

A RIOT IN ST. PETERSBURG

Cossacks and Police Required to Disperse the Crowds.

The Russian Students Started the Trouble in the Kazan Cathedral—Count Tolstoy's Excommunication Among the Causes of the Outbreak.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—The students planned a great demonstration in front of Kazan Cathedral yesterday, the occasion being the anniversary of the suicide in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul of a girl student who was accused of a political offense.

An immense crowd gathered expectantly, but the troops and police present outnumbered them. Some thoroughfares were barred and many shops and residences were compelled to keep their windows closed. The officers kept the people moving continually. Many arrests were made, several of the prisoners resisting. Some of those taken into custody were students and teachers in the higher grade girls' schools.

The Cossacks, in driving the crowds, used their whips freely and this caused deep anger. The consequences would have been serious had it not been for the enormous display of force. The correspondents of the "Times" and "Telegraph" describe Sunday's disorders on the Nevsky Prospekt as serious and as very like a revolutionary riot. As at Moscow and elsewhere, many workmen joined the students.

The trouble began at noon and continued to midnight. It required two regiments of Cossacks, a squadron of lancers, and all the mounted and unmounted police of the capital to quell the trouble.

The causes of the unrest, which are altogether unusual, seem to lie in the recent regulations reviving the control of the students, issued by the late M. Bogolepoff, Minister of Public Instruction, who died a few days ago from the effects of a revolver wound inflicted by Peter Karpovich, and the excommunication of Count Tolstoy.

The other day several hundred students made a protest against the excommunication, and petitioned the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg to excommunicate them also. The petition was unnoticed and on Sunday the students, for the purpose of showing that they no longer desired to belong to the Orthodox Church, assembled before the Kazan Cathedral shouting, laughing, smoking, whistling, and pelting the holy pictures while the priests were preparing the elements for mass.

The congregation indignantly tried to drive the students out, and a general fight resulted. One of the lawless raised a sacred banner and battered a number of the congregation with the pole. The rioters were eventually expelled and the scene of disturbance was removed to the street. There the crowd was already enormous.

As the rioters poured from the cathedral some unknown person threw out a quantity of revolutionary leaflets. Some of these contained such phrases as "Long live liberty and free government!" "Down with the Czar!" "Down with the rotten officials!" Then a red flag was produced bearing an inscription calling for the abolition of the regulations against the students, whereby they are subject to being sent to the army as punishment.

An attempt on the part of a police officer to seize the flag was the signal for a fight to begin. The Cossacks charged the crowd, and were met with a shower of stones. The officer at their head was seriously wounded by a piece of iron, and fell from his horse. Thereupon all his men, seeing the impossibility of riding down the crowd, dismounted and attacked the mob with their whips.

Most of the students fought with sticks. Many were seriously injured both among the soldiers and students. Several faces were cut open by the whips of the Cossacks. An old woman was crushed and a little child was killed. Some reports state that several other persons were killed. The fight lasted nearly an hour.

The Cossacks reared up and down the pavement of the Nevsky Prospekt, driving innocent and guilty in all directions. They finally succeeded in spitting the mob into several bodies, which they chased into neighboring courts. Several subsequent attempts to reassemble were made, but the troops and police were able to disperse the crowds.

About 800 students were arrested. These are being examined personally by the Minister of Justice and the Director of Police.

Further disorders are expected. The Kazan Quay, the Nevsky Prospekt, and the neighboring streets have the appearance of large mansions are occupied by troops. At 10 o'clock at night the Cossacks were still riding the pavements to clear them of crowds.

**TOLSTOY'S WIFE ARRESTED.**  
The Countess Sends a Scathing Letter to the Holy Synod.  
LONDON, March 18.—Mail advices from Moscow, dated March 11, have been received here, to the effect that Count Leo Tolstoy received the news of his excommunication without complaint. He was, however, said to have written a striking letter to the procurator of the Holy Synod and the Metropolitan Hilary, protesting against the synod's action. The countess declares that her indignation and grief are great, and says:

"Not that, owing to this document, the spiritual death of my husband follows. It is God's concern, not men's. The life of the soul, thank heaven, is not within the jurisdiction of the powers that be, but when I see this excommunication issued and established by Christ in order to follow the solemn acts of man's life—birth, marriage, and death—whose mission is to proclaim the law of charity, the remission of sin, and the love of our enemies, whose duty toward all is to pray for all, then I am at a loss to understand."

HOW RUSSIA WILL RULE.

Details of the Proposed Manchurian Government Regulations.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 18.—The "Jiji" prints the following details of the propositions for the Russian control of Manchuria, obtained from most reliable sources by its Peking correspondent. The Russo-Chinese secret agreement, it says, provides for the nominal restoration of Manchuria to China when peace is declared, but Russian troops and troops are to be stationed in China these troops are to be dispatched to assist the Chinese Government. In the event of the Chinese wishing to station her own troops in Manchuria she must first refer the matter to Russia. The importation of arms and ammunition into Manchuria by China is prohibited.

The local officials are to be appointed by Russia and no other foreigners than Russians are to be appointed to these positions. Chinese forces, army and navy, in northern China are to be drilled by no foreigners than Russians. A system of self-government shall be proclaimed at Kinchow.

For further details of the proposed government see our special report under the heading "Russia in the East." The local officials are to be appointed by Russia and no other foreigners than Russians are to be appointed to these positions.

**STUDENTS IN A FIGHT.**  
A Serious Disturbance in the Budapest University.

BUDAPEST, March 18.—A somewhat serious riot occurred at the university here today, arising from a Government order that the regulation that no crucifix shall be displayed in State institutions must be complied with.

When the lecture-rooms were opened this morning, the students found that crucifixes had been nailed to the walls. A section of the students began to remove them, and the removal of the crucifixes was followed by a fight which resulted in many of the students being wounded.

**ENGLAND'S NAVAL WORK.**  
Delays in Shipbuilding Cause Concern.

LONDON, March 18.—In the House of Commons this evening Arnold Forster, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, in introducing the naval estimates, which were mainly detailed in the statement of the Lord Admiral, the gentleman of the Admiralty, on March 12, announced that the Admiralty had removed from the navy list sixteen vessels carrying muzzles-loading guns.

**CHEERS FOR THE BOERS.**  
The English Special Mission Hooted by Paris Boers.

PARIS, March 18.—The British special mission, headed by Earl Carrington, formally to communicate to the French Government the facts of the death of Queen Victoria and the accession of King Edward VII. arrived here this afternoon.

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The situation around the station is unchanged, although all is disquieting. It is possible that the French troops will interfere in the quarrel in spite of the efforts of their officers to preserve neutrality.

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Memphis, Ind., Completely Destroyed by an Uncontrollable Fire.

LOUISVILLE, March 18.—Late reports tonight state that Memphis, Ind., was entirely wiped out by a fire this evening. Only ashes and a few smoldering ruins being left to mark the spot where the town once stood. In all, sixty-five houses were burned, leaving about 200 people homeless. The total loss will reach \$200,000, with small insurance.

The confuagration started in the barber shop of David Cass, and with a strong south wind blowing, everything was swept before it. Several people had to flee for their lives, but no one was hurt.

**FAVORING AN ACCEPTANCE.**  
The Cuban Newspapers Taking a New Attitude.

HAVANA, March 18.—The convention committee on relations held a private session today and considered a proposal offered by Senator Tamayo reaffirming his previous report to the convention, which, in addition to ending the blockade of the United States for cooling relations, accented that the United States should agree to relations to the United States to reserve order, this to take place when the Cuban Government requests it on a serious outbreak in the island.

**GOLD DEMOCRATS BEATEN.**  
Bryan's Supporters Control the Nebraska City Convention.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 18.—The Democratic election primaries held in various parts of the State resulted in an unusual number of free fights. In thirteen so far one man has been killed and thirteen or fourteen wounded.

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MINE LEADERS MAY WAIT

Opposition to a Strike Strong in Many Quarters.

President Mitchell and His Associates, It Is Thought, Will Postpone the Struggle With the Operators—The Situation Still Uncertain.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 18.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, has been so seriously indisposed for the last twenty-four hours that the conference announced to take place between himself and the district presidents today was postponed until tomorrow.

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