CZAR STILL RETAINS **AUTOCRATIC POWER.**

Government Will Go No Further Than It Has Regarding a Constituent Assembly.

Witte Depends Upon the Manchurian Army to Restore Order When It Returns Home.

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St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.— Premier Witte, according to the Novoe Vremya, at the reception yesterday of the delegation headed by the Mayor of St. Petersburg, which called on him to request a relaxation of the orders of the prefect of police against meetings in the interests of the electoral campaign, declared emphatically that the government would not go an inch beyond the imperial manifesto in the question of transforming the Natonal Assembly into a constituent assembly for the purpose of formulating a constitution, and will not tol-

erate any attempt to do so, which would make it a revolutionary assembly and subject to disolution by the Emperor.

The Novoe Vremya also claims that the Premier announced that the Emperor had not abrogated autocratic power and could still by an imperial manifesto, broaden, abridge and even abolish the re-enforcements.

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Mystery Cleared Up.

One Man Arrested and Charged With Grand Larceny.

Two Men in Canada Who Were Able to Do the Job.

New York, Jan. 15 .- Announcemen was made to-day by dectectives engaged upon the case of the mystery surrounding the original of the counterfeit Norfolk & Western railway stock certificates, recently placed upon the market, had been cleared up, and that the man most wanted in connection with the forgeries was under arrest.

The officers said that Charles Augustus Seton, the promoter, who was arrested in Turkeytown, a hamlet near Elkton. Md., last night on a charge of grand larceny, while in nowise connected with the certificate forgeries, would, however, be a valuable witness in the forgery prosecution, as he is alleged to have received one of the counterfeit certificates.

The lithograph stone from which the bogus certificates were made, together with correspondence which implicates with correspondence which implicates
the suspect, have been turned over to
the District Attorney's office. A proof
of the certificates and an alleged forged
order for stock certificates, addressed to
the Hamilton Bank Note Co., and purporting to be signed by the President
of the Norfolk & Western Railway, was
found, the detectives declare, in a Wall
street office when search was made street office when search was made among the effects of a suspect in another case, last September. The full s nificance of the find was not realized until the forged certificates were mark-eted. It was then the culprit was traced through the correspondence found, and this, together with the proof and alleged forged order, was turend over to District

forged order, was turend over to District Attorney Jerome.

The suspect in the forgery case, the officers say, went to the Hamilton Bank Note Co., in this city, and, showing a letter written on the stationery of the Waldori-Astoria, and purporting to come from the President of the Norfolk & Westeran Railway Co., ordered certificates of 100 shares of common stock ex-

to a lot of lithographers in town. One, Gustave G. Schwartzwald, said that the "transfer" had been made from a good certificate without breaking it up at

Such a job would be exceedingly difficult, he said. He is said to have given the detectives the names of several men who, he believed, were able to do such

who, he believed, were able to do such work. Two of them are in Canada. Seton, who is charged with grand larceny, comes from Cleveland and is said to be well known there. He inherited \$40,000 from his father. Soon after he came to New York he got up the National India Relief Fund. He was arrested twice in connection with the presented. rested twice in connection with the project. One charge was that he had collected money from a lot of young women who had applied for work as stenogra-phers, and another charge was that he had forged the name of a society woman to his subscription appeal. He was in the Tombs for two months and was then discharged, the complainant have gone to Europe. That was in 1900.

A MUSCATEL BEAN "BUN."

Indians Indulging in Novel and Most Powerful Intoxication.

Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 15 .- Winnedissolute and richest tribe on earth, have acquired a craze of the muscatel bean, which is giving the Government agent more trouble than the liquor habit or "ghost" dances, which have been suppressed with difficulty.

A telephone message from Homer; the reservation headquarters, to-night, asserts that the prevalence of the musical bean orgies has reached a state that causes the utmost alarm among the more peaceably inclined.

The Indians prepare a tea from the bean, which was imported from Mexibago Indians, notorious as the most

COUNTERFEIT

CERTIFICATES.

co as a substitute for liquor. The drug produces a delirium that is supreme bliss in its first stages, but culminates in complete temporary loss of the power of speech, hearing and sight.

Two hundred and fifty bucks have formed a lodge, which holds these secret orgies almost nightly, during which inconceivable excesses are indulged in.

"WHO AM !?" CASES.

TWO REMARKABLE STORIES OF LOSS OF MEMORY.

Prominent Resident of Swansea Disappeared, and When He Came to Himself He Was in London and Had Grown a Beard-Another Odd Case.

London, Jan. 15.—Two remarkable cases of loss of memory are reported from Swansea and Falmouth by The from Swansea Daily Express.

Daily Express.

The strange disappearance of one of Swansea's most prominent tradesmen, Mr. Thomas J. Llewellyn, who has been massing since three weeks before Whitsuntide, has been solved by his sudden return to his wife and family, who are residing at Neath, some ten miles from Swansea. miles from Swansen.

Great excitement was caused in Swansea when Mr. Llewellyn, who is a

found him at the Church Army depot at Hackney.

But the son did not recognize his father, asserted that his name was Martin, and had no knowledge whatever of anything prior to November 21—the day on which he disappeared.

He was taken to Derby, where his wife and child were residing, but the sight of them brought back no memories.

It is hoped however, that under careful nursing he will recover his lost

MRS. TOLLA SAVED.

NEW JERSEY COURT OF PARDONS GRANTS THIRTY DAY REPRIEVE.

Long Petition is Presented-One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Names on the Paper Asking for Woman's

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 15 .- Mrs. Antoin-

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 15.—Mrs. Antoinette Tolla, sentenced to be hanged on Friday because she killed a man who invaded her home and attacked her, was granted a thirty days' reprieve this afternoon by the Court of Pardons, on the ground of newly discovered evidence that will clear her of the charge of wilful murder.

To Jerry Rossa, also sentenced to be hanged on Friday in Hackensack, a similar stay was granted. The petition of Charles Long, sentenced to die on the same day for the killing of Matthew Cunningham last July, was denied.

When Mrs. Tolla's case came up there was a great crowd in the building. A woman actin, as special messenger from the Susan B. Anthony Club, of Cincinnati, bore petitions signed by 186,000 persons asking for the reprieve for Mrs. Tolla. She sad that another petition bearing the names of 50,000 persons was



Secretary for Scotland

on the way. The petitions were signed by the residents of Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Cleveland and other places.

Giovanni Tolla, husband of the condemned woman, was present. He declared, through an interpreter, that he was sure of his wife's innocence, and believed that she should be pardoned and given complete liberty.

Counsel for Countess Frances Messiglia, wife of the Italian Consul in New York, who is interested in the case, declared that Mrs. Tolla's victim had been a man of bad reputation, and that his

a man of bad reputation, and that his attack was sufficient warrant for killing in self-defence. She declared that she could furnish proof that he had more than once violated the law in Italy.

For the condemned woman her lawyer made a similar appeal.

GERMANY WANTS

A REMARKABLE COMMUNICATION

A Letter From Prominent Germans Con-

Swansea when Mr. Llewellyn, who is a hosier and mercer owning two shops in Castle street and Wind street, disappeared, and all efforts to trace him proved futile. Mr. Llewellyn's friends gave him up as lost until a week ago, when a telegram signed "Tom" arrived at Neath, addressed to Mr. E. Roberts, a brother-in-law of Mr. Llewellyn, stating that the latter had been very ill.

Mr. Roberts promptly telegraphed back, asking for particulars and to the surprise of his friends and relations, Mr. Llewellyn arrived at Neath on Christmas morning.

He explained that he had no idea where he had been since he left Swansea, but that he suddenly recovered his memory while in Cheapside, London, and was surprised to find that he had grown a beard.

Mr. David M. Murray, who disappeared from his home in Falmouth on certain papers in Germany, as well as

a beard.

Mr. David M. Murray, who disappeared from his home in Falmouth on November 21, was found by his father in the Church Army wood-chopping depot at Hackney, on December 23.

On hearing of his son's disappearance Mr. Murray sen, who lives in Lytham Mr. Murray sen, who lives in Lytham. in other countries on the continent and in America, vented their feelings during the late war in South Africa," says the latter, "but we assert that these at-On hearing of his son's disappearance Mr. Murray, sen., who lives in Lytham, immediately went to Falmouth and made every effort to trace his son, but without success.

On December 17 a Falmouth man in London telegraphed to say that he had seen the missing man selling pamphlets on Westminster Bridge, and Mr. Murray came up to London and eventually found him at the Church Army depot at Hackney.

In conclusion, the letter calls on British men of science, on Britain's artists and painters, as the guardians in England of this heritage, and on the British press as the leader of British feeling and opinion, to "discountenance the prejudice which automatically casts suspicion or cover act of German policy for judice which automatically casts suspi-cion on every act of German policy, for we are sincerely convinced that if only this fault of prejudice could be dispel-led no step which the German Govern-ment is likely to take and no feelings which the German people may harbor can ever really endanger the friendship between the two nations."

The covering letter, which is signed by

The covering letter, which is signed by 41 persons equally prominent in similar walks of life in Great Britain, says in part: "We accept without reserve and with warm gratification all the assurances of our German friends and colleagues. We beg them to believe that we and those for whom we may speak are not a whit less annoyed and misre; presented than are they themselves by the affected belligerency of some of our journals. For us between England and Germany there is no frontier to be de-Germany there is no frontier to be de-feuded. War between the two powers would be a world calamity for which no victory could compensate either nation."

THE LITHOGRAPHERS.

THEY WILL GET SHORT HOURS IF PRINTERS WIN THEIR FIGHT.

Chicago, Jan. 15 .- The lithographers Association of the west, representing 500 firms, employing 5,000 men, closed its semi-annual convention here yesterday.

the 48-hour week is agreed to in the allied trades it would be suicidal to the interests of lithographers to grant the union demands. On the other hand, most of the employers express willingness to meet the demands of the men in the event of the Typographical Unioning its fight with the Typothetae.

STANDARD OIL CO.

WITNESS TO PROVE THE OIL COM-BINE IN MISSOURI.

New York, Jan. 15 .- According to the Times to-day through an anonymous letter, signed "A Wall Street Clerk," At-age, was persuaded by young friends to attend the services of the Roman Cath-

Kaien Island Site Granted by the Government.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 15 .- The Legis ature of British Commbia was opened formalities. The speech itself is without features of special interest. Reference is made to the endeavor of the Province to arrange with the Dominion for administration of the fisheries, and some hope is expressed that an agreement may be reached Important amendments to the land act and municipal act are promised, but it is hinted that the time has arrived when railway corporations can prosecute their work witnout subsidies.

A very interesting minute of Council was laid before the House this afternoon with reference to the grant to the Grand Trunk Railway of a terminal site at Kaien Island The Crown reserves under the land act one-quarter of the land thus granted. Mr. Bodwell paying \$10,000 for the property acquired.

THE SOCIALIST COUNTRESS. to-day by Sir Henri Joly with the usual

THE SOCIALIST COUNTESS.

Tradesman's Wagon.

A London cable: Lady Warwick ,the It was decided to appoint a committee to meet with the union employees, who will hold a convention in Buffalo, N. Y., on Jan. 24, for the purpose of considering a demand for the 48-hour week.

The employing lithographers say that their attitude on the question of hours will be determined by the result of the fight of the United Typothsiae against that the union printers. It is held that unless

PULLMAN SLEEPER DROPPED 15 FEET.

Car of a Wabash Train Plunges from the Elevated Tracks to Pavement Below at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 15.-Plunging from the vated tracks that skirt the river front terminal elevated tracks at Carr street, the Pullman sleeping car Harcourt attached to the Wabash train, due at the Union station at 7.39 a. m. dropped sideways fifteen feet to the granite paving of the levee this morning and seven passengers on board were injured, one of them seriously. The remainder of the them seriously. The remainder of the train continued to the Union station. The only member of the crew left with broke the derailed car was the negro porter.

The crash of the ear, as it landed on the pavement, resounded through the half-dozen warehouses and factories that

the pavement, resounded through the half-dozen warehouses and factories that stand near the scene. Many volunteers among the workmen, directed by Sergeant Quinlivan, of Carr street station, broke open the vestibules of the sleeper and carried out the injured passengers. The sleeper had just swung into the ele-

The injured:

W. F. Miner, Roswell, N. J., knee-cap I. Regenburg, New York, N. Y., head

Labor party in the House of Commons. She asserted that she was convinced of the ultimate victory of the democratic movement and prophesied that the new Government would not last longer than the meantime, at Lansing, the sunitary control of the co

Government would not last longer than eighteen months.
"You workers," said the Countess, "are the empire. Remember your responsibility and sow the seeds of freedom for your children."
Her Ladyship was accorded a tremendous ovation by crowds of dock laborers, who went without their dinners to listen to her speech.

ODD MAN'S WILL.

HE DID NOT LIKE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

And His Son May Lose the Legacy and Allowance Payable Under the Will Because He Casually Attended Service in a Catholic Church.

Vancouver, Jan. 15 .- Because Sydney Jacob Towne, who is just 21 years of Times to-day through an anonymous letter, signed "A Wall Street Clerk," At torney General Hadley, of Missouri, discovered yesterday a witness whose testimony he thinks will probably be of great value in the Standard Oil Co. investigation which he is conducting.

This witness, John Corkill, began his business carer as John Do. Rockfeller's retriement from active management. Cork. Edwis manager of the Standard Uil John D. Rockfeller's retriement from active management. Cork-lit the metermined that the best thing he could do would be to resign. He did so and was soon afterward appointed Socretary to Police Commissioner Participes. Home provided the covering of the countries, or the covering of th

A St. Louis Square Residence Robbed of Twelve Hundred Dollars in Cash-Both Crimes Committed in. Broad Daylight.

Montreal, Jan. 15 .- Particulars of

THOMPSON MAY ESCAPE.

Lady Warwick Addresses Dockers From Criminal Prosecution Dropped by Port Huron K. O. T. M. Officials.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 15 .- The

In the meantime, at Lansing, the supreme court yesterday decided that the Maccabees have a remedy at law against the bank, and has cited the order and Judge Law to show cause why the chancery suit against the bank should not be prohibited.

THE FORESTRY CONVENTION.

Insteresting Papers Read by Newspaper Men and Others.

An Ottawa, Ont., despatch says: The Canadian Forestry Convention met again this forenoon, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier presiding. Lord Grey, who has taken a deep interest in the proceedings from the beginning, was again present. "The Wood Supply of the Railways was

Standard Oil Trust, I understand that you know something about the operations of these companies and I desire to call you as a witness."

"Sure." said Mr. Corkill. "While I was with Mr. Bemis, all their reports passed through our office. I don't know about testifying though. I guess you'd better talk to my lawyer, Mr. Hunter."

Mr. Hunter called into the conference, said he could see no reason why Mr. Corkill should not tell what he knew.

When news of the discovery of Corkill and what the latter said, was brought to Attorney-General Hadley, he was jubilant.

"He will make the best witness we have had," he declared. "Of course I secured the insurance of a subpoena for W. E. Bemis without waiting a second. I hope we catch him."

MONTREAL WHOLESALE.

member of the Church of England.

It is not clear to the trustees whether the terms of the will apply or not before the beneficiary reaches the age of 21, and they have asked the courts for an authoritative pronouncement. There is no opposition to the boy's inheriting, it being felt by the trustees that since he has never formally united himself with the Roman Catholics, and has returned be too bad for him to lose his share the targest spruce forest in the world. The quality was the largest spruce forest in the world. The quality was the bargest spruce forest. A billion cords would be sufficient to supply all the pulp wood needed for this on opposition to the boy's inheriting, it the first that the pulp wood needed for this an opposition to the boy's inheriting, it the pulp wood needed for this on opposition to the boy's inheriting, it the first that the followed the imposition of restrictions on the export of logs might be put at one billion cords.

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TROUBLE WITH VENEZUELA.

France and the States are in Accord on the Question.

Paris, Jan. 15 .- The Venezuelan queson, although subordinated in public opinion to the Moroccan conference, is ocsupying the serious attention of the Foreign Office. But the strictest discretion is exercised in this connection. A highly, placed diplomat, however, declared this morning that it might be considered certain that the moment was rapidly approaching when a crisis would occur in Venezuela. He was unable to state the exact character which events would sume but asserted that a perfect under-standing had always existed between France and the United States. The two governments were in absolute accord on the question at issue, France's line of conduct being based on that of the Un-ited States. France was merely desirous of securing perfect respect for her

A Cabinet meeting will take place here to-day when the Venezuelan question is likely to be discussed.

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