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SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic

Friday, December 22, 1905.

THE WEATHER.

Slightly Cooler.

For St. Louis and Vicinity—Partly cloudy Friday; slightly cooler, with northwest winds.

For Missouri—Fair Friday, and Saturday also fair.

Yesterday's Conditions.

Weather—Slight rain in forenoon; clear in afternoon. Temperature—Maximum, 40 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees. Wind—Direction, west in forenoon; southwest in afternoon; maximum velocity, 20 miles per hour. Precipitation—At 7 a. m., .11. Humidity—Maximum, 95 per cent at 7 a. m. Stage of the river, 6.2 at 7 a. m.

Sunrise, 7:15; sunset, 4:41; length of day, 9:27; moon rises, 2:05, new moon, December 23.

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Forecast for Near-By States.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:

Eastern Texas—Generally fair Friday and Saturday, variable winds.

Illinois—Partly cloudy Friday. Saturday, fair, fresh west to northwest winds.

Nebraska—Generally fair Friday and Saturday.

Indiana—Partly cloudy Friday, except snow in northeast portion. Saturday, fair; fresh west to northwest winds.

Arkansas—Partly cloudy Friday. Saturday, fair.

Iowa—Fair Friday and Saturday.

Kansas—Partly cloudy and colder Friday; rain in southeast; rain or snow in southwest portion. Saturday, fair.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Rain or snow and colder Friday. Saturday, fair.

Western Texas—Fair Friday, preceded by snow in the Panhandle. Saturday, fair.

FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

SENATE REOPENS OLD FEUD WITH WHITE HOUSE

Revolts Against the Executive's Assumption of Full Authority in Panama Canal Matters.

MEANS TO TAKE THE REINS.

Demands That President Come Forward With Full Statement of Expeditures and Other Details.

"EXECUTIVE USURPATIONS."

Republican Leaders Do Not Hesitate to Criticize Roosevelt on Every Possible Occasion—Breach Widens.

SPOONER'S ALARM OVER EXECUTIVE USURPATION.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Spooner of Wisconsin made stinging remarks in the open Senate on Tuesday upon the theme of "Executive Usurpation," when he said:

"The only fear I have ever entertained for the future of our Government has arisen from apparent toleration, or encouragement, to invasions by one department of the Government of the functions of another—in the nation or in the States.

"There seems to be a popular complaisance upon the subject, or an indifference of public opinion, which bodes no good, throughout the country. It is a tendency to be resisted, not encouraged.

"When, by passive acquiescence, the execution of the law is practically combined with the making of the law, the structure in its completeness, and as the fathers made it, is destroyed and the distinction between it and a monarchy is largely obliterated."

The Republic Bureau,
Wyatt Building, 14th and F Streets.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate's sudden revolt yesterday in executive session on Panama Canal affairs creates the first open sore of this Congress in the old feud between the White House and the Senate, a feud that already has had several acute chapters since Roosevelt became President.

All along the plea of the President has been that building the canal is an executive job and that the Congress should keep hands off. The Senate has served notice on the President that it means to take the reins and drive for a while.

The President is requested, through his various subordinates to whom the canal enterprise has been intrusted, to come forward with itemized statements of expenditures and full explanations as to the personnel and the qualifications of the canal staff.

The developments of yesterday were emphasized by what was learned to-day of the Senate's proceedings in another short executive session. Senators on both sides of the chamber bluntly said that it was time to stop the business of confirming appointments in a perfunctory manner. Senator Millard of Nebraska, chairman of the Senate Committee on Interoceanic Canals, who reported the nominations of the Isthmian Commissioners before they had been considered in committee, was severely taken to task. All the canal nominations, including that of Joseph B. Bishop to be commissioner, are sent back, with instructions that they be given the fullest consideration in committee.

SENATORS UNANIMOUS.

The significance of the Senate's action lies in that the movement did not come from Democrats or from a few Republicans, but was taken unanimously. Moreover, as to the Senate's general protest, this is openly voiced by such conspicuous Republicans as Spooner of Wisconsin, Hale of Maine and Kittredge of South Dakota, the best-posted man in the Senate on Isthmian subjects. Spooner already this session has begun making speeches on "executive usurpations."

Hale, whose rugged independence is rapidly establishing for himself a place of infinite respect in the Senate as the legitimate successor of the late Senator Hoar, is a persistent critic of the White House.

Another equally conspicuous Republican Senator, after the executive session today, expressed his mind by declaring that the President "can't dig the canal by reciting the Ten Commandments."

Senators quite willingly admit that possibly interference by Congress in canal administration may delay the enterprise. But they also say that there is such a thing as too much haste, especially in a Government undertaking. They say that it will be enough if the Nation stays true to the old adage that the Government builds slowly but builds well.

The situation now goes over until after the holidays. Meantime, there will be conferences on programme among the Senators and between them and the President. When the Senate meets again the canal investigation will be promptly begun.

TO MOVE FROM TOOLHOUSE.

A. L. Carter, Columbia Student, Finds Rich Friend.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 21.—A. L. Carter, the poor Columbia Mo., student, who has been living in a stonecutter's toolhouse ever since he came to New York, will hereafter be housed comfortably.

Mr. Carter is a graduate of the University of Missouri. To perfect his education he came to New York. The position of night librarian at Columbia University, which pays him $30 a month, was his only financial resource.

In C. S. Anderson, a rich real-estate dealer of No. 34 West Sixty-eighth street, who read how Carter had been compelled by the pinch of poverty to establish his quarters in the toolhouse, offered the young student room and board in one of his bachelor apartments at No. 22 West Sixtieth street, free of charge.

When found engrossed in his duties in the university library to-night the young man hesitated, but after no small amount of persuasion he said that he would accept.

POLICE RAID SUNDAY CLUBS IN WEST END

Attaches Five Liquor-Dispensing Institutions Are Arrested by Officers of the Eighth District.

TWO MINORS ARE TAKEN IN.

General Charge Made Against Defendants in All Cases Is Selling Liquor Without License.

CRUSADE TO BE CONTINUED.

Following Orders From Governor Folk, Police Become Active—Mulvihill Co-operating With Police Department.

"CLUBS" RAIDED BY POLICE: THOSE WHO WERE HELD.

Central Club, No. 2014 Walnut street; Charles Harris arrested.

Modern Horseshoe Club, No. 2709 Chestnut street; four arrested; Charles Johnson and Griff Harrison held.

Pickwick Club, No. 2152 Locust street; four men taken to station; Harry Hart and Thomas Lynch held.

Occidental Club, No. 3127 Locust street; George Massey and Herman Wassersleben held, with two boys who are under age.

West End Business Men's Club, No. 2301 Olive street; George Coke arrested.

Bartender T. Gentle of the Arcade Club, No. 3325 Morgan street, was also arrested on a charge of selling liquor without a license.

The campaign against "clubs" in St. Louis was begun in good earnest last night, when, acting under orders from Chief Kiely, the police of the Eighth District raided five so-called establishments, arresting the proprietor of one, the bartender at another, and the secretaries at two others, besides fifteen others found in various places raided.

The "clubs" raided last night were the Occidental, No. 3127 Locust street; the West St. Louis Business Men's Mutual Benevolent Association, No. 2301 Olive street; the Pickwick Club, No. 2152 Locust street, and the Modern Horse-Shoe Club, a negro resort, at No. 2709 Chestnut street.

At the Arcade Club, No. 3325 Morgan street, the bartender, Ted Gentle, was arrested.

The raids were made from the Eighth District, which started out on the quest simultaneously, at 7 o'clock last night. One squad was in charge of Sergeant Hall and included Detectives Burke, Lynch and Nally. The other, in charge of Sergeant Driscoll, was composed of Patrolmen McCormick and Dundon and Detective Viehle.

The first patrol wagon arrived at the station at 9:30 o'clock, when Sergeant Hall's squad brought in the fruits of the raid on the Occidental Club. The prisoners arrested at this resort were: George Massey, the bartender and alleged proprietor; Fred G. Barrett, Henry Fischel, Glen Gossard, Neil Nelson, Henry Wasserleben, Thomas Conley, aged 16, and Noel Witchrow, a bellboy, 17 years old.

The haul at the West St. Louis Business Men's Mutual Benevolent Association was not so large, the following being the arrests: George Coke, bartender; Edward Hendricks, Harry Blattner, James Powers, M. L. O'Donnell. These prisoners were brought in by Sergeant Driscoll's squad.

The dragnet cast by Sergeant Hall's squad at the Pickwick Club resulted in even fewer arrests, only Harry Horricks, said to be the secretary of the club, and Thomas Lynch, being found there.

The fourth resort to be raided was the negro Modern Horse-Shoe Club, at No. 2709 Chestnut street, where Sergeant Driscoll's squad arrested Ollie Jackson, the secretary, and Morris Sear, Charles Johnson and Mr. Griffin, or Harrison.

The prisoners were held at the district station, the charges placed against Massey, Coke, Horricks and Jackson being that of selling liquor without a license. Against Massey, at whose place the two minors were arrested, an additional charge of selling liquor to minors was placed.

The men found in the resorts were held as witnesses by Lieutenant O'Brien of the Eighth District, who executed the order received last night from Chief Kiely to raid every fake club in the district and to arrest everyone found in the resorts.

The two squads were sent out later in the evening to make further raids.

MULVIHILL CO-OPERATING.

Excise Commissioner Mulvihill is co-operating with the Police Department in the crusade against the "clubs." There is every indication that the "did-lifters" will be the subject of thorough and far-reaching investigation, and that all fake "clubs" which have been established to take the places of saloons, or as a means of getting around the provisions of the Sunday closing regulations, will be raided until they have been forced to quit business.

Governor Folk's letter to President Stewart of the Board of Police Commissioners and to Excise Commissioner Mulvihill was the first step in the movement which set the official ball rolling.

The order of Chief Kiely to his Captains is sufficiently plain to betoken the active and energetic efforts of the department to immediately begin the work of wiping out the fake "clubs."

Mr. Mulvihill said yesterday that the raiding business would begin immediately and be continued until a stop had been put to the operations of the "clubs" which are conducting a liquor business seven days in the week without pretense of a license from the city.

The charge against those who are arrested in the raids which began last night will be selling liquor without a license, and prosecutions will be made in the regular manner in the Court of Criminal Correction.

In the order which Chief Kiely issues to the Captains, it is stated that it makes no difference on what day of the week the establishments are found open. Whether it be Sunday or a weekday makes no difference, according to the order of the Chief, and any establishment found in operation which, in the estimation of the Captain, is not a bona fide club, will be subject to a raid.

WELL-KNOWN DETECTIVE SUSPENDED UNDER CHARGES.

DETECTIVE R. LEE KILLIAN,
Suspended by Chief Desmond to answer charges of conduct unbecoming an officer.

WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND IN VAT?

Corpse Recovered From Medical Institution Not That of Wealthy Carpenter.

M'CARTHY IS IN CALIFORNIA.

Dead Man Is Now Supposed to Be H. E. McDowell—Mystery of Bank Books Remains Unsolved.

A sensational development in the case of H. E. McCarthy, whose body was supposed to have been pickled in a vat at the American Medical College, Jefferson and Adams avenues, is reported from the home of the wealthy carpenter in Selins Grove, Pa.

It was learned yesterday that the real H. E. McCarthy is at Los Angeles, Cal. The rare case of mistaken identity is the result of an alleged robbery the masquerading of the supposed thief under the victim's name, and the strange discovery of the subterfuge, through the accidental conversation of William Ambruster, a local undertaker, with a workman at the World's Fair grounds.

From the information which reached St. Louis yesterday it appears that H. E. McCarthy, worth several thousand dollars, was robbed during a trip through the Western States, and his traveling bag, containing his personal effects, including his bank book, taken.

A notification of the bank followed and a duplicate book was sent to McCarthy, with the assurance that the bank would be on the lookout for any forged drafts from the robber.

The finding of the belongings of the man who died as a result of a fall at the World's Fair grounds was the first news of the whereabouts of the missing bank book since the robbery.

William Ambruster said last night that the body was still at his undertaking-room, awaiting disposition by the authorities. He said that a man who gave the name of Michael Denton and whom he believed to be an officer, identified the body as that of Harry E. McDowell late in the afternoon.

C. B. North, cashier of the First National Bank at Selins Grove, Pa., communicated with the local authorities and furnished the evidence which proved that the dead man is not the real McCarthy and that he was the unlawful possessor of the real McCarthy's effects.

A full description of the remaining effects of the dead man has been forwarded to McCarthy at Los Angeles. It is expected that with McCarthy's information as to the time of the alleged robbery and the complete identification of the stranger, who is said to be H. E. McDowell, the mystery of the missing bag and bank books will be cleared up.

In case friends or relatives of the dead man do not claim his remains within a few days his body will be reconsigned to the Anatomical Board, and probably returned to the American Medical College, from where it was taken.

LODGE MAY EXPEL MEMBER.

Supreme Court Upholds Action of St. Louis Orders.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 21.—It was held by the Supreme Court to-day that after a man had a fair trial in a fraternal order and the order found from the facts that the person was a detriment to the order, then the person could be expelled for the good of lodge or society.

This was held in the case of Francis Metausek vs. the Roman Catholic Union of St. Louis and the Bohemian Central Union, joint fraternal orders.

Matausek was ousted from the society and from the Catholic Union on complaints of members of the order after he had received a trial by the lodge.

He brought mandamus proceedings against the orders, asking to be reinstated. The lower court ruled against him and the decision was sustained by the Supreme Court.

PANAMA CANAL BILL IS SIGNED.

Shaw Says No Immediate Issue of Bonds Is Contemplated.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt to-day signed the bill passed by Congress appropriating $11,000,000 for the Panama Canal.

This is the first law created by the present Congress.

Secretary Shaw to-day stated that, although the bill perfected the legislation relating to the sale of Panama bonds and makes it possible to issue them at any time, the Treasury Department does not contemplate an immediate issue. At present conditions for an issue are not as favorable as they are likely to be later on. An immediate sale would withdraw money from channels of trade where it is now needed to the amount of the issue.

KIELY'S HEAD IS NOW EXPECTED TO FALL MONDAY

Formal Charges Against the Chief Probably Will Be Preferred After Dorsey Trial To-Day.

SCOURING CITY FOR WITNESS.

Board Members in Conference With Desmond for Ten Hours, Adjourned at 1 O'Clock This Morning.

CREECY APPEARS FAVORITE.

Kiely Will Have Forty-Eight Hours in Which to Answer Charges Before He Can Be Removed.

MARONEY SAYS HARMONY PREVAILS IN THE BOARD.

Vice President Andrew C. Maroney of the Board of Police Commissioners said last night:

"There is perfect harmony in the board. All the members, without exception, are acting together and along the same lines. There is no truth to the rumor that there is friction between any of the members or between the President and the members."

This statement was in reply to a question which was prompted by the rumor that President Stewart, Commissioners Fristoe and Jones had lined up in opposition to Commissioner Maroney, and that there was danger of a decisive split in the board over procedure in the present investigation.

In general the police situation remains as it did a week ago. With the exception that the formal change in the head of the department is not to be made to-day, the forecast as made by The Republic Tuesday morning stands. This was to the effect that Chief Kiely would go and that Captain Creecy of the Seventh District would in all likelihood be his successor.

Monday now seems to be the time limit for these changes to occur, together with other radical developments in the department.

Chief of Police Kiely will not be removed or reduced at the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to be held to-day. The reason is that, under the rules of the board, notice of charges must be preferred and served on Chief Kiely. He then has forty-eight hours in which to make answer and stand trial.

This notice has not yet been given to Chief Kiely by the board, and will not be until after the hearing of the charges against Sergeant Dorsey and Detective Tom Kiely, which are set for to-day's meeting.

In this connection it is confidently stated that Chief Kiely has not resigned his position, although it is stated that Commissioner Fristoe denies the statement attributed to him that Chief Kiely had not and would not resign.

After conferences that lasted ten hours the Board of Police Commissioners last night caused the detective department to be set to work to find a certain witness wanted for the meeting to-day.

At 1 o'clock this morning, when Commissioner Maroney, who was acting President in the absence of President Stewart, left Four Courts Chief Desmond instructed his men to "stick out all night if necessary" to find the man wanted for the board meeting.

The board met in executive session at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon with Messrs. Maroney, Jones and Fristoe in attendance.

President Stewart was not present, being called to a meeting of the Board of Health.

Chief Desmond was called into the conference.

Chief Kiely was not present.

At 9 o'clock, after six hours' deliberations, Commissioners Jones and Fristoe went home, leaving Mr. Maroney with Chief Desmond. They were in constant communication with detectives in various parts of the city, but neither would tell who is being sought as a witness, nor for what purpose.

MULDER MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

Springfield, Mo., Coroner Fails to Discover Kinney's Assassin.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 21.—The murder of T. M. Kinney, a tailor, killed Wednesday night as he was entering his own yard, still remains a mystery. One arrest has been made.

At the Coroner's inquest this afternoon no important facts were brought out that would throw any light on the mystery. The Coroner's Jury was dismissed until to-morrow, when further investigation will be made.

At the inquest members of the Kinney family testified that a report of a pistol and groans, which they recognized as their father's, brought them to his side, but the wounded man was unconscious and died in a very few minutes.

DISORDERS AT SHANGHAI ARE APPARENTLY QUELLED.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.—Order has been restored here.

The Viceroy to-day settled the mixed court dispute, and the court will reopen to-morrow. American, British, German, Italian and Japanese sailors are guarding the foreign concession, and mounted volunteers are patrolling the roads outside the city.

An attack on the waterworks yesterday evening was easily repulsed.

SHANGHAI SITUATION NORMAL.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The State Department has a cablegram from Shanghai reporting that the situation there is normal; that 1,500 sailors, marines and volunteers are guarding the streets, the Viceroy has returned, and the mixed court probably will reopen on Saturday.

MAINE'S GOVERNOR TALKS TO ST. LOUIS NEW ENGLANDERS.

—Portrait by Strauss.
GOVERNOR WILLIAM T. COBB,
Of Maine, who spoke before the New England Society of St. Louis last night.

LAWSON'S TACTICS ARE BEWILDERING.

Assignment or Coup of Millions Would Not Surprise Boston Financiers—Issues Ambiguous Statement.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—State street puzzled itself to-day over "tissue" statements signed by T. W. Lawson, one to the effect that people should keep their eyes on coppers to-day, for if they rose he should be compelled to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The other intimated that a well-known Boston bank was in serious difficulties.

The street was unable to reconcile the first statement with Lawson's usual methods, but experienced operators finally figured it out either as a little joke on his part or a "bluff" pure and simple. At any rate, he made no assignment to-day. Mr. Lawson could not be reached to-night, but at his office it was said by those in closest touch with his affairs that there was "nothing doing" in the assignment line or likely to be.

The frenzied financier sent the following telegram to all stock exchange houses:

"Monday coppers broke so hastily I helped bid up to get footing to sell on. Have got out my lines. System will undoubtedly break me. You have heard 'em say it; have heard their gang shout. Watch sharp to-day, for as they rise I shall probably be compelled to assign. Watch them, but remember they don't rise by way of cellar."

FELL FIFTY FEET AND THEN WALKED TO THE AMBULANCE.

Miraculous Escape of John Queenan After Fall From a Dizzy Height.

As he was tumbling from a smokestack fifty feet high, at the Union Electric Light and Power Company's plant, at the foot of Biddle street, yesterday afternoon, John Queenan, a laborer, 28 years old, whose home is at No. 2119 Biddle street, turned three somersaults and then only broke his left arm and severely bruised himself.

The man's escape from instant death was almost miraculous. He turned over and over in falling, and then alighted on his feet on the soft earth. Queenan was working with some other men, repairing the smokestack, and stood upon a scaffold. His thoughts wandered away from the work for an instant, and he walked off the end of the scaffold. When his comrades picked him up he was conscious and walked to the ambulance that carried him to the City Hospital.

An examination by the physicians showed that his arm was broken and that he was perhaps internally injured. Queenan, however, insisted that he was not seriously hurt and that he was able to go to his home. The doctors are detaining him to await the results of his injuries.

BURIED BESIDE HIS WIFE.

Funeral of Judge H. D. Wood Is Held at Boston.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Simple services were held over the body of Judge Horatio D. Wood of St. Louis, at the home of his son-in-law, W. G. Horton, No. 26 Braemore road, Aberdeen, Brighton District, at 2:30 this afternoon.

The body had been brought from St. Louis to be buried beside that of his wife in the Walnut Hill Cemetery, Brookline. The service was conducted by the Reverend Doctor Mann of Trinity Church. His wife was a Miss Sumner of Brookline, a cousin of Charles Sumner. Three daughters survive, one of whom is Miss McClure, a well-known New York sculptor, and another Mrs. Walter G. Horton, at whose home the funeral services were held.

SECRETARY HITCHCOCK IS ILL.

Confined to Washington Home by Severe Cold.

The Republic Bureau,
Wyatt Building, 14th and F Streets.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior, is confined to his home with a severe cold.

Inquiries at his residence to-night resulted in positive assurances that Mr. Hitchcock is not seriously ill. Howeverv, his physicians have required that the Secretary keep within doors for a day or two.

It is probable that he will not return to his desk at the department until after Christmas.

Odell Deposed as Leader.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 21.—Former Governor Benjamin B. Odell was deposed as leader of the Republican party in this State to-night, when at a meeting of the Republican County Committee Herbert Parsons, representing the alliance of President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins, was chosen president. This victory of the reform wing of the party was won after a day and night of bitter recrimination, during which Odell accused the President of betraying Frank S. Black as a candidate for United States Senator.

RUSSIAN STRIKE MORE TERRIBLE THAN THE WAR

Fighting Begins in the Streets of Moscow, Government Engineering Regiments Having Revolted.

PANIC IN ST. PETERSBURG.

People Are Hurrying From the City, Which Is Bristling With Troops, and Where Encounter Is Imminent.

TELEGRAPHS TO BE TIED UP.

Fifty Thousand Factory Hands Idle at the Old Capital, City in Darkness and Pickets Established in Many Places.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The single telephone wire working to Moscow this afternoon brought grave reports of serious disorders and collisions between the troops and the populace.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—(Copyright, 1905.)—The strike in Moscow is on in earnest. Fighting is going on in the streets.

One engineering regiment has revolted and gone over to the people.

The strike commenced here to-day. People going long distances on the railroads are told that tickets are issued at their own risk.

St. Petersburg is bristling with troops. The sailors banished from Cronstadt are in a state of insurrection.

M. Gutchkoff of Moscow is mentioned as Count Witte's possible successor. The Baltic Provinces are in an alarming condition, and Balaklava also.

Lieutenant Schmidt, known as the "Red Admiral," has escaped with the connivance of his jailers.

Fresh imports of arms into Finland are announced.

PEASANTS' REVOLTS.

From all over the country reports come of peasants' revolts. Count Bobrinski's property at Bogoroditsh has been destroyed.

Two German vessels belonging to the Hamburg-American Company, the Batavia and the Kehr Wieder, are being sent to Rival and Riga to take away German subjects. The Petrovsk Zemstvo has gone bankrupt, owing to the peasants refusing to pay taxes.

Twenty telegraph wires have been cut and the rest may go any moment.

At Moscow the General Post Office narrowly escaped total destruction, an infernal machine being found just in time.

MOSCOW IN DARKNESS.

Moscow is in darkness and the theaters and clubs are closed. The employes of the municipality have abandoned their work.

Fifty thousand factory hands are idle.

The troops are confined to the barracks, and every possible military preparation for eventualities has been made.

The strikers' pickets are all over the city persuading or threatening those who are reluctant to join the strike.

MORE SERIOUS THAN WAR.

It is the unanimous opinion of all the people, the press and the officials that Russia has never known so serious a position. The war was nothing compared to it.

Revolutionaries are displaying a masterly hand. They seem to have foreseen and provided for everything. Their organization is wonderful.

All the newspapers appeared to-day, and their pages are full of alarming news of what is passing in the Provinces. Wholesale agrarian outrages are reported, and the entire country appears to be in an absolutely lawless condition. Everybody is striking—even the school children.

NEWSPAPERS TO CEASE.

There will be no newspapers to-morrow beyond one published by the workmen, called the Workmen's Official Gazette. It is cold and blistering snow is blowing down uncomfortably from the roofs of the houses, while everybody is getting in provisions.

A grand council was held at Tsarskoe-Selo yesterday, when it was agreed that the situation requires most rigorous measures to be taken.

Life is much the same as usual, only every one is palpably nervous at the idea that in three hours St. Petersburg may be cut off from the world.

TELEGRAPHS CLOSED.

According to a notice just posted up, all the telegraph lines except that to Berlin are closed. The streets are full of idle workmen, and strong military forces are being stationed in the courtyards of the houses. Drosky drivers are bantering, as they do in the last hour's drive. At the telegraph office there is a guard of police and employes working, mainly pensioners. All the women and new hands look ill at ease.

AGED MOTHER'S APPEAL WINS PARDON FOR CONVICT SON.

Albert Willig, Sentenced for Murder, Free After Serving Eight of Twenty-Five Years.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 21.—Oscar Willig of St. Louis will leave the Penitentiary to-morrow a free man, after serving eight years of a twenty-five-year sentence.

His mother, 65 years of age, made a personal appeal to the Governor in her son's behalf, and she was told by Governor Folk to-day that she might take her son with her to-morrow.

Willig has a record for perfect conduct in the prison during the last eight years, and his application for clemency was strongly indorsed by the trial judge, William Zachritz, and Theodore C. Eggers, Circuit Attorney.

Willig, in a fit of jealousy, shot and killed Pauline Rosenthal. Before meeting the woman he was an honest, sober and industrious boy, as the evidence showed, but her influence dragged him down and induced the tragedy resulting in her death and his disgrace.