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DEFIANT REPLY TO WITTE BY RUSSIAN WORKMEN

Don't Relish Title Brethren to the Emperor's Favorite

SITUATION DISTINCTLY MORE MENACING

Ukase on Land Question Another Disappointment, Although It Wipes Out About \$40,000,000 of Peasants' Debt

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—2 P. M.—The outlook for an early closing of the strike is more gloomy to-day. The situation is distinctly more menacing. The council of workmen's delegates, or strike committee, are manifestly discouraged by the extension of the strike in St. Petersburg, various organizations, including bank clerks, telephone girls and some of the professional leagues having voted to join in the movement. Moreover, it is certain that the workmen's council have received mysterious supplies of funds, and consequently they present a bolder front.

Practically all the pretexes based on economic demands have been abandoned, although the eight-hour day figure in the oratory at meetings in order to hold the workmen, who have no thought except improvement in their material condition.

The workmen's council returned a scornful reply to Count Witte's personal appeal to his "brother workmen," ridiculing the government's profession of solicitude for the workmen and renewing the demands for the immediate abolition of martial law in Poland, etc.

Count Witte's attempt to negotiate directly with the strike leaders has come to naught, although he offered concessions in the case of the Crispien-mitlers in the event of their being condemned to death. But the leaders refused all compromise.

"All or nothing," was their response. Ukase Wipes Out Peasants' Debt. The Imperial ukase on the land question, issued to-day, although it wipes out about \$40,000,000 of the peasants' arrearages of debt, which, under ordinary circumstances, might have been received with joy, is another disappointment. The promises of additional lands are too vague to calm the agitated, starving peasants, who, in the valleys of the Don and Volga, are again marching, pillaging, burning and murdering.

No confirmation has been obtained of yesterday's report of a false Emperor leading the peasants of Penza. Reply to Witte. The text of the resolution adopted at the meeting of the council of workmen's delegates in reply to Count Witte's appeal to the working men is as follows:

"The council of workmen's delegates expresses astonishment at the Emperor's favorite, who permits himself to call the workmen of St. Petersburg his brethren. The proletariat is not related to him in any way. Count Witte appeals to us to be compassionate of our wives and children. The council in reply invites the workmen to count the widows and orphans who have been added to the ranks of the workmen since the day Count Witte assumed power.

Count Witte reveals the benevolent intentions of the Emperor towards the working classes. The council reminds the proletariat of the bloody Sunday. Count Witte begs us to give the government time and promises to do all possible for the workmen. The council knows Count Witte has already found time to give Poland into the hands of the military executioners. The council does not doubt Count Witte will do all possible to strangle the revolutionary proletariat.

Count Witte calls himself a man who is benevolent towards us and wishes our good. The council declares the working classes have no need of the benevolence of a court favorite, but demand a popular government on the basis of universal, direct and secret suffrage."

Professionalism Continued.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 17.—At a reception given in his honor by the Society of the Alumni of Georgetown University last night, Rev. David Hillhouse Hunt, the new president of the university, reiterated his statements condemning brutality in football and the prevalence of professionalism in many of the best known institutions of learning in the country.

President Hunt, who was introduced by Justice White of the Supreme Court of the United States, said that it is unfortunate that the public too often judges of the strength of a college by its strength in the line of athletics, and that he wished to state his position regarding the new regulations now in force at Georgetown.

He deplored the practice of employing men to uphold the standing of any college in sport. He said Georgetown, in its fight for the purification of athletics, was setting an example before the schools of the whole country.

SEVEN MEN HURT IN SPENCER WRECK

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 17.—The Southern Railway Company's shop train running between this city and Spencer was wrecked on the Spencer yards last night and seven people were more or less injured. Among those who suffered most were night Engineer J. J. Evans at the Spencer plant, one leg broken and otherwise bruised; Operator Duke, employed at night at Spencer, a leg broken and several ribs dislocated; Ben McCubbin, roundhouse employe at Spencer, arm broken and a number of ribs mashed; Machinist Buford of the roundhouse, force, badly bruised. Several others sustained slight injuries and the entire train was badly shaken up by the terrific crash which came without warning. It is learned that as the shop train which left Salisbury at 7 o'clock with several car loads of mechanics, was entering the Spencer yards the engine assigned to take the Western passenger train out last night came dashing around the curve, running into the shop train head foremost. The locomotive was considerably damaged, while several cars of the northbound train were badly smashed. The injured were taken at once to the Whitehead-Stokes Sanitarium, this city, for treatment. This was the second wreck the same train had met with this week.

Count of Flanders Dead.
(By the Associated Press.)
Brussels, Nov. 17.—The Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold and heir to the throne, died at 11.30 o'clock this morning. Death was due to inflammation of the respiratory organs. The Count was born in 1837.

Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria.
They have two children, Prince Leopold, born November 3, 1901, and Prince Charles, who was born October 10, 1902. Prince Albert is one of the most popular members of the reigning house of Belgium.

\$100,000 to Lafayette.
(By the Associated Press.)
Easton, Pa., Nov. 17.—President Warfield, of Lafayette College, announced to-day that the college had received a gift of \$100,000 from Ralph Voorhees, of Clinton, N. J. This gift is to form part of the fund before raised for the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the college. Further announcement of other gifts brings the total amount of the fund already raised to \$162,000.

Contest in Boston.
(By the Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., Nov. 17.—A representative of Judge Henry S. Dewey, who, on the face of last night's returns, was defeated by a small margin in the contest for the Republican nomination for mayor, to-day took papers to fill asking for a recount. The final returns last night gave a plurality of 375 for Louis A. Frothingham, the successful Republican nominee.

Gifts Received By Miss Alice in Orient Not So Very Valuable.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 17.—The examination and appraisal of the presents received by Miss Alice Roosevelt during her visit to the Orient has begun.

The customs officials say the task is anything but an easy one, owing to the necessity laid on them to appraise the goods on their foreign commercial value. Only about one-third of the boxes have so far been opened, and Collector Nyman and his staff are said to be somewhat surprised, as the valuation of their contents will exceed scarcely a few thousand dollars.

Special Term to Try Murderers.
(Special to The Evening Times.)
Warrenton, N. C., Nov. 17.—By order of the Governor a special term of Warren Superior Court will be held on December 11th, to try Hicks and Giles, the negroes who on November 4th killed Mr. W. G. King, of Vaughan. Two other prisoners now in jail will also be tried. Judge Long will preside at this term of the court.

A new bank has been opened in Warrenton and start off with a good prospect of success.

HEARST WAS A GOOD SPENDER

Dropped Sixty-Five Thousand in the Campaign

BROKE ALL RECORDS Amount Breaks All Records, Exceeding What Higgins Put Out in Race for Governor.

(By the Associated Press.)
Albany, N. Y., Nov. 17.—William R. Hearst, candidate for mayor of New York, on the Municipal Ownership ticket, certified to the Secretary of State to-day that his total campaign expenses were \$65,824. This breaks the record for such expenses which was formerly held by Governor Higgins, who spent during the last State campaign \$22,999.

Mr. Hearst says that he contributed all but \$17,488 of the \$50,208 which was spent by the finance committee of the Municipal Ownership League for the benefit of all the candidates on the ticket, and expended \$3,125 personally for buttons and lithographs.

Some of the larger items were: Law department \$3,597; printing \$3,609; music \$7,898; carriage hire \$2,810; rental of halls, decorations and illuminations \$12,912; watches for elections \$19,580; investigation of registrations \$3,026.

Mr. Hearst declares that this \$50,208 was expended equally for the benefit of all candidates on the ticket.

Horstmann A. Metz, candidate for comptroller of New York, on the Democratic ticket, spent \$15,000.

James G. Phelps Stokes, Municipal Ownership candidate for president of the New York Board of Aldermen, spent \$317.

Salary of Mr. Batcheller from this commission was given in the statement as \$77,700. It was brought out that Mr. Batcheller's duties were broad.

Mr. McCurdy said he did not know when David B. Hill's retainer as counsel to the Equitable Society began. The first voucher from Mr. Hill the witness had was dated March 29, 1895. Mr. Hill's letter to B. W. Alexander accompanying this voucher and acknowledging the receipt of the retainer created much laughter. In a note at the end of the letter Mr. Hill wrote:

"I am feeling pretty well now that Congress has adjourned and the country is safe. When the Legislature adjourns the State will be safe."

A voucher from James M. Lewis, dated January 27, 1899, was for \$1,000. "In full for services rendered during the coming session of the General Assembly in Missouri."

Gage E. Tarbell, second vice-president of the Equitable Society, was called when Mr. McCurdy had finished. He told of his connection with the Equitable, which has continued twenty-six years. He had conferred with representatives of other companies relative to legislative matters and endeavored in 1902 to have a committee of one appointed to look after the interests of policy holders that would be affected by any bills in the legislature that would be inimical.

He was of the opinion that no company should have any expense in connection with legislative matters. He never knew of a dollar being expended in that way. He took the position that if improper legislation could not be defeated by remedial means the company should refuse to do business in the State.

Mr. McCall, of the New York Life, agreed with him and the Mutual Life was approached to come to some agreement on this subject, but the Mutual would not go into such a combination of the ground that it was not practical.

The session was adjourned until Tuesday next.

Auto Race.
(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Nov. 17.—Cloviss Bertrand and A. G. Schmid started this morning from the club house of the Chicago Automobile Club in an attempt to break the automobile record between this city and New York. The record is now 28 hours and 35 minutes. Their route will be through South Bend, Ind., Toledo, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, Elmira, Binghamton and Newburg, and will end at Weehawken.

FAT SALARY TO MR. BATCHELLER

"Plenary Legal Representative" Got \$77,700

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GOVERNOR SHALL KNOW FACTS ABOUT INSANE

Securing the Information From Five Independent Sources

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(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Marie Hennigman, an Italian immigrant, is detained at Ellis Island while making the choice between parting possibly forever from her two children in order to make her home with her husband, or of giving up her husband and returning to Italy with the children. Her husband is a naturalized American citizen living at Youngstown, O.

The children and their mother are afflicted with trachoma, an infectious disease of the eye, and the law in such cases reads that the wife of a citizen of the United States cannot be deported, but that her children, in case they are suffering from any infectious disease, must be sent back to the country they came from.

MUTINY REPORTED IN MANCHURIAN ARMY

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—(3:30 P. M.)—A mutiny in the Manchurian army is the latest sensational rumor in this city. According to the report the Emperor has received a dispatch from General Linkevitch telling him of a revolt among the troops which was only suppressed after a regular fight, in which many soldiers were killed or wounded. Forty-two officers are reported to have been shot for participation in the conspiracy. No confirmation of the rumor is obtainable from the officials of the War Office.

STOP PERSONALLY CONDUCTED.
(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Nov. 17.—The Tribune to-day says:

The California lines have by an order issued yesterday put a stop to the personally conducted tourist excursions which have been flourishing in that field for years. Not only will a large number of railroad conductors, probably 125, whose salaries average \$100 a month each, lose their positions, but at least one tourist excursion bureau which makes a specialty of personally conducted tours to California will be driven out of the business.

The reason given for taking this action is that travel to the Pacific coast has become so common that travelers generally are familiar with the way. They say that the railroad officials themselves can care for passengers just as well as the personal conductor.

There is not to be any interference with the high class excursions which, though personally conducted, travel in first class Pullman sleepers, the restriction being laid upon the tourist cars only.

ACCESSORIES IN CHORUS GIRL CASE

(By the Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., Nov. 17.—William L. Hunt and Louis W. Crawford, who were arrested in New York in connection with the death of Susan Geary, the chorus girl, pleaded not guilty to-day to an indictment charging them as accessories before and after the fact to an unlawful operation which caused the girl's death.

Each was held for trial in bonds of \$25,000. Bail was not furnished and the men were committed to jail. The government will attempt to prove that Hunt and Crawford disposed of the dismembered parts of the victim's body by placing them in suit cases and throwing them into Boston harbor.

Hunting Near High Point.
(Special to The Evening Times.)
High Point, Nov. 17.—A party of New York capitalists, three of whom are millionaires, are at Fairview for a week's hunt. Among those comprising the party are Messrs. W. Gould Brokaw owner of the palatial hunting hunting reserves known as Fairview Lodge; H. M. Harriman, J. Searle Barclay, Y. Carnegie and H. S. Page. Mr. Brokaw has his country estate stocked with pheasants, deer and quail and his friends from the North will find plenty of game to interest them.

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Governor Glenn—Makes emphatic statement about condition of insane in this State—Not an Insane at Morganton.
"I am doing everything in my power to ascertain the true situation with regard to the insane in North Carolina and at the same time to ameliorate the condition of all those unfortunate," declared Governor B. Glenn with great emphasis in a general newspaper men in his office this morning.

Then the Governor frankly and plainly told what he was striving to ascertain—namely (1) how many insane are in the hospitals; (2) how many are out of the hospitals who ought to be in (4) how many are in hospitals who ought to be out.

The Governor's Efforts.
In order to secure this information the Governor has employed every means the law gives him. He not only has the reports from the hospitals here and at Morganton, but he has sent the members of the State Board of Internal Improvements, which has an oversight of all State property to both institutions to make a personal inspection and gather all information possible. This board has, or will, report to the Governor.

Then the State Board of Charities has demanded from the commissioners in every county a statement regarding the number of insane in the counties and their condition. There is a \$200 penalty if the county commissioners fail to furnish this information.

But the Governor's efforts have not stopped there. Every sheriff in North Carolina has been called upon for a statement as to insane confined in the jails, and reports from two-thirds of the counties have been received by the State Auditor for the Governor. The law imposes a fine on the sheriff who does not comply with the request for this report.

After doing all this Governor Glenn held the conference Wednesday afternoon in his office with the superintendents of the white hospitals, the directors of the institutions and the Council of State. Newspaper men were admitted and heard the discussion of the matter. The Governor declares that all the information he can get is open to the public and he thinks that he is using all possible means to learn the truth.

The Facts Shall Be Known.
"These are the efforts I am making," asserted the Governor, "and I intend to go to the bottom of the matter and get at the real facts in order that by next legislature may know the exact situation, and, in the meanwhile, I shall do all that I can to ameliorate the condition of these afflicted people."

Story of a Woman in a Pen.
As stated in The Times, Wednesday afternoon the superintendent at the conference in the Governor's office, said many pitiful and heart-rending instances showing the dire necessity for more room in the hospitals. As The Times then said, Dr. Murphy asserted that there are 500 insane people in the State who should be received into the hospitals.

One incident told by Dr. Murphy has been misunderstood, a parenthesis, and excited criticism. It was with regard to an insane woman who was confined in a pen at her father's home in Alleghany county until she grew bent. Dr. Murphy says that this unfortunate woman was taken to the hospital at Morganton five days after he heard of the case and has been there under treatment for the past six months. Furthermore, Dr. Murphy says there is not an inherited patient at Morganton.

Governor Glenn had a talk with State officers this morning on the asylum matters. He had talked with Superintendent Murphy and learned that the woman from Alleghany county had been in the asylum eight months and was gradually recovering.