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BANKRUPTED RULER

PEN MIGHTIER THAN THE BOMB

Russian Revolutionary Leaders Issue Manifesto Declaring the Treasury Bankrupt

Ordering Their Followers to Cease Paying Taxes in Order to Utterly Ruin Czardom—Withdrawal of All Bank Deposits in Gold Urged—Government Said to be Covering Up Deficits by Proceeds of Foreign Loans—No Money to Pay Starving Soldiers—Document a Sudden and Terrible Blow.

St. Petersburg, Special.—The proleteriat organizations through the "invisible government" threw a bomb into the camp of the official government during the night, issuring a manifesto, following the form of the regular imperial document, declaring the bankruptcy of the Treasury, ordering the proletaria army everywhere to refuse to pay taxes of any description, to insist on the payment of wages in gold or silver, and to withdraw all their deposits from the savings banks in gold.

The manifesto is a terrible indictment of the manner in which the bureaucracy has brought the country to financial ruin, asserting that the government has squandered not only the country's income, but the proceeds of the foreign loans on railroads, the army and the fleet, leaving the people without schools or roads.

No Money to Feed Soldiers.

It is declared that there is no money to feed the soldiers and that everywhere there are insurrections of the beggar and starved troops and sailors. The manifesto even charges the government with using the deposits in the government savings banks to speculate on the bourse and with the covering up its chronic deficits in the interest on the immense debt by the proceeds of the foreign loans, which are at last exhausted. The rich, it is further declared, have already taken warning and are converting their property into securities and gold and are sending them abroad. The only salvation for the country, according to the manifesto, is the overthrow of the autocracy by a constituent assembly, and "the sooner the government falls the better. Therefore the last source of existence of the old regime, its financial revenue, must be stopped."

The document is signed by the members of the Workingmen's Council, the committee of the Pan-Russia Union and the central committee of the Social Democrats, Social Revolutionists and Socialists of Poland.

Caught The Government Napping

This great step of the revolutionaries which throws down the gauge of battle to the government, was prepared with such secracy that the authorities were taken off their guard and did not even attempt to prevent its publication in the newspapers. The revolutionary leaders expect that it will be followed by reprisals and arrests, but all this has been foreseen. The leaders laid their plans deeply before issuing the manifesto. The new committees of the various organizations have been placed in the third and fourth degree. If one set of committees is put behind the bars, another will take its place and carry on the work.

The League of Leagues was not asked to join in the manifesto, being regarded with some jealousy by the proletariat organizations which claim to be bearing the brunt of the revoultion and to be entitled to the fruits thereof.

The proletariat leaders claim to have absolute knowledge that the government has just issued $125,000,000 in paper money. Under the provisions of the press law, the editor of every paper which printed the manifesto has rendered himself liable to eight months' imprisonment and $1,500 fine. Now must come the test of the government's power.

It develops that among the papers of M. Krustlieff, the president of the executive committee of the Workmen's Council, seized at the time of his arrest, were documents which furnish evidence of a well-planned conspiricy to seize and carry off Premier Witte.

Damaging Sleet Storm.

Greensboro, Special--Practically isolated from the outside world, Greensboro on Friday and Saturday was in the grip of one of the worst sleet storms it has experienced for years. Telegraphic and telephonic communication was cut off for the best part of the day, due to broken wires and falling poles. This damage was temporarily repaired and all wires were soon in fair working order. Inestimable damage was done to trees and folage crushed beneath the weight of icy tendrils. Street car service was seriously hampered and a general discomforture ensued.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Supreme Court adjourned at Raleigh on Friday for the term, having filed nine cases, none of which are of special import.

The State Labor Commissioner finds that there are 229 more miscellaneous factories in the State this year than there were last year. The secretary of State finds that the total number of corporations chartered is 697.

The board acted upon the suggestion of Governor Glenn, that an exhibit be made at the various fairs in New England next autumn.

Mr. Clarence H. McKay and Mr. Wm. Vanderbilt of New York arrived at Jamestown near High Point for a ten day's hunt at Mr. McKay's lodge between here and Jamestown.

The Supreme Court has finished a hearing of arguments at this term. Attorney General Gilmer said he thought it would adjourn for the term about Wednesday or Thursday of next week, as it is well up with its opinions.

Announcement was made to the Baptist State Convention that the Baptist University for Women would publish, beginning next week a paper to be known as The Bulletin. This institution now has 350 students.

The State board of agriculture rejected the resolution offered appropriating $750 specially for the payment of premiums upon certain field crops. For several years this disbursements has been made on account of exhibits to State fairs.

A charter is granted the Atlantic Fire Insurance Company, of Raleigh, paid up stock, $125,000, principal stockholders Charles E. Johnson, J. J. Thomas, Herbert W. Jackson, James H. Pou, Thomas F. Womack, J. S. Wynne and Galvin Dortch. A fire insurance company is organized at Rocky Mount, with $50,000 capital stock. The insurance commissioner says that this is paid up and that there is also $12,500 surplus.

The feature of the annual State convention of the county superintendents was a report by Superintendent McBride, of Cumberland, who said some teachers under contract there had broken their contracts and gone to other counties to teach. He called on the State superintendent for a ruling, putting on the black list all teachers who do this, so their certificates will be cancelled.

The board of education appoints what is known as the first $100,000 appropriation from the treasury to the public schools at the rate of fourteen cents per capita. This gives Wake county $2,735, Mecklenburg, $2,782, Buncombe $2,262. New Hanover $1,080 and Craven $1,060.

Lights on at Spencer.

Spencer, Special.—The electric arc street lights in Spencer were turned on for the first time Wednesday night and the streets, which but five years ago were barren fields, are brilliantly lighted. The electric system has been in course of construction since April of this year. The water works system now being put in by the Spencer Water Company is well under way.

$10,000 Loss in Cotton Mill Fire.

Albemarle, Special.—Friday morning a fire broke out in or under the picker room of the Miscassett Mill, where there was about 60 bales of cotton open at the time. The total loss will reach $8,000 or $10,000, fully covered by insurance.

Salisbury's New Hotel.

Salisbury, Special—Salisbury's new hotel, at the corner of Main and Council streets, will be opened before a great while. Applicants for the landlordship of this building with 62 rooms, have been numerous, but as yet its owners have not leased it. Mr. W. S. Nicholson has been awarded the contract for heating it by steam and will install this apparatus at once.

$2,500 Jewelry Packages Disappear.

Houston, Texas, Special.—Three packages containing jewelry, watch cases and works to the value of $2,500 disappeared from an express wagon. The packages were left under the seat while the driver stepped across the street. When he returned they were gone. They were consigned to jewelry firms in Houston and were about to be delivered. A similar event occurred last week when a package valued at $1,100 disappeared.

River Steamer Sunk.

Pittsburg, Special.—The steamer Twilight sank in 20 feet of water at lock No. 2, in the Monongahela river the crew of 12 men escaping with their lives by hurrying to the roof of the boat and being taken off in shiffs.

A charter was granted the Lumberton Sanitarium, capital stock $25,000 R. C. Lawrence being the principal stockholder.

BODY NOT TO BE EXHUMED

Judge Watts Denies Petition of Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co. to Have Body of Dargan, the Dead President of Independent Oil Company Taken Up for Examination—$25,000 Policy in Question.

Cheraw, S. C., Special.—The first step to be taken by the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co., of Philedelphia, in an effort to have the body of Robert Keith Dargan, the late president of the Independent Cotton Seed Oil Company, whose reported suicide here some months ago caused a profound sensation, exhumed, failed Saturday before Judge Watts, of the Circuit Court, who refused the petition of the company. Dargan was insured in the company in the sum of $25,000.

The attorneys argued that the testimony set forth in the affidavits was based entirely on hearsay and for that reason the court would not be justified in ordering the body exhumed. In making his decision, Judge Watts stated that he did not feel that it was the court's business to confirm the rumors and that the facts in the case as presented by the petitioners, did not justify an order for the re-opening of the grave, inasmuch as the action was brought by individuals. Had the request came from the solicitor Judge Watts stated that it would, in all probibilty have been granted.

One of the attorneys of the petitioners stated that the company would begin action at once along other lines to secure the desired end. It is probable that the company will make an effort to enlist the interest of the solicitor.

The hearing of the case has revived, to no small extent, the interest which attached to the failure of the Independent Cotton Seed Oil Company, the suicide of Robert Keith Dargan the presirent, whose accounts were hundreds of thousand dollars short, and the sensational rumors to the effect that Dargan did not commit suicide and that he was still alive at the time of his death, or supposing death, it was said that he had made an exhaustive study of hypnotism and mesmerism, as had also his brother who was with him at the time he is said to have died. Some rumors were to the effect that Dargan, when the coroner's jury viewed the body, was not dead but merely in a state of hypnotism. It is a fact that neither the coroner nor any of the jurors touched the body or made any examination. They were, to use a common expression, railroaded through the room where his body was. One of the arguments of the attorneys for the insurance companies at the hearing was based on this theory of hypotism.

Since the day Dargans death was reported there have been many of the best citizens in this and surrounding towns and counties who have doubted the reality of his death and this opinion obtains now without any diminution.

Lynchburg Nearly Cut Off.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—Except for a single wire to Danville and another to Washington, Lynchburg was cut off by telegraphic communication Saturday morning with the North and South on account of a sleet storm. The 200 linemen at work here on the system are restoring the circuits. Many of them went to Greensboro, N. C., where the worst of the storm appears to have been experienced.

Five Men Blown to Atoms.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—The mixing house, or upper shop "punching" department of the Dupont powder mills, located eight miles north of Birmingham, blew up and five men met a horrible death. The explosion was heard for 15 miles. The men who were killed were employed in the mixing department, and while it has been the rule not to allow much powder or dynamite in these separate rooms there was enough to blow the building into smithereens.

Locomotive Works Doubled.

Richmond, Special.—Preparations are being made to enlarge the Richmond plant of the American Locomotive works to almost double its present capacity. The plant is now working day and night with a force of about 2,400 men. It has large orders for locomotives and will erect new buildings at once.

Receiver for Railroads. . .

Cincinnatti, Special.—An application for the appointment of a receiver for the Cincinnatti, Hamilton & Dayton Railway and the Pere Marquette Railroad was filed in the United States Circuit Court here by Lawrence Maxwell, Jr., circuit Judge Lorton immediately began hearing the application and appointed Attorney General Judson Harmon as receiver for both roads. Insolvency is admitted.

WORK OF CONGRESS

What Our National Law Makers Are Doing Day by Day.

COVERING'S RESOLUTION

Whereas, the estimate of the growth cotton crop made and published by the Agricultural Department on December fourth indicated a total production in the United States for the season of nineteen hundred and five of nineteen hundred and six of ten million one hundred and sixty-seven thousand eight hundred and eighteen bales of five hundred pounds each, net weight; and

Whereas the census returns of the cotton ginned in the various States prior to the first of December nineteen hundred and five, show that in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Oklahoma the yield for the entire season as estimated by the Agricultural Department had been less than ginned; and

Whereas neither the picking nor the ginning of cotton in the State named, or in any other of the cotton-producing States of the United States has been completed by the first of December and that therefore the estimate of the Agricultural Department as to the yield of cotton in the States named is plainly an understanding and likely to mislead, and damage the cotton interests of the United States;

Whereas, in various other States where the picking and ginning is known not to have progressed toward completion even as fully as in the four States named the amount of cotton ginned up to the first of December shows that the Agricultural Department's estimate of the yield is unquestionably an underestimate; and

Whereas it is a matter of the first importance to the people of the United States that they be supplied with a more accurate estimate of this season's cotton crop; Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the Secretary of Agriculture be directed to proceed immediately to collect such data as may, in his opinion, be necessary for a more correct estimate of the season's crop, and to finish the same on the tenth day of January, nineteen hundred and six, and with a full and complete report of the method by which the data is arrived at, and of the details of the various reports comprising the estimate

That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a special fund to defray the expenses of collecting and publishing such a report.

The Senate spent four hours Thursday discussing the Panama Canal appropriation bill, and then adjourned the bill was still under consideration. There were set speeches by Messrs. Teller, Scott and others and they were followed by a long debate in which all phazes of the controversy were exploited.

A separate bill regulating the issue of bonds for the canal and fixing them on the same basis as government bonds, was passed without debate.

The republican members of the house caucus Monday unanimously agreed in favor of admitting Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as one State and by a vote of 110 to 65 in favor of admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one State. Both these questions are to be considered in one bill. The only opposition to the program was directed against joining Arizona and New Mexico.

Action on the recommendation in the President's annual message relating to insurance regulation occupied the House again Thursday without a vote.

The House then adjourned.

The Panama Canal was again under consideration by the Senate Friday. Mr. Tillman occupied the time given to that subject except when he gave way to questions propounded by other Senators. These questions indicate any intention of opposing the passage of the appropriation bill, but he critised the acts of the canal commission in the conduct of its transactions. When the bill was adjourned the bill was still pending but there was an agreement to vote Saturday.

The House devoted four and three-quarters hours to a lively debate on the liabilities of controlling insurance companies. No conclusion was reached on the committee reference of the insurance feature of the President's message which is still under the matter of consideration, and the debate was resumed Saturday.

The Senate indulged itself again to the extent of four hours of what many times termed an unnecessary discussion of Federal control of insurance. It was the fourth day of the debate and the interest of the debate had appreciably diminished. The holiday recess was fixed for Thursday to January 4.

For the purpose of bringing out information showing the existence of a civil pension list, the House asked the President for the number of civil employes of the government who have reached the age of 70 years.

Senate Passes Canal Bill.

The Senate on Saturday passed the Panama Canal emergency bill. A substitue for Mr. Bacon's amendment offered by Mr. Hale, was accepted. It specifically requires that Congress shall be supplied with a detailed estimate of all salaries except those paid to laborors, skilled and unskilled. Otherwise the bill was passed as reported from committee. During the day Mr. Hale made the authorized announcement that Mr. Bishop's duties as a "press agent" would be discontinued.

Treasury's Cash Balance $138,490,001.

Washington, Special.—Saturday's statement of the Treasury balances, exclusive of the gold reserve, shows available cash balance to be $138,490,001; gold $87,665,276.

Honor Beethoven's Memory.

Berlin, Special.—The 235 anniversary of the birth of Ludwig Van Beethoven was generally observed saturday here, and a wreath was placed on the statute of the great composer.

Young Squirrels Adopted by Cat.

A coon cat belonging to Norris Smart of West Windsor, Vt., has three kittens about three weeks old. A few days ago she adopted two young gray squirrels and appears to think as much of them as she does of her kittens.

Books Written in Prisons.

A publisher was talking about Oscar Wilde's strange book, "De Profundis," with its pathetic decoration of a bird beating its wings against the bars of a cell.

"Wilde's is not the first good book to have been written in jail," he said. "Jail, in fact, seems to be a good place to write books in. Literary men surprise themselves there.

"John Bunyan wrote 'Pilgrim's Progress' in jail.

"De foe laid the plans for 'Robinson Crusoe' during a term of confinement imposed on him for the writing of a pamphlet called 'The Shortest Way With the Dissenters.'

"Leigh Hunt wrote 'Rimini' in jail.

"Sir Walter Raleigh, during his fourteen years imprisonment in the Tower of London, wrote his excellent 'History of the World.'

"Silvio Pellico and Tasso both did their best work in jail."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Confirem as Public Printer.

Washington, Special.—The Senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations:

Charles A. Stillings, Massachusetts, to be Public Printer.

Henry W. Furniss, Indiana, minster ta Haati.

Postmasters:

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