

REFORMS IN RUSSIA; STRENGTHENING ARMY.

She Has Called 320,000 New Men to the Colors.

St. Petersburg, July 20.—In furtherance of the proposed domestic reforms, a new law has been promulgated, giving factory employees the right to appoint delegates from their co-workers to represent their interests in conferences with the factory inspectors. The plan for the formation of a new police force to maintain security in the rural districts of 46 provinces of European Russia will be carried out immediately in 15 of these provinces. But, owing to the large expenditure involved, \$2,250,000, six years will be allowed for its complete execution in the other provinces.

Over 320,000 men have been called to the colors in order to complete the strength of the Russian army and navy for the present year.

London, July 20.—J. H. Wallace, formerly secretary of the late Sir Francis Cook, who recently achieved great notoriety here in connection with his suit for libel against Lady Cook, formerly Miss Tennessee Chaffin, of New York, has been arrested in connection with the mysterious death of his wife. She was found dead in her flat, while Wallace was discovered on the floor with his throat cut.

Vienna, July 20.—Terrible reports are arriving here of the devastation caused by floods in various parts of the country. The worst storm in many years broke over Marienbad and stopped all traffic. Hundreds of visitors at fashionable Spas were compelled to go to restaurants and pass the night on tables and chairs, as it was impossible to return to their hotels.

VENEZUELA PAYS INDEMNITY TO THE ALLIED POWERS.

Lineman Shocked to Death in Presence of Hundreds in the Streets.

Caracas, July 20.—The Venezuelan Government yesterday paid the representatives of the allied powers the last instalments of the indemnity of the protocol.

Caracas, July 20.—A man was electrocuted in Mid-air. Battle Creek, Mich., July 20.—Earl C. Hayward, a Michigan telephone lineman from Grand Rapids, was electrocuted yesterday at Main and Myrtle streets, in the presence of several hundred people who watched him hang in midair until rescued.

SEIZURE OF BORNEO ISLETS

British Government Asks States for an Explanation.

London, July 20.—According to the Press Association a curious rumor was current in the lobby of the House of Commons to-night to the effect that the United States warships had seized about 20 small islands off the coast of Borneo, which it is understood belong to Great Britain, and planted the American flag on them.

Spain transferred her Asiatic insular possessions to the United States, the question rose as to whether the treaty had ceded the islands of Gagayan, Sulu and Sibutu. To settle all doubts, the government made a separate treaty with Spain, providing for the purchase of these two islands for \$100,000. The treaty was ratified and the money paid.

WERE THEY BOUGHT FROM SPAIN

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London, July 20.—The Chronicle asserts that the British Foreign Office is communicating with Washington regarding the reported U. S. seizure of a number of islets off the coast of Borneo, and has asked for an explanation of the seizure.

HELD FUNERAL SERVICE.

Tribute to Late Judge Armour at the Temple Church.

London Cable.—The funeral services were held to-day at the Temple Church for the remains of Justice John Douglas Armour, of the Canadian Supreme Court, who died July 17th.

A STATE OF SIEGE.

Men Work in a Strike Under Protection of Police.

Toronto, Despatch.—The most unique fight between capital and labor that has ever occurred in Toronto is being waged between the striking union molders and their employers, the Canada Foundry Company, at Toronto Junction, England, Scotland and the United States have been scoured for moulders, and today, under police protection, sometimes armed, 40 moulders, claiming among them at least three countries as the land of their birth, are employed under double wages in the moulding shops of the Canada Foundry Company.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rocheater, N. Y., July 20.—A coat of vivid red paint applied to the house and supplemented by bright blue trimmings was the last straw that drove Mrs. Irma Renke to demand a decree of divorce from her husband, E. Smith Renke, of Riga. In her complaint she charged that her husband "beat" the wife, alleges she is of a hysterical temperament, and that the painting was done with the deliberate attempt to drive her to madness.

have been thrown up, and ten carpenters and mechanics are rushing to completion a one-story building which is to serve as a dining-room. This will seat 150 people. These living apartments are situated on the northwest side of the Canada Foundry plant and are connected with the main building by a C. P. R. Railway tracks.

FARMERS KIDNAP STUDENTS.

Hold Up Train and Capture Other Men's Farm Hands. Topeka, Kan., July 20.—One squad of eastern college and high school students which was started from Topeka to the harvest fields of Ness county yesterday failed to reach the destination to which it was assigned by the State Employment Director.

None of the young men was hurt in the contest, but several carried pieces of car furniture which they had torn away in an endeavor to stay on the train. Had the young men understood Kansas conditions they would have reached their destination in Ness county without trouble by telling the Olin farmers that they were bound for the mountains and did not intend to work in the harvest fields.

JOINS THIRTY-SIX LODGES.

Practises Signs, Distress Grips and Passwords. Rochester, N. Y., July 20.—A coat of vivid red paint applied to the house and supplemented by bright blue trimmings was the last straw that drove Mrs. Irma Renke to demand a decree of divorce from her husband, E. Smith Renke, of Riga.

DESPERATE FIGHTING

Between Police and Kellogg Switch Strikers.

Chicago, July 20.—Desperate fighting between the police and the strikers of the Kellogg Switch and Spring Company took place this afternoon and evening while the company attempted to send freight to some of the railroad depots.

LEASE IS RATIFIED.

Canadian Southern Goes to the Michigan Central.

Detroit, Mich., July 20.—The action of the Michigan Central directors in renewing the lease of the Canada Southern for a period of 999 years, Southern proposition to refund \$3,000,000 of bonds of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad, controlled by the Pere Marquette, thus securing a lower rate of interest, was ratified to-day at a formal stockholders' meeting here.

THE WALKING DELEGATES.

Three of Them Under Indictments for Extortion.

New York, July 20.—In the Court of General Sessions to-day Samuel Parks, Timothy McCarthy and Richard Carvel, the walking delegates who were indicted by the grand jury yesterday for extortion, were arraigned to enter a plea. Judge McMahon finally held the defendants in \$1,000 on each indictment, making Parks' bail \$3,000; McCarthy's \$1,000; Carvel's \$1,000, which was furnished and the men released. The defendants did not enter a plea, this being put off until next Monday.

that some of the works established have proved unprofitable and will be cut off. The report also shows that the capital of the company has been invested.

Mr. Arthur Piers, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific's steamship service, is in London. His visit is associated with the proposed extension of the contract and it is very probable that the contract will ultimately go to the Canadian Pacific.

SHARES BY INSTALMENTS.

Model Rules to Come Into Force in August. Toronto, July 20.—The Chief Registrar of Loan Companies will immediately issue notices to all companies engaged in the business of collecting weekly or monthly instalments for shares fixing a date in August on which these companies must adopt by-laws in accordance with the legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature.

CIUDAD-BOLIVAR BESIEGED

CASTRO WOULD SPARE LIVES. Ferrara, However, is Doomed if He Fails Into His Hands.

Solead, Venezuela, July 20.—The situation is unchanged. The attack on Ciudad-Bolivar by the Venezuelan Government troops, which appeared imminent yesterday morning as cabled to the Associated Press, at the time, has been postponed, at the request of the American and Russian Consuls, and the Bishop, who transmitted to President Castro, through General Gomez, the Commander-in-Chief of the forces, a long telegram asking him to be magnanimous and to show mercy to all if the revolutionists surrender. It is known that the President answered as follows: "Yes, for every one, except the traitor or Ferrara, the cause of so many

VOLGA STEAMER BURNED, TWELVE PERSONS PERISH.

Strong Measures Taken to Suppress Popular Outbreaks.

St. Petersburg, July 20.—The steamer Nadejda, plying on the Volga, has been destroyed by fire, near Nizhny Novogorod. Twelve persons were burned to death.

STATUE IN LONDON.

Pilgrims' Club Decides to Erect One to Washington.

London, July 20.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pilgrims' Club to-night, a committee was appointed to give effect to the recent suggestion to erect a statue to George Washington, in London. It was decided that the subscriptions should be entirely confined to British subjects.

GAG PROFANE PRISONERS.

Atlanta Judge's Instructions to Policemen.

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—City Judge R. A. Brylos to-day ordered policemen to provide themselves with gags and use them on persons who swear when arrested. The Judge said: "It is the duty of the officers to summarily gag every prisoner, male or female, who begins to abuse the officers and to use profane language when he or she is placed under arrest. This thing has reached the limit. I for one am tired of hearing officers tell of the frightful, black-guarding and cursing they have to stand at the hands of prisoners. Besides, people passing on the streets, and often times ladies, are compelled to listen to this vile talk. You officers must be furnished with gags and you must use them on every scoundrel who uses such language."

BALFOUR BLOCKS DEBATE.

Refuses to Give Facilities to the House to Discuss Tariff.

London, July 20. Premier Balfour in the House of Commons to-day, refused to give the House facilities for a full, general debate on Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's proposed financial bill. The matter was brought up by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, and was supported by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader. Mr. Balfour said he did not think any useful purpose would be served by an abstract discussion, addressed to no particular motion; that the matter had already been debated several times under similar conditions. If Sir Henry raised a debate by introducing a vote of censure of the Government, he said he would grant the facilities desired.

treary ports, several ports now closed to the world's trade. The Russian Government has conveyed formal assurance to the U. S. Government, that it will not in any way, oppose such opening. While the ports to be opened are not yet specified, it is gathered from the communications received that they are Mukden, the principal inland port of Manchuria, and Ta Tung Kao, at the mouth of the Yalu River. The State department is highly gratified at this outcome, feeling that it has secured not only for U. S. commerce, but for the commerce of the world at large a visible gain.

THE MONETARY CONDITION.

St. Johns, Nfld., July 20.—A tug which returned to-day from the wrecked steamer Monterey, near St. Pierre, brought the captain of the steamer, Lloyds' agent, and the only passenger who was aboard. The tug reports the ship in a critical condition. Her head is full of water and it is unlikely that she can be refloated. The cattle are being landed, and there is hope also of saving part of the cargo. The wrecking tug Petrel is bound from the scene from Port Au Baques, and will reach the wreck to-night.

FIRE-DAMP KILLS MINERS.

Explosion in British Columbia Mine.

Vancouver, B. C., July 20.—Twenty Chinamen, who disobeyed the law forbidding the employment of Montgomery underground, paid the penalty last night, when twelve were killed and eight severely burned through an explosion in No. 3 incline, No. 6 shaft, of the Wellington Collieries at Cumberland, owned by former Premier Densmore and his associates.

ALL THE VICTIMS CHINESE.

It was feared that several white men were also victims, but it was afterwards learned that there was only one employed in the mine, and he escaped with nothing worse than a shaking.

CAUGHT ALLEGED MURDERER

Constables Chase Out on Traveller's Tip and Capture Man.

Monterey, Mex., July 20.—Marion ryk, accused of murdering a fellow-countryman near Tynadill, was recognized while passing through the town of Altona by W. H. Tyson, traveller for the McCormick Machine Company. On his arrival in town he reported having seen him about half a mile south of the village, and the authorities were immediately put upon his track. Search parties were sent from Altona and Granda, and Messrs. Johnston and Miller caught him on the west side of the track about four miles south of the town. Constable Johnston has taken the prisoner to Winnipeg.

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