



## RIOT GOES ON

Zemstvos Get  
Cold  
Today.

## INSTITUTIONS UPHELD

City Organizations Are Told to  
Attend to Their Own  
Business.

## RULES LAID DOWN FOR THEM

Liberty of the Press is About the Only  
Concession Vouchsafed by the  
Powers That Be in St. Petersburg  
to Seekers of Liberty.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The following communication was issued by the government early this morning:

"In the autumn of this year there was a meeting in St. Petersburg of several Zemstvos of the various governments, who expressed a series of desires concerning what are, in their opinion, indispensable reforms in the different governments of the empire. These desires were made the subject of action by members of various other assemblies which met for the purpose, and also, knowing the provisions of law, were considered at the deliberations of certain councils and Zemstvos. Thus, by the action of people who endeavored to introduce discord into public and state life, excitement arose in the minds of certain sections of society, chiefly among impressionable youths.

"In certain towns of the empire there occurred a series of noisy meetings which demanded the presentation to the government of certain demands which were inadmissible, in the face of the sacred foundations of the laws of the empire and the indestructible elements which form the government Resist Police.

"These sections of the public made street demonstrations in bands and openly resisted the police authorities.

"Such movements against the existing order of the government which have fallen adversely upon the bulk of the Russian people, who are loyal to the everlasting foundations of the existing government, gave to the excitement above referred to an undeserved importance of a general tendency. The Russian people involved in this movement, forgetful of the grievous year which has fallen to the lot of Russia, blinded by chimerical hopes of profits which they might expect from a radical change in the ancient foundations of the Russian state and life, and not knowing what they were doing, acted to the advantage not of the country, but of its enemies.

### Czar's Duty.

"Now the duty of the government is to preserve order in the state and protect the public confidence from all change in the true course of internal life. Therefore any destruction of order and peace and all meetings of an anti-government character must and will be stopped by all legal means at the disposition of the authorities and those concerned in these disorders, especially persons employed in the government service, will be held responsible.

"Zemstvo and town statutes and every form of institution and company must not go beyond the limits provided for them and must not concern themselves in the questions, the consideration of which they have no legal authority. Presidents of public meetings who allowed consideration to take place of matters not in their province of questions of general government are liable under the existing laws; and organs of the press with the knowledge of the responsibility which rests upon them, must for their part introduce the necessary calming effect on public life, which has deviated in recent times from its proper course."

### SERIOUS CONDITION.

Zemstvo Opens Session in Anxious City of Moscow.  
Moscow, Dec. 27.—The Zemstvo con-

gress of the Moscow government opened today. Prince Trubetskoï, the president, in his opening address, dwelt upon the serious condition of Russia and the regrettable war with Japan, the which could not be anticipated in the near future, as well as the grave economical crisis through which the country is passing, and the internal disorganization of the empire. All this, he said, lay as a heavy yoke on the Russian people and produced the condition of strong nervous excitement under which it labored. Prince Trubetskoï then proposed the adoption and forwarding to Emperor Nicholas of a resolution announcing that to commemorate the birth of the czarévitch the Zemstvo had set aside the capital sum of \$150,000 to be devoted to the construction of new school buildings and that the emperor should be asked to name the new foundation after his son, Alexis.

### Have New Power.

Continuing, Prince Trubetskoï declared that Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky's assurance of confidence in the people had given the Zemstvo new power to serve the state. The Zemstvo had firm confidence in the emperor. They believed the happy day was nigh when, through the imperial will, the present bureaucratic regime, which had estranged the supreme power from the people would be changed; the day on which the emperor would summon freely elected representatives of the people to participate in legislation through whose co-operation the imperial power and greatness of the throne would be strengthened and the triumphant development of the fatherland assured. The development, the prince said, was dependent upon the immutability of the principles of the law, the inviolability of persons and equality of rights for all citizens, as well as freedom of speech and faith, which would bring them a strengthening of the close and strong ties between the throne and the people and enable them to co-operate for the good fatherland.

## SENATOR BARRED

Grand Jury Finds Indictments  
For Seven Men.

## MITCHELL MAY GET NO FAVOR

Application to the Grand Jury for a  
Hearing for the Senior Senator  
Met With No Response at  
Yesterday's Session.

Portland, Dec. 27.—Seven indictments were returned by the federal grand jury today. The prominence of three of the number and the recurrence of the mysterious John Doe and Richard Roe, made the day one of the most sensational since the jury reconvened.

The most important indictment was that of Dr. William H. Davis, the mayor of Albany, Ore.

Of hardly less importance was the indictment of Salmon B. Ormby and Clark E. Loomis, former government employees.

Two others, Henry A. Young and George Sorenson, are not so well known.

John Doe and Richard Roe, two persons with whose true names the jury states it is unacquainted, were indicted.

The charge in the indictment today indicted the men entered in a conspiracy December 29, 1901, to defraud the government of public lands in township 11, south range 7 east, and by means of false and forged affidavits and proofs of homestead entry and settlement, the government was induced to issue patents to lands.

In the indictment just returned Dr. Davis, the mayor of Albany and chairman of the county committee of Linn county, is the central figure. The charge against him is alleged conspiracy with Loomis and Ormby to prove up on a claim in "11-7," which he had abandoned after 11-7 had been included in the forest reserve, and secured a patent to the land. Young's connection with the alleged conspiracy, as is Sorenson's, is not made clear.

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## CREW PERISH

Captain and 32 Men in  
The Breakers.

## LIFE CREW HELPLESS

Stranded Vessel Hidden By Dense  
Black Fog on the Surf-  
beaten Beach.

## FOOLHARDINESS OF MASTER

Men Could Have Been Saved Yesterday  
If Captain Would Have Allowed  
Them to Go—No Life-  
boat Can Live in Gale.

New York, Dec. 27.—Every effort tonight to learn the fate of Captain Nicholas and the crew of the steamer Drumelzier have proved futile, and it is the general opinion the ill-fated vessel and her complement of men are destroyed.

The steamer went aground on a bar at Fire island yesterday. The sea was not running so high then, and the men could have been taken off in safety, but the captain refused to allow this to be done, and tonight no lifeboat could live five minutes in the gale that is sweeping the coast. Besides this a dense black fog prevails, and the vessel cannot be seen from the shore, though the life savers are patrolling the beach in the hope of being able to communicate with the vessel or rescue survivors; failing this they hope to recover the bodies of some of the crew of 32 men who are on the boat or were there when the hurricane swept down and blotted her from sight.

It is hoped that the crew abandoned the vessel when the fog closed in, and if they did so they may have landed somewhere, but this is considered unlikely. Immense waves are breaking over the boat, and she can hardly escape going to pieces.

The foolhardiness of the captain in keeping his crew aboard in the case of such weather as prevailed yesterday is generally condemned by the life savers and the ships masters who knew the fury of the storm.

### WRECK OF THE DAY.

Street Cars and Railroads Fall Before  
Storm Came.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet with a rising temperature, followed yesterday's snowstorm, having greatly impeded traffic in and about New York. Telegraphic communication has been considerably handicapped and all through trains from the west and north are delayed owing to slippery rails.

In the city the rain and sleet, freezing as soon as it struck the ground made walking hazardous and inconvenient and whenever there was a grade on the surface roads there was great trouble. On the elevated lines brilliant electrical displays mark the passing of trains over the ice-coated third rail.

As the rain descended it froze in a firm layer on all exposed rails and made electric circuits almost impossible. Because of the holiday an unusually small number of cars were run in the boroughs and the ice had plenty of time to form. On the Brooklyn Elevated lines trains supposed to run in half an hour from the bridge to the end of the line required nearly two hours for the trip.

The rain, sleet or drizzle, with the temperature only half a degree below freezing, was welcomed by the bureau of snow removal, but it was admitted if the temperature should fall much further, instead of rejoicing there would be gloom. The snow packed in the streets would freeze and it would require great effort to break it loose.

### DAVIS STABBED.

Christmas in Salem Saloon Ends in  
Serious Fight.  
Salem, Ore., Dec. 27.—Indulgence in Christmas cheer came to an abrupt end

for Paul Johns, a resident of North Salem, and Lewis D. Davis of Polk county, and young Johns is now at the Salem hospital with a knife stab in his left side, just below the heart, while Davis is behind the bars of the Marion county jail, held in bonds of \$1000 to await a hearing on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Frank Pool, said to have been an eye witness to the affair, is held at \$100 as witness.

All three had been drinking pretty heavily when they became involved in a quarrel in the rear of the Elk Head saloon. Davis and Johns were indulging in an altercation, and whether there was an attack made on the part of Johns is not definitely known, but Davis pulled a knife and made a vicious lunge with it. The knife penetrated Johns' side about two inches below the heart, but struck a large rib. At present Johns' condition is regarded as serious.

Johns was immediately taken to the hospital, where his injury was attended to, but Davis fled to Polk county, where he has been at work upon the farm ranch of Thomas Brunk, near Eola, and where he was arrested and brought back to this city. At first Davis denied all knowledge of the matter, but yesterday afternoon confessed to the county officials to having done the cutting.

### INITIATE FAIRBANKS.

Vice President-Elect Made a Mason  
Yesterday.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—Vice President-elect Fairbanks was initiated into the secrets of Masonry today. Preparations for the event have been going on for some time, and the occasion was one of the most elaborate in the history of Masons in Indiana, nearly all lodges being represented, and festivities after the initiation were prolonged.

### Tongans Swallowed.

Melbourne, Dec. 27.—Great Britain today assumed control of the legal and financial administration of the Tonga islands, the native chiefs consenting.

## FARMERS PROSPER

Northwest Is Reported in First  
Class Shape.

## MORTGAGES ARE ALL PAID UP

Grangers Could Stand a Bad Season  
Next Year Without Borrowing or  
Failure if the Worst Came  
to the Worst.

Portland, Dec. 27.—Never before in the history of the Pacific northwest were the farmers in such excellent financial condition, say those who have watched the yields and prices for the past eight years. "If poor crops should come next season," an authority said today, "they would find the farmers ready to meet them, and most would be able to pass through the season without again resorting to those mortgages which were found on every farm less than a decade ago."

With almost a decade of continued agricultural prosperity, while good prices reigned and opportunity to save money presented itself, farmers of the Pacific northwest today find themselves free from debt and in almost every case with a neat bank account, "saved against a rainy day." Should a season of poor crops come now, it is claimed the country, especially the west, was never in better condition to meet and overcome it without distress.

Not since the defeat of Bryan by McKinley in 1896 has there been a pronounced crop failure. "Climatic conditions and the republican party seem to go hand in hand," said a campaign orator recently, and while it is recognized by all that mere worldly politics can have nothing to do with crops and the weather, it is a recognized fact that farmers date the beginning of agricultural excellence from the "time Bryan was defeated the first time."

From all directors of the northwest come reports of excellent financial conditions, due in the main to bumper farm yields. In the early 90's "things were bad," to quote the farmers themselves. Crops were scanty, prices were poor and expenses had to be met with I. O. U.'s, which it depended entirely

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## STORM RAGING

Blizzard Sweeps the East-  
ern States.

## WORST IN 15 YEARS

Two Deaths in Chicago and Im-  
mense Amount of Mon-  
etary Loss.

## FROM ROCKIES TO NEW YORK

Storm Center Last Night was Between  
Cleveland and Chicago, But Other  
Parts of the Country Suffer  
Severely—Lines Tied Up.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—One of the severest storms of recent years has raged throughout the territory lying between the Rocky mountains and the Great Lakes since early this morning and has caused much trouble for street car companies, railroads and telegraph companies. The latter are the greatest sufferers.

The blizzard was preceded by a heavy fog and a drizzling rain, which made the wires almost unworkable. The intense and terrific gale that followed coated the wires with ice and later in the day threw poles to the ground.

Railroad trains are badly delayed some of them being 24 hours late. Street car traffic is practically at a standstill. In its extent the storm is the most widespread of any during the last 15 years. Counting the fog as a component part of the storm, it stretched from the Rocky mountains to New York, and from Winnipeg to New Orleans. Three fatalities due to the storm in this city are reported.

At 10 o'clock tonight the storm is reported as subsiding at Kansas City and other points in a north and south line from that place, but it will be several days before normal conditions are restored throughout the entire section.

At Chicago and east of here the storm is still raging with great violence and it is expected to continue throughout the night, the center of the storm being between Chicago and Cleveland.

### ANOTHER FOOL TRICK.

Boy Shot While Emulating William  
Tell's Son.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—While Elmer Hunt, 19 years old, balanced a bottle on his head, William Dougherty, who had been boasting of his prowess as a marksman, it is alleged, attempted to emulate William Tell by shooting the bottle. At the second shot Hunt fell to the floor with a bullet between his eyes and died almost instantly. Dougherty escaped and the police are searching for him.

### MASONIC INSTALLATION.

Banquet Enjoyed by Members and  
Visiting Brothers of Lodges.

Nearly 100 members and visitors assembled last evening at Masonic hall, the occasion being a joint installation of officers of Temple lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M. and St. John's Chapter No. 14, E. A. M. The installation services were impressive. After the installation ceremonies a banquet was served. Short addresses were made by a number of members and visiting brothers. The affair was the best and most enjoyable ever held in Astoria and the officers-elect and retiring officers came in for many compliments of just recognition of their valuable services. The following officers were installed: Temple lodge, W. L. Robb, W. M.; A. C. Callan, S. W.; A. Dunbar, J. W.; F. Vaughn, J. D.; J. Q. A. Bowby, treasurer; E. C. Holden, secretary; L. Hartwig, Tyler; N. A. Peterson, S. S.; John A. Anderson, J. S. St. John's Chapter: O. I. Peterson, H. P.; Jay Tuttle, K.; W. L. Robb, S.; O. F. Hellborn, C. of H.; E. Finney, P. S.; N. A. Peterson, R. A. C.; E. C. Holden, secretary; J. Q. A. Bowby, treasurer; C. A. Coollidge, M. 2d V.; W. C. Logan

M. 2d V.; Reas Thomas, M. 1st V.; L. Hartwig, T.

The rapid growth and success of the order the past year has been due in a great measure to the efforts of O. F. Hellborn, the retiring worshipful master. The order has never been in as flourishing a condition as at present, and is increasing in membership. The event will be one long to be remembered by the participants.

### AFTER TRUSTS.

Paper Company is Made the Next  
Victim.

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Attorney General Moody for the United States, through District Attorney Haupt and Frank R. Kellogg and James M. Beck, special assistant attorney general of the United States, today filed a petition in the U. S. court which makes the General Paper Company the principal defendant and its numerous constituent companies part defendants in a suit to enjoin them and restrain them from doing business through the General Paper Company as sales agent. The petition alleges the defendants entered into agreements to combine and control the sale of the product of different companies, through the General Paper Company, and alleges in consequence of the combination all competition in the manufacture, sale and distribution of paper has been restricted and the price of all paper products greatly increased, particularly of news print paper.

### O'DELL WILL HELP.

New York Will Assist Ohio in Fixing  
Chadwick.

Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Governor O'Dell, when told at his home here of the delay at Albany in granting an extradition warrant for the arrest of Dr. Chadwick, said: "It is the desire of the executive department of the state of New York to act in entire harmony with the Ohio officials in this matter, and I will see personally that there is no unnecessary delay."

## SERGEANT IS SHOT

Death Follows Quarrel at Lander,  
Wyoming.

## PRIVATE AMBUSHED OFFICER

First Attempt at Murder Was Made  
With a Knife—Murderer Was Cap-  
tured and Placed in the Com-  
pany Guardhouse for Trial.

Lander, Wyo., Dec. 27.—Sergt. Wilhite of Company L, Eleventh infantry, has been fatally shot by Private Stanfield of the same company. The men quarreled and then fought for 20 minutes. During the struggle Stanfield attempted to use a knife. Wilhite secured the knife and then gave Stanfield a terrible beating. At mess call Stanfield secreted himself in the hall of the dining room and as Wilhite passed fired three shots into his body. Wilhite is in the hospital and will die. Stanfield is in the guardhouse.

### NELSON SQUARES IT.

Asks Murphy's Release and Gives Him  
\$2000.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Battling Nelson and his partner, Theodore Murphy, arrested in Stockton a few days ago on a charge of embezzling the bulk of the pugilist's money on two of his latest contests, appeared arm in arm today before Police Judge Cabanias. Eddie Santry, also under arrest on a similar charge, was with them.

Nelson took the stand and declared the arrests were made while he was laboring under a misapprehension of the facts and said he did not desire to prosecute anybody. The money in the property clerk's hands was then produced, Nelson being given \$7000 and Murphy \$2000, this division being according to the manager's accounts. The cases were then dismissed and the trio left the court room.

### Laborers Released.

Sevastopol, Dec. 27.—Dock yard laborers have been released from obligation as members of reserves in order to continue work. The vessels of the Black sea fleet are being pushed to completion with the greatest energy.