

# LIBERAL REFORMS PROMISED

## Declaration of Policy Issued By Russian Government.

### REFORM PROMISES.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The declaration of policy by the Government, of which lately several forecasts have appeared, was issued on Wednesday. It promises many liberal reforms, including the immediate withdrawal of useless restrictions against the Jews, increasing provincial autonomy, reform of the police and other public services, the establishment of zemstvos in Poland and the Baltic provinces, and the institution of an income tax. Meanwhile the Government is determined to maintain order, and it accordingly decrees court martial for political crimes, and increases the penalties for carrying on the revolutionary propaganda.

### TWO HUNDRED ON TRIAL.

A despatch from Cronstadt, Russia, says: The trial of two hundred participants in the recent mutinous outbreak, including M. Onipke, one of the peasant leaders in the outlawed Parliament, and fifty other civilians began here on Wednesday behind closed doors. There are over a thousand witnesses, and, therefore, the proceedings are expected to be protracted.

### OFFICERS RETURN THREAT.

A despatch from Sevastopol says: In answer to the publication of a notice from the terrorists that a sentence of death has been imposed on Col. Dumbadze, commander of a rifle regiment here, the officers of that corps in an open letter have announced that in case of an attack being made on the colonel they will exact vengeance on the leaders of the progressive parties.

### FEARS THE NAVY.

Admiral Skydloff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, and the military commander here are very apprehensive of the attitude of the sailors of the fleet and the garrison of the fortress. The annual cruise of the training squadron as well as the regular fleet manoeuvres have been abandoned.

### POLICY CLEARS THE AIR.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The Government's declaration of its policy has had a favorable effect in commercial and financial quarters. There was a general rise in prices on the Bourse on Thursday, where the first business in the recent internal loan was transacted, while 4 per cent. bonds rose to 70.

The Moderate and Liberal newspapers praise the agrarian proposals, and only condemn the depression of the revolutionary propaganda in the army because it is retroactive. On the other hand, the revolutionists and extremists of all kinds continue irreconcilable.

### SECRET TRIALS.

Under the Imperial ukase of Wednesday Governor-Generals and similar authorities in districts that are under martial law are empowered to send accused persons before a field court martial without preliminary examination. The court consisting of a president and four army or navy officers, will make its decisions in camera within eighteen hours, and the sentences will be carried out within twenty-four hours.

### CORRESPONDENT BEATEN.

The London Standard's correspondent at St. Petersburg says that J. Foster Fraser, the Standard's special correspondent, and his secretary, were arrested in Tuesday's round-up of 2,000 persons in the streets and were taken to the yard of the Governor's palace, where they were beaten by the Cossack guards. Probably only the intervention of the adjutant of Gov.-Gen. Scallion saved their lives.

### UNIVERSITIES TO REOPEN.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: At a meeting on Thursday night of Social Democrats and Social revolutionary university students it was decided not to oppose the reopening of the universities, which is scheduled for Oct. 14, thereby furnishing a strong possibility that the paralysis of the educational life of the country, which has lasted for two school years, may soon be ended. Many revolutionary students favored abandoning entirely the obstructive attitude.

Reports from Moscow, Odessa and other university centres are to the effect that an unprecedented number of prospective students have registered, owing to the accumulation consequent on the two years' stoppage of instruction.

### POLICE CHIEF KILLED.

A despatch from Sebastopol says: The chief of the gendarmes was assassinated on a street car here on Friday.

### IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

A despatch from Warsaw says: The trial of the agitators and soldiers of the Warsaw garrison charged with spreading the propaganda of the military league, including two officers, resulted on Friday in the sentencing two of the accused to imprisonment for life. The officers were found guilty only of cognizance of the propaganda. One of them

was exiled to Siberia, and the other was condemned to three years' imprisonment in a fortress.

### MURDER AT LODZ.

A despatch from Lodz, Russian Poland, says: Twenty armed men on Thursday entered the house of a policeman, killed the policeman and a soldier and mortally wounded the policeman's wife.

### BIG FIRE AT POWSIN.

A despatch from Powsin, Russian Poland, says: A fire started here on Thursday by terrorists, who were angered at the refusal of the inhabitants to grant their demands, resulted in the destruction of 177 houses. A boy perished in the flames.

### KILLED FELLOW-LUNATICS.

A despatch from Warsaw says: An inmate of the asylum for the insane at Gorakalwaria, near here, secured an axe on Thursday and killed several of his fellow-lunatics before he was overpowered.

### SIEDLICE RUNS WITH BLOOD.

A despatch from Warsaw says: At 6 o'clock Saturday evening two soldiers who were guarding the Government alcohol store at Siedlice, 55 miles southeast of Warsaw, were shot and killed by Terrorists. A detachment of infantry, alarmed by the sound of the firing, rushed up and fired a volley, killing two men and wounding two others. Sunday morning the Terrorists retaliated, beginning a massacre of policemen and soldiers patrolling the streets. At noon the infuriated troops attacked the Jewish quarter, destroying houses and shops. It is reported that over a hundred persons were killed. The city is in flames.

A late message from Siedlice, timed 1.35 a.m., Monday, states that the massacre continued all day. The soldiers attacked all civilians, Christians and Jews, robbing and murdering without discrimination. The authorities have sent a regiment of infantry from Biela to restore order.

The Jews in Warsaw are panic-stricken. Alarming reports are circulated throughout the city.

### BEATEN ON WAY FROM WORK.

An Englishman the Victim of a Brutal Assault.

A despatch from Bowmanville, Ont., says: Saturday evening, about dusk, a brutal assault was committed on an Englishman named Richard Ford while near the G.T.R. track, on his way home from work. Ford, who has not been in the country very long, resides with his wife and family in a house belonging to Mr. E. Burk, on the lake shore. He worked with Burk for a time, but some dispute arising between them, he left his employ, and secured a position in the foundry, walking some four miles to his work every morning and returning in the evening. He was on his way home on Saturday evening when he was attacked by three men and his hands tied. He was then blindfolded, knocked down, and severely kicked and beaten. He finally managed to get on his feet, and, with his hands still tied, kicked at the parties until they decamped. He found his way to the residence of Mr. Samuel Allin, who brought him to town, where his wounds were attended to by a doctor. During the scrimmage, tar was rubbed in his hair, and he was warned to leave the neighborhood at once. There is no doubt that it was local parties who committed the crime, and it is likely that arrests will follow, as Ford is positive that he can identify his assailants, who also took what money he had. Chief of Police Jarvis has the case in hand.

### MILK FED PUMPKIN LATEST.

Pint a Day Developed it Into Monster of 100 Pounds' Weight.

A despatch from Bloomington, Ill., says: A milk-fed pumpkin is the latest development in agricultural circles. Two pumpkins, grown on the same vine, were on exhibition at the Tazewell County fair. They stood side by side, but one was ten times larger than the other. The giant was given a pint of milk a day through a hole cut in the vine which was attached to the stem. The milk was completely absorbed over night. The small brother attained natural growth, but the milk-fed one weighed 100 pounds.

### MUST BREAK A RECORD.

C.P.R. Steamer Hurrying Across Pacific With English Mails.

A Victoria, B. C., despatch says: The Canadian Pacific Railroad steamer Empress of China sailed on Wednesday on her new mail schedule carrying the British mails in an effort to land the mails at Hong Kong 30 days from London. This involves a record passage across the Pacific.

### A DRIVER'S LUCK.

Son of Wealthy South African Leaves for Inheritance.

A despatch from Montreal says: On the Allan liner Tunisian there sailed on Friday a saloon passenger, one James Broderick Roach, who a week ago was worth a few dollars, and to-day is possessor of \$350,000. The story reads like a romance, with the difference that it is real, for the driver of a rig has become a wealthy man. Mr. Roach came to Canada and settled in Montreal some years ago. His father went out to South Africa in the days when Kimberley and Johannesburg were unknown to the world and the race of South African millionaires had not yet come forth. After his son left home at Newcastle, in Natal, the father was lucky, and at his death left a million dollars. By the terms of the will his son has not to come into his share until he reached the age of 25. The news was conveyed to Mr. Roach on his birthday week, by cable, from Messrs. Shirley and Johnson, solicitors, at Plymouth. Mr. Roach soon after his arrival in Canada joined the 8th Company of the 5th Royal Scots, and at the time of his departure was a sergeant. Friday night the non-commissioned officers and men of the company gave him as a token of their esteem and friendship, a handsome bloodstone signet ring.

### TRIED TO SAVE HAND-CAR.

Section Man Has Both His Legs Broken Near Guelph.

A despatch from Guelph says: In trying to save a G.T.R. hand-car from an on-coming freight near Guelph on Friday morning, section foreman Martin Sosnoski had a narrow escape, and one of his gang, Vincenzo Marticardi, married, aged 32, was struck by the train, and had both legs broken. The two were working on their regular run from Guelph to Rockwood, and were driving the lorry a mile out of Guelph towards Trainor's cut, when a west-bound extra freight came out of the curve of the cut. The sectionmen stopped their lorry as soon as possible, and the freight tried to slow up on the down grade. Sosnoski and his assistant had almost got the lorry clear of the track, and Marticardi, who was on the track side, sprang across to escape the engine, but the cow-catcher struck him below the knees, breaking both legs.

### IN NEVER ONTARIO.

Surveyors Find Good Soil Far North of the C. P. R.

A despatch from Toronto says: Messrs. Speight & Van Nostrand, Ontario land surveyors, have reported to Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, that they have surveyed 180 miles of base and meridian line in the district of Algoma. Their work lay in the valleys of the Missinabie, Opazatika and Kapuskasing Rivers, between 125 and 150 miles north of the C. P. R., the route being by canoe. Good farming land, clay and clay loam, was found in the area, which was nearly all surveyed, and Hudson's Bay Company officers had grown an abundance of fine potatoes there. The chief timber in the district comprises spruce, poplar, tamarac, balsam of Gilead, balsam and white birch.

### SPINAL CORD SPLICED.

A Remarkable Operation Performed at Medicine Hat.

A despatch from Medicine Hat, Alta., says: A very difficult operation was performed on Engineer Glover on Thursday afternoon in the Medicine Hat General Hospital by Dr. C. F. Smith, assisted by Dr. C. E. Smyth and Dr. Goodlands. In the head-on collision here last Friday night Glover's back was broken and the spinal cord mangled. No hopes of his recovery could be entertained unless the cord could be replaced, and this operation was undertaken Thursday, the spinal cord of a dog being used to take the place of the original one for about an inch. The case is being watched with extreme interest by medical practitioners.

### SOUTHERN INDIANA SHOCKED.

Succession of Earthquakes Cause a Panic in Many Places.

A despatch from Indianapolis, Ind., says: Southern Indiana was visited by a succession of earthquake shocks between 10 and 11 o'clock on Friday morning, and in some places they were so severe as to frighten the people, causing them to leave their homes and rush into the streets. At some points as many as three shocks were felt, while at others there was a succession of tremors that lasted several seconds, but not distant enough to be recognized as separate shocks.

### GUARDING ST. LAWRENCE.

Powerful Guns in New Fortifications Below Quebec.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Over 100 men are now employed upon the new fortifications, which are being erected ten miles below Quebec by the Militia Department. The fortifications consist of two masked batteries, each mounting two guns of the latest and most powerful description, and capable of sweeping a 12-mile stretch of the St. Lawrence. It is estimated that the work will be completed in two years.

### CHILDREN'S COURTS.

Law Now Requires That They Should be Established.

Youthful offenders under sixteen or homeless children should be removed entirely from the jurisdiction of the regular Courts and be dealt with by a specially organized Children's Court. In connection with this Court there should be a detention home and probation officers to investigate charges of youthful wrongdoing and homelessness, etc., and submit to the judge a report of each case. Children charged with petty offences should be placed temporarily under the care of these officers, who would supervise the home life, help to procure employment, or take whatever steps might be necessary to remove the cause of offence. Judge Tutthill, who had charge of the Children's Court in Chicago for a time, was asked what he thought about the born criminals and degenerates. He is quoted as replying "There are no born criminals. If I felt that I should lose faith in God, Society makes criminals, and environment and education makes criminals, but they are not born so." He further expressed the opinion that if the best children in the world were submitted to the same influences as the children daily brought before him they would commit the same offences. The home surroundings and early training of children are all important factors in determining their subsequent career. When children get into conflict with the law it is rarely their fault, and their cases should be studied in a kindly parental way by persons whose love of childhood is greater than their sense of so-called justice. Only in this way can they be permanently removed from the criminal classes.

J. J. KELSO, Toronto.

### THE HERRING INDUSTRY.

Scotch Expert Has Proved Value of Canadian Fish.

A Montreal despatch says: Mr. J. J. Cowie who has been employed by the Canadian Government for two seasons demonstrating the Scotch method of herring-curing and packing, has accomplished most encouraging results this summer in the Baie des Chaleurs. Heretofore the fishermen of Gloucester have made no use of the large runs of Spring herring excepting as bait and garden fertilizer. Mr. Cowie, however, with his up-to-date methods of handling this fish, has shown that they have a value quite equal to the Scotch article, and a pack has been made that will probably realize from ten to twelve dollars a barrel in New York.

The Fall run has now begun, and Mr. Cowie says he never saw such herring in his life. The Canadian fish of this class has never commanded a high price, owing to the primitive way in which it was cured and packed.

### AN ADVANCE IN LEATHER.

A Radical Increase Decided Upon by the Tanners.

A Toronto despatch says: Leather is to go up in price. An advance, which will effect consumers throughout the entire Dominion of Canada, was decided upon on Thursday, when at a meeting of the tanners' section of the Board of Trade resolutions were unanimously adopted, that in view of the continued advance on hides and tanning material, harness leather be advanced two cents per pound above August prices, measured leather one cent per foot, and that all other leathers be advanced in proportion, and that the discount on all leather sold to the retail trade be 2 per cent., in accord with the cash discount now given by the jobbing and wholesale trade.

### GERMANY'S NEW BATTLESHIP.

Projectiles 280 Pounds heavier Than Any Used at Present.

A despatch from Berlin says: According to the Cologne Gazette the new German 19,000-ton battleship, which will be a rival of the British Dreadnought, will carry 16 big guns, compared with the Dreadnought's 10. They, however, will be of rather smaller calibre, although their enormous length, 46 feet, will enable them to carry an unusually heavy charge, while the projectiles will be 280 pounds heavier than any of the present German projectiles.

### STEAMER SERVICE TO MEXICO.

Two Years' Arrangement, Conditional on Parliamentary Sanction.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Trade and Commerce Department was officially notified on Wednesday by the Mexican Government that arrangements had been entered into with Mr. Warsnop, representing British capitalists, for a steamship service between both countries on the Pacific. The arrangement is for two years, and is conditional on the Mexican Congress and the Canadian Parliament approving of the same.

### INDIA RICE FAMINE.

Prices Abnormal and Crowds are Looting the Shops.

A despatch from Calcutta says: The rice famine in the northern provinces of India is becoming worse and is extending toward Bengal. Prices are abnormal, and crowds are looting the shops.

## LEADING MARKETS

### BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Sept. 11.—New oats, No. 2, sold on the local call board to-day at 32c outside, on 6c rate to Toronto. Manitoba wheat was not quoted, but it is held at 70c, at lake ports, for No. 1 northern and 76½c for No. 2.

Flour—Ontario—\$2.70 is bid for 90 per cent. patents, in buyers' bags, outside, for export.

Millfeed—Bran \$14 to \$14.50, shorts \$18 to \$18.50 in bulk, outside.

Call board quotations were: Wheat—Ontario—70c bid for No. 2 white, 71c asked, outside; 68½c bid, 70½c asked for mixed, 67c bid for goose.

Barley—48c bid for No. 2, 44c bid for No. 3 outside.

Peas—73½c bid outside.

Oats—34c bid for No. 2 mixed, to arrive, Toronto.

Rye—63c bid, 65c asked outside.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Continues in active demand, while receipts of choice are light.

Creamery ..... 23c to 25c  
do solids ..... 22c to 23c  
dairy prints ..... 21c to 22c  
do pails ..... 18c to 20c  
do tubs ..... 17c to 18c

Interior ..... 17c to 18c  
Cheese—Unchanged at 13½c for large and 13¼c for twins.

Eggs—Prices are unchanged at 16½ to 17½c for new-laid and 12½ to 13c for splits.

Potatoes—The market is easy in tone at 50c to 60c per bushel.

Baled Hay—\$10 is being quoted for prompt shipment for No. 1 timothy. The general price is \$9.50 for No. 1 timothy and \$8 for No. 2 in car lots here.

Straw—Car lots on track here are quoted at \$6 per ton.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 11.—Grain—Fair inquiry for wheat by cable this morning, and, as prices are now in line, some business was worked. The oat market continues steady, under a good demand for both local consumption and export.

Oats—No. 2 white, 38c; No. 3 white, 37c; No. 4, 36c per bushel, ex-store.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat, \$4.60 to \$4.70; strong bakers', \$3.90 to \$4.20; winter wheat patents, \$4.25 to \$4.35; straight rollers, \$3.90 to \$4.10; do in bags, \$1.85 to \$1.90; extras, \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, in bags, \$18.50 to \$19; shorts, \$21.50 to \$22; milled moule, \$21 to \$25; straight grain \$28 to \$29 per ton.

Rolled Oats—Per bag, \$2.10 to \$2.25.

Hay—No. 1, \$11; No. 2, \$10 to \$10.50; clover, mixed, \$9 to \$9.50; pure clover, \$7.50 per ton in car lots.

### BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, Sept. 11.—Wheat Spring firm; No. 1 Northern, 83c; Winter, no demand; No. 2 white, 75c. Corn—Firm; No. 2 yellow, 55½c; No. 2 white, 55½c.

Oats—Fair to steady; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 2 mixed, 33½c. Barley—Quiet; Ohio offered at 46 to 47c. Rye—Scarce; No. 1 quoted at 62c. Canal freights—Steady.

### NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, Sept. 11.—Spot easy; No. 2 red, 76½c elevator; No. 2 red, 77½c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 83c f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 81c f.o. b. afloat.

### CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Sept. 11.—The feature of the trade at the Western-Market to-day was the active demand for choice butchers' cattle, which were scarce.

No choice exporters' were offered. The general quotations were \$4.35 to \$4.60 for medium; and \$4.65 to \$4.90 for good to choice.

Choice butchers', \$4.50 to \$4.75; fair to good, \$4.30 to \$4.45; medium, \$4 to \$4.25; common, \$3.50 to \$3.75; cows, \$3 to \$3.50; bulls, \$3 to \$3.25; canners, \$1.75 to \$2 per cwt.

Stockers were quoted at \$2.50 to \$3.40; stock bulls at \$2 to \$2.25; feeders at \$3.75 to \$4.20, and short-keeps at \$4.20 to \$4.60 per cwt.

Trade was quiet for milch cows, and prices were steady. Prices ranged from \$25 to \$50. In the cases of extra choice animals higher prices were paid.

An easy feeling prevailed in sheep and lambs, which were offered in liberal numbers. The prices of calves were also weaker. Export ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.50; export bucks, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.15 per cwt. Calves sold at \$3 to \$6 per cwt.

Hogs were quoted at \$6.40 for selects, and \$6.15 for lights and fats.

### LUMBER MILLS SHUT DOWN.

Low Water in Ottawa Has Checked the Supply of Logs.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The water is so low in the Ottawa River that it is impossible to get logs over the slide in Hull, and as a consequence mills whose supply comes from the Upper Ottawa have been forced to shut down. At Hawkesbury the big mills of the Hawkesbury Lumber Company are idle and about six hundred men are out of employment. In Hull the Eddy Company's saw mill has suspended operations in the day-time, and runs only at night. At J. B. Bopph's the big mill is running full in the day-time, but only half of it is operated at night. It is years since the water has been anywhere near so low as it is at present.