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THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATION. MAD RIOTS, ANARCHY, REVOLTS AND SLAUGHTER PREVAIL. MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE SHOT DOWN BY TROOPS

St. Petersburg, Sunday.—This has been a day of unspeakable horror in St. Petersburg. The strikers of yesterday goaded to desperation by a day of violence, fury and bloodshed, are in a state of open insurrection against the government.

PETITION REFUSED Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky presented to his majesty late last night the invitation of the workmen to appear at the Winter palace this afternoon and receive their petition but the emperor's advisers already had taken a decision to show a firm and resolute front, and the emperor's answer to 100,000 workmen trying to make their way to the palace square today was a solid array of troops, who met them with rifles, bayonet and sabre

PRIEST NARFOW ESCAPE The priest, Gopon, the leader and the idol of the men, in his golden vestments, holding aloft the cross and marching in the head of thousands of workmen through the Narva gate, miraculously escaped a volley which laid low half a hundred persons.

FIVE HUNDRED CASUALTIES The figure of the total number killed and wounded here, at the Moscow gate at various bridges and islands and at the Winter palace, vary. The best estimate is 500 although there are exaggerated figures placing the

number as high as 5000. Many men were accompanied by their wives and children and in the confusion which left no time for discrimination, the latter shared the fate of the men. The troops, with the exception of a single regiment which is reported to have thrown down its arms, remained loyal and obeyed orders. But the blood which crimsoned the snow has fired the brains and passions of the strikers and turned women as well as men into wild beasts and the cry of the infuriated populace is for vengeance.

(By Scripps News Association) St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The Admiralty works at Sevastopol are on fire this morning, a result of the demonstrations of the strikers, and is burning furiously. The Government has decided to adopt the most stringent measures to check the populace. All the schools in the city are closed today, and in many places the water supply is out. At ten o'clock this morning the city remains quiet in the central part, but there was ferment in the outlying districts late yesterday evening. The police make house to house visits, warning the householders to keep quiet. That riot may break loose at any moment is a foregone conclusion. It was learned this morning that a band of rioters, the strength of which is not known, has decided to divide themselves and to ransack the city. The capitol is full of the very wildest rumors. One of the rumors says that the strikers have resolved to march, fifty thousand strong, to Tsarko-Selo and, if they find the Czar not there, will continue their march to Peterhof. Another rumor is that the nihilists have persuaded the strike leaders to take over with them a large supply of bombs to be used in order to repel the troops.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The Government has issued a statement blaming the working men with yesterday's bloodshed, and stating that the demands of the strikers are audacious and impossible. Most of the responsibility is ascribed to Father Gopon, the

priest, and the official statement of the casualties is deaths, 76 and wounded 233. These figures are ridiculed everywhere.

WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST A municipal building in the second district was today demolished by the rioters. At a meeting of the strikers of the Putilov Powder Works this morning, a resolution was passed expressing the intention of continuing the struggle until the last drop of blood is shed. Several outbreaks have been reported this afternoon in the Basil Island District.

It is learned that the greatest anxiety is felt by the authorities owing to signs of insubordination among the troops. Disaffection, it is said, has extended to the crews of the third Baltic squadron at Sevastopol and troops were called out yesterday to suppress a riot among the sea fleet.

FEARFUL SLAUGHTER At two o'clock this afternoon the crowd was moving toward the Winter Palace, assuming threatening proportions. The men have the most threatening demeanor.

The troops dispatched this morning to Basil Island where the strikers had barricaded themselves in the streets approaching on the double quick, were met with a volley of bricks and other missiles. Under a rain of lead from the troops, men, women and children fell in the streets and when the last barricade had fallen, street after street was strewn with bodies marking the resistless progress of the guards. The clash is said by several witnesses to have exceeded anything that occurred in the history of French Revolution. It is estimated that two thousand were killed and wounded. An aged priest, kneeling in the middle of the street in prayer, fell with a bullet through his breast.

DUKE'S RESIDENCE ATTACKED The report that the Grand Duke Sergius the Czar's uncle had been

assassinated, has been proven untrue. The workmen attacked his residence and broke all the windows and were battering down the doors when the troops appeared and dispersed them. The Grand Duke at the time was at Tsarkoseloff with the Czar.

ANOTHER CLASH OCCURS Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk Mirsky at eleven o'clock this morning issued orders to close the headquarters of the Workmen's Union. The workmen complied without police interference. Seven thousand survivors of yesterday's desperate struggle who in desperation turned toward Tsarkoseloff fourteen miles from here where they were determined to see the Czar were headed off and dispersed after several charges by the troops. Their losses are not known at this time.

THE CZAR PROSTRATED The executive committee of the Revolutionary League has appealed to the American, British, French and Italian ambassadors, asking them to bring foreign influence to bear upon Russian Government in favor of conciliating the masses.

3:30 p. m. The strikers continue to drift toward the Palace square, and the Cossacks and police are having more trouble in keeping the crowds quiet. The city resembles an armed camp. The Czar is completely prostrated with grief, and it is understood that he is in a complete state of collapse. It is rumored that the Warsaw railroad station is burning and that part of the track is torn up.

The police have closed all gunsmith shops, and the fire arms and other weapons have been removed from the windows and locked up in cellars. It is rumored that the Grand Duke Alexis and Sergius are already on the way to the frontier.

STRIKERS HAVE POWDER The locking of the shops in Old St. Petersburg has been sternly suppressed, but thousands of pounds of ammunition have been stolen from the Putiloff Powder Works by the strikers.

WILL BURN ENTIRE CITY Wild rumors have reached the authorities that Father Gopon the priest, has plans concocted to burn the entire city of St. Petersburg feeding the flames with immense quantities of petroleum. Since this rumor has gained credence, the police have prohibited the sale of petroleum.

SEARCH FOR PRIEST LEADER The police are not able to locate Father Gopon although they are trying to find him everywhere. It is said that his whereabouts are known to only a half dozen lieutenants through whom he issues orders. Lieutenants declare that the leaders of the strikers are determined to preach the gospel of armed resistance and the overthrow of authority.

Another Suit Filed

By Scripps News Association Boston Jan. 23.—A petition for a writ of certiorari in the case of Harriman-Pierce, Oregon Short Line, Equitable Trust Co of New York against the Northern Securities and the Northern Pacific was filed today in the Supreme Court. The suit is brought to determine the present right of possession of the Northern Pacific stock pooled in the Northern Securities.

No Election By Scripps News Association Jefferson City, Mo. Jan. 23.—The 5th joint ballot for U S Senator in the legislature today resulted, Cookrell 80, Niedringhaus, 79 Kerens 9 and Pettijohn 1

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—12:30, P.M. The feeling is growing that the worst is over in the riots unless the workers at Basil Island, who broke into the vodka shops shortly before nine o'clock this morning, are able to get together in force and carry either Nicholas Palace or the bridges.

Troops continue to patrol the principal thoroughfares about the Winter Palace, and many shops are open. The soldiers have instructions to act on the defensive unless the rioting is renewed. The strikers are showing no such stubbornness today as they displayed yesterday. There are reports of a few conflicts in the suburbs, but no casualties at noon. A large crowd has begun to gather in the Nevsky Prospects, but no disturbances have been reported. All traces of yesterday's conflict have been removed, and the authorities are not permitting the news of same to reach the internal points of Russia. The Dowager Empress has left the city for Tsarkoseloff.

FIGHTING THIS AFTERNOON Later 5:50 P.M. Fighting has been resumed and the troops are firing upon the mob in the Nevsky Prospect District. Several thousand strikers in the Basil Island district attempted to cross the Nicholas and Palace bridges this afternoon but were driven back by the cavalry. It is rumored that the Czar will tomorrow issue a proclamation placing the capitol in a state of siege.

It is learned this afternoon that the Dowager Empress narrowly escaped in jury yesterday. She was passing through the streets at the time the rioting broke out, but took refuge in the house of Prince Gitschims, where the mob followed her and bombarded the building with stones. The trouble in the Nevsky Prospect proved to be of minor importance and was easily quelled. It is reported that the Czar has left for Gatchina or Peterhoff. An easier feeling prevails this evening, and camp fires are burning in the Palace square which resembles a vast bivouac. Enormous crowds are parading the sidewalks and squads of cavalry are moving up and down the Nevsky Prospect.

Smoot Still Talks

(By Scripps News Association) Washington Jan. 23.—Senator Smoot resumed the witness stand this morning, and was questioned regarding the apostasy of Moses Thatcher. He said that he knew that Thatcher had had trouble with a quorum of Twelve, and said that Thatcher held that the Church rule forbidding Mormons to participate in politics without permission should apply to all ranks, until the trial, when it was interpreted as applying to only the high and paid officials and witness agreed to this. The witness said that God communes with Mormons only through prayer and never through apostles or priests. The witness declined to describe the eddowment ceremonies on the ground that he had made a vow, not an oath, to his God to keep the ceremonies sacred. He said the oath of secrecy was purely a religious ordinance. In reply to questions asked, he said that the Church received about a million dollars a year in tithes and of this amount, the sum of one hundred and forty thousand was spent for educational purposes, one hundred thousand for feeding the poor, and large sums for missions, and that the Church also had some money invested in commercial institutions, but only a small percent of their capital.

SUSPECTED OF SEVERAL MURDERS

(By Scripps News Association) Chicago, Jan. 23.—A warrant for the arrest of Johanna Hoeh, whom the police suspect of several wife murders, was sworn out today by Amelia Fischer, Hoeh being charged with bigamy. The coroner conducting the investigation of the death of Marie Walker, Hoeh's latest wife, who died recently under suspicious circumstances. Hoeh, it is believed, had four wives previously, all of whom died.

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

A Leader BOSS Meat Market Stillwell & Vandermeulen, Proprietors. 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 meat counters. We handle the best meat that enters into this town and think it none too good for our customers.

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