

DEFEND THEIR LIVES

Russian Troops Fight Insurgents In Many Provinces.

SMALL DETACHMENTS DEFEATED

Rebels Have Military Organization and Are Well Armed—Barbarities Inflicted on the Dead.

Mitau, Province of Courland, Dec. 19.—The troops, in order to avoid annihilation at the hands of the insurgents, have been forced to abandon the country districts and to concentrate at Riga, Mitau and Libau, where they actually are standing on the defensive, unable to make head against the insurgents. Several detachments have been defeated.

The garrison of Tacum (Uniekun), consisting of a squadron of dragoons and a company of infantry, not being able to depart in time, was set upon at night and lost its commander, Lieutenant Colonel John Mueller, and 30 men. The insurgents, evading the sentinels, penetrated the town and laid fire to the houses in front of the soldiers who were quartered. They then set fire to the houses and the troops rushed out and were shot down from the roofs or cut up in the narrow streets.

The soldiers retreated in confusion, leaving their dead. The latter were horribly mutilated by the insurgents, who gouged out their eyes and cut off their ears and hands.

The insurgents, who are formed in bands, have a regular military organization and are well armed with military rifles and bayonets.

DEATH BLOW TO SEATTLE DITCH

Second Army Report by Board of Army Engineers.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Lake Union and Washington canal, better known as the "Seattle ditch," is dead, so far as this and several subsequent congresses are concerned. Chairman Burton, of the house committee on rivers and harbors, today received the report of a special board of army engineers, which examined this project last summer, and the report is decidedly adverse, and carries such weight that congress will not think of building this famous artificial waterway. Several years ago another board turned down this same project as too expensive.

The new report, coupled with the report of the previous boards, places the "Seattle ditch" on the congressional blacklist, and means that, when another river or harbor bill is passed, there will be no provision for it. In fact, the only way an appropriation can be secured will be to first secure a report of some board of army engineers favoring the project, but such report is not likely to ever be secured.

TWO NEW IRRIGATION WORKS.

Projects Under Way Will Water 1,300,000 Acres of Land.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A bulletin issued by the geological survey says the approval of the secretary of the Interior of the Rio Grande reclamation project in Texas and New Mexico and the Carlsbad project in New Mexico will bring the number of reclamation projects up to 24. Of these 11 are under way. They provide for the reclamation of 1,303,600 acres of arid lands, at a cost of \$37,028,571.

On June 30, 1905, the total cost of construction and engineering work performed by the reclamation service, together with the administration expenses, amounted to \$5,462,169. On that date the reclamation fund had reached a total of \$28,028,571. It was estimated at that time that the receipts for the fiscal year 1906-1908 would amount to \$9,000,000, and that the sum of money available for reclamation purposes up to the end of 1908 will be \$37,028,571.

Insurgents Hold Ground.

Dorpat, Dec. 19.—The southern part of Livonia and the greater part of Courland are completely in possession of the insurgents. The military is still much too feeble to cope with the situation. The region between Riga and Wenden is a wilderness. The buildings on all estates have been plundered and burned. The heavens to the south of Dorpat tonight reflect the glare of fires. A number of German barons and their families are held prisoners by the insurgents and their safety is feared for by friends.

New Massacre at Odessa.

Bucharest, Dec. 19.—Advices from Odessa state that the population is in a state of terror at the repeated massacres by the Cossacks and Hossians. The police are powerless to prevent the outrages. A band of Cossacks, the report states, massacred a number of Jews who were fleeing from the country. The Hossians plundered 95 Jewish shops and slaughtered many of the occupants. A number of Jews who were wealthy a week ago are now said to be living on charity and are on the verge of starvation.

Cossacks Wreck Station.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—A dispatch received from the station master at Archerey states that the Cossacks are not willing to return to St. Petersburg. They smashed all the windows in the station and wrecked the contents. The station master urged the Cossacks to leave in peace, stating that otherwise the wholesale destruction of the town will probably ensue. Reports from Tashkend and Astrakhan state that mutinies are in progress there.

Great Importation of Gems.

New York, Dec. 19.—Imports of diamonds and other precious stones have reached the remarkable total of \$77,000,000 at this port for the present year. Not only has the annual increase of from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 been kept up, but the banner year of 1904, with \$65,092,275 worth of gems, has been beaten by nearly \$11,000,000.

BURTON FOR JETTY.

Pledges Himself to Secure Appropriation This Winter.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Chairman Burton, of the house rivers and harbors committee, is not only in favor of making an appropriation this session for continuing the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river, but he will, at the proper time, take off his coat and go to work to get sufficient money to keep work in progress until another river and harbor bill can be passed. How he will strive to accomplish this result Mr. Burton has not decided, but in conference with Senator Fulton he expressed his friendship for the project, and said he was fully aware of the necessity for making an appropriation this winter.

Chairman Burton, who is in a position to do more for the mouth of the Columbia river than any man in the house of representatives, will work in behalf of that project with double energy in view of the fact that Oregon has no representation in that body to look after her interests. He will not let the Columbia go because there is no one from Oregon to press its claim, but will himself shoulder the burden which would have fallen on the Oregon congressmen had it been possible for them to attend this session. He will have the hearty co-operation of Representative Healy, of Washington, who is also on the rivers and harbors committee, and who is anxious to aid in procuring an appropriation for continuing work on the jetty.

HALF HIS ARMY MUTINOUS.

Linevitch Can't Stop Revolt and Soldiers Join Rebel Evidences.

St. Petersburg, via Eydikuhnen, Dec. 15.—Blood was shed today in a raid of 500 railway men upon Hooligan's houses at Moscow. The police attempted to prevent the raid and the workmen fired, wounding several of the officers. Cossacks came to the rescue and dispersed the mob.

The revolutionists laugh at the War office's command to send reinforcements to Vilna, and declare that the troops would be in mutiny before they had marched a hundred miles.

The troops at St. Petersburg, following the example set by the Moscow soldiers, are sending officers as delegates to the revolutionary meetings. The Railway Men's union has caused to be sent to the Manchurian army a telegram reading:

"Even if a general affair is declared on the railways, we will see that you are brought home to assist in the fight for Russia's liberation."

General Linevitch has sent the government a message in which he expresses grave fears for the future of the army. The telegram reads:

"I cannot long combat the growth and spread of the revolutionary propaganda in the army, more than half of which is mutinous."

SENATOR JOHN M. GEARIN.

Governor Chamberlain Appoints Successor to Mitchell.

Salem, Dec. 14.—John M. Gearin was yesterday formally appointed United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator John H. Mitchell, and his commission was taken to him by W. B. Ayer, who was in Salem on business. The appointment caused no surprise, for it has been believed by all who have given the matter any attention that Mr. Gearin would receive the appointment. The selection meets general commendation here and the opinion is quite frequently expressed that the new senator will be of material assistance in securing from congress the recognition Oregon expects in the way of public improvements.

"I shall start for Washington just as soon as possible—probably on Saturday," said Mr. Gearin. "Governor Chamberlain made the appointment quickly in order that Oregon might be represented at Washington at once. I ought to respond by going immediately, and I shall do so. I don't know that the governor has picked out the best man for the place, but I am going to do the best I can in it."

Recount Not Legal.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The Court of Appeals, in a decision handed down today in the New York City ballot-box case sustains the contention of counsel for Attorney McClellan and denies that of attorneys for William R. Hearst and his colleagues on the Municipal Ownership ticket. The court holds, as was argued by ex-Chief Judge Parker and his associates, that the courts have no power under the election law to order by mandamus the opening of the ballot boxes and a recount and canvass of ballots.

Sugar Men Fight Free Trade.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Discussion of the Philippine tariff before the house committee on ways and means began this morning with the full committee present, and with Secretary Taft, Governor Luke Wright, of the Philippines; Colonel Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of Insular Affairs, and a number of representatives of American sugar interests in attendance. F. R. Hathaway, secretary of the Sugar Manufacturers' association, was the chief speaker. His address was a denunciation of placing sugar on the free list.

River Leaves Its Channel.

Sacramento, Dec. 15.—J. B. Lippincott, hydrographic engineer, and Engineer R. C. Grunsky, have reported to Governor Pardee that the conditions at the Colorado river are very serious. Nearly all of the river has left its channel and is flowing through the Imperial canal. Some of the water is being diverted into the volcanic lakes, and unless steps are taken to strengthen and heighten the banks of the lakes, the water will flood Imperial valley.

Lost No Gold, But Much Mail.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 15.—Railroad and express company officials deny the report that \$90,000 in gold coin was destroyed in the Overland Limited wreck at Abasco. The officials affirm complete destruction of 600 sacks of Australian mail.

FARMS AND FARMERS

The cow knows by instinct what feed ration suits her best.

Cement floors cost more at first, but their permanency makes them cheap. Dairyman, study your cows and then yourself and see if you are fitted to take care of them.

From 62 to 64 degrees is about the proper temperature for the rinse water in winter butter-making.

Work and Play for Horses.

What the horses of the farm have to do depends upon the nature of the work and how well used they are to it, consequently the horse should be treated accordingly. If the horses have heavy spring plowing to do, with more or less road work in the summer, then harvesting and more plowing in the fall, and it is intended to use them for heavy drafting in the winter, it will pay to divide the work in some way so that they will have a little chance for rest. The argument that rainy days and Sundays are sufficient for the animals does not hold good in all cases. In our experience we find it pays to have reasonably short hours for the horses, and not to give them driving every day there happens to be a little lull in the work of the farm. We feed strictly in accordance with the work to be done, and contrive, in some way, so that every horse will have a turn at the pasture, even though it be only an hour or two at night. It is not a good plan to attempt to carry the horses through from year to year without the pasture. Green food cut and placed in the manger is not the same. The open air, the freedom from the harness, the yielding of the soft turf and the biting of the grass are essential to horses, and it pays to let them have a spell at it.

Feed Bag for Animals.
The driver of every team should be supplied with a bag of some kind for holding feed for his horses, as he seldom is sure where he will be when feeding time comes. Some drivers are very careful in this respect, while others make use of anything that is available. Quite a large number of feed bags are in use, the majority being constructed so that they can be attached and suspended to the side of the horse's head. This does not give the horse any freedom to move his head without moving the bag also. A Philadelphia man has patented an exceedingly simple feed bag which overcomes this fault, an illustration of which is shown here. The bottom and sides are made of canvas or other flexible material, while the top consists of a circular frame divided into two sections, which are connected by two small rods. Supporting the bag are two metal rods, one on each side, having hooks at the end which fit into the loops in the frame. In the center and at the other end of the rods are circular loops which are shaped to fit over the shaft of the vehicle. It can easily be seen how easily this could be done, the bag always remaining in position where the horse could conveniently reach the feed, at the same time being able to move his head freely. This feed bag has the additional advantage that it can be folded up when not in use.

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Special Dairy Train School.

One of the latest educational enterprises is the special dairy train sent out by a creamery company for the purpose of reaching farmers in the rich lands of northwestern Missouri and southwestern Iowa. The train carried an exhibition car with dairy appliances and dairy machinery of every sort. Other cars were fitted up to seat an audience. Experts in dairying gave short talks at each stopping place, the use of appliances being demonstrated and instruction given on feeding stuffs and balanced rations. The success of the enterprise was such that in many places the train's facilities proved too small, and overflow and outdoor meetings were necessary.

Fodder-Hauling Sled.

Take two scantlings, 24x4 inches, 10 feet long; dress top of scantling off to fit under side of second bench of sled with notch to fit over rear bench, to give right slant to scantlings. Nail a board on top of scantlings to hold them together. Put a wire around boom pole and over front end of boom pole, and a small rope for rear end of boom pole, with two standards in front 4 feet high, and you are ready for "biz." It is much handier than a wagon for one man to haul on, and he can haul a third more at a load with it than without the attachment. It can be set off when desired.

Hog Hints.

It does not take either very much money or very much time to keep the porkers right.

It is too common a conclusion that anything will do for the hogs and that they will wax fat under any conditions and with all sorts of feed.

Swine are money makers generally, no matter under what conditions they live, but if you want more money keep them under treatment which will earn it.

It is, of course, the most important factor in hog life, but very close to it comes the dry house and good clean bedding.

It is taken for granted that they get enough to eat, because every farmer knows what it means to feed right, but feeding is not the whole thing.

Hogs, although apparently strong, are very susceptible to sudden changes in the weather and once they take cold fall easy victims to lung troubles, which often result fatally, and then when hog meat means money there are no hogs to sell.

Penalties Good Hog Feed.
The numerous estimates made by the Arkansas Station as regards the yield of hay from a crop of peanuts varies from one to very nearly three tons per acre. This hay is usually worth at least \$10 a ton and may be considered a by-product when the nuts are harvested for market. In connection with the value of peanuts as a forage crop, it may be noted that in Virginia there is a man who has been accumulating a tidy fortune through the quality of the hams cured and packed by him. Those hams have a rich and sweet flavor which makes them in great demand at increased prices. The packer each year goes through neighboring States buying up razor-blades which he has shipped to his farm. It is there that they are given a food which imparts the flavor and sweetness—nothing more than peanuts.

In the Dairy.
Queer but true, where salt is sprinkled thickest butter is yellowest.

Every cow in the dairy barn should have a window to herself.

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If the dairy floor is cement, plenty of bedding must be used so that the cow's udder may not touch the floor.

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