful in his efforts to make for the other side the casualties are unknown. Medical assistance is being sent from the United States to the wounded ashore under the Red Cross flag. The death of Rodriguez was a great blow to the Dominican cause, as he had been taken aboard the Scorpion. There were no casualties among the Americans. Hostilities have ceased.

JURY'S SECOND THOUGHTS. Decides to Ignore Own Indictments Against Accused Bankers. Baltimore, Jan. 5.—The grand jury, which on last Wednesday found presentments against J. Wilcox Brown, Henry J. Bowdoin and J. Bernard Scott, formerly of the Maryland Trust Company, for alleged fraud, each of whom had been placed under a bond of \$10,000, decided today upon a reconsideration to ignore the indictments, and the defendants were discharged.

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APPEAL FOR MERCY. Susan B. Anthony Club of Cincinnati Pleads for Life of Mrs. Tolla. Hackensack, N. J., Jan. 5.—An appeal to save Mrs. Antoinette Tolla of this city from being hanged on January 12 is said to have been sent to

A FALSE ALARM. Inspector Decides There is No Case of Glanders at Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, Jan. 5.—Government Veterinary Inspector Richard Pear Victoria, who arrived today in response to a telegram that a local horse was suffering from glanders, on investigation says that he cannot find the slightest trace of this disease about the horse. The animal had been out to pasture for eight months and was alling from some complaint that caused the hair to come off its head. On examination it looked as if it might have glanders, and in order to make sure an inspector was sent for.

A Big Cut of Timber. John Murchison, ex-chief of police at Stevenson, has opened up a logging camp on Gabriola Island. He expects to cut considerably over 1,000,000 feet of lumber off the timber limits which he has secured. A big boom of 500,000 feet of logs was brought from Bellingham today, being part of 5,000,000 feet recently purchased by J. S. Emerson for Nanaimo mill.

THE INEPT RUSSIAN. Silinina of Rojstevsky's Story is Pointed Out in London Times. London, Jan. 6.—Referring to the statement of Admiral Rojstevsky that the Japanese fleet in the Sea of Japan, waters intended to crush the Russian fleet in case the Japanese failed to do so at the battle of the Sea of Japan, there is a pressure of many pounds of giant powder caps, and in the explosion several hundred went off.

INCREASE IN MANUFACTURED GOODS. amounting to \$178,900,000. Mr. Lloyd George said the returns would show that the United Kingdom exported more manufactured goods than Germany and France. Ireland's rate at the present election fight raises an interesting problem. While the Conservatives are doing their utmost to get the Liberal and Irish leaders to defeat the tactics of the Conservatives.

ELECTROCUTED At Power House. Harry S. Ward Instantly Killed at Goldstream Early Yesterday Afternoon. Made Fatal Mistake of Touching Switches and Received 700 Volts.

PARTICULARLY sad accident occurred at the Goldstream power house of the British Columbia Electric Co. yesterday afternoon by which Harry S. Ward, chief engineer of the station, lost his life. From the particulars which were furnished by the board of inquiry, it is learned that the unfortunate employee was engaged in his usual duties when he was struck by a live wire.

FIENDISH WORK OF COSSACKS. Another Batch of Russian Refugees Bring Tales of Horrors. NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Reports of the living in Russia were today more and more appalling. Russian refugees, 700 of whom arrived on the steamer Pennsylvania.

AN ENOCH ARDEN DRAMA. Seattle, Jan. 5.—The final act in an Enoch Arden drama was played yesterday, when Judge G. H. Jones presided in the divorce case of Stephen St. Martin vs. Ellen St. Martin. The couple were married at Cordova, N. F., December 30, 1901.

GOVERNOR HIGGINS ASKED TO SPARE LIFE OF ALBERT T. PATRICK. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Governor Higgins received today the expected petition for clemency in the case of Albert T. Patrick, the New York lawyer confined in Sing Sing prison under sentence to die in the week beginning January 22, upon the conviction of the murder of the aged millionaire, William Marshall Rice.

WILD ALEX EXECUTED. Kamloops, Jan. 5.—The Indian Wild Alex was hanged in the jail yard here this morning at 1:30 o'clock for the murder of a fellow Indian at Okanagan lake last summer.

The British Campaign

Former Premier Has Difficulty in Securing Hearing from Constituents.

President of the Board of Trade Quotes Astonishing Trade Figures.

Ireland's Affairs a Most Interesting Problem in Present Fight.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—John Morley, secretary for India, speaking at Aberdeen, Scotland, tonight said that the only effective method of reform for Ireland was to elect a representative body. He said that the Irish affairs under the direction of the Imperial parliament, however, he stood ready to co-operate in any scheme involving a less radical departure if it could be shown that such a scheme would assure the reforms needed.

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While the Irishmen are thus avoiding any excitement of public feeling, the Liberal leaders are speaking also in one voice to the effect that home rule is impossible in the next parliament. In fact that it is impossible altogether until the country has had the opportunity of giving a special mandate on the question of home rule to the board of education at Bristol and Winston Spencer Churchill making this interest.

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President Roosevelt by the Susan B. Anthony Club of Cincinnati, Ohio. In this appeal the following question was asked: "Can a woman be hanged in New Jersey for defending her honor in her own home? The message in the murder, Sheriff Morey today sent out invitations to persons who have been chosen to witness the double hanging of Mrs. Tolla and of Jerry Rossa, whose execution will take place on the same day."

JAPAN'S NEW CABINET. Coalition Government Said to Be a Clever and Satisfactory Move.

TOKYO, Jan. 5.—Appointments to the new cabinet were today authoritatively announced as follows: "Premier, Marquis Saionji; minister of foreign affairs, Count Terauchi; minister of interior, Yamagata Isaburo; minister of finance, Sakurai Yoshiro; minister of marine, Vice-Admiral Saito Minoru; minister of war, Lieut.-General Teruchi.

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GAZETTE NOTICES. Change in Date of Time for Completing the Assessment Roll.

Very few notices of interest appear in yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette. The following appointments are made: Walter Shanly Rutan, of Wilmer, and John Percy Boyd, of Comox, to be justices of the peace.

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Dominion News Notes

Stalwarts Gather at Capital Attracted by the Vacant Portfolio.

Successor to Sir Henri Joly Will Not Be Appointed Until Spring.

A Pioneer Explorer of Alaska Territory Dies at Montreal.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—The Mackenzie river, Fort Simpson, Liard Post and Yukon Railway company will apply at next session for incorporation to build from Fort Simpson to Dawson.

Dan Gallery announces that he will apply to the magistrature against Sir Henri Joly's successor, but will not take his seat in the meantime.

British Columbia politicians are gathered at Ottawa in goodly numbers, the vacant portfolio being the object of their quest. Senator Templeman and Mr. Galt, M. P., have been in Ottawa for a long time, and are reported that Mr. Macpherson, the member for Vancouver, may be expected any day.

The Allan of the Allan Line was here today. He had a conference with some of the ministers regarding the proposed contract for the mails with the Allan, which is for a term of years. The objections of the Allan against calling at St. John were also heard.

Police Magistrate O'Keefe today on a charge of having murdered James, alias "Trickey" Burke, last Saturday in 1883 he was among those who were against calling at St. John were also heard.

Other companies in the city are also taxed to their utmost capacity in supplying the demand, which is constantly increasing and which bids fair to reach such proportions as to make the existing industry a great one in this locality.

FIEND'S UNEARTHLY REVENGE. Honolulu, Jan. 5.—Simon Wharton, the three-year-old son of Henry Wharton, who had been missing, has been found murdered in a cave field at Waialae, Oahu Island.

DOCTOR A VICTIM OF CANNIBALS. Liverpool, Jan. 4.—The steamer Olanda, which arrived here today brought a horrible story of cannibalism in the North Pacific.

OFFICER OF SOUTHERN NIGERIAN Government Killed and Eaten by Natives. Liverpool, Jan. 4.—The steamer Olanda, which arrived here today brought a horrible story of cannibalism in the North Pacific.

FELL INTO WELL AND DROWNED. Toronto, Jan. 5.—A young English immigrant named Wilson, while engaged in watering cattle on a farm near here, slipped and fell into a well and was drowned.

PROSECUTING DESERTING EMPLOYEES. Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—A number of striking printers will appear before the magistrature tomorrow on a charge of deserting their employers.

NO FREE BUSINESS. New York, Jan. 5.—The express companies have decided to join with the railroads in refusing to issue passes for the carrying of business free of charge.

USE LEVER'S DRY SOAP (a powder) to wash woollens and flannels, you'll like it.

Extraordinary Case in Vancouver Court

Trial in Jackson Case Resolved in Commitment of Prisoners to Higher Court.

Witness From Victoria Gives Evidence — Charge Made is Perjury.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jackson committed to stand trial for perjury in the subcommittee case in Vancouver yesterday. Their case came up at the spring assizes in the trial of the Jackson case in Victoria, was in the witness-box his evidence was abruptly cut short by the magistrature upholding a motion of Mr. Martin.

Peden testified that he had lived with Mrs. Jones family well known in Victoria. He said that Mrs. Jones was a son and a daughter. "What did Mr. Jones say to you about the case?" "Surely you are not going to take that as evidence?" Mr. Martin questioned, giving the court the opportunity to hear the other side.

"But this is not a pedigree case altogether different," was Mr. Martin's reply. "But let's see your affidavit generally fall down when the certain cases were quoted, but Mr. Martin held that they did not as Mr. Jones had.

Not Been Proven to Be Father of Mrs. Jones, the authority being the person making the statement, be a blood relation or husband of Mrs. Jones. Mr. Martin explained, "Mr. Jones was husband of Mrs. Jones."

However, the magistrature ruled question out. Mr. Martin pressed, "ing that the matter was a serious one, and that the authorities seemed conclusive."

"It may be wrong, but that's my opinion," the magistrature declared. "The case is the prosecutor's. I have pronounced as he resumed his seat. "It's the same story," Mr. Martin called the woman under oath. "The crown falls down on its star with evidence on its point had not been sent the accused up for trial. The shown, he said, was that a young known as Jones and afterwards as Mrs. Jones, had been adopted by the commonest thing in the world, an adopted child to call the people who had been adopted by her mother there were many instances in it, no doubt, where women called husbands' mothers mother. But evidence on its point had not been sent, and was.

Of the Loosest Kind. No one had called this woman, Jones had called this woman, Jones. Besides, it was not sufficient to show that the statement was false, but that it was a question of fact. Then he proceeded to argue that the evidence on its point had not been sent the accused up for trial. The shown, he said, was that a young known as Jones and afterwards as Mrs. Jones, had been adopted by the commonest thing in the world, an adopted child to call the people who had been adopted by her mother there were many instances in it, no doubt, where women called husbands' mothers mother. But evidence on its point had not been sent, and was.

The Election in Compton. Cooking, at which the features of the voting in yesterday's Dominion bye-election in Compton have not yet been obtained, but the returns received from the Dominion Conservative, Liberal, by about 500 majority.

Former Conservative Member Dead. Halifax, Jan. 5.—S. E. Mourley, former Conservative member of parliament for Colchester, died at his residence at Truro, after a long illness.

Toronto Power Co. Insolvent. Toronto, Jan. 5.—The Southern Light and Power Company, which was erecting extensive works at Brimdale, is insolvent. A meeting was held this morning at which a resolution was passed declaring the company insolvent.

Magistrate's Decision. In giving his decision, Mr. Williams said it was not his duty to weigh the evidence; he had only to see if it was sufficient to send a prisoner up for trial. A prima facie case had been made out in regard to the relationship. He was of the opinion that the statement was sworn to in good faith.

Even should Mrs. Jones choose to stand trial, she would be acquitted on the charge of perjury. Mr. Jones, Morrison would remain in goal till the next assizes. On an application made by W. E. Burns in chambers yesterday, Mrs. Jones, Morrison was ordered quashing the bill put up by R. Excey, after she was ordered to stand trial.

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