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Capital of the Rossian Empire Will Be in State of Siege Today.

City Presents a Tranquil Appear ance But Outbreak Is Feared.

Reactionary From Moscow Put at Head of the Police.

THE SITUATION.

HERE was no bloodshed in St. Petersburg yesterday, but the condition of affairs has not improved, and in other of the large cities of Russia has not improved, and in other of the large cities of Russia matters appear rapidly to be assuming a critical character. In Moscow in particular the outlook is threatening, the strike there having become general, while the revolutionary spirit seems to dominate. A prochamation in the name of Father Gopon has been circulated, inciting to the use of bombs, dynamite or any weapon whatsover against the members of the government, who, it is asserted, outlawed themselves by the course that was adopted towards the workmen of St. Petersburg on Sunday. The office of governor-general of the city and government of St. Petersburg has been created by imperial order with extraordinary powers for dealing with the existing condition of affairs, and General Trepoff, whose administration of the office of chief of police of Moscow brought upon him the sentence of death from the revolutionary party, has been appointed to the post. Numerous arrests have been made, including authors and a prominent editor whose names had been connected with a reported revolutionary propaganda. In spite of the repressive measures, however, the liberal spirit seems undaunted, for in Moscow Prince Galitzin, who recently resigned the mayoralty in protest against the imperial ukase condemning the reform programme, has been again chosen mayor by the municipal council by a vote of 113 to 10.

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Shopkeepers and residents of St. Petersburg have evidenced their apprehensions by boarding up their doors and windows. Cavalry and infantry patrols were all that were to be seen at midnight in the streets of St. Petersburg and Moscow.

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at noon today forced their way into the works of the firm of Hopper & Co., and compelled 500 men to join the strike. Simultaneously factories and other works were closed throughout the districts adjoining Daniloff street.

GUILTY OFFICERS ARRESTED.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—Davidoff, the captain, and Kurzaoff, the senior officer of the battery from which the loaded shell was fired on Jan. 19, strik-

Ladysmith, Jan. 23.—The concert under the auspices of the city band, held in the opera house Saturday night, was from every standpoint a complete success. It is a doubtful if a better or more largely attended affair of the kind has ever taken place in this city. There were many people present, and all the participants carried out their parts in excellent style, for which the majority received the hearty plaudits of the enthusiastic audience. The selections by the band were all well rendered, and the manner in which the members played reflects great credit on their energetic leader, Mr. Isaac Whitcombe, who has worked faithfully to bring his band up among the best, and who later in the evening delighted with a cornet solo, "The Holy City."

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of Europe by Friends of

Leave for Russia to Aid Cause.

Special Cable to New York Herald and Victoria Colonist. Paris, Jan. 24.—Hundreds of stu-dents of the Latin quarter made an an-ti-Russian demonstration in the streets, but were dispersed by the police.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—Davidoff, the captain, and Kurzaoff, the senior officer of the battery from which the loaded shell was fired on Jan. 19, striking the imperial pavilion and other buildings, have been arrested.

Rome, Jan. 23.—The announcement of the composition of the new French cabinet was received coldly at the vatican, where the belief prevails that although the ministers will be more moderate, they will continue the late Premier Combes' programme for the separation of the church and state, as approved by the Chamber of Deputies before M. Combes resigned. Still definite opinion on the subject is reserved until after the ministers' statement of policy is made to the chamber.

Dominion **News Notes**

Governor General and Party Visit Montreal and are Warmly Welcomed.

Dawson Hockey Team Again go Down to Defeat in Nova Scotia.

Well-known Hotel Man of Toronto Passes Away In California.

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LIQUIDATIONS IN 1904.

During the past year 21 joint stock companies registered at Somerset House, London, and organised to operate in the Dominion of Canada were compulsorily or voluntarily wound up, or reconstructed. Compulsory winding-up, British Columbian Steamship, Trading and Agency Co.

The list follows:

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The first witness was Architect Thomas Hooper, who presented plans showing the situation of the 'Chinese time since operations were suspended last August owing to the tram and mine buildings being burned out by the terrific forest fire that swept the lower. The case proceeds with the calling of the various withesses who have been previously examined, and will be continued this morning at 11 o'clock.

CASHIER SUICIDES.

pressive measures as at St. Petersburg.

Several university professors belonging to the party of progress have been arrested here, and also Hedrin, a prominent member of the town council. The troops have ceased using firearms. Cossacks are clearing the streets with whips.

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SUCCESSFUL BAND CONCERT.

vestigation.

Official announcement was made yesterday that Mr. Archibald Dick, inspector of mines, has been exonerated by the royal commission, presided over by His Honor Judge Spinks. The Minister of Mines stated that the evidence failed to disclose any wrongdoing on the part of Inspector Dick, and in his report, it is understood that Judge Spinks very highly commends the work of this official in the Fernie district. In substance the charge preferred against Mr. Dick was that he had accepted a retainer of \$300 a month from the Crow's Nest Coal Company while acting as an official of the government. ********************

Sympathy For Revolutionists

Disturbances in Many Capitals Russian Strikers.

Swiss Revolutionary Leaders

Brussels, Jan. 24.—Groups of men last night gathered before the Russian legation, throwing stones and shouting: "Down with the assassins." The police dispersed the mob. The minister of foreign affairs called at the legation today to express his regret.