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RUSSIA IN CLUTCHES OF LABOR STRIKERS

By Scripps News Association

St Petersburg Jan 21.—The labor disaffection continues to spread in all directions and very rapidly. It is estimated that fully one hundred and fifty thousand workmen are out already in the various towns. Delegates from the laborers at Moscow and Liban arrived at St Petersburg this morning to secure the co-operation of Father Capon in calling out the employees of those towns. It is believed that Sunday the proposed demonstration will prove an industrial crisis, or the beginning of a revolution which will shake Russia to its foundation. The Government is taking every precaution to curb any disturbances, and the military forces will be posted at the strategic places, but concealed as much as possible in order that they may not excite the strikers by a too open display of force. The Czar is now in consultation with the chief members of the administration as to the advisability of showing himself in front of the palace during the demonstration. It is generally understood that the Czar is inclined to make his appearance, but a decision of his advisors has not yet been reached. The strikers this morning assembled early in the streets and continued to show a complete lack of truculence, and are marching about quietly. Delegates are visiting the various factories and are persuading the employees to quit their work. Secret police are following the strikers in order to keep the authorities informed as to their actions. There has been no clashes of any kind at the present between the demonstrators and the officers of the Government. A bulletin received this morning states that the opinion is rapidly growing that the Government will be compelled to concede the demands of the strikers. The strikers have notified the Government that they have selected a corps of four hundred picked men who will act as a body guard to the Czar in the event of his agreeing to confer with their leaders. The members of this body have sworn to sacrifice their lives for the Czar in fulfilling this guarantee of his safety. None of the printers who quit work yesterday have returned to their post today, and con-

sequently St Petersburg is without a newspaper. Violent socialist proclamations are being freely circulated today calling for a general uprising. As there are no plans proposed in the proclamations, they are having no effect on the strikers. A regiment of Uhlans was today dispatched to the Winter Palace for the protection of the Czar; and several guns are being mounted in the Palace court yards. Hundreds of students are joining the ranks of the strikers. At a meeting of the students and strikers last night, the cry was raised.—“We want no more war. What is Manchuria to us?”

The report that Smirnov, manager of the Putiloff Iron Works was murdered last night has proven to be false. However, this report has greatly increased the excitement. Father Capon who has been reported as kidnaped last night, is understood to be going around today organizing the workmen for the demonstration tomorrow. He says that the workmen must attempt to see the Czar at all hazards, and advised the workmen to take their wives and children to the palace square tomorrow, and to go armed and prepared to fight if necessary.

Later—The Police and Cossacks have surrounded all the factories which have been closed by the strikers, and troops are everywhere. The plan of the authorities is to prevent the workmen from entering the city tomorrow. The industrial sections beyond the Neva, Moscow and Nevsy gates will be cut off by troops; as all the bridges are guarded. This afternoon a number of strikers forced an entrance into several of the factories, smashed the machinery and maltreated the employees. Further violence is feared.

Will See Strikers

By Scripps News Association

London Jan 21.—The St Petersburg correspondent of the Central News wires that the Czar in answer to the petition of the strikers, has issued an invitation to the workmen to assemble in front of the Winter Palace tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock.

Saloon Men Barred

[By Scripps News Association]

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—A rule was adopted at the Miner's Convention today excluding saloon keepers and bartenders from membership; several hundred are affected. Robert Randall, the Wyoming delegate, is expelled for attacking Mitchell. He rented a hall for a meeting Sunday night, inviting all socialists to hear his side of the case. It is understood also, that he wants to raise funds to get back home.

Thirty Two Burned

By Scripps News Association

Madrid Jan 21.—In a fire which occurred at Cantini last night thirty two persons lost their lives. Seven houses were fired, and it is supposed to be of incendiary origin and the result of a long standing feud.

Issue Socialist Manifesto

By Scripps News Association

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—A deputation of strikers went to Tsar Koseio yesterday evening in order to deliver a petition of the workmen to the Czar, in order that the Czar might have ample time in which to consider it before Sunday. It has not transpired whether or not the deputation succeeded in seeing the Czar or not. The Socialists have issued a manifesto as follows:—“We have suffered enough, comrades, and let us join the workmen who have resolved as one man to stand firmly for their just rights. We want elective legislative assemblies. Down with autocracy. Down with the war. Long live the Russian Socialist Party.”

DISMISSED FROM THE ARMY

[By Scripps News Association]

Washington, Jan. 21.—Captain David B Milliken of the 27th Infantry, who was recently tried at Fort Sheridan on a charge of making false statements, was found guilty by the Court Martial and dismissed from the army. Milliken, it is alleged married a Philippine but reported himself as unmarried.

Appointed Collector

By Scripps News Association

Washington, Jan. 21.—The nomination of Charles B Crossnow as Collector of Customs for the District of Yakma, Oregon, was sent to the Senate today.

FIVE MEN KILLED

[By Scripps News Association]

Nogales, Arizona Jan 21.—The bodies of five Americans, who were murdered yesterday at Sonora Mexico, by Yaqui Indians, were brought here today. The dead men he just recently come to this country from Illinois.

TWO FROM CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan 21.—News of the murder by Yaqui Indians of John Kenneth McKenzie and Dr Robert Coy of Chicago have reached this place. Fears are expressed for the safety of Mr E A Potter, McKenzie's partner in a mining and engineering firm and it is thought that he also is wounded.

Take Change of Venue

[By Scripps News Association]

Bedford Jan. 21.—In the preliminary hearing of Frank Evans and Elmer Browning, charged with the murder of Sarah Shafer, which was to take place before Justice Harris this morning, a motion was made for a change of venue to Justice McLahan's court, and the order was made in accordance therewith. The hearing will now be had before Judge McLahan and is set for next Thursday the 26th.

Lawson Predicts Trouble

The Observer received the following telegram this morning from Thomas W Lawson, the man who has caused more commotion on Wall street than any other one man in the history of the street. Lawson is making a fight on the Amalgamated Copper Company and has caused that company and the Standard Oil Company more sleepless nights than all their other trouble put together.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 20—Observer, La Grande, Ore.—Exact knowledge “trusts” will American people peaceably legally revolt. I give it in February Everybody's Magazine. Costs me \$40,000-\$50,000. Won't you add your mite by calling attention to “The Magic Jimmy.” Thomas W Lawson

SMOOT CONTINUES HIS TESTIMONY

Scripps News Association

Washington, Jan 21.—Senator Smoot resumed the witness stand this morning in testifying in his own behalf in the inquiry now in session, and corrected his testimony of yesterday, saying that he had learned that a quorum of apostles did have the right to try one of its members.

Attorney Taylor tried to make the witness say that the majority rule prevailed in the Mormon Church, but the witness demurred. Smoot said that he voted to sustain President Smith on October the 6th last, and upon every occasion since, although he was cognizant that the testimony given by Smith at the committee hearing. In an answer to a question by Senator Overman, the witness said: “I believe that the leaders of the Church can receive revelations from:

God and any good man can receive revelations, but only the President of the Church could receive revelations which would bind the Church. They would be binding upon President Smith above the law of the land. And if I should receive such a revelation, it would be binding upon me, and if it conflicted with the law of the land, I would obey it, but would go to some other country.”

When asked whether the revelations commanding polygamy was the law of God the witness said “Yes. If you will make it a revelation ‘permitting’ plural wives, not ‘commanding’ God made it mandatory on Joseph Smith and he is the only one. If God made a similar command on me, I would obey it.” The witness said that he thought that God could recall or amend a revelation. The hearing has been adjourned until Monday.

SORENSEN JURY WAS DISCHARGED

Could Not Agree and Two of the Jurors Are Charged with Bribery

[By Scripps News Association]

Portland Ore Jan 21.—After being out for forty hours, the jury in the case of George Sorenson, charged with offering a bribe to District Attorney Hall, this day at noon reported that they could not agree and were discharged by the court. Charges of bribery have been made against two of the jurymen, A C Atkins, of Polk County, and John Northup, of the Dalles. In all probability the indictments will be returned this afternoon.

Later—Upon the discharge of the jury in the Sorenson case because they could not agree on a verdict, Federal Judge Bellinger instructed the District Attorney to take Sorenson's case before the Grand Jury with a view to

obtaining an indictment for perjury. The Federal Grand Jury this morning examined Amos King, W M Hawk, H B Brown, Ed Smith, Clyde Brown, B H Morris, Clyde Glass, James Johnson, Mrs. Sophie Calonne, all of Wheeler county, and charged with having taken up homesteads for the Butte Creek Land, Lumber and Livestock Co.

Cashier Arrested

[By Scripps News Association]

Des Moines Jan 21.—Carl N Spencer was arrested here today upon the charge of having embezzled six thousand dollars from the Des Moines National Bank. Until he was assistant cashier of this bank.

TO THE PUBLIC:

The rush of Holiday trade is over and business in general has got back to its normal condition. I wish to inform all my patrons, and those not my patrons but who are liable to be, that I am now in a position to take care of all watch, clock and jewelry repairing with dispatch. I have secured all the necessary help in all the latest tools and materials known to the trade, as well as the best workmen that money can procure.

All repair work is under my personal supervision and I guarantee each and every piece of work done to be finished in first class workmanlike manner, and to give (with proper attention) perfect satisfaction. All work sent by mail or express will receive the same careful attention as if delivered in person, and to be promptly returned in first class condition.

Thanking my patrons for their past liberal patronage and assuring them of my utmost ability to give them perfect satisfaction in the future. I remain as ever,

J. H. PEARE,

Next to Newlin's Drug Store. La Grande's Leading Jeweler



For high grade quality you will always find this market. Delicious roast beef is a most substantial dinner, but it will be a great disappointment if you get a tough, stringy kind that is sold on bargain ment counters. We handle the best meat that enters into this town and think it none to good for our customers.

BOSS Meat Market

Stillwell & Vandermeulen, Proprietors.

The Annual Clearance Sale

Will be Continued With Still

Greater Bargain Opportunities

Many of the seasonable goods on sale for the past two weeks in fairly good assortment

MUST BE CLEARED UP WITHOUT FAIL

Also several new line added

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY