

ATTEMPT OF THE 'REDS' CRUSHED

REVOLUTIONARIES WILL NOT SOON RECOVER

Indications Are That Struggle of the
Proletariat is Almost Hopeless.

Peasant Uprising May
Occur in Spring

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—The suppression of the insurrection at Moscow and the certainty that similar uprisings elsewhere will be crushed, marked the collapse of the first attempt of the "reds" to overthrow the government armies and administer a defeat from which it is not believed in government circles the revolutionaries can quickly recover.

Now that the smoke of battle is clearing away the utter hopelessness of the conflict seems to be apparent. The populace held aloof and not a single military unit actually joined the revolutionaries. Even the general strike crumbled under their feet by their challenging and precipitating a conflict before the proletariat organizations were prepared. The government secured a comparatively easy victory, and it is believed in high official circles that the organizations have been so demoralized and disrupted by the blow and by the arrest of their most able leaders that it will be impossible for them to attempt the coup planned for the anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

In desperation undoubtedly the revolutionaries will have recourse to acts of terror which they expect will spring at the most unexpected moment.

The country has quieted down and the hopes that now the election of a duma is assured, the government can devote its time to the suppression of the revolt in the Baltic provinces and monotonously to the solutions of the agrarian question. It means cannot be found to in some measure satisfy the land hunger of the peasants before spring the universal opinion is that the peasants everywhere will rise.

The landed proprietors seem to be convinced of this to such an extent that the landlords in the neighborhood of the Minsk are calling their tenants together and are voluntarily arranging upon terms satisfactory to the tenants.

Peter Struve, editor of the *Osvobodjennie* (emancipation), who has again shifted his position, publishes a ringing article this afternoon in which he admits the defeat of the attempt to overthrow the government.

He says the attempt, of course, was madness and was bound to be extinguished in blood. Nevertheless, he alleges, there was a heroic spirit behind it which should terrify the government.

"Another such victory and the government is lost," says he.

The report that Lieut. Mischenko has been wounded in the league of leagues has split, one portion favoring a continuance of the strike and another the abandonment of violent tactics and co-operation in peaceful preparation for the work of the duma.

With the evident object of inflaming sentiment abroad, the revolutionary agents are putting out a story to the effect that the government is deliberately plotting a great massacre of the Jews. These agents display with purpose the text of an appeal by a rabbi addressed to the Jews to fight against the cross, which they declare is being printed by the ministry of marine for distribution among the ignorant classes, with the object of producing a state of anarchy.

The intention of the attempt is to substantiate the charge that the government is favoring any such document.

There was a slight relapse on the bourse today. Imperial fours were quoted at 80 1/2.

NO BREAK IN RIGA STRIKE

Soldiers Surround Revolutionaries and Arrest 160 of Them

By Associated Press.

RIGA, Dec. 28, via Eydtukhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 29.—There has been no break in the general strike here. None of the newspapers appeared today.

The inhabitants are not motivated by the revolutionists. Otherwise the situation remains unchanged.

Several thousand revolutionists assembled yesterday at the bidding of the Socialists for the purpose of holding a general meeting, when a force of troops arrived unexpectedly. The infantry surrounded the building, while the cavalry barred the streets and quick firing guns were placed at the corners of the streets nearest the hall.

After these preparations had been made the commander of the troops entered the hall with a company of infantry and announced to the revolutionists that they were surrounded. He asked them to disperse quietly and to give up their arms, as otherwise the building would be bombarded. Most of the leaders, however, had already escaped through a secret door. The remainder declared they had no arms, whereupon they were searched by the soldiers. Those on whom arms were not found were allowed to leave the building, while 160 were arrested after being disarmed. The building was then occupied by the troops.

Cossacks and dragoons are constantly galloping through the streets, dispersing crowds wherever they are gathered. The dragoons seem to be shooting and are shooting at striking everywhere about them. This action is probably a revenge for the treatment of their comrades at Taku and Tientsin.

The revolutionaries are posting placards in five languages ordering the inhabitants to disarm the police and soldiers and to barricade the town. The people, however, frequently tear down these placards. A heavy snow is falling in this district.

It is said that the new governor general with 22,000 additional troops is planning to uproot the revolutionary movement by surrounding Livonia and Courland and driving the revolutionaries into a bag shape between Courland between Riga and Libau, where they will be annihilated, warships cutting off all escape by sea.

Martial Law Declared

By Associated Press.

BIRDCHIEFF, Southwest Russia, Dec. 29.—Martial law has been announced here.

FIRES RULLET THROUGH HEAD

Andrew Nichols of San Diego Believed to Have Intended to
Take Wife's Life Also

Special to The Herald.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 29.—Andrew Nichols shot himself through the head with a revolver this afternoon. The heavy ball plowed its way through his head and struck one of the walls of the room in which Nichols was sitting.

The shooting occurred at the Nichols home at No. 1145 Ninth street. Nichols has been ill from dropsy, and it is supposed the continual worry over this trouble affected his mind.

After eating his midday meal Nichols sat down in an arm chair in the front room of his little cottage. He was reading a newspaper and the bullet struck him in the forehead. His actions showed, say his neighbors, that he not only intended to take his own life but the life of his wife as well. When Nichols saw that his wife had escaped him he turned back to the kitchen and sent the bullet crashing through his skull. The bullet was found on the kitchen table, where it had fallen after striking the wall. Nichols was about 67 years of age and came to San Diego about two and a half years ago from Sausalito.

JEROME CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE GAMBLERS

SAYS THEY ARE PROTECTED BY
POLITICIANS

District Attorney Declares Jobs in
Pool Rooms Are Part of the Patronage
Given Out by Winners at
the Pools

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—That the gambling houses and pool rooms in this city are as wide open today as ever, and that many employes of these places are given positions by political leaders as a part of the patronage of their districts, was charged by District Attorney Jerome today. There were a large number of pool room and gambling houses cases on the calendar and Mr. Jerome appeared in person to attempt to get the solutions of the agrarian question. It means cannot be found to in some measure satisfy the land hunger of the peasants before spring the universal opinion is that the peasants everywhere will rise.

"These men plead guilty and tell me they are only employes," said he. "They are what I term statement criminals. They are put into these pool rooms by political leaders as a part of the patronage of their districts and it is almost impossible to tell whether they are politicians or criminals. Pool rooms and gambling houses are as numerous as ever. The police organize a series of false raids, dart into the houses, wreck furniture, put a few gentlemen in durandee and call it an attempt to get evidence. In this case I ask your honor to impose a fine of \$100 each and I say if they can't pay the broker of the game will bring him here myself in a manner that will surprise him."

Fines of \$100 each were imposed in several cases.

AID FOR BROKER MITCHELL

Creditors Assured That He Will Receive
Assistance Locally and
From the East

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The creditors of R. Brent Mitchell, the stock broker who has failed for about \$100,000, were informed today that he had received assurances of aid from the east, in addition to assistance offered here. They will hold a meeting tomorrow, when it is expected that a statement will be presented by Book-

The many small creditors of the suspended Pacific Stock and Grain Exchange are endeavoring to locate assets.

The exchange had a branch on Market street and branches in San Jose and Oakland. It is said that the customers in San Jose have been settled with.

INVENTOR IN TROUBLE

George W. Cornwell Arrested on
Charge of Having Stolen
\$11,000 in Property

By Associated Press.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 29.—George W. Cornwell, until recently treasurer of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing company and an inventor of notes, was arrested today on the charge of theft of United States bonds and jewelry to the value of \$11,000.

The complainant is Mrs. Gilbert A. Lumpkin, wife of Gilbert A. Lumpkin, who also was arrested today on the charge of theft of United States bonds and jewelry to the value of \$11,000.

Almost all the larger cities of New England are affected by his suspension. There are several hundred stores throughout New England and Canada. The failure had no effect upon the stock market.

J. H. SMITH NOT GUILTY

Fresno Man Acquitted of Charge of
Attempting to Murder
J. F. Avenall

By Associated Press.

FRESNO, Dec. 29.—Tonight after being out six hours a jury declared Joseph H. Smith of this city not guilty of attempting to murder J. Frank Avenall of Fowler. The verdict closes a case that had its beginning on September 22. On that day Avenall walked into Smith's office on business and, after a few minutes, Smith drew a pistol and shot Avenall in the back as he crouched on the floor. Neither Smith nor Avenall would talk at that time.

There was much public interest in the affair because of the prominence of the men, one being cashier of the Bank of Fowler and the other former cashier of the Farmers' bank of Selma, and both members of the Elks.

Peddler Killed by Engine

By Associated Press.

FRESNO, Dec. 29.—At 9 o'clock tonight E. H. Martin, an one-legged man, was run over and killed by a switch engine at the Tulare street crossing of the Southern Pacific. Martin failed to heed the warning shouts of a watchman. His body was dragged for a block and a half. Martin was a peddler and until recently ran a donkey engine for the Fresno flume and irrigation company. He has a son in Bak-

Adams Jury Is Secured

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A full jury was secured today to try Mrs. Minnie Adams on the charge of murdering her infant seven years ago. This is the third trial of the accused woman.

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Peerages Given to Commons

BESTOWED ON PREMIER'S RECOMMENDATION

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and
A. J. Balfour Address Large
Audiences of Their
Constituents

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—At the recommendation of the premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, King Edward today conferred peerages on the following members of the house of commons: Lord Edmond George Fitzmaurice, brother of Lord Lansdowne, former foreign secretary; Sir Arthur Divett Hayatt, Hon. Philip James Stanhope, youngest son of Earl Stanhope; Charles Hare Hemphill, Sir James Joicey, Charles Henry Wilson and Sir William Henry Wells.

Lord Reay and the following members of the house of commons today were sworn in as members of the privy council: John Edward Ellis, Richard Knight Causton, Thomas Shaw, Edmund Roberts, Thomas Burt, Sir Walter Foster and Henry Labouchere.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the premier, and Arthur J. Balfour, the former premier, respective leaders of the two great parties now drawn up in battle array in the united kingdom, addressed large audiences tonight. The premier spoke at Dumferline, Scotland, making fiscal reform his battery. In answering a question he said he did not favor a separate independent legislature for Ireland, but intimated that that country should have a legislature subordinate to the imperial parliament.

Mr. Balfour, talking to a sympathetic audience at Queens hall, London, asked, "Will you have fiscal reform or home rule, for this is the true issue of the campaign?"

\$4000 IN JEWELRY STOLEN

Store in New York Robbed for Second
Time Within Three
Months

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—For the second time in three months and the seventh time within three years, the jewelry store of Schwartz Brothers at 1265 Broadway, in the heart of the tenderloin district, was robbed early today and about \$4000 worth of diamond rings and watches were stolen. The loss on the seven robberies, according to a member of the firm, aggregates \$20,000.

The robbery was most daring, as this part of the city is brilliantly lighted throughout the entire night. "During the height of a terrific rainstorm, while most of the pedestrians had sought shelter, the burglars gained an entrance to the store by cutting through a steel folding gate that barred the approach to the front door, and then cut through a heavy wire screen that protected the plate glass in the front door. They then smashed the glass to reach their plunder. In cutting the wires of the screen over the window the burglars set off a burglar alarm, yet they escaped with their booty before the police or the agent of the burglar alarm company reached the scene.

CORTELYOU ANNOUNCES QUICKER MAIL SERVICE

NEW YORK-SAN FRANCISCO TIME
SHORTENED 24 HOURS

Schedule Affects All Points in the
East Having Business With Places
West of the Mississippi River.
Goes into Effect December 31

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Postmaster General Cortelyou today announced what, from a postal standpoint, is regarded as one of the most important changes in railway mail schedules that has occurred in many years, affecting all points in the east having business with points west of the Mississippi river. It becomes effective December 31.

A change of the schedule on the Union Pacific railway between Omaha and Ogden, Utah, and the Southern Pacific between Ogden and San Francisco, with supplemental changes on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and Chicago and Omaha railroads between Chicago and Omaha, reduces the time of mail in transit between New York and San Francisco westbound and between the same points eastbound practically twenty-four hours.

Heretofore, leaving New York at 3:15 a. m. Monday and Chicago at 2:45 a. m. Tuesday, reached Ogden at 3:45 a. m. Thursday and San Francisco 12:45 p. m. Friday. Under the new schedule this mail will reach Ogden at 3 p. m. Wednesday and San Francisco at 12:30 p. m. Thursday.

Under the old schedule the mail leaving San Francisco at 7 p. m. Monday passed Ogden at 8 a. m. on Wednesday, Omaha at 4 p. m. Thursday, reaching Chicago at 2:20 a. m. Friday and at New York at 4 a. m. Saturday. Under the new schedule it leaves San Francisco at 6 p. m. Monday, passing Omaha at 10:45 p. m. Wednesday, Chicago at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, arriving at New York at 11:35 a. m. Friday.

A business day is saved each way. Direct connection is made from Portland, Oregon, and Idaho points.

Connection is also made with the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad, putting mail into Los Angeles at 4:45 p. m. Friday.

RABBITS HAVE TO HURRY

President and Sons Hunt Them and
Later Mr. Roosevelt Goes
After Turkeys

By Associated Press.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 29.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt took a long horseback ride today, and Archie and Theodore, Jr., had a lively rabbit hunt. It is now said to be the president's intention to return to Washington Saturday night instead of Sunday night, as he originally intended to do.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Miss Ethel left Norfolk tonight at 8:15 o'clock on the return to Washington.

The president enjoyed a hunting trip for wild turkeys yesterday. The locality selected was on top of Green Knob, about three miles from Pine Knob. He was accompanied by Peyton Holes, Jr., a well known resident of Albemarle county, and Omo Hundro. Later in the day the two boys, Kermit and Archie, departed on a hunting trip in the neighborhood of Keene, not a great distance from Pine Knob.

ACCUSED OF LAND FRAUDS

J. C. Pettijohn of Omaha in Custody
and Other Arrests to
Follow

By Associated Press.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29.—J. C. Pettijohn, who was recently removed from the office of receiver of the Valentine land office, was arrested today upon a complaint filed by Special United States Attorney Rush by direction of the attorney general's office.

Pettijohn is charged with subornation of perjury, conspiracy in securing fraudulent land entries and unlawfully enclosing government lands. Attorney Tucker of Valentine was also arrested for illegal complicity in the land frauds. Word has also been received by the federal authorities here of the arrest of Edward Letson, son of Mayor Letson of Horton, Kas., in the same connection.

It is announced that other arrests will follow very shortly.

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Mayor Eno and Trustee Losee Arrested on Charge of Accepting Money From Pavilion Architect.

"Political Move," Say Accused Officials

Following a thorough investigation by
District Attorney John D. Fredericks
late yesterday afternoon, R. A. Eno,
Mayor of the city of Long Beach, and
J. B. Losee, one of the trustees, were
arrested on warrants sworn out by De-
tective George Longfellow, charging
them with accepting bribes.

The arrests, according to the statements of the district attorney, have been made only after a most thorough examination, and coming at this time, when the charges brought many weeks ago were thought to have been forgotten, the effect was like a thunder clap.

Long yesterday afternoon Detective Longfellow, representing the district attorney, went to Long Beach and arrested Eno. He brought him to Los Angeles to see Attorney Fredericks. At the same time Detective Campbell had taken charge of Losee and had brought him to Los Angeles.

The men were interviewed by Fredericks for more than an hour, and then for the first time they were told that they were under arrest.

Both men, however, accepted their arrests philosophically and immediately sent to Long Beach for bondsmen, who arrived late last night and secured their release from prison.

The "graft," as it is called in Long Beach, has been going on for the past six months and the complaints made cover that period of time.

The first charge against Mayor Eno and J. B. Losee was received by the architect J. S. Newman, who required to give \$300 to Eno and Losee before he was granted the contract. It is charged that the money was divided between the two men.

The next charge against the two men pertains to the same work. Shortly after the architect received the contract a contract was let by the board of trustees for building the foundation of the pavilion. Cylindrical piles were required for the basement foundation and the contract was let to Richard Loynes, upon bids and figures said to have been furnished by Losee.

Loynes sublet the contract to the American Gulf Coast Construction company, but before the work was commenced Losee is alleged to have secured a change in the specifications. In the specifications last passed on square piles were recommended instead of the round ones. This was a decrease in the cost of \$1500, but the other trustees are alleged to have never known of the change in price, while Losee is charged with having gotten a rake off of \$1000, which he is further charged with having divided with Eno. These and several other deals which are said to be hanging fire and which may involve many prominent men of Long Beach have torn the beach city asunder and instead of hoped for peace the recent troubles in which houses were blown up and people threatened seem to have begun again.

District Attorney Fredericks remained in Los Angeles last night and made further examinations in the case. Several prominent business men of Long Beach were up before him and they were closely examined.

Capt. Fredericks had little to say about the case last night. "These men have been arrested after a close investigation," he said, "on charges of accepting bribes. This is the same offense for which Ellis, Street Superintendent Werdin's clerk, was prosecuted and comes under an act of the penal code. The penalty is not more than fourteen years' imprisonment in the state prison and forfeiture of office. No jail sentence is attached to this charge."

Following their arrest last night the trustees made arrangements for spending the night in the jail should their bondsmen fail to reach the city. Support was ordered for them at one of the downtown restaurants and they dined in the prisoners' waiting room of the jail. Two comfortable beds were also prepared in case they should be compelled to spend the night in the county jail.

At 9 o'clock Justice Young was summoned and the two men were taken before him and arraigned. They were placed under \$5000 bond each and their examinations set for January 12, after which they adjourned to the justice's chambers and talked politics while waiting for the bondsmen.

The party later adjourned to the jail, where Mayor Eno made the following complete statement to a representative of The Herald:

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"It seems to me that it is shameful to allow two city officers to be subjected to such outrage. The trouble in Long Beach dates back to the early part of the summer. At that time there was a split in the party. The vital question then before the board was as to the letting of the printing contract. I and Losee voted against letting the contract to the Evening Press, while the other three trustees voted in favor of it. Then the Telegram swore out an injunction, and as I was instrumental in helping to have the injunction served on the Press I was made the object of attack. I charge A. A. Malone, formerly of the Press, with being the chief mover against me, for he it was who has been bitter against me and has been trying to do me. And further, I charge City Attorney F. A. Knight with being in league with Malone. Knight is in my estimation incompetent, and he has feared that Losee and myself would take steps against him.

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Trustee Losee made the same statement.

Both the accused are men of family and have much property in Long Beach. They are both real estate dealers and have been prominent in Long Beach social and political life for years.

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