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FIGHTING AT MOSCOW CONTINUED IN STREETS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Troops Are Gradually Gaining the Upper Hand Over the Insurgents.

STRIKERS BEGINNING NOW TO BREAK AWAY Leaders Must Precipitate Matters or the Strike Will go to Pieces.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26, 5 p. m.—From the standpoint of the government there was a slight improvement in the outlook this evening. Notwithstanding the decision of the workmen's council to continue the strike, many of the strikers broke away, including about one-third of the employes of the Putiloff Iron works, several in other factories and a portion of the mill men. It is evident that the leaders must precipitate matters or the strike will go to pieces.

REVOLT REPORTED TO BE CRUSHED

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The revolt at Moscow has practically been crushed. A correspondent of the Associated Press telephoned at 7 o'clock tonight that the insurgents no longer have a chance and that they are making a last stand. He predicts that there will be no further heavy fighting. All the troops he says, are now fighting on the side of the government. Police and troops in St. Petersburg today surrounded and captured all the members of the executive committee of the fighting revolutionary organization, while they were discussing plans for an armed uprising here. They captured also the detailed plans for the uprising as well as large quantities of arms, bombs, etc. It is understood that as a result of these captures that the government had obtained extremely important information concerning the connections formed by the revolutionaries with the army.

STRIKE AT ODESSA.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to a news agency from Odessa says that the general strike there is only partially successful and that probably it will collapse. The strike committee is threatening to resort to arms and the governor-general has announced that he will deal in a drastic manner with any such attempt. The correspondent adds that while the people of Odessa are in a state of nervous tension, the city at present is tranquil.

SINGLE SURVIVING MEMBER OF CREW TELLS OF SUFFERING ON WRECKED SHIP

(By Associated Press.) TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 26.—Capt. Leonard of the schooner Heleh Thomas, arriving at Port Tampa today from Galveston, reports the wreck of the three-masted schooner Sakatka, of Parsboro, Nova Scotia, and the drowning of the entire crew, excepting John F. Williams, of St. John, N. B., the mate. The capsized schooner was first sighted by Capt. Leonard on December 22. He sent a boat containing his

RUSSIA TO HAVE AN ELECTORAL LAW

People of Lower Class to Have a Hand in Ruling of the Government.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26, 2:40 p. m.—The new electoral law was gazetted today and was accompanied by a statement explaining that in view of the fact that even some of the western countries do not possess universal suffrage the cabinet could not assume the responsibility of decreeing it. The ultimate decision must be made by the national assembly itself. The election district will be published forthwith, the date of the elections will then be announced and as soon as the government receives notification that half the members are elected the national assembly will be convoked. The extension of the suffrage proclaimed today applies especially to the cities where it is made almost universal. The workmen will choose an elector for every 10,000 men. The result is shown in the case of the province of St. Petersburg, where the electoral college will contain fourteen peasant electors, eighteen landlords, fifteen city landlords and twenty-four workmen. By this method, while the workmen's electors are the largest class they will only be able to elect representatives in combination. The new law is a great extension of the law of August. It contains elements which certainly will appeal to conservative opinion, but with the slogan of "universal suffrage" ringing in the popular ear it will prove a great disappointment and is certain to furnish the proletariat organizations with a new weapon for agitation. They no longer want concessions. They are boldly proclaiming that nothing but the complete overthrow of the autocracy and the establishment of a democratic republic will satisfy them.

DOUBLE LYNCHING AT COLUMBIA

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 26.—News of a double lynching at Barnwell, Friday, has been received here. Sheriff Creech has wired Gov. Heyward that the affair was brutal murder; that helpless prisoners were murdered in open daylight and that officers were guilty or dereliction of duty. H. S. Craddock, a well known white merchant, was killed by Frank and John Deloach, negroes, who were arrested by the constable and placed in a lock-up. The men were taken out and shot to death with guns and pistols Friday. The news of the lynching was suppressed. Sheriff Creech is preparing to make arrests and Gov. Heyward announces that he will sustain the sheriff in his actions.

THREE KILLED AT TURKEY SHOOTING

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Ky., Dec. 26.—News reached here late last night of the killing of a deputy sheriff and two other men in Leslie county yesterday. At Big Fork, a crowd of men congregated at a turkey shooting match. A dispute over the match caused a general disturbance in which John Duff and Jacob Wilson shot and killed Joseph Wilson and Alexander Little shot Mack Roberts, a deputy sheriff. Duff and Wilson were arrested. Little escaped. At Moore Creek, James Creech was shot by William Van Over in a quarrel.

UPRISING IN SAN DOMINGO GAINS GROUND

Many Revolutionary Leaders Taking a Hand in the Present Outbreak

FUGITIVE PRESIDENT PURSUED BY TROOPS

United States Government Decides Not to Take Hand in the Fracas.

(By Associated Press.) TURKS ISLAND, Bahamas, Dec. 26.—Mail advices received here from Monte Christi, Santo Domingo, yesterday say that Gueyubin, Dajabon and Abanita have taken up arms against the Dominican and the American fiscal convention. General Lasala has marched on Vega with a force of about one hundred men. General Deschamps, former vice-president of Santo Domingo, leaves here shortly on board a sailing vessel to operate against Puerto Plata. A large force have started for Santo Domingo to attack that city. It is rumored here that President Morales is a prisoner in irons at the capital, Santo Domingo.

UNCLE SAM WILL AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—For the present there will not be any interference by the United States in the difficulty which has arisen in San Domingo. The trouble is regarded by the state department officials as entirely an internal one and so long as outside interests are not menaced this attitude of non-interference will be maintained. If, however, conditions should change materially, and a case should be committed against Americans and American interests and involving the collection of the Dominican customs by the government or other acts of violence occur, which in the opinion of the officials here would make it proper for this government to interfere, this step will be taken and measures adopted to quell the trouble. This decision was reached by the state department officials during the day and was confirmed at a conference at the White House late this evening in which the president and Secretaries

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MCGLELLAN MAYOR BY OFFICIAL COURT

Votes Cast in New York County Give Him Clear Victory Over Hearst.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The official count of votes cast in New York county for mayor in the last election, was issued today by the county commissioners and shows that McGlellan received 140,264; Hearst, 123,292, and Ivins, 64,285. The official returns from the other three counties in the city were announced as follows: Kings; McGlellan, 68,728; Hearst, 54,825; Ivins, 61,192. Queens: McGlellan, 13,228; Hearst, 13,794; Ivins, 7,213. Richmond: McGlellan, 6,127; Hearst, 3,096; Ivins, 4,479. The total vote was: 228,397; 224,929; 137,193.

NINE PERSONS ARE POISONED

(By Associated Press.) EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 26.—At Terrore, Mexico, nine persons, who were poisoned at a banquet Saturday night, have died and many others are ill. It is alleged that the poisoning was part of a political plot. Strychnine was put into a bowl of punch. All the dead were said to have been of one political faction. The members of the opposing faction who attended the banquet were not affected by the punch they drank.

ASHEVILLE TO HAVE FRATERNITY MEET

(By Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 26.—Delegates from Epistol Province of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which includes Georgia, Florida and Alabama began a two days' meeting here today. The principal matters discussed were the building of the Devotee Memorial hall at the University of Alabama, in honor of Noble L. Devotee, founder of the fraternity, and the proposed meeting of four provinces at Asheville, N. C. in June next. A banquet was held tonight. The meeting will close tomorrow.

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO.

(By Associated Press.) BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Dec. 26.—John K. Grested and Kenton W. Atwell were blown to atoms at Cedar Bluff yesterday by an explosion of twelve cans of dynamite, which they attempted to thaw.

NICHOLAS TOLD IT IS ALL OVER BUT SHOUTING

Governor General of Moscow Tells His Emperor That He Is King Pin.

WITTE SEEMS TO BE "FROM MISSOURI"

He Will Not Rest Peacefully on Downy Couch Till the Last "Red" Dies.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26, 11:55 p. m.—Emperor Nicholas and Count Witte received tonight a report from General Doubassoff, governor general of Moscow, saying that the revolt there had failed, that the military had the situation in hand and that whatever defection may have existed among the troops had been overcome by attacks on them with bombs and revolvers to which they had been subjected from the windows and roofs of houses and which had so enraged them that they could hardly be restrained. Although rebellion may flare up immediately elsewhere and although these already is an indication of another upheaval at Odessa, if the attempt at armed rebellion in Moscow should be crushed the leaders of the "Reds" will receive a blow from which they cannot quickly recover. Count Witte is not so blind as to believe that the revolt can be stamped out, but with the present demonstration of the courage to which the "Reds" are willing to go he had hopes that the moderates of all classes will come to their senses and aid in counseling of order and in accelerating the convocation of the duma, the law governing the elections to which was published today.

Among the developments here today the most important was the capture of the leaders of the "Fighting Legion," which it is believed ends the danger of an attempt at an armed uprising in St. Petersburg. This capture it is understood places in the hands of the government, complete information regarding revolutionary plans and the places where arms are concealed as well as disclosing the weak spots in the army. Insurrection Fails. Shortly before 9 o'clock tonight the correspondent of the Associated Press at Moscow telephoned that there seemed to be no longer doubt that the insurrection was collapsing. The insurgents

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MAN WHO DEFENDED EMMA POSTOFFICE IS REWARDED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

THREE KILLED BY FAST TRAIN

Were Walking Along the Track to Avoid an Approaching Freight and Were Caught.

(By Associated Press.) SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 26.—D. M. Hill and Richard Rogers, of Saxon Hill, S. C., and J. F. Stone, of Cross Anchor, were struck and instantly killed by a fast train on the Southern Railway in the yards here today. The accident occurred on a curve in the road above the Brawley street trestle. The men were walking on the west track towards the depot and to avoid an approaching freight, stepped over to the east track when the fast north-bound passenger train, running two hours and a half late, struck them. All were badly mangled. Stone was a well-to-do farmer, who came here to pay taxes.

ALDERMEN CAUSE MUCH TROUBLE

Greensboro Officials Leave Meeting of Board and Are Sought by Policemen.

(By Associated Press.) GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 26.—At a special meeting of the board of aldermen held for the purpose of electing a city attorney, three of the six aldermen, as the result of a factional fight of long standing, started to leave the room, paying no attention to the order of the mayor to remain. The mayor then directed the chief of police to bring back the three aldermen with whatever force was necessary. The three men could not be found and in the hunt the Merchants and Manufacturers club, the most fashionable club of the city, was searched by four policemen and trouble was narrowly averted as their being ordered out of the rooms by the president of the club. The three remaining members of the board, then employed a city attorney.

NEGRO DESPERADO SHOT TO DEATH

(By Associated Press.) WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.—Robert McMillan, a desperate negro, charged with attempting a criminal assault last May upon the wife of a white farmer in the Island Creek section of Duplin county, this state, was shot to death by Sheriff Middleton and posse whom he held at bay with a shotgun for sometime Christmas night. At a critical move by the officers the negro's gun snapped and he was shot down. A coroner's jury today gave a verdict of justifiable homicide. The negro had once before been captured, but at the preliminary trial his wife slipped him a pistol with which he held the officers off until he could make his escape. He had gone further South and returned to his home to spend Christmas when he was shot down.

MAJ. LACOSTE DEAD.

(By Associated Press.) BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 26.—Maj. James C. Lacoste, a Confederate veteran, who took a prominent part in the firing of the first guns at Fort Sumter, died here today at the age of 88. He came to this city from Charleston, S. C., and is well known throughout Alabama.

NEGRO WAS KILLED BY MORTALLY WOUNDED MAN AND NOT BY MOB

(By Associated Press.) TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 26.—A special to the Tribune, from St. Petersburg, Fla., says the coroner's jury investigating the killing of Capt. J. J. Mitchell and his slayer, John Thomas, colored, today rendered a verdict that Captain Mitchell came to his death at the hands of the negro, while in the discharge of his duty, and that that the negro met his death from a pistol shot fired by Captain Mitchell. The latter feature of the verdict caused surprise as it was generally believed that the negro had been slain by a mob. The jury, however, claims to have had proof that Captain Mitchell shot the negro fatally after he had received a mortal knife wound from the negro, and that the negro was in a dying condition when taken to jail and actually dead before the mob got possession of him. Excitement ran high at St. Petersburg all day today and there was some talk about running all negroes out of town, but this proved only idle talk. The funeral of Captain Mitchell occurred this afternoon.

S. H. Alexander's Christmas Gift Comes in The Shape of Promotion.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT GIVES STORY OF DEED

Narrative of North Carolina Bravery Which Has Sel-dom Been Equalled.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—As a reward for defending the postoffice at Emma, N. C., four years ago against four burglars, President Roosevelt has waived the civil service regulations upon the recommendation of Postmaster-General Cortelyou and S. H. Alexander's Christmas gift was a promotion from a laborer to a clerkship in the department. Not only has the brave North Carolinian been promoted, but to accustom the honor an official statement was issued which gives a full account of the deed. The attempted robbery took place on the night of February 6, 1901, and the official account shows: "After the store in which the postoffice at Emma is located, was closed for the night, Mr. Alexander, who had been sleeping in the room adjoining, heard a knock on the door and inquired what was wanted. He was told that some one living near wanted his mail, and he unbarred the door. Two masked men entered, covered him with revolvers, and commanded him to give up his own revolver and open the fire-proof safe. While one of the burglars, Frank Johnson, who had laid his revolver on the desk near the safe, was stooping in the act of looting the safe and during a moment when the other burglar, Ben Foster, had his head raised, Alexander seized the idle revolver and shot the latter near the heart. He attempted to shoot Johnson also, but failed to do so as the revolver snapped. "A desperate struggle followed. Foster, although seriously wounded, pursued Alexander and shot him in the abdomen, the bullet coming out at the neck. Alexander, seeing Foster about to shoot at him again swung Johnson around so that the bullet struck his left shoulder from the rear, passing through his neck and lodged in his right jaw from which it was extracted. Alexander's face and hands were badly cut and bruised, before he overpowered the burglars. Alexander managed, however, to put them both out of the building and to call out a signal of distress, and then fainted. The postmaster hearing the signal, came to Alexander's relief and found him lying weak and faint in a pool of blood. His bravery is the more accentuated when it is known that Mr. Alexander is a man of small stature, probably not more than five feet six inches tall and weighs less than 120 pounds. It would seem that he must have been possessed of almost superhuman strength to oust the two desperadoes from the postoffice. "Two accomplices, who were waiting on the outside carried away the wounded burglars to a house in which they were arrested the same night. "The two burglars above mentioned, together with two accomplices, after trials, were given the extreme penalty of the law which for the offense committed in the State of North Carolina, is death. Afterwards the sentence was commuted in the case of two of the burglars to life imprisonment. The other two were hanged on February 26, 1902, at Asheville, N. C."

CHANCELLOR ILL.

(By Associated Press.) ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 26.—Chancellor Walter B. Hill, of the University of Georgia, is critically ill with pneumonia, and the attending physicians state that he is now passing through the crisis of the disease with the chances against recovery. Every effort is being made to save the life of the distinguished educator. He was taken ill with a gripe last Tuesday and the pneumonia was a later development.

