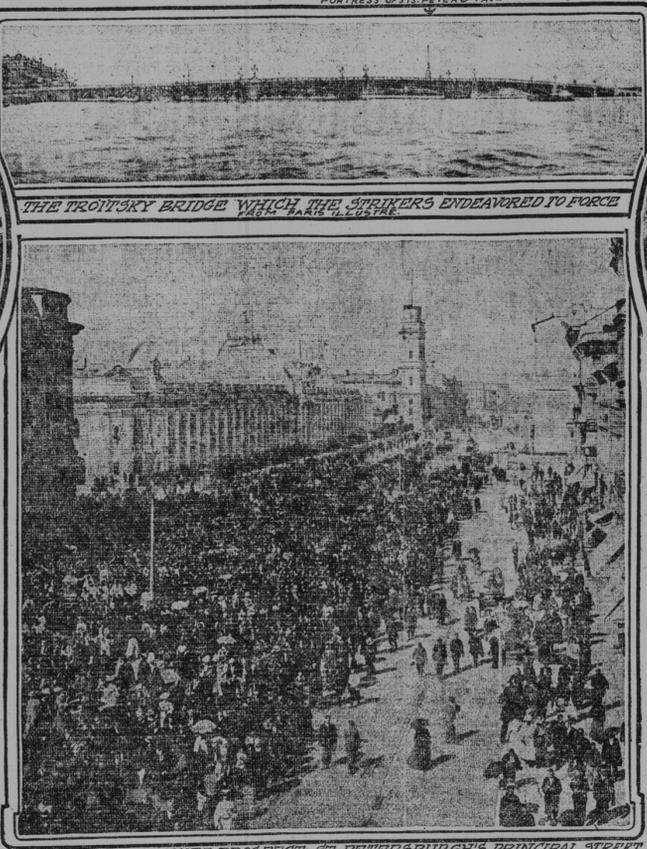


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RUSSIA'S HOUR OF TRIAL--SCENES WHERE THE SOLDIERS SHOT DOWN THE PEOPLE



THE APPROACH TO THE NICHOLAS BRIDGE, FROM THE SQUARE.



CROWD IN NEVSKY PROSPECT, ST. PETERSBURG'S PRINCIPAL STREET.



THE RIOTS IN ST. PETERSBURG: COSSACKS DRIVING BACK THE CROWD WITH THE KNOUT.

CZAR NOW OFFERS SOME CONCESSIONS

Proclamation Makes Promises and Urges People to Avoid Bloodshed

Shorter Hours and a Workmen's Insurance Scheme Proposed--Unrest Spreads, But Iron Military Rule Prevents Open Rioting--British Ambassador Demands an Explanation.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 26--Contrary to expectations, the first move of the newly appointed governor-general of St. Petersburg is pacific in character. It takes the form of the proclamation which appears below. The fears of serious trouble in Moscow yesterday were not realized. The only authenticated instance of any approach to violence there was in the dispersal of a crowd of about 3,000 workmen by Cossacks. So far as is known there were no casualties.

From Finland, anti-Russian demonstrations are reported, a collision between a crowd of 10,000 persons and troops and police resulting in the wounding of about thirty Finns. In Finland the agitation has nothing to do with the labor question, but is purely political in character.

Britain Asks Why. Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, last night received from Captain Grove, the British consul at Moscow, confirmation of the Associated Press despatch from Moscow announcing the public posting of a London telegram imputing the disorders to British and Japanese influences.

It is not expected, however, that the affair will lead to a serious diplomatic incident and it is thought the Russian government will disavow responsibility for the course of Acting Chief of Police Roudneff.

The despatch to Ambassador Hardinge makes no mention of Roudneff's offer to meet Czarine Grove. Various political, educational and mercantile bodies in Russia are adopting declarations in favor of an elective representative legislative body and denouncing misrule under the autocracy.

The Czar's Concessions. St. Petersburg, Jan. 25--The following proclamation, issued by Governor-General Treppoff, and Minister of Finance Kokovoff, will be posted in the streets tomorrow. Workmen should assist the government in its tranquilizing task in behalf of the betterment of their condition. This can be accomplished in a simple manner, namely by holding themselves aloof from...

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St. Stephen Hard Hit by Storm.

St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 28--(Special)--A heavy northeast storm began Wednesday evening and is still raging. The streets are filled with heavy drifts but the street department are making good headway in the principal parts of the town with an extra force of men and horses. The C. P. R. train left at 9:30 a. m., but since then all trains are cancelled on the different rail-roads. The Washington County train due Wednesday night is stalled half way between Washington Junction and Chis. There is no communication with the country. Sullivan this morning reports that it took nearly one and a half hours to come one mile. The street car company found it impossible to run their cars. The Eskdale Junior hockey team started for Woodstock this morning but are stalled with the St. John Carriers at MeAdams. Business is at a standstill on both sides of the river.

Fredericton Had a Tough Time.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 26--(Special)--The snow storm which set in here last night was one of the very worst that has visited this section for many years. It snowed steadily for twenty-four hours, about fifteen inches falling on the level. Strong northeasterly winds prevailed, blowing at times a perfect gale, making conditions that of doors anything but agreeable. This evening the wind has shifted around to northwest and the weather is still cold and unsettled. Traffic on railroads in this section with the exception of the I. C. R., is demoralized and it will probably be several days before trains are able to run on anything like their schedule time.

No Trains In or Out of Moncton.

Moncton, Jan. 25--(Special)--After having raged continuously for 24 hours the storm has somewhat abated. It was the worst storm in the opinion of many here in twenty years. All traffic on the Intercolonial was at a standstill, and from 8 a. m. till 9:30 p. m. today, no trains arrived or departed from this station, many being stalled in snow along the road.

The Maritime express from Halifax arrived here about midnight last night, and remained here until 11:30 tonight, being unable to move on account of the road being blocked north.

Little or no effort was made to clear the tracks today as the snow drifted in as fast as it could be plowed out, but with the outlook now the management expect to have the express trains moving tomorrow.

Nothing So Bad in Many Years at Sussex.

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 26--(Special)--Sussex this morning is just as desolate and white as its eyes after experiencing the worst visitation of the elements in the last thirty-one years. Only one before in this generation have the neighbors of Kings county been without a train for seventeen hours. Then the greater part of the population turned out with broom and shovel and extricated the train from a ten foot drift between Norton and Sussex.

Worst in Fifteen Years at Digby.

Digby, N. S., Jan. 26--(Special)--The worst northeast storm witnessed here for fifteen years began early yesterday morn-

ing and continued today. The wind, however, shifted westerly at 6 o'clock this morning, which cut down the sea somewhat along the water front. All mails arrived on time yesterday but none have arrived up to a late hour tonight.

The Sussex train did not leave here today till 11:45, following a snow plow from Moncton. The only other train which was that of No. 2 train arriving at 7:45 this evening.

The country roads are blocked. Drs. McAlister and Murray are the only ones to venture outside of Sussex Vale, and no one is attempting to follow in their footsteps.

The snow fall is estimated at 18 inches on the level and there is ocular demonstration of eight feet in spots. The temperature has ranged from twelve to eight below. The storm has detained the Globe-Liberal. They expect to continue their 4,000 mile journey tomorrow.

The steamer Yarmouth did not pass out of Digby Gut until 10:30 this morning. The steamer Boston left Yarmouth at 1:45 this afternoon. She did not wait for the Boston passengers on the delayed trains.

The steamer Sealbar harbored at Westport and the steamer Westport arrived there from Yarmouth during the worst of the gale. Telephone messages from Digby Neck, Bear and Long Islands say the storm was very severe in those localities.

At Tiverton two fishing boats sank at their moorings, belonging to Mrs. Clifford and Burwell Outhouse. The latter was floated this afternoon badly damaged and the former is still on the bottom.

The loss to lobster fishermen is unusually heavy. All the traps anchored off Long Island on the St. Mary's Bay-side have gone adrift with the ice. The same thing has occurred at Mink Cove and elsewhere. The loss will reach hundreds of dollars by people who cannot afford to bear it.

The west bound D. A. R. express contains large quantities of live lobsters from Lunenburg and the fishing ports in Annapolis and Digby counties which will die and spoil before they reach Boston. Local shippers may purchase some of them and try to get them in the water but it is so rough it is feared the crates will go adrift and there are no spare lobster traps afloat at present.

Lighthouse Keeper Ellis at Point Prim reports the heavy fall of smoke and fears a big fire is raging on the North Shore. He says the storm is the worst for thirty years.

Belated Trains Reach Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 26--(Special)--Steamer Clarno, which was due here yesterday from the West Indies via Bermuda, reached here this afternoon, after a very rough trip during which her deck was swept by heavy seas, a boat smashed and part of the pens carried away. She was off this harbor yesterday forenoon but the snow storm coming on the captain put to sea again.

The snow storm of yesterday afternoon and last night interfered seriously with railway service in the province. The maritime express, due last night, arrived at 4 o'clock this morning and the C. P. R., due last night, arrived an hour later. The St. John express, due this morning, did not arrive until 2 p. m. and the D. A. R. train, due last night, got in this morning. The Sydney train, due last night, has been cancelled. Outgoing trains all left on time.

The new King of Sixony is in the unusual position of being a Roman Catholic ruling over a Protestant country.

TUCKER IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Slayer of Mabel Page Collapses When Verdict is Given

Attorney General Breaks Down and Cries Like a Child With Arms Around Neck of Prisoner's Counsel at News--Jury Took Long Time to Decide--Tucker Declared His Innocence to Jurymen Before Judge's Charge--Electrocution the Penalty.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 24--Guiltily of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned tonight against Chas. L. Tucker, who had been on trial since January 1, for the death of Miss Mabel Page in her father's home in Weston on the 31st of last March.

The announcement of the finding of the jury, which was made at 10:10 o'clock tonight, was followed immediately by one of the most remarkable scenes witnessed in a Massachusetts courtroom for many years. Tucker collapsed utterly in the prisoner's cage when the foreman uttered the fatal words, being completely overcome by a verdict which had apparently seemed to him an impossibility.

He was led from the courtroom across the street to the jail in an exhausted condition, and when he was once locked in his cell, he broke down so utterly that a physician was summoned. Stimulants were administered and he revived somewhat.

Mrs. Albert J. Tucker, the mother of the prisoner, was spared the anguish of listening to her son's fate. At the suggestion of one of the counsel for the defence, she left the court room before the jury retired for the last time. She was almost overwhelmed on learning the news.

Lawyers Weep Like Children. But perhaps the most remarkable feature was the effect of the announcement of the verdict upon the attorneys, not only for the prisoner, but for the commonwealth. James H. Vaisey, the senior counsel for the prisoner, was greatly affected and when he left the court room he met Attorney General Herbert Parker in the corridor. The counsel for the commonwealth, who had been in the court room to such a degree that he threw his arms around Mr. Vaisey's neck and both men wept on each other's shoulders, the attorney general expressing in broken words his sympathy for his brother attorney.

These two men were not the only ones moved to tears. Philip Mansfield, one of the associated counsel for the prisoner, became hysterical and fell into the arms of a reporter who had gone to the room of the defendant's counsel to secure an interview. Many spectators and friends of the prisoner also wept bitterly when they realized the young man's fate.

Tucker Collapsed at News. While waiting for the jury to enter the court room with the verdict those in the room maintained a deathlike silence, and all eyes were focused upon Tucker, whose face plainly indicated that he feared the message about to be delivered to the court. As the jurymen filed to their seats, Tucker looked squarely into their faces. When Foreman Knight said that their unanimous verdict was murder in the first degree, the young man, who for twenty days has borne his ordeal with apparent unconcern, sank into his seat, and his head on his hands, fell forward against the rail of the cage and sobbed violently. Thomas F. Vaisey hastened to the prisoner's side, clasping him upon his arms, and both lawyers tried to comfort their client, but without avail.

Judge Sherman discharged the jury immediately their verdict had been returned, remarking that he thought it would be well for them to keep the occurrence in the jury room secret in every detail. None of the attorneys would make any statement tonight. The counsel for the defense is at least thirty days in which to file their exceptions, and sentence will not be pronounced until action on those exceptions has been taken by the court.

Tucker Pleads for His Life. The last words in the trial of Charles L. Tucker for the murder of Mabel Page were spoken at ten minutes of one this afternoon, when Judge Sheldon finished his charge to the jury, which has been considering the case since January 1. An hour later, after partaking of a hearty dinner, the twelve men began their deliberations, but at 9 o'clock tonight they had failed to reach a verdict. They came back into the court room about 8:30 o'clock tonight, and asked for more light on the legal meaning of the word "malice aforethought," and also for information concerning the different degrees of murder and what constituted manslaughter.

Judge Sheldon elaborated somewhat the concluding paragraphs of his charge and the jury once more retired.

The jury was in the court room fifteen minutes, but there was not the slightest indication on their faces as to their individual sentiments.

The day was a long one, and, to many in the court room, a very trying one. Attorney General Parker resumed his argument before the jury, and closed about an hour and a half after the court opened this morning.

Then came one of the most dramatic incidents in the trial, for most unexpectedly before 6 o'clock, when they all filed out to the hotel for supper.

They returned at 7 o'clock and at 8:15 came the first intimation as to the nature of their difference of opinion.

After obtaining the court's explanation, they once more retired.

A Remarkable Case. The murder of Miss Mabel Page at Weston (Mass.), on March 31, 1904, for which Charles L. Tucker was placed on trial, attracted wide public attention and interest because of the unusual and mysterious circumstances surrounding it. The woman, who was 41 years old, and lived in a small country dwelling with her father, formerly a prosperous Boston merchant, her brother and a maid, long in the family, was repeatedly stabbed with a knife, wounds being found in Miss Page's neck, breast and back. Basing his examination upon the appearance of the wound in the neck, the only one visible, the medical examiner reported at first that Miss Page had committed suicide and it was not until an undertaker had discovered the other wounds that it was established the woman had met death at the hand of an assassin.

Miss Page's body had been found by her father, Edward Page, lying upon the floor of her bedroom, upon its return from a visit, about two o'clock on the afternoon of March 31. Nearly was a note apparently in Miss Page's handwriting saying that her brother, Harold, had been injured and that she was going to the hospital in Boston to see him. The fact that her brother had not in fact been injured and the probability that Miss Page had been falsely informed in order to entice...