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REVOLUTIONISTS ARE VICTORIOUS. Loyal Troops Driven From Riga--- Govt. Dare Not Send Re-inforcements---Pitched Battles--- Republic Formed.

MITAU, Province of Courland, Dec. 17.—The troops, in order to avoid annihilation at the hands of the insurgents, have been forced to abandon the country districts and to concentrate at Riga. Mitau and Libau, where they actually are standing on the defensive, unable to make head against the insurgents. Several detachments have been defeated. The garrison at Takum, consisting of a squadron of Dragoons and a company of infantry, not being able to depart in time, was set upon at night and lost its commander, Lieut. Col. Mueller and 30 men. The insurgents evading the sentinels penetrated the town and laid wire entanglements in front of the houses in which the wearied soldiers were quartered. Then they set fire to the houses and the troops rushing out, were shot down from the roofs or cut up in the narrow streets. The soldiers retreated in confusion, leaving their dead. The letter was horribly mutilated by the insurgents who gouged out their eyes and cut off their ears and hands. The insurgents, who form great bands, have a regular military organization and are well armed with military rifles and bayonets. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—Martial law has been declared in several districts of the government of Suwalki, in Poland. WALOK, Province of Livonia, Dec. 18.—Details have been received from a regular battle between the members of a company of Dragoons, who were securing a wagon, and a band of twenty German families, and an armed band of 4000 Letts near Roemershof. The expedition was trying to reach the southward but the ammunition of the Dragoons, as the result of the constant skirmishing was running low. The expedition ran into a Lett camp which was strongly barricaded. The Letts then took the offensive, pressing on the retreating caravan. The ammunition of the Dragoons being exhausted, they surrendered, referring to the water power of the retreating falls and represent the Board of Trade.

ALDERMEN WILL DISCUSS HARNESING REVERSING FALLS. At the treasury board meeting at City Hall this afternoon, H. B. Schoultz, T. H. Eastbrook and Percy W. Thomson will endeavor to point out to the members that the city is allowing a valuable property that could easily be utilized and made to provide a large revenue to remain undeveloped. They refer to the water power of the reversing falls and represent the Board of Trade. All that the Board of Trade ask is that the city pay the expenses of a competent engineer to investigate and report. The cost at the outside would probably not exceed one thousand dollars. Some offers have been made for figures as low as \$10 a day and expenses but the idea of the committee is to secure the best possible man as the matter is one of the greatest importance to the city. Some thirty years ago some mill people had a scheme to harness the falls but it fell through owing to the great cost and the then less scientific ideas. Today there is one big mill concern that have a scheme of damming Marble Cove so as to provide power when the tide is slack. Elijah Ross has what is looked upon as a practical scheme but it would have to be operated on a large scale, still one not beyond the present business involution to say nothing of what is in sight in the future.

NEW YORK WORKMEN ENTOMBED IN TUNNEL. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Two men are buried forty feet deep in a tunnel, facing death in three different forms, by starvation, suffocation and drowning, while about 200 of their comrades a few feet above them are digging against time to save their lives. For more than thirty hours these workmen have been imprisoned in this tunnel by the cave-in of its mouth, and it is by no means certain that there are only two men buried. The police of Long Island City say there are six. This tunnel is being built under the East River to Manhattan Island, and the entombed men are sealed up in the approach under Long Island City.

UNIONS COMBINED WITH COMPANIES. Enemies Join Forces to Fleece the Public. Workings of Chicago Brick Trust Exposed and Both Union Men and Capitalists Heavily Fined.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The so-called "brick trust" of Chicago made a complete surrender to State Attorney Healy in court yesterday and the following defendants were fined \$2,000 each with the exception of W. H. Weaver, who turned state's evidence. George C. Prussing, President of the Illinois Brick Co., J. H. Grey, sales agent for the company, Wm. H. Wecker, general superintendent of the company, Edward J. Tromlitz, sales agent for the Illinois Brick Company, John H. Sheilhaber, sales agent for the American Brick Company, Patrick McMahon, business agent of the Brick, Sand and Terra-cotta Teamsters' Union, Charles Hank, business agent of the Brick-makers' Union, the Illinois Brick Company, Chicago Brick Company, American Brick Company. The indictments were obtained at the instance of a number of small dealers who complained to the grand jury that they were unable to get supplies unless they complied with the terms and all demands of the combination of brick-makers, which practically controlled the market in Chicago and vicinity. So soon as the cases were called in court yesterday the attorneys for the defendants pleaded guilty and the judge had decided to turn state's evidence, and it was desired that the punishment be lenient. The judge, however, was of the opinion that the defendants should be reprimanded in his case. Mr. Healy said that he was willing that will be supplied to any whom their request moves to Christmas charity. Just clip out the letter you want to send and bring it or send it to the editor of the Star, and the name and address of the writer will be supplied.

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT PROLONGED BY KING. BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 18.—The Hungarian parliament met again today and was prolonged until January 19 by royal decree. The ministers were not present. Count Albert Apponyi, the opposition leader, and Count Istvan Tisza, the former premier, both protested against the prorogation as being unconstitutional. They said the house did not wish to place obstacles in the way of impossible arrangement between the two camps and that it would not oppose the motion. The decree accordingly was unanimously approved.

JAMES PENDER NOT AFRID OF ANTI-COMBINE INQUIRY. With reference to the despatch from Toronto, published on page 7, all information laid against several firms including James Pender and the Portland Rolling Mills for illegally combining to restrict the manufacture of tacks, the Star talked to Mr. Pender and Mr. Bruckhoff this morning and both disclaimed any knowledge of the matter. Mr. Bruckhoff said there was an association to sell at a certain price but there was no conspiracy of any kind. Beyond that he declined to discuss the situation. Mr. Pender said that in the first place his firm does not manufacture tacks. As to any association or any business transaction he had entered into he was not afraid of any investigation all the crown attorneys or other attorneys in the world could agitate. The consumers were getting an advantage today, the increase in duty considered, over what they paid five years ago, only one third of the increase being paid by the consumers, the other two thirds being borne by the manufacturer. His own firm were selling nails today within a very narrow margin of the Pittsburgh price in large lots and a figure that could not be reduced. In reference to the action taken by the Montreal council against the insurance underwriters, the insurance journals point out that no combine of any kind exists, that certain companies have decided that the only way that the business can be carried on so that an absolute guarantee can be given to the insured that they will have the protection purchased is by a fixed rate. This rate they claim has been based on years of experience. Previous to this fully sixty companies collapsed owing to losses. Today there is no such risk. Further there is no combine to shut out any company as the field is open to all who comply with the government requirements and they can charge what rate they like.

EIGHT YOUNG THIEVES SENTENCED. (Special to the Star.) MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Eight young men whose ages averaged twenty-one years, were today sentenced by Judge DeBoyes to terms in penitentiary aggregating twenty-five years. They had all been found guilty of theft.

WHAT SOME LITTLE ONES WANT FROM SANTA CLAUS. Pitiful Little Letters From Children Whose Santa Claus is Poor---Can You Help Them This Christmas Time?

December 17th, 1905. Dear Santa Claus, Please send me a nice story book as I am a little shut in and am all the time sick I am 10 years old this is my address: December 1, 1905. Dear dear Santa Claus—Me is a little girl just six years old me mamas is dead and me thought you would forget me this Christmas. So me grandma told me to write to you. Me would like a nice big doll that will go to sleep with a nice red dress. Me little sister wants some things to. Me will leave me money on the table you. Don't forget me dear good Santa your little girl. Dear Santa Claus I am a little English girl came to Saint John 3 years ago from the city of London I am 8 years old and am sorry to say I have not had a present at Christmas since I have been here so seeing your kind offer in the Star I thought I would write to you and ask you if you would send me a doll carriage when I was in England me wants to come down the chimney in the night and leave me toys and other things in my stocking but I cannot see how he can get down these stove pipes as our chimney were all open at the bottom in England so there is not trouble for him to get into the house trusting you will think of me and hope you will have a good time at Christmas I am you loving friend (Continued on page 8)

EQUITY COURT JUDGMENT IN IMPORTANT CASES. The regular sitting of the equity court opened this morning at 11 o'clock before His Honor Judge Barker. Judgments were given in three cases. In the case of Dr. Wm. J. Lewis vs. Henry Turner, a bill for the foreclosure of a mortgage, J. D. Hazen moved to take the bill pro confesso for want of an appearance. Order made for sale of land. In the case of Chandler vs. Peters, an order was made for the sale of real estate in York Co. and owned by George Dibley, Jr. W. Hewson for plaintiff and F. R. Taylor for defendant. In the matter of James McGillivray, Daniel Mullin, K. C., moved for the discharge of George McArthur, one of the committee who has refused to act. Order to refer back to referee to report to court as to some proper person to take his place or whether a committee of two is sufficient. In the matter of G. H. V. Belyea vs. Russell, G. H. V. Belyea moved to take bill pro confesso against defendant for want of an appearance. Order granted accordingly. In the matter of Lillian A. Bernard, a lunatic, E. R. Armstrong asked for appointment of a guardian and collection of accounts of estate. Court considered. The case of attorney general vs. St. John Lambert Co. stands over until January 9.

CANADIAN DRUG CO. MAY WITHDRAW FROM COMBINE. There are many rumors afloat as to dissatisfaction among the stockholders of the Canadian Drug Co. with the action of the directors in going into the drug merger and that the affair has reached such a point that pressure is being brought to bear on them to back out of the deal if possible. With this end in view there is apt to be a lively meeting of the directors in Montreal very shortly, when a manager for the combined houses in the province is to be appointed. The local parties interested decline positively to discuss the situation or in fact mention it, but there is a persistent rumor that the promoter of the Canadian Drug was in fact preferred to go it alone, sink or swim. Many of the shareholders are ready to fight, and as a result there may be a split.

TROUT FRY FOR LILY LAKE. A consignment of trout roe or small fish, some as large as three inches, came to the city today by express consigned to L. R. Ross, and were at once taken to Lily Lake, where they were put in the lake by the man who brought them here. The fish came in large tins with a quantity of ice in each tin. All the way from Acton, Ontario, the attendant was busy pumping air into the cans, and when the fish reached here they were pronounced to be in perfect shape. It is understood that this Christmas present to the Horticultural Society comes from David Russell.

DEATHS. BOWEN—Died in the city on the 18th inst., after a long and painful illness, Marie Louise Bowen, eldest daughter of the late Robert and Martha Bowen. Funeral on Wednesday, 20th inst., at 2.30 p. m., from her late residence, 27 St. Patrick street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. TOO LATE FOR RESPECIFICATION. MARRIED OR SINGLE, YOUNG OR OLD if he smokes he'll appreciate a pipe. French briars in cases, with 3-inch pure amber stem, 90c. see schaum in cases, 90c.; choice Havana cigars, 75c. a box. Call and see our display. Prices right at LOUIS GREEN'S, King street. WANTED AT ONCE.—Two first class salesmen to represent us in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Apply 31 Prince William street. LOST—Between Union street, St. John, and Golden Grove, by way of the New Catholic Burying Ground, one horse blanket. Finder kindly leave at DR. BAXTER'S, 106 Union street.

ABE HUMMEL OFFERS NO DEFENSE. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Abraham H. Hummel, the lawyer who for several days has been on trial in the supreme court on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce litigation, today elected to allow his case to go to the jury solely on the evidence submitted by his accusers. The prosecution finished its case yesterday, and when the trial was resumed today, counsel for Hummel announced that they were prepared to rest their case. They did not desire to offer any evidence in defence.

FAREWELL SUPPER. G. M. Miller, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was given a supper and a send-off at Carwell Hall by the proprietor and fourteen of his companion boarders last evening. Mr. Miller has been ordered to the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Charlottetown. E. H. McAlpine acted as chairman. The floral offerings comprised a beautiful wreath of calla lilies, amaranth and ferns, also a cresset of candles from his children and a bouquet of roses and carnations from his grandchildren.

FUNERALS TODAY. The remains of Thomas Rogers arrived in the city at noon today from Boston on the Boston and were taken to the cathedral, where the funeral services were said by Rev. Fr. Holland. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery. The funeral of Mrs. A. P. McIntyre took place this afternoon from her late residence, 229 Rockland road, at 2.30 o'clock. The remains were taken to St. Paul's church, where the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. G. H. Dicker. Interment was in Fernhill and relatives acted as pallbearers.

THE FUNERAL OF THOMAS G. GREENE took place Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence 148 St. John street. Services were conducted by the Rev. W. H. Sampson, assisted by the Rev. G. F. Royle. The four sons of deceased acted as pallbearers. Interment at Cedar Hill cemetery. The floral offerings comprised a beautiful wreath of calla lilies, amaranth and ferns, also a cresset of candles from his children and a bouquet of roses and carnations from his grandchildren.