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VICTIMS OF RIOTS IN RED RUSSIA

Statistics Show Nearly Fifty Thousand and Who Met Death or Were Wounded.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—The Slovo published to-day statistics regarding the revolutionary movement prepared by the noted Russian statistician, Dr. Zhdanoff, whereby the total number of victims of the "dramatic epidemic" is placed at 47,020, of whom 19,400 were killed.

It further shows that 2,381 sentences of death were carried out, that 1,320 prisoners committed suicide and 31,455 persons were wounded. The largest loss of life, 12,263, resulted from encounters with the soldiers or police. The anti-Jewish riots numbered 7,982, and there were 1,450 anti-Armenian riots and 2,193 mutinies. The agrarian disorders were comparatively insignificant, only 532. The revolutionists assassinated 87 generals or governors, 61 prefects and 8,079 officials of various ranks.

The geographical distribution of victims are as follows: European Russia, 20,611; Caucasus, 7,394; Finland and Baltic provinces, 4,329; Poland, 4,385; Southwest Poland, 7,438; Siberia, 2,268.

TELEGRAPHERS GRIEVANCES

Various Representatives Approved For the Board of Conciliation Inquiry.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The Canadian Pacific railway has named Wallace Nesbitt as its representative on the board of conciliation inquiry into the grievance of railway telegraphers. Prof. Short will likely be chairman. Seventy employees of the Hillcrest Coal & Coke Company, Alberta, have applied for an increase in wages similar to that given the Coleman miners. Frank P. Sherman is named as representative.

Four hundred employees of the Canadian Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company at Moyie, B. C., metes S. C. Taylor, of Nelson, as their representative.

PRUSSIA'S TROUBLES

Philanthropist Considers That His New York Property is Assessed at Too Much.

New York, Sept. 13.—Andrew Carnegie, through his counsel, Robt. Cutting, has begun proceedings in the Supreme court for a reduction of the assessment for Carnegie's residence in Fifth avenue, considerable adjacent property, and on Carnegie hall assessments of 1905.

The Carnegie hall property, which is on Seventh avenue, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh street, has been assessed for 1906 and 1907 for \$1,540,000. Mr. Carnegie thinks the site worth about \$500,000 and believes assessment should be a little more than that figure. The Carnegie residence property on Fifth avenue and Ninety-first street and several near-by lots have been assessed for the last three years at \$2,300,000. Mr. Carnegie maintains that this is \$424,900 too much.

Property of other persons nearby Mr. Carnegie's holds, has been assessed for less. Mr. Cutting explains that Mr. Carnegie has shown that he is not parsimonious with his money, much of which goes to the benefit of the city as represented by the people, but that he objects to being imposed upon.

LOCK OUT IN NEW YORK

Two Manufacturers Affected By Result of Strikes—Seven Thousand Men Idle.

New York, Sept. 15.—As a result of strikes declared in several shops, 60 or more of the leading manufacturers of furs in New York have decided, it is stated, to lock out their employees tomorrow night. Lockout will affect about 7,000 men. Within the last year operatives have been organized. Recently they demanded that a delegate in each shop be empowered to control workmen, even to the extent of preventing the sale of their goods. The demand was refused, and several strikes were declared. Employers at once organized, with the backing of the importers of furs, and decided to hasten the crisis.

NORTH POLE BY AIRSHIP

Water Wellman Abandons His Attempt—Unfavorable Breezes.

TO STAND TRIAL AT ASSIZES

RIOTERS COMMITTED TO HIGHER COURT

Logger Badly Stabbed by Chinese—One Fourth of Vancouver's Population Is Oriental

Vancouver, Sept. 13.—Nineteen rioters altogether were committed by the police magistrate to stand trial at assizes. The Chinese convenes on October 1st and Attorney-General Bowser will personally take the prosecutions for the crown.

City Solicitor Cowan brought attention to the Japanese school question at a meeting of the city council last night. There are now many Oriental children freely intermingling in the school with white, young Japanese the age of twenty-four years receiving free education. The city solicitor suggests this should be absolutely restricted to the age of sixteen. The question has been passed up to the school board.

City Solicitor Cowan also figured out that one-quarter of the entire population of Vancouver is Oriental. They misunderstand British laws and in case of trouble he declares that riots are likely to occur. He believes that the Dominion government should be petitioned to place a police garrison to look after foreigners.

Medical Health Officer Underhill is also writing to the Dominion government demanding that the unsanitary conditions under which the newly arrived Hindus are living be abated. The Hindus are going into tents on the Canadian Pacific vacant lots on English bay.

James McGregor who was yesterday fearfully beaten and stabbed by Chinese on Canton street was this morning out of danger. No arrests have been made as it is impossible to identify Chinese.

Stabbed by Chinese. Vancouver, Sept. 12.—J. McGregor, a logger, was set upon by Chinese in Canton alley this afternoon and was fearfully cut with knives. Thirty Orientals fought him before he was rescued and taken to the hospital. McGregor is said to have kicked from the sidewalk a stick of wood that a Chinaman was cutting, when the Orientals without any further ado set upon him.

"SEVENTY EIGHT YEARS YOUNG" ON HIS TRAVELS

Chief of Salvation Army Will Visit Canada and the United States.

London, Sept. 13.—Men and women wearing uniforms of the Salvation Army filed the Euston railroad station here to-day, a large party having assembled to bid farewell to General Booth, who left for Liverpool, where he will embark on the Allan steamer Virginia for Quebec, in which city the veteran commander will begin a campaign which is to extend over Canada and the United States.

The "Seventy-eight years young general," as he describes himself, appeared to be as hearty as possible, considering his age. From the railroad car he handed the reporters a message as follows: "Once more, good-bye dear old England. I leave your shores on what I believe is the Master's business. As I contemplate the future I rely more than ever on the old panacea for lessening the ruins, the inequalities of the world, namely the regeneration of the individual by the power of God."

Before entering his car, General Booth presided at a prayer meeting in the waiting room of the station which was attended by the connections two hundred members of the Salvation Army. Commanders Nicol, Col. Lawler and Brigadier Cox accompanied the general.

THEATRICAL TRUST

Combination to be Formed Will Make a Corner in Stars.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—The legal difficulties which beset the launching of the International Theatrical Trust is said to have been overcome and it is asserted that the Trust is assured. Levi Mayer, general counsel for the Klaw and Erlanger combination said to-day: "I have made Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger a legal report of all the steps that have been taken and it is expected that they will be able to make public their project has been accomplished. The legal questions involved have been disposed of."

MARRIED A MEDIUM

Edward W. Vanderbilt, a Brooklyn Merchant, is Now Adjudged a Lunatic.

New York, Sept. 12.—Edward W. Vanderbilt, the aged retired merchant of Brooklyn, who married Mary S. Pepper, the spiritualist medium, is incapable of managing his affairs because of lunacy, according to a verdict returned by a sheriff's jury in Brooklyn to-day, after the jury had reported themselves unable to reach a verdict, and had been locked up all night again.

FAIL TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS

TO EXCLUDE DOGS FROM CITY PARK

Board of Commissioners Adopt Special Measures—Boulevarding Work Is Discussed

(From Friday's Daily.) Dogs in the parks and the general disregard of the park regulations recently passed by the city council upon the recommendation of the parks board, caused some discussion at the regular meeting of the latter body held yesterday afternoon. Commissioner G. E. Wilkinson brought the matter up and pointed out that the local police, although furnished with copies of the regulations, had failed to enforce them, and that frequent violations of the by-law were of daily occurrence at Beacon Hill. After the matter had been discussed, Mr. Wilkinson moved that one of the park-keepers be stationed at the park on Saturday afternoons and Sundays, invested with the authority of a special constable to see that the regulations are observed, and offenders punished.

This action found favor with all the commissioners and the motion carried. In the regulations which were framed by the commissioners and passed in the form of a by-law by the city council there is one providing that all dogs must be in leash when taken into the park. No notice of this has been taken by the general public, however, and the animals have continued to play havoc with the flower beds as is their wont. In future dog-owners will be permitted to do damage in the parks will be prosecuted and punished.

The notice issued to the B. C. Electric Company at the last meeting of the board relating to the removal of all guy wires from the trees upon city property brought a reply from A. T. Goward the local manager of the company in which he said that it was unfortunate that the first relations between the company and the board should be in the form of "an order framed on somewhat unnecessarily drastic terms."

Mr. Goward stated that the company had struck some wires on a few of the city's trees but was willing to remove them, although he thought that it would be necessary to put in guy stabs in places for the purpose of supporting the poles. He also said, in his letter, that the company was anxious to assist the parks board in all its endeavors to beautify the city, as such action was indirectly a benefit for the company.

Chairman Arbutnot stated that the board had no intention of taking steps that could be characterized as drastic. He suggested that the clerk of the board write to Mr. Goward saying that the board was anxious to receive the company's offer of co-operation, and suggesting that the company before stringing wires in places where it was necessary to put in guy stabs should obtain permission from the city authorities.

Mayor Morley pointed out that, although the company had been notified a month ago to remove all wires from trees, no move had been made to do this. He had written to the company about it. The clerk was instructed to reply to Mr. Goward along the lines suggested by the chairman.

G. H. Hadwin, of Dunsmuir, asked the board to allow him one of the swans in possession of the city, and this request was granted. A similar request from the fair association of Brandon, Man., for two swans, was not granted as the city had only a limited number of swans in the park.

In connection with this subject Chairman Arbutnot suggested that the city could well afford to rid itself of a number of the geese which were at present in Beacon Hill park. A communication was received from City Engineer Topp in which he stated that trees were interfering with the work of paving and laying sidewalks on several streets. He asked for permission to remove all that were in the way of these improvements. Commissioner Henderson and Pemberton were long discussing the matter until they were called to go over the streets with the city engineer and to report on the number of trees that will have to be removed.

As the cost of these approaches has already been charged in the boulevarding estimates, the matter will be left for the boulevard superintendent to ascertain whether the residents of the streets to be improved want such approaches constructed.

The whole matter was placed in the hands of the water commissioner, the city engineer and the boulevard superintendent.

D. D. England, formerly superintendent of parks works in Winnipeg, was temporarily appointed superintendent of the boulevarding now in progress. He will be instructed to hurry the work on Haywood avenue and to engage sufficient help to carry out the remainder of the boulevarding program as expeditiously as possible.

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When boarding the northbound train for Vancouver Shady and informed him that he was a suspected character. He made no reply to the accusation and was taken into custody. The embezzlement is said to cover \$10,000 worth of goods obtained from wholesale merchants in San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma, and a reward of \$500 is reported to have been offered by them.

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