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To Stave Off a Bloody Revolution Czar Promises Greater Freedom

Press No Longer To Be Muzzled and Freedom of Speech to Prevail---Offers to Give Constitution Modeled on Germany's.

London, Oct. 26.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg says Emperor Nicholas has decided to grant a constitution similar to that of Germany.

St. Petersburg, Oct 26.—6:20 p.m.—As the result of a series of special ministerial councils, under the presidency of Count Witte, held to adopt measures to deal with the situation, the New National Assembly Law and Laws, granting practical freedom of the press and of speech and meeting, will be promulgated forthwith. Upon the peremptory demand of Prince Hilkoff, the Minister of Railroads, the budget covering the remuneration of railroad employes will be revised to meet the promises made last spring. Unless this was done, the prince announced, he would resign.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—Russia is practically isolated today from the rest of the continent of Europe as the international train service on all the lines has virtually ceased. The tieup in the interior is more complete than yesterday. The only trains running are operated by the railroad battalions.

The strike contagion is spreading. All classes of workmen are organizing sympathatic strikes and industrial life in the country is coming to a standstill. The situation cannot long continue. Either the workmen will soon be starved into submission or pillage with military interference and bloodshed on a large scale are bound to follow.

At Moscow 600 cabmen have already fought the strikers, whom they charge with taking the bread out of their mouths. In many cities, especially, at Moscow, the question of food is becoming extremely serious.

Collisions between troops and strikers are reported to have occurred at several places.

A Pitched Battle.

At Ekaterinoslav a regular pitched battle between the soldiers and strikers was fought and the city was left in darkness. But as a rule the revolutionary leaders are keeping their men in hand. Communication by telegraph with many interior points is interrupted. The whole country is becoming alarmed and in St. Petersburg an incipient panic prevails. The boats and the Finnish trains, the only means of egress, are crowded with people fleeing abroad. The situation here has grown much worse over night. The ranks of the 40,000 workmen in the mills and factories, who joined the strikers yesterday were increased by 30,000 more this morning. All the employes of the port, 4,000 in number, walked out and 12,000 other men from the steel works left work in a body.

A Beleaguered City.

The inhabitants of St. Petersburg awoke to find the capital resembling a beleaguered city. The shops in the Vasiliostrov district and in all the suburbs are closed, windows are boarded and barred, and mounted patrols are to be seen everywhere in the streets. Except in the heart of the city women and children are afraid to venture out. Workmen are gathering at all the places frequented in the days of Father Gapon, but they are quiet and the Cossacks have had no provocation to interfere.

The general appearance of the town is menacing.

Food Running Short.

The prices of food have gone up and the supply of beef is only sufficient for three days, but there are ample supplies of wheat and rye for two months. The Emperor and the court at Peterhof are supplied by a warship from St. Petersburg. All the families who can afford it have hastened to lay in supplies to stand a siege. The suffering falls heaviest on the poor, who live from hand to mouth. All the bakers sold out their bread before noon. The meat dealers have been ordered by the revolutionists not to deliver meat to the troops under pain of death, and consequently the soldiers are living on canned goods. The butchers have notified their patrons that the meat market will probably be closed tomorrow on account of the lack of meat.

All the St. Petersburg schools were closed today and the children were sent home with instructions not to return until their parents think it safe to do so.

The great strike promises to delay and possibly interrupt the negotiations for the new Russian loan. The international bankers who are here do not seem to be greatly disturbed by the situation, although they are constantly in receipt of threatening letters from the revolutionists warning them that if they contract a loan without the consent of the National Assembly it will be repudiated. Nevertheless they are not disposed to close with the Government until the situation has cleared up. The fact that the strike may jeopardize the success of the loan

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COUNT SERGIUS DE WITTE.
Russia's Man of the Hour, to Whom the Czar Has Turned in Despair, Giving Him Powers to Settle the Great Strike and Institute Reforms.

GENERAL TREPOFF.
Popularly Known as "The Agam Butcher," Who Has Been Placed in Comand of the Troops at St. Petersburg. He was responsible for the ruthless massacre of last December.

ST. PETERSBURG IN SEMI-PANIC; TROOPS WILL SHOOT TO KILL

Cossacks Surrounding Revolutionary Students—The City Plunged in Darkness.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27. — 12:23 p.m. —Warning to the people that in case of disorder the soldiers will fire ball cartridges are posted on every street corner today. The city is outwardly calmer under the rigorous measures adopted. Gen. Trepoff, in order to restore confidence, directed all shopkeepers to take down the boards from shop windows during the night, and this morning the city awoke to find the shops reopened.

All Wires Down.

Warsaw, Oct. 27.—Telegraphic communication between Warsaw and St. Petersburg, Moscow and Berlin, was severed today in consequence of a fire in the telegraph office caused by the fusing of electric wires. The strike is in full swing at the factories here, and the agitators are urging the employes of the banks and insurance and commercial houses to leave their work. The shops are still open. The workmen are holding big meetings without interference on the part of the police.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Oct. 27. — The employes of all the local factories, street car lines and the suburban railroads have struck.

City in Semi-Panic.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27, 4:35 p.m. — During the afternoon the wildest rumors spread, and the city was seized with a semi-panic. The students began to congregate at the university in the Vassiliostrov district, announcing that they intended to hold the building, as the students of Kharoff held their university against the military, and to hold a big meeting tonight, to which workmen of all the social groups are invited. Warnings having been issued last night that the Government would not permit revolutionary meetings at the universities and higher schools under the guise of students' assemblies, Gen. Trepoff dispatched troops to surround the building, and trouble is momentarily feared. To add to the alarm the strikers have succeeded in stopping the machinery of the electric light plant, and the city is in darkness.

Wild Rumors Abroad.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—Little squads of soldiers are scattered along the streets and in the market to preserve order. Even detachments of the crack guard regiments are doing patrol duty. Nevertheless beneath the surface there is much excitement. The revolutionists have spread the tidings that a revolution has begun and the city is filled with the wildest rumors. For example a story is afloat that a provisional government has been established. The better classes are afraid to venture out. Many meetings have been held during the night. Though the task of continuing the general strike more than a few days seemed utterly hopeless to the practical minded, it is significant of the deep-rooted craving for liberty that the agitators have experienced little difficulty in inducing all classes of workmen to join in the anti-government demonstration.

Great Fire at Warsaw.

Thorn, Prussia, Oct. 27.—A message from a reliable source in Warsaw received here today says that an incendiary fire started there last night has not been extinguished and that one part of the city is in flames.

Oscar Refuses Crown To Any of His House

No Bernadotte Shall Reign Over Norway, Says the Deposed Monarch.

Stockholm, Oct. 27.—King Oscar has definitely and formally declined the offer of the Norwegian throne to a prince of the house of Bernadotte, and in a letter to the president of the Storthing finally severes his connection with Norway. The letter follows:

"After having in the name of Sweden recognized Norway as a state completely separated from Sweden I inform you of my decision to relinguish the crown of Norway, which, notwithstanding all my good intentions, has given me in the course of years so many bitter cares. Moreover I could no longer wear it to the benefit of the country now that the illegal decision of the Storthing has rendered illusory even the suspensive veto of the King. But I desire only the welfare of the country and the nation, towards which I have entertained a sincere affection ever since my youth, and to the happiness of which it has always been my heart's desire to contribute so long as the means to that end could be reconciled with the duties entailed by my position as king of both countries of the Scandinavian Peninsula. In view of the turn the mutual relations between the two countries have taken I cannot think it would be conducive to the happiness of either Sweden or Norway. Assuredly there would not fail to arise in both countries a feeling of distrust which would operate as much against him as again me. This distrust might only too easily become an obstacle to the improvement of the mutual sentiments of the two nations, unfortunately separated henceforth, whereby I hope to see pacific relations assured between them in a not too distant future.

"I cannot, therefore, accept the Storthing's offer. I thank with all my heart those who during my reign of 33 years have faithfully served me and Norway, and who may even now entertain affection for their former king. In now bidding them farewell I cherish sincere good wishes for them."

Paris, Oct. 27.—Information reaching the highest quarters here shows that definite arrangements have been made whereby Prince Charles of Denmark will accept the throne of Norway, following a plebiscite, occurring Nov. 12. Prince Charles will leave Denmark to assume the royal functions immediately after the official notification of his election is conveyed to him.

A Giant Cargo.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 27.—The steamer Philip Minch has been chartered at Fort William by merchants of Winnipeg to load 340,000 bushels of wheat. This will exceed the largest cargo that has hitherto been carried out of Fort William by over 50,000 bushels.

A Statue to Von Moltke.

Berlin, Oct. 26. — A statue of Field Marshal Von Moltke, the gift of the army to the German people, was unveiled here today, the 105th anniversary of his birth, in the presence of Emperor William, the imperial family, all the great personages of state and many thousands of people.

Mikado Lunches Officers.

Tokio, Oct. 27. — The Emperor invited 2,000 naval officers to luncheon at the Shiba Palace today, and an equal number will be entertained by him tomorrow at the same place. This action upon the part of the Emperor is unprecedented.

The commander of the Tokio division gave a farewell garden party yesterday at Takeshiki for the Russian officers kept prisoners there. Toasts to the Emperors of Russia and Japan were drunk with enthusiasm.

NO SIGNS OF KALIYUGA

Beleived to Have Foundered on Lake Huron With Seventeen Aboard.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 26. — Telegrams were received by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company here today from the captains of the steamers Centurion and Frontenac, which have been searching for the missing steamer Kaliyuga, saying that they had covered the entire east and north shores of Lake Huron without obtaining any trace of the long overdue vessel.

It is now practically certain that the boat with seventeen persons went down in Lake Huron during the great storm last week.

Charles Murphy, second mate of the Kaliyuga, heretofore reported among those on the vessel, was not on her, having been left behind while on a leave of absence at Buffalo.

FIRE AT BRAMPTON

The Stork Block Almost Completely Wiped Out.

Brampton, Ont., Oct. 27. — The Stork block, on Queen's street, perhaps the oldest building in town, and built of wood, was almost completely destroyed by fire early this morning. Energetic work on the part of the firemen and the excellent water system saved the Robinson & Stork, drygoods store and numerous other outer buildings in the rear. The Stork buildings are well covered by insurance, and Mr. Stork will lose very little.

The chief losses are: Harry Stork, who occupied the first story, stock all lost, but covered by insurance; T. Taylor, flour and feed, loss considerable, but partially insured; Wood, barber, completely gutted; Richie's shoe store, gutted, small loss; Bell Smith, dwelling over Richie's store, total loss of furniture, uninsured. The gentlemen's furnishing department of Robinson & Stork's, was flooded and filled with smoke, so that this department shows an almost total loss, fully covered.

TROLLEY CARS CRASH

Fourteen Injured in Trolley Accident on New York Street.

New York, Oct. 26.—Fourteen persons were seriously injured, one fatally, it is believed, when a trolley car on the 14th street line crashed in another car standing at the foot of the incline at the Manhattan end of the Williamsburg bridge this morning.

The injured were removed to the Delancey street police station, where they received emergency medical attention.

One of the injured, a man, it was said by the physicians, could hardly survive. A score of others received minor cuts and bruises but were able to go to their homes.

S. S. Zuria on the Rocks.

Island of Heligoland, Prussia, Oct. 27.—The Spanish steamer Zuria, from Rosario for Hamburg is ashore off the South Rocks and will be a total wreck. Nine of her crew were drowned.

King's Daughters Elect.

Guelph, Oct. 27.—The election of officers at the King's Daughters convention held this morning in St. Andrew's Church resulted as follows: Provincial secretary, Mrs. M. S. Savage, Toronto; recording secretary, Mrs. E. J. Wallace, Cornwall; executive committee, Miss Austen, Toronto; Miss Bertha Diamond, Toronto; Miss Hislop, Stratford; Mrs. Biggar, Ottawa; Miss F. J. McNeel, Ottawa; Miss Strange, Kingston; Miss Pringle Guelph; Miss Blatchley, Toronto; Mrs. Kennedy, Owen Sound.

Firemen in the Ruins.

San Francisco, June 27.—A serious fire is now raging in a new cannery building recently established on the corner of Bay and Nelson streets, which threatens the destruction of the entire plant. It is reported that a large shed has collapsed, burying a number of firemen. Two have already been brought out alive, but seriously injured. The others have not yet been reached. The burning structure is owned and operated by the Central Canneries Company.

Eight Years for Whiteman.

Buffalo, Oct. 27.—Alonzo J. Whiteman, who was convicted of defrauding the Fidelity Trust Company, of Buffalo, by means of raised and forged drafts, was yesterday sentenced to eight years and five months in Auburn Prison. He will appeal.

Joint Naval Display.

Naples, Italy, Oct. 26.—The U. S. cruiser Minneapolis left here today for Genoa, where, with the French and British squadrons, the cruiser will take part in the naval display Oct. 28, when King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena will inaugurate the new harbor works, an event of great national importance.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow - Showery, Turning Cold

London, Friday, Oct. 27.

Sun rises..6:46 a.m. Moon rises..5:38 a.m.
Sun sets...5:17 p.m. Moon sets...5:21 p.m.

Toronto, Oct. 26—8 p.m.

Light snowfalls have occurred today in Eastern Manitoba and scattered showers in New Ontario. Elsewheer i Canada fine weather has prevailed. Sharp frosts occurred again last night from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6—8; Atlin, 20—32; Port Simpson, 42—48; Victoria, 38—50; Vancouver, 34—52; Kamloops, 32—42; Calgary, 16—46; Edmonton, 24—32; Qu'Appelle, 24—26; Winnipeg, 28—34; Port Arthur, 34—44; Parry Sound, 20—44; Toronto, 26—44; Ottawa, 24—28; Montreal, 26—38; Quebec, 20—36; Halifax, 26—42.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Oct. 27—8 a.m.

Fresh southwesterly winds; showery; strong northwest winds and turning colder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	66	26	Fair
Winnipeg	50	26	Cloudy
Parry Sound	44	32	Fair
Toronto	56	32	Fair
Ottawa	40	42	Fair
Montreal	34	28	Fair
Quebec	30	24	Fair
Father Point	28	20	Fair

WEATHER NOTES.

Another cold wave has appeared over the Northwest Provinces, and weather of a decidedly cold, wintry type prevails from Lake Superior to the Pacific. The weather yesterday was fine from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 52°; lowest, 23° above.

WEST YORK THE BANNER COUNTY

Carries Off Sunday School Honors for the Year.

CONVENTION'S LAST SESSIONS

Strong and Inspiring Addresses at Final Rally—Organization Appoints Primary Secretary.

The annual provincial Sunday school convention of 1905 is over. Last night's service in the First Methodist Church was the last of the series of sessions. Yesterday was chiefly occupied by business matters, the appointing of officers for the ensuing year taking up considerable time.

A Primary Secretary.

On the recommendation of the general executive, the officers and committees were appointed yesterday afternoon. The new position of honorary primary secretary was given to Miss M. M. Johnston. This new office was made yesterday, and Miss Johnston's appointment is a result of Secretary Jackson's suggestion, and the executive's recommendation. Though not a salaried position at present, it is hoped that in the course of a year's work, the asociation may see its way to make it such.

Rev. Wm. Frizzelle, of Toronto, who was chairman of the executive for the past year, is the president-elect. His appointment was hailed with the greatest enthusiasm. Other officers-elect are as follows:

Vice-Presidents—Hon. James Young, Galt; W. Johnston, Belleville; Hon. S. H. Blake, Toronto; G. Rutherford, Hamilton; Wm. Bowman, London; L. K. Macdonald, Toronto; W. M. Hossie, Brantford; J. A. McCrae, Guelph; H. P. Moore, Acton; J. A. Patterson, Toronto; Hon. Justice MacLaren, Toronto; A. J. Donly, Simcoe; T. McGillicuddy, Toronto; W. D. Beadle, St. Catherines; Dr. Harrison, Keene; Rev. J. J. Redditt, Toronto; A. McInnes, Vankleek Hill; Rev. G. T. Webb, Toronto; W. Hamilton, Toronto; Rev. L. H. Wagner, Berlin; and presidents of county and city associations.

Chairman of Executive Committee — W. Hamilton, Toronto.

General Secretary—J. A. Jackson.

Extension Secretary—T. Yellowlees.

Teacher-Training Secretary — E. A. Hardy.

Treasurer—Theron Gibson, Toronto.

The central executive committee is as follows: Rev. J. C. Tibb, Rev. D. H. Wing, Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Mrs. B. Abbott, Mrs. T. Laine, Mrs. Wm. Duncan, Miss M. Johnston, E. J. Joselin, O. B. Sturton, Principal Scott, Professor McLaughlin, Dr. Courtice, H. L. Thompson, F. Tracey and ex-officers, the president of the convention, secretaries and treasurer

The general executive committee consists of two members from each town or county association and all the officers, ex-officio. One of the members is appointed by the convention, and the following were yesterday chosen:

Algoma, L. A. Green; Belleville, H. C. Hunt; Brant, Chas. Kelly; Brantford, Rev. W. H. Harvey; Bruce West, W. J. Chisholm; Bruce North, Rev. R. Atkinson; Bruce East, M. G. Dipple; Carleton, R. Gamble; Chatham, Chas. Austin; Dufferin, Rev. J. R. Bell; Dundas, Rev. J. M. Macalister; Durham East, R. W. Clark; Durham West, P. C. Trebilcock; Elgin East, G. A. Ault; Elgin West, J. H. McIntyre; Essex, W. Woollatt; Frontenac South, Alex Ritchie; Frontenac and Addington North, J. M. Huycke; Glengarry, W. J. Scott; Grenville, A. D. Van Camp; Grey East, W. G. Peckell; Grey South, Rev. James Buchanan; Grey North, J. H. Packham; Guelph, Rev. R. Glassford; Haliburton, E. C. Young; Halton, Rev. C. R. Morrow; Haldimand, J. W. McClurg; Hamilton, W. J. Cunningham; Hastings South, H. K. Denyes; Huron, D. E. Munro; Kent, Fred Collins; Kingston, T. F. Harrison; Lambton, W. J. Crockord; Lanark, Hon. T. F. Frost; Leeds South, J. C. Linklater; Leeds North, Rev. S. J. Hughes; Lennox and Addington, S. Gibson; Hastings North, C. W. Thompson; Lincoln West, Rev. E. H. Bean; Lincoln East, Rev. R. F. Nie; London, H. Eapty; Manitoulin, Mrs. Turner; Middlesex North, F. R. Holtby; Middlesex East and West, Thomas Batty; Muskoka, M. J. Dickie; Nipissing East, A. G. Browney; Nipissing West, G. Elliot; Norfolk, H. A. Colver; Northumberland West, J. W. Bickle; Northumberland East, W. H. Ives; Ontario North, S. F. Chopin; Ontario South, W. A. Halliday; Ottawa, Rev. B. W. Merrill; Oxford, W. J. Dunster; Parry Sound East, S. G. Best; Parry Sound West, Captain W. Ross; Peel, Rev. R. N. Burns; Perth, H. L. Bice; Peterboro, Rev. C. Parker, Peterboro town, Rev. J. G. Potter; Prescott, L. Bertrecnd; Prince Edward, W. J. Ilsey; Rainy River, A. Annis; Renfrew, Rev. W. J. Pady; Russell, Rev. T. A. Sadler; Simcoe West, Rev. G. Robinson; Simcoe South, J. R. Hepwell; Simcoe North, Rev. J. Elliott; St. Catharines, Rev. D. A. Moir; St. Joseph's Island, J. R. Moore; Stormont, Rev. A. R. Borrowman; Stratford, Rev. A. Y. Hoist; St. Thomas, F. Sutherland; Thundred Bay, James Meek; Temiskaming, Rev. A. P. Latter; Victoria, W. Luggitt; Waterloo, J. R. Cavers; Welland, M. Peckett; Wellington, W. McCrae; Wentworth North, E. A. Clark; Wentworth South, W. M. Orr; Windsor, Lieut. N. A. Partlett; Woodstock, E. A. Brown; York East, J. A. Stewart; York North, L. J. Jackson; York West, J. A. McPherson.

West York the Banner County.

The annual banner contest for the association having the most efficient organization resulted in West York getting the prize. The contest was close this year. This convention is for county organizations.

The retiring executive offered recommendations which resulted in their adoption by the convention.

Power was given the central executive to fill vacancies on their list.

Temiskaming was recognized as a county association, and steps towards organizing Thessalon will be taken very soon.

The record book was commended to the county officers.

The incorporation of the central

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STREET RAILWAY MAY PASS INTO HANDS OF LONDONERS

Rumor That Mr. Thos. H. Smallman and Other Local Capitalists Have Secured an Option on Road.

It was reported in local financial circles today that Mr. T. H. Smallman has secured an option on the London Street Railway, of which he is vice-president, and that it is not improbable that the road will shortly pass into the hands of a company with Mr. Smallman at the head of it.

Mr. Smallman was out of the city today, and the story could not be verified. It was given out by a gentleman in close touch with local financial matters, who added that a number of London capitalists were ready to join hands with Mr. Smallman in getting control of the line.

Should the deal go through, Mr. Everett and Mr. Moore, of Cleveland, will have no interest whatever in the road, and all its affairs will be managed in this city, instead of from Cleveland, as has been the case for several years past.

The transfer of the road to Londoners will be of great benefit to the city.

Should it be accomplished, the road will be put in a thorough state of repair.

U. S. PRESIDENT IN RIVER CRASH

Roosevelt's Tender Collides on Southern Stream With a Fruit Steamer.

New Orleans, Oct. 27. — A long-distance message from Nairen, La., 60 miles down the river, announces, that the lighthouse tender Magnolia, with President Roosevelt on board, was in collision with the fruit steamer Esparta shortly after midnight. The news came through a message from Captain W. M. Rose, of the Esparta. Captain Rose reported both vessels aground at the river bank. No one was seriously hurt. The President is safe and uninjured.

Captain Rose said the Esparta would probably have to carry the President's party to the West Virginia.

Two tugs left New Orleans this morning for the scene of the accident. It is probable that one of these will carry the President to the West Virginia.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 27. — The revenue cutter Ivy has taken President Roosevelt through the passes into the Gulf of Mexico. Neither the President nor any of his party was injured.

W. C. T. U. ELECTS

Mrs. McKee Once More President—Londoners On Executive.

Brockville, Oct. 26. — The W. C. T. U. convention was brought to a close tonight.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. McKee, Barrie.

Vice-President—Mrs. Thornley, London.

Treasurer — Mrs. Brittan, Gananoque.

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Irwin, Weston.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. G. Wright, London.

JIM BELL WINS THE IRISH CUP

Is Now Holder of Two Quoiting Trophies—Good Work at Holiday Tourney.

At the Thanksgiving Day tournament held on the King street grounds of the Forest City Quoiting Club, Jim Bell, the present holder of the Hyman championship trophy, succeeded in winning the silver cup donated by the Irish Benevolent Society. Jim had a great swing yesterday, despite the fact that the day long he used a pair of heavy quoits. He played eleven games, and although he didn't appear to get a good start in some of them, he always managed to pull out in front of his opponent.

The most striking instance of Bell's steady work, when required, was shown in one match of fifteen points played with John Talbot. The latter is a veteran at the game, above the average as a quoiter, and he ran up nine points while Bell got but one. Then Jim steadied down and scored fourteen points while Talbot got only two, making the score 15 to 11.

The game for the cup was played in the morning, the scores being as follows:

First Draw—Bell 21, vs. H. Storie 9; Walsh 14, vs. R. Errington 21; Pevler 21, vs. R. Robertson 17; Baskerville 12, vs. Simson 21.

Second Draw—Simson 15, vs. Bell 21; Pevler 17, vs. Errington 21.

Final—Bell 21, vs. Errington 9.

Two club matches were played in the afternoon, and to enable both to be finished before dark, the games were limited to fifteen points. In the first game the scores were:

First Draw—Bell 15, vs. Talbot 12; McVean 15, vs. Errington 13; Scott 15, vs. Robertson 14; Baskerville 15, vs. Simson 14; Walsh 12, vs. Storie 15.

Second Draw—Bell, 15, vs. McVean 2; Pevler 15, vs. Baskerville 3; Storie 15, vs. Scott 10.

Third Draw—Bell 15, vs. Pevler 11; Storie, bye.

Final—Bell 15, vs. Storie 11.

Bell got first money, Storie second money, and Pevler third.

The second match scores were as follows:

First draw—Talbot 15, vs. Robertson 10; Baskerville 15, vs. McVean 9; Scott 8, vs. Simson 15; Errington 3, vs. Wanless 15; Walsh, bye.

Second draw—Walsh 15, vs. Talbot 12; Wanless 15, vs. Baskerville 12; Simson, bye.

Simson got first prize, Wanless second, Walsh third, Talbot fourth, Baskerville fifth.

BURIED BENEATH TONS OF GRAVEL

Agent Was Urging Insurance Upon Two Others When All Three Were Killed.

Coaticooke, Que., Oct. 27.—Three men, Joseph Reckney, Jean Richard and St. Cyr, were instantly killed yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the gravel pit belonging to the corporation. It seems that Reckney and Richard were working in the pit and had excavated a hole about ten feet below the surface. St. Cyr, who was an insurance agent for the Metropolitan, called on the men while at work. The three men were talking when the overlying bank gave way, throwing about 25 tons of gravel on them. They were dug out in an hour's time, but life was extinct. The body of Richard was terribly mangled. All of the men were married and leave large families.

FOUND RECORD OF DE SOTO

Dissovered Beneath a Boulder at Source of Mississippi.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 26.—After more than three centuries a record of the De Soto expedition has been found on the shore of Lake Itasca under a huge boulder, where it has lain undisturbed. The record, written on the skin of an antelope, was found by Chester Gray, a farmer living on the shore of Lake Itasca, which is the source of the Mississippi River. He will send the record to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

The record, which is barely legible, is dated August 3, 1547, and signed by Ferdinard Ullena and Sancho Cueva, members of De Soto's exploring party, who in the letter say they have named the lake, whence arises the great river in which De Soto had been buried six years before, "Lake De Soto."

EVERYBODY PAYS THAT QUEBEC TAX

Travelers From Any Point Outside Province Must Hand Over $300.

To clear up the great deal of misunderstanding at present rife among mercantile men as to the proper meaning of the act recently passed by the Quebec Legislature imposing a tax on commercial travelers, it may be said that this tax may be levied on all travelers representing commercial industries which are located outside of the province, whether they be in Ontario, New Brunswick or any other province or foreign country. As at present constituted the new law shows no preference to English or provincial houses. A sum of $300 must be paid if a traveler from outside the province wishes to personally do business in Quebec.

Local traveling men take a very pessimistic view of the success of the legislation. It appears to some that the tax is imposed merely for purposes of revenue. Three hundred dollars in a lump sum from each firm looks larger to them than the benefits derived from the amount of trade which this law will necessarily prohibit. That the law is one that will kill competition in the province and prove a menace to trade is the belief of many.

British Columbia now having an agreement of travelers of $100 and Quebec and Prince Edward Island also having increased to the imposition of the tax, the thought comes where will it end? Should the other provinces enact a similar law the state of trade would become such that it would come into the jurisdiction of federal legislation.

The situation at present is a critical one, and it is not known just what action can be taken. That the provinces imposing the tax are getting the small revenue at the cost of enormous trade losses is generally admitted, and are thereby figuratively cutting their own throat. But serious as the situation locally is at present, should Ontario act similarly the result would be of vital interest to local commercial men.

It Is Significant.

Rome, Oct. 27.—The press commenting on the festivides connected with the inauguration of the New Harbor works at Genoa tomorrow by King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, and the presence there of American, French and British warships, remarks that their presence may have significance of an international character.