

RUSSIAN DUMA NOT VOICE OF PEOPLE

Complex System of Election Robs Taxpayers of Representation, Is Charge.

PRIESTLY BODY IN FAVOR

Manipulations of Government in Late Campaign Shows Czar's Aids Wanted to Appease Church for Temporary Period.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The elections to the Fourth Duma were held in Russia amid an apathy and indifference so dense that one may be pardoned for wondering if representative institutions will obtain any grip of the Russian people at this end of the 20th century.

It is true that the electoral system in Russia is a very complex business indeed, and only the initiated can perceive the exact bearing of the first votings upon the ultimate choice of a member of the Duma. But, on the other hand, representative institutions are not six years old yet in Russia, and symptoms of faint-heartedness in the electorate are of painful augury at such an early period of the new "regime."

Only seven towns, as such, send members to the Duma, and of these only five by direct vote, namely, the two capitals, St. Petersburg and Moscow, and Kiev, Odessa, and Riga. All other towns are merely part of their respective provinces and sub-divisions of provinces, where the voting is very far from direct, and is complicated to a degree, while the complexity in practice may be, at the discretion of the Ministers of the Interior, produced almost "ad infinitum."

System is Cumbrous.

Omitting the five favored large towns, Poland, the Caucasus, and distant parts of Far Eastern Siberia, the rest of Russia votes after the following fashion: The peasants elect for each "volost" two "select men." These "select men" from a whole province assemble to elect from their number so many "electors" (usually one for each sub-division of the Province). The townships in the Province similarly elect-voting in two separate categories, first and second, the former made up of property-owners, the latter of private citizens—a "fixed number of electors." The land-owners of the Province similarly meet to choose electors from their body. In the Provinces where there are considerable industries centralized in factories, provision is made for the workmen to select from their number one or more "electors." Finally the "electors" arrived at by this complicated process meet in the capital town of the province, and by direct vote elect their member to the Duma.

The number of "electors" for each Province from each of the five categories (one peasant, two land-owners, three townfolk) (first "curia"), (four townfolk) (second "curia"), (five workmen), is fixed in such a manner as to give the land-owners everywhere about 50 per cent of the first voting, the townfolk (second "curia") together about 25 per cent; the peasants about the same; while the workmen have a merely nominal representation in their Provinces.

Table Shows Distribution.

The following tabulated list of the dozen typical Provinces out of the 53 of European Russia will explain the rough outline of the Russian electoral system better than a column of comment:

PROVINCES	Peasants	Land Owners	Townfolk (1st Curia)	Townfolk (2nd Curia)	Workmen	Total Electors	Members of Duma
St. Petersburg	8	31,150	10	9	70	110	10
Moscow	15	42,150	15	9	84	159	15
Vladimir (center)	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Kiev	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Odessa	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Riga	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Warsaw	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Volodga	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Poltava	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Samara	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Tver	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10
Jaroslavl	10	28,184	10	9	80	119	10

*Six city, four province. *Four city, six province. *Two city, 15 province.

It is the complicated process of selecting the "electors" which has begun in Russia; the five favored towns, which have direct votes and their own members, will vote last of all, and enthusiasm runs rather high over these elections. But it must always be borne in mind that out of the 442 members of the Duma only 18 are representatives of towns. The attention given by the press to these town elections is natural enough, but they are not typical of the electoral process generally.

The system above outlined is complicated enough even on paper. In practice it becomes more complex still. The varied qualifications for the exercise of the indirect franchise alone require a volume to explain and illustrate. But when everything is made clear on paper there comes the human element. The whole business of the elections is managed by the Minister of the Interior through his local representatives, the governors of provinces. The Minister of the Interior, like his colleagues at the head of the other great Departments of State, holds his appointment from his imperial master, and is in no wise responsible to the Duma.

Being no more than human the Minister may be supposed to be anxious to use all the legitimate means in his power to influence the elections, and towards the production of a Duma that will not prove too unruly and subversive; the electoral laws give many opportunities of exercising this legitimate influence.

Priestly Duma Marked.

In the present instance, for example, it has become known, in the mysterious manner which defies detection of the source, that the government wishes the Fourth Duma to consist as largely as possible of priests.

Why any government should seek to pack a representative assembly with priests is inconceivable to the ordinary mind. But the Russian is never at a loss in finding explanations of any inquiry that may be—often most gratuitously—attributed to his government. It is said the intention is to fill the Fourth Duma with priests and a few laws that will please the church and keep it quiet for another decade, and insure elementary education a duo proportion of religious teaching—each or all of these aims is to be attained by a Duma packed with priests. Which done the government will dissolve the Fourth and summon a Fifth Duma.

Menlo's High School Finished.

RAYMOND, Wash., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The new high school building at

Menlo, which has just been completed and is now ready for occupancy, will be dedicated Monday night. Professor Edmund S. Meany, of the University of Washington, will deliver the dedicatory address, which will be followed by a programme of songs and declamations. The new building is modern in every particular.

ARMISTICE TO BE SIGNED

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Constantinople virtually have reached a deadlock is the strongest force making for peace. Military experts consider that it would be almost impossible for the allies to break the Tebalja works, while it would be equally impossible for the Turks to succeed in an offensive movement.

Bulgaria Almost Exhausted.

Bulgaria has come to the end of her resources in men and has called out the drafts of 1913 and 1914, while one army corps in front of Adrianople consists of old men.

The threat that Great Britain may be involved in the death struggle for European supremacy and the object lesson of great armies, quickly mobilized by small states, have given great impetus to the movement for compulsory military service. Several conservative leaders have been agitating for this the last year.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts has become the storm center of a bitter controversy. In a speech early in the week he declared that the territorial line of defense was a total failure, that it was more than 30,000 short of its normal strength and was largely composed of youths. He invited the officers to admit that it did not satisfy the country's vital needs.

Haldane Replies to Roberts.

Viscount Haldane, the former Secretary of War, who is the father of the scheme, replied that Lord Roberts was a great soldier but failed to grasp the problems of statesmanship involved.

The Liberal party generally opposes increased military expenditures. The report that the Indian Empire is making a great naval contribution of dreadnaughts and cruisers has not been confirmed. The project apparently is only under discussion.

The conservative press hails it with salutes of praise but the Liberal press shows lukewarmness, particularly if it should involve increased taxation to the Indian peasant.

ITALY IS NOT IN CONCERT

Nation Stands With Austria as Against Greece's Ambitions.

ROME, Nov. 30.—While a conference of Ambassadors, as proposed by the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, is under consideration, the assertion that Italy has adhered to the plan is incorrect. A semi-official communication issued today says:

"Sir Edward Grey's proposal has not even been formally submitted as yet. If it were submitted Italy would not reply without first hearing the opinions of the other powers and also having an understanding with the allies."

The occupation of the small island of Saseo, at the entrance to the Gulf of Avlona, by the Greeks, is interpreted to mean that Greece intends to occupy Southern Albania, including Avlona.

This would cause a complication, as Italy and Austria are in perfect accord in the policy of preventing, by force, if necessary, the holding of Avlona by Greece and the establishment there of a naval base.

Albanians throughout Italy continue to hold meetings and send addresses to the Italian government, seeking Italian protection for Albania and the exclusion from that territory control by the Balkan states.

PORTO SANCTIONS PROTOCOL

Armistice to Apply to All of Turkey in Europe.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 30.—The cabinet has approved the protocol of an armistice which will be signed at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. An armistice has been issued sanctioning the protocol.

The armistice will be signed by the Turks on the one hand and the Bulgarians on the other in behalf of the four allies. It will thus apply not merely to Thessaly and Adrianople, but to all Turkey in Europe.

The armistice will last as long as the preliminary negotiations for peace continue. It is stipulated that the position of the belligerent shall remain exactly as at the time of signature.

Up to the present there have been no pour paroles on the subject of the terms of peace. Therefore statements with reference to the fate of Adrianople and the demarcation of new frontiers are unfounded.

STATE SENATOR MARRIES

George Neuner Weds Roseburg Girl at Grants Pass.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—A wedding in which two of Roseburg's popular young people were the principals occurred at Grants Pass, Wednesday. Senator-elect George Neuner and Miss Myrtle Campbell, both of Roseburg, were united in marriage.

Mr. Neuner is one of Douglas County's best-known men. Prior to his election Mr. Neuner served Douglas County as Representative for one term. Mr. Neuner also acted in the capacity of City Attorney of Roseburg during the administration of ex-Mayor Fred Haynes.

Mrs. Neuner is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Campbell, of West Roseburg, and has lived here almost since birth. A few weeks ago she accompanied her sister to California, where they remained until Wednesday, when they returned to Grants Pass to meet Mr. Neuner. The wedding followed.

Although having tried to keep the marriage a secret, Mr. Neuner confided the impending wedding to a friend, who declared the joke too good to keep. As a result Mr. Neuner's Roseburg friends have been sending him congratulatory messages by the hundreds.

Mr. and Mrs. Neuner will arrive in North Roseburg today, preparatory to commencing housekeeping.

DR. ROBERT COLLYER DIES

Pastor Emeritus, Church of Messiah, New York, Aged 89.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Mr. Robert Collyer, pastor emeritus of the Church of the Messiah and a widely known clergyman, died shortly before midnight at his home here, aged 89 years.

Dr. Collyer suffered a paralytic stroke a month ago and for the last few days he had been sinking rapidly. Before taking the pulpit of the Church of the Messiah in this city in 1878 he was Unitarian missionary in Chicago, having founded the Unity Church there, and was also in earlier years a missionary of his church in Philadelphia.



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Unequaled buying opportunities are yours this week. Every article in my store (a few contract goods alone excepted) is greatly reduced in price for quick disposal. There has been no re-marking of goods here to create fictitious "values." Everything is genuinely reduced from its normal, moderate price. The merchandise I offer in every department of the store is fresh and new, made for this season's use. You are cordially invited to take advantage of the remarkable savings you can effect by buying now.

Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats Reduced

\$15.00 Suits now only.....	\$12.85	\$30.00 Suits now only.....	\$22.50
\$20.00 Suits now only.....	\$14.85	\$40.00 Suits now only.....	\$29.85
\$25.00 Suits now only.....	\$18.75	All Blues and Blacks Greatly Reduced.	

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\$3.95 Boys' Suits now only.....	\$3.15	\$8.50 Boys' Suits now only.....	\$6.95
\$5.00 Boys' Suits now only.....	\$3.95	\$10.00 Boys' Suits now only.....	\$7.85
\$6.00 Boys' Suits now only.....	\$4.85	\$12.50 Boys' Suits now only.....	\$9.85
\$7.50 Boys' Suits now only.....	\$6.15	\$15.00 Boys' Suits now only.....	\$12.85

Men's Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets Reduced

\$3.50 Dressing Gowns now only.....	\$2.65	\$6.50 Ruff Neck Sweaters now.....	\$4.95
\$5.00 Dressing Gowns now only.....	\$3.75	\$7.50 Ruff Neck Sweaters now.....	\$5.95
\$7.50 Dressing Gowns now only.....	\$5.65	\$8.00 and \$8.50 Norfolk Coats now.....	\$6.95
\$10.00 Dressing Gowns now only.....	\$7.50		
\$12.50 Dressing Gowns now only.....	\$10.35		
\$20.00 Dressing Gowns now only.....	\$14.85		
\$5.00 Smoking Jackets now only.....	\$3.75		
\$7.50 Smoking Jackets now only.....	\$5.65		
\$10.00 Smoking Jackets now only.....	\$7.50		
\$12.50 Smoking Jackets now only.....	\$9.15		
\$13.50 Smoking Jackets now only.....	\$10.35		
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Regular \$30.00 Suits now only.....	\$19.85	Regular \$20.00 Coats now only.....	\$14.85
Regular \$40.00 Suits now only.....	\$29.35	Regular \$25.00 Coats now only.....	\$16.85
Regular \$50.00 Suits now only.....	\$35.00	Regular \$30.00 Coats now only.....	\$22.50
Regular \$60.00 Suits now only.....	\$42.50	Regular \$35.00 Coats now only.....	\$23.65

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

MORRISON STREET AT FOURTH

HOME RULE WANTED

Veterans Would Elect Manager at Sawtelle Home.

RECALL ASKED FOR, TOO

Power to Initiate Reforms Also Desired by Soldiers, Who Want No Young Civilian to "Lord It Over" Them.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Declaring that the present system of appointing officers is a condition of "snobbery," old veterans sheltered in the National Home at Sawtelle proposed to the Senate investigating committee today a system of election.

The committee will be asked to elect their own officers, from governor of the home down to barracks captains, and they asserted they did not want any "young civilians" who would "lord it" over them.

Andrew J. Buttorf, who acted as spokesman for the veterans, appeared before the committee and said the members also desired the power to recall all officers and to initiate any measures or reforms which the 3000 old soldiers quartered at the home deemed needed.

The session of the committee was interrupted for a few minutes, when 50 pounds of plaster fell from the ceiling upon the shoulders of a witness and a stenographer, causing bruises.

Edward Kenny testified that a copy of charges filed against him in the court of the home governor after he had refused to obey an order forbidding inmates of the institution to keep their civilian clothes at their comrades at the company barracks, had been denied him.

The investigating committee planned to take up Monday the examination of the officers of the institution.

OREGON CITY DRY 2 DAYS

FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY SALOONS CLOSE 48 HOURS.

All Firehouses, Used as Election Polling Places, Thoroughly Cleaned. Women Will Vote.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Oregon City will be a dry town tomorrow and Monday, probably the first time in its history that the saloons will have been closed two successive days.

Heretofore the saloons have been opened in the evening immediately after the closing of the polls, and several times have remained open an hour later than usual. However, Chief of Police Shaw has decided that the "Home Rule Ordinance" shall apply, which will keep the saloons closed until 5 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The election promises to be a quiet one, owing to the fact that it will be the first time women have voted in the city. All the firehouses, where the polls will be located, were thoroughly cleaned today by order of the Chief of Police.

"I thought inasmuch as the women were to vote," said Shaw, "that the voting places should be made as attractive as possible. The fair sex need not be afraid to wear their handsomest gowns to the voting places, if they so desire."

Linn E. Jones, ex-Representative in the Legislature, and Mrs. Kate L. Newton are the candidates for the Mayoralty. Friends of each are confident their favorite will win, but Mr. Jones and Mrs. Newton would make no comment tonight on what they thought

the outcome would be. M. D. Latour-ette has no opposition for re-election as City Treasurer. The races for Council in the three wards of the city are keen, the candidates being as follows: First Ward—Fred A. Metcalf and George Randall; Second Ward, Del Hart and L. P. Horton for short term and W. A. Long and J. D. Renner for the long term; Third Ward, Frank Betzel and William O. Graves and F. J. Meyer.

Three important amendments will be passed upon by the voters. One provides for the building of an elevator at the bluff, another for an act to amend the charter of the city to provide refunding bonds to be issued for warrants. The bonds will bear a

lower rate of interest than the warrants. The third provides that any citizen of the United States, of eligible age, and who has received final papers of citizenship be eligible to vote after living in the state six months and in the ward ten days.

SATSOP DECISION IS TODAY

Rival Electric Companies Cause Trouble Near Montesano.

MONTESANO, Wash., Nov. 30.—Because two rival electric companies seek

to furnish light and power to the little town of Satsop and the farmers of the Satsop Valley, located eight miles east of here, the County Commissioners will have to decide tomorrow which company is entitled to a franchise over the county road.

The Montesano Light Company made the first application for a franchise, this being followed at the next meeting by a like request from the Elma Electric Company, this company laying claim to Satsop as its territory. Since then charges and counter-charges, guarantee of service, promise of 24-hour service and other pledges have come thick and fast from the offices of both companies. It is altogether

likely that both firms will be granted franchises, as their lines run from different cities.

Piano Case Factory Burns.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Fire that threatened for a time today the entire factory section of Hoboken, N. J., burned out the big piano case factory of John Courtade and damaged several smaller buildings, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Jersey City firemen were called to assist in fighting the flames and helped prevent their further spread. No one was injured.

There are 16 cables across the North Atlantic Ocean.

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