

# THOUSANDS SLAIN

## Soldiers Shoot Into Rioters in City of Lodz, Russia.

### POPULATION RISES AGAINST ACT

Enraged at the Slaughter of Socialist Marchers, People Unite in a Desperate Outbreak.

Lodz, Russian Poland, June 24.—Yesterday, "Black Friday," in Lodz, surpassed all the horrors of "Red Sunday" in St. Petersburg. While it is not yet possible to ascertain the exact number of the victims, estimates place the killed and wounded as high as 2,000.

The troubles here were initiated by the Social Democrats and Jewish Bund, who determined to avenge their comrades killed in the rioting on Wednesday.

Thursday the feast of Corpus Christi passed off quietly, but during the night workmen attacked the patrols. In this fighting two officers and seven Cossacks were killed. One of the latter was shot by a girl of 13 years.

Friday was a day of terror. The city was given up to bloodshed. Anarchy and fierce street fighting prevailed all day. Barricades were hurriedly constructed in the Jewish quarter at dawn. Men climbed to the roofs of houses, cutting telephone and telegraph wires to use for entanglements in the streets, while others cut down telegraph poles and used them in strengthening their barricades which already had been constructed and in building others.

Early in the day two bombs were thrown from the crowd into the barracks, killing or wounding 20 soldiers.

#### Big Gun is Too Expensive.

New York, June 27.—The ordnance experts of the United States army are said to have practically decided that the 16-inch gun, from which so much was expected, is not practicable as a weapon, and a decision of the War department to abandon the type is anticipated. Only one of these guns has been made so far, and that one is now at Sandy Hook. The experiments, while showing that the guns could do what was expected in one way, have nevertheless convinced the experts that as a weapon it is too costly.

#### Russia Apologizes to England.

London, June 27.—Questioned in the house of commons today regarding the destruction of British vessels by Russian auxiliary cruisers, Premier Balfour said he was glad to be able to inform the house that the British government had been assured that the Russian government disapproved of the actions of their cruisers and that orders had been transmitted to the Dnieper at Jibutil, rendering quite impossible any repetition of the acts.

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Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20c per dozen.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@21½c per pound.  
Strawberries—\$1.50@2.25 per crate.  
Apples—Table, \$1.50@2.50 per box.  
Potatoes—Oregon fancy, old, \$1@1.20; Oregon, new, \$1.50.  
Hops—Choice, 1904, 19@21c per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, best, 19@23c; valley, 26@27c per pound; mohair, choice, 31@32½c per pound.

#### A FAIR WITNESS.

Judge Tanner Hides No Fact Favoring Senator Mitchell.

Portland, June 25.—Senator Mitchell had his day in the trial before Judge De Haven yesterday. The cross-examination of ex-Judge A. H. Tanner, who was turned over to the defense late Friday afternoon, was taken in hand by Judge Bennett. During the 3½ hours he was bombarded by questions from the attorney several admissions favorable to the senator were brought to the attention of the jury, causing a gleam of satisfaction in the aged senator's eyes. There were those present who had anticipated a rough journey for ex-Judge Tanner, but they were doomed to disappointment. Judge Burnett handled the former business partner of his client with a velvety tongue, and only once or twice was caustic with the witness. When ex-Judge Tanner finished his redirect examination ex-Senator Thurston moved to have his testimony stricken out. This was denied.

Ex-Judge Tanner passed through the ordeal better than his friends anticipated. He was little short of a perfect witness, apparently holding nothing back. His testimony favorable to the defendant was given in the same distinct and positive manner as that given by him under direct examination. Several times Judge Bennett sought to lead the witness, and once or twice the attorney for the defense made his own ingenious interpretation of some of the answers given under the questioning of Mr. Heney. Each time ex-Judge Tanner corrected his interrogator, and, once or twice, when Judge Bennett became overpersistent, the witness became curt in his denials of having answered questions in the manner put to him by the attorney for the defense.

Mr. Heney announced that he would rest his case on Monday. Ex-Senator Thurston stated after the court was adjourned that he expected that the defense would be through by Tuesday evening. While nothing has been said by counsel for the defense, it is almost assured that Senator Mitchell will take the witness stand in his own behalf.

#### DATE IS PROPOSED.

Peace Meeting Will Take Place Early in August.

St. Petersburg, June 27.—Negotiations for the peace conference have taken an important step forward, and a proposal for the date of the meeting of the plenipotentiaries at Washington has been submitted to Russia and is now under consideration. The exact date proposed has not been ascertained, but there is reason to suppose that it is some time during the first week or ten days of August, which is about the earliest period at which the Japanese representatives could be expected to reach Washington, allowing reasonable time for the acceptance of the proposal and the interchange of the nominations of plenipotentiaries.

The emperor's answer is not expected for a day or two, as the diplomatic mills of Russia grind slowly, and the foreign office, as one of the secretaries put it, "is not used to hustling American methods," but it is thought that the date will be satisfactory, as it will give ample time, for Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador at Paris, or other Russian negotiators to reach Washington, and there will be little preliminary work for them to do.

#### Looking Into Rebates.

Chicago, June 21.—Railroad rebates, the relationship between the railroads and the packing industries and questions concerning icing charges are to be reopened by the Federal grand jury which is investigating the beef industries. Eight members of the traffic departments of as many railroads were today served with subpoenas and the first of these witnesses will be heard tomorrow morning.

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