

INSISTS FIRMLY

Zemstvo Congress Declares Terms of Support for Witte.

HIS FRIENDS DEFEATED

Direct Ballot Carried by Two-Thirds—All Power Should Be in Cabinet—National Douma to Make Constitution.

MOSCOW, Nov. 23.—By a scant majority of 23 today the Zemstvo Congress adopted the first sections of the programme drafted by the executive committee, declaring the solidarity of the congress with the principles of the imperial manifesto of October 17, and assuring the government of the support of the great majority of Zemstvos and municipalities in carrying out the demands of the manifesto, but laying down as the sole means of guaranteeing the authority of the Douma and restoring order in the country the election of representatives by general, direct, equal and secret ballot, the formal grant to the first Douma of the power to elaborate a constitution for the empire.

The friends of Count Witte on the floor made a stout fight against the provision for a direct ballot, the one concession which the Premier considers it impossible to grant, but this provision was carried over their heads by a two-thirds majority.

Put All Ministers in Cabinet.

The proposition in its final form is substantially the same as called yesterday, the committee to which it was referred for further consideration made numerous alterations in the phraseology, but little change in the substance, except the insertion of a demand for the immediate abolition of martial law in Poland as among the measures deemed to be imperative before the convocation of the Douma.

The congress also inserted, at the suggestion of the committee, a provision submitting all Ministers except the court ministers, to the responsibility of the Cabinet.

Mulikoff explaining that with the Ministers of War, Navy and Foreign Affairs exempted from such responsibility not only would war or peace be decided without consulting the Premier, but the Minister of War could declare martial law in any section of the country without consulting his colleagues.

The committee rejected an amendment proposed by Professor Kovalevsky for the constitution of a committee of experts to sit in an advisory capacity with Count Witte until the meeting of the Douma.

Exile Leader, of Moderates.

In the debate preceding the adoption of the resolution, Prince Eugene Troubetzkoy proposed to substitute the words "precious acquisition of the people" for the words "calling the attention of the august," but it was rejected.

Prince Troubetzkoy, Count Heyden and Karanoff made a final but vain effort to eliminate the section giving constitutional privileges to the former Premier, M. Karanoff, a former revolutionist, who spent 24 years in prison or in exile, and who in the congress represents Yenselsk, here, where he has been living in banishment, opposed universal suffrage and urged the congress that assistance on a constituent assembly would precipitate a struggle with the forces of anarchy and plunge the country into a sea of blood.

WILL AID POLAND'S STRUGGLE

Poles in America Decide to Raise Relief Fund.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—"We, the Poles now living in America, do not only sympathize with our countrymen in Poland and do not only unanimously approve the demands made by them on the Russian Government, but we obligate ourselves to support, according to our means, the cause of our countrymen in Poland by creating a national relief fund by contributions by officers of the Polish National Alliance, where such funds will do the most good."

In the foregoing language, a special session of the central government of the Polish National Alliance, held yesterday at the national home, here, started a movement for the assistance of the Polish people, who are struggling to establish a constitutional government.

More than 100 Polish societies, with a membership of more than 50,000, which will be increased to 100,000 in Chicago, will be asked to support the movement, through an appeal sent out today.

The appeal is accompanied by a resolution, which is to be acted upon at mass meetings of the various societies, and a request for its adoption by the various societies. The resolution, which concludes with the obligation to contribute to the relief fund, is to be acted upon at mass meetings of the various societies, and a request for its adoption by the various societies. The resolution, which concludes with the obligation to contribute to the relief fund, is to be acted upon at mass meetings of the various societies, and a request for its adoption by the various societies.

ROSEN ON THE REVOLUTION

Attributes Massacres to Excitement Due to Great Upheaval.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—Before a distinguished audience of educators, other prominent men and women of Philadelphia and specially invited guests, Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador to the United States, appeared on the public platform tonight for the first time since the czar gave freedom to the Russians, and expressed his great faith in the new era on which his country has entered. The Baron was the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the general topic of discussion being "America's Industrial Opportunities in Russia."

Scattered through the audience were men prominent in Jewish circles of the city, clergymen, many professors of the University of Pennsylvania and several Japanese. The other speakers were H. D. Peirce, Third Assistant Secretary of State; Charles Emory Smith, ex-Minister to Russia, and Congressman Robert Adams, of this city, a member of the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives.

Baron Rosen expressed his regret that the dawn of liberty in Russia, which have been marked by an outbreak of the wildest passions and of wholesale rioting and bloodshed. "Impartial history will pronounce judgment on these events, placing responsibility where they belong. Impartial history will take into account that in a time of great political upheaval people's minds are apt to lose their balance and that in the fever heat of political passions long cherished and last unloosed seeds will be done that will fill some day with burning shame the hearts of the very men who committed them."

NEW GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND

Witte Chooses Gerard, Man of Liberal Opinions.

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Nov. 23.—The report that Privy Councillor Nicholas N. Gerard has been appointed Governor-General of Finland is correct. He is a Senator and president of the Department of Civil and Ecclesiastical Affairs. He held a seat in the old Committee of Ministers, of which Count Witte was president.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 23.—While Nicholas N. Gerard is Count Witte's selection for Governor-General of Finland, he is not the choice of the Finnish delegation here, which prefers Peter Peter Svoboda, a member of the delegation, who will be entirely acceptable to the Finnish nation. He is a man of liberal views, is regarded as an authority on matters of jurisprudence, and, it is believed, will make a good administrator. Both Count Witte and the Emperor were of the opinion that it would not be wise to appoint a military man to the post.

Interest in the Finnish situation will now be absorbed in the struggle between the Socialists and the Constitutionalists, which is quite as well defined and bitter in Finland as in Russia.

REBEL BANDS RAVAGE POLAND

Burn Government Buildings—Police Drive Out Russian Teachers.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Nov. 23.—The Russian teachers in the surrounding towns telegraph that they are being expelled from the schools by police armed with revolvers.

Agrarian disorders are increasing in Poland, especially in the districts of Radom, Buswalk, Piotrkow and Voukhotzk. Regular revolutionary bands are marching from place to place burning the spirit shops, schools and administrative buildings belonging to the Russian Government.

At Radom the peasants are cutting down the state forests.

SKALLON CALLS FOR BLOOD

Orders Officials to Shoot Agitators and Dispense Meetings.

WARSAW, Nov. 23.—Governor-General Skallon has sent a confidential circular to the temporal Governors recently appointed in the ten Polish provinces, ordering them to consider agitators and rioters as insurgents and to shoot them down until they are all exterminated, and also to disperse public meetings by the use of firearms. In circulars the Governor says: "You should remember that energetic action, regardless of consequences, is not only your duty, but also the only means of stifling revolt."

BUSY TIMES AT VLADIVOSTOK

Order Restored, Ships Pour in Carries, Business Men Return.

VLADIVOSTOK, Nov. 23.—There have been no further disturbances here, and order has been completely restored. Ships are arriving daily, and their cargoes are piled high on the docks. There is great activity in the port.

The warehouses have been burned, and nearly all the hotels have suffered from the torch. The few remaining hotels and the private houses are crowded with hundreds of business men, who have poured into Vladivostok since the declaration of peace.

Troops Pour Into Poland.

KIELCE, Russian Poland, Nov. 23.—Troops are pouring in to reinforce the garrison in Poland. One additional regi-

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