

## RUSSIAN TROOPS SLAY OFFICERS

### SERIOUS REVOLT BREAKS OUT AT HARBIN

It is Reported That Witte Has Offered  
His Resignation, but That the  
Czar Has Refused to  
Accept It

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before it is issued. This law abolishes the censorship in cities, but not in the country. While it is based on the principle of the responsibility of editors before the courts, it includes, beside, the usual prohibitions against lese majeste, smut, libel, and incitement to violence, incitements to strike which threaten the safety of the state and which may cause mutinies in the army and navy. Such incitements, it is said, are also punishable with exile.

#### Efforts of Government

With an eye to the future, the government is making a great effort to relieve the discontent in the army by removing the cause of complaint. The sum of \$18,500,000 has been added to the military budget for the improvement of the soldiers' food and clothing. Though the Moscow zemstovists say they are ready to support Premier Witte on the conditions laid down in the resolutions of the congress, M. Petrunkovitch believes that the idea of co-operation is now too late and that the only salvation for the government is the retirement of the whole Witte ministry and its replacement by a ministry having the confidence of the people.

M. Petrunkovitch, who is charged with harboring the ambition to succeed Count Witte as premier, modestly declined to suggest a proper man when questioned. He did not say, saying that was the prerogative of the sovereign, but he emphatically expressed the opinion that a real Liberal ministry would instantly change the situation and rally to its support not only the zemstovists but the constitutional Democrats in general and the great mass of the orderly disposed people who have not associated themselves with the Socialistic revolutionists. Though many of his colleagues might be ready to accept or compromise suffrage on an indirect basis for the country, personally M. Petrunkovitch was of the opinion that the people's hopes were so fixed in universal, direct and secret suffrage that it was doubtful whether the elections could be held under any other system.

Beside, M. Petrunkovitch was skeptical as to whether "Witte's government would accept the compromise offered. He believed the reactionary might refuse to go beyond the plan for the extension of the suffrage to the workmen of the cities, the educated classes, merchants and persons paying \$120 rent annually.

M. Petrunkovitch was much alarmed at the successful propagation of the Socialistic doctrine among the peasantry. He said:  
"A single agitator, promising the Socialism of state and private lands, can inoculate a thousand Moujiks with a blind passion to appropriate land without regard to the rights of others, and accomplish harm which a generation of good government could not counteract. The crying need of the hour is a liberal ministry to begin the realization of social reforms toward the betterment of the conditions of the peasants and workmen, but drawing a line between realizable reforms and Socialistic dreams. The minister must wean the people away from the paths of agitation and discontent."

#### Praises Father Gapon

M. Petrunkovitch concluded with praising the work of Father Gapon, who, he said, was preaching the right doctrines to the workmen.  
"The union of all the Russian people," formed of all the reactionary organizations which participated in the landlords' congress at Moscow is displaying great activity in founding branches to resist the revolution and arming its members to fight the strikers. In St. Petersburg 3000 persons have been enrolled and the city has been divided into districts, each under a leader. The result is sure to be street fighting in the event of a general strike. The minister has drawn up an address to the emperor in favor of the maintenance of the autocracy and imploring his majesty to grant only consultative functions to the national assembly and not to take the great step of abolishing the autocratic power without following the traditions of his ancestors and consulting with all the estates convened in the zemstovs and in a zemstov platform designed to secure the adherence of the peasants, two of its planks to be the restoration of order and more land for the peasants, founded on a scheme not only for the division of the crown lands but on the appropriation of a portion of the private lands in densely populated districts.

#### Cannot Protect Estates

In many regions of Russia the local authorities are practically unable any longer to protect the estates, both owing to the insufficiency of troops and the temper of the soldiers. The military commanders have secretly notified the landlords that it is doubtful whether the troops will fire upon the peasants. If the soldiers are split up in small detachments and sent to the country, it is likely that they will make common cause with the peasants and murder their officers.

The commander of the fortress at Brest has notified all the land owners in his jurisdiction that they must make such provisions as they can for their own protection.

Owing to the situation, the governors of provinces are authorizing the increase of the village police and the arming of the policemen.

Revolting stories of the savagery of the peasants which are now coming in give only a faint idea of what the world would witness should a widespread uprising of the peasants take place. Ordinarily docile, the Moujik,

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## GIFTED WRITER OF FAIRY TALES PUBLISHES A NEW BOOK



Mrs. Carter Harrison

Mrs. Carter H. Harrison has returned to Redondo, where she spent last winter writing. While in California at that time she made a host of friends who are welcoming her back with much pleasure.

A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago has just published a new book by Mrs. Harrison, her third work, "The Moon Princess," is the title of the volume, which unlike her other books is one continuous story instead of a collection of short stories.

Mrs. Harrison has grasped the secret of telling a fairy story, and her fanciful descriptive power has wide range in "The Moon Princess."

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## MIDGET CAUSES MUCH ANXIETY; DISAPPEARANCE ALARMS FRIENDS

### BUSTER BROWN FAILS TO APPEAR

Miniature Actor Finally Found Missing  
Engaged in a Bathroom, Making  
Photograph Prints From  
Kodak Films

The witchery of kodakery caused Manager Baker of the Grand opera house to lose three pounds yesterday evening. If Master Rice, or Buster Brown, as he is more popularly known, had not been a kodak enthusiast of deepest dye, Mr. Baker would not today be the mere shadow of his former large and good-tempered self. This is the story:

At 8 o'clock last evening Master Rice was seen by George Hall, one of the members of the Buster Brown company. Hall went to the theater and told Rice to follow him in a few moments.

Seven o'clock came and no Buster, 7:30 and the same depressing state of affairs existed. Manager Baker was covered with cold perspiration, for he thought that he would have to refund all the money that had been taken at the box office.

At last the time for the curtain arrived and everybody connected with the grand opera house was dashing about in frenzy for anxiety. Stage hands hustled about with eyes distended searching for the missing midget.

Members of the orchestra went poking about in an abstracted fashion with their hands full of music and their souls filled with fear.

**Friends Grow Alarmed**  
Various members of the company telephoned to all the hospitals and to the police station. Nothing was stirring at all. To their queries the police made answer, "Is he a drinking man?" "No," was the immediate answer.

when his passions are inflamed, is like a wild beast and frequently turns upon those who love best.

It is reported that Gen. Maximovitch, former governor general of Warsaw, will succeed Gen. Sakharoff as the special representative of the emperor in the province of Saratoff.

The employees in Russia of the Singer Sewing Machine company, numbering 20,000, are forming a union with the object of securing better pay and shorter hours.

The newly formed Amalgamated Workmen association of Moscow now numbers 80,000.

**Big Fire in Buffalo**  
By Associated Press.  
BUFFALO, Dec. 8.—The shops of the Union Dry Dock company and the Erie railroad's transfer freight house were destroyed by fire today. Loss estimated at \$200,000.

**Undelivered Telegrams**  
There are undelivered telegrams at the office of the Western Union Telegraph company for A. T. Gante, E. L. Perry, Orr Harrison, R. C. Reed, Mrs. A. M. George, Frank VanDuzer, C. B. Stokes, Milton King, Chas. H. Greenhaw, Dr. A. L. Dolmar, Mrs. Gustav Chatham, W. W. Perkins, Mrs. Will Robinson.

**Corral Is Convolvescing**  
By Associated Press.  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8.—The physicians give out today very favorable bulletins on the condition of Vice President Corral. His fever is gradually subsiding.

"Elizabeth, has that man any expectations?"  
"Fine, mamma."  
"What do they consist of?"  
"Me."—Houston Post.

**First Tramp**—"A dog came up to me yesterday and was so tame that he cat out of my hand."  
"Second Tramp"—"I met a dog yesterday and he cat out of my leg."—Chicago Journal.

A fellow that lived in Lucerne said: "I guess now my money'll burn." But he got into debt.  
"And he's into debt yet."  
"For he burned more than he ever could earn."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

## SECRETARY TAFT SUBMITS BILLS

### PROPOSES INCREASES IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Rear Admiral Endicott Offers Estimates for Drydock on Puget Sound—Senate to Consider  
Canal Bill Monday

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary Taft has written letters to the presiding officers of both houses of congress, submitting drafts of two bills, one providing for an increase of fourteen officers in the ordinance department, army, and another providing for an increase in the efficiency of the medical department. Both of the officials recommended are substantially the same as bills passed by the senate at its last session, but which failed of action in the house.

**Puget Sound Drydock**  
By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Rear Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, in his annual report says:

"Additional docking facilities are most urgently needed and estimates are submitted for beginning a drydock on Puget Sound. For the next fiscal year the estimates of this bureau aggregate \$3,966,000. Of this amount, almost \$3,000,000 is recommended for improvement of public works."

#### Canal Bill in Senate

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The emergency bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for immediate use in the construction of the Panama canal will be taken up by the senate on Monday. The discussion of the measure probably will occupy three or four days following the lines of the debate which occur in the house. It is expected that the senate will amend the bill to restore the \$5,500,000 cut out by the house, thus making a total appropriation of \$16,500,000.

#### Must Pay Their Bills

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A bill providing for the discharge of civil service employees who fail to pay debts contracted for groceries, clothing, rent or the services of dentists, physicians, and undertakers has been introduced by Representative Olson of Montana. After a government employee has refused three times to pay a bill he is to be suspended and if he fails to pay in three months he is to be stricken from the rolls.

#### To Fill Minor Vacancies

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Democratic senators held a conference today at which they authorized the Democratic steering committee to act for them in the matter of filling minor vacancies in the senate committee. Senator Teller was designated as a member of the steering committee to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Senator Cockrell. Senator Gorman was re-elected chairman of the Democratic caucus, Senator Blackburn vice chairman and Senator Carmack secretary. There was some discussion of a rumor that the Republicans would seek to reduce the Democratic representation on committees, but it was stated that Republican members on the committee on rules had given assurances to the contrary.

#### Bank Question Not Touched

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary Shaw announced after the cabinet meeting today that the subject of making deposits in National banks to be made at the meeting. The secretary added that he did not expect to make any deposits today or to take any action unless the situation grew materially worse.

#### Estimates for Appropriations

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A statement was issued by the appropriations committees of the senate and house today showing the estimates for appropriations to be made at the present session of congress for the fiscal year 1907. The total for all purposes aggregates \$94,296,415. These estimates are greater than the appropriations for the current year by \$19,170,155. The war department asks \$363,463 less than was appropriated last year and the river and harbor item, which last year amounted to \$78,181,875, asks for an increase of \$1,000,000. With these exceptions every department of the government has asked for more money than the current appropriation. The two largest increases are asked by the navy, \$21,239,008, and the postoffice department, \$12,137,976.

#### DEATHS OF THE DAY

Captain C. B. Harrison, Tennessee  
By Associated Press.  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Captain Carter B. Harrison, brother of the late president, Benjamin Harrison, died yesterday morning at his home near Murfreesboro, Tenn., aged 35 years.

Captain Harrison was appointed by his brother to be United States marshal for the middle district of Tennessee. He served gallantly through the civil war on the federal side.

#### Cockran Head of Tammany

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Congressman W. Bourke Cockran was elected grand sachem of Tammany hall today.

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### An Independent Store

It is a fact that is fast becoming well known that nearly all the furniture stores in the city have formed a "Trust," and, of course, have raised prices accordingly.  
It is not our mission to destroy such a combine, but as it is often told by our competitors that we are also members of the "Trust," we simply take this opportunity to stamp such a statement as absolutely false and to say we have no connection whatever with any other store.

#### FOUR INJURED BY EXPLOSION

Workmen Raise Manhole Lid and Are Knocked Senseless When Gas Ignites

A combination of lighting and sewer gas was exploded by a workman's lantern shortly before midnight last night and four employees of the Pacific Light and Power company were seriously burned.

The most severely injured of the number was Ralph R. Roberts of 130 East Twenty-fifth street, who was scorching about the head and neck. His hands and arms were also burned and all the hair was burned from his head.

The statement made by the men is as follows: "We had just pushed back the dirt from the manhole and set the lantern down beside it. Then we opened the manhole, by raising the lid. We were all holding to the lid and when it was raised about a foot from the ground there was a terrific explosion and we were all knocked senseless."

"The gas must have been ignited by the lantern for that was the only fire in the vicinity. Such accidents are common and one must take the chance of getting killed."

The others who were injured are: R. T. Smith, 517 Wall street; Irving T. Weeks, Dan Macnamara, 331 North Anderson street.

Smith and Macnamara were burned about the face while Weeks' hair was singed as neatly as though a barber had been at work on him.

None of the men is in any danger according to the statement of the doctor at the emergency hospital, where the men were taken.

Green—Do you remember Meeker, who married a deaf and dumb girl last winter? Brown—Yes; what of him? Green—He lost his eyesight last week. Brown—Well, that is so bad. Now he can't see his wife talking to him.—Columbus Dispatch.



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