

## CZAR YIELDS MUCH LAND

Millions of Acres of Crown Preserves to Be Sold.

### CHECK ON THE TERRORISTS

New Agrarian Policy to Bring Land Slaves over to the Side of the Emperor

An important series of conferees were held at Peterhof on the question of the immediate distribution of the Russian Crown lands and appanages to the peasants in an attempt to find a partial solution of the agrarian question by measurably appeasing the land hunger of the peasantry, and an ukase will be issued directing the agrarian commission to begin the distribution of 1,800,000 desiatines (a desiatine is about 2 1/2 acres) belonging to the Crown and 2,000,000 desiatines of land offered to or purchased through the Peasant's bank.

Only the forests and lands belonging to the state, the preservation of which is considered necessary for the future agricultural prosperity of the country, will be reserved. The transaction will be financed through the Peasant's bank. Little cash will be required. The landlords and other sellers will be given marketable land script, eventually redeemable by the peasant purchasers in installment notes designed to meet the interest and amortization.

The Emperor will not give the land of the imperial family as a free gift, but like other landlords he will accept script. Moreover, it is believed that no Parliament will ever dare to repeal this temporary law. Nearly all the present restrictions upon the peasants as a class will also be removed.

This in substance is the Government's bid for the support of the Russian peasant millions against the propaganda of the revolutionists.

### REBUILDING VALPARAISO

Public Utilities Restored and Business Resuming

Fernandez Blanco, Governor of the Province of Valparaiso, has proclaimed the city of Valparaiso in a state of siege and has conferred supreme authority on navy Captain Gomez Carreno.

The Prefect of Police is charged with the duty of collecting and distributing food. One of the first acts of the Military Governor was to issue an order that any persons found breaking water mains should be shot. The water supply is fairly adequate, and repairs are actively progressing at Baron Hill, Vina del Mar and Ramaditas, where a large number of mains were broken by the earthquake.

The whole of Victoria street is illuminated by electric lamps. Two other streets also are lighted and Cerro and Alefres streets will be lighted. Electric cars already are running between Baron station and Beereo, and the operation of cars will be extended to Vina del Mar.

The total number of corpses buried up to August 21, was 648.

The main postoffice has been reopened. At Laillal there is not a single wall in good condition. There were 30 persons killed there. At Cabildo the railroad station was damaged.

It was announced that the Ministry of Public Works had been advised that it would be necessary to demolish more than 3,000 houses at Santiago, as the result of damages which they received during the recent earth shocks.

### BANDERA KILLED

Negro Insurgent Leader Slain by Cuban Guards.

Gen. Quentin Bandera, the negro insurgent leader, with two companions, was killed in a fight with rural guards, which took place between Marfano and Hoyo Colorado.

A force of 100 mounted rural guards which had for three days been seeking to surround the insurgent force commanded by Bandera, finally succeeded after the veteran commander had pitched his camp for the night. Two of Bandera's followers was captured.

It was announced from Havana August 20 that Gen. Bandera, who greatly distinguished himself in the Cuban war for independence, had left Arroyo Arenas, 12 miles west of Havana, with about 20 insurgents, whose numbers were augmented later by a force armed with guns and ammunition, which set out from Havana. The next day it was reported that Bandera had been wounded in the head in a skirmish.

Bandera was about 60 years old. He took part in the 10 years' war, as well as in the war for Cuban independence. He was well known in every province of Cuba and had great influence with the colored people.

When in Havana Bandera was in the habit of gathering crowds of negroes about him and making speeches to them on the ingratitude of republics.

The bodies of Bandera and his companions were placed in a wagon and taken to Havana. An examination of Bandera's body showed that his principal wound was a machete blow on the head.

### To Increase National Deposits.

Secretary Shaw has taken steps to increase the deposits of public moneys in national depositories in various parts of the country to \$50,000, the amount authorized by law. It affects about 150 banks and will aggregate about \$3,000,000 additional deposits.

Further fighting has taken place in Morocco between the Pretenders and the Sultan's troops, resulting in a victory for the latter. Only a few men were killed or wounded on either side.

## OHIO DEMOCRATS MEET

State Ticket Nominated—County Option Defeated—Bryan Highly Complimented.

Democrats of Ohio nominated the following ticket:

Secretary of State—Samuel H. Hoskins of Auglaize county.  
Dairy and Food Commissioner—Rodney J. Diegle of Erie county.  
State School Commissioner—Charles A. Haupt of Wayne county.  
Member of the Board of Public Works—George H. Nelswander of Darke county.  
Chairman of the State Executive Committee—Harvey C. Garber of Darke county.

The question of an indorsement of county option in temperance legislation was under discussion, an attempt by W. L. Finley to amend the platform and give such an indorsement being defeated on a roll call. The discussion developed opposition to the general idea of county option. Aside from these features the defeat of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, in the State central committee—was still the subject of comment. This defeat was made unmistakably by the election of Judge B. F. McCann, a Garber man, for permanent chairman.

The platform adopted declares, among other things, for the payment of the State's expenses without calling on counties for a levy, each county to raise only what it needs for its own expenses; it advocates the taxation of public service corporations at their salable value; it recommends home rule for cities, towns and villages, especially as to the public or private ownership of public utilities; it favors the improvement and retention of the canals; it calls for legislation making it unlawful for public officials to accept, or public carriers to give, free passes; it demands the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

"In order to secure purity in elections," it says, "we favor the repeal of all special limitations as to time within which criminal prosecutions may be begun for bribery in elections."

The platform condemns the late Congress for refusing to pass a law making it a punishable misdemeanor for corporations to contribute money to the campaign funds of political parties.

Attention is called to the many laws for the people passed by the recent general assembly of the State, chief among which was the 2-cent railroad fare law.

Tribute is paid to the late Governor Patton, and adhesion to the policies he inaugurated is urged.

The concluding paragraph of the declaration of principles is a high encomium to the personal and political virtues of William Jennings Bryan, who is called "America's most distinguished private citizen."

### WHOLESOME ACTIVITY

Trade Reports Indicate It, With No Evidence of Reaction—Jobbing Trade Brisk.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"Wall street provided the only important development in the business situation during the past week, prices of securities rising within an average of \$2 per share of the high record established last January, while the general public became interested to an extent that lifted money rates for all periods to the legal maximum.

"Trade reports indicate wholesome activity with no evidence of reaction, even those industries that are of necessity quiet at this season contributing to the general confidence by reports of large orders in sight.

"As the vacation season draws to an end there is gradual resumption of idle machinery and with the opening of many new furnaces all records of iron production will be surpassed in the fall. Yet steel mills will require all the material that can be furnished. This is typical of the situation in all leading branches of industry.

"Jobbing fall trade is opening briskly, 262 buyers registering in the New York market alone in a single day. Owing to a few exceptionally large undertakings last year in New York City, the total value of all building permits issued in July was slightly smaller than a year ago, but outside of New York there was a heavy increase.

"Crops are now almost beyond danger and their movement is becoming a difficult traffic problem. Railway earnings in August show an average gain of 21.1 per cent. over last year's figures, while foreign commerce at New York for the last week provide gains of \$2,275,692 in imports and \$1,446,521 in exports as compared with 1905."

Business failures in the United States for the week ending August 23 number 155, against 143 last week, 176 in the like week of 1905, 185 in 1904, 192 in 1903 and 140 in 1902.

In Canada failures for the week number 22, as against 22 last week and 14 in this week a year ago.

### Mines Pay Big Dividend.

The directors of the Calumet and Arizona Mining Company declared a quarterly dividend of \$700,000, or \$3.50 a share. This is an increase of 50 cents a share in the quarterly dividend so far this year aggregate \$1,800,000. The total dividend disbursements aggregate \$5,200,000. The mine is now paying at the rate of \$2,300,000 per year.

### Town Completely Destroyed.

According to the latest reports received from the scene of the earthquake the town Quilota, situated about 26 miles from Valparaiso and having a population of some 10,000 souls, has been completely destroyed.

Insurance commissioners and attorneys general of a number of States met at the new State Capitol to submit and discuss a uniform code of insurance laws, which the several State Legislatures will be asked to adopt at their next sessions.

## ATTEMPT TO KILL NUNEZ

Town of San Luis Captured by Cuban Insurrectionists.

### PALMA EXPRESSES NO FEAR

Says Government Was Taken Unawares, but That Peace Soon Will Be Restored.

An attempt was made to assassinate General Emilio Nunez, governor of the province of Havana.

A man had a revolver leveled at the governor as he was entering his home. Another man who was passing by saw the would-be assassin and cried out, whereupon Governor Nunez turned and drawing his revolver fired over the miscreant's head. The latter was so surprised that he dropped his revolver. He was promptly arrested.

His identity is not known, but he is a white man and was well dressed. The insurgents in the province of Pinar del Rio captured their first city there on the 22d. The force led by Pino Guerra, an ex-congressman, and sundry other insurgent bands, attacked San Luis, which is situated on the railroad, about 10 miles west of Pinar del Rio city.

A sharp and decisive engagement followed, during which a number were killed or wounded. The town was defended by less than 100 rural guards, 50 of whom surrendered to the insurgents and are held as prisoners. The insurgent forces are in possession of the railroad station and of the town, which is resuming its normal condition.

By the capture of San Luis, which has about 5,000 inhabitants, the insurgents have obtained an important base for future operations.

Luis Perez, the last liberal governor of the province of Pinar del Rio, has joined the insurgent forces in that province.

A dispatch from Rancho Veloz, province of Santa Clara, says that a band of insurgents has been organized there under Colonel Reinos, and it is believed that Ex-Congressman Mendietta is with them.

A new party of 50 insurgents appeared at Santa Cruz Del Norte, Havana province.

President Palma said: "Our situation, at first, was one of unpreparedness, as is usual in such cases. We are taking a little time to prepare to cope with it. But there is positively no cause for alarm. The movement in Santa Clara province is small; in Mantanzas it is trifling and the bands in Pinar del Rio are smaller than reported and are poorly led."

### TO FINANCE REVOLUTION

Agents of Venezuelan Rebels Arrested in New York.

On a charge of making dies of counterfeit the standard silver dollar of Venezuela to finance a revolution in that country, secret service officers at New York, arrested Capt. George Boynton, former resident manager of the Orinoco corporation of Venezuela, and L. M. Thompson, an attorney of New York City. Both prisoners were admitted to bail in \$5,000. Joseph Keller and Sidney A. Keller, die-makers, were also arrested in connection with the case. Boynton and Thompson aver that the plan to duplicate the Venezuelan money is not counterfeiting. They said after the revolution proved successful this issue of money would be legalized, both by executive decree and by act of the Venezuelan junta. The accused men characterize this plan as a "war measure." They also allege half of the South American uprisings are similarly financed.

### HANGED AND SHOT

Negro Caught Entering House Where 11-Year-Old Girl Was Alone.

William Spain, a negro 21 years old, was shot to death by a mob near St. George, Dorchester county, S. C. S. L. Connor, manager of the Dorchester Lumber Company's stores at Badham, was notified by a negro that he saw another negro attempting to enter a window of Connor's home.

About two hours later Spain was captured and brought to St. George. Shortly afterward 40 or 50 men went to the Sheriff and forced him to give up the keys. The negro was taken up to the house of Connor, where his 11-year-old daughter positively identified him as the man who tried to climb through the window. The girl was alone in the house at the time.

The negro admitted that he had gone to the residence with the intention of entering it, but for what purpose he did not say. The mob struck Spain to a limb and shot about 500 bullets into his body.

### NEWS NOTES.

The Brazilian congress has voted an appropriation of \$666,000 for the relief of sufferers by the earthquake at Valparaiso.

The steamer Francis H. Leggett arrived at San Francisco from Astoria having in tow the largest log raft that has ever come into this harbor. It contains 11,000,000 feet of lumber, is 740 feet long, 60 feet in breadth and draws 24 feet of water.

### Set Date for Convention.

The election day proclamation for Oklahoma and Indian Territory, setting aside November 6 as the time for the election of the delegates to the constitutional convention and November 20 as the day for the convening of that body, has been issued. The two territories are divided into 111 districts.

Two families of Italians engaged in a battle in Main street, Buffalo, N. Y. Two men are dead and four are in the hospital with serious wounds.

## EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE.

The Disturbance Was General Throughout Chile and Was Felt in Argentine Republic.

At 7:02 o'clock last Thursday evening Valparaiso, Chile, experienced an earthquake of great severity, and during that night 82 shocks were felt.

Most of the buildings of the city either were ruined or damaged. The loss will be enormous, probably reaching \$250,000,000.

Two thousand persons killed is considered to be a fair estimate of the casualties. Most of the damage was due to fire, which started immediately after the first shock. The whole population is sleeping in the hills, the parks or the streets.

The towns of Vina del Mar, Petorca, Elterro, Viejo, La Laja, and Secupallar, Chile, have been destroyed by the earthquake.

In the city of Santiago much damage was done. Many public buildings, particularly churches, were dismantled. The buildings of Congress, the municipal buildings, the normal school the courts, the Peruvian legation, the residence of President Riesco, the central market, the prefecture of police and the National telegraph office all were seriously damaged.

The earthquakes in Chile have ceased, the resultant fires have been extinguished and people of the two cities, Valparaiso and Santiago, are taking organized steps to relieve suffering, care for the wounded and bury the dead.

Dispatches received from Chile tend to show that the first estimates of casualties and material damage had been greatly exaggerated.

Five hundred persons are dead at Valparaiso as a result of the earthquake shocks, according to the latest advices, based on reports of refugees who reached Santiago.

The momentary loss at Valparaiso runs into the millions. The banks at Valparaiso are safe and the damage to the commercial center is not serious, but the populous quarter has been completely wrecked.

Six or eight other cities have been destroyed. The railroad, street railway, telegraph and telephone systems are thoroughly demoralized.

The known dead in Santiago number 20. Madame Montt, wife of Admiral Montt, who was reported killed, is alive, but seriously injured.

### 58 RUSSIAN OFFICIALS KILLED

Meet Death in One Week and 43 Others Are Wounded.

Last week's statistics show that 58 officials were murdered and 43 were wounded in Russia proper, that 59 bomb depots were discovered, that six safes were rifled of money and that 43 persons were robbed. These official figures do not take into account the pillaging in the country, nor do they give the number of military executions or arrests of agitators and revolutionists and there are no figures showing the number of persons sent into exile.

The St. Petersburg Gazette says that 2,300 persons were banished in one day from St. Petersburg alone and that 750 were placed on trains bound for the interior. Prefect of police Von Lounitz has declared his intention of clearing the capital of all "vagabonds."

### BIG VESSEL WRECKED

Earthquake Shock Disturbed Ocean Currents—No Lives Lost.

Wandering from her course during a heavy rain storm the monster steamship Manchuria was wrecked on a reef off Rabbit Island and Honolulu. Her 150 cabin passengers and 800 Asiatic steerage passengers were taken ashore in safety. The wreck of the steamer is directly attributed to the Valparaiso earthquake and the unusual phenomena and currents following the disturbances. The Manchuria was 15 miles out of her course when she struck the reef.

Rabbit Island is a small speck in the sea close to the windward of the island of Oahu, on which Honolulu is situated.

The Manchuria is a twin screw steel steamer of 15,629 gross tons and 8,750 net tonnage. She is 600 feet long with a beam of 65 feet 3 inches and a depth of 31 feet 1 inch.

### Zion City Trouble Continues.

John Alexander Dowle said that all negotiations between himself and Wilber Glenn Volva for settlement of the Zion City tangle have been declared off. Dowle issued a statement, in which he says: "All the attempts at negotiations have ended in failure. I made a clean-cut proposition, but Volva and his adherents refused to consider it. Then I offered to consider a proposition from them, but it was twice stated that they had none to offer. Hence, negotiations are closed and there is nothing more at this time to say."

### Postoffice Changes.

An additional rural free delivery route was ordered to be established at Sandpatch, Somerset county, Pa., service to be begun September 17; length of route 29 miles; population to be served, 251. John M. Steele has been appointed a rural carrier at Hagins, and Charles B. Smith at Alliance, O.

### Candy Makers Take Blame.

At a conference held in Philadelphia, in the office of Dr. B. H. Warren, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, counsel for the Corn Products Refining Company of New York assumed the responsibility in the cases of the candy manufacturers and dealers against whom warrants had been issued charging them with using glucose containing sulphur dioxide in the manufacture of their candy. There are between 200 and 500 of these cases and the minimum fine in each case will be about \$50.

## REVOLUTION IS GROWING

Insurgent Cubans Take Town of Guines and Hold Roads.

### GEN. GOMEZ LEADING TROOPS

Revolutionists Plan to Capture Points of Communication With Capital Before Beginning Attack.

A signal defeat for the Government forces has resulted in the first general movement of the insurgents who are opposing the Palma administration in Havana Province, and it was admitted that the town of Guines, 30 miles from Havana, with 2,000 inhabitants, was taken possession of by the rebellious Rural Guards and allies.

Communication with Pinar del Rio is still shut off. Whether the report is true that the insurgent forces have attacked Pinar del Rio city is a subject much mooted here in the capital. Some officials believe that it is so, while others declare that the present plans of the revolutionary element simply provide for the holding of the highways leading toward the town, and also the railway system.

Fighting has already been in Santa Clara province, where the advocates of the Palma administration claim the insurgents are led by General Jose Miguel Gomez, who, as the Liberal candidate for the Presidency, is claimed to have plotted the present insurrectionary movement. Secretary of State O'Farrell has received no particulars of conditions in Santa Clara. General Gomez's secretary, Juan Menel, who has been arrested, is being "sweated" by the authorities in an effort to have him reveal the plans of his superior.

All of the suspects under arrest in Havana are held under heavy guard in the city prison and no one is permitted to approach them. Members of the secret police are searching the houses, and personal effects of the men under arrest in the hope that they will be able to secure a list that will indicate the identity of the leaders of the opposition. So far they have been unsuccessful.

Up to the present time the casualties in the general fighting have been insignificant when compared with the number of men concerned. No information as to the extent of the Government losses, however, is to be made public at present.

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Gen. Bandera was the first man who crossed the Spanish trocha which shut off the provinces of Pinar del Rio from Havana province.

The government admits that Bandera has taken up arms.

The Senate and House met to consider the situation.

Rural guards stationed at Four Posts, in the provinces of Pinar del Rio deserted to the rebels operating in the province. About 40 men are involved.

The government dispatched a trainload of troops to Pinar del Rio province to command the situation.

President Palma appointed General Rafael Montalvo secretary of public works, to be in direct charge of all military operations against the insurgents. President Palma also decreed the increase of rural guards to 4,000, the number contemplated in the bill introduced at the last session of congress.

### WILL ABANDON FORT BROWN

President Adopts This Plan to Settle Race Wars.

The negro Federal troops have been ordered out of Texas. Instead of going to Fort Ringgold, which is about 100 miles up the Rio Grande from Fort Brown, the battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry has been ordered to Fort Reno, Oklahoma.

This action is in accordance with the direction of the President. Fort Brown is to be abandoned. The company of the Twenty-sixth Infantry which was sent there will not stay very long. Its duty is to pack up all the movable Government property, which will be shipped to other posts when the troops will be ordered away.

### Illinois Nominations.

The following ticket was nominated by the Republicans of Illinois in a convention marked by harmony and good feeling: Treasurer of State, John F. Smulski; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Francis G. Blair; Trustees of the State University, Mrs. Carrie S. Alexander, Fred Hatch, Alexander McLain and L. L. Lehman.

### CRUSOE'S ISLAND GONE

Earthquake Destroys Juan Fernandez, Made Famous by De Foe.

A report reached New York city that the Southern American earthquake destroyed the island of Juan Fernandez, off the Chilean coast. It belonged to Chile, and on it was a penal settlement and a fort.

This is the island made famous by Daniel De Foe as the scene of the thrilling adventures of "Robinson Crusoe."

## TROOPS KILL PEASANTS

Terrible Slaughter from Taunts Offered at a Fair.

At Kharkoff, Russia, where a fair was being held, a number of soldiers acted in a boisterous manner, which led the peasants to taunt them with such remarks as, "Oh! You are very brave at home! If you are so brave, why didn't you whip the Japanese?"

This angered the soldiers, who reported to their commander that they had been insulted by the peasants. The commander called a company of soldiers and ordered them to charge the peasants. The peasants were shot down in cold blood. When 57 had been killed, the soldiers were withdrawn.

From Warsaw it is reported that the chief of police in Siedzie was killed by a bomb. Two policemen and a woman were injured by the explosion. The bomb-thrower made his escape.

### BOYS TORN TO ATOMS

Parts of Bodies Found Scattered All Over Hillside.

At Yreka, Cal., two boys were killed and another was probably fatally injured when powder house No. 1 belonging to the Great Powder Company was blown up. In nearly every business house in Yreka windows were broken. Remnants of clothing and parts of bodies found on a hill indicate two boys were blown to atoms. Bert Holland was found 25 yards from the powder house with his face lacerated and two holes in the temple, evidently caused by flying stones.

Two damaged rifles were found near the bodies. It is supposed that the boys shot into the powder house through a ventilator. A carload of powder had been stored in the magazine.

### WORK TRAIN CRASH FATAL

Causes Five Fatalities and the Injury of Fifteen.

Three Italian laborers are dead, two are dying and 15 more are lying injured in the Charlotte House at Charlotte, Mich., as a result of an accident on the Michigan Central railroad.

A work train crew was relaying tracks and the engine of the train in some unexplained manner was backed into the train while the 59 laborers on the work train were eating their dinner. A majority of the men were sitting about on several flat cars, which were wrecked and thrown off the track when the engine crashed into the train.

### Eastern Wool Market.

The wool market is firm, following a period of gradual improvement. The leading quotations follow: Ohio and Pennsylvania—XX and above, 34 to 35; X, 31 to 32; No. 1, 40 to 41; No. 2, 38 to 39; fine unwashed, 26 to 27; one-half blood unwashed, 25 to 26; three-eighths blood unwashed, 24 to 25; quarter blood, unwashed, 22 to 23; delaine washed, 26 to 26 1/2; delaine unwashed, 27 1/2 to 28c.

### CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

It is announced that the Santa Fe railway has granted its 1,000 telegraph operators an increase of wages averaging about \$4 a man.

The mining town of Johnsville, Plumas county, Cal., was practically wiped out of existence by fire. Two miners were killed and 25 buildings were destroyed.

At Duluth, three hundred freight handlers struck for 35 cents an hour and a further advance for certain hours of labor. They also demand recognition of their union.

Pig iron producers have booked orders for 10 months ahead and manufacturers of finished lines of steel predict nearly a year of good times.

A sharp earthquake shock was felt at Zaborze, near Katowitz, upper Silesia. Doors were forced open, pictures and mirrors fell to the floor and the frightened inhabitants fled into the streets.

A serious potato blight has appeared in the West of Ireland and threatens the failure of the crop. Spraying with sulphate of copper may save it, otherwise, a potato famine is feared.

It is reported that scrap iron dealers are forming a company to erect a \$2,000,000 mill near Cincinnati. Prices for scrap iron have tumbled on account of new processes, and scrap is now cheaper than pig.

Four thieves traveling in an automobile robbed the postoffice at Westbury, L. I., of a quantity of stamps and escaped after an exchange of shots with citizens. Charles Rowland, a hotel employe, received a bullet in the arm.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company of South Dakota has filed incorporation papers at Pierre, S. D. The capital stock is \$4,000,000, and the object of the company is to build a line of railroad from the Missouri river to the eastern border of Montana.

### Miners Ambushed by Indians.

Four Mexican miners were ambushed near Las Cabrezas by a band of Yaqui Indians. One miner was killed one is missing and supposed to be dead. The other two escaped. A Mexican armed force pursued the Yaquis, but found them strongly entrenched.

### Mob Kills Negro.

"Bob" Etheridge, the negro who attempted to assault the seven-year-old daughter of T. H. West, a farmer of Saluda county, S. C., was taken by the child's father to the scene of the crime, where he was shot to death by a mob.

### Dies at Age of 120.

Mahala Lewis, a negress, said to be 120 years old, died at Ottawa, Kan. She liked to tell incidents in the life of George Washington, whom she insisted she had seen many times.