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STRIKE IS POSTPONED FOR 48 HOURS

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL DECLINES RUSSIAN THRONE

He Issues a Request That The Russians Obey The Provisional Government Until People Can Speak. Duma Takes Full Charge of Affairs.

Petrograd, March 17.—(United Press)—Declining the Russian throne offered him after Czar Nicholas' abdication, Grand Duke Michael issued a request that the Russians obey the provisional government until the vote of the people could show what form of government they preferred.

Army officers here unanimously resolved to recognize the authority of the Duma.

They declared the army realizes the indispensable need of reestablishing order immediately.

The Provisional government ordered the arrest of Governor Zein of Finland.

Deputy Rodichieff was named Minister of Finnish affairs.

Complete order is restored in Petrograd.

The triumph Democracy seemed assured with the ending of its Romanoffs reign.

Zeppelin Balloon Falls In a Mass of Flames.

Paris, March 17.—(United Press)—A Zeppelin balloon, apparently returning from England, was downed from a great height in Compeigne today. The crew was incinerated. It fell in a mass of flames in the center of the Boulevard Gambetta, in the heart of the city Compeigne. It was the result of the anti-aircraft guns. Cheering crowds massed the streets. Several Zeppelins were sighted at a great altitude at five this morning. They dropped bombs. The damage was insignificant.

British Take Bapaume, Thought Impregnable.

London, March 17.—(United Press)—Bapaume, key to the western German defenses against which General Haig has been hammering has been captured. It is believed this will force an early German retirement from the Bapaume-Arras line. General Hindenburg recently dubbed Bapaume the "gibraltar of the western front."

PEACE PACT IS OBJECT SOUGHT BY CHINAMEN

HIP SINGS HAVE GIVEN AID
TO MRS. C. E. GEORGE.

RIVAL TONG REPRESENT-
ATIVES MET LAST NIGHT

Robert McGuire, Portland Attorney, Coming Here With Authority From Hop Sing Tong—Portland Heads of Tong Now Considering La Grande Peace Pact—Sam Quan, Self-Styled Representative of the Chinese Peace Society but Now Hop Sing Representative, Fined \$50 on City Charge of Carrying Concealed Weapons—State Charge of Same Kind To Be Tried Monday.

The funeral of Billy Eng, the Chinese killed Tuesday noon by Chinese gunmen, will be held tomorrow at two from the Bohne-ekamp chapel. Interment will be in the Chinese section of the Oddfellows cemetery. Mrs. Good-nough of Spokane, Billy Eng's former teacher in the Chinese school there, will be in the city for the funeral.

Peace is the watchword of the Hip Sings and the Hop Sings of La Grande today. Sam Quan, of Los Angeles and Portland, Hop Sing representative, and Ying Gong of Spokane, Hip Sing representative, met in City Manager Currey's office last night and shook hands. No truce was signed

but word was given that, if the Portland attorneys of the rival tongs could get together and arrange matters suitably with the Hip Sing and Hop Sing tong heads, peace here would come immediately. The peace now rests with the Portland tong heads. Robert McGuire, attorney of Portland, legal advisor of the Hop Sings, is coming to La Grande tomorrow or Monday. He will undoubtedly bring word from the Hop Sing tong in Portland. Ying Gong, Hip Sing representative, said today that he did not know who the Hip attorney in Portland was. He thought it was Dan Malarkey but later information has it that Malarkey represents Bow Leung, the tong with which the Hips have joined in the present trouble.

Ying Gong and the Hip Sing tongmen here view Sam Quan with suspicion. Quan came here and first said he was a representative of the Chinese Peace Society, and a representative of both tongs. Now he says he is a Hop Sing and last night met Ying Gong as the representative of that tong. Incidentally it is remembered that Quan came here with a Chinese boy whose only business here was "to loaf". Three guns were found on Sam Quan. He was immediately arrested for carrying concealed weapons on a city and on a state charge. Today he was fined \$50 on the city charge and his trial on the state charge will be held Monday. He is out of jail on \$100 bonds. The Chinese boy who came with Quan was represented by the attorneys for the Hop Sings, Cochran and Eberhard, and upon motion of these attorneys he returned to Portland night before last.

Yesterday and last night the Hop Sing section of Chinatown was deserted. Today the Chinese gathered enough courage to return. They are busy among their effects, gathering the belongings scattered in Tuesday's and Wednesday's search.

It is likely that the city commission will take some action at the meeting next Wednesday night in regard to the unsanitary condition of the Chinese section.

UNION AND LA GRANDE WILL BE ON HIGHWAY

TRUNK LINE WILL CONNECT LA
GRANDE WITH COLUMBIA
RIVER HIGHWAY

COMMISSIONER THOMPSON
SPEAKS AT AUTO SHOW

If the People Vote \$6,000,000 for Good Roads in June, Wallowa County Will Get Post Road From La Grande to Joseph—State Highway Commission Will Follow Business—Like Course in Awarding Contracts and Constructing Roads.

Union county and La Grande will be on the main eastern Oregon highway, connecting with the Columbia River highway and running to the Idaho line.

Wallowa county will have a post road running from Joseph to La Grande if the people vote \$6,000,000 for good roads in the June election.

These were two of the significant statements of W. L. Thompson, state highway commissioner, at the auto show last night.

Mr. Thompson made an excellent impression on his audience. He is the type of an able, alert, clean cut business man. He impresses you as the kind of a man that you couldn't bluff, and one who would stand the gaff for what he thought was right and for the best interests of the state.

The State Highway commission has outlined its policy to call for bids on the selection of pavements in open and fair competition, contracts to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, who will be required to guarantee the permanency of his work. If satisfactory bids are not obtained at

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Moose Attend The Auto Show in Body

The Moose, headed by George Young and "Daddy" Burt formed at 7:30 last night and marched with a band to the auto show. They attracted lots of attention and the crowd followed in line, thereby swelling the attendance at the show last night.

"The Moose did this," said Mr. Burt, "to show that they appreciate the enterprise of the auto dealers of La Grande in putting on such a magnificent show. We like to boost all worthy civic undertakings. I was especially pleased to see the large turnout and the attendance of the boys from Perry, because they had to lay off work in order to be here." Many Moose from out of town were present. President Holmes, Secretary Hilton of the auto show, and all the auto and motorcycle dealers today expressed their appreciation of the attendance and parade of the Moose.

Hips Give to Mrs. George Fund.

Twenty dollars was left at The Observer this afternoon by representatives of the Hip Sing tong, to be placed in the Mrs. C. E. George fund.

Mrs. C. E. George Better.

Mrs. C. E. George, the woman hit by a bullet in Tuesday noon's shooting affair, is getting along splendidly. Dr. A. L. Richardson said this afternoon: "Mrs. George's condition is splendid although it is not known as yet whether she will lose her right foot. No infection has shown so far."

Aged Man Dies As Result of Boise Fire

Boise, March 17.—(United Press)—John Myers, aged 80, is dead, and his son Horace injured as the result of a fire which destroyed the Sherman House, a fashionable family hotel, this morning. Thirty guests escaped in their night clothes.

TONIGHT, LAST NIGHT TO SEE THE AUTO SHOW

LODGES AND W. L. THOMPSON
MAKE FRIDAY NIGHT A
NOTEWORTHY ONE

BEING ST. PATRICK'S
TOO, ADDS GAY FEATURE

Welding Plant in Operation, Running Chassis, Aristocratic and Democratic Cars, Alike, and a Carnival Spirit With Music and Dancing Promised for Tonight.

Tonight is the last night, and the best night, of the La Grande Automobile and Motorcycle show. Because it is the last night, and St. Patrick's night, too, there will be special entertainment features. Towards eleven o'clock informal dancing will be enjoyed. Special music will feature the evening.

Last night members of the La Grande lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, marched to the show in a body, headed by "Daddy" Burt and a band. La Grande D. O. O. K. lodge attended and were conspicuous in the red fezes.

Bohnenkamp's Exhibit Pleases. Bohnenkamp's exhibit of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, working parts, and Goodyear tires, attracted many people.

Leighton Does Welding for Visitors. Mr. Leighton shows the methods used in welding broken parts of automobiles and motorcycles.

Hamilton Shows Mitchell, Saxon. The beautiful new Mitchell five and seven passenger cars and Saxons, shown by B. C. Hamilton, have been admired by visitors the past two days.

Closed Dort Sedan Shown. A closed Dort Sedan town car, a

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Villa Occupies Santa Rosalia

El Paso, March 17.—(United Press)—Following the retreat of General Murguia's forces from Rosario, Villa occupied Santa Rosalia, the last of four important towns Murguia held, it is reliably reported.

O-W R. & N. Co. Helps City To Get Coal

With only two days supply of coal in La Grande for its own use, the O-W R. & N. officials have come to the aid of the public of La Grande, and by co-operating with the city authorities and local coal dealers have obviated the danger of any coal famine here. Yesterday they diverted two cars of coal, when the situation had become acute, and today they accepted from local dealers orders direct by which the O-W R. & N. Co. agrees to deliver coal from western dealers to the people in La Grande.

75 BOYS IN DRILL CORPS.

Applauded by old militiamen and Spanish War Veterans of La Grande, Sergeant Rice, marine recruiting officer, put 75 high school boys through their first paces last night in the formation of a high school student body drill corps.

The corps will drill twice weekly. Superintendent McCullough, Principal Hampton and professional men and merchants assisted in the formation of the corps.

Seattle Girl Ends Life.

Seattle, March 17.—(United Press)—Mabel Howe, a maid of fifteen years old, shot and killed herself at the home of Eugene Erick early this morning because the employer lectured her about unbecoming conduct at a party.

BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS ISSUE ORDERS DELAYING STRIKE

Conferences With Railway Managers And Federal Mediators Result In Postponement. Supreme Court May Decide Adamson Law Monday.

New York, March 17.—(United Press)—Secretary Lane announced late this afternoon that the railroad strike had been postponed forty-eight hours. He said: "At our request, out of appreciation of the national situation the Brotherhoods and railway managers resumed their negotiations and in the hope of an adjustment that will avoid the necessity for a strike, the Brotherhoods have wired or telephoned the general chairmen asking postponement of all action for forty-eight hours. Unless advised of a settlement before then, the men will leave service under the authority already given."

The postponement allows time for a possible decision of the Adamson law by the supreme court.

Washington, March 17.—(United Press)—President Wilson believed today there would not be a railroad strike. He thought the mediators would prevail with both sides to adjust their differences.

Nevertheless the President is studying the means and action necessary to prevent business paralysis. Local proceedings are to be carefully studied. It is uncertain whether President Wilson could declare martial law on railroads, though precedents show he legally could do so if violence started. It is possible the supreme court may decide the Adamson law Monday.

FEDERAL MEDIATORS HOPE TO AVERT STRIKE.

New York, March 17.—(United Press)—The Federal mediators conferred three hours with the Brotherhood representatives today. Afterwards the railroad managers and presidents gathered at the Hotel Biltmore for conference with the mediators. Secretary of the Interior Lane said: "We are working earnestly and sincerely to find a solution for this problem."

While the mediators were closeted with Brotherhood chiefs the railroad managers reiterated four reasons why there would not be a strike: "Railroads do not want a strike. The Brotherhoods don't dare to execute their threat. It would be a calamity which the country cannot face. By some method the President will avert the strike."

CZAR AND CZARINA ARE HELD PRISONERS.

Stockholm, March 17.—(United Press)—The Czar Nicholas is a prisoner of the revolutionists in the Turide Palace. The Czarina was sent to Kuhieff, so a newspaper here declares.

BRITISH DEAL WITH THE DUMA COMMITTEE.

London, March 17.—(United Press)—The British government is dealing with the provisional Duma committee as the defacto Russian government announced.

SUIT FILED TO PREVENT CALLING STRIKE.

Philadelphia, March 17.—(United Press)—Twenty-eight members and the officers of the Grand International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers filed an injunction suit to restrain the Brotherhood Chiefs from calling a strike.

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL MAY ACCEPT THE THRONE

Petrograd, March 17.—(United Press)—Grand Duke Michael is willing to accept the throne only if a referendum vote shows the people want him to be head of the government. He issued a statement making acceptance of the throne contingent upon that.

Hears Arguments In Bed

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, who is sick with the grip, heard arguments in the cases of Hansen vs. the City of Union, contesting the validity of a city ordinance prohibiting card playing, and the case of Gerder vs. Gerder, for an application to modify a decree of divorce, yesterday in bed. Both cases were taken under advisement.

Williamette U. Man To Speak.

Prof E. C. Richards of Williamette university will speak at tomorrow morning's and evening's services in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Special Train Carries Company.

A special train of 13 coaches passing through La Grande this morning carried the Chicago Grand Opera company which is touring the country. The company sang in Walla Walla last night and is scheduled next for Boise, Idaho.

Adjutant Hudspeth, of Portland, matron of the Salvation Army Rescue Home, and Miss Violet Fitzgerald, a La Grande girl now in the Army, were incoming passengers on number six this morning. Adjutant Hudspeth will speak in several places here tomorrow.