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## RUSSIA FACES BLOODY REVOLUTION; CZAR IN DESPAIR TURNS TO WITTE

### General Strike Throughout Empire Only a Matter of Hours and Pacific Solution Is Believed To Be Impossible—Bloodshed at Moscow.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—The council of ministers held a special meeting at Peterhof today to discuss the strike. The czar declined to preside, and directed that Count Witte act in his stead. Owing to the fact that no trains are running, the ministers returned to St. Petersburg in the imperial yacht Polar Star. They met here again this evening, but their decision is unknown. The newspapers are ignoring the censorship and are printing everything they receive, thereby risking suppression. The entire press, with the exception of the Novoye Vremya, Gazette and Svet, favors the strikers.

#### Pacific Solution Impossible.

The university has been thronged by enormous crowds of students, workmen and others to listen to revolutionary speeches. Railway men filled one lecture hall, anarchists another, and constitutionalists another. Some of the speeches were very violent. The speakers called on the people to begin an armed rising forthwith. It is reported this evening that the union of unions has declared a general strike, but this cannot be confirmed. Everything, however, is tending to such an outcome. It becomes clearer daily, although proof is not needed, that the whole movement is political and revolutionary. Many observers are con-

vinced that a pacific solution is impossible. It is needless to specify the numerous cities and towns from which reports of revolutionary meetings are received. Every center of industry and population has joined the movement. Wherever the strike is effective the railway stations contain a number of strike-bound passengers. Many hundreds are here and more in Moscow. The railway officials are furnishing the necessities with money with which to buy food.

#### Bloodshed at Moscow.

Moscow, Oct. 25.—The only remaining connection between this city and the outside world is by telephones and telegraphs. It is impossible to say when these will be severed. The central telegraph office is held by a large body of infantry, whose presence alone prevents the cessation of work. The operators are disaffected. Most of the lines running south are already idle. Strikers attacked the central office early this morning, intending to stop the work, but the soldiers repulsed them. It is reported that many were killed, but inquiries are futile. The agitators are bringing pressure to bear on the operators, and following persuasion with veiled threats, which are interpreted as meaning that bombs will be used

against those who do not join the strikers.

#### All Out at Odessa.

Odessa, Oct. 25.—The whole staff of the Southwestern Railway, including the telegraph operators, have struck. No trains have left here in 24 hours, and only one has arrived. The men working at the grain elevators are also on strike. It is expected that the men in other industries and the postal employees will follow.

#### Bureaucracy To Blame.

London, Oct. 25.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Telegraph declares that the reports of internal reform which were within an ace of realization have all vanished. The bureaucracy has been seized by its reactionary attitude by the spectacle of the vast population on strike. All that had been done to pacify the people has been interrupted if not undone. The unconceivable procrastination of the bureaucrats created distrust in their intention to reform. The result is anarchy unredeemed even by such good intentions as fell. Every thing is forbidden and all things are allowed. Killing and incendiarism are permitted. Neither is hindered nor punished. It is even lawful to order the death of others by daggers or rifles. Meetings are strictly prohibited, but they are daily summoned and are attended by tens of thousands of persons.

## ADVANCE IN LEATHER

### Dealers Buying Hides of Animals Now Roaming the Rauches.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—An advance of 1 per cent per pound for heavy leather went into effect this morning. It is stated that all the hides in sight up to the end of the year have been already purchased, and that buying is now going on for delivery in January of hides on the backs of the animals grazing on the western ranches. Such a situation is unprecedented in Canada.

## OFFER FOR INTERCOLONIAL

### Government May Have a Chance to Sell Road for \$80,000,000.

Montreal, Oct. 25.—An offer of \$80,000,000 for the Intercolonial Railway, it is said, will be made by the Government before the next session of Parliament. The chances of a sale will be increased when Mr. Emmerson, assistant collector of the House for another \$10,000,000 for the purchase of new rolling stock for the railway. The need of this addition to the equipment of the road is said to have been impressed upon Mr. Emmerson during his recent inspection, but neither the Government nor the House is likely to grant the money.

## UNION MULCTED \$7,500

### The Sheet Metal Workers Lose Case Against Metallic Roofing Co.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—The jury of the civil assize court in the case of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, which was sued by the Metallic Roofing Company for wrongfully and wilfully coercing the company's employees to join the union, returned a verdict in favor of the company. The union was ordered to pay \$7,500 damages.

## FORGOT HIS TROUSERS

### Harriman Was Caught Leaving the Train in His "Union."

[Special to The Advertiser.] Omaha, Neb., Oct. 25.—Attired in a union suit, coat and hat, overcoat, but minus his trousers, E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, started to leave his private car in the Union depot here this morning, and had already opened the car door to step outside, when the staff of cold air and the hasty exclamation of "Harriman!" arrested him. He was still in bed when Omaha was reached, but when he was told that one of the new gasoline motors was in the depot waiting for his inspection, he called his valet, and when he was dressed, Harriman and the valet, the trousers were forgotten.

## FROM LABRADOR'S WILDS

### No News of the Dillon Wallace Expedition Party.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 25.—The steamer Amethyst arrived last night from Gilliesport, Labrador, and reports lots of snow. She brought no news of the exploring parties, headed by Dillon Wallace, and Mrs. Hubbard, of New York, other than that one of the guides had returned from the woods, and thought both parties would push on to Ungava.

## SIR FREDERICK SATISFIED

### Nothing in Report That Militia Minister Was About to Retire.

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—Sir Frederick Borden yesterday took occasion to say that stories to the effect that he was leaving the cabinet were untrue. Not only is he well satisfied to remain minister of militia, but he is anxious to see the realization of his plans for a vast military reorganization.

## SANTIAGO'S GALLANT COPS

### \$200,000 Raised for Them by a Popular Subscription.

Santiago, Oct. 25.—Complete calm prevails here today, although troops continue to guard the main thoroughfares. All disorder ceased soon after the return of the troops from annual maneuvers. The police suffered so severely and behaved so gallantly in their efforts to suppress the recent disorders that a popular subscription raised in their behalf has already realized the sum of \$200,000. The casualties during the rioting are estimated at about 60 killed and 250 injured.

## THANKSGIVING DAY IN LONDON.

Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated in London in various ways.

Being a religious festival, services will be held in many of the churches. The Methodists will unite in a thanksgiving service, in Dundas Street Church. The Presbyterians will worship at St. Andrew's Church; and the Baptists will unite in a service at the Wortley Road Church, South London. The Anglican churches will have separate services.

The annual rifle matches of the Seventh Regiment will be held at the Cove ranges.

The Woodstock Juniors are to meet the London Juniors in a friendly game at Tecumseh Park in the afternoon.

The Forest City Quilting Club will have a tournament in the King street grounds, the chief prize being the Irish Benevolent Society cup.

The Springfield Gun Club is to hold a shoot at the club grounds.

The provincial Sunday school convention will hold three sessions—in the morning and afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church, and in the evening at the First Methodist Church.

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## THE WEATHER.

Today—Fair and Cold.

Observatory, Toronto, Oct. 25—5 p.m. It is now evident that the southern storm will pass too far south to effect the weather in Ontario. Rain in fall in the weather has been fine. Sharp frost is general tonight in Ontario and Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 22-34; Victoria, 44-59; Vancouver, 52-72; Nanaimo, 45-55; Edmonton, 35-40; Calgary, 35-44; Winnipeg, 35-40; Port Arthur, 41-53; Pelly Sound, 35-40; Toronto, 35-40; Ottawa, 35-40; Montreal, 35-40; Quebec, 22-33; Halifax, 35-40; St. John, 42-45.

FORECASTS. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Easterly winds; fair and colder.

## MUTUAL ACTUARY ON DIVIDENDS

### Were Not Based on Any Given Year's Business.

### \$100,000,000 LIMIT PROPOSED

### Three Big Companies Attempted to Reach Some Agreement, But the Hydes Backed Out.

[Special to The Advertiser.] New York, Oct. 25.—Emory McClintock, chief actuary of the Mutual Life Insurance Society, was the sole witness today before the Armstrong Insurance Committee.

Mr. McClintock explained in detail the methods employed by the actuaries of the Mutual in determining the dividends paid to policyholders, and stated that in his opinion these were the reasons for the marked diminution in dividends paid by the company in the last few years. The fact was established that the dividends as paid annually by the Mutual to policyholders are not determined by actual calculations based on the results of the company's business for any given year, but are largely a matter of the actuary's judgment based on the results and the experience of previous years. The dividends, it was shown, were paid from year to year, according to what the actuary conceived to be a fair average.

### Only \$900,000 Last Year.

It was shown that the amount paid in dividends each year was a surprisingly small part of the total gains which the company had made for that year. For instance, last year the Mutual policyholders received in dividends only about \$900,000 out of the \$8,000,000 gain which was made by the company, exclusive of its gains in the value of its investments. With the gain in investments added, the grand total accruing to the company for that year was over \$15,000,000. Notwithstanding these large earnings, the company had paid dividends in 1904 to policyholders when the assets of the company had actually been reduced 4 per cent required by law as the reserve on policies. This, of course, reflects only the \$8,000,000 gain in the increased value of the assets, not the dividends among policyholders under other titles, that is, the gains in the value of its investments. With the gain in investments added, the grand total accruing to the company for that year was over \$15,000,000. 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