

RUSSIA'S HARD WON LIBERTY IN DANGER.

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

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—The Associated Press is able to give the results of an important conversation with a high personage regarding the situation in Russia.

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.

GUERRILLA WARFARE CANNOT SUCCEED. "The guerrilla warfare which the revolutionists at present are conducting" said the personage referred to, "cannot succeed.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. "Should the parliament attempt to take the bill by the horns for the deposition of the emperor and the reconstruction of the whole fabric of government, the new regime might be overwhelmed with disaster.

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Provincial News NO FEAR OF A COAL FAMINE.

SACKVILLE. SACKVILLE, N. B., March 26.—Harold Hutton, son of Professor Hutton, returned on Saturday from a six-months' visit to Lake Saranac, N. Y., where he went for the benefit of his health.

Operators Have 9,000,000 Tons Stored Near N. Y. They Issue Reassuring Statement Saying Only Speculation Can Make Trouble For Many Months.

HOPEWELL HILL. HOPEWELL HILL, March 26.—Lewis Smith of Coverdale spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. C. L. Peck.

AMHERST. AMHERST, N. S., March 26.—Garnet K. Chapman left on Monday on a short visit to Boston.

JACKSONVILLE. JACKSONVILLE, N. B., March 26.—Allen Everett, from Providence, R. I., who has been for the last few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett, returned to his home in the States last Monday.

HAVELOCK. HAVELOCK, March 26.—Arthur Corey and his mother visited Hilderbrand last week to attend the funeral of Miss Gross, a relative, who died on Thursday.

MAUGERVILLE. MAUGERVILLE, N. B., March 26.—Alice Pauline, the infant child of Mrs. F. P. Shields, has been seriously ill for the past week, but is now slowly recovering.

HARCOURT. HARCOURT, March 26.—Mrs. J. W. Howard returned on the 24th from a week's visit to St. John and Sussex.

FUNERAL OF LATE ROBERT A. PAYNE. Large Number of Friends Follow Remains to Last Resting Place—The 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 Fredericton friends.

FURNACE LINER INJURED. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 26.—The steamer London City, which left here on Thursday for Liverpool, returned this morning, having struck ice on the coast, punching a hole in the port bow.

FOUR FIREMEN KILLED; MANY OTHERS INJURED

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

NEW YORK, March 26.—Four firemen were killed and about a score of citizens were injured today in a fire, accompanied by a series of explosions, that demolished a six-story factory building at Bedford and Downing streets in the Greenwich village district, on the lower west side of the city.

That the damage which is estimated at from \$300,000 to \$400,000, was not far greater was declared by Chief Croker to be due to the explosions which shattered the building and crushed the blaze beneath tons of debris at the moment when the flames were completely beyond control and threatening to sweep the entire block.

The dead are: Captain John Walsh, Geo. C. Cristman, Thos. I. Halpin and J. Healy, all of Engine Company 14. Fireman Jacob Cohen and Lewis F. Call, also of Engine 14, were burned and bruised and removed to the hospital.

Three hundred men and women were in the factory during the lunch hour when a slight explosion occurred on one of the upper floors and almost instantly the whole structure was enveloped in flames.

One of the largest of these storage yards in the immediate neighborhood of New York city is the South Plainfield yard of the Erie Railroad, York Road Co. Here fourteen mountains of coal, each 75 to 80 feet high, with a base of 275 to 300 feet, now contain nearly 500,000 tons.

Chief Croker, who took charge of the fire, said that the fire and attendant explosions occurred among a lot of benzine and celluloid, but upon what floor he was unable to determine.

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.

EVERETT, Mass., March 26.—Less than three hours before the time set for her wedding today, Fanny E. Townsend was shot and fatally wounded by her father, Jos. P. Townsend, in the sitting room of their home, 15 Woodville street, this city.

Shortly after 6 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Perry sent a carriage to Townsend's home to take Mr. and Miss Townsend to the People's Temple, where the marriage ceremony was to have been performed.

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.

The theory expressed by neighbors of the Townsends, who knew them well, is that Mr. Townsend had become mentally unbalanced as the result of using drugs. He has not been well for the past year and has, it is said, sought relief in drugs.

While the railroads themselves have been thus active the large coal companies have not been asleep. This is 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 and lights that residents of Riverside Drive may read it tells of a capacity of 200,000 tons.

So far as known Townsend had nothing against Perry, and the supposition is that his mind was unbalanced by reason of his love for his daughter and his brooding over the prospect of separation from her.

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ROCKLAND, N. S., March 26.—The battleship New Jersey, which is scheduled for her builder's trial over the Rockland course on Wednesday, arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening.

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