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REVOLUTION AT HAND.

Leaders for Liberty in the Russian Empire
Issue Daring Challenge to the
Government.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Proletariat Organization, through its invisible government, threw a bombshell into the government camp during the night, by issuing a manifesto following the form of a regular imperial document, declaring the bankruptcy of the treasury, and ordering the Proletariat of the army to refuse to pay taxes of any description, and to insist on the payment of wages in gold and silver, and to withdraw all deposits from the savings banks in gold.

The manifesto is a terrible indictment of the manner in which the bankruptcy has brought the country to financial ruin, asserting that the government squandered not only the country's income, but the proceeds of foreign loans, and loans on the railroad, army and fleet, leaving the people without schools or roads. Yet it is declared there is no money to send soldiers, and everywhere beggary stared troops and sailors in the face.

The manifesto even charges the government with using deposits in the government savings bank to speculate on the Bourse, and with covering up chronic deficits, interest on the immense debt, proceeds of foreign loans which are at last exhausted.

The rich, it is declared, have already taken warning, and are converting their property into securities and sending them abroad.

The only salvation of the country is a constitutional assembly and the sooner the government falls in with the idea the better. It is the last resource to save the existence of the old regime, and failing in that its financial revenue must stop.

The document is signed by members of the workmen's council, the

Pan-Russian Union Central committee and social democrats, the social revolutionists and the socialists of Poland.

This great step of the revolutionaries, which throws down the gauge of battle to the government was prepared with such secrecy that the authorities were taken off their guard, and did not even attempt to prevent its publication in the newspapers.

The revolutionary leaders expect it will be followed by reprisals and arrests, but all this has foreseen, and the leaders laid their plans deeply before issuing the manifesto.

New committees of various organizations have been decided to the third and fourth degree and if one set of committees is put behind the bars, another will take its place and carry on the work.

The leagues were not asked to join in the manifesto, being regarded with some jealousy by the proletariat organizations, which claim to be bearing the brunt of the revolution, and is entitled to the fruits thereof.

The proletariat leaders claim they have absolute knowledge that the government has just issued \$125,000,000 in paper money.

Under the provisions of the press law, the editor of every paper which printed the manifesto, has rendered himself liable to eight months imprisonment and \$1,500 fine.

Now must come the test of government power.

Documents among the papers of M. Krustaleff, president of the executive committee of workmen's council, seized at the time of his arrest, furnish evidence of a well planned conspiracy to seize and carry off Premier Witte.

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTIONS.

Latest Returns give Liberal Government 15 Seats—Opposition 9; Doubtful 1.—Minister Calder Safe.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Returns received up to date indicate the election of fifteen Liberals and nine Opposition in Saskatchewan, with Kinistino in doubt.

Regina City and Moosejaw City Liberals claim should both be in the doubtful column, as a final scrutiny

will assuredly award the seats to the government.

Regina South, Dec 16.—Hon. J. A. Calder's majority is now 64, with six polls to hear from, which will increase it to 85.

Cannington and Prince Albert district are safe for the government.

REAR END COLLISION.

Two Trains Clashed on the Victoria Bridge, Montreal—Trainmen Slightly Injured.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special)—A rear end collision took place on the Victoria bridge this morning, between a freight and a local passenger train from Chambly.

The freight was standing on the bridge, waiting to get into the yard when a Central Vermont local came along, and owing to the thick fog the engineer claimed he could not see the freight, which was run into by the local.

With the exception of a severe shaking up, the passengers were not any the worse for the mishap.

Some of the train crews received slight injuries.

MANSLAUGHTER.

St. John, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The preliminary examination of Howard D. Camp, in connection with the Preston murder case, was begun at the police court this morning.

The charge is manslaughter. The evidence brought out was the same as in the Preston trial.

The case is being continued this afternoon.

TO AID IMMIGRATION.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Dominion government is giving \$500 towards the publication of a magazine published in Spanish by a Toronto man for distribution in Spanish countries to the south with the view of promoting trade with the Dominion.

PRINTERS STRIKE.

Job Men in St. John Demand an Eight Hour Day Which Employers Refuse.

St. John, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Fourteen Union printers employed by Barnes & Co., J. & A. McMillan, G. E. Day and G. A. Knodell, went on strike this morning, the employers having refused to grant the demand for an eight hour day.

The employers say they will stand firm and the men declare they will not go back until their demand is acceded to.

THE LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE.

St. John, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The situation in the longshoremen's strike remains unchanged.

The Allan Liner Tunisian was loaded, and left for Halifax this afternoon.

The dissatisfied members of the union will meet tonight and form a new society.

BANK EXTENSION.

St. John, Dec. 15.—(Special)—At an adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of New Brunswick this morning, it was decided by a large majority to increase the capital stock of the bank from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

The details were left to the directors to decide.

C. P. R. APPLICATION.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson had an application this morning from the C. P. R. for two independent tracks through the Ottawa Central depot. The hearing was adjourned till Tuesday.

OLD TIMES RECALLED.

A Glance into the Local News of Fredericton Twenty-six Years Ago.

(From Farmer Files, Dec. 25, 1879.)

A BIG PIG.

Mr. Samuel Dayton of St. Mary's, this week killed a pig 14 months old, which, when dressed, weighed 580 pounds. It was raised by Mr. A. McL. Sterling of Mauderville.

CURLING RINK FLOODED.

The steam fire engine Alexandra, was used for flooding the curling rink in the Officer's Square on Tuesday. Should the present cold weather continue the curlers will be able to play their first game of the season there in a few days.

SOME BEEF.

Mr. James Johnston of Fredericton, a few weeks ago killed a short horn grade bull, three years old, which, when dressed, turned the scales at 1160 pounds, and the hide weighed 125 pounds. This fine animal was bred by Burpee Bros. of Sheffield.

A SAD BEREAVEMENT.

By the sad bereavement which Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sterling have met in the loss of their little daughter Florence, a beautiful child of six summers, we are painfully reminded that even during the joyous Christmas times, our homes are subject to such painful dispensations of Providence. Death was due to diphtheria.

HEAVY WEIGHTS.

We were yesterday shown by Messrs Cameron and McCarthy, butchers, two geese, which together weighed 21½ lbs., and a pair of chickens that turned the scales at 11½ pounds.

The latter were raised by Mr. Benjamin Goodspeed of Nashwaak, and were purchased at the respectable sum of \$1.15, ten cents per pound. (Last year Mr. C. N. Goodspeed, a son of the gentleman mentioned above realized \$2.35 for a pair of chickens in the Fredericton market.)

Mr. Cameron also called our attention to the carcass of a three year old heifer, bred by Mr. George S. Peters of Nashwaak, which weighed 650 lbs.

SKATING RINK OPENED.

The skating rink, York Street, was opened for the season on Monday evening with a fine attendance. Bryson's band performed a programme.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL EXAM.

The Christmas examinations of the Collegiate School were held yesterday and was attended by a limited number of spectators, including the Metropolitan Rev. G. G. Roberts, Dr. Harrison, Dr. Rand and Mr. William Carman. The pupils made a creditable display and at the close of the exercises congratulatory remarks were offered by Rev. Dr. Roberts and Dr. Harrison.

NEW EXPRESS LINE.

The enterprising proprietors of the Fredericton Livery stables, Messrs. Gunter and Atherton, have completed arrangements for running a passenger and parcel express to St. John twice a week, via the front road and Covered Bridge.

HUM IN THE MARKET.

There has been considerable excitement in business circles with regard to the free market question. Our readers will remember that a bye-law was passed not long since by the city council, which shut up the downtown or country market. The country council resented this interference of the city fathers and proclaimed a free market, of which the countrymen took advantage. The city council in turn brought on action against the country authorities and the case is still pending. The uptown merchants, unwilling that the whole country trade should be drawn to the downtown market during the Christmas season, got up a petition to the aldermen to do away with tolls in the Phoenix Square market, which petition received the signatures of six of the council board, a majority, and a poster was issued at once, proclaiming a free market, so now the

city has two free markets, and both up town and down town business men are on par with regard to business accruing from the large influx of country purchasers during the holiday season. It is expected that Chief Justice Allen will give his decision in the first instance this week.

THE COUNTY MARKET.

The country market in former years has been better supplied and prices have often ranged higher than during this season, but on the whole our people had a good stock to select from and our country friends have received fair value for their produce. We quote the prices ruling yesterday:

Beef, 3 to 7 cents.
Pork, 5 cents.
Turkeys, 8 and 9 cents.
Geese, 45 to 50 cents.
Butter, 16 to 18 cents.
Chickens, per pair, 25 to 35 cts.
Cheese, per lb., 11 cts.
Lard, per lb., 12 cents.
Mutton, per lb., 4 and 5 cents.
Potatoes, 60 and 70 cents.
Hides, per lb., 7 cents.
Eggs, per doz., 18 to 20 cents.
(Householders will find it interesting to compare these prices with those which prevail today, found in another column.)

RECENT COLD SNAP.

On Sunday at one p. m. the thermometer indicated 10 below zero, at five p. m. 14 below, at eight p. m. 18 below. We do not remember experiencing such cold weather for several years past.

PERSONAL.

Mr. T. Carleton Allen, barrister of St. John, is spending his Christmas holidays at his home in this city.

Mr. A. C. Vanmeter of the firm of Johnston & Vanmeter returned home Monday from a six weeks' tour of inspection of the leading manufacturing in Ohio, Michigan, Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. F. B. Coleman and a number of other gentlemen are buying poultry for the American market.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Robert Marshall, M. P. P., of St. John, was sworn in as a member of the executive council without portfolio at a meeting of the government Saturday evening, at which all the members of the government were present except Hon. J. H. Cranford, solicitor general.

The government at present is constituted as follows:

Hon. J. J. Fraser, premier and attorney general.
Hon. Robert Young, M. L. C., president of the council.
Hon. William Wedderburn, provincial secretary.
Hon. P. A. Landry, chief commissioner of public works.
Hon. Michael Adams, surveyor general.
Hon. J. H. Crawford, solicitor general.
Hons. W. E. Perley, D. L. Hanington and Robert Marshall, without portfolio.

THE CARRIAGE BUSINESS.

During Sir Leonard Tilley's recent visit to the factories in this city he was especially pleased with his inspection of the carriage factory of Messrs. Cooper & Pinder, and listened to their objections to the new tariff, which, as briefly stated by our reporter, are as follows:

"All we ask for," said Mr. Cooper, "is that the duties on the stock we import from the United States be lowered to, say, 17½ per cent, and the duty on American carriages increased to, say, 40 per cent. Then," said Mr. Cooper, "we can compete with anyone in the business and successfully, too."

And this view seems to be held by carriage manufacturers generally.

DEATH.

In this city on the 23rd inst., of diphtheria, Florence, dearly beloved daughter of Alexander A. and Sarah Sterling, aged five years and ten months.

A GOOD MARKET.

Country Produce Brought High Prices This Morning.

There was another large market this morning, our country friends having braved the elements in large numbers to convert their farm produce into cash. The space around the city hall was pretty well taken up with teams and the white frost showing on both horses and drivers, denoted the great severity of the weather.

Beef and pork seemed to be the principal commodities offered for sale, although there was no lack of other rarities.

Poultry was rather scarce, for the reason that it is being held until Christmas week, with the hope that better prices might be obtained. On

this, however, they are not likely to realize. Indeed, if there is any change in the prices, the indications are that it will be in the opposite direction, as there is strong talk of "busting the combine" by making an importation of poultry from Ontario and Prince Edward Island for the Christmas trade.

The general run of prices this morning were about as follows:

Hay per ton, \$9.00
Straw per ton, \$5.00
Potatoes per barrel, \$1.50.
Turnips per barrel, \$1.50.
Carrots per barrel, 50c.
Apples per barrel, \$2.00 to \$3.00.
Beef per pound, 5 and 6 cents.
Mutton per pound, 6 and 7 cents.
Pork per pound, 8c.
Butter per pound, 22c.
Lard per pound, 16c.
Eggs per doz., 30c.
Chickens per pair, 75 to 90c.
Turkeys per pound, 21c.
Geese, each, \$1.00.
Cabbages each, 5c.