# BALTIC IS DANGEROUS

### Rebellion Scotched but the Situation is Still Extremely Grave

Coming of Russian Christmas Has Produced an Interval of Quiet-- Count Witte Defends His Ministry's Acts

St. Petersburg. Jan. 6.—The Associated Press has been permitted to inspect a report prepared for the emperor regarding the situation in the Baltic provinces. The report declares that though open revolt has been crushed in many parts of the provinces and thugh many parts of the provinces, and though the local authorities, who were deposed by the revolutionaries, are resuming the reins of government under the protec-tion of troops, the situation is still serious. In the districts of Dorpat and Pernau, in northwestern Livonia, the troops are unable to move except in heavy force. A body of cavalry which made a forced march from Wauk sur-prised an insurgent band at Ruow, but the peasants resisted until their ranks had been torn and shattered by artillery, when they surrendered their arms and their leaders.

There is a strong concentration of insurgents in Meizekul and Lemeal, fur-ther to the westward which must be attacked and broken up. A band of in-surgents attacked general Orloff and his escort of a squadron of cavalry near Marienburg, but the attack was repulsed and the leader captured. The latter was immediately tried by court martial and shot.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The govern ment's victory over the revolutionaries has been quite decisive, although open revolt continues in many places in the interior, but the military are employed mercilessly and gradually the move-ment is being stifled. The fires of re-volt, however, are smothered but are not extinguished and the main fear is that the government, encouraged by uccess will fail through the very er-ir of which the revolutionaries were

uilty, and attempt to press its advan-tage too far. Already there are signs that the policy of repression may be carried to a point which is sure to again arouse the resentment and discontent of the classes which shrank from the vio-

lent program of the Reds.
In St. Petersburg, for instance, the wholesale prosecutions of the police have been succeeded by a particularly offen-sive measure of the prefect of police which practically gives the dvorniks or house porters, a free hand to search private lodgings for arms, and suspicious persons for documents, offering them a premium of 50 cents for the discovery of every revolver or bomb and 25 cents for a knife. Such a measure naturally will arouse the cupidity of the porters and restore the intoler able system of personal espionage which was in vogue at the time of the late in-

arior minister von Plehve.

Thirty-five arrests were made las night. Among those taken in custody were four Moscow insurgents who came here to consult their comrades in this city. They were captured on their arrival at the railroad station, after a desperate struggle with the police.

Two wings of the social democratic

party have new joined the workmen's association in declaring that they will boycott the elections to the national assembly. The social democrats have adopted a series of resolutions instruct-ing the members of socialistic organizations not to participate in the "police ejections" but to take every advantage of such freedom of meeting as may be allowed them to discuss the elections and support the extension of the doc-trine of armed resistance for the purpose of completely overthrowing the present government.

present government,
The Russians love nothing so much
as their holiday, but repressed in spirit
and purse in these revolutionary days,
the celebration of the Russian Christmas on Sunday next will be a sad one The streets of the capital have put on a pitiful semblance of holiday attire. but none of the heavy buying, character izing the Russians in former days, is evidenced, while in the industrial sec-tions the workmen, exhausted by a long series of strikes, are without money for Christmas trees. The green trees and gewgaws were brought into the city by the country people, but the the country people but the trees re-main unbought in the streets. The holidays however, promise at least super-ficially, a comparative quiet, the prole-tariat organizations having decided to refrain from activity until these are

The Novoe Vremya is printing a ser ies of articles in defence of premier Witte, which are attracting much attention and are assumed to be inspired by the premier himself. The most important statement made is that Witte has taken a definite resolution to retire so soon as the national assembly meets. With the turning over of the reins of power to the people's representatives he will regard his task as finished. The whole course of events since the reform manifesto was issued is attributed by the paper to the refusal of the conser vatives to support the government. It is explained that many of the reforms

Witte and has cabinet have been continually berated, were not promulgated because the leeway given was seized upon by the Reds to advance the cause of an armed revolution until finally the government, being without the active support of the conservative classes. was forced in self protection to adopt repressive measures. Even then, it refrained from taking action until the temporary laws had been promulgated and during the inter-regnum there were no laws. While the government did not desire to act for fear of arousing indignation, the revolution gained headway. The policy it is now following is solely for the purpose of making possible the holding of the elections and accelerating the convocation of the national assembly. Yet the government realizes that it is impossible to hold elections in the Caucasus and Baltic provinces, and does not believe that the national assembly can be convened before April. The premier, after the failure of his efforts to secure an alliance with the conservatives and moderates, decided to hold aloof from all parties, stand on the terms of the manifesto, and limit his activities to the convocation of the na-

terms of the manifesto, and limit his activities to the convocation of the national assembly. The government is yet uncertain as to what the result of the elections will be, but it is confident that the parties of law and order will that the parties of law and order will have a majority. All the rumors that Witte's position is shaky are characterized as pure invention. The writer of the article says: "Witte is as firm in the saddle as ever. His health is good and he is proceeding on the conviction that at least three quarters of the Russian people approve of his struggle against the revolution."

been received here from Moscow through an official source, that a thousand peo-ple have been killed there and 3,000 wounded. News from elsewhere in Rus-sia is, however, more hopeful. The des-patch says that the railways are grad-ually resuming operations. The mails ually resuming operations. The mails, however, are badly mixed up and it will require two or three months for conditions to resume their normal

Tukum. Courland, Jan. 5-Five hun dred and eighty persons were killed or wounded during the recent revolt here.

### SMELTER STRIKE ENDED

SATISFACTORY ADJUSTMENT OF DIFFICULTY REACHED

EIGHT HOUR DAY IN FORCE BOTH SMELTERS

(Special to The Daily News)
Phoenix, January 5.—After a series Phoenix. January 5.—After a series of conferences lasting several days, between the employees of the British Columbia Copper Co. and those of the Dominion Copper Co., employed at the companies smelters, on the one side, and Frederic Keffer, W. C. Thomas and T. R. Drummond, on behalf of the smelting concerns, the two parties came to an agreement late last night regarding the adoption of an eight hour shift at the two reduction works. By tonight at the two reduction works. By tonight or tomorrow both smelters will be in full blast again the B. C. Copper Co.'s with its two furnaces, and the Dominion

Copper Co.'s with one furnace, the se-cond to be blown in very shortly. Heretofore, before January 1, the two smelters had been operating on the twelve hour system, and had submitted a scale for an eight hour system, which a scale for an eight nour system, which provided for an increase per hour, but a decrease in the comparative total per shift. The men asked for eight hours work and twelve hours' pay, and since last Sunday night no ore has been treated at either smelter, pending the adjustment of the wage question. Mayor George R. Naden, of Grenwood, who of-fered his services to arrive at an agree-ment, is given considerable credit for

the satisfactory outcome of the negotiations last evening.

According to the new schedule, the coke wheelers, and charge wheelers will receive \$2.70 per day, and the tappers and pot dumpers \$3 per day, eight hours also being granted to the men in the also being granted to the men in the sampling mills. The scale in substance conforms to that as far as the work dones. Of the scale lately adopted at the Granby smelter when the eight hour shift was adopted.

Much satisfaction is relt throughout

much satisfactor is real throughout the Boundary at the satisfactory outcome of the negotiations they being conducted on both sides with the best of feeling and good will. Mr. Keffer, consulting engineer for the B. C. Copper Co., acted for that company in the illness of J. E. McAllister, the manager, and the other gentlemen named acted for the Dominion Copper Co.

## DEARTH OF CANDIDATES

VACANCIES ON BOARD OF PUBLI

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

APPARENTLY ONLY TWO AVAILABLE FOR THREE PLACES

Interest in the contests for the positions of mayor and aldermen has so far during the municipal campaign of 1906 diverted attention from another election that takes place on the same day, that of members of the board of public school trustees. There will be three vacancies on the board to be filled by election on Jan. 18. Dr. E. C. Arthur and F. W. Swannell relipe because the term for which they were elected has lapsed. G. Ritchie, chairman of the board, who is entitled to sit for another year, has retired on account of his prospective permanent removal from Nelson to the coast. It is understood that both Dr. Arthur and Mr. Swannell are not unwilling to accept re-election, Dt. Arthur has been a member of the board continuously since 1890, when Nelson was made a school district as a result of his advocacy of its claims to the education department. Mr. Swannell was first elected in

July, 1900, and has been a member ever since. The remaining trustees who are entitled to sit for another year are 'Dr. Hall and R. J. Steel.

Fortunately for the interests of the schools the election of trustees has generally been left free from interference, by municipal party organizations. But that advantage, while securing free choice of well qualified men, entaits a certain loss of general interest.

The duttes of the board are the provision and maintenance of suitable school accomodations for teachers and pupils, the mancial management of the schools and the appointment and dismissal of teachers. The board meets regularly once a mooth, but the many matters requiring attention during 1906 necessitated an average of about three meetings a month.

Nominations will take place with other civic nominations on Monday, Jan 15. All those who desire to see an efficient board decision 1900 about has well for candidates.

FIENDISH METHODS OF SUPPRESS-ING THE REVOLUTION.

INSANELY CRUEL ACTS ARE BE-

and bayonets were run through the bodies of the children.
Wolf Sohak, from near Odessa, said:
"I saw the body of a Russian boy of about eleven years of age lying dead in the road, and on his breast was a label which read. 'This is the way to kill them off, young.' In the streets I saw two and three year old children fornlimb from limb by the insane Russians who were inspired to the deeds by the police themselves who thus hoped to take the minds of the Russians from the real revolution that is spreading real revolution that is spreading throughout the empire. I saw one young woman slashed open from her throat to her abdomen and then the fiends stuck feathers from a pillow, which they had thrown from the window, into her

# INSURANCE LEGISLATION

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE MAKES CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

WILL GREATLY RESTRICT POWER FOR EVIL NOW POSSESSED

New York, Jan. 5—The Times today says:
Upon authoritative information the Times
is able to say that the principal objects
which the legislative insurance investigation committee will seek to accomplish in
the legislation it recommends to the legislature are:

1. Effective participation of policyhoiders
in the administration of the companies.

2. An extension of the powers of the
insurance department so that there will be
no question of its right to supervise the

no question of its right to supervise the entire administrative management of the ineurance companies.

3. A degree of publicity that will enable policyholders to keep informed as to the management of the company.

4. Requirements that the insurance companies shall keep accounts in such a fashion that illicit relations with financial enterprises of various kinds will not be possible without detection.

5. A uniform system of audits.

6. Standard forms of policies, which will not permit of ambiguous and elusive provisions.

7. The prohibition of rigid limitation of deferred dividend policies of the tonting form.

8. Additional safeguards against for-

feiture.

9. A requirement that the profits accruing from the different departments of the business shall be justly apportioned to the policy holders entitled to receive them.

10. Prohibition of the control of subsidiary institutions by life insurance companies.

panies.

12. Restrictions regarding investment in corporate enterprises in process of promotion, the success of which is a matter of speculation.

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13. Requirements that Insurance directors or trustees shall not have business affiliations that will interfere with their judgment in passing upon financial proposals submitted to them.

14. A requirement that a greater proportion of the funds shall be invested in real estate, bonds and mortgages than now is turned into these channels by the larger companies.

PETITION FOR CLEMENCY Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5.-Governor Higgins received today a petition for the exercise of executive elemency in the case of Albert T. Patrick, the New York lawyer, confined in Sing Sing prison under sentence of death in the week between a purery 22 unon his conviction. ginning anuary 22, upon his convic-tion of the murder of the aged millionaire. William Marsh Rice. The petition is signed by nearly 100 well known persons and is based upon the ground that there is reasonable doubt of his guilt. Governor Higgins said tonight that he would consider the petition with the

### Utter Lack of Excitement in Ireland Over the General Elections

lationali ts Having It all Their Own Wa

Dublin, Jan. 5.—"The only part of the toral excitement is Ireland. Hithert

London. Jan. 5.—Ireland's fate in the present fight has raised an interesting problem. While the conservatives are doing their utmost to foment feeling in the country against the liberals on the ground of their home rule tendencies a tacit agreement, it would seem, has been arrived at between the liberal and Irish leaders, to defeat the tacits of the conservatives.

leaders, to defeat the tactics of the conservatives.

Michael Davitt speaking tonight said: "Ireland is in a state of angelic political calm; in no less than 78 out of her 102 constituencies, not a Chamberlainite nor any foeman of labor dares intrude his political nose."

While the Irishmen are thus avoiding any excitement of public feeling the liberal leaders are speaking also in one voice to the effect that home rule is impossible in the next parliament, in fact that it is impossible altogether until the country has had the opportunity of giving a special mandate on the question.

question.

Augustine Birrell, president of the board of education, at Bristol makes this interesting pronouncement on the question: "Time has largely vindicated the views held by Mr. Gladstone in 1886. While there never was a time like the present when the concensus of opinion is arrayed against anything in the nature of a startling plunge in the Irish policy there never was a time. irish policy, there never was a time when a greater number of sensible patriotic people were prepared to give fair and unprejudiced consideration to Irish affairs, to admit that a wrong system

ariars. to admit that a wrong system of government prevails in Ireland, and to approach, without passion, one of the most difficult but the most attractive of the riddles of British statecraft.

T. P. O'Connor, speaking at Liverpool, said the attempt of the conservatives to say the issue before the country was home rule and not the fiscal question was contemptible and dishonest.

The persistent absence of John Redmond, the leader of the Irish parliamentary party from participation in the mentary party from participation in the campaign is the subject of much com-

ment.

John Morley, secretary for India, speaking at Arbroath, Scotland, tonight said that personally he believed the only effective method of reform for Ireland effective method of reform for Ireland would be an elective representative body, which would have control of Irish affairs under the direction of the imperial parliament. However, he stood ready to co-operate in any scheme involving a less radical departure if it could be shown that such a scheme would assure the reforms needed.

Former premier Balfour addressed his constituents at Manchester tonight, but had some difficulty in securing a hearing. His speech was frequently and noisily interrupted.

#### CANADIAN TRADE REPORT.

Bank Clearings Show a Material Increase Over Last Year.

New York Jan. 5.—Bradstreets' trade report will say tomorrow: In Canada mild weather and lack of snow are draw backs to trade and collections. The movement of country produce to market is light, owing to absence of snow in many sections, but open weather fav-ors building activity and the hardware ors building activity and the hardware trade. Toronto reports winter drygoods in light demand at retail, but hardware is active. Montreal reports quiet in all lines except hardware.

Winnipeg reports retail stocks light in the northwest, but collections are slow to improve. Failures for the week numbered 22 as against 19 last week

ing week last	year:		
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Montreal	26.148.043	29.7	
Toronto	24,520,127	25.9	
Winnipeg	9,133.646	29.7	
Ottawa		6.6	
Halifax	2,164,994	24.4	2.3%
Vancouver	2.063,410	37.4	
Quebec	1.743.367	1.2	
Hamilton	1,493,662	10.5	
St. John	1.064.951	1.1	
London	1.282,766	.9	
Victoria	667,011	28.2	
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# **FIRE AT THE YMIR MINES**

SMITH CURTIS BILLED TO SPEAK AT PUBLIC MEETING

three kingdoms where there is no electoral excitement is Ireland. Hitherto the xPerience has been otherwise."

New York, Jan. 5.—Reports of how the dead were mutilated to terrify the fiving in Russis were brought here to day by Russian refugees, 700 of whom arrived on the steamer Pennsylvania, One woman told of having seem a young woman kill her children sooner than let the Cossacks murder the infants. Another refugee related how in the town of Nova Moscow, five drunken soldiers marched through the streets carrying arms, a dead baby with a bayonet run through its body being displayed at the end of each gun.

M. Landomnoki sald that it was a common thing to see men strung up by the feet, and lying dead along the route of the railroad. He left his wife and their children in Russia and came here to establish a home for them.

Hirsch Lascomik, with his wife and the children in Russia and came here to establish a home for them.

Hirsch Lascomik, with his wife and the collidren. Hirsch Lascomik, with his wife and two children. was another refugee. He is a lumber merchant at Lenkowisk. He said: "I saw a Russian town attacked on October 18, and 300 Jews were put to death. The women were thrown out of the windows and the men were beaten over the head with rifle butts and bayonets were run through the bodies of the children.

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Manager Hand was in Ymir today, cabling to the head office in England, and he is completely played out as he worked all night. He reports the loss of stock and building at \$12,000, partially covered by insurance.

Mrs. T. H. Rotherham has left for Hedley where she joins her husband who is in business there. The evening before her departure some of her friends gave her a surprise party.

This evening the Ymir Masonic loage installed officers for the coming year. The installation was performed by Geo. Johnstone of Nelson, W. Clark and John McLeod of Ymir.

The respective officers are: Wm. Spencer, W.M.; P. J. Gleazer, Sr. Warden; D. E. Grove, Jr. warden; George Orchard, treasurer; S. T. Ross, secretary; Wm. Kinrade, Tyler, After the installation the members sat down to a banquet.

John McLeod of Ymir, returned today from his ranch in Alberta, east of Lagonical.

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Smith Curtis of Rossland, is billed to

# TYPO STRIKE STILL ON

CITY OF NEW YORK

NEITHER SIDE CONTEMPLATES AN

New York, Jan. 5—The Typographical union announced tonight that three firms of employing, printers, members of the union announced tonight that three firms of employing printers' members of the Typothetae, had acceded to the union's demand for an 8-hour day and a closed shop, and that by tomorrow about 150 of the striking compositors will be back to work. Early in the day it was announced that Pughey and A. C. Sherwood had signed the union agreement and Wynikoop-Halenbeck-Crawford & Co. had settled with the printers.

On behalf of the Typothetae, it was announced that the fight for the open shop and the 9-hour day was going forward steadily. The American Bank Note company, it was stated, although not a member of the Typothetae, had come out for the open shop principle. The Typothetae announces that 26 nonunion men are now working in 50 open shops here, and the number is constantly increasing. To assure the nonunion men of steady employment the Typothetae chaled the typothetae had come out for the open shop principle. The Typothetae sure the nonunion men are now working in 50 open shops here, and the number is constantly increasing. To assure the nonunion men of steady employment the Typothetae declared that personal contracts for one, two and three years would be entered into.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5-A further gain of 16 men was reported today by the members of the Typothetae in the strike with the union printers for an 8-hour day. The representative of the master piliters said more than 60 per cent of the places of the strikers who quit work have been already filled. The union printers expressioners a satisfied with the situation. Officers of Typographical union No. 2 said that 37 firms rad signed the 8-hour as remembers mend.

LAST RESORT OF TORIES. London. Jan. 6.—The Standard this morning says that the new liberal government is committed to an unconstitutional act in stopping the importation of Chinese coolies to South

MANITOBA LIBERALS Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—A convention of liberals for the province of Manitoba will be held here some time next month ass a platform for the party and a leader.

DEATH OF FRANCOIS MERCIER Montreal, Jan. 5.—Francois Mercier, prominent French-Canadian diplomat id explorer is dead. Mr. Mercier aimed he was the first white man to

# **ROSSLAND BEATS NELSON**

LOCAL HOCKEYISTS SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT OF SEASON

GAME FAST AND CLEAN - LOSERS HAVE NO COMPLAINT

(Special to The Dally News)
Rossland, Jan. 5—The second hockey latch of the season in Kootensy, played in the Rossland rink last evening, resulted the defeat of Nelson by Rossland by a zore of 7 to 3. The game was a good shibition of the national winter sport, ist, clean and entirely free from roughess. The Nelson boys took their deat in good part and expressed entire distribution with the treatment accorded

IMPORTING CANADIAN CATTLE

Earl Carrington Holds out Hopes to importers of our Beef porters of our Beef

London, Jan. 5-Earl Carrington, the new
president of the board of agriculture, received this afternoon a deputation of advocates of the removal of the restrictions
on the importation of Canadian cattle and
promised that as soon as the election
is over he will immediately take up the
question and urge his folleagues to treat
it from an imperial standpoint as well as
a national. The earl's reply raised the
hopes of those who are interested in prevailing upon the new government to introduce legislation necessary to permit of
the importation of cattle from Canada.

POLICY IS UNALTERED

Lord Lansdowne's Attitude to Morocco London, Jan 5.—The Standard this morning says it learns that sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, has formally announced through diplomatic channels his intention to carry out the policy of his predecessor, lord Lansdowne, with regard to Morocco, Therefore, the sange adds the apprehensions enter-Will Be Pre icy of his predecessor, ford Lansdown with regard to Morocco. Therefore, t paper adds, the apprehensions entertained abroad concerning the attitute to be assumed by Great Britain und the liberal government have been remoed with satisfaction to the interest

OTTAWA MURDER CASE.

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(Special to The Dally News)
Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Alphonse Larocque appeared before police magistrate
O'Keefe today on the charge of having murdered James, alias "Trickey" Burke, on last Saturday night being the result of a drunken brawl. Several witnesses were examined. One witness said that Larocque asked for a shovel from the hovel in which they were drinking and when he returned with it he placed his hands on the table and left blood stains. There were also blood marks on the shovel.

COMPTON BYE-ELECTION Cookshire, Que., Jan. 5.—The exect figures of the voting in yesterday's dominion bye-election in Compton have not yet been obtained, but returns received indicate the election of Hunt, liberal, by about 500 majority.

DEATH OF E. S. GOURLEY Halifax, Jan. 5.—E. S. Gourley, for-merly conservative member of parlia-ment for Colchester, died at his residence at Truro, N.S., today, after a long

COOPER MINE EXPLOSION Roanoke. W. Va., Jan. 5.—The bod of the 23 miners killed in the gas losion in the Cooper mine at Could esterday have been recovered.

#### Mare's Nest Discovered by London's Leading Conservative Organ

Claims That Defeat of Chamberlain Means

KILLED AT SWITCHBOARD

Chief Engineer Ward of Victoria Short

ed in changing the switches on tramway switchboard. He had me the change and find moved away, looking at the switch again he saw the way of the switches and turned to attend to it. In some uncountable manner he laid hold of copper on two of the switches. From this short circuit he received a shock 700 volts which killed him imstant His assistant R. C. Ward, rushed his assistance and did all in his portor to save his life, but his efforts were

NEW JAPANESE CABINET

CONTRADIOTS ROJESTVENSKY
London, Jan. 6.—Referring to
statement of admiral Rojestvensky the
British fleet in the far east
waters intended to crush the Russ
fleet in case the Japanese falled to
so, the Times this morning points of
the British fleet at the time of
thetile of Tsushima was at Hongko
and that there was only one crush
and a despatch boat at Welhaiwel.

NO MANITOBA ELECTION. Winnipeg. Jan. 5.—Premier R stated positively tonight there wou no dissolution of the legislature year, thus setting at rest the runc an early election,