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WANT LIBERTY

Russian Students Demand Change

HOT WORDS SPOKEN

Spirit of Revolution Takes Possession of St. Petersburg University

HAVE SUSPENDED STUDIES

Professors, Directors and Students Unite in a Demand for Liberty and Cessation of Hostilities in the War With Japan.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The spirit of revolution had complete possession of the great meeting of professors, students and directors of the St. Petersburg university, which assembled today to discuss the question of joining the strike inaugurated by similar institutions in Russia, and decided to close the university until fall. Squads of Cossacks again paraded the streets when the meeting broke up, especially the Nevsky prospect and the neighborhood of the Kazan cathedral, which is at a point where student demonstrations usually occur.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the university, a sprawling pile of yellow buildings on Basil island, Neva hall being comparatively small and inadequate to hold one-fifth of the large throng present.

The cathedral was packed, and the doorways and windows embrasures were banked with students. It was a strange gathering. Most of the students were poorly clad, and all were in a state of intense excitement, their very eyes burning with zeal. A small rear-trium in a corner was occupied by the speakers. A bell, with which the student who presided tried to stop the thunders of applause with which the orators were greeted, was completely unavailing. From the outset student orators set the imagination of their auditors aflame with the spirit of liberty, particularly denouncing the course of the government, declaring that promise could not avail, and that the only satisfaction would be freedom of speech, and the convening of a national assembly. This was coupled with a demand for ending the war. Almost every orator went back to the French revolution for parallels. Again and again was Russia declared to be on the eve of revolution.

With burning words, one student described the affair of January 22, which he said at last solidified the interests of the liberals. Amid a storm of cheers he announced that a continuation of study was impossible while such a struggle was in process, and said it was the duty of the young men there assembled and others like them to return to their homes in the provinces and spread the agitation.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—With resolution the student body of the great university of St. Petersburg yesterday suspended studies for the remainder of the year and the whole educational system of Russia is involved in a period of stagnation. The students protest against bureaucracy and other government grievances. Other universities in Russia, the gymnasia and even the grammar schools are already on a strike and the military at different portions of the empire are obliged to resort to force to restrain school boys of tender ages from joining the movement. A meeting of St. Petersburg students was held at which over 3000 were present, and voted unanimously to suspend studies until September and adopted a set of resolutions demanding the formation of a constitutional assembly, and characterized the proposed assembly of the zemsky sobor as inadequate to the emergency. The resolution declared for a progressive demoralization of Russia under the influence of an absolute regime, also declared for freedom of speech, press and conscience with the right of associations. Large number favored ending the war. A strong revolutionary feeling was manifest. Red flags were waved and Marseillaise and other revolutionary songs were chanted. A large portrait of the emperor in the great auditorium of the university where meeting was held, was torn into strips. The police did not interfere.

A NEW CRUISER

Washington Legislature Takes Action

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

To Select Suitable Gift at Launching of Washington Armored Cruiser

REMOVAL OF THE CAPITOL

Attempt to Secure a Reconsideration of the Vote to Remove the State Capital from Olympia Was Voted Down in House.

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BAKER WRATHY

Resolution on Death of Serigus

PRESIDENT CRITICISED

Congressman Baker of New York Huris Defiance at the House

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

President Roosevelt Sends Message of Condolence to St. Petersburg on the Assassination of Grand Duke Serigus.

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MINE EXPLOSION

Over One Hundred Miners Lose Their Lives

RESCUERS ARE AT WORK

An explosion in the Virginia Mine Near Birmingham, Ala., Results in a Fearful Loss of Life, and Great Damage to Mine.

FIRE AT SANTA FE.

Boys From Indian School Arrive in Time.

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TO BE NON-SECTARIAN.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Indian appropriation bill as agreed on by the committee on Indian affairs was adopted today with an amendment offered by Bard of California as follows: "No portion of the funds, principle or interest and Indian trust fund of the tribal funds held by the United States for the benefit of any Indian tribe shall be available or expended for the support of any sectarian or denominational school." Another amendment appropriating \$1,500,000 for the opening of the Colville Indian reservation was adopted.

CRISIS IMPENDING.

Dispatches from Various Russian Cities Predict Trouble.

KIEFF, Feb. 20.—The employees of the Southwestern railroad today decided to call a strike, but without recourse to coercive measures.

LODZ, Feb. 20.—Slight disturbances occurred in different sections of the city today. Large mills close down and many persons are leaving the city owing to a report of the mobilization of the reserves. Additional troops arrived today.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—Martial law was declared at Tsarokoe Selo today owing to numerous threatening letters being received at the palace. Chief of the secret police has ordered special precautions to prevent any outrage on the imperial family.

Baku, Feb. 20.—Attempted escape of prisoners today led to serious disturbances in court of which several persons were killed or injured.

PORTLAND MAN INVESTS \$10,000 IN GOLD MINE

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Denied Admission.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Little Mary Dreihilber, 2 years old, born of Chinese parents in the province of Kiu Kiang, 1000 miles up the Yang Tse river from Shanghai, has been denied a landing in this country. She arrived here on the steamer Siberia as the adopted child of Miss Carrie Dreihilber, a missionary, who the past five years has been in Kiu Kiang and is now on her way home to Pennsylvania to visit her dying father.

SWAYNE IMPEACHMENT.

Debate on the Statehood Bill Occupied Considerable Time.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Whether the senate conference on statehood bill represented the party that defeated the joint statehood bill for Arizona and New Mexico, or the party that fought for the retention of that provision was debated at length in the senate today but no decision was reached. The arguments were interrupted by the convening of the senate as a court to hear the Swayne impeachment charges but were continued until Tuesday. The house managers in the Swayne trial rested their case today and the defense opened.

Will Take No Chances.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—It is stated that the British steamer Glen Turret, which has been loading at this port with a cargo of barley, which it was rumored was to be delivered at Vladivostok, has abandoned her intention of running the Japanese blockade and has her cargo consigned to Yokohama.

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