

CZAR IS IN DOUBT

Whether He Shall Call Zemsky Sobor or Not.

DIVISION IN HIS COUNCILS

Liberals Urge That He Trust the People, but Supporters of Despotism Point to Fate of Louis in France as a Warning.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15. (11:40 P. M.)—In spite of Emperor Nicholas' personal inclination in favor of the Zemsky Sobor, as intimated to Count Leo Tolstoy, the imperial decision to summon the parliament has not yet been taken.

"I myself have frankly urged upon His Majesty," the Minister said, "the view that the time has come when the people should be consulted on all important questions in the government; and the same counsel has been given by others, who believe that the moderate liberal element which is drifting away from the government is necessary to the elaboration of the scheme for the electorate, composition and functions of the body. Reasons of state which might make it inadvisable to summon such a body during the war, since the government is unitedly of the opinion that peace is impossible now, but if the Zemsky Sobor is to be convened at the close of the war, a proclamation should be issued now."

"Yet, no matter what the Emperor's decision may be, the manifesto on reforms on which the committee of ministers is working will be a great good. The misfortune is that all the disintegrated classes are skeptical. The situation is deplorable, but not critical. There may be trouble and disorders, even on a comparatively large scale, though there will be no crisis unless the discontent extends to the rural districts. There will be no revolution in the country, coupled with political agitation in the cities, no one can predict what may happen."

It is understood that one of the arguments used by revolutionaries in the revival of the Zemsky Sobor is the fact that the body in the old days wielded immense power, being itself responsible for the elevation of the Emperor to the throne and therefore it might even undertake, if again called, to elect a new ruler.

Generally speaking, the position of the opposition to the Zemsky Sobor is well voiced editorially in today's Moscow Gazette, the leading exponent of the absolute autocracy of Russia, in which it is prophesied that any system of national assembly will lead to a struggle between it and the Emperor which will inevitably end in the overthrow of the autocracy. The article draws a parallel between the present political situation and the nihilist terrorism, which almost wrung a constitution from Alexander II and after his assassination confronted Alexander III with a choice of alternatives. The article continues:

"Then, as now, the public press loudly proclaimed that without a parliament or Zemsky Sobor Russia must perish. The revolutionaries were so intimidated by an insignificant group of terrorists that it came to believe that Russia could be saved only by the Zemsky Sobor, the assembly of the people, the sovereign. But Alexander understood that the first consideration for the welfare of Russia was the restoration of order. The government, and not the people, must be the basis of the Zemsky Sobor, then Russia from revolution. What was true then is true now. Suppose the government were turned over to such men as composed the Zemsky Sobor, without the consent of the ruler, adopted resolutions and otherwise incited the people to open revolt; if real power were lodged in their hands, the result would be an open quarrel, resulting either in civil war or the dismemberment of the autocracy by revolution. Those who imagine that dangers can be averted by restricting representation to privileged classes need only remember France and 1789, when the third estate organized the Estates-General, asserting the King. So in Russia, a Zemsky Sobor of the privileged Zemsky class would only be a stepping-stone to universal representation, which would be bound to destroy the rule of the autocracy."

SITUATION AT LODZ IS GRAVE

Strikers Are Belligerent and Martial Law May Be Proclaimed.

LODZ, Feb. 15.—The situation here is becoming serious. Fewer men were working today than on any other day, suffering among the families of strikers. The director of the Coates Thread Mills, at his own expense, is daily giving dinner to the workmen's children, of whom 250 were present today.

The Governor himself admits that the conditions are very grave. He is anxious to avert bloodshed, but fears it will be difficult. He has peremptorily ordered soldiers to refrain from exciting the animosity of the strikers, and that they must not shoot unless attacked first. The attitude of the strikers shows increasing hostility. The Governor fears that it will be necessary for him to proclaim martial law and this probably will end the strike, but it may cost many lives.

The miners are hesitating and unable to reach an agreement with regard to concessions. The large mill remains closed. The situation tonight appears to be most grave, and unless the deadlock is shortly broken the outlook for a settlement is extremely discouraging.

STUDENTS OUT ON A STRIKE

Refuse to Resume Studies Till Czar Grants Reforms.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15. (4:30 A. M.)—Students throughout Russia are resorting to strike methods to indicate their dissatisfaction with existing political conditions and press the demands for reform. The students at the University of Moscow, the largest institution of the kind in Russia, have voted to resume their studies during the present school year. The spirit possesses the students of the St. Petersburg, Kiev, and other large universities, even extending to the seminaries and lower schools.

BUSINESS MEN FOR REFORM

Government Impressed by Unanimity of Popular Demand.

SPECIAL CABLE. MOSCOW, Feb. 15.—It is asserted by leading nobles of this city that the rumored determination of the Czar to grant large practical concessions to the

THIRD FLEET SAILS

Seven More Ships to Fight Japanese.

WILL JOIN ROJESTVENSKY

Much-Hated Alexis Sees Them Break Way Through Ice at Libau—Admiral Will Not Await Them for Fear of Monsoons.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—Public opinion becomes steadily more threatening. "Down with the Romanoff dynasty" is heard in the saloons, theaters and streets. News from the provinces reveals a similar situation. Payments along the Volga, notably in Saratov, Samara and Kazan and Central Russia, particularly in Voronezh, Krasnodar, Orel and Moscow, refuse to pay their state taxes, saying that they are unable to do so and that, unless the Czar grants them land from the which paid little attention to it. When, however, the representatives of industry and finance take similar views, the authorities realize that their situation is becoming entirely untenable.

GOING TO JOIN ROJESTVENSKY

Russian Ministers Rejoice at Departure of Third Squadron.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15. (4:30 A. M.)—The departure of Admiral Nebogatov's division of four battleships, one cruiser and two auxiliary cruisers from Libau yesterday to reinforce Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron in the Far East, is a source of gratification to the Admiralty, in view of the difficulties caused by the strike. The point of rendezvous with Rojestvensky is not stated, but it is understood that it is beyond the Indian Ocean. Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky being under instructions not to delay in the monsoon period the resumption of his cruise.

WRANGLE AMONG THE OFFICERS

Army and Navy Commanders From Port Arthur Are Knockers.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—French special correspondents sent to meet the French steamer Australasian, having on board General Stoesel and other officers of the Third Squadron of Port Arthur, forwarded detailed accounts of discord among the Russian officers. The army officers are particularly hostile to the fleet, habitually calling it the "righteously fleet." Admiral Lockinsky, who was commander of the torpedo defenses at Port Arthur, is lengthily quoted as making bitter criticism of General Stoesel, and Admiral Alexieff and others. The main quotes Lockinsky as characterizing Vice-Admiral Stark and Rear-Admiral Witboef as "boobyheads" and "idiot," and as being acquainted with their duties and snicker whenever they are mentioned.

WILL GIVE EVERY MAN A VOTE

Czar Proposes Universal Suffrage for Zemsky Zabor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—M. Souvarin, editor of the Novoye Vremya, discussing the proposed assembling of the Zemsky Zabor, quotes the view of the Emperor, according to the Emperor, as outlining the plan by which the voting districts would be treated as are the colonies of the United States, but maintaining the principle of unrestricted suffrage, declaring that the majority has as much right to vote as the minority graduate, and saying it is essential that the proceedings be conducted in Russia.

RUSSIAN STRIKE DYING OUT

Fear Now Turns to Railroads and Shortage of Coal.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—The latest reports from Lodz and Lodz is exhausting. At several points in Southern Russia, however, individual strikes are reported, notably at the locomotive works of Kharkoff, but the men's demands were immediately met.

BAND OF HEROES FIGHTS ARMY

Heroic Defense of Japanese Company Against 3000 Cossacks.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15.—Advices were received today by the steamship Tremont of a dramatic incident during the recent Russian cavalry raid on Yinkow and the Japanese communications south of Liao Yang. A Japanese infantry company under Captain Yasuhara was surrounded by about 3000 Cossacks near Anshantien at a commissariat depot. There was a Chinese horse near under cover of which the Japanese made a desperate stand for seven hours. They were driven out and recaptured the Chinese house, driving out the Cossacks with the enemy with bayonets. In the night the Russians set fire to the house and the defenders were compelled to retreat.

CONTRABAND FOR VLADIVOSTOK

British Steamer Loaded by Germans With Suspicious Cargo in London.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Union-Castle liner Roslin Castle, which arrived at Tilbury last night, discharged her crew at once, took on a German crew which was awaiting her arrival, had her hull painted black, hoisted the German flag and was renamed the Regina. After this quick transformation, the crew began loading the vessel with 100 barrels of beer, 6000 sides of fresh beef, 2000 cases of butter, 100 casks of rum and 500 boxes of serge cloth.

KILLED, BUT NOT BY HANGING

Breaking of Rope Changes Programme for Execution.

BRIDGEFORD, N. J., Feb. 15.—Frank Rainsinger was hanged today for the murder of his wife. The rope broke as the body rebounded, and the back of Rainsinger's head struck the beam of the scaffold and broke Rainsinger's neck. The physicians present said death was instantaneous. It was therefore not necessary to raise the body again to the scaffold. Sheriff Demont said after the hanging that he was unable to account for the snapping of the cord, as it had been tested with a weight more than 100 pounds heavier than Rainsinger's body.

WILL SAVE SOME RUSSIAN SHIPS

Japanese at Port Arthur Will Use Them Against Rojostvensky.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15.—The steamship Tremont, which arrived today, brought news that vessels, including many warships, will be added to Japanese naval strength as a result of salvage operations now being conducted at Port Arthur. Investigation shows that the destruction wrought by the Russians on the war vessels at the moment of surrender was by no means as great as im-

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Stoesel Sails for Odessa.

PORT SAID, Feb. 15.—General Stoesel and 573 officers and men from Port Arthur sailed this afternoon for Odessa on board the steamer St. Nicholas.

Catarrh

Invites Consumption

It weakens the delicate lung tissues, deranges the digestive organs, and breaks down the general health. It often causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, and affects the voice. Being a constitutional disease it requires a constitutional remedy.

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Large salvage crews are working to recover the vessels and speedily re-erect some, that they may be added to the fleet preparing to meet the Baltic squadrons of Russia. Some will be repaired at the Port Arthur docks, which 100 workmen are putting in repair to enable them to receive the sunken vessels as soon as they are raised. The damage to the docks was unexpectedly slight.

Recent arrivals in Japan from Port Arthur, who include the correspondents who were with the Japanese forces, state that the captured gun, artillery, vehicles, locomotives, railway cars and other trophies, have been massed on the drill grounds ready for shipment. A considerable coal is being stored at Golden Hill, whose forts, with those of Itzehan, are unchanged.

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LONDON, Feb. 15.—The correspondent at Port Said, the Standard, in an interview with General Stoesel, denying the charges made by the Pekin correspondent of the Times concerning the surrender of Port Arthur and its deplorable condition. General Stoesel, attributed the Japanese success in great measure to the superior quality of their drilling tools as compared with those of the Russians, which latter's standards deteriorated when used against hard rock.

The General emphatically declared that all the published descriptions of the second line forts were purely imaginary. These forts, he said, were only temporary defenses.

General Stoesel further declared that the strength of the garrison never amounted to 2,500 men. At the end of April, before the Standard's arrival, the Russian forces in the Kwantung peninsula were only 15,000. He adhered to the original reasons given for the surrender, and throughout the interview appeared to be bitter whenever the navy was referred to.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—Lieutenant-General Sakharoff, General Kuropatkin's chief of staff, telegraphs that the Russian artillery, February 15, destroyed the buildings and walls of Nangang, from which the Japanese had been bombarding the Russian trenches. The Japanese were driven out.

In regard to the attack on the bridge between Gaupin and Fantaitzu, February 12, General Sakharoff says the Japanese comprised 100 cavalry and 200 Chinese bandits. Russian frontier guards drove the bandits, and subsequently destroyed a few rails, blew up a telegraph pole southward of the bridge and then fled. The Russians were reinforced and pursued the Japanese 25 miles.

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Nine thousand cavalry with artillery approached the river a mile below Tachia and attempted to cross at 6 o'clock in the evening, advancing on Iseokoutai (Pekowtai). The sailing of Oyama's center continues.

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