

RUSSIA'S HARD WON LIBERTY IN DANGER.

Reactionary Uprising Threatens To Sweep Away All Reforms--Startling View of New Menace--Army Favors Old Autocracy.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—The Associated Press is able to give the results of an important conversation with a high personage regarding the situation in Russia.

present struggle to supplant the old regime and secure larger liberties for the people will enter the parliament phase or a counter-revolution will sweep away the entire programme on which the government has entered.

GUERRILLA WARFARE CANNOT SUCCEED. "The guerrilla warfare which the revolutionists at present are conducting" said the personage referred to, "cannot succeed.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. "Should the parliament attempt to take the bull by the horns for the deposition of the emperor and the reconstruction of the whole fabric of government, the new regime might be overwhelmed with disaster.

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Provincial News NO FEAR OF A COAL FAMINE.

SACKVILLE. SACKVILLE, N. B., March 26.—Harold Hutton, son of Professor Hutton, returned on Saturday from a six-months' visit to Lake Saranac, N. Y., where he went for the benefit of his health.

FOUR FIREMEN KILLED; MANY OTHERS INJURED

NEW YORK, March 26.—Four firemen were killed and about a score of citizens were injured today in a fire, accompanied by a series of explosions, that demolished a three-story factory building at Bedford and Downing streets in the Greenwich village district, on the lower west side of the city.

Operators Have 9,000,000 Tons Stored Near N. Y.

The anthracite operators announced yesterday that unless speculators get hold of domestic anthracite in sufficient quantities to cause an artificial shortage will be plenty to last for many months in case of a strike. The reserve of more than 9,000,000 tons is in the hands of the companies and will not be drawn on until a strike takes place.

Worth Nearly Half Million Dollars—Flames Accompanied by Series of Explosions.

That the damage which is estimated at from \$300,000 to \$400,000, was not far greater was declared by Chief Croker to be due to the explosions which shattered the building and crushed the blaze beneath tons of debris at the moment when the flames were completely beyond control and threatening to sweep the entire block.

HOPEWELL HILL

HOPEWELL HILL, March 26.—Lewis Smith of Coverdale spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. C. L. Peck. He is a member of the New York Investment firm of Mitchell, Schiller & Barnes, was in the village today.

SHOT HIS DAUGHTER TWO HOURS BEFORE WEDDING

EVERETT, Mass., March 26.—Less than three hours before the time set for her wedding today, Fanny E. Townsend was shot and fatally wounded by her father, Jos. P. Townsend, in the dining room of his home, 15 Woodville street, this city.

FUNERAL OF LATE ROBERT A. PAYNE

Large Number of Friends Follow Remains to Last Resting Place—The Pall Bearers.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 26.—The funeral of the late Robert Andrew Payne took place this afternoon at Lincoln, and was attended by many Fredericton friends. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. H. E. Dibbies of Oromocto, and interment was made at the family burial ground.

FURNESS LINER INJURED

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 26.—The steamer London City, which left here on Thursday for Liverpool, returned this morning, having struck ice on the coast, and being damaged.

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