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Russian Premier Tells Moderates They Are to Blame for Bloodshed.

FAIL TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT

Every Appeal for Confidence Rejected by Liberal Elements.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10.—(4 p. m.)—Premier Witte today made an interesting statement to a delegation, headed by the mayor of the city, which requested a relaxation of the orders of the prefect of police against meetings in the interest of the electoral campaign. The premier could not promise to do anything until after January 22. While personally he did not sympathize with the harsh measures of Interior Minister Durnovo, he regarded them as essential. The premier could not assume the responsibility for a course which, if it resulted in bloodshed, would make him a scapegoat. He spoke bitterly of the failure of the moderates to give the government support, saying that upon their shoulders largely rests the burden of compelling the government to resort to repression. He added:

The emperor in the manifesto of October 17 of last year granted the people more liberty than any other monarch had ever before given. But you know the attitude which Russian society assumed. The government's efforts to hold meetings were rejected and every liberty granted was abused by the revolutionists. The permission to hold meetings was taken as a license for street disturbances and assemblies to plot against the life of the government. The attitude of the moderates compelled me to adopt harsh measures. I am determined to do so.

Assembly in April.

While the emperor wanted the national assembly to meet in April, possibly in the month of May, the premier said that with the election fixed it will be impossible for it to assemble before April 22.

Speaking of the innumerable disasters with which the government was confronted, the premier openly stated that many of the provincial authorities continued to act independently, instancing Moscow, where before the revolt neither the governor general, the governor nor the prefect informed him of the conditions prevailing there. He said the Moscow revolt was more serious than any other people generally believed.

Recounting a remarkable incident that heretofore had escaped notice the premier said:

"At one time all the stations, except the Nicholas depot, were in the hands of the revolutionists. The latter, in desperation, started the building two cars loaded with dynamite at the station with the intention of blowing it up. A frightful disaster was averted by a timely warning of the plot, which enabled the authorities to have a military train with steam up ready on a parallel track. As the dynamite train arrived soldiers from the military train running beside it, fired at the engine and managed to pierce the boiler of the locomotive, stopping the train before it reached its destination."

Marked this, the premier further remarked, enough dynamite had been captured to destroy the entire city.

Composition of Congress.

In conclusion, he stated that two laws were being prepared to define the relations of the council of the empire and the national assembly. The former would be composed of 100 members, half of them appointed by the emperor and half elected. The latter would include thirty-four zemstvoists, eighteen members of the nobility and twelve representatives of trade and industry, with the clergy, Poland, the Caucasus and the border provinces would have six representatives.

It is rumored that the revolutionists are keeping a list of land owners who have fled or are fleeing abroad, with the intention, if the revolution is successful, of confiscating the estates.

The latest news from Transcaucasia is that a complete revolution prevails in Georgia and Mingrelia. The victory is withdrawing all the troops available north of Vladikavkaz for service in the revolutionary territory.

Troops Capture Revolutionists.

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No Quarter Given.

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HALLS INSTANTLY FILLED WITH SMOKE

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The point came up after Midshipman Patterson B. Marzoni had objected answering a question as to hazing, which it is alleged had gone on before him. In the former court martial of Midshipman Decatur, Marzoni testified that he was present when Fourth Classman Gaylord Church was hazed by being compelled to do "the sixteenth," and that Decatur was present. Proof of active participation in hazing was necessary of fix that charge. In the present trial, however, "encouraging or countenancing hazing" is charged, and it is claimed that no midshipman who was actually present, particularly a first classman, could testify without incriminating himself.

As it is expected that all of the cases yet to be tried will contain a charge and vindication relative to "hazing" and "countenancing hazing," the decision upon this point is considered important.