

## REFORMS IN RUSSIA; STRENGTHENING ARMY.

### She Has Called 320,000 New Men to the Colors.

St. Petersburg, July 20.—In furtherance of the proposed domestic reforms, a new law has been promulgated, giving factory employers the right to appoint delegates from their co-workers to represent their interests in conferences with the factory inspectors. The plan for the formation of a new police force to maintain security in the rural districts of 46 provinces of European Russia, will be carried out immediately in 15 of these provinces. But, owing to the large expenditure involved, \$2,250,000, six years will be allowed for its complete execution in the other provinces.

Over 200,000 men have been called to the colors in order to complete the strength of the Russian army and navy for the present year.

**Gave Her a Title.**  
Dresden, Saxony, July 20.—In compliance with her request, King George has conferred on the Princess Louise, former Crown Princess of Saxony, the title of Countess Montignoso.

**Better Relations Now.**  
Berlin, July 20.—Despatches received at the Foreign Office here from St. Petersburg and Tokio in-

dicate that the relations between Russia and Japan have greatly improved within the past fortnight, and it is now believed that the two governments will soon arrive at a complete understanding.

**Lady Cook's Persecutor in Trouble.**  
London, July 20.—J. H. Wallace, formerly secretary of the late Sir Francis Cook, who recently achieved great notoriety here in connection with his suits for libel against Lady Cook, formerly Miss Tennessee Chaffin, of New York, has been arrested in connection with the mysterious death of his wife. She was found dead in her flat, while Wallace was discovered on the floor with his throat cut.

Wallace was taken before a magistrate this morning and charged with the murder of his wife. The case was adjourned. His wife's death is supposed to be due to heart disease.

**Moods in Austria.**  
Vienna, July 20.—Terrible reports are arriving here of the devastation caused by floods in various parts of the country. The worst storm in many years broke over Marienbad and stopped all traffic. Hundreds of visitors at fashionable Spa were compelled to go to restaurants and pass the night on tables and chairs, as it was impossible to return to their hotels.

## VENEZUELA PAYS INDEMNITY TO THE ALLIED POWERS.

### Lineman Shocked to Death in Presence of Hundreds in the Streets.

Caracas, July 20.—The Venezuelan Government yesterday paid to the representatives of the allied powers the last instalments of the indemnity of the protocol.

**Electrocuted in Mid-air.**  
Battle Creek, Mich., July 20.—Earl C. Hayward, a Michigan telephone lineman from Grand Rapids, was electrocuted yesterday at Main and Monroe streets, in the presence of several hundred people who watched him hang in mid-air until rescued by an aerial truck from the fire department. Hayward started to fall from his wire, and grabbed a live wire, then fell across a cable and hung there 15 minutes.

**A South Carolina Row.**  
Columbia, S. C., July 20.—George Edwards, a negro, yesterday shot and killed Will Hall, postmaster at Chilesburg, S. C., and attempted to shoot a younger brother of his victim, but was prevented by citizens with bloodhounds, and a lynching is probable.

**Spain transferred her Asiatic insular possessions to the United States, the question arose as to whether the treaty had ceded the outlying islands of Cagayan, Sulu and Sibutu. To settle all doubts, this government made a separate treaty with Spain, providing for the purchase of these two islands for \$100,000. The treaty was ratified and the money paid.**

**In January last, the gunboat Albatross, Lieut. A. E. Walker commanding, went to the Cagayan Sulu group with Lieut. F. L. Chapin, flag lieutenant to Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic fleet. Lieut. Chapin was instructed to survey the boundaries of the group and raise the Stars and Stripes on the island. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the general board of the navy, and with the approval of the State Department. It had been ascertained by the State Department that both England and Germany had by treaty recognized Spanish sovereignty over this group, and the boundaries of the Spanish possessions in that vicinity being fixed at one marine league from the coast of North Borneo. There does not therefore appear to be any doubt of the right of the United States to the islands, and they have been surveyed and entered upon United States charts as American possessions.**

**It is probable that a question on the subject will be asked in the House. It is believed the rumor refers to the difficulty in determining a line between the Philippines and British Borneo islands.**

**London, July 20.—The Chronicle asserts that the British Foreign Office is communicating with Washington regarding the reported U. S. seizure of a number of islands off the coast of Borneo, and has asked for an explanation of the seizure.**

**The British North Borneo Company, which claims the islands, says that they are undoubtedly British, forming part of the territory of 81,000 square miles over which the company exercises jurisdiction.**

**The Chronicle, which names the islands, declares that although they are insignificant in size, they are of the greatest strategic importance, and that the situation created by the action of the United States is an exceedingly delicate one.**

**The paper adds that upon making inquiries at the American Embassy, its representative was informed that the step had been contemplated for some time, and was simply the consummation of an undeniable American right. The informant did not know why the islands had not been occupied sooner, but the step was taken now to demonstrate the American right, and to establish more clearly the defined boundary between the possessions of the United States in the Philippines and Sulu and the British company's territory. The islands were never occupied by any European nation, and the Sultan of Sulu, who exercised nominal sway there, had conferred his authority upon the United States.**

**Islets in Dispute Bought From Spain.**  
Washington, July 20.—The news which appeared to have just reached London that the United States Government had taken possession of a group of islands off the coast of British North Borneo is very stale in Washington. These islands comprise the Cagayan Sulu group. They are about twenty in number, and most of them are mere bits of land, except the treaty of Paris, by which

### HELD FUNERAL SERVICE.

Tribute to Late Judge Armour at the Temple Church.

London Cable.—The funeral services were held to-day at the Temple Church over the remains of Justice John Douglas Armour, who died July 11th. Secretary White attended as the representative of the United States Embassy. Other distinguished persons present were Lord Strathcona, Chief Justice Alverstone, Sir Robert Finlay, Attorney General, and Sir Charles Tupper, former Premier of Canada. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain was not present, but was represented by Lord Monk Bretton, his private secretary.

### A STATE OF SIEGE.

Men Work in a Strike Under Protection of Police.

Toronto, Despatch.—The most unique fight between capital and labor that has ever occurred in Toronto is being waged between the striking union moulder and their employers, at Toronto Junction, Canada. The Canada Foundry Company, at Toronto Junction, England, Scotland and the United States have been secured for moulding, sometimes armed, 40 moulders, claiming among them at least three countries as the land of their birth, are employed under double wages in the moulding shops of the Canada Foundry Company.

The men both live and work on the company's property. Eight tons

have been thrown up, and ten carpenters and mechanics are rushing to completion a one-story building which is to serve as a dining-room. This will seat 150 people. These moulder are estimated to be the northwest side of the Canada Foundry site and adjacent to Danforth road and the C. P. R. Railway tracks.

Four State policemen patrol the several acres upon which operates the Canada Foundry Company, and since Monday have received strict instructions to arrest any union picket who may be found hanging about. At night this number is increased to eight, whose duty it is to protect from molestation the men in the tents and the company's plant at the cost of lives, if necessary.

### FARMERS KIDNAP STUDENTS.

Hold Up Train and Capture Other Men's Farm Hands.

Topeka, Kan., July 20.—One squad of eastern college and high school students which was started from Topeka to the harvest fields of Ness county yesterday failed to reach the destination to which it was assigned by the State Employment Director. The train on which the students were travelling reached the little town of Otis, on the line between Barton and Rush counties, this morning shortly after daylight. It was boarded there by a crowd of wheat growers, who were determined to have harvest hands at any cost.

The students were asleep, but the farmers awoke their errand in the country, and when told that the men were harvesters they were forced to leave the train. Several of the young men were willing to get off at Otis, but some of those who had promised the employment director that they would go to Ness county were determined to remain on the train. Some of the athletes among these latter would have preferred to fight farmers for a short time, but the latter fought to save their crops, and then the train moved on the students, barely awakened and badly dishevelled, stood on the station platform willing to accept the fortunes of war and go to the harvest fields with their determined employers.

None of the young men was hurt in the contest, but several carried pieces of car furniture, which they had torn away in an endeavor to stay on the train. Had the young men understood Kansas conditions they would have been glad to leave the train in Ness county without trouble by telling the Otis farmers that they were bound for the mountains and did not intend to work in the harvest fields.

The average Kansas farmer believes he has the right to use all of the available labor he can find and has no scruples against using that which has been consigned to his neighbor.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. J. G. Blaine is dead, aged 76. Russian officials scoff at the idea of backing out of Manchuria.

Gross election frauds are reported in Germany.

John D. Edwards, stock broker, of Toronto, is missing.

George Garrison, a Bedford teamster, fell off his wagon in a fit, was run over and killed.

George Gould says he will make Baltimore the Atlantic terminus of his new transcontinental system.

Rev. H. E. Abraham was inducted into the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope.

United States have asked the Car of Russia to name their arbiters to settle the Venezuelan trouble.

Daniel J. Kelly, wanted in St. Louis in connection with charges of bribing the Legislature, is in Toronto.

Sir Charles Tupper has arrived in London. His friends are delighted with the continued evidence of his mental and physical vigor.

The death of the late Senator Dickey makes the forty-eighth vacancy in the Senate since the accession of the Laurier Government in 1896.

Russian authorities sanctioned the export of wheat from Neuchwang notwithstanding China's general prohibition of the export of Chinese grain.

The Turkish troops cruelly treated and killed thirty-four persons while trying to extort money in the village of Yenidje.

Proctor Hogle, a G. T. R. section-man hurt on the Grand Trunk at Sider crossing, near Brighton, last week, is doing well and out of danger.

A life convict in the Kingston Penitentiary tried to commit suicide by hanging. He was found by Guard Eccles and cut down in time to save his life.

The London Times' Berlin correspondent says Great Britain is calumniated by the continental press at the instance of Russia to distract attention from the discontent within that empire.

The Strike Insurance Company in New Orleans is now a fact, having been put on a permanent footing by an underwriting bureau there. W. C. Nones, of Louisville, has been named attorney and general manager.

It was rumored at an early hour this morning that John Jones, Toronto Street Commissioner, was seriously afflicted with a paralytic stroke at his summer home, near Barrie.

The Southport express train, crowded with passengers, jumped the track last evening at Waterloo, five miles from Liverpool. Eight persons were killed, and fifteen injured, according to late reports.

Ottawa has another smallpox case at Porter's Island, and again the patient has come from out of town. The victim is a young farm hand named Ross, from Mulgrave, near Buckingham.

A delegation from the medical faculties of the University of Toronto the Trinity Medical College has asked the Ontario Government to endow six chairs in the proposed medical faculty of the Trinity University, as part of the federation scheme.

President Shields, of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, reports that some of the works established have proved unprofitable and will be cut off. The report also shows how the capital of the company has been invested.

Mr. Arthur Piers, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific's steamship service, is in London. His visit is associated with the fast mail negotiations, and it is very probable that the contract will ultimately go to the Canadian Pacific.

While a runaway trolley car was dashing down State street hill, Schenectady, N. Y., at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour yesterday morning, the conductor sat on the top of the car to prevent them from jumping, and thus, doubtless, saved their lives.

The fund that is being raised for presentation to Premier Ross now amounts in cash and subscriptions to \$30,000. It has not been decided yet when the presentation will be made, but the committee is looking after the subscriptions will probably wait until the fund has reached \$50,000.

**SHARES BY INSTALMENTS.**  
Model Rules to Come Into Force in August.

Toronto, July 20.—The Chief Registrar of Loan Companies will immediately issue notices to all companies engaged in the business of collecting weekly or monthly instalments for shares, fixing a date, in August on which those companies must adopt by-laws in accordance with the legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature. The by-laws, which shall be printed in bold, clear type on the books or cards of each subscriber a notice that the payments are not ordinary deposits, but are for withdrawal for shares, and that the subscriber is entitled to the full value of the shares at the end of the term agreed upon. Rules will be carefully drawn, so as to protect, as far as possible the subscribers, and to enable any ordinary intelligent person to understand clearly the conditions attached to the shares.

The companies concerned are anxious to meet the views of the department, and inquiry shows that the system meets the requirements of many people who can pay a weekly or monthly sum when called upon, but who could not make a weekly journey to the head office of a company.

No new company will be allowed to embark in this class of business in Ontario, and the Department has begun proceedings against some private parties who have launched out in this line of business in Toronto.

## VOLGA STEAMER BURNED, TWELVE PERSONS PERISH.

### Strong Measures Taken to Suppress Popular Outbreaks.

St. Petersburg, July 20.—The steamer Nadejda, plying on the Volga, has been destroyed by fire, near Nizhny Novgorod. Twelve persons were burned to death.

**Secret Police Instructions.**  
London, July 20.—From its Russian correspondent the Times prints this morning the secret police instructions issued at St. Petersburg, Odesa, and other towns for the prevention of popular outbreaks. The police are empowered to suppress the tramway service and take various severe measures at the slightest sign of trouble, whilst the cities are divided into districts to facilitate prompt military action if needed. The stringent character of the instructions is regarded as showing that the authorities have little confidence in the loyalty of the population.

**Manchurian Question Settled.**  
Washington, July 20.—The Manchurian question has been settled satisfactorily to the U. S. Government. Assurance have been received from the Chinese Government that it will, in the near future, open as

many ports, several ports now closed to the world's trade. The Russian Government has conveyed formal assurance to the U. S. Government, that it will not in any way, oppose such opening. While the ports to be opened are not yet specified, it is gathered from the communications received that they are Mukden, the principal inland port of Manchuria, and Ta Tung Kao, at the mouth of the Yalu River. The State Department is highly gratified at this outcome, feeling that it has secured not only for U. S. commerce, but for the commerce of the world at large a visible gain.

**The Monetary Condition.**  
St. Johns, Nfld., July 20.—A tug which returned 30-days from the wrecked steamer Monterey, near St. Pierre, brought the captain of the steamer, Lloyds' agent, and the only passenger who was aboard. The tug reports the ship in a critical condition. Her head is full of water, and it is unlikely that she can be refloated. The cattle are being landed, and there is hope also of saving part of the cargo. The wrecking tug Petrel is bound from the scene from Port au Prince, and will reach the wreck to-night.

**CIUDAD-BOLIVAR BESIEGED.**  
CASTRO WOULD SPARE LIVES.

Ferrara, However, is Doomed if He Falls Into His Hands.

Soledad, Venezuela, July 20.—The situation is unchanged. The attack on Ciudad-Bolivar by the Venezuelan Government troops, which appeared imminent yesterday morning as called to the Associated Press, at the time, has been postponed, at the request of the American and Russian Consuls, and the Bishop, who transmitted to President Castro, through General Gomez, the Commander-in-Chief of the forces, a long telegram asking him to be magnanimous and to show mercy to all if the revolutionists surrender. It is known that the President answered as follows: Yes, for every one, except the traitor of Ferrara, the cause of so many

tears and the cause of so many orphaned.

The final period of delay being General Gomez for a definite answer to his request for the surrender of General Rolando and his followers expires to-day, but the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that at the last minute President Castro, wishing to save the lives of the inhabitants of Ciudad-Bolivar, and to avoid the horrors which must follow the storming of the city, General Gomez not to open fire if he is not attacked, but to simply besiege the city. The revolutionists, having no provisions, cannot resist more than a few days. The Venezuelan man-of-war Bolivar has left for the island of Trinidad, to fetch provisions for the Government troops.

**STATUE IN LONDON.**  
Pilgrims' Club Decides to Erect One to Washington.

London, July 20.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pilgrims' Club to-night, a committee was appointed to give effort to the recent suggestion to erect a statue to George Washington, in London. It was decided that the subscriptions should be entirely confined to British subjects. Archdeacon Sinclair, in submitting the plan to the society, said:

"Englishmen have at last fully recognized the great qualities of Washington. I feel assured that nothing will be more popular in this country than such a tribute to that great man of English birth, who has done so much for the world's history, not only for the young nation across the sea, but for Great Britain as well."

Archdeacon Sinclair announced that he was authorized to offer a place for the statue in St. Paul's Cathedral.

**GAG PROFANE PRISONERS.**  
Atlanta Judge's Instructions to Policemen.

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—City Judge R. A. Broyles to-day ordered policemen to provide themselves with gags and use them on persons who swear when arrested. The Judge said:

"It is the duty of the officers to continually gag every prisoner, male or female, who begins to abuse the officers and to use profane language when he or she is placed under arrest. This thing has reached the limit. I for one am tired of hearing officers tell of the frightful blackguarding and cursing they have to stand at the hands of prisoners. Besides, people passing on the streets, and often times ladies, are compelled to listen to this vile talk. You officers must use them on every scoundrel who uses such language."

The Judge then gave some negro prisoners who had been cursing three months.

**CAUGHT ALLEGED MURDERER.**  
Constables Chase Out on Traveller's Tip and Capture Man.

Monterey, Mex., July 20.—Marion ryk, accused of murdering a fellow-countryman near Tynclad, was recognized while passing through the town of Atlanta by W. H. Tyson, traveller for the McCormick Machine Company. On his arrival in town he reported having seen him about half a mile south of the village, and the authorities were immediately put upon his track. Search parties were sent from Atlanta and Gretna, and Messrs. Johnston and Miller caught him on "The west side of the track about four miles south of the town. Constable Johnston has taken the prisoner to Winnipeg.

**BALFOUR BLOCKS DEBATE.**  
Refuses to Give Facilities to the House to Discuss Tariff.

London, July 20.—Premier Balfour in the House of Commons to-day, refused to give the House facilities for a full, general debate on Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's proposed fiscal changes. The matter was brought up by Sir Michael Hicks Beach, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, and was supported by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader.

Mr. Balfour said he did not think any useful purpose would be served by an abstract discussion, addressed to no particular motion; that the matter had already been debated several times under similar conditions. If Sir Henry raised a debate by introducing a vote of censure of the Government, he said he would grant the facilities desired.

**THE WALKING DELEGATES.**  
Three of Them Under Indictments for Extortion.

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