FIGHT TO DEATH RAGES IN MOSCOW

Revolt Springs up Hydra-Headed.

NUMBER THOUSANDS

Deadly Volleys From Machine Guns Mow Down Mobs.

RESULT STILL UNDECIDED

Barricades Are No Sooner Destroyed Than New Ones Are Built-Bombs Flung at Troops by Darcdevils City in Flames.

Dec. 25. - (Special-Russian soldiery is unable to overcome the dauntless spirit of the Mos ow townspeople, and despite superior arms, enormous advantages in military training and a complete supply of warlike appliances, the troops are hardly holding their own. Fighting is now going on in every section of city, and the dead number hundreds-some reports say thousands-

and the end is not in sight.

A terrible slaughter of revolutionaries took place during Sunday night and early Monday, when the terrorists attempted to capture the enormous ammunition factories held by the soldiers. By order of General Mistchenko, the famous Cossack chieftain, who s now in command of the garrison. the artillery was instructed to mount rapid-fire guns at every window and the roof so that they would command all avenues of approach to the storehouses. The order was given that these rapid-firers should not be unmarked until the people actually began breaking into the structures The result was that the mob packed the open street in front when the sig-

was given to fire. Volleys Into Dense Crowds

Immediately, as one, all of the wooden shutters fell back and withering volleys poured into the crowds. while the guns on the roofs were turned on the crowd that had been unable to get into the immediate vi-The carnage was something awful, according to private advices eccived here.

The crowd, stunned for a moment turned to fice, but the firing was kept STILL DEFEND BARRICADES up and simultaneously there issued troops of Cossacks who, using carbine and sword, rwept through the crowds of panic-stricken fugitives, killing all

m they could reach. Inside of half an hour the people dispersed, and it is declared that fully \$2000 were killed outright and five times as many wounded. These re ports of casualties are merely conjecure, however, and it is impossible to secure any accurate details, as the government controls the telegraph, and all messages are refused, on the ples that the wires are being used for government business.

Reservists Join Rebels.

This sangulnary defeat, while it had the effect of datapening the spirits of the revdists for the time, was soon forgotten, and by noon on Monday fighting vas renewed along the boulevards and in loyal. nany cross streets in the center of town, where the leaders of the revolued in the movement for the establishent of a provisional government, and

Pensants Aid Rebels

Thousands of peasants from the surrounding districts are swarming into the and they are being pressed into service in attacking the troops. The need the revolutionaries is arms and ammunition, as their stock is running low, but been smuggled across the border and will soon be available. In the meanwhile new veruits are being armed with homemade weapons and small bombs, which are being used with terrible effect against the Cossacks.

Cossacks Terrorize All.

It is freely admitted that the infantry people were it not that they, too, are in anticipated. great fear of the mounted riders, who fear nothing and obey the orders of their commanding officers blindly. The Cossacks are kept constantly piled with strike would be victorious, they fully liquor and in a drunken state ride ruth-lessly through the streets, killing all they upon the issue, and that failure would

indescribable. Dead bodies are lying on sian finance, in full confidence that, once every street and some of them are be-ginning to decompose. The stench is they could as quickly build up another, dead have failed. There is scarcity of ready to advance money to a democratic food and medical supplies, and the latter republic as to the autocracy. They em-

stroyed by fire and in every instance either the troops or the mobs kept the

It is freely prophesied that un less either the troops or revolutionaries gain the upper hand within 48 hours, a

REIGN OF TERROR ECLIPSED

Rebels Die Gladly if They Only Kill Some Soldiers.

MOSCOW, via St. Petersburg, Dec, S .-(5 P. M.)-(Special.)-It is estimated at this hour that the casualties during Monday's fighting will reach 5000 killed and 14,000 wounded. Fierce conflicts are still raging throughout the city, and hardly a building remains that is not bulletscarred or marked by shells. Provisions are so short that many persons are actually starving.

Horrors such as eclipse anything ever known during the Paris reign of terror are being enacted in every quarter of the doomed city. God alone knows what the outcome will be. As this dispatch is penned the rattle of small arms, the clatter, clatter of rapid-fire Maxims and the whistle of shrappel can be heard all over.

Flock to Rebel Standard.

A few hours ago the revolutionary gov rnment was again proclaimed, and proc lamations were scattered broadcast, calling upon all citizens to rally around the nary command and compel the soldiers to retire from the city. The result was electrical. Thousands of perwho heretofore had remained in their homes flocked to the places of rendezvous and demanded that they be supplied with arms and ammunition to help their brothers in the "fight for life."

Burning Out Loyalists. The days of the Commune are simply ntensified in these early years of the 30th century, and it now seems certain that the troops will be unable to quell

During the last five hours 1000 buildings have been destroyed by fire. Most owned by loyalists, and the fires had been set by revolutionaries who kept the fire-

men from interfering. Shortly after sunset tonight a detachment of insurgents swarmed down on the railway storehouse in which the troops were. Cossacks were stationed there to guard the structure, but most of them were shot down or stabbed by the frengied revolutionaries, who dreve the guards from the scene and carried away everything portable within the

Bombs Flung at Troops.

The "murder" of revolutionaries who were amoushed beside the walls of the government ammunition factories early Monday has wrought the anti-monarchical residents up to a pitch so that they don't care what happens to them. Bombs are being used to an extent not hereto-fore dreamed of. Men carrying explosives of great power in their hands approach ranks of soldlers and throw their missiles right in the faces of the officers and men. These men throw up their arms and die, their bodies pierced by many shots, but happy in the hope that they have killed some of those responsible for the "murder" of their com-

Struggle in Moscow Animated by

LONDON, Dec. 26 .- The correspon dent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg in a dispatch dated 6:25

"Cannon firing is now proceeding in various parts of the city, where tonight, very near the railroad stations, the barricades erected by the revolutionaries are being desperately de-

"The Kursk Railroad terminus at Moscow is being pillaged and many cars laden with provisions are being tooted.

"The Emperor is engaged daily in reviewing at Tsarskoe-Selo the regi-ments of the St. Petersburg district. The spirit of the troops is decidedly

From fragmentary accounts received from Moscow I gather that the civil war has brought no decisive action, but only a thickening of the but was driven back with great loss blood cloud, an intensifying of the but his achievements in his first term has a company of former reservists, who horrers and an increase of the pre-

vailing bitterness. troops and rebels is no longer that of work he has started, he may be assured the leaders. Reinforcements came up enthusiasm or any human impulse. It is an indefinite term, provided he cares to end the forces of superhuman bate, and hence continue in public life, and there are n an hour the losses were considerable on the deeds reported are not the acts of indications to the contrary. Being a both sides. The revolutionaries retired patriots, soldiers or otherwise, but the slowly, carrying their dead and wounded enormities of madmen. It is impossible to understand how any emotion, even in ed by promotion to the Senate, for Ohio the extremes of despuir or hate, can im-

> the rebels display. "For every barricade destroyed Sunday, coed the late Benator Hanna. two or three appeared in other places. Orders were given by the revolutionists shoot only when there was good hope of bringing a snan down, but otherwise veit was no easy task, so say these in a to tire out the troops until they lose pa-

> "In the meantime, in their houses, the had many rivals, men who were worthy bulk of the population cowers in the in-most recesses of kitchens and cellars, stricken with fear and trembling at persistency that won; at least this perevery boom of cannon or the explosion of sistency was a mighty factor in the

"The most surprising thing of all is the genial nature and a wondre loyalty of the troops, which nobody here heart, which proved to be mighty wear

"Talking with an intelligent group of The scenes within the city, according to the report, just received, are absolutely forts to shaking the foundations of Rusrible and all attempts to remove the and that foreign nations would be as girl in all the world" for him phatically denied that they were incling Fires Blase Unchecked.

the peasantry to commit agrarian outrages declaring that these outrages were
the work of the Socialists, but they did

Longworth-Roosevelt Nuptials Are Set for February Seventeen.

GROOM'S VIGOROUS SUIT

Man After President's Own Heart and Lover of Sport Like His Sweetheart-Climax on the Oriental Trip.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash gton, Dec. 25.-The marriage of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Representative Nicholas Lengworth, of Ohio, will be the tenth wedding ceremony performed in the his-toric White House at Washington. Two took place in President Munroe's admin istration and two during the term President Jackson, while one each is recorded under the administrations of Presents Tyler, Adams, Grant, Hayes and Cleveland, the last on the list being the marriage of the President himself.

The social season in Washington was opened by the announcement of the enent of Miss Roosevelt to Mr. Lo worth; the season will virtually close with the wedding beremony, provided it occurs, now contemplated, on Pebruaray 17. The formal announcement of this engagenent was not a surprise, for rumor has persistently heralded the event for a year or more, and the marked attentions paid by Mr. Longworth to the President's daughter discredited the denials repeatedly put forth by the happy couple

Roosevelt Likes New Son-in-Law.

President Roosevelt is highly pleased at the selection made by his daughter, for his prospective son-in-law is a man of Longworth, as he is familiarly known in Washington, is a bright, aggressive, suc essful man who "does things." He is a Harvard man, too. Though but 38 years of age, he has made a mark in world, and is recognized as a coming man from his Illustrious father, from whom he was named, but he has not relied upon that fortune; he started out for himself; he has made a creditable record; he has Congress and in the legal profession,

But Mr. Longworth has other charac teristics which appeal to his future father-in-law. He is a man of athletic build and an athlete of no small attain-Physically he is a good match President may turn his attention from ice and cross swords or put on the gloves can say with suthority what it will be. with his son-in-law. It is an even match with the sole advantage of weight on the side of the President.

Both Love Outdoor Sports,

It is fortunate for Mr. Longworth that Roosevelt, no less than her father loves Her tastes run in the same channels as those of her father and of her future Mr. Longworth, and his splenedid autobiles will bring much joy to the heart of his bride, for she has heretofore been denied the ownership of a red devil such as she longed for a speedy machin which she might run at will. Mr. Longhis better half when they ride out together. Miss Roosevelt is not content to ride to some other's driving. She wants to run the machine, and she will have

Representative Longworth is a compa He career began with the 18th Congress tified his constituents in returning to the House by an overwhelming ma "The driving force behind both the jority. If he but keeps up the good young man, untold prospects open up him, and he may, in the end, be reward part such foolhardy courage as some of as she recently rewarded Representative Dick, who was sent to the Senate to

The winning of the hand of Miss Roos of the young man from Ohio. He had a indomitable will, which was no small fator in his contest for the hand of the fire pendent of spirit, self-willed and discern ing, was not the girl to accept the first offer of marriage. She did not lose he head in the big game of hearts, but con-

won the heart of the Presid daughter, Miss Roosevelt entered positive denial, and on subsequent ions she was equally emphatic in deny ing stories of her engagement. But Mr. Longworth was not dismayed. He had hope, and spurred on by a hope that apparently was inspired, he persisted in attention through many long months, un

Seized Golden Opportunity.

Last Spring, when Secretary Taft wa making up his party to visit the Philip pines, it was announced that Miss Roose velt would accompany the party to the Orient. Immediately Mr. Longworth reaognized a golden opportunity; he joined the party, by invitation of the Secretary and there it was be gained a mighty advantage over his rivals. For three long conths he had the field to himself; there were no rivals in that party, and results show that the foung Ohioan made good use of his opportunity. This is further borne out by the testimony of other members of the Taft party, who relate that happy couple were notoriously when opportunity presented The trip to the Philippines certainly hast-ened the end; it certainly put an end to the contest, even though Miss Roosevel herself declared, upon her return to this untry, that she was not engaged to Mr Longworth. But had it not been for the trip to the Orient and the two spent on shipboard. It is unlikely the engagement would have been announced so on, even though the end would unques-onably have been the same.

"Nick" Longworth proved an ardent and a persistent wooer, and those who made the long journey to the Philippines and returned look upon the match as an ideal me from any and every standpoint. He is a worthy and deserving man, and one who will bring credit to the family he is

Society in a Flutter.

All society is now laying plans to gain dmission to the White House to witness the crowning social event of the season The White House is admittedly inade quare to accommodate even the friends of the contracting couple, and there must be many disappointments on this account Aside from those who are assured cards which will admit them to the big room, society leaders will scheme and plot to gain advantage over their rivals, and it will test the ability of the best to outwit the many others who are seeking this rare privilege. Those friends who are unable to witness the wedding ceremony will be given an opportunity to attend the reception which is sure to follow, but this is less sought than the privilege of seeing the knot tied. To be one of the select few is the height of the ambittion of every social leader, not only in Washington but ff New York and Cininnati, where the contracting parties

have wide circles of friends. And the gown. What will Miss Alice wear on her wedding day? Rumor is already busy with this detail, and opinion widely prevails that she will don the wedding gown of her mother, which has which he follows at home, and he gives been carefully preserved for just this promise of great improvement as time purpose by Grandmother Lee. Some say she will wear a creation of Chinese slik, the gift of the Empress Dowager, but ive Americanism, assert that her gown will be an American product, made by American bands for this conspicuous for the President, and in the future the event in American history. There is a wide field for speculation, and until the his young friends in the Government serv- details are formally announced, no one

Miss Roosevelt, though less than 21 (she a wonderful career since her father en-tered the White House. She made her debut in the East room early in January. 1905, and since then has been leading a life that would tax the strength and en ergies of the most enthusiastic society been the reigning belle, as she has in other cities where she has visited. Boston and New York society know her well for she has frequently visited those cities as the guest of relatives and distingu friends. She has spent much time away om Washington, responding to the calls of her friends in other social centers, and has made hosts of friends in every com munity she visited. Only last Summer, she was the guest of Mr. Longworth's setts coast.

cesaive strenuous social seasons Miss Roosevelt has borne up wonderfully well, might expect to look upon her. She is remarkable vitality that has served her well during more than three trying sea-

After her marriage she will leave her rooms at the White House and reside at the home of her husband, a commodious, elegantly furnished house in the center of the fashionable section of Washington. There Mr. Longworth now lives with his mother, and there he has lavishly enter-tained during the two seasons he has been in Washington. But after this season the Longworth home will have a new mistress, and will become even more conspicuous than it has been in seasons past. Between seasons the Longworths will make their permanent home at Cincinnati, though they will probably join the Summer colony at some of the resorts on the New England coast for a part of the bot spell. It is their purpose to make a the New England coast for a part of the hot spell. It is their purpose to make a four of Europe after the wedding, though this trip may be deferred until after the close of the session of Congress. Neither Mr. Longworth nor Mrs. Boosevelt has visited Europe, and the proposed wedding trip will be a novelty for them both.

POPE WILL SEND PRESENT

Special Messenger May Bring It to

NEW YORK, Dec. S.—According to a cable dispatch to the World, Plus X has lust declared his intention to send a wedding present to Miss Alice Roosevelt of ding present to Miss Alice Roosevelt on the choice. And in the end she chose a man who sough her, not because of her position; not because she was the President's daugater, but because she was "the one girl in all the world" for him.

The Longworth-Roosevelt affair is reputed to be a case of love at first sight on the part of the prospective groom, and it is understood Miss Roosevelt was early attracted by the winsome Mr. Longworth, though she adroitly concealed her true sentiments as long as she conscientious-thy could. More than a year ago, when

FOR THE INSANE

Each Gratifies His or Her Own Delusion in Masquerade at Asylum.

QUEENS IN THEIR MAJESTY

Unique but Pathetic Entertainment for Inmates of Great Asylum. Imaginary Adelina Patti Breaks Into Song.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25 - (Special.) Clad in tinsel crowns and cheap, flashy robes, receiving the imaginary homage of their imaginary subjects, imaginary kings queens and other potentates swept majes tically through the halls of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane to in a masquerade ball. It was the night for the annual ball, and the management conceived the idea of letting each of the 600 inmates gratify his or her lucination to the utmost, by making of the event a masquerade. Elaborate preparations had been made and the limited number of spectators in the galleries perhaps witnessed the most fantastic array of gowns ever grouped together

Queens of Real Tragedy. The affair was both unique and pathetic It brought together at one time all inates of the asylum. They were allowed to indulge in every way their strange hallucinations. One woman, who believes she is the Queen of England, majestically paraded before her apparent subjects. She extended her hand for the salute she expected from inferiors. One woman who silled a mother, father and brother, who believes she is Lady Macbeth, mingled in the crowd and danced the two-step with

The poeters laureate of England was probably the strungest character in the strange assembly. This woman, crowned with a floral wreath, read to visitors, who pretended interest in the so-called original, lines that really had no meaning It was remarkably sad to hear the alleged grievances aired by the patients who paricipated in the grand march. sadder still when the pretty girl who besong: There was nothing to laugh at when swo girls dressed in blue swept past. They resembled each other and are sisters.

Time Slow, but Too Fast.

Professor Brooks, an old dancing master, arranged the affair and supplied the music. The time kept by the orchestra was slow, but still it was too fast for the tardy feet and the weary minds that

guided them. The inmates made elaborate preparations for the dance. All seemed to be in of all eyes there came not the sparkle that denotes enthusiasm, busthe ball was great success. Superintendent James Hutchinson has experimented in various inmates. He believes he masquerading enables the patients to forget their troubles amid the surroundings for the time being. It is an experiment that will be ed at different seasons throughout the year. He tried his best tonight to give Christmas they are capable of enjoying

OLD HUNTER MEETS DEATH IN BIG HORN COUNTRY.

Mangled Body of Nebraska Pioneer Found in Cave Beside Two Monsters He Had Slain.

OMAHA Neb. Dec. E.-Simon R Clark. Omaha, one of the best-known pioneers of Nebraska, was recently killed in a battle with grizzly bears in the Big Horn

The news was contained in a letter from ranchman named Adams, who said Clark's horse came to his ranch December lowed his tracks back five miles into the mountains, where he found the badlymangled body of Clark at the mo a cave and beside it two dead grisslies. Clark, who was generally known as "Blondy," was an old soldier and was ell known as a plainsman and hunter. He has held numerous public offices

AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR

Engineer Who Saved Child and Lost

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 25.—
George Poell, County Clerk-elect of this county, today received a letter from President Roosevelt, informing him that the first medal of honor, given under the act of Congress approved February 23, 1995, had been awarded to him for conspicuous bravery in saving the life of a child at the risk of his own, and expressing warm commendation of the deed. Mr. Poell, who was a locomotive fireman, ran alongside his engine to the pilot and snatched a little child from the track, saving it from harm, but himself fell under the engine, losing a jeg and being otherwise badly injured.

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Portland

LITTLE ROCK, Ark, Dec. 36-One of

of two small buildings, every building on the block bounded by Second, Third, Louisiana and Center streets was de-stroyed. The heaviest loser is Fred Roesch, whose four-story carriage re-pository was burned to the ground, caus-ing a loss of about \$6,000. The burned district also included the livery stable of C. L. Kraft, the old Jewish Syna-gogue, the Merchants' stable, six cot-tages and a number of small brick build, lings. The entire loss is estimated at ings. The entire loss is estimated at about \$190,000.

STANDS SIEGE IN TOWER One-Legged Flagman Shoots Till

Riddled With Bullets.

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 25 .- In a battle between a policeman and John Tice, a one-legged negro flagman on the Illinois Central, who had barricaded his tower at Eleventh and Broadway streets, Patrolman James Clark was shot twice in the hip and Tice was riddled by the bullets from rifles and pistols fired by scores of people from the surrounding streets and roofs.

The negro became enraged at some one's throwing bricks at his tower and began firing from the tower at people on the streets below. When the police attempted to arrest him, he fired on them until he was killed.

JUSTICE VAN DYKE IS DEAD

Aged California Jurist and Forty-Niner Stricken Suddenly.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. S.-After an illess of only 34 hours Justice Waiter Van Dyke, of the Supreme Court of California, died this afternoon at his resi-dence in East Oakland. The eminent The eminent jurist was stricken so suddenly that his life of 82 years had ended almost before there was a realization that he was ill, Justice Van Dyke was born at Tyre. Seneca County, New York, on October 2, 1821. He was admitted to the bar at Cleveland, O., in 1848, coming to Cali-fornia across the plains in 1848. He was elected to the Supreme Court to serve from January, 1888, to December 31, 1969.

RUSHES WORK TO CHICAGO

Walsh Hurries Construction on One End of Railroad.

INDIANAPOLIS. Dec. 25. — In com-pliance with orders from headquarters at Chicago, construction on the Indianat Chicago, construction on the Indian-apolis division of the Southern Indi-ana Raliroad, one of John R. Walsh's enterprises, has been suspended and over 100 men are without employment. Simultaneously with the suspension of work on the Indianapolis division, extra men were rushed to the Chicago division, where the construction of the line from Terre Haute to Chicago line from Terre Haute to Chicago Heights, it is reported, will be rushed to completion.

CHINA MAKES DEMANDS

Blames British for Causing Anti-Foreign Riot at Shanghai.

LONDON, Dec. M.-The correspondence of the Morning Post at Shanghai says that the Chinese Foreign Office has in-structed the Chinese Minister at London to negotiate with the British government or, and to insist on the number police concerned in the recent out-

Train Kills Two Autoists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-While driving in a runabout across the tracks of the Long Island Rallroad at Brooklyn Hills yester-

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LEADERS EGG ON ENEMIES

Outery About Canal Salaries to Be Followed by Crusade Against Philippine Record-Open Campaign of 1908.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25,-(Special.)-Walter Wellman, in a dispatch from Washing-Taft is next on our list. We're going after him as soon as Congress reconrenes next month.

"So said a prominent Republican Senaor. He added that it was the intention of the leaders of the Senate not only to continue their criticism of Panama man-agement, but to take up the administration of Mr. Taft in the Philippines and subject it to rigid scrutiny. The meaning of this and of the whole course of the Senate toward President Roosevelt of the Government is that the Presi dential game of 1908 has already opened There are candidates for the next Republican nomination in the Senate, plenty of them, and they are already maneuver ing to bowl out all aspirants for the nom

"Roosevelt himself is no longer feared The flurry of a few months ago, in which there was much talk that the President might be nominated by both parties two years from next Summer, has disappeared. Since then Mr. Roosevelt has lost instead of gaining strength. He is still by long odds the most popular man in the country, but there is no danger of his running for President again.

Kill Roosevelt Influence

Leading Republican Senators are determined that Mr. Roosevelt shall not extend his reign over the party through annomination and election of one of his chosen Cabinet Ministers and personal friends. Hence their purpose one for the dance. All seemed to be in regarding the mixed court dispute, to de-state of intense excitement. Yet out mand the dismissal of the British As- Roosevelt a failure, so far as tangible results are concerned. Hence their balking on railway rates, the canal, the tariff and a lot of other things. Hence the constant fire of criticism to which the Adm'nis tration is subjected in the Senate. This may not be very noble politics, but it is

effective politics, and it is interesting,

Make It Warm for Taft. "Now comes the threat to 'make it warm for Tuft.' It goes without saying that against the Secretary personally no one has any harsh feeling. He is everywhere recognized as a man of great abil ity, of extraordinary sincerity and devoalso as the cheeriest most refreshing sweetest character in the public service at this time. As a man, almost everyone loves him. It is impossible to do other-

"But Taft the man, and Taft the prob able nominee of the Republicans for President in 1908 as a product and representative of the Roosevelt Administraplotting, maneuvering, intriguing Sens-

tors would like to cut his comb. Only Man Senators Fear.

"Mr. Taft is the one man now contion who is feared in 1908 by the Sen atorial cabal. Mr. Root is not much talked of. Though generally regarded as the ablest man in American pub-He life today, it is thought his past City, in view of recent disclosures and the present tendency of the public mind, would mitigate strongly against him as a Presidential aspirant. For date for the Presidency, and is no likely to be. Secretary Shaw does not seem to be making much headway and besides is not looked upon as ministration in the sense that Mr. Root or Mr. Taft is. There has been some talk of Mr. Cortelyon for President, but for some reason or other the Senators do not take it seriously,

man they are afraid of, and they fear he has inherited or is about to inherit the popularity of President Roosevell and so they say they are going after Taft. He is next on the list!

Motive of Attack on Canal.

"The recent outery about the canal was in part aimed at Mr. Taft. scrutiny of the Pollippine administration is to be added. Immediately after the holiday recess is over, it is the nate to permit the Democrats to start a little crusade of criticism of Taft. Just what there is to criticise has not yet appeared. All this talk about canal salaries, extravagance and executive blundering has been a mere prefext on the part of the Sens It was merely a convenient Down in their hearts the critics do not