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STRIKE BREAKS OUT IN ST. PETERSBURG

Trouble In Poland Russia Continues To Grow Larger.

POLICE MAY STRIKE AT WARSAW

Internal Dissention in Russia Breaks Out Afresh—Maxim Gorky To Be Released Under Heavy Bail—Reports Indicate Balkan War.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The strike has broken out afresh at the Putiloff iron works. All the men walked out today. The minority at first objected to a renewal of the strike, whereupon a conflict occurred between the two factions which required a strong force of police to quell. Troops have again been requisitioned to patrol the Putiloff strike zone.

Grand Duke Vladimir, commander of the military district of St. Petersburg, has issued an order of the day ordering the trial by courtmartial of Captain Davidoff, of the Seventeenth battery of the First regiment of horse artillery of the guards, and three other officers and three men of the First battery artillery brigade, in connection with the firing in the direction of Emperor Nicholas of a charge of caseshot at the ceremony of blessing the Neva Jan. 19.

The Grand Duchess Elizabeth has been appointed commander of the Fifth Kieff grenadiers in succession to the late Grand Duke Sergius.

The decision of the North Sea commission has not yet been officially made made public here, although it is understood that word has been communicated to the foreign office and amiralty. While the prevailing impression from foreign dispatches is that the Russian squadron under the circumstances was justified in firing on the trawlers, and there is consequent rejoicing over the discomfiture of the British. Another version of the verdict comes from Paris from a private source, according to which the committee found that the firing was not justified and fixed the responsibility on Admiral Rojestvensky.

It is reported that Maxim Gorky, the Russian author and leader of the reform party, who was imprisoned in connection with the rioting in St. Petersburg, will be released today on $2,500 bail.

War in the Balkans.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The latest private reports from the Caucasia say trouble has broken out at Balkanhan, near Baku. The military force of the whole region is declared to be inadequate to suppress the disorder, and a spreading of the racial contest is generally anticipated. Poti cannot be reached by telephone. Thousands of Armenians are said to be leaving Baku and Batoum. The Armenians and Mussulmans are practically in a state of open war.

Warsaw, Feb. 25.—The police of this city threaten to strike for higher pay They constitute an independent force paid by the city and receive $6 per month and their uniforms. The police subsist chiefly on money obtained from other sources. They will present formal demands for an increase of pay to the chief of police tomorrow.

The operating departments of the Warsaw division of the St. Petersburg railway struck but the train service is maintained with the aid of the army railroad corps.

The Vienna and Vistula railroad continues tied up. The military occupy the gas works the employes of which threaten to strike tonight.

A policeman was shot and killed by a student in a disturbance at the Vienna railroad station today. The police attempted to disperse the great crowds which had gathered there and arrested a student. The mob tried to rescue him, and a policeman drew his sword, whereupon a student killed him and disappeared in the crowd.

Cossacks and infantrymen are guarding the telegraph lines of the Warsaw and St. Petersburg railroad fearing that the strikers will cut off communication between the two cities. The mails from Warsaw to Lodz, a distance of 60 miles, have to be delivered in carts.

Railroad strikers of Lodz are coming here to attend a conference with the strikers of Warsaw are obliged to travel by road.

NEWS FROM MANCHURIA.

Reports Say Both Armies Are Constantly Shelling Each Other.

Tokio, Feb. 25.—Manchurian reports to the army department say that the shelling of points in the vicinity of the Shakhe river and collisions between scouting parties of both armies, continued on Feb. 22 and Feb. 23. Commencing at 1 o'clock on Feb. 23, a Russian battery of heavy guns posted west of Litajentun begun shelling Lapatai and its vicinity.

Mukden, Feb. 25.—A daring Russian raiding party under command of Colonel Stensmidt completely destroyed with explosives the bridge south of Hai Cheng, about 10 miles east of New Chwang, Feb. 21, blowing up 70 feet of it.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—A telegram from Huan mountain, Manchuria, dated today, says

"The Russian reconnaisance in force in the Tsinkhetchen district compelled the Japanese to bring nine battalions and 12 guns into action. The gradual advance of the Japanese in that district continues, causing our outposts to withdraw fighting to their main positions.

"On Feb. 22 we had two officers and 62 men wounded.

"All is quiet elsewhere at the front, with the exception of the usual exchange of shots."

Genreal Kuropatkin in a dispatch dated Feb. 23, sends a report that 2 Japanese torpedo boats and a large warship are on their way to Vladivostok.

TUNNEL THROUGH ALPS DONE.

Work Has Been In Progress for Ten Years—Will Open March 20.

Gondo, Switzerland, Feb. 25.—Piercing of the Simplon tunnel through the Alps was completed at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The work was commenced in 1895.

The meeting of the two boring parties—Swiss and Italian—was signalled throughout the Switzerland by ringing of church bells and salutes by cannon.

Many unexpected obstacles were encountered, the most serious being Hot Springs, which threatened to wreck the whole enterprise, and a temperature which at one time rose to 131 degrees Fahrenheit, making a continuance of the work impossible until the workers found means of cooling the atmosphere.

Now that the borers have met it will enable the water accumlated in the north gallery to be drawn off.

The work of preparing the tunnel for a permanent way will be pushed as rapidly as possible and it is hoped to inaugurate the tunnel about March 20.

TO PUSH IROQUOIS CASE.

Lawyer Going to New York to Get Evidence.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—"If I live to return from New York, I shall bring back a copy of the $300,000 Iroquois theater contract signed by Klaw & Erlanger, and the evidence introduced by the defense in the libel suit against Life.

This evidence I shall present to the grand jury."

This is the statement made by Attorney H. M. Shabad, of the Iroquois Memorial association, who will start for New York Thursday. He will give what testimony he already has to the grand jury.

Shabad, who lost two children in the fire, intimates that he believes that emissaries of theatrical men are "shadowing" him.

Deal Summarily with Negro.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 25.—Last night four persons supposed to be negroes, went to the house of J. W Craig, a negro, in Carroll county, Tennessee, took him to the woods and gate him a terrible beating. Craig says his assailants were negroes Craig is a peaceable negro, and there is no known cause for the attack.

COMMITTEE WOULD MEET DURING RECESS

To Regulate Railroad Rates and Report Next Session.

NO MORE FLOWER FOR SENATORS

The House Busy Considering the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, While the Senate Is Still Debating Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today agreed to report a resolution asking that the committee be authorized to sit during the recess of congress and take testimony for the purpose of preparing some measure for the regulation of railroad rates.

A subcommittee consisting of senators Foraker, Kean and Carmack met immediately and drafted the resolution.

It provides that the full committee or quorum of the committee meets immediately after adjournment of the present session and at the convenience of the committee report to the next session.

In the Senate.

The senate began proceedings today by adopting a resolution reported by Mr. Lodge from the committee on rules, directing the sergeant at arms not to permit flowers to be brought into the senate chamber. The senate then took up the naval appropriation bill to secure at this time action on the provisions to which there is no objection.

The reading of the naval bill had not been completed when 10 minutes before 12 o'clock Mr. Beveridge was recognized to renew his motion for the appointment of the conferees on the joint statehood bill. There was at the time no objection to the motion, but Mr. Teller said that he would desire 15 minutes' time to state some facts which had recently come to his attention regarding conditions in the Indian Territory.

In the House.

After passing a number of bills the house sent the Panama canal bill, as amended, to conference, and began consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. Four hours for general debate was allowed.

OBJECTS TO RETURNING FLAGS.

Delaware Grand Army Post Wants President to Veto Measure.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 25.—Admiral Samual F. Dupont post, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, has adopted resolutions protesting against the joint resolution adopted by the house of representatives at Washington last Tuesday providing for the return to the respective states to which they are accredited of battle flags captured during the civil war now in custody of the war department.

Adjutant Litzenburg, of Dupont post, is instructed to communicate with the president and urge him not to approve the house resolution, should it be concurred in by the senate.

Killed By Falling Shed.

Thomasville, Ga., Feb. 25.—Clifton Bird, a 9-year-old boy, was killed here by a cow shelter collapsing on him. He hung a swing from the rafters of the shed and was swinging when the entire building fell down, killing him instantly and badly mutilating him. The boy was in the second grade of the public schools and was very popular with both his playmates and his teachers. His father, Oscar Bird, is a well to-do citizen.

Guilty of Killing Mother.

Auburn, Cal., Feb. 25.—Adolph Weber, son of Julius Weber, the wealthy retired brewer, has been convicted of the murder of his mother. The jury was out 15 hours before reaching a verdict. Young Weber was indicted in November, 1904, for the murder of his father, mother, brother and sister but the charge of killing his mother was the one upon which he was convicted. Young Weber has had his case postponed from time to time. The prisoner kept his mother and three sisters in the house.

NEGRO KILLS TWO WOMEN.

His wife and Mother-in-Law Are His Victims—Escapes Lynching.

Atlanta, Feb. 25.—When Frank Strong, a negro who lives at 57 Old Wheat street, was carried to the police barracks yesterday morning about 2 o'clock, covered with blood, and an ax, red with blood, was carried with him, he stood charged with one of the most brutal murders ever committed in the city. In fact, it will probably be a double murder, for his second victime now lies at the Grady hospital in a dying condition. The woman he killed was Ella Johnson, the mother of his wife, and the woman who is dying is his wife.

Strong assaulted the two women as they lay in bed together. He was angry because his wife had left home, and he went to the house where she and her mother were asleep and had with him a heavy and keen-edged ax which had recently been sharpened.

When he was near the bedside of the women he began to strike them on the head, in the face and about the body with his murderous weapon. The women screamed until their cries were silenced by the falling ax, which each time drank blood.

When the police arrived on the scene a crowd of angry negroes were preparing to lynch the murderer, and the officers had no little trouble in rescuing the prisoner.

At the police barracks, just after his arrest, Strong seemed to be dazed and he looked like a man who had been through some terrible ordeal, and was just recovering from its effects. When asked about his crime, he said in a disconnected way:

"Yes, I hit them with the ax. I just kept on hitting them until they stopped hollering. I did it because my wife didn't treat me right."

BIG IRRIGATION DAM.

Bids Being Submitted to Construct One to Reclaim Arid Lands.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 25.—Bids for the construction of the Roosevelt dam, under the provisions of the reclamation law, have been opened here.

There were 21 bids submitted, ranging between that of John M. O'Rourke and company, of Galveston, of $1,147,000 and the American Construction company of Denver, at $2,444,800. Several were at sums less than a million and a quarter.

O'Rourke demanded two years for the construction, while Roderick & Ward, of St. Louis, bid $1,187,000 and agree to finish the work in 17 months. Under the specifications any delay in the construction over the time stipulated in the successful bid subjects the constructor to a $250 day penalty.

TEXAN FACES MURDER CHARGE.

Claims To Be the Last Survivor of Custer's Force at Little Big Horn.

New York, Feb. 25.—William McGee an ex-soldier, and former resident of Texas, who claims to be the only member in the Little Big Horn, has been placed on trial here on the charge of killing Frank Mitchell last December.

McGee boarded with the Mitchells and the men quarreled over the proper method of concocting a kidney cure. Marshal was stabbed with a kitchen knife, and McGee surrendered to the police upon learning of his death.

Fell Dead as He Danced.

New York, Feb. 25.—To the strains of a patriotic waltz, and with the words of the song ringing from a hundred merrymakers, Philip Buchelle, 61 years old, danced to his death. Buchelle and his wife, Mary, attended a ball at Ehling's Casino, in honor of George Washington's birthday. As they started in the final waltz Buchelle threw up his hands and fell to the floor. When Dr. Horse, of Lebanon hospital, came he pronounced the man dead of heart disease.

Clyde Liner Carib Goes Ashore.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 25.—The Clyde line steamer Carib, Captain Chichester, from New York, arrived here 24 hours overdue. She encountered rough weather and went ashore in a heavy fog while proceeding up the river last night. She subsequently floated on high tide and proceeded with no damage.

MISSISSIPPI CAPITAL MAY HAVE LYNCHING

Young White Woman Victim of Brutal Assault.

EXCITEMENT AT A WHITE HEAT

Governor Vardaman Orders Out Militia and Is Personally in Command. Mob Listened to His Appeal in Silence—Negro Church Is Burned.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 25.—The excitement aroused late last night over the assault on Miss Mamie Marsh by a negro, continued today, its effect being heightened by the burning of a negro church early today.

The flames are believed to have been of incendiary origin.

A negro with blood on his clothing and scratches on his face has been arrested, and the police believe they have the right man. The negro has been put in the city jail, which is surrounded by the local company of militia, called out last night by Governor Vardaman.

It is thought the negro will be taken before Miss Marsh some time during the day, should her condition permit, for identification.

The city is apparently quiet, but there is much suppressed excitement.

While hundreds of white men are systematically searching the homes of every negro in the city, hunting for a negro man who assaulted the young white woman, with the avowed intention of burning him to death, Governor Vardamen is working hard to prevent a lynching in the capital of the state.

When the news of the crime reached him the governor sent his friends all over the town as emissaries of law and order, telling them to plead with every man they met to allow the law to take its course. Then he started on a personal campaign. Charging up and down the main street he expostulated with every group of men on the corners and used every argument at his command to induce them to disperse. The governor soon saw his efforts were likely to prove unavailing, and finally went with the rapidly increasing mob to the court house, where, according to rumors, the young woman's assailant was under guard.

The reports were unfounded but the mob refused to believe the sheriff, and began making demonstrations.

Governor Vardaman, after instructing the sheriff and his deputies to defend the prisoner to the last, if he should be brought to them, mounted the steps and began an impassioned address. He declared the law provided fit and proper punishment for the crime in question, assure the citizens of Jackson that there would be no delay in carrying into effect, and pleaded with them to allow the law to take its course.

The governor offered to pay $500 for the arrest of the negro, provided he was delivered alive to the authorities. His appeal was listened to in silence.

The local military company has been ordered out and under the governor's personal direction will be used to protect the prisoner, if he is captured.

Miss Mamie March was going home from the state house when she was seized from behind by a negro and dragged into a yard of a residence. She was beaten into insensibility and may die from her injuries.

BRIDEGROOM HANGS HIMSELF.

His Sister-in-Law Laughed and Offered Him a Rope.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 25.—Michael Pangonix, a young baker, who had been married but a few months, hanged himself in his woodshed after a bitter quarrel with his bride and her sister. His brief marriage life had been rather stormy, and when he anounced that he would hang himself his sister-in-law burst out laughing and got a clothes line, which she handed to him, telling him he could not do it too quickly.

Pangonix declined the rope, but went out to the shed and, cutting enough strands of skin from a frozen half cow, made a rope and hanged himself to a rafter.