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REGARDING SHOOTING AT WINTER PALACE

Loaded Shell Alleged to Have Be Left in Gun After Practice on Tuesday.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.-10 a. m.-In spite of the statement that the cannon out the whole of the Romanoff family case is still under the combined investigation of the military and police and the public seem as little inclined as the authorities to accept the published

The officers and men of the battery have not been arrested, but are confined to barracks and by the military regulations are closely under restraint, so that

It cannot be said definitely whether the affair was an accident. The general belief is that a widespread plot did not exist, but evidences of design are so the presence of a loaded shell to previous target practice only brings smiles in many quarters. It is pointed out as being highly improbable that the gun had not been cleaned for two days, and that it is impossible that a second cartridge

and it certainly mis . should have been y upon the imperial chapel. ct that the shot came from

the Be e esplanade, on which was station of the First Horse Artillery of the Gaard, the premier artillery aganization of the Empire and one of the most noted The officers of this regiment has included Grand Dukes and Princes and some of the most illustrious names in Russia. Lieut.-General Grippenberg was former-Duke Michaeloviten, the chief artillery spector of the Russian army, whose duty it is to conduct the investigation.

Two investigations are proceeding in pendently and both are guarded with the utmost secrecy.

Military experts say indications point and senators is being held this afternoon have been called out. to a charge consisting of grape shot be- on provincial autonomy. inserted in a saluting gun. If this was the case, probably only one man was involved. Certainly if there was an extensive deep-laid plot or if any officer was involved it was badly directed. It is pointed out that it is hardly probable that an expert artilleryman should have prepared a weak smattering charge the opposition. The rule is that the representation of the property of the opposition. The rule is that the representation of the property of the opposition of the property of the opposition. prepared a weak smattering charge which could hardly carry across the Neva. At the same time an indication of design is the fact that the gun was laid directly against the imperial pavilion. Had the gun contained a service charge or a regular shell, the pavilion must be labeled some two weeks after parliament meets, but that cannot be done this year. The opposition refuse to go on without the report, and to prevent a block it will be given in sections. charge or a regular shell, the pavilion must infallibly have been destroyed. It is clear, however, that the saluting was done most recklessly, as the flashes of the blank shots from St. Peter and St. Paul fortresses showed that the guns were directed straight at the Winter

The Official Version. St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—The official

account of the affair follows: "During never to ask their husbands to go to the the ceremony of the blessing of the mines again unless their demands are waters of the Neva to-day, in the presence of the Emperor, as the usual salute was being fired, an accident happened. A charge of grape, instead of a saluting charge, was fired from a gun onging to one of the batteries station-near the Bourse. Some bullets struck facade of the Winter Palace near quay gardens, breaking four winows. A policeman belonging to the St Petersburg force was wounded. According to the information to hand at present, no other accident occurred. In-

It is stated in official circles that the

to-day, and their St. Petersburg correspondents, take the gravest view of the internal conditions in Russia. The majority express the belief that yesterday's incident was a premeditated attempt on the life of Emperor Nicholas and maintain that the strike is much more a political than an industrial movement. In

the verge of a revolution. It is alleged the St. Petersburg manufacturers have decided to reject the strikers' demands and that the orthodox ored to prevent the girl from jumping into the priest, Father Gopon, the picturesque figure who has constituted himself the

sesses the men's complete sympathy, threatens to march on Sunday at the head of 100,000 strikers to the Winter Palace with a petition for political rights and that he will refuse to depart until the document is presented to the Em-

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20 .- Nothing better illustrates the conditions in Russian journalism than the appearance of the St. Petersburg papers on the morning after an occurrence which nearly added another violent death to the bistory of the ruling family of Russia. There are rominent headlines, but almost no torial reference and the most brief men grape shot around the little chanel in which the Emperor with the Romanoff family had gathered for the great religious festival of the Epiphany and blessing the waters of the Neva.

The account of the stately ceremonia prepared by the court marshal, is rich in detail describing the appearance an shot yesterday which might have wiped garb of the individual participants and the progress of events from minute to minute. Appended to this court circular was the result of carelessness in leaving are short paragraphs from various paa shotted cartridge in the breach of the pers alluding in the most guarded term gun after target practice, the mysterious to the unexpected danger in which His Majesty stood. In spite of half a day's opportunity for investigation and inquiry nothing is added in the way of clearing up the mystery.

The Novoe Vremya, which publishes the most extended account, shows that chief interest in the incident followed the of the day. second and third shots, but offers no explanation. The paper editorializes brief-ly on the inexcusable carelessness of permitting so perilous a happening and on it is impossible for the culprits to escape the general joy on the escape of His manual the responsibility is determined.

Majesty and the relief to strained nerves. It concluded by expressing the hope that the miraculous escape of the Emperor from mortal danger while engaged in the pions rites of the faith, may be an omen that Russia is under like protection, that

Other papers publish less regarding the event, not even the rames of officers turbance, commanding the battery or the artifleryconclusion as to the connection between the sound of the salute and the patter of the balls about the pavilion.

THE TWO VACANCIES. Wright-Provincial Autonomy.

ton county and Wright were issued at noon to-day. The nominations are to take place on February 4th, and the election on February 11th. R. L. Borden will be returned in Carleton by acwas himself formerly colonel of the clamation, and there is no likelihood of there being a contest in Wright. A Conference.

> A conference of Northwest members Auditor General's Report.

To permit of a discussion of the estimates in the House and allow the par-

THE GERMAN STRIKE. More Than 139,000 Men are Now Idle

-Police Sent to Districts. Essen, Germany, Jan. 21.—According to reports the strikers to-day numbered 139,431 men. Two thousand miners' wives met here to-day and determined

granted. Berlin, Jan. 21.—Drafts of police from most of the cities and detachments of mounted constabulary are being sent in-

to the strike districts, but only as a pre-PRACTICAL JOKER SHOT.

Janesville, La., Jan. 21.-Evans Thomas, who played a practical joke on his friend Charles Sell, was shot and killed by him on Auckland plantation grape was fired from one of the guns of the 17th battery of the First Horse from a loaded shell which he placed in the 17th battery of the First Horse Artillery of the Guard, the most aristocratic corps in the Russian army. It seems that at gun practice Tuesday a loaded shell was inadvertently left in the gun.

Will Demand Rights.

London, Jan. 20.—The London papers to-day, and their St. Petersburg correstory.

GIRL'S SUICIDE.

Reprimanded by Mother She Ended Life by Jumping Into Mill Dam.

Montreal, Jan. 21.-Because her mothshort, they consider that every sign er reprimanded her for frequenting cer-makes it apparent that the Empire is on tain houses, Philomene Massie, sixteen years old, committed suicide by jumping into Lachine canal at Turcot village last night. Her mother and sister endeav-

## BELEAGURED CI

Strikers Determined to Hold Demonstration in Front of the Palace at St. Petersburg.

Leader Says Men Will Meet No Matter If It Results in a Massacre--More Troops Arrive, But Authorities Are Extremely Nervous.

of the strikers are expected in the course

The men already out, in pursuance of the plan to enforce a general strike, are | making way for passing sleds. parading the streets of the Basils island districts compelling work shops, printing works and small shops to close. It is estimated that the band so engaged aggregate 5,000 men. They have broken that Russia is under like protection, that Providence is watching over those who live by faith and that sife may emerge in equal safety from the perils in which is a government establishment, acting on the advice of the police, agreed to them, the works so as to avoid a dis-

A petition to Emperor Nicholas, no men tending the guns are given. The circulated ingmen's meetings for reader is left largely to draw his own signatures, bitter complains of the desperate con ation of time workers and their "deprivation of human rights." The petition expresses devotion to the Emperor, and concludes: "He merciful to us. Let us live. If they leaveth us in this position, we pred the "

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20 .- As the day ogressed the ranks of the strikers were apidly augmented. Strong delegations risited all the factories and printing shops, threatening to compel a cessation of work unless the employees promptly joined in the strike. Practically all the small establishments in St. Petersburg are already closed. One deputation of strikers visited the office of a recently established news agency and informed the printers that unless they joined the movement the building would be wreckhundred, promptly quit work. The troops

One Hundred Thousand Idle St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—7 p.m.—The strike situation is extremely bad. The strikers are parading the city and closing shops. Over a hundred thousand are now

Reports from the interior are to the effect that efforts are being made to induce workmen in other cities to join and make the strike general throughout Rus-

The managers of the big concerns have formally decided to refuse to treat with any persons except their own workmen, they are ready to adjust all the points in dispute except the eight-hour government to decide, as a legal work day in Russia is eleven hours, allowing mmittees of workmen to fix the price of piece work and the payment of the

en while striking. There is a general fear, however, that the strike has entered on a political phase, and that turbulence and bloodshed

are inevitable.
At the meetings to-day the men were greatly excited, and drew up a formal petition to the Emperor, which will be ent to Tsarskoe-Selo to-night by a deputation, asking him to give a response at the Winter Palace on Sunday, at the same time guaranteeing him immunity

rom personal violence.

The printing establishments are closing nd the newspapers may be forced to uspend publication. The greatest danger is in a shutdown of the electric light lant, which would throw the city into darkness, when a reign of terror might

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.-St. Petersburg this morning presents the appearance of a beleagured city. The military are in complete possession. The streets are in complete possession. The streets are lined with troops, galloping squadrons of cavalry are seen everywhere gendarmes are concealed in all the court yards, and the closed factories and mills are surrounded by cordons of police and Cossocks. On every bulletin board is posted the government's proclamation warning the people against assembling. The rumors that M. Smirnoff, manager of the Putiloff iron works, had been aseassinated in the night were denied this noming. It is also declared that Father

Copon has not been arrested. The strikers are continuing their agi ation with unabated activity. Throughout the morning they have been Parading the Main Streets

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.-The employees , violence, the committees of the union of the Sangalli and Kolinkin spinning having issued instructions that everymill ceased work this morning, and con- thing be done as quietly as possible, and siderable further accessions to the ranks | that no personal violence be offered the police. Street traffic in the leading thoroughfares is hardly interfered with, the demonstrators filling the streets politely

A list of the 174 works closed as a results of yesterday's coercive measures, show that every industry is involved, including railway construction and electri-cal engineering. In view of the probable failure of the electric supply for stores and offices, householders are laying in large stocks of candles. The public is nervous and excited, and the opinion is freely expressed that the government will be

Forced to Concede

the demands of the men. The authorities plan to prevent the men to-morrow from entering the city proper. The industrial sections beyond the Narva, Moscow and Nevsky gates will be cut off, and all the bridges will be guarded. Several batteries of artillery have been brought into the city. Despite the energetic measures taken to insure the safety of the city, the inhabitants are in a state bordering on terror. The wildest ramors regarding the intentions of the mob are affect, and many small retailers did not open their

shops their morning. An edict has gone forth that no shops must open to-morrow, when the great assemblage on the palace square is scheduled to take place. Although the authorities seemingly are determined to prevent it, pre parations for the gigantic demonstratio are proceeding, the men declaring that they are ready to die in their tracks. Father Copon, who was reported to have been kidnapped during the night, is understood to be at large this morning, going from place to place

Organizing and Directing everything. His dictum is that the m ing shall occur on the palace square, no matter if it results in massacre of the men. He says they must be resolved to do or die.

The assemblage planned for to-morro is likened to the march of the multitudes rise" express, from Halifax and St. John tute a pretext for further demands wearing red caps of liberty to the Tuilfor Boston, was wrecked this morning a scompensation for the loss of Port eries to put the demands to Louis XVI. While there is much talk that the troops may be overawed by the mob, the authorities do not manifest the slightest apprehension on this score. The Cossack and the Guard regiments, they declare, can be relied upon. Two regiments of infantry have also been brought here from Riga. Nevertheless the authorities are extremely nervous, realizing that blood once spilled in the present temper of the excited men, spurred on by Socialist agitators, it is impossible to pre-The Emperor's advisers, however, de-

clare he must Put Down the Agitation

with a firm hand, and that if he yields, as Louis XVI. at Versailles, all may be lost; and the present resolution of the ernment is not to give way.

While many drunken rows have ocerred and a number of men have been niured no serious collisions have been eported up to this morning. An enorous number of arrests of known revolu ionaries took place during the night. An attempt will be made to close all the bakeries in order to threaten the city with famine

The workmen are also reported for have decided to cut the telephone and elegraph wires and cut out St. Petersburg altogether from communication with the outside world. Altogether the situation is most critical.

to the men that they must go to the palhow we are peaceful. We

Have Appealed

n vain to the employers and to the bureaucracy, our last hope is the Emperor nself. If he refuses to see us and orders them to disperse us, then we must fight. Father Copon has had a guard of four hundred sworn workmen formed to protect the Emperor from harm if he will come to the palace square to-mor-

of the centre of the city, and closing row.

Among the rumors affoat is one to the source of the cause of the rash act. A widew and regiment has declared it has refused to two children survive him.

fire on the mob, but this like a great many other sensational reports pertaining to widespread disaffection in the Cavalry in Capital. St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.-4.20 p.m.-

ounding districts and are concentrated n St. Petersburg. They will form an ARTILLERY ABLE TO DO extended cordon to prevent demonstrators from approaching the palace.

Official Statement. St. Petersburg, Jan. 21 .- 6 p.m .- The

they have the situation well in hand Chief of the secret police Loupoukine said to the Associated Press at 5 o'clock "The strikers are perfectly quiet and well conducted. Additional troops have been brought in from Tsarskoe-Selo and Peterhof to guarhd the mills. Artillery s stationed around the arsenal. No delegation of strikers appeared at Tsarskoe-Selo last night. We are fully apprised of their intention to gather on the palace square to-morrow, but His Majesty will not be there, and measures have

ity. We are confident that order will e preserved. isfied that the incident of January 19th was an accident due to an oversight. The pattery was practicing on the previous day and a charge of case shot was left in the gun. No evidence has been found of the existence of a plot and the punishment which will be inflicted will prob-

been taken to prevent strikers from making their way into the centre of the

ably be only for neglect and careless-The above is a very optimistic official review. Bloodshed is generally feared o-morrow. The extent of the strike and the character of the movement have surprised even those who thought they were well informed regarding the situation. The delegations of strikers which have been going around the shops to-day have ben meeting with success everywhere. Even jewelers' workmen are joining. Romanoff, the policeman who was wounded January 19th, is dead. The batery from which the shot was fired being

number one of the regiment, like all guard regiments, wore the Emperor's A sensational rumor is current that the soldiers of the Lemalowsky and three other guard regiments, while saving that

credited. Situation Grave. Rome, Jan. 21.-In the reports re ceived at the Vatican regarding the internal situation in Russia, it is announced that the strike is regarded as a very grave one. Russian Catholic bishops are recommending to their flocks tion in the political movement, fearing repressive measures on the part of anti Catholics.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED. Cars Thrown From Rails While Running Fifty Miles an Hour-Several

Durham, N. H., Jan. 20.-The "St number of persons were injured, four seriously. No one was killed. The acci- ing.

Persons Injured.

dent was caused by a broken rail. Those severely injured are: Miss Belle STOESESL AND PARTY Donald, severe injuries to head and houlder dislocated; colored porter of Pulman car, head and shoulders lacerland, internal injuries; Charles Dunn, jr., Portland, Me., head and hip injured. It is thought all of those persons will recover. Seven other persons sustained injuries, necessitating medical attendance and a dozen or more sustained cuts and

The train was an hour late when it passed Durham, and was running at a speed of fifty miles an hour. The forward part of the train passed over the broken rail safely, but the passenger coaches behind the Pullman were ditched, but were not seriously damaged.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

Fatalities in States During the Months of July, August and September.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19 .- The it terstate commerce commission has issued a report on railroad accidents in the United States during the months of July, August and September, 1904, showing Father Copon, when apprised that the 2228 passengers and 183 employees killed government proposed to prevent a demon- and 2,154 passengers and 1,593 emreport say that while these figures show ace square with their wives and children. a gratifying decrease in the number of "But the men must be unarmed" he is employees killed, the three months as a reported to have said. "We must first whole may be termed the most disastrous quarter on record in fatal accidents to passengers.

> FARMER'S SUICIDE. Financial Worries Led John E. Binions to

End His Life. Winnipeg, Jan. 20.-John E. Blnions, farmer, killed himself by taking poison with suicidal intent yesterday on his farm

## All the cavalry regiments have been called in from the barracks in the sur-

MORE EFFECTIVE WORK

situation has much improved. There have been no disturbances of importance during the day and the authorities believe sand Sick and Wounded Russians at Port Arthur.

> Huanshan, Jan. 20.-A considerable in crease has been noticeable the last few days in the range of the Japanese artil-This fact affords ground for the elief that part of the heavy guns in the lege of Port Arthur nave ege of Port Arthur nave been sent orth. The Chinese confirm this. It is not believed, however, that any even or nine inch guns have arrived and been placed in position. The last three weeks of mild weather have favor-

HOW JAPS PROPOSE TO SALVE WARSHIPS

ed Japanese operations.

Tokio, Jan. 20.-It has been proposed to dam Port Arthur harbor at the entrance and pump out the water preparatory to salving the Russian warrhips. Discussing the matter a naval officer to-day said that under ordinary circum ances such a great work would be unrofitable, but in view of the number of ness and smallness of the harbor it may | day. be the most economical method.

SICK AND WOUNDED

AT PORT ARTHUR. there are 18,554 sick and wounded Russians at Port Arthur. Of these 3,657 are connected with the navy The business men of this city celebrated the capture of Port Arthur to-day. eeches were made by the premier Count Katsura, Vice-Admiral Togo and

the ministers of war and the navy. other guard regiments, while saying that they are ready to preserve order in the streets have openly appropriate than the Shimbashi station to-day, taking with streets, have openly announced that they will not sheet at the strikers. The rumor cannot be confirmed and is disfield.

STEAMER CONDEMNED BY PRIZE COURT.

Nagasaki, Jan. 20 .- The British steam er Lethington has been condemned by the naval prize court at Sasebo The Lethington was captured on Januprudence and abstension from participa- ary 12th, in Tsuhima Straits, with a cargo of coal said to be for Vladivostock.

WILL PRESERVE THE NEUTRALITY OF CHINA.

Pekin, Jan. 20 .- A high official of the could only suppose that the present Russian complaints were intended to constishort distance west of the Durham Arthur. The official emphatically denied station. Four cars were derailed, and a that there was any connection between Robert sued, the company taking cross-

SAIL FOR MARSEILLES.

Shanghai, Jan. 20.-General Stoessel ated and bruised by being thrown and the large number of paroled officers a letter carrier, who pleaded guilty to through car window; Albert Hall, Port, and others who arrived here yesterday rifting letters, was sentenced to three

## CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

Charges Arose from Death of William Goodfellow at Toronto - Canadian News Notes.

Toronto, Jan. 19 .- Sarah Goodfellow, Isabella Grant and Elizabeth Secandow Brundette, Christian Scientist demon-strators, were adjudged guilty of manslaughter by the coroner's jury investigating the death of Wm. Goodfellow, son of the first named. All were arrested last night and remained in the cells over night, bail having been refused. Application is being made to-day to the High court judges for bail.

Constable Murdered. Algoma, Ont., Jan. 19 .- W. Suer, jr., who shot and killed Constable Moore yesterday, while the latter was attempting to replevy some logs in the posses sion of Suer, was captured yesterday afternoon some miles from here. Had he been brought here he certainly would have been lynched, as a large crowd was waiting for him with a rope. The Suers are squatters in the middle chapnel, a few miles below here. The logs which Moore was attempting to replevy belonged to the Hall Lumber Co., at Sarnia. They broke away from booms wo years ago.

Post Office Robbed. Winnipeg, Jan. 19.-Carston, Alberta, post office was broken into and the safe robbed of a hundred dollars.

Seek Extension. Winnipeg, Jan. 19 .- The Manitoba norial asking for extension of the ships possibly salvable and the shallow- boundary was forwarded to Ottawa to-

Company's Request.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—The Canadian Felt Manufacturing Company has decided to ask the government to impose a higher luty against English felts, which, if not many manufacturers declare, owing to increased competition, will force them to curtail the output, if not in some

cases close altogether. Unopposed. Quebec, Jan. 19.—Arthur Lachance, Liberal, was elected to the House of Commons by acclamation in Quebec Centre to fill the vacancy caused by the levation of Albert Malouin, the former member, to a judgship.

Will Appeal, Montreal, Jan. 19.-Judgment was tendered to-day in the Court of Appeals for \$200,000 against the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company in favor of E. A. Robert. At the time the city was receiving tenders for lighting the streets the business. In order to shut other one of the power company's constituent companies agreed with Robert, who cade rapids, to pay him \$15,000 in cash for his property, and, if on November 30th they decided to keep it, \$260,000 additional. If they did not want it, Chinese foreign office said in an interview this afternoon that the neutrality of China was assured now as hitherto. Every precaution has been taken, and he without the company making any attempt to complete the purchase, but it did so on December 4th, declining. Robert refused and demanded his \$260,-000. This the company refused, then Chinese neutrality and anti-foreign feel- suit to recover the \$15,000, alleging that its officials were not empowered to make the purchase. The judgment delivered to-day upholds Robert on all points. The case will be carried to the privy council.

Rifled Letters. Montreal, Jan. 19 .- Alicide W. Blodin,

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