

RUSSIA PLEDGES RAILROADS TO RAISE FIFTY MILLIONS

French Bankers Agree to Advance Another Immense Sum—Rebels Rule in the Interior.

Paris, Jan. 10. — It is stated in well-informed quarters, though it has not yet been officially announced, that the negotiations between Kokovoff, the former Russian minister of finance, and the French bankers, have resulted in the latter agreeing to advance to the Russian Government \$50,000,000 at 2 per cent interest, plus 2 per cent commission. The state railroads are offered as a guarantee for the money advanced, which is to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the proposed new loan should the latter be floated within a year.

Rebels Rule in Interior.

Mitau, Courland, Jan. 10. — Fugitives who have arrived from the interior recount remarkable stories of the civil administration set up by the revolutionists in the towns and villages they control. They have elected committees in which one woman always serves, to administer everything, including the courts. The spirit shops are closed and preaching the doctrine of the damnation of souls is forbidden. Only civil marriages are legal.

Nagasaki, Jan. 10. — The transport Mongolia, which has arrived here from Vladivostok, with Russian refugees, reports that a general uprising throughout Siberia is feared.

Witte Is Bitter.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10. — 1:40 p.m. — Premier Witte today made a statement to a delegation headed by the mayor of this city, which requested a relaxation of the orders of the prefect of police against meetings in the interest of the electoral campaign. The Premier could not promise to do anything until after Jan. 22. The Premier spoke bitterly of

DESERTED SHIP RIDES OUT STORM

British Freighter Sighted With Her Lifeboats Missing—No Reply to Signals.

New York, Jan. 10. — An apparently deserted steamer with lifeboats missing and answering no signals and yet safely riding out a heavy storm, was sighted by the officers of the Italian steamer Liguria, which arrived at her dock today from Genoa. The steamer was seen a short distance north of the Bermuda Islands on Jan. 6. Captain Dodero of the Liguria says that a heavy gale was blowing and a high sea was running at the time. The steamer, he said, rode high out of the water, as if she had no cargo aboard. He made her out as a freight carrying steamer of about 4,000 tons, with two masts and one funnel. The funnel was black with two blue bands separated by one white band. Two steamship lines have this mark on the funnels of their steamers, the Cornhill Shipping Company of Liverpool, and the Arthur Holland Company of London. Both are freight lines. Most of the steamers of these lines run to South American ports and according to the marine register none of them should have been in the vicinity of Bermuda Islands on Jan. 6.

The Liguria steamed about the stranger all the while signalling without receiving any reply. Not one lifeboat was seen during the circuit.

Western Hotel Holocaust; Brave Firefighter Dies

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 10. — Six dead, and possibly more, imprisoned in their rooms, is the result of an early morning fire in the Western Hotel. The blaze broke out at 7:15 a.m. in the upper stories of the building, and electric bells immediately sounded the alarm in all the rooms. Many guests who were already up escaped down the stairways, but these exits were soon cut off by fire and the halls filled with smoke. Capt. John Berwin, of the fire department, fell while trying to lower a woman to safety from the fifth floor, and was killed. The woman was caught by another fireman. An unknown man jumped on the roof of an adjoining building from the topmost floor,

CABINET REARRANGED

Templeman May Get a Portfolio of New Mines Department.

Ottawa, Jan. 10. — The cabinet rearrangement contemplated by the Government cannot be carried out until the necessary legislation has been enacted by Parliament. The apparently well-founded belief in political circles is that toward the end of the present month, Hon. L. P. Brodeur will be translated to the Marine Department, and Senator Templeman will be temporarily appointed minister of the Inland Revenue and Customs Department, and to create a Department of Mines, will be passed, and after prorogation Mr. Templeman will be given the latter portfolio.

AN ALL-WINTER SERVICE

Pere Marquette Ice-Breaker for New Montreal-Toronto Line

Detroit, Jan. 10. — A Manistee, Mich., dispatch says R. O. C. of the Hamilton, Ont., have purchased the steamship Pere Marquette, No. 2, of the Hamilton and Montreal line. As she has been used so successfully summer and winter in carrying passengers and freight for the Pere Marquette line, this steamer will form the nucleus of a new passenger and freight line between Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal. As she is an ice-breaking steamer of large power, she will be able to keep navigation open all winter between the above-named ports.

GOES TO WOODSTOCK

The Rev. Mr. Dickie Appointed Dr. Mackay's Successor.

Woodstock, Jan. 10. — Rev. Mr. Dickie, of Toronto, has been chosen to succeed the late Dr. Mackay in the pastorate of Chalmers Church. Two weeks ago the congregation met and elected Dr. Mackay to him, signed by 24 members and 120 adherents. The call was yesterday afternoon presented to the session of Chalmers Church, and was accepted. Dr. Dickie, moderator of the session of Chalmers Church, had been in Nova Scotia, and was acting on his authority, accepted the call. The induction services for the newly-appointed pastor were arranged for the afternoon of Feb. 8. Rev. Mr. Dickie, who at present is studying in Toronto, for several years held an important charge in Nova Scotia. He is regarded as a young man of exceptional ability, and Chalmers consider themselves fortunate in securing his services.

ESCAPES THE GALLOWS

Cabinet Commutes Death Sentence of a Finnish Murderer.

Ottawa, Jan. 10. — The sentence of death imposed upon the Finlander, H. Jalmar Lahtinen, for murdering a companion, was considered yesterday by the cabinet, who decided to commute it to life imprisonment. The evidence not being regarded as conclusive, a general charge of fraud, and this morning detectives went with a search warrant to his office in the Lawlor building. They seized all the books and records of the firm and carried them up to police headquarters. The same proceedings were taken with regard to Robert McHardie, manager of the office of S. A. Anderson, in the Confederation Life building. An enormous quantity of stuff was seized and an exhaustive prosecution will result.

HADLEY SENDS FOR LAWSON

Wants Him to Testify Against the Standard Oil Company.

New York, Jan. 9. — Attorney-General Hadley, of Missouri, who is conducting the hearing before Commissioner Sanborn in connection with the trusts brought against the so-called oil trusts by the State of Missouri, said today that Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, will be invited to appear before the commissioner. This decision was reached today when the attorney-general was informed that Mr. Lawson last night expressed a willingness to come to New York in connection with the inquiry. He said that he would telegraph Mr. Lawson immediately and ask him to come to New York and testify.

Kaiser Has a Cold.

Berlin, Jan. 9. — Emperor William is confined to his apartments in the royal castle in Berlin with a slight cold. He continues to transact state business, but his condition gives no cause for anxiety. Baron von Richtofen, secretary of state for foreign affairs, had a sudden attack of illness after dinner yesterday. Medical aid was immediately summoned. He has partially recovered, but will require rest for some time.

Went Through Ice.

Chatham, Jan. 9. — Harry, the 13-year-old son of William Newkirk, who lived down the river in Dover, about six miles from this city, was the victim of a skating fatality yesterday afternoon.

The young lad was skating from school to his home when he broke through the brittle ice and was drowned.

This is the second accident of this nature which has occurred in this vicinity within the past month.

Montrealers' Disqualified.

Montreal, Jan. 10. — According to a report of the assistant city clerk, out of a total of 77,969 electors, 21,997 are disqualified from voting at the coming municipal elections because they have not paid their water tax.

In some wards more than 50 per cent of the electors are disqualified. Papineau ward out of a total of 4,007 electors no less than 2,320 will be deprived of the right to vote. In St. Anne's ward, where there are 3,575 voters, 2,125 may not vote. The entire qualified vote of the city will be only 55,972.

More Protection Is What Municipalities Will Ask

Want Modification of Statutes Relating to Accidents From Non-Repair of Highways.

An interesting circular has been received from Mr. S. H. Kent, secretary of the Ontario Municipal Association, by City Clerk Baker, in regard to the proposed amending of the municipal act so as to make it more difficult for persons to secure damages from the city for injuries caused by falling on sidewalks, etc.

London is deeply interested in this matter just now, as last year the city had to remunerate several persons who blamed the city for accidents in which they were participants. In 1905 the city of London was asked to support a move to have the law amended so as to afford municipalities more protection, but the council refused to take any part in the movement. Since that time, however, the aldermen have had reason to change their minds, and it is probable that the council will endorse the proposal to amend, which emanated from the Ontario Municipal Association.

Mr. Kent's circular will come before the council shortly, and it will in all probability meet with the approval of that body. The letter is as follows:

Call to Act.

"At the annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Association, held in Toronto on Aug. 30 and 31, 1905, it was decided that a strenuous effort should be made to relieve municipalities from the heavy responsibility for the non-repair of the highways imposed by section 606 of the municipal act. With this object in view we request that your council approve of the accompanying petition to the Legislature of the Province, and authorize the proper officers to sign the petition and forward the same to the member of the Legislature for the riding in which your municipality is situated, along with a resolution of the council asking him to present the petition to the House for consideration. If the municipal corporations of the Province heartily endorse the action of the association in this matter, we believe the Government will grant a measure of relief from the unreasonable responsibility. Yours faithfully, W. P. Hubbard, controller, Toronto, president."

The Petition.

Similar letters have been sent to all the municipalities in Ontario, with copies of the following petition to the Legislature, which is to be presented at its next session:

"To The Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

"The petition of the municipal council of the city of London, sheweth as follows:

"That section 606 of the municipal act imposes a very heavy responsibility on municipalities where injury results from non-repair of the highways, practically making the ratepayers the insurers of all persons walking or driving on the highways on the municipalities.

"Your petitioners claim that the law as enacted by the Legislature has been unreasonably interpreted and enforced by the courts, and, by a departure from the sound principles of common law, an unjust responsibility has been thrown upon municipalities respecting the repair of their highways. Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your honorable body will restore the doctrine of the common law by the repeal of section 606 of the municipal act, which would relieve municipal corporations from liability for non-feasance, but not from liability for misfeasance, or their positive acts occasioning injury to persons."

CURRY NOW AFTER TRAGEDY ENDS

MONEY LENDERS QUEBEC WEDDING

War Declared on the High-Rate Usurers of Toronto—Books Seized.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 9. — Crown Attorney Curry has declared war on the high rate money lenders of Toronto. H. C. Kehr, manager of the local office of D. R. McNaught, has already been in court and committed to jail for alleged usury in a specific instance. He is now to answer a general charge of fraud, and this morning detectives went with a search warrant to his office in the Lawlor building. They seized all the books and records of the firm and carried them up to police headquarters. The same proceedings were taken with regard to Robert McHardie, manager of the office of S. A. Anderson, in the Confederation Life building. An enormous quantity of stuff was seized and an exhaustive prosecution will result.

WILL RUN SPECIAL TRAIN

Londoners Going to Hear the Evangelists at Toronto.

Londoners who are eager to hear Rev. Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander, the renowned evangelists, now holding meetings in Toronto, will have an opportunity to hear them at a special train to be run on Thursday, Jan. 18, for the convenience of those who are anxious to hear the evangelists. The train will include the best coaches, and good time will be made.

The return fare and train arrangements will be made known tomorrow. A large number of Londoners have expressed their intention to take in the trip.

Toronto's New Depot.

Toronto, Jan. 9. — The Grand Trunk Railway has served expropriation notices on the Dominion Transport Company, the A. R. Williams Company, and the McLaughlin Milling Company. This is a move toward acquiring sites for the new union station.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Mild.
London, Wednesday, Jan. 10.
Sun rises, 7:50 a.m. Moon rises, 5:18 p.m.
Sun sets, 4:52 p.m. Moon sets, 7:28 a.m.
Toronto, Jan. 9-8 p.m.
Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Victoria, 40-42; Calgary, 16-22; Swift Current, 24-42; Winnipeg, 4-20; Port Arthur, zero-24; Parry Sound, 6 below-6; Toronto, 8; Ottawa, 6 below-6; Montreal, 8 below-2; Quebec, 14 below-zero; St. John, 4-10; Halifax, 8-22.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Jan. 10-8 a.m.
Today—Fresh southerly, with southwesterly winds; fine and milder.
Thursday—Fine and comparatively mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max. Weather.
Calgary 6 4 Clear.
Winnipeg 18 8 Cloudy.
Ottawa 14 4 Cloudy.
Toronto 24 10 Clear.
Ottawa 8 -10 Fair.
Montreal 4 -4 Fair.
Quebec 14 -16 Clear.
Father Point 2 -4 Clear.

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperatures have risen considerably in the lake region, but it remains low from Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. In the Northwest the weather continues fine and comparatively mild.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 22°; lowest, 6.5° above.

VESEVIUS BUSY AGAIN

Three Streams of Lava Pouring From the Volcano.

Naples, Jan. 10. — There was a sudden eruption of Mount Vesuvius yesterday, and the resultant scene of picturesque magnificence was witnessed by thousands of tourists. Three streams of lava reached the lower station of the Funicular Railway, causing serious damage. There are indications that the activity of the volcano is increasing.

The eruption is thought to be connected with that of Mount Etna in Sicily, which is in a state of activity without precedent since the eruption of 1892. Mount Etna is now ejecting red-hot ashes, which form an immense cone over the crater. These ashes are in striking contrast with the snow which covers the main portion of the volcano.

MADE THREATS TO BURN HOUSE

This Partly the Cause of Julia Waukosh's Trial on Arson Charge.

Julia Waukosh's trial on the charge of arson was in progress at the winter assizes yesterday afternoon, and this morning. The accused is alleged to have applied the torch to a house belonging to the late Sam Plain, an Onondaga Indian, for whom she kept house for some years, the act, it is alleged, being due to the ejection of the woman from the place.

The first witness for the prosecution was Indian Agent Sutherland, who testified as to the order for Julia's removal from the Plain homestead. She was ordered to leave by Sept. 30, and he understood that she left the place a day or so before that date. On Sept. 29, the house was burned.

James Cobbin, one of the executors of the Sam Plain estate, swore to his knowledge of the property, and told of his efforts to get the property back. She promised to do so, and left about the end of September. The house was burned, and the insurance came to him.

George Fisher swore to a conversation he had with Julia, in which she threatened to burn the house if she had to leave. She claimed that she had paid quite a bit of money into the place, and no one would get the use of it. He denied that he wanted to marry Julia, and saying that he would get even with her for refusing to marry him.

Robert Miller, county constable for Elgin, swore to several conversations with Julia, in which she threatened to burn the house, if she was forced to leave. After the fire, Miller met Julia, and she told him the house had gone up in smoke. He also saw some signs, saturated with oil, at the Plain property.

Scoble Logan swore to seeing Julia driving an Arabian horse near the scene of the fire about midnight. There were three in the rig. The woman commenced to drive hard as soon as she saw Logan.

David Logan swore to meeting Julia and a couple of others going from the Plain house towards her own home shortly after midnight. She was driving an Arabian horse—a saddle horse belonging to the late Sam Plain. Logan was positive in his identification of the horse.

Mrs. Logan corroborated the evidence of her husband. She was with him when he met Julia.

Phoebe Muskokony swore to a conversation with Julia Waukosh shortly before the fire, in which the accused threatened to see that no one would ever get any good of the house if she had to leave it.

James Riley swore to the condition of the house shortly before the fire. There were elaborate preparations for a fire in the back room, he said.

The defense had several witnesses. Several swore that they would not believe David Logan or George Fisher, the star witnesses for the crown, on their oath. Most of the defense witnesses swore to what they had heard, and not from any personal dealings with the witnesses.

The case was unfinished at 3 o'clock.

JOB PRINTERS AT WORK

Only Four of the Union Men Remain Out—An 8 1-2 Hour Day.

The difficulties in the job printing trade are virtually over. The Advertiser job department and its union employees came to a mutually satisfactory arrangement, on the basis of an eight-and-a-half-hour day. The Talbot company followed suit, and only four union men, employed by one firm, remain out. The other job establishments employing non-union labor, continue on a nine-hour basis, though they are paying the union scale of wages.

GOTHAM TO GIVE \$75,000,000 FOR CHAIN OF MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS

New York, Jan. 10. — Details are made known today of plans for a chain of municipal hospitals, which, when fully realized, will, it is declared, give New York the greatest system of free treatment for the sick that the world has seen. Mayor McLean, former Comptroller Groat, Bird S. Cole, president of the borough of Brooklyn, and Commissioner of Charities Robert W.

ENA'S WEDDING SPOILS ROMANCE

Planned to Wed Young Lord of Noble Birth.

BUT FINALLY LOSES HOPE.

Persuaded to Renounce Her Sweetheart and Become the Queen of Spain.

London, Jan. 9. — Society has been discussing at length the coming marriage of Princess Ena of Battenberg and the King of Spain. Ena is an English princess, Queen Victoria's youngest and favorite daughter. Ena is intensely English, and it is whispered, hates the idea of the Spanish marriage. She is a tall girl, well built, athletic, and remarkably good looking.

She would make two of King Alfonso who will have to grow a lot if he wants to come anywhere near the height, weight, and general buxomness of his consort-to-be.

It is a well-known fact in inner circles of society that Princess Ena has an English admirer, a noble lord and captain in the guards. He is a magnificent specimen of manhood and one of the handsomest of young Englishmen. Ena and he met at her coming out ball at Kensington Palace last summer and have been constantly together ever since. Gossip says there was a secret engagement and that Ena was to follow the example of her cousin Maud, now princess royal of England, and her aunt, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, and marry a subject instead of a member of a royal family.

The match in every way was suitable and undoubtedly, had the proposal of the Spanish alliance, would have been consummated. When Alfonso saw Ena, after looking at all the sunny-faced royal princesses of which Europe does not boast, he thought, "I have found her in her direction and the die was cast. Ena and her gallant guardsman made a fearful fuss, but were quickly set upon. Her women relatives, have prevailed upon her to accept the gifts the gods have made. The guardsman was threatened, cajoled, and finally his honor and patriotism appealed to. This had the desired result, but the guardsman is still in London, as near his royal sweetheart as can be, but I doubt if they meet in public. He is wealthy, and no one in society will be surprised to hear that he has resigned from the army, and is soon off for a tour of the world. I question, however, if this tour will take him to Spain, for by the next summer his princess will be reigning in Madrid. The former Empress Eugenie is the principal figure behind the rigid conventionalities of the young princess that when signing the register at St. George's Hanover Square, after the wedding of Lady Ruperta Carington, she most happily scribbled herself "Ena of Battenberg," using the pretty abbreviation of the name of her Spanish godmother, the former Empress Eugenie, and not the more stately "Victoria Eugenie," by which she is designated in the Court Circular.

Princess Ena is charmingly unconventional, and now that fate has singled her out as Spain's future queen, it will be interesting to note how she will adapt herself to the rigid conventionalities of Spanish court life. It is characteristic of the young princess that when signing the register at St. George's Hanover Square, after the wedding of Lady Ruperta Carington, she most happily scribbled herself "Ena of Battenberg," using the pretty abbreviation of the name of her Spanish godmother, the former Empress Eugenie, and not the more stately "Victoria Eugenie," by which she is designated in the Court Circular.

WILL NOT RETURN

Clara Crystler Passes Up Man Who Turned Her Out on Street.

Clara Crystler and her 3-months-old child will be taken care of by the Children's Aid authorities. The girl carried the infant in her arms in the police court this morning, where she appeared to receive sentence for vagrancy. A former acquaintance was made for a week, arrangements not being fully made with Superintendent J. J. Kelso, of Toronto, as to her future care.

The 17-year-old mother expressed the desire to stay in the jail for seven or eight months rather than go back to Fred Brown, of Queen's avenue east, with whom she lived until she was turned out. This statement gave her much favor in the eyes of the police officials, who know the young girl to be of a most unruly disposition. She was for a while under the care of the Salvation Army Home here, and the latter place has had but very few occupants who gave more trouble.

Superintendent Kelso wrote that he would take the girl and her baby. She will in all probability be placed in the Ontario House of Refuge in Toronto, until the child is considerably older. This move would prove of very great benefit to both mother and baby.