

FINLAND DEFIES REPRESSIVE LAW

Will Hold Meetings in Spite of Prohibition by the Governor.

ARMED UPRISING OPPOSED

Answer to Dispersal of Constitutional Congress Will Be Series of Meetings to Demand National Rights.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 23.—Thorough investigations show that the Finnish people are contemplating no general armed uprising, despite the recently discovered importation of arms; indeed that the vast majority of the Finns look with disfavor on the separatist movement. It is evident that the divergent attitudes in regard to the right of meeting are leading to a step-by-step conflict and further embittering the relations between the government and the people.

Following the dispersal of the big congress of Constitutionalists at Helsinki September 12, the Russian authorities announced that, pending imperial approval of the Senate's new project for the right of assembly, the regulations of 1900 would remain strictly in force and that effective measures would be taken to disperse all unauthorized meetings.

In reply to the bureau of the Constitutionalists, who now embrace practically all the Finnish factions except the small terrorist party of active resistance, announcing a programme of meetings throughout the country for the discussion of the resolution submitted to the Helsinki congress and practically defies the authorities to interfere, saying that the meeting will be held in spite of the police measures.

Among the questions to be discussed are the necessity for immediate convocation of the Finnish Diet, the removal from Finland of all members of the corps of gendarmes, the entrusting of all secret and public police work to the existing legal police organization, and the participation of Finnish representatives in the Russian National Assembly. The Constitutionalists also demand the dismissal from the state service of Finland of all officeholders who have palpably compromised the interests of their country and the execution of the laws, this being directed against the Finns who have been assisting in the work of Russification.

There is reason to believe that the recent importation of rifles was arranged by those favoring active resistance and who are working in co-operation with terrorist and revolutionary organizations in other parts of Russia, and especially in the Baltic provinces, to precipitate a revolution. The Constitutionalists, however, do not look with favor upon attempts to bring about an uprising in Finland, which, undoubtedly, would only result, like the Polish revolution of 1863, in useless bloodshed and suffering and measures of sterner repression. They prefer to work along the same lines as the Russian reformers, and are exerting steady and stubborn pressure against all measures for Russification.

An article in the Novoye Vremya, which bears marks of inspiration, intimating that all parties in Finland are preparing for an uprising, and that the country is on the verge of revolt, is attracting much attention. Firms fear that the article was put forth in behalf of the Russian administration in Finland, in order to justify more vigorous military measures, or even a declaration of martial law, as has been threatened by the Emperor.

RELIEF WORK IN RUSSIA. Government Seeking to Provide Food for Famined Districts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 23.—Special committees from the Department of Agriculture and the Ministry of the Interior left here today to take charge of the relief work in the famine districts of Russia. The cost of this work is estimated by the government at \$20,000,000. No acute distress has yet been reported, and the government hopes, by prompt distribution of food, seed, grain and fodder and the employment of the famine-stricken populace on public works to tide over the people until the new harvest.

The rates for the transportation of grain and fodder into the governments stricken by famine have been reduced, but the deficiency in rolling stock is the chief obstacle to the work of relief. Plenty of grain is available in Russia, both for forwarding to the governments affected and for export.

An observer on the necessity who returned here this week from a tour of Southern Russia, told the Associated Press that bags of grain were piled up in mountains at many stations. Some of these were left from the 1904 harvest, waiting for cars to move them. The termination of the war has already released some cars from the Siberian road.

PROTECTION FOR SIBERIA. Government Will Aid Home Industry—Relief for Fuel Famine.

MOSCOW, Sept. 23.—A protective tariff for Siberia will have the support of Finance Minister Kokovoff. M. Kokovoff said that protective duties for Siberia, as an outlet for the products of young Russian industries, appeared to him necessary. He said that the free importation of goods into Eastern Siberia was simply a war measure, taken on the initiative of former Premier Alexieff on account of military pressure on the Trans-Siberian Railroad. He declared that now the war was over the regular tariff should be restored in order to encourage Russian commerce in Siberia.

With regard to the fuel crisis caused by the recent fire at Baku, M. Kokovoff said that arrangements had been made to supply Volga River steamers with naphtha until the close of navigation, but the various other branches of industry and transportation dependent upon fuel oil would have to wait until the opening of navigation in May for a further supply.

The stock in hand, he said, showed a shortage of nearly 1,000,000 tons. To meet this the minister proposed to reduce railway tariffs on imported and domestic coal and to facilitate the importation of foreign naphtha by remission of the duty on it by the reduction of railway rates.

The Finance Minister also discussed labor problems and said that the government was anxious to co-operate with the industrial classes in settling the present difficulties.

Jail Penalty for Striking. WARSZAWA, Russian Poland, Sept. 23.—The Military Governor has issued a proclamation warning workmen that they will be imprisoned for three months if they carry out their threat to strike as a protest against acts of the government.

Governor of Finland Resigns. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 23.—A report was in circulation here this evening that Prince John Obolensky, Governor-General of Finland, has resigned, but no confirmation of it is obtainable.

Unrest Among Muscovites. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 23.—Excitedment among the Muscovite population in the Caucasus is growing, and the Russian authorities are taking precautions. Astrakhan is being patrolled by Cossacks. Agrarian disturbances are taking place in the province of Kostroma, where the peasants are plundering estates and churches.

USED FORGED SECURITIES

OFFICERS OF CLINTON, MO., BANK INDICTED FOR FRAUD.

Ex-State Treasurer Salmon and His Relatives Charged With Robbing Their Depositors.

CLINTON, Mo., Sept. 23.—The grand jury, which has been investigating the activities of the bank of Clinton, today returned indictments on 11 counts against Thomas M. Casey, ex-manager of the bank who confessed at the time of the failure to using forged notes for securities. Major Harvey W. Salmon and G. Y. Salmon, also of the bank, were indicted on six counts each, and F. M. Salmon, the former clerk of the bank, was indicted on four counts.

The Salmons for many years have been among the most prominent men in Missouri. Few Democrats in the state are better known than Major Harvey W. Salmon. He came to Clinton in 1866 and has since then been connected with the banking business and been prominent in state politics. He was elected State Treasurer on the Democratic ticket in 1872 and served in that office until 1874. He formerly was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, and in 1892, as chairman of the State Executive Committee, took charge of the campaign of William J. Stone when the latter ran for Governor. Later he was himself spoken of as a candidate for the Governorship. Dr. G. Y. Salmon, who is nearly 80 years of age, has not been actively connected with the bank for many years.

The bank of Salmon & Salmon, which was one of the oldest and considered for many years one of the strongest in the state, failed on June 21. The institution was owned by Major Salmon and his brother, Dr. G. Y. Salmon. The failure caused a sensation, which increased when later it became known that Cashier Casey, who is Dr. Salmon's son-in-law, and who had been in charge of the bank, had confessed to having forged securities amounting to upward of \$100,000. While the bank had deposits of about \$200,000 and its loans amounted to \$24,000, only \$5000 was found in the institution's vaults. Many farmers and others who had had full confidence in the bank lost practically all their possessions. On August 23, following a meeting of depositors, Frank M. Salmon, son of Dr. G. Y. Salmon, was formally charged with receiving deposits when the bank was in an insolvent condition.

CAUGHT IN SEWER-PIPE

DRUNKEN PRISONER GETS IN BAD PREDICAMENT.

Tries to Escape by Crawling Through Pipe and Sticks—Jail Torn Down to Save Him.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 23.—(Special)—A man with drafts and checks amounting to several hundred dollars, together with a large amount of money on his person, was arrested while drunk on the streets of Reno last night. Three hours after he was securely locked in the jail the officer went to see if he was safe and found him tightly wedged in the sewer-pipe. In a drunken fancy he thought he could escape through the 12-inch pipe and attempted to force his way through. At the first joint his shoulders caught, and in this position he was discovered by the officer. His limbs had swollen and he could move neither one way nor the other. A block, tackle and five men were brought to his aid. Their combined efforts could not move him. Then it was decided to tear away the brick and iron of the jail building. In this manner the sewer-pipe was reached and torn away from around the man. He suffered agony. It was found necessary to cut his shoes from his feet. The checks found on his person are on New York bank in favor of John Hay. The man refused to give his name.

PLATT'S LEGS FAIL HIM

New York Senator Said to Have Locomotor Ataxia.

DENVER, Sept. 23.—(Special)—Despite every effort to keep the news from the public and in the face of a positive denial from his wife, a person in Senator Thomas C. Platt's household tonight practically admitted that the big New York boss was suffering from locomotor ataxia and that even the statesman himself had little hope of living up to the end of his term in the Senate. The Platt party left for the East at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and it was observed that Senator Platt was very unsteady on his legs and acted as though he expected to fall at every step. He clung tightly to the arm of his male escort and breathed a deep sigh of relief when he finally sat down in his stateroom in the train.

Hall Came to Visit Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Hall Caine arrived tonight on the steamer Umbria from Liverpool. The English novelist was accompanied by his two sons. He was met at the pier by a messenger from President Roosevelt, who bore a personal message inviting him to call on a day or two at Sagamore Hill. Mr. Caine said that he would visit the President either tomorrow or Monday.

PALMANS EASILY

Overwhelming Victory of the Cuban Moderates.

RIOTING AT THE POLLS

Only Isolated Disorders—Liberals Attribute Defeat to Police Interference—Large Store of Explosives in Hotel.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—The latest telegrams received here indicate that the elections of registration boards have resulted in a complete Government victory throughout the entire island.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—The election in Havana for members of the board of registration passed off quietly, and telegrams from the interior say there were no disorders except at Placetas, in the Province of Santa Clara, where many shots were fired but no one was killed. The Liberals admit the complete victory in Havana of the Moderates, the party of President Palma. They claim that they did not vote because Moderate policemen stationed at the polls prevented them from doing so. A reporter of the Associated Press visited a majority of the polls here, but at none of them noted any indication of restraint upon voters.

Good order is being maintained throughout the city and, with the exception of a few being shot and probably fatally injured in a row tonight and another being seriously hurt in the head by a rock, there has been no trouble. Crowds which gathered in the neighborhood of the Liberal Club were dispersed by orators, who informed them that the Moderates were victorious and requested the Liberals to retire to their homes. The Liberal Club was closed and barricaded. A number of Liberals say that this was done because they had received word that the government intended to search the place for arms.

WELL KNOWN IN NEW YORK.

Father and Daughter of Villuendas Now Visiting in City.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Colonel Enrique Villuendas, leader of the Cuban Liberal party, who was killed yesterday in Cienfuegos, had many friends in this city who were shocked by some time during the Cuban revolution. The Congressman's father and 14-year-old sister, Esmeralda, are staying at the home of Juan Fonseca, in West Sixty-sixth street. Colonel Villuendas has been ill, and the news of his son's tragic death was withheld from him last night. He intended to leave this city today with his daughter for Havana on the steamer "The Castle," but could not get accommodations.

At the time Fonseca was informed of the killing of Colonel Villuendas, whom he had known since boyhood, he was writing a letter to his brother, Francisco, in which he said: "Give my kindest regards to Brother Enrique." Then he added a postscript, saying that he had just learned of the death.

Colonel Villuendas was 32 years of age. He fought with distinction in the last revolution against Spain, serving under General Gomez. He went to Cuba at the time of the insurrection in 1895, and was elected to the United States by General Juan Ruiz. A brother of Colonel Villuendas was killed in the revolution. Another brother is a member from Santiago Province of the House, Colonel Villuendas represented a Havana district. He was a lawyer and a forceful speaker, and often addressed the Cuban patriotic meetings held in this city at the time of the revolution. Colonel Villuendas, formerly a friend of President Palma, later became one of the strongest advocates of the election of General Jose Miguel Gomez, the Liberal, at the late presidential election and governor of Santa Clara. The Congressman was also a Liberal, and only a few weeks ago wrote to a friend in this city the sanguine prediction that General Gomez would be elected.

In 1894 the Colonel visited the St. Louis exposition.

PLATT AMENDMENT IS ISSUE

If Gomez Had Won, Cuba Would Have Reputed It.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(Special)—Jacob Sleeper, the United States chargé d'affaires at Havana, has called the State Department confirmation of the press dispatches about the rioting at Cienfuegos, which resulted in the killing of Congressman Villuendas, one of the leaders of the Liberal party, and the chief of police of the town. The excitement in Cuba as the result of pending elections is affording a very severe test of the capacity of the people for self-government, of the strength of the Palma administration and its ability to maintain order. The United States is vitally interested, for one of the issues of the campaign is the Platt amendment, which retains to the United States the right to control the national debt of Cuba and authorizes the country to step in to restore and maintain order if the necessity should arise.

The Liberal candidate for the Presidency, Jose Miguel Gomez, Governor of Santa Clara Province, promised, if elected, to have this Platt amendment, which has been incorporated in the Cuban constitution, repealed. The purpose of the amendment was to prevent a repetition of conditions in Cuba such as brought about the war with Spain. The United States at that time announced that the constant revolutions there under the best sanitary conditions made Cuba a menace to this country. At present there appears on the surface nothing but a mere factional dispute between adherents of two political parties, and in the eyes of the public, in official circles here that the conservative element in Cuba will not countenance a repudiation of the island's engagement with the United States.

HAD BOMBS IN HIS HOTEL

Villuendas Could Have Blown Up Entire Block.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—An expert of Cienfuegos, who examined one of the bombs found in Congressman Villuendas' room, declared that it contained enough explosives to blow up an entire block. The government has evidence showing Villuendas took 12 bombs to Cienfuegos, only three of which have been discovered, though Liberals have been arrested and found to have a number of bomb fuses. At Santa Clara, a search has revealed 11 bombs similar to the others found and also a small number of rifles and some ammunition secreted near the city. General Jose Miguel Gomez, Governor of Santa Clara Province, and Liberal candi-

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NAT GOODWIN'S ESCAPE

TAKES FLORA PARKER AWAY FROM DE HAVEN.

Creates Scene in Theater and Threatens De Haven, but Flees When Blast is Called.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—(Special)—Carter De Haven, who is appearing nightly with Lulu Glazer at the Knickerbocker Theater, escorted Miss Flora Parker to the theater this afternoon and sat with her in a box off the stage. The play was well advanced when Nat Goodwin appeared in the shadow of a post just within the lobby and for a moment his eye traveled over the boxes until it rested on the one in which De Haven and Miss Parker were sitting.

Without a word to the many persons about who knew him well, the comedian strode down the aisle to the box and a moment later surprised the occupants and most of the audience by tapping Miss Parker on the shoulder and saying: "I'll let you go if I meet you in the street." Goodwin announced this so loudly that the eyes of the audience left the stage.

De Haven and nothing, but followed the pair to the street, where he dared the comedian to carry out his threat and administer the promised licking. A crowd collected which listened to De Haven denouncing Goodwin as he stepped into his automobile and drove away.

WORK FOR MR. ROOSEVELT

Abandoned Nevada Town Is Overrun With Wildcats.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 23.—Wadsworth, once the liveliest town of Nevada, with a population varying from 800 to 8000 persons, but now a deserted pile of shacks, has been taken possession of by thousands of wildcats. They are roosting the streets, making their abode in the ramshackle buildings. At the sight of human beings the scampers over each other, hundreds of them, in a mad flight for safety. The number is increasing daily. This condition is caused by the fact that the railroad people, when abandoning the old family camp, were moving in this way more than a year ago, and the thousands of wild felids today are the result.

DYNAMITE PLOT IN HAVANA

Liberals Accused of Designs to Destroy Public Buildings.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—The government claims to have discovered a Liberal plot to dynamite the City Hall, Courthouse and other public buildings of Cienfuegos.

Government Wins Election Boards.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—Returns from the entire island up to 11:50 o'clock tonight confirm the complete victory of the government in the elections for members of the boards of registration. There were no important disorders.

AGREEMENT SIGNED AT LAST

Official Announcement Comes From Swedish-Norwegian Conference.

KARLSTAD, Sweden, Sept. 23, 6:30 P. M.—The conference is terminated. It is officially announced that a full agreement was reached and signed at 4:30 P. M. The protocols will be published next week at Christiania and Stockholm simultaneously.

TREATY IN SCANDINAVIA

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But it is believed that they at last agree in.

NO HOPE FOR REPUBLICANS

Norway Now Looks to Prince Charles as Future King.

CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 24.—The Norwegian delegation arrived here from Karlstad at 1 o'clock this morning and were received with cheers by several thousand persons who were waiting at the station.

During the past week there had been increasing agitation over the question of a constitution for Norway. The Republicans made great efforts to organize a party, but they are in a hopeless minor-

KING OSCAR'S HEAD IS SORE

It Hurts on the Place Where Norway's Crown Fitted.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—The Temps prints an interview with King Oscar of Sweden in which he says that the Norwegians have behaved badly toward him. They threatened him, he says, on the false pretext of desiring a separate consular service and refusing to listen to his proposals.

"We shall have peace," the King declared, "but it must be durable. That is why I demanded the destruction of the recently constructed forts on the frontier."

PARSON'S LATEST SCHEME

Massachusetts Preacher Will Start a Shooting Gallery.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 23.—The Rev. Roland A. Nichols, a wildcat oil and gold mine stock speculator, with other callers too numerous to mention, sprung a surprise on the members of his flock today by the announcement that he would build a shooting gallery in the rear of the parsonage. In the couple of years that he has been their spiritual guide Dr. Nichols has sprung many surprises, but none has been as startling as that of today. The gallery is to keep the young men from falling into evil ways by teaching them the use of firearms. The license board will investigate the gallery, and likewise the minister.

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