

RUSSIA ON VERGE OF REVOLUTION

SOCIALISTS URGE MONSTER DEMONSTRATION

GREAT STRIKE IS SPREADING

Collision Between Workers and the Troops May Not Be Avoided. Trouble Delays Work on Third Squadron

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—The strike situation is becoming very grave. Tonight there are 70,000 men out on strike, and the movement is spreading to the big cotton mills, which employ over 50,000 operatives.

The authorities are adopting every precaution to avoid an outbreak, but the Socialist Democrats are spurring on the strikers, and there is great danger of a collision with the troops, which would be almost sure to be followed by red flag demonstrations, accompanied with great bloodshed.

In conjunction with the Epiphany celebration, which will occur tomorrow, the meetings of strikers will make the day a critical one for the police.

Troops in Control

Thus far, however, the strike has preserved a purely economic aspect. The great industrial quarter of St. Petersburg presents the appearance of an armed camp.

The idle factories are surrounded by cordons of police and patrols of infantry march about the snow covered plains. The strikers are led by a priest named Gopon, who is idolized by the workmen and who represents them in negotiations with the employers.

This is the first great strike in Northern Russia. Hitherto the workmen have been unorganized and previous strikes at St. Petersburg have not involved more than 10,000.

The strike leaders claim to have funds enough to hold out for a month, but this is doubted, and the lack of money and privations of winter, and perhaps government interference, are expected to make the strike short and sharp.

The strikers, who first declined an offer of financial support, are reported to have accepted a contribution from Moscow.

Strike Delays Squadron

The strike has an important bearing on the war in the far east, as every day's delay in completing government contracts with the iron works means the loss of precious time in the starting of the third Pacific squadron.

Early today the employees of the Neva shipbuilding works decided to support the strikers of the Putiloff and Franco-Russian works. Subsequently 12,000 of the men of the Neva works informed their managers that they had gone out on a general strike.

The strike at the Neva works involves the suspension of the construction of submarine boats which was being carried out under the supervision of an American engineer, and also the work on two ocean-going vessels similar to those of the volunteer fleet and several gunboats and torpedo boats, besides the preparation of war material urgently required for naval and military purposes.

The completion of the gunboats and torpedo boats had been ordered within two months. Ask Minimum Wage of Fifty Cents

It is feared that the men employed at the Obukhoff steel works will join in the movement, thus adding 20,000 to the ranks of the strikers.

Following are the demands of the Putiloff works strikers:

First—The dismissal of the foreman who is objected to by the union and the reinstatement of the men who were dismissed for belonging to the union.

Second—Eight hours work per day.

Third—The valuation of work to be made by a joint committee of workmen and foremen.

Fourth—The appointment of a joint permanent committee of arbitration.

Fifth—A minimum wage of 50 cents per day for unskilled male labor.

Sixth—Overtime work not to be obligatory and to be paid for at double rates.

Seventh—The men not to bear the cost of condemned work when not responsible for it.

Eighth—A minimum wage of 25 cents per day for unskilled female labor and the establishment of a creche for children.

Ninth—Improved medical attendance.

Tenth—Improved sanitary conditions in the workshops, especially in the smithies.

Eleventh—Immunity from punishment for strikers.

Twelfth—The average rate of pay during the strike.

Eight thousand operatives of the Stiegelitz cotton mills struck work today, demanding an eight-hour day.

At meetings of the workmen, without distinction of belief, today it was decided to support the strike.

The employees at three additional fac-

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NIEDRINGHAUS IS CHECKED BY BOLT

SIX REPUBLICANS DESERT ON SECOND BALLOT

FURTHER SPLIT IS EXPECTED

Interesting Developments Are Looked for Today in Balloting of the Missouri Legislature for Senator

By Associated Press.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—The bolt of six republicans on the first and two more on the second ballot from the ranks of Thomas K. Niedringhaus, the republican nominee for United States senator to succeed Francis M. Cockrell, when Mr. Niedringhaus' election had seemed assured, resulted in no choice today.

With the exception of one, who cast his ballot for Dr. Pettijohn of Lynn county, all the bolters voted for Richard C. Kerens of St. Louis, who was the strongest opponent of Niedringhaus in the caucus.

Interesting developments are expected tomorrow. Claims are made by the anti-Niedringhaus forces that fifteen votes will be taken from the Niedringhaus strength tomorrow. They say that having voted for him twice on joint ballot, the pledged members have done their duty and are now free for another candidate, and, if necessary, to join in a call for another caucus on a senatorial nominee.

Ballots Without Result

The legislature met in joint session at noon today. Two ballots were taken without result. All the members of both houses, 176 in number, were present. The vote cast yesterday was canvassed as follows:

Senate—Cockrell, 22; Niedringhaus, 11.

House—Cockrell, 58; Niedringhaus, 79; Bittinger, 1; Kerens, 1.

A joint ballot was then ordered. A break for Niedringhaus, the Republican caucus nominee, came as the name of Representative John T. Bittinger, Republican, and one of the oldest members of the house, was called.

Bittinger voted for R. C. Kerens. A slight applause followed. This example was emulated by others and the final ballot resulted: Niedringhaus 87; Cockrell 83; Kerens 6.

Kerens Bolters Cheered

The Kerens men were cheered as they bolted the nomination of the state chairman. Those voting for Kerens were Representatives Bittinger, Cook, Branch, Elliott, Grace and Roach.

A motion to adjourn until tomorrow was defeated.

On the second ballot Niedringhaus lost two votes, the ballot resulting: Niedringhaus 85; Cockrell 83; Kerens 7; Pettijohn 1.

The Republicans called a joint caucus immediately after adjournment. It is reported that the name of Major William Warner of Kansas City will be presented as a compromise candidate. The Warner men are threatening to leave the Niedringhaus forces. It will be impossible for Niedringhaus, in the judgment of well posted politicians, to rally the Kerens men to his aid, and as the Democrats are solidly organized, there seems to be absolutely no consolation for him in the situation as it now stands.

Beveridge Wins in Indiana

By Associated Press. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 18.—The legislature of Indiana, in joint session, today formally elected Albert J. Beveridge to a second term in the United States senate, and James A. Hemenway of Booneville to the unexpired four years of the term to which Vice President-elect Fairbanks was elected.

Knox Elected to Succeed Quay

By Associated Press. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 18.—The general assembly in joint session today canvassed the vote taken in the senate and the house yesterday and which resulted in the election of Philander C. Knox of Pittsburg for the short and long terms for United States senator to succeed the late Senator Quay.

Michigan Re-elects Burrows

By Associated Press. LANSING, Mich., Jan. 18.—The two houses of the Michigan legislature met in joint session today and unanimously re-elected United States Senator J. C. Burrows.

Senator Clapp Re-elected

By Associated Press. ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 18.—The Minnesota legislature in joint session today formally elected Moses E. Clapp United States senator to succeed himself.

Maine Returns Senator Hale

By Associated Press. AUGUSTA, Maine, Jan. 18.—Eugene Hale was elected United States senator to succeed himself at the joint session of the legislature today.

Connecticut Elects Senator

By Associated Press. HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 18.—Former Governor Morgan Bulkeley was elected United States senator to succeed Jor-

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T. K. NIEDRINGHAUS, WHO MAY NOT GAIN SENATORSHIP



LISTENS TO TALE OF HANNAH ELIAS

COURT HEARS NARRATIVE OF PICTURESQUE CAREER

Negro Adventuress Tells the Story of Her Sudden Rise From Lowest Origin to a Position of Affluence

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Hannah Elias, the negress whom aged John R. Platt is suing to compel her to return \$685,000 which he claims she extorted from him during an acquaintance of twenty years, today told the story of her life before Justice O'Gorman in the supreme court, where the suit is on trial.

It was an extraordinary tale of sudden elevation from the lowest and most vicious surroundings to a position of affluence, where money was literally rained upon her and where she had everything that great wealth could provide.

She declared that she had nothing to conceal and insisted that every dollar that Platt gave her had been given voluntarily. She believed, she said, that she was under no obligations to return any part of the money which she now possesses. How much money Platt gave her she could not say, even approximately, as she never kept any account of his gifts, which were made in large sums at frequent intervals during their entire acquaintance.

Mr. Platt was very generous, even from the first, she said, but he became more so after the death of his wife in 1893. He told her at that time that he wanted to provide for her handsomely, and explained that if he mentioned her in his will a contest might result.

Mrs. Elias apparently made no attempt to cover the details of her early life. She admitted that she had served two terms in prison, one in Philadelphia for larceny and the other in this city for disorderly conduct.

It developed during the examination of witnesses today that Mrs. Elias had distributed her easily acquired wealth with a free hand among those who had been of assistance to her. Lawyer C. Nanz said she had paid him \$20,000 in fees. Lawyer Washington Braun secured from her more than \$10,000 in fees. Other witnesses told of large sums paid for services of comparatively trifling character.

When the defense rested a lawyer representing the banks that were brought into the case by an order of court directing them not to dispose of moneys in their possession belonging to Mrs. Elias, asked for a dismissal of the order, and the judge granted the request.

JAPANESE TO INVESTIGATE

Report That Russians Disguised as Chinese Is Regarded Seriously

By Associated Press. TOKIO, Jan. 19, 2:30 p. m.—It is believed here that the Chinese reported to be accompanying Lieutenant General Mitchenko's raiders are either uniformed bandits or soldiers who had been impressed as guides. It is not believed that Chinese regulars have been authorized to join the raiders.

The report that Russian troops are disguised as Chinese is regarded much more seriously and it is under further investigation.

SILVER BARS STOLEN

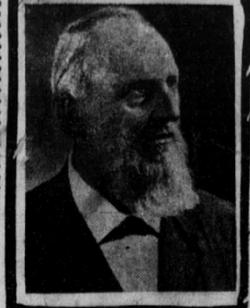
Thieves Break Into Box Car and Carry Away Bullion

By Associated Press. EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 18.—A box car containing a quantity of silver bullion belonging to the smelter here was broken into during the night and a number of bullion bars carried away.

The smelter officers decline to give the value of the bullion stolen.

Report of Earthquake Untrue

By Associated Press. SHEMAKHA, Caucasus, Jan. 18.—The report circulated by a London news agency in a dispatch from St. Petersburg that an earthquake had occurred here and that hundreds of people have been buried in the ruins of the buildings in the lower part of the town is entirely untrue. There has been no earthquake at Shemakha since the disaster of three years ago.



SENATOR COCKRELL, WHO IS GAINING VOTES RAPIDLY, OWING TO BOLT FROM NIEDRINGHAUS

FIND BODIES OF FLOOD VICTIMS

MANY PERSONS PERISHED IN ARIZONA DISASTER

Remains of Five Have Been Recovered at Clifton Since Waters Subside, and Others Are Still in Drift

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 18.—Information comes from Clifton, Ariz., that five bodies have been recovered since the flood there last week and that others are still entangled with the drift.

But two of the five bodies already recovered have been identified. They are John Hunt and Jesus Romeo. Persons are hourly being reported as missing and it is impossible to determine how many have perished in the flood.

All wires have been down since the flood. The first news was brought by travelers, who rowed forty miles to the railroad. Damage to property of private individuals will go over \$100,000, and it is impossible to estimate the damage sustained by corporations. Three thousand men are at work repairing damage to the railroads and other property.

ABSENT-MINDED MAN LEAVES \$540 IN RAILROAD CAR

Returns to Recover His Sack of Coin but It Cannot Be Found

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—E. H. Card, an absent-minded Southern Pacific dining car steward, alighted from a Kearney street car today and left behind him a sack containing \$540 in gold and silver. He was not aware that he had forgotten the coin till he went into the treasurer's office to turn the money in.

Card handed over the itemized account to the treasurer's clerk and asked for a receipt. "Where's the money?" asked the clerk. Just then the steward realized that he had forgotten his sack of coin.

Card remembered the number of the car on which he had traveled, and in short order located it. The conductor knew absolutely nothing about the precious bag. He had not noticed it in the car and could give no information concerning it.

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FAVOR RECESSION OF STATE PARKS

COMMITTEES OF LEGISLATURE RECOMMEND MEASURE

BUT ONE OPPONENT TO BILL

Prominent Men Appear to Advocate Turning Over to Government of Yosemite and Mariposa Big Trees

By Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 18.—After hearing the arguments for and against the bill introduced in the legislature by Senator Belshaw for the recession of the Yosemite National park and the Mariposa big trees to the federal government, the assembly and senate committees voted this evening to recommend the passage of the measure. There was but one opponent to the bill, Senator Curtin, the statesman from Tuolumne.

John Muir, one of America's greatest naturalists, whom President Roosevelt honored by asking him to be his guide through Yosemite; Dr. Joseph Le Conte of the University of California; Arthur R. Briggs, president of the state board of trade; Judge John G. North of the California Water and Forest association; Mayor Warren Olney of Oakland, and Mrs. Mary Fairweather, president of the California club, and many other representatives of civic and municipal clubs were present to urge that the bill be recommended in committee and enacted into law.

Arthur R. Briggs stated that the proposal to recede the Yosemite park to the national government had first been made to his board by the Native Sons of the Golden West. He had sent out circulars to all the boards of trade in the state and had received seventy-five answers in the form of resolutions favoring the recession.

Secretary Colby of the Sierra club marshaled an array of statistics to prove that the whole state was behind the movement for recession. He cited Senator Perkins and Congressman Needham as being exponents of the plan to give over Yosemite. He declared Secretary Benjamin Ide Wheeler and President David Starr Jordan to be strongly in favor of the bill.

John Muir urged that if the Yosemite park were placed under the care of the national government it would receive the improvements it so badly needs. Senator Curtin made a stirring appeal against recession, basing his argument mainly on the fact that the state should not give up its possession but should demand that the legislature vote appropriations sufficient to maintain its park. He was answered by Senator Belshaw, the author of the bill, who strongly defended his bill.

APPROVES JUNKETING TRIPS

Assembly Takes Action in Contrast to That of the Senate

By Associated Press. SACRAMENTO, Jan. 18.—In contrast to the action of the senate in the matter of junketing, the assembly today granted permission to the committee on public buildings and grounds to inspect the various state institutions, the committee on commerce and navigation to inspect the harbors of San Francisco and San Pedro and the committee on state hospitals and asylums to examine into and report on the institutions under its care.

It was stipulated on motion that but two committees will be allowed to absent themselves from the legislature at one time.

Following out the agreement reached in caucus, the senate this morning fully confirmed the appointments made by Governor Pardee during the interim between this and the last sessions of the legislature. President Anderson ruled that it was necessary to call the roll on the name of each appointee and this was done.

The expected happened when a resolution providing for a junketing trip was introduced in the senate. While the lower house has already authorized two junketing trips, the senate has thus far denied itself this luxury.

The latest junketing resolution, which was presented by Senator Pendleton, was referred to the committee on finance at the request of its author. It provides that the committees on finance, education, hospitals and asylums, prisons and reformatories and public buildings and grounds be authorized to appoint a sub-committee of two each to visit such public institutions as is deemed necessary.

Evidently believing they should do their lawmaking in the midst of luxury, the senators this morning adopted a report of the committee on contingent expenses authorizing the purchase of a new carpet for the upper house at a cost of \$145.

In the assembly this morning Branstetter introduced a bill making it a felony to kill an elk and fixing the penalty at two years. At present the law treats the killing of an elk as a misdemeanor, with the usual alternative of a fine.

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COLONY EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES

RUSSIANS SEEK RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

HUNDREDS FLEE FROM HOMES

Members of the Brotherhood of Spiritual Christians Will Join the Settlement Already Formed in Angel City

By Associated Press.

The little settlement of Russian Molokane, which has sprung up in Los Angeles within the last few months, is soon to become a thriving colony of large dimensions. Seventy-two members of the sect are on their way from New York and will arrive here tomorrow. One hundred and forty-two are expected to reach the colony about January 27, and over eighty have left Berlin en route for California. This is only the beginning of a large exodus from Russia.

The colonists are members of the Brotherhood of Spiritual Christians and their faith is similar to that of the ancient Quakers, especially as they refuse to do military service, taking the words "Thou shalt not kill" literally. They have been living for twenty-five years in Transcaucasia, near the Turkish frontier, in the district of Kars and Erivan. In their native land they are known by the name of Molokane, meaning milk drinkers, because of the fact that they abstain from the use of intoxicants. Another name which is sometimes attached to them is Prygrun, which means jumpers, because of their religious zeal in meetings.

The law of military service, together with religious persecution, has led to their leaving their native land and they say that before long the 200,000 members of this sect will have come to this country. Their chief object in choosing to come to America is much the same as that of the early settlers. They have come to seek religious freedom and to carry on their work in a country where they can worship according to their views.

The colonists, who have already passed the immigration laws more easily than the usual immigrant, are described as an honest, industrious, frugal class. Many of them have saved small sums of money, and those who have found employment in Los Angeles are considered excellent workmen.

FALLS OVER BASKET; FATAL QUARREL RESULTS

Two Persons Stabbed in Fight in a New York Tenement House

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The custom of an Italian baker to leave his heavy delivery basket in the dark hallway of an east side tenement while he delivered his wares through the house today resulted in a quarrel in which Pasquale Totoriello, aged 45, was killed; his niece, Mrs. Maria Totoriello, aged 30, was so badly wounded that she probably will not recover. Both victims were stabbed.

Mrs. Totoriello identified the baker, Salvatore Ferrari, as the man who killed her uncle and caused her own injuries. He was captured after a sharp chase by the police. The janitor of the building fell over the baker's basket. The quarrel followed and Totoriello and his niece went to the janitor's assistance. When Ferrari was captured later and brought back to the tenement house for identification the officers and their prisoner were surrounded by an angry mob and the policemen had to fight their way out.

THREE DIE IN ONE FAMILY

Remarkable Series of Fatalities in the Household of Chicago Man

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Three sudden deaths within the past twenty-four hours have occurred in the family of Thomas Meehan, well known in local commercial circles. Yesterday James Meehan, the younger son, died at Kanakake. A few hours later the mother, Mrs. E. M. Meehan, was taken ill with heart disease at a railway station here and soon died. Today a telegram was received that Thomas Meehan had died in Denver, where he went last week for a vacation.

The survivors of the family are three sisters of Thomas Meehan. The news of his death reached the sisters as they were taking the remains of their mother and other brother to the family home.

HARDWARE MEN CONVENE

Seventh Annual Session of Retailers Opens at Stockton

By Associated Press. STOCKTON, Jan. 18.—The seventh annual convention of the Pacific Retail Hardware association convened this morning in fraternal hall, President John C. White of Marysville being in the chair.

The objects of the association are to bring about a better condition of affairs between the retailers and the wholesalers, and harmony of action regarding rates and prices and a better understanding of trade conditions generally.

CROSS TOWN LINE IS NOW ASSURED

EFFORTS TO BLOCK SALE OF FRANCHISE FAIL

THE LEADER ADMITS DEFEAT

Movement to Invoke Referendum Now Abandoned—Sixth Ward People in Favor of Proposed Road

By Associated Press.

The referendum which it was proposed to invoke for the purpose of preventing the grant of the Tennessee street electric cross-town railway franchise has been abandoned. The announcement was made last night that all efforts to secure signatures in the Sixth ward have been discontinued and will not be renewed.

As the time limit for filing the petition expires today and the franchise becomes effective at the same time, it may be stated with certainty that the opposition to the building of the road is at an end.

R. H. Norton, president of the Good Government league, who has been active in the circulation of the referendum petition, made the announcement last night that the effort to prevent the granting of the franchise had been abandoned. Mr. Norton gave as his reason for ceasing his efforts that it had been found that a great many people in the southern part of the city are much in favor of the building of the road. The initiative petition asking for the granting of universal transfers was also abandoned.

Residents of that part of the city who will be benefited by the construction of the cross-town railroad are much pleased at the turn events have taken. The construction of the road in the near future is now regarded as assured.

The road will cover the southern part of the city and give transportation facilities and transfer privileges to a great many people who have heretofore been compelled to come uptown and then pay an additional fare in order to ride back into relatively the same neighborhood.

REFUSE ACCOMMODATIONS TO BOOKER WASHINGTON

Claim Made That Wichita Hotels Would Not Receive Negro Orator

By Associated Press.

WICHITA, Kans., Jan. 18.—Booker T. Washington, who lectured in Wichita tonight, was the guest of Sam Jones, a leading negro citizen of Wichita. Col. H. G. Toler, who booked the orator, states that all the hotels in Wichita refused to give Booker Washington accommodations. The principal hotels, on the other hand, with one exception, deny that they were ever asked to receive the noted educator.

At the close of his lecture Booker Washington took the first train north.

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THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

Southern California: Cloudy, unsettled weather Thursday; probably rain by night; fresh south winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 67 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees.