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## National Consultative Assembly Granted by Nicholas to His People

Representatives Elected From  
Whole Empire Will Form Rus-  
sia's First Parliament—Imper-  
ial Manifesto Will Be Read  
To-day.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—Emperor Nicholas has today announced the grant to the people of Russia of a national consultative assembly, to be formed by elected representatives from the whole of Russia. The imperial manifesto, which is published simultaneously here and at Moscow and which will be read in all the churches of the empire, is dated at Peterhof today and is as follows:

"The empire of Russia is formed and strengthened by the industrial solidarity of the emperor with the people and of the people with the emperor. This concord of emperor and people is the great moral force which has created Russia in the course of centuries by protecting her from all misfortune and attacks and has constituted up to the present time a pledge of unity, independence, integrity, material well-being and intellectual development."

"In our manifesto of February 24, 1905, we called to a close understanding all the faithful sons of the fatherland in order to protect the organization of the state by establishing on a firm basis the domestic life of the empire and we then devoted ourselves to the task of coordinating elective public institutions and with governmental authorities and with the agreements existing between them which had reacted so disastrously on the normal course of our national life. The autocratic emperors, our ancestors, constantly had that object in view and the time has come to follow out their good intentions, and to summon elected representatives from the whole of Russia to take constant and active part in the elaboration of laws, thereby attaining to the higher state institutions a scope to the legislative body entrusted with the preliminary elaboration and discussion of measures and with the examination of the state budget."

"It is for the reason that, while preserving the fundamental law regarding the autocratic power, we have deemed it well to form a gossudarstvennaya дума (lower house of the assembly), and to approve the regulations for elections to this дума, extending the validity of these laws to the whole territory of the empire, with such exceptions only as may be considered necessary in the case of some regions in which special conditions obtain."

"As regards the participation in the labor of the gossudarstvennaya дума of delegates from the grand duchy of Finland on questions concerning the empire in general and the grand duchy particularly, we will take special measures."

"At the same time, we have ordered the minister of the interior to submit immediately for our approval regulations for the elections to the дума so that the grand duchy of Finland and from the military province of the Don may be able to assemble not later than the middle of January, 1906."

"We reserve to ourselves entirely the care of perfecting the organization of the gossudarstvennaya дума, and in the course of events shall have shown the necessity for changes corresponding completely to the needs of the times and the welfare of the empire, we shall not fail to give at the proper moment the necessary directions."

"We are convinced that those who shall have been elected by the confidence of the people and who will participate in the legislative work of the gossudarstvennaya дума, will show themselves in the eyes of all Russia as the best representatives of the imperial trust in the virtue of which they have been invited to co-operate in the great work of perfecting the security and the greatness of the empire as well as for the tranquility and prosperity of the people."

"In invoking the blessing of the Lord on the labor of the institutions established by us and with unshakable confidence in the grace of God, and in the infallibility of the great historical destinies reserved by Divine Providence for our beloved fatherland, we firmly hope that, with the help of God Almighty, and with the combined efforts of all her sons, Russia will emerge triumphant from the trying ordeals through which she is now passing, and will be born again in the strength, the greatness and the glory of her history, extending through a thousand years."

"Given at Peterhof this 19th day of August, in the year of our reign, 1905, and the eleventh year of our reign. (Signed) Nicholas."

NEW SHORTHAND RECORD.  
Chautauque, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Professor Ireland, official reporter of the press representatives, made a new record at an exhibition to-day. He wrote on a blackboard, matter selected by his auditors at a rate of 24 words a minute and read it in one minute and 20 seconds. The previous record was 20 words a minute.

STRIKE CALLED OFF.  
St. Paul, Aug. 18.—The strike of the telegraph operators on the Northern Railway System was officially called off to-night, the men on that line having agreed to return to work.

## HARVESTERS MAY BE LATE CROP READY—ONE FARMER CLAIMS \$5000 HAIL DAMAGE

Winnipeg, Aug. 18.—(Special).—One of the serious features of the season's crop is the rapidity with which the grain is ripening as compared with wheat. It is growing apparent that wheat harvesting will be in full swing three or four days before generally anticipated, but in some districts heavy crops of oats are just ready for the binder and farmers are getting anxious as to whether sufficient help can be obtained right away. The difficulty in past seasons has been that excursions have been timed too early, leaving many men stranded till operations fairly started. The Canadian Pacific officials in debating against a repetition of these conditions appear to have gone to the other extreme, and even the news that 4000 men leave Maritime Province to-morrow is not altogether reassuring.

From Carman and other Manitoba points come emphatic denials of the presence of black rust with caustic comment as to the reasons for spreading such damaging reports.

Heavy rains are reported from Virren district and showers from several other points, but temperatures generally have remained high with ideal ripening and harvesting conditions.

Further reports from Pierson and Gainsboro districts show that the hail storm started 10 miles north of Melita and traveled in a southeasterly direction, passing between Elva and Pierson to the boundary, a distance of 30 miles, cutting a swath two to three miles wide. The largest individual loss is James Ingram, who expected to thresh 45,000 bushels of wheat, and who has lodged a \$5000 claim with the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company. Altogether claims for \$75,000 have been registered with this company in this section and some of the farmers are uninsured. Notwithstanding this and damage by rust, the district will average 20 bushels. Kinistino in the territories also reports bad hail damage.

It was reported from Douglas, Cypress River, Rapid City, Brandon and Plum in Manitoba, and Carman, Salt Coles, Lumsden and Kinistino in the territories. The worst reports from the territories give 20 bushels as the average on light lands, while from other points the figures range up to 45 bushels.

There is cause at present to modify optimistic estimates of past week.

## BRICKYARD OWNER CHAPMAN HORRIBLY MANGLED TO DEATH Falls Upon Revolving Knives of Puddler Machine Which Literally Chopped Him To Pieces.

Will Erect Magnificent Summer Residence on Fallingbrook Property East of City.

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## Scott Cabinet Settled Has three Colleagues

CONSTRUCTION GANGS BUSY  
ON GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Several Camps Pitched for Work  
on Transcontinental Railway  
West of Winnipeg.

Edmonton, Aug. 18.—(Special).—Practical construction on the C.N.R. main line is completed to Edmonton. The construction gang will finish the work on the line west of Edmonton and leave at once to begin construction on the Halfway House west of Winnipeg. All of the construction contracts east of Beaver Creek are now completed. Wilson's men are working two miles west of Beaver Creek at Belmont. John Walters is getting his gang of men ready to start down the river at once. A construction gang is working at the Halfway House at Horse Hills, nine miles from the city, on Thursday evening, and began work on the line northwest of the city, and work will be begun there soon as the main line is completed to Edmonton. McCrimmon's construction camp moved within two miles of the city to-day and by evening a construction gang will be located right in the city.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—(Special).—Last night the stable and granary of Henry Fusler, who lives in Chatham township, were totally destroyed by fire. The blaze broke out immediately at 4 o'clock. The loss will be quite heavy as there is little or no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, the incendiarism is suspected.

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