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Impossible to Send More Troops to Baltic Provinces From St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Despite the statement that two army corps are being sent to the Baltic provinces, it is learned that no such number of troops is available. The government has sent two regiments from St. Petersburg in reply to the frantic appeals for reinforcements, but it is considered too dangerous to deplete the garrison of the capital any further during the present crisis, and the government can only await the arrival of the Cossacks and

ernment's fear is that the rebellion which is extending southward to the Polish frontier, may arouse the Poles to an armed uprising. Reliable detail regarding the establishment of the so-called republic of Kharkoff have as yet last arrived. The workmen's socialist organizations joined by 300 troops, took possession of the city and, with the at-

of militia armed with pistols and axe established a government or "federate council" as the executive committee was called. This council issued decrees which the authorities were perfectly powerless to resist. The coun-

cil turned off the electricity from the houses on the ground that it only benefited the rich while allowing it to burn in the streets where it benefited the people, and declared war on the thieves which has previously been termed a just war. When a neighbor

captured, he was placed under a tri hammer with the threat that it would be dropped unless he revealed the whereabouts of the booty. This usually was effective in each case, and the recovered plunder was returned to its

owners. Two notorious robbers were hanged in the public square.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

Mitau, Province of Courland, Russia (Undated), by Mail to St. Petersburg Dec. 19.—Frightful stories are pouring in from the interior, where desperate fighting has occurred between the

lighting has occurred between the troops and insurgents. Revolting tales are told of the barbarities practised on the German landlords who are more detested by the Letts than are the Russians. In a fight near Takum, 1 dragoons were killed and 16 were

A squadron of cavalry was ambushed and badly cut up near Grossan and limped into Mitau with its wounded.

ACTING GOV.-GEN. IDE WILL ENTERTAIN W. J. BRYAN

The Elks also arranged to meet and entertain Mr. Bryan, who will lecture before them during his visit, his subject being, "The Prince of Peace."

CHICAGO BANK FAILURE.

Practically Normal Conditions Re-
stored in Chicago Banking Circles.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Practically normal conditions were restored in local banking circles today and there was not the slightest surface indication of the disturbance caused yesterday by the suspension of the Walsh banks. The runs on the Chicago National and Home Savings

A large crowd of depositors gathered before the Savings bank about an hour before the time for opening the doors and all of them apparently desired to be the

first to obtain money. There was but one policeman on duty in front of the building and he was hopelessly overmatched. He sent in a call for aid and in a short time Lieut. Hartford with a detail of officers had arrived and formed the depositors in a long line. After the pushing and

About 500 men were in line when the bank opened and the work of paying them off went on rapidly. It is believed that by tomorrow night the greater part of the deposits in the Chicago National and the

United States Dist.-Atty. Morrison and State's Attorney Healy both stated this morning in connection with the operations of the bank had been called to their attention.

WRECK ON SANTA FE.

Train No. 17 Leaves Track at Badger Creek, Killing One Messenger.

No. 17, westbound, was wrecked at Badger Creek bridge, about five miles west of Reading, at 3 o'clock this morning. The tender left the track, derailing all the baggage and express cars and the first two coaches. One express car turned over and caught fire, in which one of

the messengers was killed. His remains were recovered. The engineer and two other messengers were seriously injured, the latter fatally. No passengers were injured.

JAMES L. HODGES DEAD

Denver, Dec. 12.—James L. Hodges, a prominent lawyer and politician, died here today of paralysis. Before coming to Colorado in 1878 Mr. Hodges was active in the affairs of Arkansas, having served as a member of the constitutional convention in 1888. He was appointed postmas-

ter of Little Rock in 1871. Mr. Hodges had held the position of register of the land office at Glenwood Springs, Colo., and for a long time was assayer of the Denver mint. He was twice the chairman of the Republican state central committee of Colorado and served for 18 years continuously as a member of the executive

indusously was a member of the executive committee. Mr. Hodges served through the war and was mustered out a captain. He was a member of the Third volunteer regiment of Minnesota. Mr. Hodges was born in Monroe county, N. Y. A widow and six children survive him.