

# LYNCH LAW IN RUSSIA

## Lives of Officials and Police Constantly Snuffed Out.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Telegraph draws a sensational picture of the strike situation. He says, among other things, that meetings are being held everywhere in the provinces, and that speeches are being made by anybody and everybody. Demands are being formulated which the Government would not grant if it could and could not if it would. Resolutions are being passed unanimously and enthusiastically to continue the strike, these demands are conceded. "Downright frenzy, revolutionary frenzy," seems to have seized the entire people, who rush headlong as though literally possessed, and resolved to bring ruin on themselves, and end the odious regime which is dying too slowly. There are no people's tribunals at work as in revolutionary France, but there are executions enough, which are carried out in ways that point to local vengeance. Every morning paper brings lists of officials, police, Cossacks, administrators and even watchmen, whose lives have been suddenly snuffed out during the night by men who are unknown. Butcher, daggers, revolvers, and rifles figure in the lugubrious accounts, to which the public is rapidly growing accustomed. Revolutionary lynch law has thus usurped the place of official caprice, which until some months ago freely disposed of the properties, the liberties, and sometimes the lives, of peaceful citizens who were often more deserving of reward than punishment.

### CARRYING OUT NEW PLANS.

The fact is, the Social Democrats and Social Revolutionaries, who are the best organized party in the country, having matured new plans, are now carrying them out deliberately and successfully. They first got power over the universities and High schools, which are used, as places of meeting for all malcontents without exception. Just as the Jacobins' control was employed by the French patriots, Sunday night, hundreds of students at the Wozniak University at Moscow held a meeting to decide whether to strike or to allow the establishment to continue work. After a long debate it was decided by a small majority to permit the university to remain open, but as a center of the revolutionary movement, where public meetings might be held and lectures delivered.

From all parts of the interior come reports of public meetings assembling spontaneously in the streets, and other public places and approving the strike. Those attending conduct themselves as if in full control that is demanded in Russia.

Referring to the holding up of the transportation of food, the correspondent describes the scarcity of meat in Moscow and St. Petersburg. He says it requires 12 trains daily to convey the cattle slaughtered for food in St. Petersburg. All these trains come from the south through Moscow, but since Sunday night, one has arrived. Meat prices have already augmented over 50 per cent. Food cannot be distributed to the famine-stricken provinces. Everywhere troops are gathered, but scarcely ever is order disturbed. The spectre bears eloquent witness to the self-restraint of a patient people in revolution.

### CIVIL WAR IN MOSCOW?

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Everything that can be learned here regarding the great railway strike indicates the imminent outbreak of trouble and increased paralysis of trade. The distribution of food is practically suspended, and mail communication is generally suspended. Although there are many isolated riots and combats with the troops, the worst of which occurred at Kharkov, there is apparently no general intention yet to convert the strike into an armed revolutionary uprising. Nevertheless, the situation is indeed highly serious, and threatens the most dangerous developments.

Owing to the stoppage of the mails and the partial suspension of the telegraph, it is impossible to verify the many reports reaching the capital. The ultimate effect of the strike, as described as being the rest of the empire and as being held by the strikers, is stated that the drivers, ordered to strike, and those having their own grievances, are alleged to be complying.

The municipal employees are said to be wavering, as the course they will pursue. Officers are demanding that the railwaymen's grievances be redressed or they will join the movement forthwith. Another report asserts that a municipal strike has begun so that the employees of the water works have quit work, causing the city to be without water. It is predicted that there will be a civil war in Moscow owing to the action of the shopkeepers, who, fearing ruin through the dictation of the strikers, are arming themselves against the railwaymen in St. Petersburg. They are still working, but the question of striking is being discussed.

### HOURLY MORE CRITICAL.

A despatch to the London Times from St. Petersburg says that the situation hourly grows more critical. The strikes throughout Russia now exceed a million. The police officials are demanding increased pay; St. Petersburg remains fairly quiet, but the public among the population is growing. The inhabitants are hurriedly completing purchases of provisions. Troops are pouring into the capital. It is learned that Gen. Trepoff assembled the colonels of all the regiments and told them they were fully empowered to fire on any gathering of more than six persons. It is estimated that there are now 60,000 troops in the city. The Government displays no inclination to grant the political demands of the strikers.

There is good authority for stating that a Constituent will be announced on Nov. 3, the anniversary of the Czar's accession to the throne. The King has also decided to immediately raise the British Legation at Japan to an Embassy.

### HALIFAX IN DANGER.

Flames Near Dynamite Caused a Panic.

A Halifax despatch says: The spectacular blaze which broke out on George's Island, the Imperial fortress in Halifax harbor, caused a thrill of excitement in the city. The island is directly opposite the citadel, and is within a quarter of a mile of the important docks and a large section of the south end residential district. The fire broke out about 8 o'clock on Friday night, and rapidly assumed the proportions of a conflagration. The island is studded with fortifications, except a small level space on the eastern side where were the gun quarters of the artillery, the stables and repairing shops of the submarine mining corps of the Royal Engineers. There the fire broke out, and as the fire-fighting apparatus on the island was little power it soon gained headway. The night was calm, and the great blaze lit up the whole harbor and caused so great a reflection that thousands of people were drawn to the waterfront. Harbor lights were rushed to the island and hundreds of bluejackets from Prince Louis' cruiser squadron hurried to the scene in steam launches. The stars did great work, and after an hour's exertions the flames were subdued.

A despatch to the Evening Standard from Odessa says it reported there from Sebastopol that the Russian battleship Patrofion (formerly the Kniaz Potemkin) has been destroyed by incendiaries.

### POLICE RECALCITRANT.

A despatch from Warsaw says: Many of the police are absenting themselves from town, and an infantry patrol has refused to obey the streets. The military Governor has fined three Polish dailies \$250 each for publishing articles without permission of the press censor.

Agitators are organizing revolutionary meetings in the factory districts, and the general strike is anticipated. The prices of food are rapidly increasing. Telephone communication with Lodz is interrupted.

### FURTHER STRIKES.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The last link of the railroads binding the capital with the rest of the world was broken late on Friday night, when the Finland-Railroad suspended service between St. Petersburg and the Finnish border. Telegraphic communication is still open, but there is a possibility that the cable operators may be compelled to join a general strike of telegraphers to-day.

### MERGING ON REVOLUTION.

A despatch from Paris says: Official despatches continue to arrive unbroken from St. Petersburg. These show the general condition of the agitation to be such as to lead the authorities here to regard the situation as alarming. Official quarters and the newspapers discuss the Russian situation as verging on a revolution.

### TROOPS ARE POURING IN.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Reinforcements of troops are pouring into the city. The yellow cuirassiers, hussars and the Omsk regiments have arrived here from Tarsko-Selo, and 6,000 soldiers are coming by water from Revel. Seven trains with military escorts are forcing their passage from Moscow, but the railroad tie-up is practically as tight as ever. The Government's rail and battalions are now exhausted. The last went yesterday to Moscow and Syzran on Thursday night.

### THE LARGEST SHIPMENT MADE FROM MONTREAL.

Prct. James Long's Warning Against Emigration.

A despatch from London says: In an article in the Chronicle on "The Manless Land," Professor James Long sounds a warning note against emigration. Are British statesmen, he asks, living up to their duty or contributing nothing to the national decay when with millions of acres of mountain waste able to respond to the labor of man it is proposed to send the pick of the unemployed to Canada? The professor, according to his critics, is right. The entente, is accounted on a most patriotic basis, tending to the development of commercial relationships in the Far East and the maintenance of peace in Central Asia.

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### ON THE FARM.

PROFIT IN SUGAR BEETS.

A Halifax despatch says: The most important factors which influence the profits made in raising sugar beets are: The adaptation of the soil to the crop, the amount of bird help needed to grow them, and the distance to the refinery.

Consider the character of the soil and the thorough preparation is a close second.

Last year our crop was grown on a somewhat gravelly soil prepared in the ordinary way, with a liberal application of manure. It averaged \$37 an acre. This year it averaged \$45 an acre. The difference in the two crops was due to improvement in our methods.

We started the land for this year prepared after harvest last autumn. Fall wheat had been sown during the two previous seasons, the field having been turned at the rate of eight tons to acre each time. The stubble was turned under by shallow plowing followed by surface cultivation and weeds encouraged to germinate as soon as possible. Then the field was plowed a second time 7 inches deep. Late in the fall one-half was plowed a third time, the remainder being plowed early in spring. This late fall plowing was a mistake, as the weeds were more numerous on the part of the field than on the spring plowed part.

No manure was applied, and only surface cultivation given. The soil was well pulverized, soft and low.

After plowing the land the beets were sown on the flat at the rate of 18 pounds to the acre, in drills 21 inches apart.

We started the cultivators as soon as we could see the rows. The first cultivation was intended only to break the crust. In the second and each succeeding cultivation we used to go a little deeper than the previous time. We always cultivate as often and continue as long as we can without breaking off too many leaves. Our object was to have the soil loose and loamy between the rows to depth of 4 inches, since it is difficult and will cost a great deal of labor to cultivate the soil having been added to it.

A smuggling conspiracy of large proportions, in which a well-known vinegar manufacturing firm in Quebec is alleged to be implicated, has been unearthed by the customs officers.

Calgary merchants are talking of trying to get J. J. Hill to build a line to the city with government control of rates and competition with C. P. R.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Entente Between Britain and East Asia a Fact.

A despatch from Paris says: The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Temps describes an audience that the British Ambassador had Tuesday with the Czar as extraordinary, and says it has caused much comment. It is believed that it was connected with the projected Anglo-Russian understanding, which is to be inevitable since the failure of the scheme for a Russo-German alliance.

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### THE WINTER EGGS CROP.

Fall is the time to prepare for winter eggs, but the real foundation for good work is in the original preparation of the soil.

At this operation the best seeds left standing 10 inches apart. If properly cleaned twice this is all that is necessary. There must be no half-way methods with this crop as everything must be done thoroughly if a profit is to be obtained. In harvesting, much labor can be saved by a good beet lifter, which labor-saver in itself should be used by every grower.

When the second leaves appeared bunching and thinning were commenced. This must be done at the proper time, a little too early, or better than a trifle late. On this the size of the crop largely depends.

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