

REVOLT SPREADING

Strike Among St. Petersburg Workmen Results in Bloodshed and Revolution Which is Rapidly Spreading to Other Sections.

CZAR FORCED TO LEAVE THE CITY

Into the last hours of Sunday and the first of Monday were crowded some of the most momentous and frightful events that will ever be recorded in the pages of Russia's history, says the Oregonian. Riot has given way to revolution. The labor troubles which gave rise to the awful outbreak are forgotten. The red flag flies over every body of rebels. St. Petersburg is in the throes of a revolution which is spreading every minute. The horrors of Sunday evening were exceeded by far by those of Monday night.

The most harrowing scenes Sunday occurred around the palaces on the square. There the troops were stationed and there the mob gathered in ever increasing numbers demanding an audience with the Czar and hurling insults and curses at the troops until the order came to clear the square which was done by the troops but at a fearful sacrifice of human life. That was the beginning and before 24 hours had passed, ten thousand dead and wounded subjects lay bleeding upon the snow-covered streets of St. Petersburg, the Russian capital city.

Father Gopon, the priest who is the leader and the idol of the men, escaped a deadly volley most miraculously while leading thousands of workmen through the Narva gate to petition the Czar. The troops, with the exception of a single regiment, remained loyal and obeyed orders. However, since that time many regiments have refused to fire on the strikers.

Later dispatches state that thousands of soldiers and sailors have joined in the outbreak which is assuming the most alarming proportions. Large bodies of armed strikers are marching on the city from surrounding towns and the Czar has fled from the city and has a yacht in readiness to convey him to Copenhagen. It is also reported that the actual government is now in the hands of Grand Dukes while the Czar is seeking a place of comparative safety.

Saloon Men Arrested.

On Friday night the owners of the four saloons in the dry portion of Medford were placed under arrest charged with keeping their places of business open, contrary to the provisions of the local option law of the state. Among the places, the legality of whose business is now questioned, are the Hotel Nash, and the saloons of Messrs. Selsby & Magill and Tice. The hearing was set for Monday before Justice of the Peace Stewart. District Attorney Reames appeared for the people while Attorneys Colvig and Vawter are retained by the defendants. The principal witness for the prosecution, it is said, is Ellis A. Imbler, who did some detective work in Ashland last year.

Fear Among Homesteaders.

The Portland Journal, in a recent issue states that there is alarm among the homesteaders of Southern Oregon as the federal investigation into the timber frauds progresses in that direction. The work of the government's secret agents is much more far-reaching than had been expected. It is now apparent that there is to be a searching investigation into the condition of lands and timber taken up by supposed homesteaders, who have not complied with provisions of the law

regarding the making of improvements and residence on the land. It is said that thousands will lose lands by cancellation of their filings, and in many cases indictments will result from perjury committed in making final proof. In many instances, it is said, perjury has been committed in making homestead filings on valuable timber claims, in order to secure the timber without paying the \$2.50 per acre required by law. A large number of citizens who have thus secured timber claims by swearing that the land was more valuable for agriculture than for timber are now being listed by the agents of the interior department. In every case where a valuable timber claim has been taken as a homestead the filing will be canceled. If final proof has been made, the patent will be canceled.

Investigation into the operations of Miller and Kincart in the Rogue river timber region has opened up a new field to the inspectors, and they are finding hundreds of cases wherein patents were secured, by residents of every town in Southern Oregon, for homesteads on which no residence was established and no improvements made. By the terms of the law on making final proof a homesteader must make oath to the effect that he has complied with these conditions. It is asserted that six of every ten homestead patents issued in the Rogue river valley in recent years have been secured by fraud.

Agents of the interior department have been at work in Jackson and Josephine counties for some weeks, searching out patented homesteads and investigating conditions thereon.

As soon as the roads are passable next spring agents of the government will scour the country, and every quarter section of land on which filing or final proof has been made will be examined.

Investigation of large holdings of timber by companies in Southern Oregon will also be pushed. It is said the agents of the government will be occupied with this work in the Rogue river valley all next summer.

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