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WANT LIBERTY

Russian Students Demand Change

HOT WORDS SPOKEN

Spirit of Revolution Takes Possession of St. Petersburg University

HAVE SUSPENDED STUDIES

Professors, Directors and Students Unite in a Demand for Liberty and Cessation of Hostilities in the War With Japan.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The spirit of revolution had complete possession of the great meeting of professors, students and directors of the St. Petersburg university, which assembled today to discuss the question of joining the strike inaugurated by similar institutions in Russia, and decided to close the university until fall. Squads of Cossacks again paraded the streets when the meeting broke up, especially the Nevsky prospect and the neighborhood of the Kazan cathedral, which is at a point where student demonstrations usually occur.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the university, a sprawling pile of yellow buildings on Basil island, Neva hall being comparatively small and inadequate to hold one-fifth of the large throng present.

The cathedral was packed, and the doorways and windows embrasures were banked with students. It was a strange gathering. Most of the students were poorly clad, and all were in a state of intense excitement, their very eyes burning with zeal. A small rear-trium in a corner was occupied by the speakers. A bell, with which the student who presided tried to stop the thunders of applause with which the orators were greeted, was completely unavailing. From the outset student orators set the imagination of their auditors aflame with the spirit of liberty, particularly denouncing the course of the government, declaring that promise could not avail, and that the only satisfaction would be freedom of speech, and the convening of a national assembly. This was coupled with a demand for ending the war. Almost every orator went back to the French revolution for parallels. Again and again was Russia declared to be on the eve of revolution.

With burning words, one student described the affair of January 22, which he said at last solidified the interests of the liberals. Amid a storm of cheers he announced that a continuation of study was impossible while such a struggle was in process, and said it was the duty of the young men there assembled and others like them to return to their homes in the provinces and spread the agitation.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—With resolution the student body of the great university of St. Petersburg yesterday suspended studies for the remainder of the year and the whole educational system of Russia is involved in a period of stagnation. The students protest against bureaucracy and other government grievances. Other universities in Russia, the gymnasiums and even the grammar schools are already on a strike and the military at different portions of the empire are obliged to resort to force to restrain school boys of tender ages from joining the movement. A meeting of St. Petersburg students was held at which over 3000 were present, and voted unanimously to suspend studies until September and adopted a set of resolutions demanding the formation of a constitutional assembly, and characterized the proposed assembly of the zemsky sobor as inadequate to the emergency. The resolution declared for a progressive demoralization of Russia under the influence of an absolute regime, also declared for freedom of speech, press and conscience with the right of associations. Large number favored ending the war. A strong revolutionary feeling was manifest. Red flags were waved and Marseillaise and other revolutionary songs were chanted. A large portrait of the emperor in the great auditorium of the university where meeting was held, was torn into strips. The police did not interfere.

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Denied Admission.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Little Mary Dreihilber, 2 years old, born of Chinese parents in the province of Kiu Kiang, 1000 miles up the Yang Tse river from Shanghai, has been denied a landing in this country. She arrived here on the steamer Siberia as the adopted child of Miss Carrie Dreihilber, a missionary, who the past five years has been in Kiu Kiang and is now on her way home to Pennsylvania to visit her dying father.

SWAYNE IMPEACHMENT.

Debate on the Statehood Bill Occupied Considerable Time.

Will Take No Chances.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—It is stated that the British steamer Glen Turret, which has been loading at this port with a cargo of barley, which it was rumored was to be delivered at Vladivostok, has abandoned her intention of running the Japanese blockade and has her cargo consigned to Yokohama.

MINE EXPLOSION

Over One Hundred Miners Lose Their Lives

RESCUERS ARE AT WORK

An explosion in the Virginia Mine Near Birmingham, Ala., Results in a Fearful Loss of Life, and Great Damage to Mine.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20.—An explosion occurred in the Virginia mine, 13 miles from Birmingham, at 4 o'clock this afternoon in which between 110 and 125 union miners were entombed and it is believed that the entire number suffered an awful death. Scores of vigorous rescuers are at work trying to relieve their friends and comrades. The explosion is believed to have been caused by an accumulated amount of dust, although it was believed that the mine had been entirely free from dust. It is also believed that as all of the miners are killed the cause of the explosion will never be known. The class of miners employed were the best in the district and all belonged to the union mine workers of America.

Since the strike has been on in the Birmingham district many of the most industrious and thrifty miners of Pratt City and other important mining points were removed to the Virginia mines so that the mines were being worked to their fullest capacity by mostly skilled miners. Relief trains with surgeons and workmen were dispatched to the scene as soon as news of the disaster was learned.

At midnight the rescuers had not dug half way through the mass of debris. It is thought that it will be 10 o'clock tomorrow before an entry of the stope will be reached.

Rat Causes Fire.

New York, Feb. 20.—A rat caused a small fire in the Hotel Windsor, the largest public house in Trenton N. J. The rodent gnawed a lot of insulation from an electric light wire in the dining room ceiling and when the fire was discovered it was eating its way into the second floor rooms. All the guests were quickly warned and those who had retired were hurried down stairs. The blaze was extinguished with small loss.

Hudson River Frozen.

New York, Feb. 20.—From Tarrytown to New York, the Hudson river is frozen over solidly for the first time in 10 years. In the channel at Dobbs Ferry the ice is eight inches thick.

BAKER WRATHY

Resolution on Death of Serigus

PRESIDENT CRITICISED

Congressman Baker of New York Huris Defiance at the House

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

President Roosevelt Sends Message of Condolence to St. Petersburg on the Assassination of Grand Duke Serigus.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The house today, after a session lasting seven hours, passed the naval appropriation bill carrying a total of \$99,914,359. The provision in the bill for two battleships was retained. Both majority and minority members were badly divided over the proposition. At least 40 members of the latter went over to the republicans, while about an equal number of republicans voted with the opposition.

Several times during the debate the assassination of the Grand Duke Serigus was referred to, the subject being brought up by Mr. Baker of New York who condemned the action of the president in sending a message of condolence to Russia, expressing the sentiment that the government and the American people viewed with abhorrence the assassination. Baker declared that the people did view with abhorrence the massacre at St. Petersburg on January 22, but the president had not seen fit to send a message of condolence on that occasion.

Grosvenor of Ohio replied to Baker taking the ground that regardless of the character of Serigus or the question of right or wrong the Russian policy toward her subjects, the president in sending the message he did, had done exactly what civilization recognized as his duty.

The climax came later in the day when Baker read a resolution on the subject which he had subsequently introduced and which in effect was a reiteration of his remarks previously made. He explained that it had been suggested that in the event of his offering such a resolution, a motion would be made to expel him. He shouted defiance to any member of the house who dared to make the motion as he deposited the resolution and took his seat, amid confusion which the incident created.

NEW YORK SCHOOLS.

Celebrate One Hundredth Anniversary of the System.

New York, Feb. 20.—One hundred years have elapsed since the first steps to establish New York's public school system was taken, and today the anniversary will be celebrated in all the schools. In the evening special exercises will be held in Carnegie hall.

On February 19, 1905, a dozen citizens met and discussed the question of public schools. It was the sense of these gentlemen that the poor children should be given a "Virtuous education," as they were inheriting vice from bad example.

The incorporation of the New York Free School Society of which Dewitt Clinton was the first president, was the outcome of the meeting. It was more than a year after the meeting that the first free school was opened.

New York at the present time has 546 school buildings and other school property valued at \$80,000,000. There is a registration of 622,000 children and 13,000 teachers are employed.

Strike Ordered.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Workmen have issued a proclamation summoning all railway men to strike on February 20 and March 3.

To Be Non-Sectarian.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Indian appropriation bill as agreed on by the committee on Indian affairs was adopted today with an amendment offered by Bard of California as follows: "No portion of the funds, principle or interest and Indian trust fund of the tribal funds held by the United States for the benefit of any Indian tribe shall be available or expended for the support of any sectarian or denominational school." Another amendment appropriating \$1,500,000 for the opening of the Colville Indian reservation was adopted.

CRISIS IMPENDING.

Dispatches from Various Russian Cities Predict Trouble.

Kieff, Feb. 20.—The employes of the Southwestern railroad today decided to call a strike, but without recourse to coercive measures.

Loz, Feb. 20.—Slight disturbances occurred in different sections of the city today. Large mills close down and many persons are leaving the city owing to a report of the mobilization of the reserves. Additional troops arrived today.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Martial law was declared at Tsarokoe Selo today owing to numerous threatening letters being received at the palace. Chief of the secret police has ordered special precautions to prevent any outrage on the imperial family.

Baku, Feb. 20.—Attempted escape of prisoners today led to serious disturbances in court of which several persons were killed or injured.

BOUGHT GOLD BRICK

Portland Man Invests \$10,000 in Gold Mine

CONFIDENCE MEN'S SCHEME

Two Confidence Men Sell a Worthless Gold Mine to an Old Man Who Is Now at the Point of Death From Heart Failure.

Portland, Feb. 20.—Lying at the point of death at his home 25 miles south of this city, a man 75 years old, who last Friday was victimized out of \$10,000 by two confidence men who used the antiquated "gold brick" trick Saturday. When the old man became aware that he had been swindled, he had an attack of heart disease. His relatives today reported the matter to the police, but refused to make the man's name known, as they stated that publicity would kill him. The confidence men, after scheming several weeks, managed to sell the old man a gold mine. The first installment being \$10,000. After securing that sum, as usual, they posted a letter to him stating that they presumed he knew he had been swindled. The letter stated that it would do the old man no good to make any fuss, as he would be jeered by his friends, and concluded by advising him to keep quiet and make the best of it.

When the old man got the letter, according to a statement of his relatives, he fainted and became delirious. During his lucid moments, they say he would beg piteously that his name be kept a secret. The detectives have little hope of capturing the two men owing to the meager description.

FIRE IN BOSTON.

Fire in the Hoosac Tunnel Docks at Charleston Today.

Boston, Feb. 20.—A fire, causing an immense loss broke out on pier four of the Hoosac tunnel docks at Charleston early today. The origin of the fire has not been determined but is believed to have been from spontaneous combustion. Flames spread with startling rapidity, communicating with the furnaces. The Deyland steamer Philadelphia, which was tied alongside the pier, caught fire and in a few moments was in flames from stem to stern. It is feared that two men lost their lives. From the Philadelphia the flames jumped to the steamer Dalton Hall of the Antwerp line, which was soon in flames. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.