

RUSSIAN TROOPS JOIN IN REVOLT

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED

Forts Commanding Riga Harbor in Possession of Agitators—Officials of City Are Prisoners—Strike Is Continued

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12, Tuesday evening, via Helsingfors, Finland and Berlin, Dec. 13.—Two messengers who arrived here from Riga today, having walked about 130 miles to catch a train at Ploek, not only confirm the report that a provisional government has been set up in Livonia, but they say that many of the troops have gone over to the insurgents.

TROOPS ARE JOINING WORKMEN

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Tuesday night, Dec. 12, via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 13.—Reports are still in circulation to the effect that the insurgents at Riga have captured the fortress there.

The situation is admitted to be grave. The commander at Riga has appealed for additional troops which were dispatched.

The League of Leagues, now termed the "Invisible government," has elaborated a program for a constituent assembly of 958 members elected from districts of 140,000 inhabitants, which, under its constitution, shall assume entire sovereignty, executive, legislative and judicial.

The news drifting in from the interior shows that violence is decreasing, but that the ferment is unabated. Every class of society is organizing parties and elaborating a political program.

In some places the landlords threaten that unless the government suppresses the agrarian disorders they will refuse to pay taxes or interest to the nobility or to banks for loans, etc., and will take the law into their own hands, organize guards to protect their property, and, if necessary, to massacre the peasants by burning the villages.

On the other hand, a meeting of 6000 workmen has been held in Moscow, at which, it is said, soldiers were present who pledged themselves to fight to the last drop of blood to secure the downfall of imperial rule, an eight-hour workday and a division of the land to the peasants.

TELEGRAPH STRIKE WEAKENS

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Tuesday morning, Dec. 12, via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 13.—The restoration of cable communication with points abroad yesterday lasted only a few hours. Before midnight it was reported that the cable was cut and that messages were being forwarded by courier to the German frontier. Nevertheless the outlook is clearing.

The government is breathing freer with a fighting chance that Premier Witte will yet be able to steer his way through the rocks which beset his path. Threat of a general strike, not being supported, is going to pieces in spite of the wild appeals of the union to stand firm. At Moscow the tie-up remains complete but at many other places communication has been reopened, although in a precarious fashion, as the employees of both the telegraph and post offices who were discharged by wholesale for refusing to work are cutting the wires wherever it is possible to do so.

PROSECUTOR REFUSES RELEASE

The real leaders of the workmen and other proletarian organizations, realizing fully their weakness and lack of preparation for a decisive struggle, have carried the day over the hot-headed strikers and have easily convinced the majority that it would be an unretrograde step to prostitute what they regard as the supreme instrument for forging a free nation by using it for a minor issue like redressing the grievances of private individuals.

The workmen's council yesterday sent a demand to Count Witte for the release of M. Krustaleff. Later, the workmen's delegates called on Procurator Kamishansky and demanded his release, but the procurator refused bluntly, saying that the case must be tried in court. To this the spokesman of the delegation replied:

"Then we will declare a general strike."

"I will not release him if the whole world strikes," answered the procurator.

Fear Attempt at Release

M. Krustaleff is understood to be imprisoned in the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress, in order, it is said, to prevent any possible attempt at rescue, which could only lead to bloodshed.

The members of Count Witte's cabinet deny that the government has entered on the path of reaction, but they say that the present state of anarchy cannot go on. A general strike, they say, will be arrested and tried by the courts.

Exchange Seat Sells for \$88,000

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A membership on the New York stock exchange was sold today for \$88,000, the highest price at which a seat has ever been sold. The last previous record was \$85,000.

OFFICERS WILL TRY SHIP

Connecticut Built at Government Yard Will Be Placed in Commission Before Trial

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Because she is building in a government navy yard, the battleship Connecticut now nearing completion at New York, will probably not have her builders' trial until after a vessel has been placed in commission and can carry a regular naval crew.

The Connecticut is a sister ship of the Louisiana, now under construction by the Newport News Shipbuilding company and now having her trial. The two vessels were authorized at the same time and their construction is being closely watched by the navy department, so that a report may be made to congress as to the time required for the construction of battleships by naval contractors.

The Connecticut is ready for trial, there being little appreciable difference in the degree of completion of the two ships.

MAKES A REMARKABLE OFFER TO NEWSPAPERS

COREY SAYS WILL SELL LETTERS OF HIS NEPHEW

Wants Publishers to Pay \$100,000 for Communications of Andrew Carnegie and Charles M. Schwab Money to Relieve Russian Jews

By Associated Press.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13.—J. B. Corey, uncle of William Ellis Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, issued a remarkable letter this afternoon, addressed to "The newspaper reporters of Pittsburgh."

In it Mr. Corey tells how his quiet life had been made miserable by the demands upon him for information of his nephew's affairs and says he had decided to make good use of the additional information he possesses.

Mr. Corey tells in his letter of having recently given \$20,000 to the fund for the relief of the suffering Jews in Russia and says that more money is needed. He says that, inasmuch as the public likes to read about scandal, they should be compelled to pay for it.

Says He Is in Earnest

He declares that he has a number of letters which were exchanged between himself and Andrew Carnegie, Charles M. Schwab and E. R. Corey, which he is ready to hand over to the public for \$100,000, the total amount to be applied to the Hebrew relief fund. He does not care, he says, in what sums the money is subscribed, or whether it is made up by one individual, one hundred, one thousand or a hundred thousand.

In giving the letters to the public, in consideration of the above mentioned amount, Mr. Corey says he will guarantee the contributors "that they will get their money's worth or their money will be refunded."

Mr. Corey was seen after he had issued the statement and declared he was in earnest about the matter.

WANTS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER PARKS

CONGRESSMAN NEEDHAM MAKES THE RECOMMENDATION

Introduces Bill to Transfer Yellowstone, Yosemite and Other Reservations to the Department of Agriculture

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Among the bills introduced in the house today were the following:

By Representative Mondell of Wyoming, providing for the appropriation of not more than \$20,000 annually from the sales of public lands to the employment of state schools of mines and mining departments of mines and mining in connection with colleges already established.

By Representative Needham of California, transferring the Yellowstone, Yosemite, Sequoia, General Grant, Mount Rainier, Crater Lake and Wind Cave national parks from the control of the department of the interior to the department of agriculture.

By Delegate Andrews of New Mexico, providing for the admission of the territory of New Mexico as a single state.

ARE WEDDED IN ST. LOUIS

Miss Mary E. Fitch, San Francisco Girl, Marries Director of Allegheny Observatory

By Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Announcement was made today that Miss Mary E. Fitch of San Francisco and Dr. Ralph H. Curtiss, assistant director of the Allegheny (Pa.) observatory, were married here yesterday at the residence of Rev. Dr. W. J. Cunningham.

Miss Fitch is the daughter of George H. Fitch, literary editor of the San Francisco Chronicle. He accompanied his daughter to this city and returned to the Pacific coast today. The wedding was held midway across the continent because Dr. Curtiss was unable to be absent from his classroom for a longer time.

CAPTURE THIRTEEN WHALES

Steamer Orion Returns From Barkley Sound and Will Commence Shipment of Products

By Associated Press.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 13.—The whaling steamer Orion, which returned from the new whaling station on Barkley sound today, reports that thirteen whales have been taken to date and shipments of bone oil and fertilizer to England and Japan will be commenced at once. It is expected when the machinery is complete to handle three whales daily, the station being the largest on this continent.

PERKINS RESIGNS VICE PRESIDENCY

ANOTHER NEW YORK LIFE OFFICIAL QUILTS

Board of Trustees Accepts Withdrawal of Morgan's Name—Charles A. Peabody Elected to Succeed

McCurdy in Mutual

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—George W. Perkins, who is junior member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., resigned today as vice president and as chairman of the finance committee of the New York Life Insurance company.

The board of trustees accepted the resignation. Immediately following this they announced the appointment of a committee to investigate the affairs of the New York Life. Two officers were elected to fill the vacancies left by Mr. Perkins, Alexander E. Orr succeeding him as vice president, and John Clafin as chairman of the finance committee.

Mr. Perkins wrote the trustees a letter explaining that it was understood when he entered the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. that he should withdraw from the New York Life, but that his deep interest in the insurance company had made him loath to leave it before this.

The board of trustees then announced the appointment of the following committee of investigation: Thomas H. Fowler, Norman B. Ream, Clarence Mackay, Hiram R. Steel and Augustus C. Paine.

A statement to policy holders also was issued which declared that the executive officers had exercised too broad a discretion in expending money. One of the objects of the committee's appointment was announced to be the consideration of the evidence secured by the legislative committee which in 1904 made a large profit. In other words, it is robbing the people of \$60,000 a day, or \$22,000,000 a year.

"We sit supinely down while we are being robbed of enough money every day by this one large corporation to build 100 homes for the homeless, or to rear a great educational institution, or to endow a college, or in one year to pay all the expenses of the state for five years."

WILL SUCCEED M'CURDY

Charles A. Peabody to Assume Control of Mutual Life's Affairs

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Charles A. Peabody was elected president of the Mutual Life Insurance company at a meeting of the board of trustees today. Peabody's election was unanimous.

Mr. Peabody is a lawyer and is the American representative of William Waldorf Astor. He is a director in several banks and other corporations, among them being the Illinois Central Railway company. Mr. Peabody's salary was fixed at \$50,000 a year. His predecessor, Richard A. McCurdy, received \$50,000.

Mr. Peabody will take office on January 1, when he will relieve Frederick Cromwell, the temporary president. The board of trustees adopted a resolution of thanks to Mr. Cromwell for his services as temporary president.

Charles A. Peabody was nominated for trustee to succeed Justice R. W. Peckham, and Emory McClintock was named to succeed Elihu Root as trustee. Both of these nominations, under the by-laws, went over until the next meeting.

SENATOR GIVES TESTIMONY

John F. Dryden Says Industrial Insurance Is Great Economic Force

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Two incidents affecting the life insurance situation in New York today overshadowed the legislative investigation.

While the committee was inquiring into the conduct of the Prudential Life Insurance company and the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, George W. Perkins resigned as first vice president and chairman of the finance committee of the New York Life Insurance company. He was succeeded by Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the committee, who read a statement by the Prudential, that 37 per cent. of its industrial policies lapse within five years of their issue. The senator asserted that industrial insurance, even with high rates and tendency to lapse, is the greatest economic force now in operation in this country.

Just before adjournment today, Halcy Pliske, vice president of the Metropolitan company, told of an incident, in which the company commissioned William A. Reed to buy 533 shares of railroad stock for the company. Mr. Pliske said that Mr. Reed, the same day, sold the stock to a company of brokers at \$10 a share less than the broker sold it to the Metropolitan.

POLICY HOLDERS WILL MEET

Insurance Commissioner of Tennessee Visit Legislative Investigation

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—R. E. Folk, insurance commissioner of Tennessee, was a visitor at the legislative insurance investigation this afternoon, and conferred with Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Folk said he had called a meeting of Tennessee policyholders of all Mutual Life insurance companies doing business in the state. The meeting will be held at Nashville next Wednesday.

He did not say whether this meeting is preliminary to a national meeting of policyholders.

BATTLE FIERCELY IN CELL

Two Prisoners in San Bernardino Jail Beat Companion Into Insensibility

Special to The Herald.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 13.—Thomas Jenkins, a prisoner in the city jail, was beaten to insensibility tonight by two fellow prisoners, hobos, who give their names as J. D. Mayo and Hiram Drexel. Jenkins may die from his injuries. The battle was a terrific one, the two men chasing their victim from one end to the other of the jail corridors, the walls and floor of which were spattered with blood.

Jenkins was found lying face down in a cell almost drowned in his own blood, life being apparently extinct.

Jenkins was drunk when he was placed in the general corridor of the jail. One of the hobos, Mayo, started a quarrel with him, but Jenkins replied that he was not going to do with them as they were not in his class. Jenkins was overpowering Mayo when the latter called to his companion, who struck Jenkins from behind, felling him. The two beat him over the head and body with broom sticks, a beer bottle and such other weapons as they could find until he fell unconscious on the floor. The "hobos" are said to have a grudge against Jenkins because he drove them off the Patton asylum grounds where he was employed as a watchman.

SAYS STANDARD OIL IS ROBBING PEOPLE

GOVERNOR HOCH OF KANSAS IS AROUSED

Chief Executive Makes Speech at Ottawa—Tells Hearers System Takes Enough Tribute Each Day to Build 100 Houses for Homeless

By Associated Press.

OTTAWA, Kan., Dec. 13.—Governor W. E. Hoch, speaking here last night at a gathering of Republicans, said: "At this time the Kansas oil field is yielding 60,000 barrels a day, an insignificant part of its capacity, and for this oil the Standard Oil company, which sets the price, is paying less than one-third what it paid a year ago."

"I believe it could pay \$1 per barrel more for this oil than it is paying, and still make a large profit. In other words, it is robbing the people of \$60,000 a day, or \$22,000,000 a year."

"We sit supinely down while we are being robbed of enough money every day by this one large corporation to build 100 homes for the homeless, or to rear a great educational institution, or to endow a college, or in one year to pay all the expenses of the state for five years."

ROCKEFELLER EDUCATOR IS TURNED DOWN HARD

MAY NOT LECTURE TO COLUMBUS WORKERS

Trades and Labor Assembly Refuses to Accept Services of the President of Chicago University—Say Faculty Has to Stand for Standard Oil

By Associated Press.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 13.—Considerable comment has been occasioned by the action of the Columbus Trades and Labor assembly at last night's meeting in declining to accept the services of a professor of Chicago university to deliver a course of lectures here under the auspices of the association. The assembly was asked to pay a portion of the expenses of the president and promptly declined to receive the services of the Chicago man.

The reason given is that the Chicago university has John D. Rockefeller as a benefactor and that it is due to his contributions that the university enjoys its high rank in the educational world. One of the delegates maintained that the professors at the University of Chicago had to teach and stand for the things that were favored by the oil magnates and when they ceased to do this their positions were in jeopardy.

In view of this the proposition was turned down and a committee consisting of delegates appointed to arrange for lectures, securing them from a "source above suspicion."

CAPITALIST KILLED BY AUTO

Young Woman Who Notified Physicians of Accident Mysteriously Disappears

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—No new facts regarding the automobile accident which resulted in the death of John Bush Baird, the young capitalist and inventor, have been revealed today.

The young woman who accompanied him on his last ride and who was first to tell the story of the disaster has moved from her former residence and is said to be recuperating from the nervous shock she sustained.

There is a persistent rumor that another man and woman were in the automobile just before the accident occurred but their identity has not yet been disclosed.

FIRE DESTROYS CATHEDRAL

St. Luke's at Halifax Is Burned and Articles of Historic Interest Consumed

By Associated Press.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 13.—Fire broke out in St. Luke's cathedral, one of the leading religious edifices in Halifax, at an early hour this morning, and destroyed the building. All the available fire fighting apparatus in the city was summoned to the scene.

St. Luke's is the cathedral of the Anglican diocese of Nova Scotia, the headquarters of Bishop Charles Worrell. Those who first saw the fire are of the opinion that it was of incendiary origin.

A number of articles and furnishings of historic interest were destroyed. The cathedral was one of the oldest church buildings in the city. The loss is estimated at about \$60,000.

California Gets Appointment

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Galen J. Dixon of California to be registrar of the land office at Independence, Cal.

GIVES INSIGHT TO CANAL WORK

COMMITTEE REPORT PROVES INTERESTING

Senate Hears Details of Progress of Work on the Isthmus of Panama.

Engineer Wallace Severely Criticized

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In making public all the testimony taken yesterday by the senate committee on appropriations in relation to the Panama canal emergency bill, the senate has disclosed in greater detail the work on the isthmus than has been given to all the reports of the isthmian canal commission or others authorized to discuss canal affairs.

The testimony taken during the meeting covers eighty-eight printed pages, devoted almost wholly to the examination of Secretary of War Taft, Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of the commission; J. B. Bishop and D. W. Ross, general purchasing officer.

It developed during the testimony of Secretary Taft and Mr. Ross that 98 per cent. of the materials purchased by the commission were shipped from the United States and of the 2 per cent. of foreign materials nearly the entire amount was secured on the isthmus.

No Excavating in Progress

It was stated that there are about 17,000 men employed on the isthmus in canal work, but that none of these is now engaged in excavating.

The work of digging the canal was stopped when Mr. Stevens went to the isthmus in July last as chief engineer. Mr. Taft said that 4000 of the men were employed in the sanitation department and 13,000 in track work construction of buildings, in machine works and putting together the equipment in getting ready for the work of excavating. Continuing, Mr. Taft said:

"Mr. Stevens states—and I think Mr. Shonts agrees with him—that former Engineer Wallace made a mistake in expending what he did expend for actual excavation work in the Culebra cut. It was not done for the purpose of excavation, although it did accomplish to the extent to which there was excavation work which may not have to be done again."

"But it was done for the purpose of making estimates as to the cost, and Mr. Stevens thinks that the material which was removed was deposited at places from which it will have to be again removed and that estimates based upon those experiments, therefore, are estimates based upon what do not assimilate to the actual work to be done."

Criticize Methods of Wallace

"So that it really was not good sample work," asked Senator Hale.

"No, sir," replied Mr. Taft. "Of course, the great problem there is not excavation. The great problem is transportation and the disposing of the dirt. Dirt taken from Culebra cut has to be hauled by rail from four to fifteen miles."

Mr. Shonts then said of the work done by Mr. Wallace:

"He selected the easy work at the top of the cut, where he had gravity hauls. He worked at the nearest place he could and misled himself and other people by taking the cost per cubic yard thus arrived at during the most favorable circumstances as being the unit cost at which he could do the entire work. For that reason his work was practically wasted."

It was stated by Mr. Shonts that under Mr. Wallace's direction dirt was removed during the dry season at a cost of 43 cents per cubic yard, but that the cost was increased to \$1.50 a yard during the wet season.

Members of the committee having expressed surprise at the great difference, Mr. Shonts said:

"There would not have been so much difference if Wallace had properly ballasted his tracks, so that when the wet season came his cars would not get off the track so much."

MAY CAUSE UNTOLD DISASTER

Hydrographic Engineer Reports to Governor Pardee Great Danger to Imperial Valley

By Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 13.—J. R. Lippincott, hydrographic engineer and Engineer E. C. Grunsky have reported to Governor Pardee that the conditions at the Colorado river are very serious.

Nearly all of the river has left its channel and is flowing through the Imperial canal, which has been widened from fifty to 200 feet and 300 feet and the water is pouring into the Salton sink.

Some of the water is being diverted into volcanic lakes and unless steps are taken to strengthen and lighten the banks of the lakes the water will flood the Imperial valley and result in untold disaster.

BRITISH CONSUL BLOWN

Schooner Bound From Bluefields to Nicaragua Is Wrecked—Two Persons Survive

By Associated Press.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 13.—The schooner Florence, while on her voyage from Bluefields, Nicaragua, to Port Limon, Costa Rica, was wrecked. Among those lost were Frederick M. Wood, British consul at Port Limon; two Americans, John Libant and W. M. Rather, the latter from Texas, and three sailors.

One passenger and two sailors were rescued.

Electric Cars Collide

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 13.—A collision occurred this morning between two cars of the British Columbia Electric railway by which a passenger car was badly wrecked and Motorman J. F. Woodley sustained a broken leg and internal injuries. As an interurban car was proceeding toward Stevenson, on the up grade, at Fourth avenue near the street a freight car coming down the grade crashed into it.

RECLUSE BURNED TO DEATH

Thomas Quaide of La Jolla Perishes in Fire Which Destroys His Home

Special to The Herald.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 13.—Thomas Quaide, who has been living alone in a little cottage at South La Jolla, was burned to death this evening in the cottage, which was completely destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known. Shortly after dark the neighbors discovered the flames and rushing to the house found the doors locked and no chance of getting inside. There is no fire department protection at the suburb and in a short time the cottage was destroyed. In the heap of charred remains of Quaide were found. He was 63 years old and had lived near La Jolla for twenty years. He was a gardener and had worked much of the time for E. W. Scripps at Miramar. He leaves three grown children. His son works for Mr. Scripps, one daughter is married and the other is a nurse at St. Joseph's hospital.

BEGINS WAR AGAINST SMOOT AND MORMONS

HOLD ANTI-POLYGAMY MEETING IN NEW YORK

Rev. J. Wesley Hill Makes Speech Strongly Urging Hearers to Oppose Seating of Senator and Aggrandize-ment of Hierarchy

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Last evening Rev. J. Wesley Hill addressed an anti-polygamy mass meeting at the Throop Avenue Presbyterian church. This meeting was arranged by the several organizations of the city which are engaged in gathering petitions and directing the campaign against the seating of Senator-elect Smoot of Utah.

Dr. Hill, who recently entered upon the pastorate of the James Methodist Episcopal church, Brooklyn, spent five years in Utah. Several years ago he came east, where he has since been actively engaged in disseminating knowledge concerning the history and doctrine of the Utah hierarchy. Last evening, in discussing the Smoot question, among other things he said:

"The question of the expulsion of Mr. Smoot does not and should not hinge primarily upon his guilt or innocence of the practice of polygamy. There is broader ground upon which to try this case."

"I bring the general charge that Mormonism is incongruous with the spirit of Americanism, being antagonistic to the great basic principles upon which our political institutions rest."

"First—in its form of government. It is a centralized power, with all the lines of authority held in the grasp of one man, who has his revelations 'made to order.'"

"Second—The very vows imposed as a condition of membership in the Mormon church not only disqualify its members for official participation in the affairs of the nation, but for good citizenship."

Persons whose duties at the university bring them in close contact with Dr. James H. Sands, its advisers, say that the president's strength has so declined of late that it is feared he may not survive until the new year. They say Dr. Harper has been unable to take solid food for several days.

rumors are coupled with gossip of the possible successor in the presidency of the university. The latest member of the faculty to be mentioned is Prof. Robert F. Harper, a brother of William R. Harper.

HARPER'S HEALTH FAST FAILS

Friends of Educator Fear He May Not Live Until End of Year

Special to The Herald.