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WARSHIPS SENT TO QUELL REBELLION

Will Try to Re-Take Riga From Revolution aries--Cossacks Massacred While Asleep.

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from Libau to quell the rebellion there and to capture the town.

"This action was taken in response to an urgent dispatch from Governor Sveginsteff, who asked for a cruiser and two torpedo boats beside troops. He declared it was imperative that strong reinforcements be sent immediately. They can be sent by sea. Communication by land is interrupted. Couriers are stopped.

"According to unofficial reports the anarchy at Riga continues. "The troops are powerless or unwill-

ing to attack the rebels."

Plot to Seize Witte. St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.-Via Edytkuhnen, Dec. 16.-The proletariat organization, through the "invisible government," threw a bomb shell into the | that the reports published abroad to camp of the official government dur- the effect that Irkutsk, Siberia, has ing the night by issuing a manifesto, been in flames, that fighting has ocfollowing the form of a regular im- curred between loyal and mutinous perial document, declaring the bankruptcy of the treasuray, ordering the letariat army everywhere to refuse pay taxes of any description, to nsist on the payment of wages in gold or silver, and to withdraw all their deposits from the savings banks in gold

nent of the manner w. Wanch and bellecocracy has brought the country to financial ruin, asserting that the government has squandered not only the country's income, but the proceeds of the foreign loans on railroads, the army and the fleet, leaving the people without schools or roads, and it is declared there is no money to feed the soldiers, and everywhere there are insurrections of the beggared and starvng troops and The manifesto even charges the government with using the deposits in the government savings banks to speculate on the bourse, and with covering up its

The rich, it is further declared, have already taken warning, and are converting their property into securities and gold, and are sending them abroad. The only salvation for the country, according to the manifesto, is the overthrow of the autocracy by a constituent assembly, and "the sooner the government falls the better. Therefore the last source of the existence of the old regime, its financial revenue,

must be stopped.' The document is signed by the members of the workmen's council, the whirr of machine guns, committee of the pan-Russian union. and the central committees of the Social Democrats, Socal Revolutionists and Socialists of Poland.

This great step of the revolutionaries which throws down the gage of for additional troops, but the rebels in ed with such secrecy that the authorties were taken off their guard, and did not even attempt to prevent its harbor would be burned should any publication in the newspapers.

The revolutionary leaders expect it transport troops to Riga. will be followed by reprisals and arrests, but all this has been forseen The leaders laid their plans deeply before issuing the manifesto. New and fourth degree. If one set of com- ing scenes are being enacted, too termittees is put behind the bars another

will take up the place, and carry on | told details. The rebels are under the work. ed to join in the manifesto being re- nothing."

CANADIAN NOTES.

Sudden Death in Winnipeg Street Car -Indian Executed For Murder.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15 .- O. Duhamel, the Massey-Harris agent at St. Anns, Man., was robbed of \$200 while asleep Sudden Death.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Engineer H. scott dropped dead in a street car toight as it was passing through the P. R. subway. He was the oldest eman in the city. Indian Hanged.

Brantford, Dec. 15 .- Joe Bennet, who ardered Betsy Jacob, an old squaw, was hanged at 8.15 this morning. The crime for which Bennet paid the life penalty was a most brutal one. On fuly 9th last, with her head badly bruised and marks of murderer's fin- was to-day appointed general manager gers on her throat, Betsy Jacob, an of the Merchants Bank. He is replaced lone on one of the Oshweken reserves | now manager of the New York branch. net was at once suspected, a letter and is replaced as manager of the which he had received the night before Montreal branch by D. C. MacKerron, having been found beside the dead assistant manager

New York, Dec. 18 .- A St. Petersburg | garded with some jealousy by the prodispatch to the Sun, dated December letariat organizations which claim to be bearing the brunt of the revolution "Warships have been sent to Riga and to be entitled to the fruits thereof.

The proletariat leaders claim to have absolute knowledge that the government has just issued \$125,000,000 in

Under the provisions of the press law the editor of every paper which printed the manifesto has rendered nimself liable to eight months' imprisonment and \$1,500 fine.

Now must come the test of the government's power. It develops that among the papers of M. Krustaleff, the president of the executive committee of the workmens' council, seized at the time of his arrest, were documents which furnish evidence of a well-planned conspiracy to seize and carry off Premier Witte.

Rumors Denied.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—The official telegraph agency is authorized to state troops at Harbin, Manchuria, that another mutiny has occurred at Vladivostock, and that Kharkoff and Elizabethgrad are ablaze are pure inven-

Cossacks Slaughtered.

New York, Dec. 16,-The sepcial correspondent in Russia of the American cables from St. Petersburg, under date

of December 15th: "I have just had a talk with Mme. Lepeshoff, the wife of a colonel in the be beyond question that bloody colimperial artillery, stationed at Riga, lisions have occurred between troops and the last of the refugees to escape and the united peasants and workmen to St. Petersburg from the rebellious Baltic fortress. She was very much

'that rebels in Riga threatened to hold me hostage so as to render my husband's position intolerable to 'spike chronic deficits in the interest of the the guns,' as one of them said, so immense debt by proceeds of the forof night, safe, but broken-hearted to leave my husband, but he insisted, and

I obeved. in Riga it is one of terror. When I left the rebels were in possession of most of day that they had butchered a detach- baron. The survivors were made prisment of Cossacks whom they found oners. and almost every hour I heard the ties are organizing.

"'Are the authorities powerless?' I asked. 'Nearly so, I fear,' answered

Mme. Lepeshoff. "'Governor Sveginstoff dispatched an urgent message to St. Petersburg some way learned of his appeal, and sent a deputation to the palace to inform him that all the ships in the attempt be made to use one vessel to

"Terrible as are the scenes in Riga, things are even more terrible in the surrounding country. Most of the troops have been brought into towns. ommittees of the various organiza- and the country is left absolutely to the revolutionaries. The most agonizrible, my husband said, for me to be command of a non-cin The League of Leagues was not ask- cer called Nerofkin, and they stop at

> woman's body. Bennet skipped out, but after a chase lasting several days especially to feed the troops. Bennet's motive for committing the

murder remains unsolved. Calgary and Exhibition. Calgary, Dec. 15 .- The city council and board of trade will at once commence a vigorous campaign with the object of bringing the Dominion exposition of 1907 to Calgary. Charles W. Peterson, secretary of the board of trade and manager of the Inter-Western Pacific Exposition, has already communicated with Hon. Frank Oliver,

the Dominion exposition of 1907.

Merchants Bank. Montreal, Dec. 15.-E, F. Hebden dian about 50 years of age, living as chief inspector by T. G. Merritt, Brant county, was found dead. Ben- William Ramsay succeeded Merritt,

THE VACANT SADDLE-WHO WILL BE UP?

says, "Up to the present there has

who number 60,000, except that on

several occasions they refused to fire

on the people, but well-informed peo-

the troops displaying the red flag."

le expect that any day they may see

Arthur Leffingwell, the American

arising from lack of food already is

nessed daily the distribution of loaves

of bread to men and women. Should

this charity cease with the winter,

newspapers have not dared to refer to

TELLS OF TRAGEDY.

Mrs. Munckton, Charged With Mur-

dering Her Husband, Gives

Evidence.

Balloston, N. Y., Dec. 15 .- Mrs. Hat-

utes before she could be revived.

from his attacks.

She related many acts of cruelty her

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 16,-1.45 p.

m.-A terrific explosion on Red

Plate glass was smashed all over

Heavy Loss of Life.

p.m.-A load of injured has pass-

ed up the street fro inthe mines.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 16.-1.55

The loss of life is reported to be

NEW BILLS.

sons Receiving Rebates From Rail-

ways-Proposed Head Tax.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.-Represent-

ative Parker, of New Jersey, has intro-

duced a bill providing that persons re-

Mountain, at one of the mines.

Great excitement prevails.

No details yet.

very heavy.

the tragedy, but now they are publish-

penings.'

great. From the consulate I wit

Conditions in Province Growing Worse -The Trouble in the Manchurian

St. Petersourg. Dec. 14.-Evening, via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 15.-It seems to in the streets of Riga, during which

Against some of the estates where secret arrangements were made, and the landlords, aided by a few faithful ing her recital, and it was some min- inistiqua river. eign loans which are at last exhaust- I was carried out of Riga in the dead adherents in protecting their propering regular military operations. They

Plundered and Burned

asleep in a courtyard. Every day The law and order element are now heard a noise and went to the kitchen Duncans via Cowichan valley to Althere were terrific fights between the the principal hope of averting the ca- and found Munckton with an axe. He | berni, also a branch from a point near rebels and the few loyal troops left us, taclysm which the revolutionary par- knocked her down and threatened to Englishman's river to Albernia canal,

Upon the early convocation of the national assembly, the pressure for Munckton told the jury she had not which is constantly increasing, it is generally believed that Premier Witte at his feet in self-defence, hoping to will dispense with the services of In- main him and thus protect herself terior Minister Durnoro and appoint M. Guchkoff, a prominent member of the Moscow zemstvo. People here continue to talk of the probable ceremonial attending the issuing of the constitution December 19th, and much is being made of the report that the being made of the report that the golden state carriages used at momentous ceremonies will be sent to

to Tsarskoe-Selo. An investigation of the rumor seems to show that it is baseless, as the Emperor is going to Moscow to proclaim

The budget of 1906 is cut to make the best possible showing to the national assembly. The only items increased are the salaries of the railroad and

postal employees. The outbreak of the mutinous spirit in the Manchurian army is partly attributable to the failure to pay and ter problem is especially difficult owwas captured in a bush about 50 miles ing to the impossibility of forwarding from the scene of the murder. There adequate provisions from Russia on were no valuables in the house, and account of the practical paralysis of the railroad to Siberia, compelling the purchase of supplies from the Chinese for which adequate funds are not available. The authorities have now hurriedly forwarded \$12,000,000 to the army in Manchuria.

The reports from the provinces indicate that the country generally re-Close to the Boiling Point. serious. The Tartars and Armenians are murdering each other as before. At minister of the interior, in reference to | Elizabethpol, especially, there has been savage exhibition of race hatred. From Kahkaroff, an agent of the New York Life Insurance Company. who fled and who brings the story of

> Situation in Warsaw. Vienna, Dec. 15.-An American who has just arrived here from Warsaw Porto Rico, Hawaii or Guam,

the establishment of a republic there,

says the military force have gone over

to the revolutionists, and the latter

have full possession of the city.

says) "Up to the present there has been no sign of a rebellion on the part of the troops stationed at Warsaw.

consul at Warsaw, who is here, said to-day: "The distress at Warsaw COLUMBIA AND WESTERN

many will suffer. For a long time the Grand Trunk Pacific Make Slight Change in Their Route-E. & N. Plans For Island.

> Oftawa, Dec. 15.—The railway commission has issued orders permitting the Columbia & Western to construct, are now on the way to insure the protwo short branches in Rossland to connect with the Red Mountain Company's line by way of Third avenue.

G. T. P. Plan.

The E. & N.

husband had practiced towards her, The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway reduced the garrison of the estate of dwelling particularly on his treatment Co. will apply next session for an act Baron Van Looms to submission after of her on the night of the tragedy. In extending the time for commencing ince is one of wholesale mutiny, and a majority of the defenders had been the early hours of the morning she declared she resented what Munckton main line to Comox and the branches had done and threatened to have him referred to in its incorporation, and arrested. She says her husband re- also empowering the company to conthe town and my husband told me that the buildings and carried off the plied that she would never live to do struct and operate a railway from it. It was then she said that she took | Comox to a point near Campbell river, the shotgun to her room. Later she also a branch from its main line near gash her throat, she struggling away and a branch from near Comox via and securing the gun fired at him. Mrs. Cumberland southwesterly to Alberni intended killing her husband. She fired

BOXING CONTESTS.

Herman Defeated Hanlan in Tyenty-Round Fight at Los Angeles.

start, and never for an instant gave ground. To a great extent he gave up his crouch and stood up and boxed Hanlon was at a disadvantage, as Herman was far the cleverer of the two, and his blows were nearly all clean appearing to have the advantage in In the twentieth round Hanlon had Herman very tired. As the Chicago man lost his guard for his stomach Hanlon pounded him about the body, and had him staggering at the finish. Hanlon was the favorite at 10 to 8, but Herman was strongly supported. In One Round.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 16.-Kid Grant. of Seattle, last night knocked out Young Choynski, of San Francisco, in the first minute of the tenth round men are lightweights. Kid Bell, of Denver, knocked out Measures Providing for Fines on Per-

Hock Morallis in the first round. THE MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.

uary 10th.

Rome, Dec. 16.—Italy has accepted the closed to-day at 781/2. ceiving rebates from railways may be compelled to pay to the government twice proposition of Spain to held the Morocthe amount of such rebates. Mr. Gard- can conference at Madrid instead of at

MORE TROOPS POR MEASURES TAKEN TO

PAYABLE INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE,

Romors That the Letts are Preparing bridges if the army is true. For Massacres—Emperor Nicholas Supports the Premier.

St. Petersburg, Midnight, Dec. 14-According to reports from Tsarskoe-Selo, the reactionary cabal headed by Gen. Count Alexis Ignatieff and M. downfall of Count Witte and to create Baltic republic. dictatorship, has failed, and His

M. Menshikoff, the writer, who is in close touch with the court, is out with strong article demanding the inauguration of an aggressive fight against he revolution before it is too late. M. Menshikoff says: "The revoluionaries, like the French convention, openly send out emissaries and do not conceal their intentions. They act in the full light of day, while the government works in secret. The government, it is true, has cannon, but perhaps only for the present, while they are not necessary. Where they are eeded none can guarantee they will not be in the possession of the revolutionaries. The present

Anarchy and Suspense

are due the inaction of the government. Witte, like Kouropatkin, not only permits the enemy to concentrate his forces, but to make his depositions | cow Zemstvos, the most commanding battle. Such tactics will no more win n Russia than they did in Manchuria." to Riga. In response to appeals from the peace of the nation. the German embassy demanding the

tection of all foreigners.

August Von. Hennings, a prominent sistant chief of this district, was mur-which is practically abandoned to the the stand all day, and will be called and Fort William. By the change the sixty miles brought the details of the The ranks of the strikers are being derevolutionary bands owing to the con- again to-morrow to finish her narra- road will run alongside the C. P. R. horrible event here. According to the serted, and those returning to work are centration of the troops in the cities tive of the domestic difficulties which tracks from Port Arthur to Fort Wilshe declares lead to the fatal encoun- liam and touch the lake front also on that Von Hennings give up his sword. effect that they will not be enticed into ter. Mrs. Munckton fainted once dur- the Indian reserve south of the Kam- On being told that as an officer he union again, and agree not to meddle could not surrender with nonor, the revolutionaries shot him. Subsequently his head was hacked off and his the postal service for an indefinite body cut to pieces and fed to dogs.

M. Bompard, the French ambassador, who returned suddenly a fortnight ago on account of the crisis, has left for Paris, and it is understood that he is the bearer of important dispatches. A message received from Moscow by telephone says that according to reports received there Antonius, bishop of Volhynia, in southwest Russia, is instructing the priests to

Calm the Agitation

The council of workmen has issued the following address: "We extend regions the peasants continue to cut our most sincere sympathy to our down the wires.
brothers, the soldiers and sailors at The arrival of General Maximovitch, Los Angeles, Sal., Dec. 16.—Kid Herman, of Chicago, last night beat Eddie
Hanlon, of San Francisco, in a fierce
mon cause. We call upon the proletoff, was signalized by an unfortunate 20-round fight. There was not a motariat to organize with redoubled en-ment from start to finish of every ergy for an armed revolt, which will of Balascheff had been "rounded up"

round that the two lightweights were not in action, and the gong found The explanation offered of the mania sacks in order to persuade them to republic and private, is that the mujiks of the Cossacks was shot and have been made to believe that the Emperor has declared a division of the with Herman. At this style of fighting arable land, and that he desires to whereupon the Cossacks fired on the bring the forest lands into that cate- crowd, killing four and wounding 10

and well-timed. The eighth, ninth and eleventh rounds were the best, Hanlon that it will be impossible for them to work without the promulgation of a succor financially the families of killed constitution.

The holy synod has instructed the clergy hereafter to solemnize marri-confessed her identity, to the extent ages of orthodox Christians with old that her name is Amelia Poperoff. She believers.

A constant stream of reports is com- information to the authorities. ing in to the effect that the military, The announcement that the identity principally the sappers and engineer of the assassin of Gen. Sahakoroff has battalions and the horse artillery, are been established would seem to dis-formulating demands for better food pose of the reports that the murderer and clothing and more humane treat-

The balance sheet of the government with a right swing to the jaw. The for the first eight months of the cur- vitch, president of the Moscow Agriculrent year makes a fairly favorable showing. The expenditures totalled altogether \$991,500,000. The receipts destroyed. were \$1,006.000,000, including \$358,000,-000 from the proceeds of loans, etc. The receipts were \$39,500,000 in excess Will Be Held in Madrid-Session on Jan- of those for 1904, and the ordinary expenditures \$8,500,000 less. The bourse continues to hesitate. Imperial fours

Afraid to Interfere.

Jansohn, editor of the Deens Lapas, is also head of the moderate revolution ary societies, and has command of everything. Their hatred of the German speaking population, which is unrelenting, caused by years of oppres-sion on the part of the German no-

"The peasants around Riga are burning estates and murdering land owners. The Germans of Riga expect PROTECT FOREIGNERS a St. Bartholomew night and it is evident that the Letts are preparing for a wholesale slaughter. The central part of Riga can be protected at the

"In each block one house has been prepared as a fortress in which to shelter the Germans when the massacre starts.

"Murders are committed in broad daylight, mostly for revenge, and the police are afraid to interfere. The governor-general does not dare command the troops, not knowing whether they will obey orders. Several country ommittees have established republics, Steschinsky, formed to effect the intending later to confederate into a

"The revolutionaries are preparing Majesty is standing firmly by the Pre- an irresistible strike for January and the workmen are being armed.

Strike Leaders Stand Firm. Moscow, Dec. 14, via Eydtkuhnen Dec. 15.—The leaders of the post and telegraph strike declare they will never surrender until Interior Minister Durnov and Mestanioff give up posts and their demands are satisfied. Over a thousand men have been dismissed from the post office service, which continues to be blocked, not a single telegraph wire is working out of Moscow and the telephone lines which are badly crippled are the only means of com-

Another Appeal.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14, via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 15.—The Emperor's name day, December 19th, will be signalized by an important peasant manifesto and the

Dimitri Shipoff, president of the Mosand to choose the moment for giving figure among the moderate Liberals, who has been consulted in the prepara-The government is sending several strong appeal to all who have the welfare of their country at heart without inces of Esthonia and Courland, and regard to party, to unite thus to insure

Under the leadership of the law and

The post telegraph congress at Moscow is still holding off, insisting that the strikers can be victorious, although unles a new development enters into

with politics in the future.

Nevertheless the strikers can cripple period, and without striking operators it is impossible for the government to secure a resumption of telegraphic communications.

There are no signs of a break in the situation and business men everywhere are in despair at the outlook. Runs on the banks are in progress at many

places in the provinces. The strikers here continue their attacks on mail wagons and the robbery of letter boxes.

in that portion of the country. It is The provincial Zemstvos are comstated that some of the priests are in- plaining that they are unable to collect citing the population against the Jews, the taxes without the aid of the federal Poles and students, as enemies of the government, and they have been obliged to close the offices. Throughout the Volga and Don

them fighting. Hanlon forced the pace which has seized the peasants in many turn the property which they had and made it a terrific one from the provinces to cut down forests, both stolen, when suddenly the commander

> Fell Dead From His Horse, gory.
>
> The last class to organize is the rived on the scene immediately after-

refuses, however, to furnish any other

was a man disguised as a woman. From Tyr, Central Russia, comes the news that the estate of Ivan Petrunketural Society, and a prominent member

The Novosti says that Szdt, one of the leaders of the Sebastopol mutineer has been hanged.

FIRE IN COLLEGE.

Constantinople, Dec. 16.-Barton Hall, the American college for girls, in the the amount of such rebates. Mr. Gardner, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill
limposing a head tax of \$40 on immigrants.

Stockholm, Dec. 15.—The Dagens suburb of Scutari, was partially destroyed by fire last night. The students, inlimposing a head tax of \$40 on immigrants. Imposing a head tax of \$40 on immigrants.

The bill will not apply to the Philippines, meet at the Spanish capital on January of the population of Livonia, control All the inmates were rescued. "The Letts, constituting a majority bed when the flames were discovered.