

CZAR IS WARNED TO LEAVE RUSSIA

Reds Send Notice Family Is in Danger.

PALACE READY FOR SIEGE

He Trembles Amid Ring of Troops and Maxims.

REFUSES PEOPLE VOTES

Rejects Advice of Ministers and Has Stormy Interview With Witte.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The Emperor and his Cabinet late last night reached a final decision regarding the electoral law, deciding against universal and equal suffrage and in favor of the extension of the law promulgated August 19 last to include, in addition to the workmen and the educated classes, the small rentpayers in the cities. The Douma will be convoked in March.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—(Special)—There is a persistent rumor in circulation here, a well-known revolutionary leader being the authority, that the Czar has been warned to leave Russia. This communication was sent to the ruler in three different ways in order to guarantee its reaching him. The Czar was notified that the limit of patience had been reached and that he had ceased to be ruler of Russia, save in name only. The Czar was advised, for his own sake as well as for his family's, to leave the country at once.

Warning Sent Direct to Czar. The communication is also said to have stated: "We do not want to harm any member of the imperial family, but we will not be responsible for their safety in the present critical time."

It is stated on high authority that one copy of the warning was taken to the Czar's private apartments at Tsarskoye-Selo this week.

The Czar is heavily guarded in the palace, which is surrounded by a formidable array of troops, while dozens of maxims and large supplies of ammunition are stored away. Few of the officials have access to the Czar.

Stormy Scene With Witte. The Emperor, who has been unwell over the events of the last few weeks, had looked to Count Witte as the one man able to keep the people loyal. Now that Witte has failed to prevent the strike, the Czar is inclined to blame him for the present crisis. A stormy scene, it is stated, occurred, when the Premier replied to the Czar: "Your Majesty, I cannot save the dynasty. I am afraid I cannot save the people."

The Czar is also greatly influenced by the Grand Duke, especially Vladimir, who, it is stated, demands a stronger reactionary policy.

ESTHONIA ALSO IN REVOLT

Insurgents Attack Train and Reveal Joins General Strike.

REVAL, Esthonia, Dec. 22.—The insurrection in the Baltic provinces has now extended to Esthonia, where, in accordance with resolutions passed at a convention held at Dorpat in Livonia, the population is driving out the Russian officials and electing new local administrators.

The insurgents last night attacked a train bearing a detachment of rural guards near Tapa, in this province, but they were driven off and the train reached Reval in safety.

Immediately after these occurrences the railroad employes and other workmen here voted to join the pan-Russian strike. Today everything is closed down.

LANDLORDS MAY RAISE POLICE

Humored Mutiny of Whole Artillery Force at Moscow.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—An official communication authorizes the Governors of districts in which martial law has not been declared to permit the landowners to form a police organization for the protection of their properties.

The Bourne today was quiet. The change in prices was scarcely noticeable. A message by telephone from Moscow says persistent rumors are in circulation there that all the artillerymen, with the exception of those of one battery, have refused to go on duty.

The same message says that a plot has been discovered to seize General Doubasoff.

BALTIC TOWNS STAND SIEGE

Dragoons Surrounded at Vilorsk. Attack on Jewish Reds.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The Russ, evidently discounting the failure

THEY DO NOT WANT MARSHALL

Deaf Children With Fingers Spell Protest Against Appointment.

TEACHERS WILL RESIGN

Attempt to Oust Watson From School for Defectives Meets With Resistance, and Instructors Send Written Protest.

ALL AGAINST MARSHALL.

The Board of Control of the School for Defectives, at Vancouver, fails to secure Superintendent Watson's resignation, who says he will leave only if ejected by the Sheriff. The teaching force sends signed statement against the proposed appointment of Marshall and the mutes at the institution spell with their fingers their objection to him, while the blind pupils with a chorus of noes add their opposition.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Only over the protest of those wards of the State of Washington for whom the sun never shines and before whose feet lie long shadows to the grave; only in disregard of eloquent finger tips, speaking in lieu of mute lips forever stilled; only over the combined remonstrance of both teachers and pupils, will William N. Marshall, now a teacher at the school, be appointed to supersede Dr. James Watson as superintendent of the School for Defective Youth at Vancouver, if Marshall is appointed, every teacher in the institution will resign, and the demoralization of the school will be complete. Teachers and pupils charge the prospective appointee with the rankest incompetence.

Not only that, but if Marshall is to be installed as superintendent, it must be with the assistance of the Sheriff, for Dr. Watson declares he will not resign. To the State Board of Control, which visited Vancouver in a body yesterday, Dr. Watson said emphatically he would not retire under fire, and that his office as superintendent would only be vacated by force.

Hold Heated Session. A heated session was held at the institution this morning. Bright and early the board went to Vancouver from Portland, and for the second time this week insisted that Dr. Watson file his resignation, to become effective January 1, 1906.

"I will not resign," said Dr. Watson, "but I will retire at the end of my term, which is next May, if you so desire."

"Now stop that talk about May 1," exclaimed M. F. Kipnold, chairman of the board, who insisted the resignation should be forthcoming immediately.

"You will have to bring charges against me to oust me in this fashion," the superintendent said.

It was again demanded that he retire forthwith, but Watson said he would only vacate his position when ejected from the building by force by the Sheriff of the county.

Have to Return to Portland. The session was unsatisfactory and J. H. Davis and "Deep Creek" Jones, practical politicians both, and the picture of successful and contented office-holders, returned to Portland shortly after luncheon. That meal was eaten under peculiar circumstances. Around the table were the principals in the fracas, each determined to ignore the difficulties during the meal, but unable to think of anything else. In an effort to be pleasant, the bright weather was cheerfully discussed and considerable small talk passed around the board. The luncheon hour was cut as short as possible, and the combatants retired to their corners. Another short session was held, but, seeing it was fruitless to get the much-desired resignation, the two left, while Mr. Kipnold remained on duty over last night.

Teachers at the school are a unit in declaring against the appointment of Marshall, and say he is utterly unfit for the place. While the head teacher and three others, all college graduates, were passed over, Marshall was selected, who, it is said, is without collegiate training, is cruel to the children under his care, has never taken any interest or cut any figure in educational work, and is ignorant of some of the branches taught.

Teachers Sign Protest. The following protest was sent to the Board of Control on Wednesday by the teachers:

To His Excellency Governor Albert E. Mead and the Honorable Board of Control—Gentlemen: We, the undersigned teachers, after the most careful and serious consideration, unanimously agree and solemnly subscribe to the following statement:

Having been intimately associated with W. N. Marshall, we desire most earnestly to protest against his appointment as superintendent of this institution for the reason that we do not consider him fitted for the highly responsible position to which he aspires.

In view of this fact and of the conditions existent at the school, we request an immediate personal investigation at the institution as is the fitness of Mr. Marshall for the position to which he has been nominated, and as to the feeling toward him existing among teachers, pupils, parents and employees.

E. S. TILLINGHAST, PAUL MARTIN, JAMES C. KANE, TOMA B. BATTERLY, LOIS M. TODD, HILDA B. TILLINGHAST.

Instead of complying with the request

DRAWING LINES IN EMPIRE STATE

Candidates for Speaker Try to Rally Friends Around Them.

MERRITT'S MEN CONFER

Wadsworth Refuses to Join Gathering. Which Takes No Action.

Higgins and Fassett Pour Broad-sides Into Odell.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Two important conferences of members of the State Assembly to consider the question of the Speakership were held here today. All the Republican members had been invited to the first meeting, which was held in the Hotel Cadillac. Only the New York delegation attended the second meeting, which was held late tonight.

The first meeting was called by men who, W. J. Wadsworth, Jr., said, were opposed to him, although he and every other Republican Assemblyman were invited. Mr. Wadsworth sent out many messages to Assemblymen who are supporting him, advising them that no support would be served by their attending the meeting. Although James T. Rogers, majority leader in the Assembly, and two other members of that body called on him and asked him to be present at the meeting, he declined to do so.

Both Candidates Had Friends. Thirty-seven Assemblymen were in the conference, and some were friends of Mr. Wadsworth. E. A. Merritt, Jr., one of the leading candidates for the Speakership, was present, as were also several former candidates who dropped out of the contest when Governor Higgins declared in favor of Mr. Wadsworth.

After having been in session more than three hours, the conference adjourned without having taken any action whatsoever. It had been reported that one of the purposes of the gathering was to ascertain whether or not the members could agree upon a compromise candidate for Speaker, but Assemblyman Jesse Phillips, who had issued the call for the conference, declared that no compromise candidate was even discussed, and that no test vote showing the strength of any candidate was taken.

Merritt Will Not Withdraw. Mr. Merritt said tonight that he is not at all disheartened with the result of the conference; that the purpose for which it was held was to bring the members together for a frank discussion of the subject, to inform them as to the present status of the contest for the Speakership and to forestall any attempts to bind the members to any candidate before they knew what the facts are.

"It was not an Odell meeting," declared Mr. Merritt.

Mr. Merritt was asked tonight whether, in the event that he thought it necessary for him to withdraw in the interest of a candidate who might be able to unite all the interests opposed to Wadsworth, he would be willing to do so. He replied: "I have not come to that yet." The appearance of such a candidate would not surprise some of the men who are well acquainted with the situation.

Wadsworth Sure of Majority. Mr. Wadsworth said tonight: "I regard the conference as beneficial to me, as having promoted harmony, which is the purpose of my candidacy. I wish to make it absolutely clear that I am not a factionist. It is not true that anybody has asked me to withdraw from the contest. I am satisfied with the situation and, while I do not care to give any estimates of the votes in my support, I am assured of a safe majority."

Adjustment was taken subject to the case of Jesse P. Phillips, who said he would issue another call if requested to do so.

B. R. Odell, the Republican chairman, left for Newburgh as soon as the conference adjourned and without making any comment upon it.

Assemblyman Hooker, who is supporting Wadsworth, refused to join the conference. He said:

"More than half the men in the conference are for Wadsworth, and they came merely to see what is going on. Wadsworth has 86 of the 111 Republican Assemblymen."

The meeting of the Republican members of the Assembly from New York County adjourned tonight without having taken any action, and will meet again tomorrow night.

Herbert Parsons, the newly-elected president of the New York County Republican committee, tonight contributed \$50.00 toward liquidating the committee's debts.

HIGGINS SAYS FIGHT IS OVER

Expects Republicans Will Be Unanimous for Wadsworth.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Governor Higgins left Albany tonight to spend Christmas with his family at Otsego. He did not attempt to conceal the fact that the outcome of the past week's political conflict was satisfactory to him.

"I regard the contest as practically over," he said, "providing, of course, that the Assembly must first act for itself. In view of the positive pledges which have been given for the support of Mr. Wadsworth, I regard that matter as settled."

The Governor admitted that he had personal advice as to the outcome of the conference of the Assemblymen held today in New York City. It had, he said, he said, after a free discussion, but without action. There might or might not be another such conference before the final caucus which would make the Republican nomination for Speaker of the Assembly. He said he hoped for unanimous action

PACKERS' JURY COMPLETE

TWELVE MEN WILL TRY THEIR CLAIM TO IMMUNITY.

If Plea Fails, New Jury Must Try Charge of Conspiracy to Restrain Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The 12 persons and corporations indicted on charges of conspiracy in restraint of trade in the meat business will go to trial January 3, 1906, on their ten special pleas for immunity.

The jury, which was finally accepted today, after 82 veniremen had been on the stand, consists of five farmers, three real-estate dealers, two carpenters, one stock-raiser and one printer. After a long charge by the court, the 12 men were allowed to go to their homes until the date of the trial.

The verdict of this jury will be tried later on the main charge in the case, or go free altogether because under the law they are entitled to immunity from prosecution, if, as they assert, they furnished evidence against themselves during the Garfield investigation, which evidence, it is declared by the defendants, was used against them to bring the indictments.

BEATEN IN ALL-NIGHT FIGHT

Odell Loses Control of New York County Committee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—During a contest which continued from 9 o'clock till nearly 4 o'clock this morning, marked at times by bitter recriminations, but concluding with mutual pledges of support, the control of the New York Republican Central Committee was wrested from the adherents of ex-Governor B. R. Odell by the faction headed by Herbert Parsons in reorganizing for the coming year the committee elected Herbert Parsons to the presidency in succession to William Halpin and chose other officers named by Parsons' friends.

The officers elected are: Chairman, Herbert Parsons; first vice-president, Senator Alfred B. Page; second vice-president, Julius G. Kramer, of the Fourth Assembly District; secretary, Thomas H. Whitely, of the Thirty-fifth District; treasurer, George Blagden; sergeant-at-arms, Edmund Bodine.

The election of Mr. Parsons was secured at 2:35 o'clock this morning. Mr. Halpin immediately congratulated Mr. Parsons, and in a brief speech promised him his hearty support. Mr. Parsons returned, thanking the committee for its election.

Mr. Page was chosen first vice-president, after a lively fight, in which he defeated Samuel Straubourger by a vote of 206 to 26. Mr. Straubourger moved to make the election unanimous and this was done. The other officers were chosen unanimously by acclamation.

The officers of delay were adopted by the Odell faction as soon as the committee met, and these continued for several hours. It is said that the motive for delaying was to await the result of the Speakership meeting. Mr. Parsons and his friends did not propose to wait, and announced their intention of organizing the committee if it took all night.

The first vote came just before midnight on a motion to adjourn the election of a President until January 4. The Parsons men won by a vote of 100 to 20.

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SHE ACCEPTS PROMPTLY

Steel King's Father Acts as Peace Envoy on Her Arrival in Pittsburgh—J. B. Corey Vents Ire on Newspapers.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Mrs. Laura Corey, wife of W. Ellis Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, has decided to abandon her intention of applying for divorce. She has been offered \$1,000,000 as a Christmas gift by her husband not to do so and he has, through a messenger, his father, assured her that he has broken with Mabelle Gilman. He has also promised to make a will in which his son Allen shall be his sole heir.

Mrs. Corey has accepted this, according to some of her close friends. The offer was made yesterday afternoon at the Union Depot here, when she alighted from a Western train. She was met by Alfred A. Corey, father of the steel king, who was empowered to make the offer. She accepted and then had her trunk directed to the elder Corey's home and went with him on a suburban train.

Her Secret Discovered. Mrs. Corey got into the home of her relatives by the back door, coming up the railroad tracks with her son Allen, while her father-in-law came up the front street, whistling. Once in the Corey home, she was safe, and it was not until late midnight, when a neighbor saw Mrs. Corey step to the door to speed some guests at the house, that she was discovered. This morning, with a lot of women as bodyguard, she went shopping, but she kept out of the way of all newspaper men, nor would she talk to friends even. Late in the afternoon she sent Miss Gray to the door with a message to some newspaper men.

"Mrs. Corey says she thanks the public for the interest taken in her case, but she has nothing to say about it at present. She does not think it best."

Body Guard Around Mrs. Corey. Miss Ida Corey, sister of W. Ellis Corey, who has clung to Mrs. Corey in her trouble, was seen at the Corey home this evening, but said she could not give any news of interest at present. Miss Corey and Miss Risher formed Mrs. Corey's bodyguard in the West, and were said to have been present at the interview which Mrs. Corey had with her father-in-law yesterday.

Alfred A. Corey, father of the steel magnate, was about as angry as it is possible for a man to be and still attend to business today. He is still at almost every one who came near him with almost a party of newspaper men he delivered a warm speech, saying what his family did was none of the public's business, and if newspapers were but individuals he would lick them all.

J. B. Corey's Burst of Irony. J. B. Corey this morning mailed the following signed statement to the Pittsburgh papers:

"I thought I had escaped the annoyance of the reporters after you had published my offer of \$1,000,000 to furnish copies of letters I had written to Mrs. Schwab, Andrew Carnegie, W. E. Corey and myself. But last evening the reporters started on me again, keeping it up until 11:25 P. M. The one great and all-important news item which they were on the hunt of was where Mrs. W. E. Corey was stopping. I assured them I did not know of the lady's whereabouts, no more than I did of the man I fought the moon. But I think they can find her at Mrs. Busby's on the corner of Newsummers' Lane and Tenth' Alley, between Rev. Mr. Whittier and Mrs. T. Hill. Please give the reporters these very important news and save a 74-cent man from being awakened out of his bed nap at a midnight hour." J. B. COREY.

HE FINES HIS ACCUSERS

JUDGE OF TAGGART DIVORCE CASE ROASTS COUNSEL.

Refuses New Trial and Holds Lawyers Who Alleged Bias Guilty of Contempt of Court.

WOOSTER, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The motion for a new trial in the Taggart divorce case was overruled by Judge Eason here today. Mrs. Taggart's attorneys, who made the motion, took exception to the ruling with the announced intention of carrying the case to the Circuit Court.

The court took four hours to give the decision. He paid particular attention to the affidavits against himself, some of which declared he was prejudiced and biased in giving the decree of divorce to Major Taggart. He pronounced these affidavits unfair, unjust and unusual for lawyers to make, and said that all the other affidavits were a mass of trash.

The attorneys who swore to the affidavits of prejudice, he said, were clearly in contempt, and he imposed a fine of \$15 each upon Judge Imman Critchfield, Captain James B. Taylor and Judge M. L. Smyser. He suspended collection of fines until the Circuit Court could pass on his decision in the case.

The attorneys made a vigorous protest against such a proceeding, and insisted that he place his charges against them in writing.