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Squadron Joins Mutiny Capital Fears Outcome

Rumor That Four of Ships of Baltic Squadron Are in Complete Revolt, and Cronstadt Fears Attack.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—(12.15 a.m.)—St. Petersburg is anxiously awaiting news of the outcome of yesterday's battle between the mutineers and the government forces at Sveaborg. No definite information has been received here, owing to the damage done to the land telegraph wires.

The utmost importance is attached to the conduct of the fleet. According to semi-official intimations, the crews of these vessels still are under the control of their officers, but private advices say that a portion of the crews have been confined below decks for fear of mutiny.

There was a rumor here to-night that four of the ships of the Baltic squadron were in complete mutiny and ready at large in the Gulf of Finland, and that the commandant at Kronstadt had been notified to be prepared for an attack by these vessels.

It is worthy of note that a despatch to an official agency from Helsingfors, announcing the arrival of the fleet off Sveaborg and the fact that it opened fire, does not mention what it opened fire against.

Vice-Admiral Birleff presumably has gone to Helsingfors to assume personal command of the fleet.

Spread of Revolt. The most intense anxiety still prevails with regard to a possible uprising at Kronstadt, and the general spread of the revolt thru the entire naval establishment. A vessel, the vessel named Press to Kronstadt, however, shows that the authorities there received timely warning of the events at Sveaborg, and nipped a possible revolt in the bud. They had the situation well in hand Tuesday night, and quietly placed detachments of infantry at the entrance to the marine barracks and removed the carbines from the racks in the buildings.

Yesterday morning the 1500 sailors composing the 14th Equiper Squadron at Kronstadt, whose loyalty had been questioned, found themselves prisoners. The corresponding news from Kronstadt, however, shows that the mutineers are swarming with troops of the loyal guard regiments, and the newly-arrived men of the 24th Division, who serve to overawe the disaffected elements.

Suppress Newspapers. The commandant at Kronstadt ordered the confiscation of newspapers from St. Petersburg in order to prevent the news of the outbreak at Sveaborg from reaching the laborers.

A group of agitators who went over to Kronstadt in the same boat with the correspondent of the Associated Press attempted to hold meetings and communicate the news of the Sveaborg happenings. They fled before the leveled rifles of the navy department at the offices of the press. The offices at Kronstadt are besieged by the wives and relatives of officers on board the ships at Helsingfors, and during the night the reports that the crews had risen and killed their superiors.

As the correspondent was crossing from Kronstadt to Oranienbaum he saw the imperial yacht, *Polestar*, lying in the stream with steam up at the pier below the imperial residence at Peterhof.

Gratified. The Reich, in an editorial to-day does not conceal its gratification at the quick march of events, saying: "Before the government could even induce a few men enjoying a measure of public confidence to counteract its promises of liberal reforms, the first blow has fallen, not delivered by the peasants or workmen, but by the army, whose loyalty the premier was vainly trusting."

The Reich thinks that a civil war is at hand. "The Liberals in general believe now that the government will be forced to discard all pretence of reform and that a military dictatorship is immediately ahead."

FIGHTING IT PRETTY HARD.

Street Railway Employees Arbitration Goes on All Right.

Up to 3 o'clock this morning the street railway arbitration board had not reached a decision.

The board were in session from 8 o'clock last night at F. B. Polson's residence in Rosedale.

When seen by the World at his house this morning Mr. Polson said that he did not think a decision would be reached at before 6 o'clock a.m. The board were still at sea on several points.

NO EVIDENCE OF FOUL PLAY.

Bowmanville, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The verdict of the jury at the inquest on the death of the young man, Buck, who was found dead on the lake shore by his parents on Sunday, was that there was no evidence to show that there had been foul play.

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Toronto Police Second. Ottawa, Aug. 1.—In the Ottawa police sports to-day the local police won all-round championship, Toronto won second place and Montreal third.

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HOISTED WHITE FLAG.

Helsingfors, August 2.—(1.30 a.m.)—The white flag has been hoisted on one of the islands, it is premature to say whether the revolutionaries there have surrendered. In any event, however, the fire from the battleship *Slava* and another warship undoubtedly had its effect. The mutineers report that the *Slava* was struck several times by its own shells.

During the afternoon, a boat put out from Sveaborg and was bombarded. The occupants, who were members of the red guard, were arrested.

The mutiny first broke out Monday, among a sapper battalion, which had been disarmed in the fortress. The artillery joined in the revolt, and together the mutineers took possession of the fortress.

The commander of the sapper battalion was fired upon by his men and wounded. He was then stoned to death, and thrown into the sea. A midshipman, named Dellvorn, attached to one of the torpedo boat destroyers, went out and hoisted down the red flag from Skatudden fortress while the mutineers were firing on him. He received four bullets in the breast and died in a hospital during the night.

FRIEND OF JUNIOR BAR MR. JUSTICE STREET DEAD

Passed Away at Health Resort in Thamesville, New Jersey—Funeral on Friday.

Hon. William Purvis, Rochford street, judge of the King's bench division of the high court of justice, died at Thamesville, N.J., yesterday morning.

The funeral services will be held in Toronto at 4 o'clock p.m., and the interment will occur at London on Saturday morning.

The late Justice Street was born in London, Ont., on Nov. 13, 1841. He was a son of Wm. Warren Street, who came from Devonshire, England, in 1832. His mother was Frances Mary Leonard, a daughter of Major Leonard, at one time sheriff of the Niagara district.

He was educated at the London Grammar School and graduated from the

There was a miniature Donnybrook at Port Dalhousie wharf last night, when the gardeners' excursion and the Wednesday afternoon holiday folks were coming home from St. Catharines.

The crowd was large, and the Garden City boat looked small in comparison. The people surged upon it at 7 o'clock, and someone shouted that the boat would sink if any more tried to get on.

This scare caused a panic. People on the boat wanted to get off, while those on the wharf were rushing to get on. Those desirous of disembarking demanded the return of their tickets, so that they might take the extra boat, which the officials of the company promised to engage in a twinkling.

Somehow there came to be a mix-up. Eyewitnesses say the purser was dragged out, and that the crew loyally went to his support. Fists and scufflings and other handy things were used, and everybody was in it. Women fainted, and doctors were sought. Children shouted from the docks, "Don't hit my papa!" The deckhands quit hauling off fruit, which was apparently excess baggage, to engage in the mole.

The wise ones on the dock decided to stay over at any cost; the boat swayed to the side of the dock with the weight of the late audience, people jumped from the decks, and with the other tutelary fixtures too numerous to mention, there was a scene of chaos that will stand as an epoch in the history of the line. There were split heads galore, for the fight waged with energetic sincerity, and even friend hit friend. The boat was crowded when it went out, and the wise ones waited for the Lakeside, which came in soon afterwards and took the big load of sensible waiters to Toronto.

The passengers told tales of varying description, some graphic, some apologetic, and some untruthful. But they were all glad to get home.

Manager's Explanation. Speaking to the World over the phone last night, Manager Selkx of St. Catharines said he was asked by some of the market gardeners to send the Lakeside back to Toronto as the Garden City was crowded, and he readily consented, altho he thought the Garden City could have carried the people easily. There had been no difficulty so far as the boat people were concerned, but as to any trouble among the gardeners he knew nothing.

Mr. Selkx said it was usual for the company to send the two boats back to Toronto at night rather than overland one boat, but as most of the passengers carried to Port Dalhousie during the day went thru to the Falls he did not consider an extra run necessary.

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DISSOLVING THE DUMA.



From The New York Press.

Rand Welcomes Proposals.

All Parties Will Loyal Accept Constitution—Margin Between Boer and Briton.

Johannesburg, Aug. 1.—The proposals of the British government for the establishment of a constitutional government in the Transvaal were received here with a feeling of relief and were welcomed as being reasonably democratic.

It is anticipated that all the parties will accept the constitution and loyally try to make the best of it.

The margin between Britons and Boers is so narrow that it is impossible to forecast who will obtain the majority in the first legislature.

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He said Supt. Whittaker warned him and the others to have nothing to do with the union; but to do all they could to help him work against its influence. Whittaker had said he had sixty men to take the places of the employees and could fire them when he pleased.

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WHO WILL BLOW THE LIBERAL BUGLE?

Editor World: As a thoroughgoing Radical, a Liberal and a Progressist, as one who remembers the old day-spirit of the Reform party, I heartily endorse your editorial of to-day, calling on the Liberals of Ontario to reorganize and to declare for public ownership from the ground up.

We must get clear of the corporation entanglements of the leaders and newspapers that have gone wrong; the rank and file is not wrong, but the leaders and organs are. If we get organized afresh on progressive lines, with new leaders, we can force a march in this province that will be a light to all our countrymen thruout the Dominion.

Until our own papers begin to speak out on this line we must look for the expression of our views in papers like yours. Let someone blow the bugle good and clear, as you say, and we'll all be there. Barry.

CAUSE OF ONDOND STRIKE RAILWAY BOARD ENQUIRES

Evidence of Supt. Whittaker's Aversion to Union Produced by Labor Men.

London, Aug. 1.—(Staff Special.)—The Ontario railway commissioners met here to-day at 2 p.m. to hear evidence regarding the cause of the Street Railway strike. The Street Railway Company was represented by I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., Toronto, and the strikers by T. S. Essery, London.

The evidence of many strikers was taken, all tending to show that the dismissal of the four employees that precipitated the strike was due to the fact that they belonged to the union.

Some of the witnesses said they had no grievance against the company and had gone out on strike only in sympathy with their fellows. The impression was left by the witnesses that they had no love for Superintendent Whittaker, whose antipathy towards the union and spying upon the employees have made him an object of aversion to the unionists.

The enquiry was not finished to-day, and will be resumed to-morrow at 10 a.m., and probably concluded by to-morrow night.

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SEARCH FOR NEW LEADER FOR ONTARIO LIBERALS

Name of J. Macdonald Mowat, Mayor of Kingston, is Favorably Received.

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The Liberal party in the Province of Ontario is advertising for a leader; and The Toronto World is pleased to make known the names of its Liberal friends in this direction without charge.

Wherever two or three Liberals are gathered together, there will find them discussing the immediate retirement of George W. Ross, the diplomatic elimination of J. Harcourt, the good fellowship and jokes of George P. Graham, and the certain past and uncertain future of A. G. MacKay. These are the of the past. Liberals under 50 desire to cut the rope that ties the ship to the unallowable past.

Hence goes up the bugle-call for a new leader of a renewed party. The name most mentioned in Liberal circles yesterday in connection with the leadership was that of J. Macdonald Mowat. Once more, J. Macdonald Mowat. It is a familiar name. What is in a name? There is a mighty name that the ordinary man thinks, Macdonald Mowat is a name to conjure with, apart from the man who bears it.

Said a pronounced Liberal to the World, "Here's a tip for you, J. Macdonald Mowat will be the next leader of the Liberal party. First, he will have to be got into the legislature. Editor, these may resign to let him in, for we believe no man can defeat Mayor Mowat in Kingston."

"Once in the legislature he will have to be trained. Quite likely the present opposition in Ontario will elect a house leader, and possibly the party will go to the country with him, but to defeat the J. Macdonald Mowat will take charge of affairs and the party will come on better days."

Who is Mowat? Mr. Mowat is a former Torontoian. He is a lawyer and is now Mayor of Kingston. He is said to be a man of generous ideas. He is opposed to the broken leaders of the party as it now is constituted. He favors a clean sweep and a new deal.

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