

ON THRESHOLD OF GIGANTIC STRUGGLE A General Strike Formally Declared Throughout Whole of Russia. LIFE OF THE STATE ENDANGERED Grand Duke Nicholas May Be Made Commander of All Troops in Empire.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—With a general strike formally declared and the country apparently on the threshold of a gigantic struggle, minor issues fade into the background. If the strike is augmented today, sufficient headway to endanger the life of the state is virtually decided.

The spontaneity with which practically the entire nation arrayed itself against the old regime last fall is lacking. The endurance of the people, this time, has been exhausted by the long strike. The sympathy of the more conservative liberals has been alienated by fear of a revolution and the lower elements of the population have been organized into what is known as the "Black Hundreds," and are ready to enter the fight on the side of the government if the signal is given.

Discussions also are rife among the leaders over the opportunities of giving battle to the government. Moscow and St. Petersburg are expected to decide the issue. The railroad workers upon whom the initial strike depended have not yet formally ordered a strike. On the ulterior object of the proletarian leaders which at present is needed must depend the attitude of the troops. If the military supporters of the government stand up as they did at Sveborg and Cronstadt the leaders acknowledge that the game is lost, but even so, they declare that defeat, if it forces the disarmed portion of the army to show its colors, will only prepare the way for final victory.

The wavering of the artilleryists at Cronstadt and the attitude of a major portion of the crew of the armored cruiser Panayotoff which remained nominally loyal which they believe would undoubtedly have thrown in its lot with the rebels if the rebels had been received, secured support from the military, and they cite as being in their favor and are confident that if put to a test thousands of soldiers will refuse to fire on the people.

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Among the best items in the Sale for MONDAY are some things that everybody wants.

50 LOUNGES VARIOUS SORTS Go On Sale Monday at = \$11.75 Values \$16.50 to \$27.50 A FEW LISTED BELOW

- Hoey Bed Lounges, diamond tufted, spring edge, upholstered in good tapestry. Regular, \$16.50 and \$17.50. Monday, \$11.75.
Clintson Velour Bed Lounges, with large box underneath seat for dresses. Regular, \$27.50. Monday, \$11.75.
Box Bed Lounges, covered in green velour, spring seat and back. Regular, \$22.50. Monday, \$11.75.
Diamond Tufted Couches, upholstered with good quality tapestry. Regular, \$16.50. Monday, \$11.75.
Deep Tufted Velour Couches, with fringe and spring edge. All round. Regular, \$16.50. Monday, \$11.75.
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Buy Furniture Now! If you are likely to need the Furniture during the next six months it is like putting money out at interest.

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OUR IMPORTANT SALE IN THE BASEMENT COMMENCES ON MONDAY

- DINNER SETS
40-Piece Tea Sets in assorted designs, including 1 dozen cups and saucers, 1 dozen 5-inch plates, 2 cake plates, 1 slop bowl, 1 creamer. Regular \$45, special \$22.50.
21-Piece Tea Sets, in plain white fluted china, including half dozen cups and saucers, half dozen 5-inch plates, 1 cake plate, 1 slop bowl. This is open stock ware, which can be replaced at any time. Regular \$25.00, special \$15.00.
Kneading Pans, in heavy tin with good handles and cover. Regular 45c, special 25c.
7-inch Glass Berry Bowls. Regular 15c, special 5c.
Glass Vinegar Bottles, with glass stopper. Regular 15c, special 10c.
Blue Mottled Water Kettles, with white lining that will not wear brown. In five sizes—2 quarts, regular 90c, special 75c; 3 quarts, regular \$1, special 85c; 4 quarts, regular \$1.15, special 95c; seven quarts, regular \$1.25, special \$1; 8 quarts, regular \$1.35, special \$1.15.
Glass 4-Piece Tea Sets, with creamer, sugar bowl, spoon-holder and butter dish. Regular \$1, special 50c.
Salts and Peppers with silver-plated tops, 25c pair.
Glass Berry Bowls, with stands in assorted designs, 25c, 35c, 50c each.
Glass Half Gallon Water Pitchers, in assorted shapes. Regular 75c, special 50c each.
Syrup Jugs, with metal tops, 25c each.

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Wallace Bros. 1855 Extra Silver Plate on nickel silver, warranted. 12 Spoons, \$3.50 dozen; Dessert Spoons, \$4.75 dozen; Tea Spoons, \$2.75 dozen; Table Forks, \$5.50 dozen; Dessert Forks, \$4.75 dozen.
Victoria Nickel Silver Table Spoons, \$2.40 dozen; Dessert Spoons, \$1.40 dozen; Tea Spoons, 75c dozen; Table Forks, \$2.40 dozen; Dessert Forks, \$1.50 dozen.
Roger Bros' 1847 Silver Plate Dessert Knives, Special \$4.50 dozen.
Roger Bros. 1847 Silver Plate Dessert Knives, Special \$4.00 dozen, estimated on the basis of the present run will last. If the packing continues for five or six days on the same basis as yesterday, the output for the season will be nearly equal to that of 1902, which was slightly in excess of 300,000 cases.
Up to yesterday, the largest number of sockeye were packed for a single day's fishing was 11,000. This catch was made by a trap on Strawberry Bay. Cook's herring trap took 10,000 fish for one day's fishing on Monday.
The reports from the canneries, which are submitted each week by the operators to each other, do not show that up to the present the smaller concerns have kept well up with former records for light years.

10 CENT LIST

- Devil Rat Trap, 10c.
Handy Wash Boards, 10c.
Child's Toy Brooms, 10c.
Enamel Basting Spoons, 10c.
Enamel Pie Plates, 10c.
Enamel Cups, 10c.
Enamel Saucers, 10c.
Enamel Mugs, 2 sizes, 10c.
Tin Pie Plates, 10c.
Fry Pans, cool handle, 10c.
Jelly Cake Tins, with false bottom, 10c.
Enamel Bread and Butter Plate, 10c.
Enamel Deep Pie Dish, 10c.
Rolling Pins, 10c.
Tea Cans, decorated, 10c.
Wire Broilers, 10c.
Tin Pails, good handles, 10c.
Square Shallow Cake Tins, 10c.
Glass Tumblers, 10c.
China Creamers, 10c.
China Salts and Peppers, 10c.
Wire Fly Killer, very useful, 10c.
China Vases, assorted, 10c.
Bread Knives, wood handles, 10c.
Retained Cup Dipper, 10c.
Wood Butter Ladies, 10c.
Soup Strainers, with wood handles, 10c.
Pot Chains, with handle, 10c.
Coffee Strainers, wood handles, 10c.

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R. L. Borden Being Take Action in Re Bribery Case

PROVINCIAL CONF

It is Believed That Be Arranged For Early Date.

OTTAWA, Aug. 6.—R. L. Borden is urged by his party to enter an appeal against the decision of Justices Townsend and which, on technicality, the members for Halifax, were in their seats before the judgment in court that sufficed of bribery and corruption had decided to upset election of Borden.

interprovincial Conference It is said on good authority (Wilfrid Laurier who is now has given assurance to there that there will be a meeting of the inter-provincial The Quebec government is for a meeting of premiers early in October.

The Pulp Suit The government of Quebec (ained Honore Gervais, M. sel in the suit entered by against the Grand River Paper Co. for one hundred their damages for timber cut son Inlet, Labrador, claim taken off territory of the company has a charter and from the government of New which also claim jurisdiction suit of the case will be to Dominion and Newfoundland.

A Sugar Refinery Pro The department of trade merce has been informed by the British West Indies, considering a scheme to erect in Canada, treating all available crops of the islands. They to the prospect that they, a denials that owing to the Canadian refiners they are the prices for raw sugar will accrue under the preferential

Arranging Holdup Rev The authorities are trying for the distribution of the ward offered by the captain was held up by the C. British Columbia. Five offered by the Dominion g an equal amount by the r \$1,500 by British Colum mented police who partic capture cannot accept govern wards, so the British Colum have been pressing for of the account towards the divided among seven moun and the remainder among t Columbia officers.

Empress of Ireland Sea Quebec, Aug. 6.—The Cana royal mail steamer Empress sailed from here for 4:10 p. m. today with a passengers.

An Open Verdict Guelph, Ont., Aug. 6.—The jury yesterday returned a verdict in the case of Berdina s, who was shot by Peter Rodgers, a young man. The evidence adduced went that the shooting was accid that there was no malice on or the account towards the or the members of her family.

Fire at Guelph Guelph, Ont., Aug. 6.— morning gutted the Centridge mills here. The loss is estimated 000, partly covered by insur