

CZAR WILL GRANT LIBERTY

Government Will Lead the Reform Movement.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London *Telegraph* claims to know that ukases are impending granting certain important liberties in connection with the establishment of the National Assembly, which every reasonable faith will prevail for making the political condition of the people practically, as far as that of their Western neighbors. What changes will be made in the Russian constitution, after which the Government will try to lead instead of following, the reform movement, adopting lines of policy which will run parallel with the reforms demanded by the Moderate Liberals.

The aim will be to allow the people, through their chosen representatives, to work out their own destinies on national lines. The people will be permitted to elect freely members of the National Assembly, candidates will be allowed to publish and deliver speeches, the restrictions on the press will be removed, the people generally will be treated with confidence. In a certain sense the coming changes may be described as a revolution from above.

EDWARD IS CZAR'S MODEL.
The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London *Times* says that Count Witte is holding informal conference with influential reformers, notably Editor Hessen, of the *Pravo*,

PREPARING THE CHICKS

HINTS ON HOW TO SEND THEM TO MARKET

Timely Bulletin Issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

The chickens should be killed before killing, to avoid, in the first place, increasing and spoiling the flavor of the birds. Several hours after the first feed allow the chickens what water they wish to drink. They should then have a complete fast until they are killed.

Killing.—For chickens going to immediate consumption on the local market it will be most convenient to dislocate the neck with the left hand hold the chickens leg and wing in the firm grasp. Place the fingers of the right hand on the middle of the neck and the remaining fingers on the left side. Grasp the head in the hollow of the hand where the neck joins the body. The hands against the back and the head being held the legs are plucked, pulling each chicken in the shaper close to the last and moving the lower brick along to hold the row in position. Leave the chickens in the shaper for at least six hours.

Packing.—After being thoroughly cooled, the chickens should be packed into shipping cases. The chickens must be cooled and dry on the skins before packing. Unless they are artifically cooled they should not be packed for twenty hours after being paid.

Mr. W. P. Archibald, of the Dominion Parole Office, says that since the parole system became operative six years ago, more than 1,000 men have been released from prison, and a little later, 90 per cent. have been returned to prison.

The Dominion Bridge Company of Montreal, in view of the volume of western business and extensive rail way construction sure to take place west of Lake Superior almost immediately, have about decided to establish a plant and yards in Winona.

For those having only a limited number of chickens, the ordinary small packing cases, to be obtained at the grocery store, will be found fairly satisfactory.

To ascertain the price per pound at which chickens may be sold by drawn, plucked or live weight, refer to the following table, of equivalent values for the different selling prices of live chickens:

Live weight—6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c.
Plucked weight—7c, 8c, 9c, 9c.
Drawn weight—11c, 12c, 13c, 14c, 15c.
16c, 17c, 18c, 19c, 20c, 22c, 23c.

This table gives the seller a fair idea as to which pays the best. No account has been taken of the cost of killing, plucking or drawing.

TARS AND JAPANESE

Visit of British Fleet to Tokio Most Opportune

A despatch from Tokio says:—The entertainment of the officers of the visiting British squadron during the past week has consisted of the usual official functions. The most noteworthy matter in connection with the visit is the extensive fraternizing of the British sailors and the Japanese shore. Thursday was the Harvest Festival, and Friday the Japanese Harvest Festival.

M. C. D. Bodden notified the 2,500 operatives of the iron works mills owned by him at Fall River, Mass., that the 125 per cent. cut in the wages made in 1905 would be restored.

Plucking.—When killing by dislocation, commence dry plucking as soon as the neck is dislodged.

Directions for Plucking.—While still holding the chicken in the left hand, grasp the feathers of the wing. Allow the chicken's head to hang down, and commence plucking; the feathers of the back and wings; then pluck the breast and lower part of the neck work back on the body to the tail, and turning the bird over again finish the back and wings.

Leave the feathers on the neck for three inches from the head, a ring of feathers around the legs at the heel joints, and the small feathers on the outside joint of each wing.

Clear plucking the rest of the chicken. Remove the feathers and make the bird less attractive as possible, care not to tear the skin. If a tear is made, have the flesh brought together with white thread.

Plucking the Chick.—That is it.—As the bird is hanging on a string with the operator's chest, grasp the wing between the thumb and first two fingers, let the left hand, holding the back, from under, and commence plucking; the feathers of the back and wings; then pluck the bird to the right hand and use the left hand. In picking the soft feathers from the breast.

If the striking will be properly done, the feathers will all come out easily and without tearing. Remove the feathers with one quick twisting motion. Pass the right hand rapidly down the back, from under, removing the feathers with thumb and forefinger. Shift the bird then to the right hand and use the left hand. In picking the soft feathers from the breast.

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TO DECORATE THE MIKADO.
Order of the Garter to be Conferred by King Edward.

A despatch to the London Express from Tokio says it is understood that King Edward will confer on the Mikado the decoration of the Order of the Garter, which will be conveyed to his Majesty by a special mission headed by Prince Arthur of Connaught, early next year.

Directions for Shaping. As soon as the chicken is plucked, place its legs alongside its breast; then with its breast downward, force the chicken into the angle of the "shaper." One teaspoonful of soda to one pint of milk.

The Union Railroad employees have issued a call for a general strike.

FLASHES FROM THE WIRE

The Very Latest Items From All Parts of the Globe.

CANADA.

C. P. R. carmen have been granted an increase of pay.

Wentworth county constables are to be paid extra for extra work.

Toronto's total assessment returns show an increase of \$20,000,000 since last year.

Negotiations are in progress for a new post office in Winnipeg.

The city of St. Helier, with a population of \$28,000, is to be annexed to Montreal.

Le Canada, of Montreal, announces that the Federal Parliament will assemble in February.

King Edward, who rules over loyal subjects without the terrible burden of responsibility imposed by an autocratic regime. He hesitated to give his assent, but he is yet unconvinced that the nation desired it.

Count de Witte indicated that the Czar's greatest desire is to become a constitutional sovereign. His ideal is King Edward, who rules over loyal subjects without the terrible burden of responsibility imposed by an autocratic regime.

The London Workshops Commissioners have asked for \$250,000 for improvements to the system.

Michael A. Doyle, a ship laborer, of Quebec, has been awarded a silver medal by the Carnegie hero fund.

Several of the northern British Columbia Indian tribes have appealed to the Government for immediate aid.

The Provincial Health Officer of Manitoba blames Winnipeg for the amount of typhoid, there 600 cases in ten weeks.

Mrs. Ellen Farrell, aged 75, died at Halifax, and within fifteen minutes her daughter aged 41 died as a result of the shock.

Curious to see how water worked, Cecil Craig, aged 12, of Vancouver, J.C. was drawn into the water.

The Victoria B.C. Board of Trade has come out with a demand for a \$20,000,000 bridge to connect Vancouver Island and the mainland.

The home of Edwin Thomas, former near Plumas, Man., was burned in all its contents, the family escaped with only the clothes they had.

Thinking they were candles, the five-year-old son of L. A. Sauer, a Winnipeg druggist, swallowed 81 matches.

He became quite ill, but prompt action saved his life.

The Royal Commission at Ottawa have received complaints from the Toronto Board of Trade and the Dominion Millers' Association regarding the shortage of grain carts.

Billed Teasing.—A very fine icing.

Ice cream is made with ammonia.

Using water softened with ammonia and a white non-resinous soap, all the cream will grow hard if they are dried on film wooden frames. Rubbing down flannel on a board causes the ultimate shrinkage of the wool to become entangled and shrunk.

This can not happen when a flannel is washed with a brush.

The dirt is also more easily removed from the interstices of the cloth by using the brush. Hard water and resins brown soaps cause damage to be hard. Stockinet garments of wool should always be dried on wooden frames of their exact shape and size when new. These wooden frames are used at stockinet factories, where the goods are washed and can be obtained at a comparatively low price.

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