

LIBERTY IN RUSSIA
Czar Issues Decree Granting Extension.

TOLERATION IN RELIGION

People of All Creeds May Worship as They Please—Rural Laws to Be Reformed and Forced Labor of Peasants Abolished.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.—The Czar has issued a decree providing for freedom of religion throughout his dominions, and establishing to some degree local self-government, and making other concessions to the village communities.

DEBATE ON RELIGIOUS ORDERS.

French Chamber Takes Up Subject of Closing Convent Schools.

PARIS, March 12.—The Chamber of Deputies was the center of great interest and animation today at the opening of the debate on the religious orders.

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THEY LEARNED SOMETHING.

German Police Officials Follow Kaiser's Advice to Visit America.

BERLIN, March 12.—Count von Bernstorff, president of the Potsdam police, who recently returned to Germany from the United States, has submitted to Emperor William a written narrative of his experiences and observations in America, with appreciative notes on the New York police.

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Cutting Down Naval Budget.

BERLIN, March 12.—The Reichstag appropriations committee is continuing its policy of retrenchment. It struck out today \$1,000,000, which the admiralty wanted for the purchase of a site for the new Navy Department building, making \$2,188,550 strikes out of the naval budget alone.

Austrian Squadron to Cruise.

VIENNA, March 12.—It is officially announced that a division of the Austrian Navy, consisting of three armored cruisers and a torpedo-boat, will visit the ports in the Greek Archipelago and Asia Minor. The authorities say that the cruise is entirely without political significance.

Vesuvius Still in Eruption.

PORCINO, Italy, March 12.—The eruption of Vesuvius continues. The volcano was very active throughout the night, but this morning the disturbance became more feeble. The population continues quiet.

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Organize Colorado Coal Miners.

FLORENCE, Colo., March 12.—Acting upon advice given by John L. Gehr, of this city, district organizer for District 15, United Mine Workers of America, and James W. Graham, of Coal Creek; John Mitchell, National President of the United Mine Workers, will visit Colorado in a short time and arrange for placing this district, embracing Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah, under its own jurisdiction. It is planned to spend from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in the district by sending capable organizers among 30,000 miners in the district and building up the local unions.

Driven Crazy by Boycott.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 12.—Because of the frequent application to him of ostentatious epithets, Joseph Seahman, who was a nonunion miner during the coal strike, has become violently insane. Seahman's ostracism was so complete that it preyed upon his mind until he became a danger to himself. He has been removed to an insane asylum in Schuylkill county.

Building Strike Threatened.

CHICAGO, March 12.—The strike of the Sheet Metalworkers was indorsed today by the advisory board of the Building Trades Council. This is said to mean a general strike, including members of 30 building crafts, who will be called out to every contract where nonunion men or members of the rival metalworkers' union are employed.

Voting on General Strike.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 12.—Over 40 labor unions are voting on the proposition to join in a sympathetic strike March 23. The carrying out of the proposition will throw out of employment between 4000 and 5000 men. Over half the unions that are voting have decided in favor of the strike.

Will Organize New River Miners.

THURMOND, W. Va., March 12.—Twenty representatives of the United Mineowners are now in the New River coal fields, organizing the miners, and it is authoritatively stated that a general strike will be ordered inside of 60 days.

Strike Stops Work on Bridges.

CHICAGO, March 12.—The strike of the structural iron workers against the American Bridge Company, which was started in the 20s, has extended to the company's contracts here and work on two bridges under construction for the city was stopped today.

Object to Washing Mules.

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., March 12.—Three hundred men are idle at Packer No. 3 colliery of the Lehigh Coal Company, owing to a strike of the drivers because of an order requiring them to wash the mules before stabling them at night.
Dispute With Holders Ended.
CLEVELAND, O., March 12.—The differences between the foundrymen and the organization of molders that have been on for a number of months were settled today. The settlement reported is \$2 for a ten-hour day.
Canada's Need of Railroads.
OTTAWA, Ont., March 12.—Parliament was opened this afternoon by Lord Minto, British Governor-General. In the speech from the throne Lord Minto said that, owing to the rapid increase of population in the Northwest Territory and the large areas brought under cultivation, the question of transportation of grain to the markets of the world through Canadian channels is occupying much attention, and that a commission will be appointed to report upon the whole subject. A short reference was made to the treaty for the delimitation of the Alaskan boundary.
Knapp Will Not Testify.
HAMILTON, O., March 12.—Attorney Thomas H. Darby, of Cincinnati, counsel for A. A. Knapp, came here this morning and held a long conference with his client. Darby is here to prevent Knapp being called as a witness in the Roth assault case. He says his client had disclaimed all knowledge of the assault, and that he believes him, and will not allow Knapp to sacrifice his rights. This afternoon counsel for the defense of Roth, who is being tried for assault, announced that Knapp would not be called a witness. Knapp's hearing will take place next Monday.

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