

RUSSIA MUST RAISE MONEY.

Hundreds of Millions Necessary
To Liquidate War Ex-
penses.

TOTAL COST, \$1,050,000,000.

Budget Frankly Admits Financial Out-
look Is Not Encouraging—Troubles
Of Temporary Character.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—The budget statement for 1906, which was issued tonight, shows that it will be necessary to raise \$240,000,000 by credit operations to balance the estimated receipts and expenditures. The latter include \$200,000,000 for the liquidation of the expenses of the Russo-Japanese war, the repatriation of troops in the far east and the reduction of the army to a peace footing. For the first time the total cost of the war, \$1,050,000,000, is revealed.

The credit operations to balance the budget include the recent authorization of \$300,000,000 in treasury bonds, \$75,000,000 of which have already been issued to renew the Mendelssohn loan, and the credit of \$15,000,000 which formed part of the Russo-Japanese war loan, the proceeds of which are being retained in Paris, is understood by the Associated Press to be the maintenance of the stability of the ruble.

The budget statement does not dodge the prevailing conditions in Russia. It is pointed out specifically that the receipts from nearly all sources have been scaled down, and, moreover, it is stated that if the disorders in the interior do not cease there may be some branches of revenue on which it will be impossible to count.

The budget also deals frankly with the heavy drain on the gold reserve of the state bank balances abroad, which have fallen \$125,000,000 in the three months preceding Jan. 1. During the last 10 days of the year the gold reserve was reduced by \$30,000,000, while the issue of paper currency was increased by \$20,000,000.

The increase of paper issued, the statement says, was made by the bank in an effort to come to the rescue of the business interests, which were almost paralyzed and which had been refused loans by private banks owing to the paucity of cash and to the reduction of the foreign credits to business with connections abroad. The statement has this to say of the monetary situation:

"Such a state of affairs could not fail to inspire inquietude, for our monetary system was menaced simultaneously by the diminution of the stock of gold, resulting from withdrawals which the bank was powerless to prevent, and by the exodus of capital abroad, which increased the pressure on the issue of paper currency, the latter being due to the necessities of the interior."

"It is permitted, however, to hope, thanks to the restoration of calm, that the causes which influenced the withdrawals of gold will cease and that coin will soon begin to return to the bank. The statement concludes with the following, addressed to the emperor, which was evidently prepared by Count Witte:

"These facts and figures submitted to your majesty show that the present situation of Russian finances is none too favorable. This state of things is the result of the war and of the troubles which followed. These troubles are of a temporary character, and it is fair to assume that they will be ameliorated in the near future. Periods of economic depression, history proves, are ordinarily followed by periods of activity and prosperity. Economic agitation multiplies the energy of the ablest and most enterprising elements of the nation and arouses the laboring masses to persevere in their work, which cannot fail to better the industrial situation of the country and likewise the finances of the state."

"Conditions favorable for the appearance of a period of fruitful work must be perceived even amid the gloom of the present hour. With each day the popular conscience must be awakened more and more to a realization of the true material needs of the fatherland."

The budget for 1906 estimates the ordinary revenue at \$1,018,928,487 and the extraordinary revenue at \$1,069,038,275. The extraordinary revenue is estimated at \$1,069,038,275 plus \$240,557,000 from impending credit operations and the extraordinary expenditure of \$246,248,112. The total revenue and expenditure balance at \$1,255,486,387.

DARING ATTACK ON TRAIN.

Riga, Livonia, Jan. 11.—News has just reached this city of a daring attempt of the revolutionists to capture a military train conveying a large sum of money from St. Petersburg to Lihau. A band of revolutionists having advanced information gathered at Hazenopol, burned two bridges, and tore up the track. Two companies of infantry, which were escorting the train, left the cars and were joined by a detachment of dragons. This force marched against the revolutionists, who from behind improvised defenses opened fire on the soldiers.

The infantry after firing two volleys, which killed 65 and wounded nearly 100 of the revolutionists, charged with the bayonet and the dragons completed the rout by snatching all the revolutionists they overtook.

ADVANCE MONEY TO RUSSIA.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The French bankers today definitely decided to make a short time advance of \$50,000,000 to Russia at 5% per cent interest plus 2 per cent commission. The loan is to be guaranteed by the Russian state railroads and is to be repaid from the proceeds of the proposed new loan, should the latter be floated within a year.

BIG FIRE IN LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—A fire in the fifth story of the Douglas building, a large, modern office structure belonging to the Stimson estate, caused damage to the extent of \$70,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from the electric wiring in the attic of the building and was with difficulty prevented from spreading throughout the structure and to adjoining buildings.

MCCALL MORTGAGES HOME.

New York, Jan. 11.—It was announced today that John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life Insurance company, has given a trust deed on his \$150,000 home in Long Branch, N. J., to secure the \$150,000 note which he gave the New York Life in part payment for money loaned to Andrew Hamilton and not yet returned by Hamilton. The total amount advanced to Hamilton and un-

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accounted for by him was \$235,000, and in addition to this note Mr. McCall gave the company a check for \$85,000.

The deed to his home is made jointly with his wife, and covers a handsome country seat comprising about 50 acres.

MUNICIPAL REFORMERS HOLD A CONFERENCE.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Reformers from many cities gathered here today to attend the opening session of a conference called by the Municipal Voters' league of this city to discuss the subject, "The extent to which municipal elections should be separated from national party politics and the control of national political parties and the best means by which such separation can be brought about."

More than 20 delegates had registered before the meeting was called to order by President Walter L. Fisher, of the Municipal Voters' league of this city.

A few of the suggestions made by the speakers for the separation of national and municipal politics are:

"That the elections should be held upon different dates."

"That it should be impossible to vote a straight party ticket by a single cross upon a ballot, and that the names of all candidates should be arranged upon the ticket in alphabetical order."

"The reduction of elective municipal offices as far as possible."

The conference perfected its formal organization at the afternoon session by electing officers.

A committee on resolutions was named, among the members of which was Lucius W. Hoyt of Denver. Mr. Hoyt said that great civic progress had been made in Denver in the last two years.

ELOPING WIFE BRINGS HUSBAND A FORTUNE.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 11.—Because the man who eloped with his wife placed the fortune which he subsequently accumulated in her name, N. E. Douglass, a prosperous farmer six miles from St. Louis, has become possessed of wealth.

Fourteen years ago Douglass' wife deserted him and joined C. S. Porter in California. Porter had formerly boarded with the Douglasses, and had been ordered from his residence by Douglass, who discovered he was making love to Mrs. Douglass. Douglass did not attempt to pursue the eloping couple. He learned that they resided together in California as man and wife, and were rapidly accumulating a fortune.

Four months ago Douglass learned that his wife was dead. He consulted a local attorney, and upon his advice went to California to search for the property. In the end he located Porter at Los Angeles. He found that his wife had left property valued at \$40,000, which Porter claimed as a legitimate inheritance.

It seems that Porter, who was a truck driver in Omaha when he met the Douglasses, had elected to keep the property in his wife's name, or to be more exact, in the name of Mrs. Douglass, because there was an outstanding judgment against him. So far as the court records showed Porter had no property, and the property in which his industry and management had accumulated. It all belonged to Mrs. Douglass.

Douglass employed an attorney at Los Angeles and he just succeeded in having the courts decide that the estate left by Mrs. Douglass rightly belongs to him.

Douglass has just returned to his St. Louis City farm, bearing a copy of the decrees of the court and bona fide evidence of title to \$40,000 worth of Los Angeles property that formerly stood in his wife's name.

FALSE PROPHECY IN PORTO RICO.

New York, Jan. 11.—A report of Manuel Paris to the American Tract society states that in Ponce, Porto Rico, a false prophet has appeared, representing himself as the spirit of St. John the evangelist, preaching in the villages of the district, and that a great many people follow him.

At times he preaches some Bible truth, at other times the contrary. He commands people to follow him and to wear three crosses hanging from their necks so that Satan may not carry them away. In this manner a great part of the country people follow him; something like 3,000 leaving their homes and their labor. He announced a service and there met to hear him about 1,000 people.

GERMAN LEARNED MEN OPPOSE WAR

They Send Out a Signed State-
ment Protesting Against Cer-
tain Statements.

RECTORS AND PROFESSORS.

Recognize that War Between Ger-
many and England Would be
A World Calamity.

London, Jan. 11.—Lord Avebury, formerly Sir John Lubbock, president of the Central Association of Bankers, who is chairman of the committee formed Dec. 1, after the meeting at Caxton hall, London, to promote Anglo-American accord, sent out under the covering of a letter tonight a remarkable communication addressed to the press, signed by 41 of the most prominent persons engaged in science, literature, art and the learned professions of Germany, protesting against the statements circulated in certain papers tending to create a sentiment which "would render difficult, and perhaps impossible the task of those responsible for peace between the two countries."

"We regret the form in which certain papers in Germany, as well as in other countries on the continent and in America, vented their feelings during the late war in South Africa, but we assert that these attacks were not the outcome of any deep-seated hatred, and that no ill-feeling now exists in Germany against England, except that created from time to time by what we feel to be a misrepresentation of German aims in the utterances of English journals of high standing."

"We can state that none of us, though living in widely distant parts of Germany and moving in different German societies and of party life, ever heard an attack on England soundly discussed or approved by any man or section of the German public worth noticing. Neither have we met anybody in Germany who credited the government with any intention or plan to war with England."

"The naval policy of the government, whether approved or resisted, in everywhere in Germany understood to be directed solely to provide what the government deems to be adequate protection for the growing mass of German shipping. Certainly it is not based on any purpose to enter a wanton contest at sea."

"We wish to be on truly friendly terms with England and with England, and this wish is general in Germany. Every cultivated German knows and venerates the ties which bind both nations. To no other modern country does German civilization owe so much as it does to England through

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Shakespeare, and England, from the time of Luther and Holbein to that of Handel and Goethe, has found in Germany a source of pure spiritual and artistic inspiration.

"We believe that on the continuance of this intimacy between both countries depends, to a great extent, the future and the fullness of European civilization. We therefore call on British men of science, on British artists and painters, as the guardians in England of this heritage, and on the British press, as the leader of British opinion and feeling, to discountenance this prejudice which automatically casts suspicion on every act of German policy, for we are sincerely convinced that if only this fog of prejudice could be dispelled, no step which the German government is likely to take and no feelings which the German people may harbor, can ever rightly endanger the friendship between the two nations."

The document is signed by the rectors and leading professors of universities and academies and by other persons of great prominence. The covering letter is signed by 41 persons equally prominent in similar walks of life in Great Britain. It says:

"In welcoming this communication from Germany, our only regret is that any doubt should exist concerning the recognition in England of the essential solidarity of British and German civilization. We accept without reserve and with warm gratification all the assurances of our German friends and colleagues. We beg them to leave that we, and those for whom we may speak, are no whit less annoyed and misrepresented than they themselves by the affected belligerence of some of our journals."

Many there is no frontier to be defended. War between the two powers would be a world calamity for which no victory could compensate either nation, and we emphatically declare our belief that the levity with which certain journalists occasionally discuss such a possibility is the measure of their profound ignorance of the real sentiments of the nation."

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MAIL TRAIN WRECKED.

Wells, Nev., Jan. 11.—Southern Pacific fast mail train No. 9, carrying the California and Oriental mail, was wrecked last night at a siding called Wright, 40 miles east of here. The block signal system in use on the division saved the train crew and mail clerks.

The westbound freight had stopped at a water tank at Leray, when two box cars and the caboose broke loose from the end of the train and started

down a heavy grade to Wright siding, three and one-half miles away. The fast mail train was passing Wright at a high rate of speed when Engineer Noble saw the block signal display the red danger signal, indicating that something was on the block, and he stopped his train in obedience to the warning. He was none too soon, as the wild cars were heard coming down the grade. It was apparent that the accident could not be avoided, and all the trainmen and mail clerks sought safety in the sage brush, hence none was on the train when it was struck. The impact was severe, but did not derail the mail train, though the runaway cars were all smashed into slivers.

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