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REBELS ARE IN CONTROL OF RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

After Three Days Fighting Revolutionists Are Apparently Successful. Pro-German Influence The Cause. The Revolution Strengthens The Allies.

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London, March 15.—(United Press)—The Russian revolution has succeeded. The Czar may abdicate. The Duma and the army may overthrow the government.

It is intended to crush the pro-German officials. Three days of fighting preceded the rebel's success.

Many houses in Moscow and Petrograd were burned. Armed forces clashed repeatedly.

The rebels captured the Czar's ministers, including Premier Sturmer.

The provisional government established governmental committees in Petrograd and Moscow.

The garrisons joined the rebels. They dynamited the Petrograd bridge.

Violently Democrat Duma elements control the situation.

Rioting started Saturday. The Czar's ukases were ignored. The people charged pro-German officials with hindering Russia's warfare.

The new government strengthens the entente.

Usual official war statements were issued today. They indicated the rebels are controlling all branches of the government. The rebels seized the telegraphs.

DUMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASSUMES REINS OF GOVERNMENT.

Berlin, via Sayville, March 15.—(United Press)—The press bureau announced the Russian Duma executive committee had accomplished a successful revolution, imprisoned all the ministers, and taken control of the government. They appointed Deputy Englehard commander of Petrograd. They issued a proclamation asking the people, troops, railroads and banks to resume regular life. The committee declared itself a provisional government.

SHIP WITH AMERICANS ABOARD SUBMARINED.

Washington, March 15.—(United Press)—The state department has officially learned that the British steamer Lennon carrying two Americans was submarined.

French Raid German Lines.

Paris, March 15.—(United Press)—It is announced the French raided the German lines in the Moulins Vance region capturing many. Active artillerying is reported at Maisons and Champagne.

Admiral Lacaze Will Be French War Minister.

Paris, March 15.—(United Press)—It is announced that Admiral Lacaze will temporarily succeed Lyantey as war minister. Premier Briand is expected to announce the reorganization of the ministry today. He hopes to prevent a dissolution of the present cabinet.

Germans Capture French Post.

Berlin, via Sayville, March 15.—(United Press)—It is announced the Germans captured the French post at South Cumieres. Many prisoners were taken in the daylight raid. French attacks at South Ripont failed. Rain checked the artillerying.

BRITISH ARE NEARING BAPAUME FORTRESS

Troops Are Advancing in Blinding Rain in a Sea of Mud.

London, March 15.—(United Press)—The British are before the last line of the Bapaume defenses. They are facing a blinding rain and are in a sea of mud. They advanced on a one and one-half mile front west of the city. The dispatches said the resistance was stiffening. The artillerying is terrific.

The Weather

Portland, March 15.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: "Fair in east. Frost in west; west winds."

STEAMSHIP SAGAMORE IS REPORTED SUNK

Vessel Is An Old Steel Craft And Registered From Liverpool

Boston, March 15.—(United Press)—The Furness-Withy company received a report that the steamship Sagamore en route to Liverpool was sunk. It was an old steel vessel. It registered from Liverpool.

Johnson Resigns As California Governor

Sacramento, March 15.—(United Press)—Hiram Johnson resigned the governorship at noon. William Stephens was appointed his successor.

GROUP OF MEN SAY THEY WILL DRIVE THE CHINESE OUT OF THE CITY IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

COMMITTEE OF THIRTY MEETS AND DECIDES UPON PLAN OF ACTION—DR. R. E. L. HOLT HEADS THE "DRIVE OUT COMMITTEE"—COLLECTION IS TAKEN FOR MRS. C. E. GEORGE THE INJURED WOMAN AND \$102 RAISED.

A motion was passed unanimously at the citizens' mass meeting this afternoon that a committee of 30 or 40 citizens, headed by Dr. R. E. L. Holt, meet at the old Elks' club building Saturday evening and drive out every Chinese in the city. The committee is called the drive-out committee. A collection was taken up for Mrs. C. E. George, the injured woman, netting \$102.60. After passing the motion the meeting adjourned.

Fred B. Currey called the meeting to order and nominated Fred J. Holmes as chairman.

On motion of George H. Currey the records of the meeting were destroyed.

Orlando Stevens advised that the best way to handle the matter was not to drive the Chinese out but to boycott them. "We tried to send them out at Union a number of years ago but they drifted back and we had lawsuits on our hands. If you give them a job; give them something to do they will drift back."

The Chinese quarter was declared by citizens to be a bed of dives. Dr. Holt said that a year ago a government inspector said a local druggist was selling a gallon of tincture of opium into the quarter every week. "I live in that part of town and my family have to pass these houses. I shall not feel safe in this community until you take measures to remove this quarter."

It was alleged that some city officials knew of the Chinese conditions said to exist, but criticism was not directed at the commission members. Not specific allegation of any city official was made.

Though he condemned the action of the Chinese in shooting on the streets in strong language and said that they appeared to be outside the pale George Palmer urged that the meeting be guided by the advice of lawyers who were present.

Judge Crawford criticized the action of releasing the Chinese accused of shooting at Eng Chong a few weeks ago on \$300 bonds. "I understand," said Judge Crawford, "that the man who is alleged to have done the shooting has left town and it is not known whether he will return."

Discussion of means of meeting the Chinese tong war situation was held at a special mass meeting in the city commission's chambers in the city building this afternoon. Fred J. Holmes presided. He cautioned against hot-headedness. Though some of the citizens urged "to clean out" the Chinese, quarter's citizens, others counseled to use nothing but lawful methods. Assistance for Mrs. C. E. George, the woman shot in the ankle Tuesday noon by a stray bullet from a Chinese gun, occupied the time of the speakers. A suggestion was made that a committee of citizens be appointed to devise ways and means of taking charge of the situation. The city management reported that the Chinese women, if not indicted, would be sent out of the city. Officials further said that any dives in the Chinese quarter would be eliminated as quickly as possible.

It is not known as yet whether Mrs. George will lose her foot.

The Chinese tong war situation was complicated this morning by the arrival of several Chinamen on number six. One, Quon San, of Los Angeles, who says he has resided in Portland the past month, told the city authorities that he was a representative of the Chinese Peace society and that he had come here to see if he could make peace between the warring tongs, the Hip Sings and the Hop Sings. When searched an automatic revolver was found on him, another revolver and a derringer were found in his grip. A charge of carrying concealed weapons was filed against him and he is being held in the city jail. His trial will be held today.

Lee Pot Lim, a young Chinese in company with Quon San, was taken to City Manager Currey's office and questioned. He spoke little English and an interpreter was used. Lee said his home was in Fresno, Cal., and that he had come north to take a cannery job. He had come to La Grande to loaf, the interpreter testified. Lee's advent had been heralded and the sheriff's office had been requested to

send a man to the depot to meet him and afford him protection. He was turned over to the sheriff and was placed in the county jail. Lee said he was a cousin of Quon but previously Quon had said he did not know the youth.

Ying Gong, of Spokane, an interpreter who was in La Grande for the trial of Billy Eng a year ago, arrived on number six and was taken to headquarters for examination. Ying is said to represent the Hip Sing tong in the prosecution of the Hop Sing gunmen held in the county jail.

Quon San and Lee Pot Lim are said to be Hop Sings. Louie, the Chinese helper at the Sommer hotel, the man fined yesterday for carrying a gun, and the husband of one of the Chinese women held in the county jail as accessories to the killing of Billy Eng Tuesday, had been informed of the arrival of Quon San and Lee Pot Lim and was at the depot to meet them.

As number six neared La Grande the police received a telegram that Quon San and Lee Pot Lim were on the train and that they "didn't look good" to the sender.

AUTO SHOW TO OPEN TONIGHT 7:30, HILTON'S

DEALERS VIE WITH ONE ANOTHER FOR UNIQUE DISPLAYS

DECORATIONS READY. CARS PLACED. MUSIC SECURED

Lighting System in and Outside of Building, Potted Plants Greens and Scenery, Help Make Showplace Attractive—Elks' Six Piece Orchestra Will Play—High School Quintet to Sing—Late in the Evening There Will Be Dancing.

When? Tonight at 7:30. Where? In Hilton's garage building. What? La Grande's first automobile and motorcycle show.

How? Because La Grande dealers and the community wanted the show.

Who? Joe M. Rieg, of Portland, aided and abetted by President Fred J. Holmes and Secretary Frank Hilton, of the La Grande Automobile and Motorcycle Dealers' association, and the members of the association.

Why? So that Union and Wallowa county people and their guests from Umatilla, Baker and any place else might see the latest in the motor world and learn what the machinists and designers of transportation facilities are doing for the man who has a load to pull or a place to get to in a hurry, or leisurely.

How to get there? Buy ticket to La Grande from any place on main O.-W. from Pendleton to Huntington or from Joseph branch points. Secure receipt from agent for fare paid. Walk east on Adams avenue to brilliantly lighted building between Fir and Greenwood. Attend the auto show and have Secretary Hilton sign receipt. When returning home, any time before March 21, present receipt signed by Hilton to La Grande agent and receive two-third's reduction on the fare from La Grande to your home.

What to do? Attend the show. The show is ready. The cars are placed. The decorations—potted plants, Oregon grape and other greens, the scenery, the lighting system in and outside the building are set. The Elks' six-piece orchestra, the high school quintet and the dancers are ready.

The doors open at 7:30 p. m. The admission is twenty-five cents.

M. C. Nibberger today bought a Maxwell car from J. E. Anderson. This is the first car sold at the auto show.

BROTHERHOODS MEETING WITH RAILROAD MANAGERS

Railroad Employees Are Determined to Force An Eight Hour Day And To Declare Strike Saturday Night. The Managers Are Willing To Pay Higher Wages.

New York, March 15.—(United Press)—Brotherhood representatives started conferring with railway managers at eleven-thirty this morning. After an hour's conference they lunched.

Members indicated no statement would be issued until late this afternoon.

The Brotherhoods are ready to force an eight-hour day issued and declare a strike Saturday night.

The managers offered to compromise. They are willing to pay higher wages, but are not willing to grant an eight hour day.

The Brotherhoods fear a split in their own ranks unless they force the railways to make immediate concessions.

A split would give the railroads an opportunity to deal with each brotherhood separately.

It is understood the Brotherhoods are willing not to insist on time and a half for overtime.

NAVY DEPARTMENT ADOPTS COST SYSTEM

Will Pay Private Firms Cost Plus 10 Per Cent For Cruisers.

Washington, March 15.—(United Press)—Ship builders who bid to construct warships are dissatisfied with the navy department. The department decided to build four battle cruisers on a cost basis plus ten per cent profit to private firms. The fifth cruiser will be constructed by government yards.

Alice Entertainment. The Alice Epworth league will hold an entertainment Saturday night, March 17, at the church. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental music, readings, dialogues and drills. Adults 25c, children from 6 to 12 years, 10c. Free refreshments will be served after the program.

George Young Is Re-elected Dictator

Moose Lodge Hold Annual Election—Big Moose Parade Tomorrow Night to Boost Auto Show.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Moose lodge last night



C. C. (Daddy) Burt, Moose Organizer who is also boosting for the auto show.

George Young at the close of an exciting, and hotly contested race was re-elected to head the Moose for the

POWDER WORKS BLOWS UP

Wilmington, March 15.—(United Press)—The Dupont Powder Works mill here exploded today. Albert Van Atta, a munitions worker was killed. The mills are making high explosive semi-smokeless powder. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

LATE SENATOR PLATT'S NEPHEW HURRIES WEDDING FEARING WAR CALL

New York, March 15.—(United Press)—Because they fear a call to arms at any moment might interfere with the wedding they planned for after Easter, Miss Penelope Sears and Sherman Phelps Platt, a nephew of the late United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, were married here today. Platt is a member of Squadron A. N. Y. N. G., and is subject to call at any moment.

ensuing year. The race was spirited and keen, and the outcome was doubtful until the last few ballots were counted.

The following officers were elected last night at this meeting: George Young, dictator; W. C. Hansen, vice-dictator; Jap Stevens, prelate; J. G. Holmes, trustee; Fred Smith, inside guard; Don Shanks, outside guard; George Young, supreme lodge representative; R. J. Green, alternate. During the course of the evening a very interesting talk was made by a Moose who had served with the National Guard on the Mexican border. This guardsman related his experience as a soldier of Uncle Sam and told of finding many other Moose in the army. He also stated that the work was somewhat monotonous because of the fact that during all the time he was there he did not get a shot at a bandit and all that he could find to do was to patrol the border, drill, gaze at the beautiful Senoritas and chase jack-rabbits. However, the life of the soldier of Uncle Sam was a most interesting and enjoyable one.

"Daddy" Burt then related that a large number of the Moose from La Grande attended the dance at Perry last Saturday given by Gene Bonham. It was related by other Moose the fact that "Daddy" Burt made a great hit with the ladies of Perry. The Moose attended this dance in a bunch of Chevrolet automobiles furnished by the dealer, George Richardson.

It was then agreed by the lodge to support the automobile show in every way possible. "Daddy" Burt, George Richardson, R. J. Green and L. D. Butler all made speeches, urging the members to support this big local show. Thereupon the members decided to meet at the lodge room Friday night this week at 7:30 p. m. and march in a body to the show, headed by the band.

After the lodge a banquet was served for about 100 members. All members and candidates are urged to be present for the parade.