

# TO BREAK ITS BACK

### What Russian Revolutionists Plan For Government.

## GENERAL STRIKE BEGINS

#### Empire's Industries Will All Be Closed Up Except Bakeries—Arrest of the Strike Leaders is Proceeding—Riga Workmen Depose a Governor and Organize a Police Force—Strike On at Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The proclamation of a general strike for to-day at noon has created the most intense excitement. If it can be successfully inaugurated and maintained the revolutionists are confident that it will break the Government's back. In Government circles, however, confidence is expressed that the proletariat organizations cannot effect a complete tie-up, and that the strike must be of short duration.

This hope seems to be based on the theory that the extreme program of the Reds has alienated the sympathy of a large proportion of the real workmen, and also on what they claim to be absolute knowledge that the organizations are without funds. The Government's calculations, however, have proved to be deplorably at variance with the true situation in the past, and the strike leaders declare the Government is again hopelessly ignorant of the magnitude of the struggle confronting it. Their plans are exceedingly ambitious. From the nature of the appeals of the leaders to the troops, it is evident that they expect to precipitate a crisis in the army.

### Twenty-Two Roads Ready.

The central committee of the railroad men of Moscow determined the issue Tuesday night by voting in favor of a strike, and it was telegraphed over the railroad lines that the employees of 22 roads are ready to stop all traffic. The decision is to close everything in the Empire—railroads, manufactures, wholesale and retail stores and all Government works, except the waterworks. The bakeries in the cities, however, will not be closed so long as they do not raise their prices. If they do raise the price of bread even the bakeries will be closed. It was proposed in Moscow to exempt the electric light plants, but this was defeated.

### In Poor Shape.

The Government enters on the new struggle greatly crippled. The situation in the Baltic provinces is growing steadily worse, and in the Caucasus the renewal of the outbreak of the Tartars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror. The inhabitants of Tiflis and other cities are begging the authorities to furnish them with arms for the purpose of organizing a militia for self-protection. At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred, and 1,600 soldiers have been disbanded and are under guard. The troops at Kharkoff have revolted, and the inhabitants are still administering the city.

### The weather has become very cold.

### WHI Take Time.

Although the blow is timed for to-day noon, the strike leaders do not hope to bring the life of the Empire to a standstill by a single stroke, but they will labor for a gradual extension of the strike movement. The nature of the manifesto of the Workmen's Council of Moscow to the army is so inflammatory that even the radical papers are afraid to print it. During the strike it is proposed to stop all papers and to print and distribute only the organ of the Workmen's Council.

The police are hunting down and arresting the strike leaders as rapidly as they can be found, but comparatively few captures have been made, as the leaders keep in hiding, avoiding their residences and meeting in secret each time at a different locality.

The inhabitants are hurriedly laying in supplies of food as if to stand a siege.

### Is On at Moscow.

Moscow, Dec. 21.—The strike was inaugurated here promptly at noon yesterday. All the men walked out of the factories and mills, and the trains on the six railroads were left standing in the stations. Shortly afterward an incoming train on the Kurak road was fired into by armed strikers. The engineer and several passengers were wounded.

### The strikers generally seem to be provided with arms.

### There is great excitement in this city.

### Fire Department Strikes.

Warsaw, Dec. 21.—Employees of the Fire Department struck last night. The Polish National party has ordered the shopkeepers to remove their Russian signs in order to Polonize the city.

Advices from St. Petersburg say that the railroad men of the capital will strike at midnight. It is believed that the men on the Warsaw roads will join the strike Friday.

### It is reported from Nicolaief, in the Government of Kharson, that two infantry regiments revolted yesterday, and that a sanguinary fight ensued. Details are lacking.

### Will Run Troop Trains.

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that the insurgents have seized the States Treasury at Tukum, Province of Courland.

The Railway Union of Moscow has resolved to run troop trains from Manchuria and to convey grain to the famine stricken districts.

Reports received here from Moscow late yesterday afternoon indicate that the strike was successfully inaugurated and is spreading rapidly.

Governor-General Doubasoff has declared the city to be in a partial state of siege, which gives the civil authorities exceptional powers of arrest, etc. The next move will be to declare a state of siege, in which the military supercedes civil power.

### THE COSSACKS PLUNDERED.

Massacre of Mussulmans by Armenians Still in Progress.

Constantinople, Dec. 21.—The massacre of Mussulmans by Armenians was still in progress at Tiflis and throughout Caucasus, Dec. 18, according to a despatch from Tiflis on that date.

The Mohammedans were being hunted down like deer, no distinction being made between Persian, Tartars or Ottomans. About 2,000 Mussulman families of Tiflis had sought refuge in neighboring villages.

The Cossacks and other troops continued to plunder the houses of Mussulmans at Batoum.

Porte Resists Demand.

The Belgian legation has demanded that Edward Joris be handed over to the Belgian Consular authorities for trial in accordance with the treaty of 1833. The Porte objects to this and trouble is anticipated. Joris is a Belgian subject, who with three others is charged with participation in the attempt to assassinate the Sultan last July, and who was sentenced to death Dec. 18 by a native court.

### PLUMBERS AND SUPPLY MEN.

Edward Gurney Only One Who Goes Beyond Magistrate.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Magistrate Dealson at noon yesterday finished with Mr. Curry's list of plumbers, and then tackled the central supply men, and Secretary Morris of the association replaced Secretary Meredith in the witness box.

The first names mentioned were Edward and W. C. Gurney of the Gurney Foundry Co. The name of W. C. Gurney was withdrawn.

The names of L. L. Anthes, J. M. Taylor and A. Saunders were also withdrawn.

When court commenced Mr. Curry continued with the names of those on the plumbers' list. A number of those mentioned appeared in person, and made their excuses.

J. H. Parke complained he had been forced in and that his business had been ruined. He was moving to Muskoka to try and build up another business. He had been in one or two small "divvys" and the magistrate could not see his way clear to withdraw his name, though his worship had no doubt members of the association had worked together to the disadvantage of the smaller men.

H. Tweedie said he had been forced to join. He had lost. The only thing he got out of it was a cigar. He was struck off by the magistrate. J. H. Thorne, J. J. McKittick, James Wilson, Jacob Raine, Robert Ross and James Westwood were also fortunate.

### SITUATION IN CONTROL.

By Warships Already at Shanghai—May Spread to Interior.

London, Dec. 21.—According to official advices received yesterday from Shanghai, it is believed the situation can be controlled by the warships already there. The only danger is that disaffection may spread to the interior. It is thought that it will not be necessary to send troops as the Chinese Government is taking every precaution to prevent an uprising.

The Foreign Office has disapproved the action of the British assessor in confining Chinese women prisoners in a foreign jail. He has also been instructed by the Minister at Peking, Sir E. M. Satow, who has ordered the transfer of the prisoners to a native jail.

It is said that this action of the assessor was the cause of recent rioting.

To Investigate.

Peking, Dec. 21.—The Dowager Empress yesterday issued an edict commanding the Viceroy of Chihli, Province of Yuan Shi Kai, commander of the Chinese army, to proceed to Shanghai, investigate the disturbances, secure the punishment of those implicated and impeach the civil and military officials responsible for the maintenance of order.

The Chino-Japanese treaty will be signed on Dec. 22.

Killed by a Trolley Car.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Miss Susan Carrique, 81 years of age, was killed by a Belt Line car on Bloor street opposite the Orthopedic Hospital at 9:30 yesterday morning. The woman, who was deaf, was returning to her apartments at 122 West Bloor street. An Avenue road car had just passed and as she was crossing the street diagonally she did not notice the Belt Line car, which was following the other. The body was not run over, but lay across the track under the fender, with the head against a front wheel. She died in a few minutes. Deceased came from Palermo, in Halton County, and has relatives in Burlington and Georgetown.

Murder and Suicide.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Driven to desperation by the refusal of his wife to live with him ever since the day they were married, William McCoy, a seaman on the lakes, went to his wife's home at 384 Swan street last night, talked with her for about 15 minutes and then fired four shots at her. Two of the shots went wild, but one bullet hit the woman near the heart and another entered one of her limbs. Death followed in a few minutes. Without waiting to learn whether his wife's wounds were fatal, McCoy put a bullet into his own heart and fell dead. McCoy was 23 years old. His wife was three years younger.

Struck by Train; Will Live.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Struck by a train near Stittsville, Wesley Featherstone, a farmer of that locality, had a narrow escape from death. He was walking across the track and did not notice the Brockville train, which was coming east. The man was struck but was thrown aside in place of going under the locomotive. He was rendered unconscious, but is expected to recover.

Falls Through Trap Door.

Brockville, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Sutfell, a wealthy resident of Soperton, while shopping in a store at Delta Tuesday, stepped into a trap door opening and fell several feet, fracturing her skull. Her recovery is doubtful.

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# STATE INSPECTION

### Concerns Itself Only With Solvency of Insurance Co's.

## HENDRICKS ON THE STAND

#### New York State Superintendent of Insurance Admits That No Investigation is Made by Him or His Officials Into the Extravagance or the Management of a Company—Accept the Vouchers.

New York, Dec. 22.—Francis Hendricks, State Superintendent of Insurance, testifying yesterday before the Legislative Committee of Insurance Investigation, said that the examination of insurance companies by his department are made to ascertain only the solvency of the companies, and that no investigation is made into the extravagance of the management of a company, or into the salaries paid to officers, so long as the company is able to pay its obligations. No investigation is made into the commissions paid to agents, the system of loaning on the premiums or the advancing of loans to agents or directors. The employment of kinpeople as officers in high positions is not inquired into. This has long been the custom of the department, Mr. Hendricks said, and he declared, personally he knew little or nothing about the various examinations made, as they were entrusted to Isaac Vanderpool, the chief examiner of the department.

### Insurance Legislation.

While Mr. Hendricks' testimony failed him as to any legislation which he suggested as a remedy to any defects in the laws governing insurance companies, he stated that no measure that he had ever presented had ever been opposed in either House of the Legislature. Neither had any bill been passed against his recommendation. Mr. Hendricks said that his department spent last year about \$137,000, and received in fees and payments \$287,726, which was paid into the State Treasury. To make examinations that would bring out such information as has been gathered by the Legislative Committee, the witness said, would require ten more examiners and an additional appropriation of from \$50,000 to \$60,000. He thought, however, he could get the appropriation if he asked for it.

### Relied on Vouchers.

Mr. Vanderpool has been in the department since 1895. He said all the information procured by his examination came from the company's books. All his examination amounted to was a comparison of the company's sworn report with the books. The only steps he took to verify the expenditure of the supply department was his examination of vouchers. It has been the custom to do this and not go back of the vouchers ever since witness has been in the department.

The vouchers for \$25,000 drawn by the chairman of the Mutual Life of the expenditure committee did not arouse suspicions. Hundreds of thousands of dollars could be spent in that way without any question being raised. Witness said he took the attitude that these expenses were authorized by the proper persons and that completed his examination of the disbursements.

Witness knew of the system of year end loans reported to by the companies. He said he first discovered it five years ago in fire companies. He saw the loans to Kuhn, Leob & Co. clerks, during the examination of the Equitable, but made no examination of any of the officers to ascertain if they were bona fide loans.

### TO DISPOSE RULER.

Prominent Columbians in Plot to Kill President Reyes.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The State Department has received information by cable that an attempt was made in Bogota Wednesday to dispose of President Reyes, as an incident to a plot for overturning the Government.

In consequence there were many arrests of prominent men, who were to be tried by court martial yesterday.

Among them was a former Minister of the Cabinet and five leaders of the Opposition.

No details are given out or the reasons for the attempt upon Gen. Reyes.

### THE NET RESULT.

120 Plumbers Committed by the Toronto Police Magistrate.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The conspiracy charges against the 156 plumbers were further investigated yesterday by Col. Denison, and Crown Attorney Curry completed his evidence, after which all the defendants whose names have not been withdrawn during the three days' hearing were committed for trial. The total number of commitments was about 120.

### Exports 5 Million Ahead.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The total exports of Canada for the five months ending Nov. 30 of the current fiscal year were greater by five millions than the total exports for the whole of the fiscal year 1895. Total domestic exports for November were \$29,072,794, against \$18,246,886 a year ago. Aggregate imports for the same period are \$116,536,548, against \$109,157,775 a year ago.

### Thrown 30 Feet By Train.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—L. Girard, while loading wood at a siding here yesterday, had a miraculous escape from death. A freight train struck his sled, throwing him over the feet. He sustained a fracture of one leg, but escaped any other injuries.

### U. S. Trying to Buy Tahiti.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The steamer Mariposa, which arrived from Tahiti Wednesday, brought the news that a rumor is current throughout Tahiti that the United States Government has offered France \$4,000,000 for the island.

### Taking Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Both Congress and the Senate adjourned yesterday noon Jan. 4.

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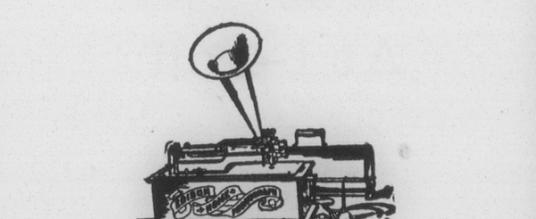
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