Revolution Is Following Fast.

RED FLAG IS FLYING

"Down With Monarchy," Cry of Oppressed.

STRUCGLE FOR FREEDOM ON

Blood Spilled by Autocracy Will Be Mightily Avenged.

CZAR HAS GONE TC PETERHOF

Grand Duke Vladimir Is Left of All the Imperial Family to Conduct the War Sprung Up Within the Empire.

SPECIAL CABLE.
ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 23 (8 A. M.) Into the last hours of Sunday and the

first of Monday were crowded some of the momentous and frightful events which will ever be recorded in the pages of Russia's history. Within one hour from the time this dispatch is written is to begin, according to the strike leaders. the great struggle for freedom. This is the programme of the strikers as outlined and decided upon at the meetings held late Sunday night.

Riot has given way to revolution. The labor troubles which gave rise to the awful outbreak are forgotten. The mobs are led by political agitators. "Down with the Monarchy!" is the slogan of the hour, and the red flag flies over every. body of rebels.

8. Petersburg today is in the threes of tions who believe that the throne is in

ceeded by far by those of the night and morning. The most harrowing slaughter occurred in the Vassili Ostroff quarter, where the destruction of the barricades were accompanied by the killing These barricades were telegraph poles bound together with wire entanglements, which were stretched uch to curb It becut ne exident that if those operations were permitted The exact number of deaths probably to continue, the whole city would be never will be known. No Americans menaced, for then the rebels would have were injured. a stronghold whence they could send their forces into all parts of the city without being in danger of having their communications interrupted.

Message From the Leader.

The fortifying of that district was the result of the realization by the strikers that they must combine their forces. They had long hesitated before adopting a plan of concentration, but once decided

upon, they lost no time in carrying it out. If anything was needed to carry them on to the tireless activity, it came with the receipt of a message bearing the signature of "Father George," their beloved leader. Gopon. Whether this message was really sent by Gopon made little dif-It did its work, and shortly after midnight every man was at work completing the fortifications of the quarter. It also set at rest all disquieting rumors in circulation about the fate of Gopon. One report had him arrested, another wounded, a third killed. The officials at this time claimed to have absolutely no knowledge of his whereabouts. The police would not admit that he had been arrested, nor that he is at liberty.

The most reliable report, the one which emunates from a source which may be trusted in, states that Gopon was wou ed in the fight around the Putiloff works, thas be was taken a prisoner, but liberated by a determined band of faithfuls. and then spirited away to a place of eafety, whence he is now preparing plans

for the day. The report of building fortifications in the Vansili Oscroff quarter left the authorities still undecided. They had not proclaimed martial law, trusting in the ability of the troops stationed in the mestern part of Vassiliefski Island to prevent reinforcements from reaching the men quartered in Vassili Ostroff, but then came the news that 40,000 strikers were moving from Kolpino, 16 miles distant from St. Petersburg, upon the capital, and another rumor that the men in the Vassill Ostroff had selzed a dynamite factory and distributed its stock among their

Slaughter is Put at Two Thousand.

Immediately the order went out to take the quarter, no matter what the cost. At this morning a mixed force of troops. the larger portion being made up of Cos sacks, Hussars and Uhlans, moved upon the quarter. They were met by thousunds of strikers. The bloodshed which fullowed is stated by certain sources to exceed in borror the worst clashes of the French revolution. These informants insist that 2000 were killed. Other con servative agencies place the number of killed at 500 and the wounded at 500.

it is impossible at this time to confirm either of these reports, but considering the numbers that met and the importance of the position fought for, the very worst might have happened. One high officer

said at 7 o'clock this morning that the barricades of the Vanzili Ostroff quarter had been destroyed.

From an unusually reliable es the information that the Czar has left Tearkoe-Selo and gone to Peterhi with his entire family and all the Grass Dukes and Grand Duchesses, with the exception of the Grand Duke Vindimir, who is personally conducting the military operations. There is some reason to be-lieve the story of the Crar's departure from Tearkoe-Selo.

Strikers Attacked by Cossacks. When the strikers heard late Sunday sight the report that His Majesty was

not at the Winter Palace a strong troop made ready to move to Tsurkoe-Sel-They marched a considerable distance be-fore their object was discovered. Then Commacks were sent after them, and after a fight, which ended in the utter rout of the strikers, every approach to the Sele was blocked,

The big La Fern eigarette factor) whose workers refused to join the strik ers, has been burned to the ground. Among the dead is Father Sergius, amuch-beloved priest of the Greek Ortho-dox Church, who has been much among the strikers and exposed himself to many dangers in his attempt to provent blood-

hed. His death gave rise to the first re port that Father Gopon had been killed. All night the work of constructing bar-ricades has been continuing. Telegraph poles have been felled with axes and burned and nearly all telephone wires, with the exception of those which are directly guarded by the troops, are down. The number of barricades now in the

treets of St. Petersburg, with the excep-

ion of those in the Vassili Cetroff quar-

ter, is estimated at 40. Vasaliefski island is being watch with anxiety by the entire city. There lurks the greatest dangers. The workers on the Island are practically penned in, troops barring and blocking the approaches to every bridge leading St. Petersburg. The grave, the terrible stion of the hour is whether the m on the island will be able to make their way into the city. If they do the city

SLEEPING THROUGH FATIGUE Everything Quiet in Early Morning

may become theirs.

at St. Petersburg. ST. PETERBBURG, Jan. 21 (4:45 A. M.) Petersburg is sleeping quietly at this hour, worn out by the excitement of a long day. Laborers and spectators have long since left the streets and the military and police have had little to do for hours beyond driving off occasional riotous bands of irresponsible young roughs, bent on windowbreaking and marauding, and dispersing groups of too demonstrative Socialists or Liberals returning from protracted meetings where their minds were fired with incen-

diary speeches.
Since midnight the Russian capital has been as praceful as it was the preceding night, but in the Palace Square and in all the principal streets and opening St. Petersburg military district. From places throughout the fown become fires thence Grand Duke Vladimir and massed is revolution, which is spreading with are gleaming and infantrymen sleeping every minute. There are those in official near their stacked rifles or marching hither and thither. Cavalrynien on wearied horses are patrolling the long thor-The horrors of Sunday evening were ex- oughfares. No further firing has been heard and no more reports of collisions have been received.

A renewal of rioting is not expected until late in the morning, if at all today, as the strikers, thoroughly wearled by previous events, will be luclined to wait until the military precautions have some-what relaxed.

It is impossible even now to estimate

of Twenty Paces.

Slaughter Begun With Awful Suddeness.

CHARGE CROWD

Dispersed at One Point Populace Meets at Another.

ORDER TO FIRE IS THEN GIVEN

Mangled Bodies of Persons of All Ages Are Strewn Over the Sidewalk by the Murderous Hall of Bullets.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21-The most harrowing scenes of the day *occurred around the palaces on the s-tuare. us place back of the Winter Palace is surrounded by gardens fronting the Admiralty and by a vast semi-circu lar building containing the offices of the general staff, the Ministry of Finance and the Foreign Office. In the center of the block is cut an arched gateway surunted by a bronze quadriga. The gateway serves at a rentrance to the Grand Morskala, one of the most fashionable streets in the city, which crosses the Nevsky Prospect.

Beyond the semi-circular building is wide space leading to the Moiks Canal and beyond this stands an enormous square building, the headquarters of the From orders for the whole military preparations directing the day's operations. In the center of the square stands an enormous granite column supporting a statue of Victory, commemorating the defeat of the Napoleonic invasion, at which a veteran guard of the uniform of the period of Alexander I stands sentinel.

Crowds Gather Early.

When the Associated Press correspond ent arrived at the Palace Square early this morning he found a considerable crowd of demonstrators already lining the railings of the Admiralty garden and the vanced at a quick trot, and then broke the appearance of a military encampment.

Proebrajensky Guards had piled their arms, while the men were sitting around campfires or stamping on the snow to

Beyond the infantry stood squadrons of the Chevaller Guards and the Horse Rioters Shot at Range the usual gay trappings. The men carried carbines stung across the men carried carbines ried carbines slung across their shoul-ders, and their stirross were covered with felt or straw to keep off the cold. All the soldiers were bashlika, or hoods, to protect their ears from the keen, search-

ing wind. A field kitchen steamed merrily, ois nating the fragrant odor of viands Many of the men wrestled or boxed, cracking jokes as one rolled on the anow. A whole ow of ambulances drawn up near the palace served its a grim reminder of the stern business on hand. Meanwhile pickets were stationed at all the entrances of the palace, and a cavalry patrol kept naders moving along the sidewalks.

Treope Roundly Cursed. Sleigh treffic continued uninterrupted

till the time came for the cavalry to charge. The crowd of strikers in and cutside the Admiralty gardens continued to grow hourly, swelled by arrivals from he Nevsky Prospect, which touches upor the boulevard skirting the gardens.

The strikers manned and held a small dilice at the corner of the gardens and poured out constant objugations and reproaches at the troops. It was in vain that the officers requested them to dis-

"We have come to present our homage and grievances to the Emperor. "Let the Emperor come out and hear

s; we do not wish to do harm." "Long life to Nicholas II. If he only listens to our grievan," a be are sure he will be just and mercific

"We cannot longer e dure our suffer-Such were the cries repeatedly heard from many strikers. Many strikers rought their wives and children.

You soldiers are our brothers; you canot shoot these little ones," they ex loi ued. But as the pickets and patrols ontinued driving off the demonstrators may began to give way, and bitter insults and oaths, in which the Russian vocabu-lary is particularly rich, became frequent, are not Japanese; why brutalize us? Will you shame the mother who bore ou, who was a Russian, like ourselves, were some of the cries that were heard.

Students Rougnly Handled.

Later such expressions as "scoundrels,"

mercenaries," "dogs" and worse were

A long-haired student among the crowd urled an insulting epithet at an officer, who sent a couple of men to arrest libra. The crowd tried to rescue the student, but the latter was dragged and kicked across the sunlit square, his long hair ossing in the air. The crowd broke into

Then a young workman jeered at a soldier, who supplied his rife butt, and with the help of comrades, drugged the workman, despite his piteous pleadings,

to the lockup. Every time the troops moved the crowds hissed them. Strfkers also gathered at the entrance of the Grand Morskula and on the avenue leading to the Molka Canal. The crowd at the latter place swelled to huge proportions, blocking the bridge across the canal. The order came at 1:39 P. M. to clear

them off. The Colonel commanding the Horse Guards uttered a short, sharp, command.

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Czar Is No Longer the "Little Father."

DEATH MEETS PLEAS

Workmen Undeceived by Bloodshed.

ONE RECIMENT IN REVOLT

Troops Refuse to Fire on Defenseless Protestants.

WITTE MAY BECOME DICTATOR

Emperor's Crack Guards to the Num ber of 50,000 Are Elvoucked at Night on the Main Streets of St. Petersburg.

Pollowing is the text of a letter ademed by Father Gopon to Emperor Nicholas last night:

"Sovereign: I fear your Ministers have not told you the full truth about the situation. 'The whole people, trusting in you, have resolved to appear at the Winter Palace at 2 P. M., in order to inform you of their needs. If, vacil-lating, you do not appear before the people, the moral holds between you and the people who trust in you will disap-pear, because innocent blood will flow between you and the people.

"Appear tomorrow before your people and receive our address of devotion in a courageous spirit. I and the repre sentatives of labor and my brave work-ingmen and comrades guarantee the inviolability of your person."

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 22.-This has been a day of unspeakable horror in St. Petersburg. The strikers of yesterday, caded to desperation by a day of violence, fury and bloodshed, are in a state of open insurrection against the government. A condition almost bordering on civil war exists in the terror-stricken Russian capital.

The city is under martial law, with Prince Vasiichikoff as commander of over 50,000 of the Emperor's crack guards.

Troops are bivouacking in the streets tothe loss of loved ones, cursed the soldiers Prospect, the main thoroughfare of the

throws up barricades, which they are holding. The Empress Dowager has hastily sought safety at Tsarskoe-Selo, where Emperor Nicholas II is living. Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky presented to His Majesty last night the invitation of the workmen to appear at the Winter Palace this after-

on and receive their petition, but the Emperor's advisers had taken a decision to show a firm and resolute front, and the Emperor's answer to the 100,000 work men trying to make their way to the Pa ace Square today was a solid array of troops, who met them with rifle, bayonet

and saber Priest Gopon Escapes Volley.

The priest, Gopon, the leader and ido of the men, in his golden vestments, hold ing aloft the cross and marching at the head of thousands of workmen, through the Narva Gate, miraculously escaped volley which laid low half a hundred per sons. The figures of the total number Gate, at the various bridges and Islands and at the Winter Palace vary. The bes estimate is 500, although there are exag-gerated figures placing the number as high as 5000. Many men were accomn the confusion, which left no tim discrimination, the latter shared the fat-

The troops, with the exception of a sin gle 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. The sympathy of the middle classes in with the workmen.

Faith in Emperor Is Gone.

If Father Gopon, the master mind of the movement, aimed at open revolution he managed the affair like a genlus to break the faith of the people in their "Little Father," who, they were con vinced, and whom Father Gopon has taught them to believe, would right their wrongs and redress their grievances. Gorky, the Russian novelist, expres the opinion that today's work will break this faith of the people in the Empero He said this evening to the Associated "Today inaugurated revolution in Rus

sia. 'The Emperor's prestige will be irrevocably shattered by this shedding of innocent blood. He has allenated Himself forever from his people. Gopon taught the workmen to believe that an appeal direct to the "Little Father" would be heeded. They have been undeceived. "Gopon is now convined that peaceful means have failed, and that the only remedy is force. The first blood has been shed, but more will follow. It is now the people against the oppressors, and the battle will be fought to the bitter end."

Barred From River Bridges.

The military had a firm grip on every artery in the city. At daybreak guards, regiments, cavalry and infantry, held every bridge across the frozen Nevz, the network of canals which interlaces the city and the gates leading from the indus trial section, while in the Palace Square, the storm center, were massed dragoo of infantry and Cossacks of the Guards. Barred from the bridges and gates, men women and children crossed the frozen river and canals on the ice by twos and threes, hurrying to the Palace Square, where they were sure the Emperor would be present to hear them. But the street approaches to the square were cleared by volleys and Cossack charges.

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Priest Unscathed by Rain of Bullets.

SPARED BY SOLDIERS

At Head of Procession of Workmen.

TROOPS BAR HIS PASSAGE

Order to Halt Does Not Check Stately Onset.

SHRIEKS FOLLOW A VOLLEY

Charging Cossacks Trample Dead and Wounded Ruthlessly Under Foot and Scatter the Suppliants on the Way to the Palace.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 22-There was very dramatic scene at the Narva Gate bearing aloft an ikon and flanked by two clergymen carrying religious banners, aproached at the head of a procession of 9000 workmen. Troops were drawn up across the entrance. Several officer called upon the procession to stop, an order was given to fire, first with blank artridges.

Two volleys rang out, but the line still tid not waver. Then, with seeming relucance, an officer gave the command to load with ball, and the next volley was folowed by shricks and cries of the

As the Cossacks followed up the with a charge the workmen fled before them, leaving about 100 dead or wounded. It was evident that the soldiers delibrately spared Father Gopon. One of the dergymer at his side was wounded but Father Gopon escaped untouched and hid behind a wall until the Cossacks passed, and he was then spirited away by work-

WORD FROM FATHER GEORGE Priestly Leader Declares the Czar. Ordered the Murders.

SPECIAL CABLE. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 23 (4 A. M.)-It as just been reported that Father Gopon managed to escape from his guards, although severely wounded, and that he has been spirited to a place of safety. While this report cannot as yet be verified, a mysterious proclamation simed by the revered leader, has been posted on dead-

walls and telegraph poles. It says:
"Dear Associates, My Beloved Working Friends: After today we no longer have an Emperor. The most innocent of blood rolls between him and those who up to (Concluded on Page Nine.)

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