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NINE HUNDRED MUTINEERS CREMATED

Building in Which They Were Confined Reported to Have Been Set on Fire by Cossacks.

New York, Dec. 21.—A cablegram from Vladivostok to the American press says that the mutiny and rioting in the Manchurian army is extending, and the most terrible scenes are witnessed daily.
A detachment of Cossacks has attacked the barracks at Tomsk, where in 900 mutineers were confined and set fire to the buildings. It is reported that all the imprisoned men were roasted to death.
Rioting on the streets here is continued. In one street drunken Cossacks set fire to a block of houses, and massacred 129 of the residents as they attempted to escape.
Numbers of people are killed daily in the streets.
Strike Inaugurated.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 21, 2:35 a.m.—The first guns in the battle which may determine the fate of Premier Witte's experiment with moderate constitutionalism and introduce either reaction or a complete revolution, were fired yesterday at Moscow where the general strike was successfully inaugurated.
The leaders of the government of the proletariat last night were making their preparations for a general engagement which will be on at noon to-day. The workmen's council has been sending constantly receiving reports and issuing final orders.
The leaders profess to be greatly encouraged at the news from Moscow and the reports from district meetings which were held in all sections of St. Petersburg yesterday declaring that now there is no question that the tie-up will be complete.

They admit that many of the St. Petersburg workmen, especially the married men, would prefer to continue at work, but they are counting on a great majority favoring the strike to swing the balance into line and produce a paralysis of industry even more complete than during the strike of January last. If their expectations are realized St. Petersburg to-day will be isolated from the rest of the world with railway traffic stopped and telegraph wires and cables cut.
The workmen's council last night issued a stirring proclamation declaring that the government had cast to the winds the principles of the imperial manifesto of October 17th, and was basing itself on reaction, trickery and deceit. The proclamation ended with Summons All the People of Russia, to join in a general strike and not to cease the struggle until the demands for a constituent assembly, universal suffrage and release of the arrested leaders of the proletariat, land for the peasantry, etc., are granted.
The editors of the radical papers are determined to print the manifesto this

MARQUIS ITO'S TASK IN KOREA

INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE STATESMAN

Great Reforms Cannot be Suddenly Introduced—Will do His Best for Koreans.

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"Henceforth I will be an advisor of Korea and will do my utmost to assist her."
CARNEGIE'S GENEROSITY.
Gives \$5,000,000 More to Fund to Provide Relief for Needy Teachers and Professors.
New York, Dec. 21.—It was announced from Boston yesterday, says the Herald, that the "Carnegie foundation," a sum of \$10,000,000 given by Andrew Carnegie to provide relief for needy teachers and professors in universities, colleges and technical schools in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, is to be forthwith increased by the addition of \$5,000,000. At the same time the restrictions which prohibited aid from being extended to members of the faculties of sectarian and state aided institutions are to be removed, the statement declares.
Mr. Carnegie when asked concerning the matter last night, sent word that he did not care to discuss the subject.
It is further declared that Mr. Carnegie has announced his willingness to add still another large sum to the foundation should the managers deem such a move essential to its success.

THE SHANGHAI SITUATION.

Volunteer Guard Prepared to Deal With Any Outbreak Which May Occur in City.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Touching the possibility of such an uprising in Shanghai on the part of the natives as would endanger foreign lives and property, an official who has seen long service in China pointed out to-day that gunboats of considerable size can ascend the river as far as Shanghai and moor safely alongside the famous Bund or open promenade that stretches along the harbor's edge, abutting on which are the foreign settlements. The gunboats could sweep the entire city with their guns or land numerous crews of sailors and marines at a moment's notice. But the foreign settlements contain an important internal resource in the shape of a well organized volunteer guard, about which little is known outside of China. Nearly 40 years ago the foreign residents, then very few in number compared with those now living there, organized this force. The best men in the community enrolled themselves in the volunteer organization. The British were the most numerous, with Americans a close second, and these two nationalities have uniformly acted together in all matters of defence. The British government has armed this force. It is made up of young men of athletic training, used to cross country riding and to field sports, making an ideal volunteer organization. The company elect their own officers but the entire force is every year carefully inspected by a British regular army officer of high rank.
As part of the system of training the guard has become an organization capable of withstanding a prolonged siege and of effective police duty in time of riot.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Members Will Meet on January 11th—Some Government Bills.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—A cabinet council meeting was held yesterday, and an official dispatch calling the members of the legislature together for the dispatch of public business on the 11th of January. It is in addition to be expected that some important measures to be brought before the legislature will be the government's proposals in regard to telephones, the adjustment of taxes on foreign corporations and the revised noxious weed bill.

THE MURDER OF AMERICANS.

Four Men Attempted to Escape From Bandits, But Were Shot Down and Robbed.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—Details received to-day of the murder near Diaz, Chihuahua, Mexico, of Robert Rutherford and M. S. Murray, of Philadelphia, and the wounding of H. L. Finstad, of Los Angeles, and another man, show that the Americans were returning from Diaz to Rutherford's ranch when they were beset by bandits and commanded to give up their valuables. They attempted to escape, but seeing flight useless, gave battle. The bandits, outnumbering the Americans several times, closed in and mercilessly shot them down, taking their valuables, and escaping.
Military officers are on the trail, but the bandits have evidently escaped in the rough surrounding country.
The bodies of Rutherford and Murray are expected to reach El Paso soon.

TWO MEN SUFFOCATED.

Killed By Gas Which Escaped From a Kitchen Stove.

New York, Dec. 21.—A leak in a kitchen gas stove caused the death of Wm. N. Busch and Oscar Boehren last night, and he overcame Miss Christina Busch that she is expected to die.
The gas penetrated from the kitchen into the bedroom, where the two men slept, but did not find Miss Busch's room, which is further away from the kitchen, as it did the nearer room.
Miss Busch and her brother kept a grocery store in West 34th street, near their apartments, and Boehren was employed by them as a clerk.

NELSON MAYORALTY CONTEST.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 20.—The mayoralty contest next month will be between Ald. W. G. Gillett, the present acting mayor, a contractor, and Ald. J. J. Malone, a strong supporter of John Houston, and an honest man. Three of the six aldermen are retiring, and as two are mayoralty candidates the aldermanic board next year will be made up of entirely new men. The power plant question is the main civic issue, and it will require a strong council to put the scheme through.

FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

Sentence on Former M. P. For Inciting Hired Agents to Murder.
London, Dec. 21.—The trial of Hugh Watt, the former member of parliament, charged with inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, ended to-day with a verdict of guilty. Watt was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE.

London, Dec. 21.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 4 per cent.

THE MARKING OF ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Peter Veregin, head of the Doukhobor colony at Yorkton, Sask., is here. "Our colony is prosperous," said he, "and you can say that we like this country." Asked whether any new arrivals had come to the colony during the year, he said that in the fall 700 Doukhobors came from Siberia, whence they alleged to have been expelled by Russian government because they had refused to carry arms. Their families were many of them, already here and to them they were like fathers and brothers from the land of the dead. For twelve long years they had plied away in the dreary Siberian wilds buoyed up by the hope of seeing their families again in Canada, whence they had gone during their captivity. "Why were these men sent to Siberia?" was asked. "They had no alternative," he replied, "than that of taking up arms, and Doukhobors will never do that. They preferred to go into exile than to violate the tenets of their religion." Most of these exiles were sentenced to eighteen years, but their terms were reduced to twelve and they were allowed to come out to Canada. In the west there are two colonies of these people, one at Yorkton and another at Prince Albert. At Yorkton he stated that they were over 7,000 strong, while some 3,000 lived near Prince Albert. The past year, he stated, was a prosperous one for them. The crops had been splendid but not more than half of it had been threshed out, although they had twenty threshing outfits of their own at work. Last year they had ten steam engines in use to do their ploughing, besides a large number of horses.

COUNTRY LAID WASTE BY PEASANTS.

SOLDIERS UNABLE TO RESTORE ORDER TO RIGIA PROVINCE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The consul of a continental power who arrived here from Riga on a train heavily guarded by troops says that throughout the district extending 130 miles on this side of Riga the land has been laid to waste, all the buildings belonging to the landlords having been burnt to the ground. The situation in Courland, he says, is even worse.
At Riga the garrison is too small to attempt to wrest the power from the hands of the workmen, who have organized a police force and are administering the affairs of the city and have sent a deputation to Governor Reginsk notifying him that he has been deposed. The city is terror-stricken, but comparatively quiet. The workmen's militia is successfully preventing pillage, showing no mercy to rowdies, several of whom have been shot or hanged.
The Novoe Vremya prints a dispatch from Riga dated December 18th, saying that the Letts are completing their armed organization and are ambushing and driving out the troops from the country, destroying the bridges and transforming the castles and residences of the landlords into forts. As far as the country is cleared of troops the Germans and Letts are setting up local administrations. Preparations are making for a general convention of representatives of Lithuania, at which women will be granted the right to vote.
There was a very panic feeling on the bourse to-day and a great rush to sell everything. Investors were felt three points, closing at 78. There were rumors on the bourse that M. Muchoff, the Conservative leader, will succeed Count Witte as premier.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Ferry House Destroyed and Other Buildings Damaged—Loss Estimated at \$650,000.

New York, Dec. 20.—The ferry house of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, at the foot of West 22nd street, was completely destroyed, and that of the Jersey Central badly damaged by fire at noon to-day. One shed and a section of the dock belonging to the Erie railway were also partially burned. The loss is estimated at \$650,000.
The fire started under the floor of the Lackawanna ferry house where some painters were at work. It is thought that one of the lamps used by a painter exploded.

TOGO'S ADVICE.

Warns Officers and Men of Fleet to Be in Constant Readiness For Emergencies.

Tokio, Dec. 21.—Field-Marshal Oyama has been appointed president of the Privy Council.
Admiral Togo, now president of the general staff of the navy, in his farewell address to the officers and men of the combined Japanese fleet, which was dissolved yesterday, warned them to be in constant readiness for emergencies. He concluded with the words: "Victors, the you helmet straws tighter."

FORTUNATE BABY.

Senator Clark Will Give His Granddaughter One Million Dollars.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—A granddaughter to Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, was born yesterday at Santa Mateo, the parents being Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark, the mother having been Miss Celia Tobin of this city. When informed of the birth of the baby Senator Clark announced that he would give the little girl \$1,000,000, following the example set by himself at the birth of his first grandchild.

HUNGARIAN CABINET.

Budapest, Dec. 21.—The Emperor-King has decided that in view of the existing political circumstances he cannot accept the resignation of Pelejerov cabinet tendered yesterday.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 21.—J. T. Vincent, manager, and Frank Borquin, shipping clerk of the local part of the Schwartzchild & Sulzberger Beef Co., were killed by electricity during a heavy storm that prevailed here last night.

WILL NOT REDUCE HOURLS.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Periodical Publishers Association has decided to stand by the hypothesis, the employing printers in refusing the eight-hour day so composers employed in book and job offices.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The body of Mike Durick, an Austrian, who had been employed in one of Lockhart's lumber camps near Fort Francis, Ont., yesterday was found frozen on the lake. He had left camp November 27th and it is believed 'became lost on the lake during a storm, which began after he left. His rubbers were unlined and his socks turned down, indicating that he had lost his reason before the approach of death, which is a frequent condition in cases of exposure.

ATTEMPT TO UPSET WINDING-UP ORDER.

Application in Case of York County Loan Company—Chief Justice Merdith's Decision.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—An attempt to upset Judge Teetzel's winding-up order in the case of the York County Loan Co. was made before Chief Justice Merdith in court this morning. James Dicknell, K. C., acting for a number of outside shareholders, made this application, arguing, first, that the company, having a provincial charter, could not come under the Dominion Winding-up Act; secondly, that the shareholders are not insolvent and the shareholders, as such, were not creditors. Chief Justice Merdith replied that the shareholders were creditors and very serious creditors, and he declined to consider the question of insolvency. The act of the directors was an admission of their inability to conduct the affairs of the company. He refused to appeal against the winding-up order on the point of solvency. On the point of jurisdiction of the Dominion Winding-up Act, he granted a special case to the Court of Appeals, with the proviso, however, that liquidation proceedings should not be stayed unless so ordered by the Court of Appeals.

DEATH OF G. W. DRAPER.

Haltfax, Dec. 19.—Geo. W. Draper, ex-governor of Melville Island, is dead aged 82 years. He was governor of Melville Island military prison for about 30 years, retiring about 10 years ago.

TEMPORARILY INSANE.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—Valentine Shortis, the Valleyfield murderer, transferred from St. Vincent de Paul to Kingston penitentiary, is now temporarily insane, and has been transferred to the insane asylum.

DEATH OF G. CHARLTON DEEA.

Simcoe, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Ella Gray Charlton, wife of Hon. J. Charlton, is dead, aged 68 years.

DAMAGE \$40,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The warehouse of the Fort Huron, Thresher Company here was burned this afternoon, entailing a loss of \$40,000; insurance \$31,000.

ANOTHER BLAZE.

Rosthern, Sask., Dec. 19.—Half the best business block of Rosthern was destroyed at midnight by fire, when Lowe & Rempel's stock in the McIntyre building, McEwen's salerooms and the Web bowling alley were wiped out by the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will reach \$30,000, while the owners are insured for \$12,000. Wright's jewellery store was also ruined and is a total loss.

BRANDON, DECEMBER 18.—MAYOR FLEMING RE-ELECTED.

Brandon, Dec. 18.—Mayor Fleming was re-elected to-day by a majority of 638 over Dr. McDiarmid, the Citizens' League candidate.

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