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"INDEPENDENT IN EVERYTHING; NEUTRAL IN NOTHING."

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CRISIS IMMINENT.

Streets of St. Petersburg Filled With Troops and Reinforcements Are Pouring In.

THE GOVERNMENT IS POWERLESS.

Calm Observers Seem Seriously to Believe the Present Regime Is Tottering to Its Fall.

Czar, Surrounded by Imperial Family, Remains Shut Up at Peterhof, Hesitating As To What Course To Pursue.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—Confronted by a situation more crucial than any since the beginning of the political and social upheaval of Russia, and which at the time this dispatch is being sent shows no signs of amelioration, the emperor's ministers, under the leadership of Count Witte, spent all of Wednesday in conference in the hope of finding some way out of the crisis into which the revolutionists and the socialists have cast the country.

The general strike on the railroads is complete except in a few border provinces and St. Petersburg. Moscow and other large cities are almost as completely paralyzed as if they were deserted by besieging armies. At the same time the industrial strike has assumed large dimensions and the turbulent elements in several localities are offering open resistance to the troops.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—Gen. Trepoff, who has been placed in command of the St. Petersburg garrison and given an additional division of reinforcements, declared that he is amply able to maintain order and the police are advising the strikers to vent their enthusiasm so as to avoid a conflict.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—That the present situation can not end without a revolution is the conviction prevailing in the higher government circles which from moment to moment are expecting a conflict between the troops and the revolutionists in St. Petersburg and news of trouble in the provinces, especially Kharkoff, which has been declared in a state of war.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—While the day passed quietly, without disturbance in the Russian capital, and while the city is outwardly calm, the days of despatch all indicate that a crisis is imminent. Although the streets are filled with troops and reinforcements are now pouring in from Finland, the government seems utterly powerless to cope with the situation and many calm observers seem seriously to believe that the present regime is tottering to its fall.

Differences have developed between Count Witte and Gen. Trepoff, and while the previous moments pass the emperor, surrounded by the imperial family, remains shut up at Peterhof, seemingly still hesitating as to what course to pursue.

A meeting of the Municipal Duma was held at which a delegation of 20 members of the strikers' committee appeared. In an impassioned speech the leader of the delegation presented the following demands of the workmen and strikers:

First—A constitution and political liberty.

Second—That the city furnish food to the workmen.

Third—That the city refuse further supplies to the troops and the police.

Fourth—That the troops be removed from the water works or otherwise the strikers would cut the water supply.

Fifth—The immunity of the deputations from arrest.

The foreign embassies have discussed the situation, but have as yet taken no steps regarding the safety of foreign residents. As a precaution the state department at Washington has been requested to confer authority for the charter of a vessel and to hoist on it the American flag as a refuge for Americans.

The situation can not well be exaggerated. With the present indecision of the emperor the government has neither a head nor a policy to meet the crisis and things seem to be drifting towards anarchy. The revolutionists openly declare that the government has ceased to exist and that nothing remains to his majesty except to abdicate. With a firm hand at the helm and a rational policy, however, all might quickly be changed.

THE RUSSIAN EMPEROR.

The Court is Reported To Be in Revolt Against Him.

London, Oct. 20.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at St. Petersburg sends the following: "The court is in revolt against the emperor who is mediating between the court and his ministers to grant a constitution and the advice of the reactionaries to proclaim a dictatorship under Gen. Count Alexei Ignatieff, a member of the council of the empire."

Secretary Taft Not a Candidate.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Secretary of War Taft is not planning to enter a campaign for the presidency, has no intention of doing so, is content with his seat in the cabinet and means to stay here as long as the president desires it. Such is the substance of an announcement made by him and which will tend to put at rest, temporarily at least, the talk of his being a presidential candidate.

The Electric Light Situation.

For about three weeks Big Stone Gap has been entirely without street lights. They were stopped from an account of a break in the machinery but that was finally repaired. The contract with the Wise Electric Company ran out at this time and was not renewed by the Council because there was presented to it a new proposition. We have been paying \$5.00 a light for half-night service and R. L. Brown, the contractor, offered to put in an entirely new plant and give the town lights at the same price and give all night service. In consideration of this the contract with the Wise Electric Company was not renewed. R. L. Brown however has withdrawn his proposition and at a special meeting Monday night the Council instructed the Light Committee to draw a contract with the Wise Electric Co. if they would agree to give all night service for the same price they had been giving half night service. The committee meets with Mr. Charles Towner to arrange terms and the matter will be finally decided by the Council at its regular meeting on Saturday night. In the interim the street will be lighted as usual.

Pension For Virginia Teachers.

The teachers of Virginia expect to bring before the next legislature a bill to pension the teachers of the state.

It is hoped that in the present general re-awakening it will not be forgotten that all over the state the teachers are doing a noble and beautiful work and that while beautiful buildings and fine apparatus are necessary, the permanent need of the school is the teacher.

A good teacher is a rare and precious commodity and the state has not at present any means of securing the best. It is hoped that the state should pension those who have spent their lives in its service. In some instances teachers are required to serve because the public wants the children of the state to be educated, but the teachers who have received the best education and have rendered the best service are not pensioned.

This being true, it seems but an act of justice that the state should pension those who have spent their lives in its service.

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A MINE DISASTER.

Six Men Gave Up Their Lives in an Explosion at Hazel Kirk, Pa.

WERE INVESTIGATING A MINE FIRE.

Shaft Had Been Flooded and They Went In to See if the Flames Were Extinguished.

The Tearing Down of a Bulkhead in an Entry Caused a Terrific Explosion and All the Investigators Were Killed.

Pittsburg, Oct. 20.—Six minor officials of the Pittsburg and West Moreland Coal Co. gave up their lives when they entered the Hazel Kirk mine No. 1 of the company at Hazel Kirk, Pa., 18 miles east of this city to ascertain if a portion of the mine was still burning as a result of an explosion two weeks ago. The dead are: John Hornjok, superintendent; Daniel Griffith, foreman; Joseph Hunter, and A. Roder, J. Lavey, H. Clayborne, fire bosses. All were married with large families and were men of considerable means.

Two weeks ago an explosion in the mine caused the death of two men. The entry in which the explosion occurred was closed up and water turned on. Instead of sending the foreign miners employed by the company to investigate and see if the fire in the entry had been extinguished, it was decided that if any risk was to be taken those holding responsible positions should take the chance instead of the miners.

As the five men approached the portion of the mine which is burning they became aware that the water had not extinguished the blaze. They decided to tear down the bulkhead erected to confine the fire to one entry of the mine. Just as the covering was removed there was a terrific explosion and the five men were blown different ways, all being instantly killed. Andrew Roder, who was some distance behind the unfortunate men, escaped instant death but was so badly burned that he died a few hours later. John Hornjok, the dead superintendent, was one of the best-known coal operators of this section.

The mine is on fire and those in charge say the damage will reach thousands of dollars and the mine may be doomed.

Red Skin Changed to Paleface.

Over on the Crow Indian Reservation lives a redskin who has suffered a misfortune that has made him the object of awe of the entire tribe. He is Howard C. Hawk, who was a famous government scout under General Sully. Two years ago he suffered an attack by a mysterious disease which has had the remarkable effect of making a white man out of him. His hands and feet are already as white as those of any paleface.

Hawk is, as a result, a rare individual on the Crow Reservation. All the other Indians now want to have the same sickness. The disease was not diagnosed by the agency physician, who was completely puzzled by it. It was in the form of a persistent fever, but had not the symptoms of typhoid or malaria. The case is a remarkable one from the standpoint of medicine and ethnology, for the misdeed has simply changed Hawk from one race to another. A number of the other Indians are eating the same food that Hawk ate before he became sick, and are trying in other ways to bring on the disease.

John Laughing Bear, an Indian who accompanied Hawk on a recent visit to Pierre, merely gazed through an interpreter: "Heep big man," when asked about Hawk and he said it is such a way as to leave no doubt that he would like to take the copper out of his own skin.

MONUMENT UNVEILED.

It Was Erected in Memory of President McKinley in Springfield, Mass.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 27.—Amid the most favorable conditions afforded by magnificent autumn weather and the attendance of a large gathering of enthusiastic spectators, the monument erected here in memory of the late President McKinley, was unveiled with appropriate exercises. The monument stands on Beacon Hill, near one of the entrances to Forest park, on an eminence overlooking the Connecticut river. Lieut. Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., was orator of the day.

SECRETARY TAFT AND PARTY.

They Left Washington on Their Trip To the Isthmus.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary Taft and his party started on their Panama trip, leaving here by boat for Norfolk. He will transfer to the United States cruiser Columbia at Old Point. Mr. Taft was accompanied with work up to the time of his departure. In the forenoon he went over the estimated expenditures of the canal commission since July 1. It is expected the purchase of the necessary plant to build the canal will be completed by January or June of next year.

Five Thousand Dollars Found.

Pittsburg, Oct. 20.—Five thousand dollars of the \$100,000 stolen by Edward George Culliffe from the Adams Express Co. has been found in the lining of a baby carriage, where it had been hidden previous to Mrs. Culliffe's departure for her old home in Hartford, Ct.

Datto All Killed.

Manila, Oct. 30.—Troops under Capt. Frank H. McCoy, of the Third cavalry, aided-camp to Maj. Gen. Woods, surprised the Datto All, head of the Moro insurgents, of the island of Mindanao, and killed him together with his son and ten followers. Forty-three wounded Moros were taken prisoners.

Mormons Going To Mexico.

Mexico City, Oct. 30.—An excursion train bringing Mormons from Salt Lake City will arrive this week. Mormon agents have purchased tracts of land in the state of Oaxaca for colonization purposes, the extent being more than 60,000 acres.

Emperor of China Imprisoned.

London, Oct. 25.—A correspondent at Shanghai sends a report circulated at Peking according to which the dowager empress has imprisoned the emperor for alleged connection with the recent bomb outrage at a railroad station there.

The Week's Business Failures.

New York, Oct. 28.—Business failures in the United States for the week ending October 26 number 178, against 178 last week, 180 in the like week of 1904 and 217 in 1903. In Canada failures for the week number 23, against 21 last week.

HALLOWEEN FITTINGLY CELEBRATED.

The early risers who beheld this little town this morning after Halloween had an opportunity of savoring a most rare spectacle.

Entrances to stores were blocked and barricaded with barrels, boxes, sewer pipes, etc., while detached members of carts which had taken wings during the night were resting themselves, perched high on lofty telegraph poles. Gains had soared heavenward and chicken coops had galloped from their accustomed haunts. On the whole it looked as if a cross between Western Tornado and a Chicago strikers riot had visited our quiet little metropolis.

There was no property destroyed or damaged, however, and all obstructions were easily cleared away. The honors of Halloween were conferred with great impartiality and there are but few who were not attended to in one way or another by the celebrators.

HONOR ROLL

Of the East Stone Gap Graded School.

First Grade, Section A—Willie Gilly, John Hard, Roy Moore, Terry Qualls, Hatcher Wells. Section B—Grace Hamilton, Maggie Cullier, Kate Willis and Derry Shephard.

Second Grade, Section A—Grace Belcher, Mollie Willis, Bartie Tate, Della Williams, Kula Boudette, Ora Buchanan and Willaine Gilly. Section B—Bertha Sprites, Bessie Tate, Amanda Gilly, Della Willis and Newton Cullier.

Third Grade, Section A—Mollie Dennis, Bath Lee, Eva Sprites, Kate Berry, Ruby Willis, John Hamilton and Lottar Hamilton. Section B—Edna Stewart, Virgie Neely, Hattie Qualls and Rex Berry.

Fourth Grade—Gertrude Carter, Maude Gilly, Marie Shephard, Fitzhugh Buchanan and Charlie Scott.

Fifth Grade—Edward Cullier, James Cullier, Jesse Hamilton, John Lee, Straley Tate, Maude Willis and Oliver Williams.

Sixth Grade—John Warden, Pearl Gilly and Cattie Richmond.

Seventh Grade—Will Jones, Myrtle Riggs and Mattie Wampler.

Enrollment 191. We would be glad to see more of the patrons visiting the school.

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TEACHERS' MEETING.

The Gladville, Norton and Wise District Teachers' Association met in the public school building at Teoma Oct. 26, 1905. The meeting was called to order by C. Y. Chapman, pres. pro. tem. The roll was called and the following were present: Misses Maude M. Anderson, Alice Bruce, Clara Lee Cole, Louis Beazant, Pauline Hall, Orlena Bond, Alpha Horton, U. Y. Chapman, W. D. McNeil, F. J. Fraley, Robert Horton, C. E. Miller, A. F. Snodgrass, and Prof. Dodge of the Cochara high school. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved by Association. Collection was taken to buy a record book. Invitations were extended by Prof. Dodge to attend the meeting of the Upper District Association, the program was taken up and the first subject, "Relation of parent and teacher," discussed by Robert Horton, F. J. Fraley, W. D. McNeil, A. F. Snodgrass and Prof. Dodge. Meeting adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. Association was again called to order at 1 o'clock by the president pro. tem., and the subject, "How to secure a library for every school?" was ably discussed by Prof. C. Y. Chapman and Prof. Dodge. The subject "What can be done by the Teachers to promote the health of pupils?" was ably handled by Miss Maude M. Anderson and Cora Lee Cole. "What are the objects of an education?" was ably handled by Miss Pauline Hall, Prof. C. Y. Chapman on page 7.

CONCERT H. T. I. HALL.

Mrs. Frank Charles Boes--Soprano.
Miss Elizabeth Hayward Gibbs--Mezzo Soprano.
Miss Alice White Larry--Violincello.
Mrs. James Hunter Mathews--Accompanist.
H. T. I Orchestra--

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 3rd at eight thirty.

FOR SAVING MONEY

Acting Public Printer Ricketts Made Suggestions to the Joint Congressional Committee.

THE PATENT OFFICE PRINTING.

Mr. Ricketts Declares that \$100,000 a Year Could Be Saved in That Department Alone.

The \$40,000 Annual Appropriation For Franked Envelopes For Members of Congress Was More Than Actual Requirements.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Acting Public Printer Ricketts made several suggestions for the saving of money in the government in his public printing to the joint committee on printing of the senate and house of representatives. A volume of 3,000 pages was examined by Mr. Ricketts, and at twenty such volumes being annually printed in the office, and considering the cost and descriptions of various papers, it was the belief of Mr. Ricketts that \$100,000 a year might be saved in the patent office printing alone by a consolidation of the subject matter alone. He also ventured the information that the \$40,000 annual appropriation for franked envelopes for members of the senate and house was more than the actual requirements. These envelopes, although manufactured and printed, were not nearly all used.

By reason of the wages of the employees of the government printing office 25 per cent higher than in commercial offices, Mr. Ricketts was of opinion that much of the binding done for the government could be done outside with a great saving to the government. He said that the old "Task" system in the bindery had been done away with, and all employees were on a salary basis.

Mr. Ricketts expressed the opinion that 20 per cent of the present cost of composition is due to correction in proofs, which expense he showed could be saved by more careful editing before sending copy to the printer.

Representative Landis, of Indiana, chairman of the commission, took occasion during the hearing to say that he thought that "vandy" is in a measure responsible for the immense amount of printing turned out by the printing office. The proportion was, he thought, largely dependent upon the prominence of the authors names on the title pages.

FURNISHED IMPURE FOOD.

Greasers Pleased Guilty and Were Fined and Imprisoned.

Philadelphia, Oct. 27.—The cases of Burt & Dennis, grocers, and Frederick Hall, local manager for Swift & Co., charged with furnishing impure food to the League Island navy yard, came up before Judge McMichael in the criminal court. John F. Burt and William H. Dennis, trading as Burt & Dennis, were charged with supplying oleomargarine to the navy yard as a substitute for butter. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$250 and costs and sentenced to 60 days in the county prison. The charge against Hall was that of furnishing to the contractor who supplies the station sausage containing a preservative injurious to health. Hall was fined \$100, the cost of prosecution and expense of the analysis.

Little Kanawha Road Sold.

Cincinnati, Oct. 26.—The Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad Co. has purchased the Little Kanawha syndicate coal lands and railroads which are in litigation in the United States circuit court of appeals in Cincinnati. The sale was made by Joseph Ramsey, Jr., former president of the Wabash system.

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Big Stone Gap, Va.

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