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RUSSIA'S HARD WON LIBERTY IN DANGER.

Reactionary Uprising Threatens To Sweep Away All Reforms--Startling View of New Menace--Army Favors Old Autocracy.

Associated Press is able to give the rewith a high personage regarding the situation in Russia. Neither the name nor the position of this personage can be indicated, but his competency to speak on the situation can be vouched The conversation which covered a wide range, left the distinct impression that the assembling of the national parliament would bring a crisis, but not the one anticipated. The government evidently is absolutely convinced that an armed revolution or a general uprising which would menace its life is no longer possible and that the danger now is not that the government will be overthrown, but that it will be driven to abandon its path of reform.

GUERIILA WARFARE CANNOT SUCCEED.

"The guerilla warfare which the revolutionists at present are conducting" said the personage referred to, "cannot succeed. Acts of terrorism doubt less will continue - vengeance may wreaked upon governor generals and police masters; Count Witte, the premier, and Minister of the Interior Durnovo may be assassinated, banks and buildings may be blown up and there may be even riots here and there of the railroad strike are doomed to grip and every measure to prevent ex- the

Besides the situation has been comof Oct. 30. The government then was act on the part of parliament threat-unable to cope with the extreme revolu-tionaries. The army in European for the convocation of a constituent Russia was at a low strength and fill- assembly?" was asked. ed with reservists bordering on mutiny owing to their anxiety to return to to an attempt to refer the form of govand new recruits everywhere were prevented from joining the colors. Since then all is changed. The reservists have been discharged and the recruits parliament with bayonets. have been drilled and pined the ranks. Regiments which then consisted of four hundred men now have two thousand men. Two army corps have returned from Manchuria and more re-

gulars are arriving daily. ARMY FAITHFUL TO EMPEROR.

'No matter what is said to the contrary it is certain that the army is faithful to the emperor. There may be individual cases of disloyalty, but the reliability of the army as a whole is elections may affect somewhat the naalone renders a revolution impossible.

in the summer they will not be revoluof Russia are true to the emperor. The langer lies in another direction. It is unwilling to advance gradually in the path of reforms, refuses all com-

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25-The present struggle to supplant the old regime and secure larger liberties for the people will enter the parliament phase or a counter-revolution will sweep away the entire programme on which the government has entered. His majesty, the emperor, is sincerely and honestly desirous of meeting the revolution and no longer contented them his word to this effect. But a the Russians, but instead on the composed of the aristocracy with a powerful backing in high places, and, above among the Russian people. As it is, all, it enjoys the support of the military faction, which in a country like want to overthrow the empire are eas-Russia is an immense factor. military is naturally reactionary. An attempts to inspire massacres during officer prefers to serve a Napoleon the Eastertide unfortunately are true.

rather than a parliament. "Nevertheless, at the present moment a stone wall against this. His steadthe reactionary party is weak and fast friendship for the Jews has subpowerless. It lacks the public following, without which it dare not move. It is easily conceivable, however, that the situation might suddenly change when he discovered the anti-Semitic should an opportunity to strike come.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. "Should the parliament attempt to tion of Jew baiting, take the bull by the horns for the deposition of the emperor and the destruction of the whole fabric of govarred control of struction of the whole fabric of government, the new regime might be overwhelmed with disaster. A large element of the population, especially element of the population, especially this state of feeling, the government from a trip to British Columbia on the masses who had no share in the cannot assume the responsibility for but attempts to produce widespread revolution, and who reverence the empromulgating a law of equality; the peror as a God-given ruler, might be aroused to action by the reactionaries tion of the status of the Jews.

promulgating a law or equality, the parliament itself must decide the question of this town, but who for twenty years have resided in Cincinfailure. The government has a firm and the emperor, seeing the revolu-Besides the situation has been combetely altered since last fall when tion of the old regime, might—I will practically the whole of the urban not say he would-yield to what he of the country and its prosperity depopulation joined the protest which considered the wish of his subjects. "What would specially be deemed an

"Certainly, that would be equivalent

their homes and rejoin their families, ernment to the decision of the people.

CHARES UNTRUE.

"The charges that the government is interfering with elections are untrue. The present indications are that the might, instead of raising a clamor for the overthrow of the government, set seriously to work to solve the great and pressing questions on which the unquestionable. The weight of troops | tional character of the parliament and its authority to speak in the name of "Should there be agrarian disorders the whole people. But it is now clear the summer they will not be revoluthat the element that is abstaining danger lies in another direction.

"It is not a question of the fall of the government, but whether reform throw a reign of socialism. It was

Provincial News NO FEAR OF A

SACKVILLE, N. B., March 26-Harold Hunton, son of Professor Hunton, returned on Saturday from a six-months' visit to Lake Saranac, N. Y. where he went for the benefit of his health. He is very much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Manford Town are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a daughter. Miss Melvin Johnson of Calais, Me., is a guest at the Ladies' College.

ment, unfortunately, was forced to proceed energetically. The alternative was either that or abdication. Harsh measures were used and perhaps there

oose its instruments and was con

to the provincial military authorities, who often were reactionary. Doubtless

a situation in any country civil laws

and rights are temporarily suspended.

The training of an officer is against leniency. He is given a task to ac-

complish and force is the only method

he knows. Yet, perhaps, it must be admitted that the killing of a score in

time often saves the lives of thousands The stories that from 70,000 to 100,000

persons have been imprisoned are exaggerated, and I believe it might safe-

ly be affirmed that the number will

"Recent developments have un

doubtedly prejudiced their position.

The emperor wanted to see justice done and the public sympathized with their

demand for equality before the law;

but unhappily, the attitude of the Jews

been guilty of excesses everywhere, that they were on the firing line in the

themselves by asking for equality with

plete downfall of the government, This

nipped it in the bud; and he is now is-

suing daily telegraphic instructions

"Of course it is possible that slight anti-Semitic manifestations will occur

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

"The most important question, how-

ever, and the one on which the future

pends, is the adoption of some methods

solution of the question if possible to

"Regarding the financial outlook. The present difficulty in securing a loan

is due rather to the politicial situation

abroad than to inter-conditions, as

foreign financiers realize that they can

In conclusion , speaking of the health

breakdown. He has been under con-

stant strain since the Portsmouth con-ference, and the personage quoted

above said he knew Count Witte per-

sonally would have been glad to relin-quish his difficult and thankless post

long ago but that he had stuck to his

desk, sometimes when so ill that a

man of less will power would have

Large Number of Friends Follow Re-

mains to Last Resting Place—The

ROBERT A. PAYNE

country through the crisis.

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than after the parliament meets."

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not exceed 20,000."

was much injustice; but the movement had to be stopped. Unhappily the cen-tral government could not always Rev. C. F. Lafsmme, returned missionary, addressed the students of Mt. Allison at Memorial Hall yesterday. pelled practically to give a free hand Rev. Dr. Heartz, president of the Nova Scotia conference, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church yesterit is true they frequently abused the power conferred on them, but the government had no choice. When the military is called upon to cope with day morning, giving a very excell discourse.

Beethoven Hall was filled to its utnost capacity on Saturday evening, the attendance being the graduating recitals of Miss Nora Wiggins and Miss Bessie Carter. Miss Wiggins displayed much skill in her piano solos, while Miss Carter was equally as skillful in her manipulation of the organ. Mrs. L. Moulton and family leave omorrow for Cranbrook, B. C., to join Mr. Moulton, who preceded them some nonths ago.

Miss Haliburton Ogden entertained number of her college friends to a urkey dinner on Saturday evening. Rev. E. A. Westmorland gave an excellent temperance address to the Methodist Sunday school yesterday after-

HOPEWELL HILL.

HOPEWELL HILL, March 26 .alienated much of the sympathy for Lewis Smith of Coverdale spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. C. L. Peck. A. H. Chipman of St. John, New Brunswick, manager for the New York & Barnes, was in the village today. Much interest is manifested in the

At the regular service here yester day afternoon Rev. Dr. Brown, who has been pastor of Hopewell Baptist ily incited against them and reports of church for the past two years and a half, read his resignation, which he Count Witte, however, has stood like jected him to constant attacks. His enemies have accused him of being a in this move he was acting under the guidance of God. Yesterday afternoon Dr. Brown delivered a powerful ser mon on temperance, at the close of which the total abstinence pledge was presented for signature.

AMHERST.

AMHERST, N. S., March 26.-Mrs. Gamet K. Chapman left on Monday

o, have decided to return here permanently. They have generally spent the summers here for the past few years, and last December they returned to Cincinnati and Mr. Bent has just arrived back to town. Mrs. Bent for satisfying the land-hunger of the will return in June. Their many repeasants who comprise eighty per cent. latives and friends will be pleased to of Russia's immense population. Many projects have been submitted to the welcome them to their former home. Another valuable property transfer government, and Premier Witte has a has just taken place. The lot and mass of information on the subject; but instead of presenting a project the buildings corner Havelock and Acadia streets have been purchased by Dr. W. government would prefer to leave a T. M. McKinnon from Mrs. William Greenfield.

JACKSONVILLE.

JACKSONVILLE, N. B., March 26.-Allen Everett, from Providence, R. I., who has been for the last few weeks obtain better terms for a loan now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett, returned to his home in the States last Monday. The many friends of John Lindsay

of the premier, the Associated Press was given to understand that Count Witte was almost on the verge of a regret to hear of the serious illness of his son, William, from consumption. Dr. Kierstead is in attendance. Rev. A. T. Taylor, who has fully recovered from a severe attack of appendicitis, for which he had to undergo an operation in the hospital, is now able to attend to his preaching appoint-

HAVELOCK.

taken to his bed, as he had determined HAVELOCK, March 26.-Arthur if possible to see the emperor and the Corey and his mother visited Hillsboro last week to attend the funeral of Miss Gross, a relative, who died on Thurs-

> At the meeting of the board of school trustees on Friday night Miss Bessie Howard was re-engaged as teacher of primary department and Miss Martha McAuley of Forest Glen, now teaching at Upper Ridge, was engaged to succeed Miss A. Laura Moore, who leaves the intermediate department at the end of this term, having secured a good position in the west.

MAUGERVILLE.

MAUGERVILLE, N. B., March 23-Alice Pauline, the infant child of Mrs. F. P. Shields, has been seriously ill for the past week, but is now slowly

recovering. Miss Annie Harding leaves tomor-

Mrs. Mary Miles is slowly improv-E. Dibblee of Oromocto, and interment ing from a serious attack of pneumonia. Emma Ladds has taken charge of the The members of the Upper Baptist this afternoon the local newspapers church are making preparations for

HARCOURT.

ray Glasier, George Glasier, J. C. Allan and Kenneth Alian. The funeral Walker Howard returned on the 24th

COAL FAMINE. Operators Have 9,000,000

Tons Stored Near N. Y.

They Issue Reassuring Statement Saying Only Speculation Can Make Trouble For Many Months.

(N. Y. Sun.

The anthracite operators announced yesterday that unless speculators got hold of domestic anthracite in sufficient quantities to cause an artificial scarcity there will be plenty to last for many months in case of a strike. The reserve of more than 9,000,000

ons is in the hands of the companies and will not be drawn on until a strike takes place. Dealers said yesterday that while domestic sizes are fairly plentiful and are no higher in price, little anthracite in the small steam sizes is coming to New York. A great deal of it is sold on the way from the collieries at different points and speculators have been buying large

York city a reserve supply of more than 9,000,000 tons of good marketable Brunswick, manager for the New York than 9,000,000 tons of good marketable 14. Fireman Jacob Cohen and Lewis investment firm of Mitchell, Schiller grades of anthracite coal. This is held F. Call, also of Engine 14, were burned by the coal operators in addition to the enormous supplies held by the dealers and large consumers. The operators are prepared to fully protect themselves and the public against any conments and persons passing in the discount tenements and persons passing in the contract of the contra Baptist special meetings now being and large consumers. The operators conducted at Riverside.

wishes to take effect on the 30th of June next. Dr. Brown referred to the cordial relations that had existed between the people and himself during the term of his pastorate, but felt that in this move he was acting under the mechanical and engineering improve-

> being added to at a rate that can be ing to the fire escape on the second increased at any time to 6,000 tons a floor. Others jumped into the life-sav- which owned the building. day. Immense steel trimmers ninety feet in height at the apex add to the supply in each pile at the rate of five tons per minute, while the endless ute. Three locomotives are kept busy This yard contains seventy-five acres, about thirty of which are covered with

At Rochelle Park, N. J., the Eric Railroad has a yard containing at this time over 200,000 tons, and its capacity is being increased by the installation of additional trackage. At this plant the cars are moved about by a complete cable system that dispenses with the use of locomotives after a car has been placed in the yard limits.

At South Amboy, N. J., is one of the main storage yards of the Pennsylvania system, and its capacity of 200,000 tons is at this time being tested to the full-est extent. Near Hampton Junction the Central railroad of New Jersey has accumulated something more than 200,-000 tons of anthracite.

At Abrams, Pa., the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. has one of the largest coal yards in the country and its limits now contain at least 500,000 tons.

in 1902. The coal operators at any send. It was dated today and read:

FURNESS LINER INJURED.

will resume her voyage tomorrow.

FOUR FIREMEN KILLED: MANY OTHERS INJURED

In New York Conflagration. Which Destroyed Property Worth Nearly Half Million Dollars — Flames Accompanied by Series of Explosions.

of the city. greater was declared by Chief Croker to be due to the explosions which shat- fire to a row of buildings, tered the building and crushed the blaze beneath tons of debris at the moment when the flames were completely beyond control and threaten-ing to sweep the entire block. One fireman was taken out of the building alive, but died almost immediately. The bodies of his three comrades were recovered after the fire was over, The statement of the operators is as crushed under the wreckage of floors and walls that followed the explosions.

radius of less than 100 miles of New Geo. C. Cristman, Thos. L. Halpin selves and the public against any contingency.

In accumulating this vast store of coal an army of men and the latest mechanical and engineering improvements have been streatly employed for

by the leasing of farms along the route of railroads. Many of these spots are isolated, but they are within easy transportation distance from New York.

One of the largest of these storage of New York of New York city is the South Plainfield yard in the immediate neighborhood of New York city is the South Plainfield yard if the Lohleth Valley Railford, each 75 to 80 feet high, with a specific spe

NEW YORK, March 26.—Four fire- juries. Four alarms were rung in in nen were killed and about a score of rapid succession and several hundred firemen and citizens were injured to- policemen were rushed to the scene to day in a fire, accompanied by a series control the panic-stricken crowds that of explosions, that demolished a six-thronged all the streets in the vicinity story factory building at Bedford and of the factory. All the adjoining tene-Downing streets in the Greenwich vil- ments were ordered vacated and this lage district, on the lower west side had barely been accomplished when a of the city. toppling wall crushed in the upper That the damage which is estimated portion of a row of seven telements in at from \$300,000 to \$400,000, was not far Carlisle street. A moment later the flames shot across the street, setting

Hardly had the flames enveloped the building when there occurred within a few minutes after the outbreak a terrific explosion followed in rapid suc-cession by four more, the last of such minutes after the blaze showed itself all that remained of the huge building walls and beams and beneath which were buried the bodies of the four firemen. Just after the second explosion Captain Walsh and the men of his company made a gallant effort to force their way close to the rear of the building in order to get a line on the hottest part of the fire, and while so engaged the north wall crashed down on them, Healy, who was not completely buried, was dragged out in a dying condition. Of the whole company every man was either killed or

SHOT HIS DAUGHTER TWO HOURS BEFORE WEDDING

Terrible Crime of Joseph P. Townsend, of Everett, Mass., Who Afterwards Killed Himself—Objected to Man of His Daughter's Choice.

Probably the largest coal storage yard in the country is that of the Susquehanna Coal Co. at McClellan, Pa. Its capacity is far in excess of 500,000 tons and during these recent dull weeks in the coal trade a continuous stream of cars has added to the supply usually maintained.

EVERETT, Mass., March 26.—Less than three hours before the time set for her wedding today, Pansy E. Townsend, in the coal trade a continuous stream of cars has added to the supply usually maintained. These are the largest plants and ver bullet into his head.

autopsy probably tonight to determine whether or not a drug was administer-

These are the largest plants and many of the coal roads have erected temporary bases of supply containing quantities varying from 50,000 tons to 100,000 tons.

While the railroads themselves have been thus active the large coal consumers have not been asleep. This is a indicated by the full piles of the New York Edison Company at Shady Side, N. J., just across the Hudson from New York city, where an electric sign e so large that residents of Riverside a Drive may read it tells of a capacity of 200,000 tons.

New York city alone consumes about 15,000,000 tons.

These are the largest plants and many of the coal roads have erected temporary bases of supply containing were bleed that his own his by putting a revolution in the observable whether or not a drug was administered before the shooting took place. Shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Perry sent a carriage to Townsend to the People's Temple, where the marriage ceremony was to have been performed. With the carriage came a large number of flowers for Miss Townsend to passed to the People's Temple, where the marriage ceremony was to have been married to Francis E. Perry of Fort Myers, Florida, at six o'clock tonight in the People's Temple in Boston. Early in the afternoon the father sent the only other member of the family, his diffeen-year-old son Joseph, to East Boston on an erraind connected with the corning wedding. The boy returned ed about 4:30 and let himself into the house with a key. Calling to his father and receiving no answer, he pushed open the sitting room door and entered. On the floor lay the body of his father, his head in a pool of blood.

Townsend for autopsy probably tonight to determine whether or not a drug was administer—whether of the shooting took place. Shortly after 5 o'clock tonight in the People's Temple in Boston. Early in the afternoon the father sent the only of the People's Temple whether or not a drug was administer—shortly after 5 o'clock tonight in the People's Temple in Boston. Early in the afternoon the father sent t New York city alone consumes about his father, his head in a pool of blood

rate have taken every precaution to protect the public against any such condition. A coal strike would not cause a famine for a very considerable time.

send. It was dated today and read:

"At 3.40 I have taken my daughter's life and my own. I do this rather than see her the wife of Francis chair as though thrown from him with

So far as known Townsend had nothing against Perry, and the supposition is that his mind was unbalanced by

New York city alone consumes about 15,000,000 tons of coal every normal year and the mild winter just passed reduced the local tonnage about 25 per cent. This amount has been added to the supply in storage, for there has been at no time for the past year any short time at the coal mines. Miners have been kept busy and no mine has been shut down.

Should a strike come there will be no inconvenience such as attended the disturbances in the anthracite region in 1902. The coal operators at any strick have taken a very present of the room and account at the side of the father was dead. The boy tried to force some brandy down his sister's throat, and, failing, hurried out after doctors. When they arrived the girl was dead.

The only clue to the cause of the room where the tragedy took place, were found a number of bottles containing drugs and medicines of various kinds.

a last effort.

FURNESS LINER INJURED.

Is that his mind was unbalanced by reason of his love for his daughter and his broading over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of separation from her. He contemplated soling over the prospect of suttleship New Jersey, which is scheduled for her builder's trial over the wedding. Townsend was formerly mate on a vessel sailing from Boston. He was a native of Baltimore and 56 years old.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 26.—Justice D. C. Fraser of Nova Scotia, is now with her strain with representatives of the details of the trial with representatives of the builder's trial over the Rockland course on Wednesday, arrived and will arrange the wedding. Townsend, who was 22 years old.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 26.—Justice and will be passed to like prospect of the seal of the read of the here at 6 o'clock this evening. St. Johns, N. F., March 26.—The battleship New Jersey, which is scheduled for her builder's trial over the Rockland course on the dued for her builder's trial over the received in the seal of the re Medical Examiner Durrell viewed the hour.

reaction will prevail-whether the against this element that the govern-Express Wagons



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Pall Bearers. FREDERICTON, N. B., March 26 .-The funeral of the late Robert Andrew Payne took place this afternoon at Lincoln, and was attended by many row to take charge of the school at Fredericton friends. The services at Stanley. the house were conducted by Rev. H. The veteran journalist is deeply mourned here by many friends, and make feeling editorial references to his an Easter concert.

sudden demise. The pall-bearers were as follows: Duncan Glasier, Charles Glasier, Mur-

ST. JOHN, N. B. ship of Nova Scotia.