

FATE OF STRIKE STILL IN DOUBT

Worst Enemies of Revolution Are Generals Decem-ber and Hunger.

TRAINS RUN UNDER GUARD

Russian Government Arrests All Leaders and Acts Vigorously Against Disorder—Disgraces Among Red Leaders.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—It is difficult to judge whether the general political strike can be ranked as a success or failure. The authorities are bewildered by the strength of the strikers, and the strike has reached formidable proportions in St. Petersburg, where, even according to the official, over a third of the workmen obeyed the order of the Workers' Council. The strike leaders are confidently asserting that the others will be brought into line immediately. The government, however, has succeeded in keeping the railroad traffic out of the streets by moving with reasonable regularity.

The scanty dispatches received from the interior do not indicate whether the order to strike is meeting with a general response, which will be necessary to prevent its flashing in the pan, like the November strike.

The government, while entering on a vigorous offensive campaign against the revolutionary leaders and making arrests by the wholesale, maintains an air of calm confidence. It has issued a reassuring communication, declaring that all necessary measures have been taken to prevent disorders.

The proletarian organizations are marshaling all their forces. The prevailing impression is that with the limited funds at the disposition of the unions the strike must spread rapidly and enter a new and more violent phase or the game will be lost by the revolutionaries.

The "General Decem-ber" and "General Hunger" are powerful allies on the side of the Emperor at the present time, just as they were in the fight against Napoleon, and it is thought that the leaders will not be able to hold their men in line unless an immediate victory is scored or a conflict forced and blood shed.

In Moscow the striking railroad men and the lower classes, like the cabdrivers, who see the bread taken from their mouths by the strike, are already getting uneasy.

FAIL TO SUSPEND TRAFFIC. Enraged Strikers Use Force and Shoot One Engineer Dead.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The railroad men's strike committee made heroic efforts to stop trains from being run out of St. Petersburg today, and succeeded in inducing practically all the station and roundhouse men and many of the trainmen who remained on duty yesterday to join in the strike. Nevertheless the Government has been dispatching trains upon military guard over all the lines, although the regular schedules have not been maintained. Soldiers with flags on their bayonets have been doing duty as watchmen.

The strikers are intensely enraged at their failure to suspend traffic. They stopped a train from Berlin last night outside of Pt. Petersburg, using a red lantern, and ordered the engineer out, but the soldier guard drove off the strikers and the train proceeded.

The engineer of the Kurak train was shot dead in the cab of his engine while taking his train into St. Petersburg.

M. Nemechsh, Minister of Communications, has issued an order that all employees falling to report for duty today will be dismissed. Agitators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Throughout the city notices signed by the prefect of Police have been posted announcing that, in accordance with the strike law, agitators who incite the people to strike by using threats will be arrested, and are subject to a fine of \$20 and imprisonment for three months.

The landladies throughout the country were empowered by an imperial ukase made public today to organize guards for the protection of their property.

STRIKE IS NOT UNIVERSAL. Workmen's Leaders Arrested and Railroads Kept Running.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The failure of many of the railroad men at St. Petersburg to obey the strike order and the inability of M. Nemechsh, Minister of Communications, to move trains on all the roads except the Baltic roads are thorns in the side of the strike leaders.

The report went forth at last night's meeting of the Workers' Council that traffic must be interrupted at all costs, though this admittedly will be difficult on the Nicholas road to Moscow.

Trains are running with their ordinary crews on this line, but all the trains are heavily guarded. The delegates will try normal station with the faithful employees, but it is feared they will also resort to destroying the bridges along the road.

to questions on the subject, not knowing by whom or why.

To shake the workmen's faith in their leaders the government had distributed thousands of copies of a circular signed by the Union of Russian Workmen, explaining on the arrest of the committee-men of the Moscow telegraphers while en route at a restaurant, as an example of how the workmen's money is spent.

The city pharmacists generally remain open. The drug clerks, who have just emerged from a protracted struggle, dis-regarded the summons of their union to strike. The stores are open as usual and the street-cars are running.

The boldest of all the bold pronouncements of the revolutionists is a mysterious handbill with which Tzarssko-Selo was flooded today. Professing to allude to a terrorist plot against the Emperor, the handbill says:

"There will be a little puff of smoke. Pay no heed to it, as the result will be the best thing possible for everybody."

The police have been baffled in their efforts to find the printers and disseminators of these bills.

PRONOUNCE STRIKE BLUNDER. Leaders Lose Courage—Road Around Lake Balkal Wrecked.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—(S-P M.)—Some of the strike leaders, already discouraged by the prospect of failure, do not hesitate to say that the decision to accept the challenge of the Government

while the organizations were unprepared was a blunder, and that it can only be redeemed by forcing a conflict which will arouse the populace.

Several attempts at "red flag" demonstrations in Vassili Gostrov and other industrial districts today were dispersed by Cossacks.

A number of attacks were made on strikers by non-striking workmen, who fear that the strike will jeopardize the presents usually received by them during the Russian Christmas.

The circum-Balkal railroad has been destroyed for the district by falling rocks. It is suspected that this destruction is the work of the revolutionaries, who are interested in stopping the return of troops from the Far East at this time.

STRIKE MAY PROVE FAILURE. Not General in St. Petersburg, but Moscow is Tied Up.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—In high government circles the greatest confidence is expressed that the general strike will fail. So far as St. Petersburg is concerned, the battle certainly is going against the revolutionaries. Unless better results are obtained elsewhere or the fight enters on a distinctly new phase, the strikers will be compelled to beat a general retreat to save their prestige.

In spite of the efforts of the local chiefs to cheer on their followers, the best of the strikers are losing heart. The report of the prefect of Police have been posted announcing that, in accordance with the strike law, agitators who incite the people to strike by using threats will be arrested, and are subject to a fine of \$20 and imprisonment for three months.

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The government has succeeded in arresting practically all the members of the strike and railroad committees.

The workers of two of the three electric light plants struck yesterday evening, but during the night the authorities succeeded in getting sufficient numbers of sailors from Cronstadt to enable the operation of all except one of the electric lighting plants, which was also galling to the strikers, as the darkening of the city and the stopping of the railroad were the most effective means of making the strike generally felt. The inhabitants where the electric lights were out were compelled to fall back on candles and kerosene.

The searchlight mounted on the spire of the Admiralty building vividly illuminated the Nevsky, as it did during the October strike. Cavalry and infantry patrols guarded every block, and machine guns were stationed at several points.

SAW CITY SACKED

Eye-Witness Describes Riots at Vladivostok.

SOLDIERS SLAY CHINESE

Standard Oil Used to Fire Bazaars and Bullets Fly Thick Among Chinese—Great Revolt in Army Predicted.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 22.—Henry Bush, of Clarkson & Co., of Vladivostok, Port Arthur and Harbin, who arrived from Vladivostok tonight by the steamer Tarraco, was an eye-witness of the revolt among the Russian soldiers there and gave a graphic story. The trouble began

Petersburg to the Tempe says: "The strike now covers the whole of Russia. The Novorossiysk admits that with unprecedented rapidity, all communication with the provinces and abroad has been stopped. It is expected hourly that the Ministry will be rendered entirely helpless."

FINSTAD IS UNDER ARREST

Mexicans Imprison Host of Two Murdered Americans.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 22.—O. B. Finstad, of Los Angeles, at whose home two Americans were killed and wounded at Diaz, Mexico, has been arrested by Mexican authorities. The arrest, it is believed, has no significance in itself, being ordered simply in compliance with the Mexican law.

Mrs. Finstad, who arrived here today from Los Angeles, gives the following as the correct names of those who were attacked at her husband's home: O. B. Finstad, Los Angeles; C. W. McMurray, Los Angeles, brother of Mrs. Finstad; Robert G. Conger, ("Shorty"), Los Angeles; Robert W. Rutherford, Philadelphia.

The bodies of Rutherford and McMurray are still held at Santa Rosalia, pending an investigation of the tragedy by the Mexican authorities.

Consul Edwards tonight received the following message from Enrique Creel, Gov-

GOVERNMENT ON STANDARD

Government Legal Battalions Prepare Attack.

FIRST STEP IN INDIANA

Great Secrecy Marks Official Conferences Preliminary to Proceedings, Which May Be Begun in Several States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—It is believed that the Government is making its final preparations to begin suit against the Standard Oil Company. The recent mysterious trips here of Joseph D. Keating, United States District Attorney for Indiana, and his long

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Higgins Is Satisfied. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Governor Higgins said today that the result of the election last night in the New York County Republican Committee, when Congressman Herbert Parsons was elected president of the committee, was altogether satisfactory to him. He would not discuss the probable effect of the committee's resolution to elect the leadership of the former Governor Odell in the Republican state organization and he declined to add in any way to his rejoinder of last night to Mr. Odell's attack upon himself.

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Chaffee Declines an Office. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant-General Chaffee today declined a letter from Mayor McClellan, of New York, tendering him an appointment as Police Commissioner of New York. He courteously declined.

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DRAWING LINES IN STATE

FAVOR LAS VEGAS SITE

Heads of Fraternal Bodies to Build Great Sanitarium.

APPEALS TO SALOON MAN

W. C. T. U. Women Ask Them to Forsake "This Iniquity."

Cossacks Suppress New Riot.

Strike on Southern Lines.

Will Not Strike on Cables.

Strikers Let News Go Out—Soldiers Fraternize With Reds.

Traffic Ceases at Kostroma.

Minsk Strike General.

Trains Interrupted at Yaroslav.

Strike Covers All Russia.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The trial of George D. Collins, the attorney accused of perjury, came to a conclusion tonight, when the jurors, after having been in deliberation for over 24 hours, were discharged without having arrived at a verdict. The end came about midnight, when Judge Lennon decided that it would be useless to longer confine the jurors in the courtroom.

Shortly after 11 o'clock tonight the jury reported that it was still unable to arrive at a unanimous decision, and the court criticized their inability to come to one mind regarding the evidence. He said he would give them 20 minutes further to deliberate. The defendant, Collins, thereon made a vigorous protest, declaring that he was not desirous of being coerced by the jury. At the expiration of the 20 minutes the jurors again reported a disagreement and were discharged. It is understood that the vote was eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

AUBURY WILL PROSECUTE. California Land Thieves May Finally Be Brought to Book.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Criminal prosecutions may be instituted against some of those who are accused by the State Mineralogist Aubury of land frauds in Plumas County, in this state. Aubury said today: "I will fight to the bitter end and all along the line." It is known that Aubury has consulted with Attorney Henry within the last few months. Whether Henry will be called upon to look into the present situation is only a matter of conjecture at this time.

United States Attorney Devlin has signified his willingness to undertake prosecution. Five hundred thousand acres of land in Northern California are now in the hands of one man, Thomas Barlow Walker, of Minneapolis. H. H. Yard has filed mineral locations on 200,000 acres of timber land. William E. Wheeler, of New York, owns many thousands acres. Curtis Collins, of Pennsylvania, also control 10,000 acres.

WOMAN WITH CHILD MIND. Law Takes Neglected Girl From Brutal Father to Asylum.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Alice Helmer, a weak-minded girl, was brought to this city today from her home near Mount Hood, where Sheriff Sexton was obliged to take her forcibly from her neglected father and stepmother. Although 22 years of age she appears to have the intellect of a child and was in a most pitiable condition from fear and neglect when taken from her father's home. She was committed to the state asylum tonight. Helmer, the father, a farmer living with a second wife and two sons, brothers to Alice, near Mount Hood, had charged by his neighbors for some time past.

NORTHWEST DEAD. John Carne.

VENTURA, Cal., Dec. 22.—John Carne, president of the First National Bank of Ventura and one of the leading orchard-ists and business men of this county, died in this city today. Mr. Carne came here from Chicago about ten years ago. In that city he was well known as Chief Deputy of the County Clerk's office for many years, and later as one of the leading abstractors of the city.

Mrs. Caroline Young. ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Caroline Young, a niece of Benjamin and Andrew Young, of this city, died here last night of complications after a long illness. Mrs. Young was a native of Sweden, 22 years of age, and had been an invalid for years.

Elijah Hunsaker. SALZM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Elijah Hunsaker, an eccentric character familiar to Salzer people for the last 15 years, died today. He was aged about 50 years, and had no known relatives.

Pacific Coast Telegraph Briefs. North Yakima.—(Special.)—The State Fair Commission has decided to hold a race meet here some time in the next few weeks. It will be held that will come between the meet at Seattle and Walla Walla. This will insure a large number of thoroughbreds for the race. A meeting of the secretary of the fair of the Northwest will be held the first week in January and dates arranged for next year's fair.

Astoria, Or.—(Special.)—Secretary Crosby, of the local Civil Service Commission, has received notice from Washington that Charles H. Haddix, Allen V. Anderson and Alexander Karinen passed the examination held here on November 29 for the position of day inspector in the customs service.

In Uruguay, until within a few years, the sale of hides was the only part of the cattle industry that yielded any considerable amount of money.

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