

STOLYPIN BUSY OVER HIS POLICY

Of Securing Russian Reform Without Friction.

REGARDED HOPELESS TASK

Would Persuade Country Reaction is Not Involved.

TROUBLE OF FORMING CABINET

Sharp Comment of St. Petersburg Newspapers Over Present Situation Among the Czar's Councillors.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 28.—New obstacles have been encountered by Premier Stolypin in his efforts to secure the services in a reorganized cabinet of men of standing in Russia outside of official life. The conditions laid down by M. Gulchok and Prince Lvoff are understood to have been rejected, and they have definitely refused to enter the ministry. This presages the practical shipwreck of the entire scheme, since without the participation of the non-bureaucratic elements it would be difficult to convince even the conservatives and liberals of the sincerity of the government's promises.

Meanwhile M. Stolypin is energetically and continually trying to persuade the country that his policy of "strong-handed reform" does not involve reaction. He has announced in the provinces that the "male" will be granted to zemstvo institutions and denies that the government intends to interfere with the legal electoral campaigns of the various parties, in virtue of which he has authorized the holding of a national congress of constitutional democrats at Moscow.

He has instructed the police of St. Petersburg not to interfere with the Jewish members of the outgoing parliament, who, under the law which they ceased to enjoy the immunity entailed by their membership of parliament, forfeited the right to remain the capital more than twenty-four hours.

Deeds of Liberalism.

Such half way deeds of liberalism, however, are scorned by the Reich, which today says that the situation is no different from what it was under Count Witte, when the latter, as premier, was "filling the ranks of the liberal professions, while his wicked partner, Durnovo, was putting on the screws again." The Reich adds: "We hear the voice of Jacob, but we feel the hand of Esau."

Five additional members of the council of the empire, M. Shishkoff, Verkovsky, Lappodnikov, Bereshine and Vernadsky, have formally resigned. They have signed an open letter setting forth that the retention of their mandates would be equivalent to an endorsement of the present regime, enabling it to pass the budget of 1907 without the approval of the representatives of the people.

The Reich says that in spite of his advanced age, M. Pobedonostsev, formerly procurator general of the empire, has the dominant influence over the government.

OUTLAW MEMBER FINED.

Sequel to the Arrest of a Radical Cosack.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 28.—M. Sedelnikoff, the radical Cosack member of the outlawed lower house of parliament, who was arrested and beaten while in the hands of the police July 4, which caused a stormy scene in the house the next day, was fined \$250 for carrying a revolver, which was found on his person when he was arrested.

Five Peasants Killed.

PHOSKUROFF, Russia, July 28.—Near the village of Chernoff a detachment of dragoons sent to arrest two agitators was met by a crowd of peasants armed with axes, knives and pitchforks. In the fighting which followed five peasants were killed and twelve dragoons were wounded, three of them fatally.

Many Jews in Flight.

KAZAN, Russia, July 28.—The Black Hundreds here are terrifying the intelligentsia and Jews with threats of an uprising. Many houses have been marked with crosses, and the Jews are seeking safety in flight.

Communication Shut Off.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 28.—The switchboard of the central telegraph station in St. Petersburg was burned out today, destroying all communications with the provinces. While there is a suspicion that the "accident" was arranged by revolutionists, no evidence to support it can be found, and the telegraph department authorities are apparently satisfied with the explanation of the employees.

Visible communication with abroad is not affected.

FOR ALL THE TROOPS.

Ukase Dissolving Parliament to Be Read at Garrisons.

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Sympathy From Rome.

ROME, July 28.—The members of the chamber of deputies belonging to the extreme left party today drafted a vigorous address to the members of the dissolved Russian parliament, encouraging them in their "noble fight for the holy cause of liberty and the redemption of their country," and saying that as they are backed by the sympathy and solidarity of the whole civilized world their eventual triumph is absolutely assured.

Shooting at Warsaw.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, July 28.—Louis Koerber, manager of the Warsaw branch of a Dresden curtain and lace company, was shot and severely wounded today, presumably by a member of the terrorist party, on account of his refusal to contribute to the revolutionary funds.

An investigation of the crime, however, showed that it was not the work of terrorists. Koerber was shot in the workshop of the branch house of which he was manager by an employee, who believed that he had been treated unjustly.

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The Chattanooga, with Lieut. England on the bridge, was proceeding from the harbor to the target range, just outside, and was passing the French squadron, which was anchored near the American squadron and was engaged in small arms practice.

Signaled to Cease Firing.

The Chattanooga, after several bullets had struck the side of the ship, signaled to the Frenchman to cease firing, but before this was accomplished Lieut. England was struck in the back, at the base of the spine, probably by a ricochet bullet, which left his body under the arm.

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ARCOLA, Ill., July 28.—Provie Henry, known throughout this section as "the Atwood fat boy," is dead. He was nineteen years of age and weighed 406 pounds. His waist measurement was seventy-three inches. His parents are under the usual size, as his father weighs but 145 pounds. His death was due to fatty degeneration of the heart.

CHANCE FOR WILLIAMS.

Respite Granted on Strength of the Judge's Decision for Hearing.

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The charges, it is said, will be forgery and conspiracy.

Assistant District Attorney John S. Robb admitted today that he had in his possession the deposition of a man whose first name is "William," in which it is stated that a detective had offered him a sum of money to substantiate Clifford Hooe's story to the effect that he was intimate with Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, the respondent in the divorce case.

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It probably was the same band which captured a train on Thursday, announcing that the revolution had begun.

The countryside is said to be in a ferment, and sympathizing with the guerrilla bands. The small force of troops operating in the district will be re-enforced.

Agitators are making capital over the recent incidents. They affirm that it will be difficult for the provincial administration to detach enough troops from the cities and towns to make the net large enough to catch the marauders.

Later details say that the attacking party consisted of ten revolutionists, and that among the killed were General Zukat, chief of the frontier guard, and General Weitenwing, a colonel, the conductor and some civil passengers, in addition to those already mentioned.

Gen. Weitenwing was the chief customs collector of Warsaw, where a robbery occurred near the German frontier.

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