

## A HARD TASK TO FACE

### RISE IN BALTIC PROVINCES NOT EASY TO QUELL

#### Bitter Attack on Premier Witte and All Members of His Cabinet—Energetic Action by Government

ST. PETERSBURG.—The situation in the Baltic provinces is still critical. The military at Reval, Mitau and Riga are adopting the most energetic measures. A station master who refused to send out a train at Orloff has been hanged. The insurgents made several attempts to derail a military train between Libau and Hasenforth.

Arrests of extremists in St. Petersburg continue. An editor and others charged with distributing revolutionary literature among the stores have been detained by the police. The Molva (Russ) says Count Solsky's commission has decided to change the council of state into an upper house consisting of 100 members, fifty of whom will be appointed and fifty elected.

The Narodnaia Svoboda, the former organ of Prof. Paul M. Milukoff, makes an ardent appeal to the electors to prepare for the campaign and to organize meetings for the propagation of the program of the constitutional democrats.

The Slovo, the conservative organ, which recently turned upon Count Witte, delivers a broadside, not only impugning the motives of the premier in the present war against the "reds" but openly attacking the records of members of the cabinet. It says:

"Russian society supports the war against anarchy, but refuses to believe that Witte is making a fight in the interests of freedom, as all his life he has been the prince of bureaucrats. Witte is a good deal of a broker and something of a journalist, but at heart he is a political gambler, and lacks the ring of sincerity. No government without honesty can inspire confidence.

The fact that one minister was caught in a shady grain operation; that another was found to be supplying railroad ties; that another was engaged in questionable transactions in commercial paper; and that another was selling national secrets justifies the nation in distrusting the ministry.

"The revolutionists are to be condemned, but when the unwritten history of the past twenty years is called, it will be seen that their methods of robbery, violence and falsehood were only the usual methods of the bureaucracy. Could the lies of the revolutionaries exceed those of the foreign office or their pillage equal ten years of the administration of the ministry of finance? We don't want geniuses, but clean men such as the douma only will be able to give us."

It is expected that railroad and telegraphic communication with Riga will be resumed soon.

The government's strongly worded announcement that it purposes to pursue to the bitter end the policy of putting down the "reds", following on the heels of the crushing of the revolt at Moscow, demonstrates the confidence of Premier Witte's government that it has the ability to complete the task it has undertaken. The main cause of this confidence is the fidelity displayed by the troops. That the government was uncertain of how far the extensive propaganda conducted by the revolutionists in the army had shaken the loyalty of the troops is unquestionable, but the events of the last fortnight, it seems to believe have proved completely reassuring on this point.

Despite the rigorous, ruthless fashion in which the war against the "reds" is conducted, the government is taking every opportunity by word and act to try to prove to the public that the repression of the revolutionists does not involve the abandonment of the reform program but on the contrary their suppression is necessary in order that the new regime may be realized.

It was learned by the Associated press, through Premier Witte himself, that the report that he was urging the immediate promulgation of a constitution is incorrect.

"Until the douma meets" he said, "I stand firmly on the manifesto of October 30. Not one step in advance nor one step in the rear will I go till the douma reassembles."

## MANY DEAD IN MINE

### OVER A SCORE KILLED BY WEST VIRGINIA EXPLOSION

#### Whole Country Is Shaken

#### Have Succumbed to Accumulation of Gas If Not Killed Instantly—Rescue Work Is Difficult

BLUEFIELD.—Twenty-one miners in the Coaldale company's shaft at Coaldale, W. Va., were probably instantly killed by an explosion that took there. There were three white men and eighteen colored men entombed, and no hope is held out that any of them escaped death. The explosion was of terrific force and caused intense excitement throughout the surrounding country, many people believing an earthquake had occurred. All hope of recovering alive the entombed miners has been shattered by the pouring forth of gases from the different entries. If the twenty-one men were not all killed instantly by the explosion it is believed that they must have succumbed to the great accumulation of gas following the explosion.

Great crowds were attracted by the disaster and a large rescuing party soon began work.

At 4 o'clock one man was brought out. He was H. C. Conard, and his body was literally torn to pieces. Up to a late hour at night no other bodies were recovered. There was considerable smoke and gas in the entries, and notwithstanding the fact that the big fans were in good order and were working with full capacity the gas and smoke were not being driven out very fast.

#### Lock Hiller Up

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Allan Maxey Hiller, brother-in-law of Charles A. Edwards, the New York man who was shot to death in a mysterious manner while at the home of Charles A. Hiller, another brother-in-law here, was locked up at police headquarters for a short time by order of Coroner Mix. It was later explained by this official that he wanted to have Mr. Hiller handy on the resumption of the inquest later in the evening, and that Mr. Hiller was simply held as a witness. This action was taken at the end of a sitting of the coroner's inquest of about five hours.

The news of the coroner's action spread like wild fire and the general supposition was reached that Mr. Hiller had been placed under arrest. For this reason Coroner Mix made the definite announcement that Maxey Hiller's detention was simply temporary.

The inquest was resumed and among the witnesses called were Mrs. Maxey Hiller, Charles and Maxey Hiller. It is understood that the examination of witnesses did not develop any special features, the questioning was mostly as to family affairs of the Hillers, and it is understood that admissions were made that the disagreements between Maxey Hiller and his sister, Mrs. Edwards, were very bitter, and that the alleged enmity of the former extended to Mr. Edwards. It is understood that the coroner in the course of his all day inquiry has found that Mr. Edwards had often told his friends that Maxey Hiller had made threats against him.

Medical Examiner Bartlett who was in charge of the autopsy, has prepared his report. It is stated that the report will show that Mr. Edwards was killed by a bullet of a 22-calibre, which penetrated his brain. The weapon used must have been held very close to the head.

The point whether the pistol was held by Mr. Edwards or another person is not yet made clear as the coroner has not announced the medical examiner's verbal report, but it is understood that an opinion has been expressed that such a wound might have been self-inflicted, but in this instance, it was unlikely. The coroner has not yet found the weapon used in the shooting, in spite of the rigid search made for it, even to overhauling the old Hiller homestead by aid of plumbers and carpenters.

At the close of the inquest there seemed to be more mystery attached to the case than at any previous time. It is understood that no direct evidence bearing upon the actual shooting has been produced.

## KILLS ALL IN HOME

### MURDEROUS FRENZY ATTACKS A MICHIGAN FARMER

#### Allows No One To Escape

#### Axe Used in Slaughter of Members of Family—Caldwell, Idaho, Police Get New Evidence Against Hogan

ROCHESTER, Mich.—Alarmed by the deserted appearance of the farmhouse of Clarence A. Barnum, who recently located here, neighbors broke into the house, and found Barnum, his wife and his daughter Louise, aged twenty, and son Clarence, aged sixteen, all lying dead. The wife and son and daughter had apparently been murdered with an axe. A single-barreled shotgun lying near the corpse of Barnum and the fact that his head was almost entirely blown off, showed how the farmer himself had met his end. Mrs. Barnum's body lay in the woodshed. It appeared that she had been able to resist the murderer for a brief time, or at any rate had succeeded in eluding him long enough to reach the shed. But here she was struck down and met the same fate that had befallen her son and daughter.

The appearance of the house indicated that the family had just finished breakfast when the murderous frenzy of the father broke out. Evidently there had been a terrible struggle as the mother and children battled for their lives. The dining room was all bespattered with blood, even the ceiling. Under the dining room table lay the father's body, a gun across his knee. Apparently he had taken the muzzle into his mouth before pulling the trigger. Three extra cartridges stood on the sideboard as if in readiness to overtake any member of the family who might succeed in escaping the murderous axe. There was blood on the handle of the axe, but the blades had been washed.

In the dining room where the body of the father lay, was also that of the daughter. The son's corpse was in the kitchen. It is thought that the boy was the first attacked; that the mother was killed in the woodshed next and that the father turned last to the daughter imprisoned in the dining room where the disturbance had apparently begun. The wife and son and daughter all had their heads terribly cut and crushed with the axe.

Barnum sold a farm near Homer, Mich., only a few months ago and located here late in the season. It is said that the harvest in his new home did not meet his expectations, and that he had become despondent. This was made very evident in a letter he had written to a brother in Waterloo, N. Y.

Two other sons and a daughter were away from home when the tragedy occurred. William Barnum is the editor of the College News Letter, an official publication of the university of Michigan, Ann Arbor; John Barnum lives at Coldwater, Mich. The surviving daughter, Mary Barnum, resides at Albion, Michigan.

#### Bomb Made At a Hotel

CALDWELL, Idaho.—Police Captain Swain says: "We have conclusive evidence that the mob used in the assassination of Governor Steunenberg was manufactured in room 19 of the Saratoga hotel (the room occupied by Hogan), and that the details of the plans were probably formulated here."

Vessels in Hogan's room, said Swain show a sediment of plaster of paris. It was further stated by the captain that the evidence accumulated against Hogan was overwhelming. He did not feel justified in making much of it public, but one feature was the finding of Hogan's shoes that he wore on the night of the murder. The shoes had nails in the soles and these nails were found to fit perfectly into tracks which are believed to have been made by the assassin while escaping from the scene.

Hogan was brought into court and formally committed to the custody of the sheriff. There are two other suspects in jail, and two more will arrive from Council soon.

Those at Council are F. Campbell and Harold Warren.

The latter two were in Nampa when Hogan was there and they all registered at the local hotel.

## WAS IN FEAR OF PANIC

### WALL STREET GIVEN A SCARE BY BANKER SCHIFF

#### Declares Energy of President Farly Misdirected—No Immediate Fear of Trouble But Bound to come in Time

NEW YORK.—Unless there is currency reform a panic, beside which former panics will seem insignificant, was predicted by Jacob H. Schiff, head of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in a speech before the New York chamber of commerce. Mr. Schiff said he did not regard such a panic as imminent, but believed it will come unless something is done to remedy the loss of elasticity for the present currency system. He declared that he did not favor the plan proposed by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw for relief of the situation, it being his opinion that the secretary's plan would aid speculation rather than legitimate business.

Mr. Schiff favored a currency based on commercial paper as more helpful to the general business interests of the country.

The speech created a sensation in financial circles, and caused a sharp break in prices on the stock exchange. The meeting of the chamber was attended by a large number of business men and financiers and a resolution on the subject offered by Mr. Schiff was unanimously adopted.

This resolution was:

"Resolved That, it be referred to the committee on finance and currency to consider the recommendation of the secretary of the treasury made in his report to congress to permit national banks to issue a volume of additional government guaranteed currency, equal in amount to 50 per cent of the bonded currency maintained by them, but subject to a tax of 5 or 6 per cent until redeemed.

"Resolved, That the committee on finance and currency submit a report at the next monthly meeting of the chamber on the afore-mentioned recommendation of the secretary of the treasury, together with any other different measures which the committee may be able to suggest as efficient and practicable for the attainment of the purpose for which the recommendation of the secretary of the treasury has been submitted to congress."

When the tenor of Mr. Schiff's remarks became known in Wall street, the effect was shown almost instantly in the stock market. There was a pressure to sell and support to prices seemed entirely lacking, resulting in an uninterrupted decline up to the close, which was active and weak. The shares most vulnerable were those which have been the leaders in the recent bull speculation, especially the metal stock.

After the close of the market Mr. Schiff made this supplementary statement:

"My remarks were dictated simply by the conviction that something must be done to correct our inelastic currency system, if we are not to run in time into great disaster. If the president could be made to see that this is a question of vastly more important to the material interests of the country than that of railroad rate legislation to which he has devoted himself with such admirable energy, congress would soon set to work to remedy our circulation evil in a manner which would safeguard our prosperity."

In the course of his remarks at the chamber of commerce Mr. Schiff said:

"We have witnessed during the past sixty days conditions in the New York money market which are nothing less than a disgrace to any civilized country. There must be a cause for such conditions. It cannot be the condition of the country itself, for wherever you look there is prosperity—prosperity as we never had it before. It cannot be that the speculation which prosperity always bring forward can be the sole reason for the conditions. Other countries have had wider speculation than the United States. "In France, in Germany, in England, speculation is rampant. The cause is the insufficient elasticity of our circulating medium. Last year I went to the secretary of the treasury and said:

"The national banks are gorged with their deposits. Take out some of those deposits and prevent their condition, or else money will seek other countries."

## NEBRASKA NOTES

R. A. Maloney has sold his hardware store at Madison to John Horst and will again engage in the abstract business.

The German bank of Millard has commenced suit against M. and V. Stevens to recover the amount of \$200 on two notes.

Some persons broke the door and entered the slaughter house of Kuntzman & Ramage of Plattsmouth and took a dressed hog.

Frank McClaren, late night operator of the Northwestern passenger depot in West Point, has been appointed station agent at Superior.

Daniel Williams, of Wymore, has been adjudged an inebriate by the insanity Board of Commissioners and ordered taken to the asylum.

Clarence, the 15-year-old son of J. E. Britain of Auburn, accidentally shot himself in the foot with a rifle while out hunting. The wound is not serious.

The biggest land deal made in Beatrice in years was the sale of the Abraham Goosen farm of 400 acres to Herman and William Reimer of that vicinity for \$24,000.

During J. R. Wilson's regime as county judge of Sarpy county he has issued over 400 marriage licenses and has married at least 60 per cent of that number.

Lafe Higgins, a grain dealer at Auburn, had his saddle horse stolen from a hitch rack. A reward of \$75 has been offered for the capture of the thief and their return to the owner.

The fire department of Grand Island has, within the past two weeks, been called out three times to extinguish prairie fires coming into the limits of that city. The long season of dry weather has put the dead grass in such condition that it burns like powder.

A 12-year-old son of Prof. S. Kostlan of Fremont fell off the north end of the Great Northern bridge, a distance of sixteen feet, to the ground and was quite badly injured. The boy was riding his bicycle over the ties, which are only about three inches apart. The wheel turned a little, throwing him headlong over the side of the bridge.

The new warehouse for the Dempster factory at Beatrice, is nearly finished. The building is 60x140 feet, two stories high. The west half of the ground floor will be devoted to the manufacture of steel tanks, which is a branch of the business that has been added to the plant during the last year. At present the Dempster factory is turning out about 500 tanks a month.

The public library board of Grand Island has finally accepted the Carnegie library building and expects to occupy the same in the near future, some of the furniture being already installed. Ground for the building was broken over two years ago, President Roosevelt, upon his visit there, digging up the first spadeful of soil for the excavation.

Auburn is to have another bank. Articles of incorporation of the German-American bank of Auburn have been filed with the county clerk and the state banking board. At a meeting of the incorporators Peter Berlet was elected president, C. E. Ord vice president, and J. M. Wright cashier. Business was commenced the first day.

An important business change occurred at Leigh recently in the firm of Hahn Bros. & Held, which is engaged in the implement business, Hahn Bros. purchasing the third interest of Mr. Held in the business and building. The building, which is a large two-story, double brick, was just completed last fall and is the finest in that town. Hahn will continue the business and Mr. Held will retire.

Miss Derby, aged 18, from Ottumwa, S. D., lies seriously injured in Norfolk as the result of stepping off a moving train through the mistaken idea that a railroad crossing where the train had stopped for a moment, was the railroad station. In falling Miss Derby struck the base of the brain and for several hours she was unconscious.

Fireman F. W. Kraft was run over in the yards at Alliance and had both legs and his right arm so badly crushed they had to be amputated. He will not live. He was riding on the tank of an engine backward to the round house, when, in some way he fell and went under the wheels. Kraft is 21 years of age, single and lives at Howard Lake, Minn. His parents were advised of his critical condition.