

EMPEROR HAS YIELDED

Calls His People to Aid in Legislation.

HE ISSUES A DECREE

Ministers to Prepare Plans for an Assembly.

EACH CLASS TO BE SEPARATE

He Grants Limited Freedom, but Guards Against Repetition of French Revolution, Though Promises Concessions.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—In the Alexandra Palace at Tsarsko-Selo, surrounded by the ministers and a number of members of the court and the Emperor at his side, Emperor Nicholas this afternoon affixed his signature to a rescript containing His Majesty's decree to give elected representatives of the people an opportunity to express their views on the preparation of the laws of the empire.

This is the autocrat's final response to the agitation in favor of participation by the people in government, which has brought Russia in the last few months almost to the brink of revolution. No change in the regime of autocracy is involved for the present and it means neither a constitution nor a national assembly. At the same time it recognizes the principle of the people's right to be heard regarding laws under which they must live. Whatever the result may be, the document is sure to mark an epoch in Russian history as important as the signing of the emancipation manifesto, the 25th anniversary of which it was intended to signalize.

The signing of the document came at the end of a dramatic scene, the climax of which was an impassioned speech by Emperor Nicholas to his ministers, in which he declared that he sought only the welfare of his subjects.

"I am willing," the Emperor said, "to shed my blood for the good of my people."

Purpose of the Rescript.

From the lips of a high personage who was present when the rescript was signed the Associated Press is able to give the following authoritative statement:

The action of the Emperor today is not a new concession, but the actual grant to the people of the means whereby their duly elected representatives can place before His Majesty their views on every important measure affecting the Empire. Moreover, if one reads the rescript carefully, one will see that it contains a distinct promise of something in the future. Its small beginning will not involve the surrender of the principle of autocracy now, but what it may evolve in the future. We do not expect that it will meet the wishes of radicals and extremists of any class; nothing would excite them but the complete overthrow of the existing regime. We do hope, however, that after mature deliberation it will meet with the approval of moderate men, who are always well-wishers of the country.

The Emperor has been much maligned and misunderstood abroad. Nobody appreciates the trials and sufferings he has endured the last few months. He has been represented as indifferent to the condition of his people. Nothing could be further from the truth. Not only the fate of Russia is his sole care, but his mind is incessantly directed to the welfare of his subjects. For this reason he refuses to surrender the autocratic power in favor of a constitutional monarchy. He has recognized the strength of the outcry against the bureaucracy, as manifested by addresses and memorials sent to him, and has yielded to their demand. The people's representative can make known directly to him their views concerning every law which the Council of the Empire proposes.

The manifesto and the rescript must be read together. To Americans the former document will appear as a strange medieval document; but it must be remembered that it is the Emperor's word to his people in every condition of life, scattered from the White Sea to the Black Sea and from the frontiers of Germany to the Pacific. It will be read in every church, in every hamlet of the empire. It is a personal appeal to the people to support their government in the hour of trial, and should be read in that light. The rescript, on the other hand, is addressed to the Minister of the Interior. Under the Russian law only nobles have the right to address memorials to His Majesty in person; all other classes must communicate through the Minister of the Interior. The rescript, therefore, must be regarded as His Majesty's reply to the last number of addresses adopted by Zemstvo, municipal, educational, commercial and professional associations and seven committees.

Each Class Kept Separate.

Proceeding, the Emperor above quoted, who probably himself will be one of those intrusted with the elaboration of the reforms, explained that the details all remained to be worked out; but in a general way he revealed the important fact that it is not the present intention of the government to have representatives of the different classes sit together to deliberate on the laws, but that the representatives of each class will be constituted into a permanent body, elected at stated periods. The jurisdiction of each body will be limited to the expression of views on the particular legislation affecting such class. Moreover, the sitting of the different classes may be held at different times. Thus representatives in no sense will constitute an assembly to formulate or discuss laws, avoiding thereby the danger from convocation of a general representative assembly, which, like the States-General of France, might take the reins in its own hands and transform itself into a national assembly.

The humor in which the rescript will be received is awaited with the keenest anxiety. Extraneous are expected to denounce the government for steering a middle course, yielding something in the form of popular government while retaining the essence of autocracy; but the government does not hope to satisfy this class. If it called the moderates to the support of the government it would be satisfied. The workmen left their meetings in St. Petersburg this afternoon, threatening to renew a general strike. Tonight the streets are again full of Cossacks and every preparation and precaution has been taken in anticipation of possible trouble tomorrow.

Following is the text of the rescript: Text of the Rescript.

True to the ancient custom of the Russian people of the expression of its feelings to

three in days of joy or sorrow for the fatherland, the nobility, Zemstvo assemblies, commercial associations and student committees have offered from all parts of Russia congratulations on the birth of the heir to the throne, with expressions of their willingness to sacrifice their fortunes for the successful termination of the war and to devote all their strength to the establishment of order in the state. In my own name and in that of her Majesty, I order you to convey to them our hearty thanks for the expression of their loyal feeling, which, in the present very grave crisis, is all the more precious as an expression of their willingness, at my call, to co-operate in the successful execution of the reform announced by me, and in entirely in accordance with the wishes of my heart. My desire is to attain the fulfillment of my intentions for the welfare of my people by means of the co-operation of the government with the experienced forces of the community and, continuing the work of my crowned ancestor, to retain the prestige of the Russian nation, undiminished and secure confidence therein. I am resolved henceforth, with the help of God, to convene the wisest men possessing the confidence of the people and elected by them to participate in the elaboration and consideration of legislative measures. Taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances of the fatherland, the multiplicity of its races, and in certain parts of the country the weak development of citizenship, Russian rulers in their wisdom instituted reforms in accordance with their mature consideration, but only in logical sequence, at the same time considering the continuation of firm historical ties with the past as a pledge for the durability and stability of the present. In undertaking these reforms I am convinced that local needs and experience of life and well-being and secure support to legislation for the real benefit of the people. At the same time I foresee all the complexity and labor, for their Emperor and for their country, while preserving absolutely the immutability of the fundamental laws of the empire. I have confidence in your long administrative experience and value your tranquil assurance in appreciation of a special conference to meet under your presidency to consider means to secure the fulfillment of those laws. May God bless this good beginning. May God help you successfully to secure the welfare of the people confided to me by His Majesty. (Signed) NICHOLAS.

RALLY AROUND THE THRONE

Czar's Manifesto Denounces Rebels and Appeals for Loyalty.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—The text of the imperial manifesto, published by the Official Messenger today, calling on the country to rally around the throne in the hour of crisis, is as follows: An inviolable Providence has been pleased to send our fatherland a new ruler, a young man of noble mind and noble heart, whose mission it is to lead the Russian people to the path of peace and prosperity, not only of our own, but of all Christian nations. The Russian people, and all who have loved it, must stand by their Emperor and their country, and in the hour of crisis, must stand by their Emperor and their country, and in the hour of crisis, must stand by their Emperor and their country.

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and its contents are known only to the President and to King Edward. This is the first of the letters from foreign rulers which it has been indicated would be sent to President Roosevelt.

TROOPS POURED INTO POLAND

Government Prepares for Revolt, and Wealthy Flee From Land.

WARSAW, March 3.—The Emperor's manifesto was published here today. It is feared its reactionary tone will have a bad effect. Every one is nervously anticipating the developments of the next few days. It is rumored that martial law will be proclaimed here March 4.

Three regiments of infantry and some squadrons of Cossacks arrived here today. The authorities apparently are concentrating troops at critical centers in readiness for emergencies. Several infantry regiments and a strong force of Cossacks are stationed at Lodz.

The exodus of the wealthiest people of Warsaw continues. The trains to Germany and Austria are crowded. There have been further arrests of journalists, including M. Dausid, editor of the

Glos Kreszwicki, and the editor of the Ojnowon.

Germans Predict New Disasters.

BERLIN, March 3.—The Russian Emperor's manifesto to his people, synchronizing with the defeat of his army in the Far East, is treated by the newspapers of all opinions as being the beginning of a fresh period of misfortune for Russia. The conservative and monarchical newspapers predict renewed disorders, although they also believe that the authorities will be successful in suppressing disturbances, because these rioters are without arms, without organization and without efficient leadership; but, although in formal order will be preserved, some of the influential editors believe that a flow of economic anarchy has already set in, and that as the months go on it must make itself felt in lessening the energy in supporting the Manchurian army and Russian credit abroad.

New Governor of Baku Named.

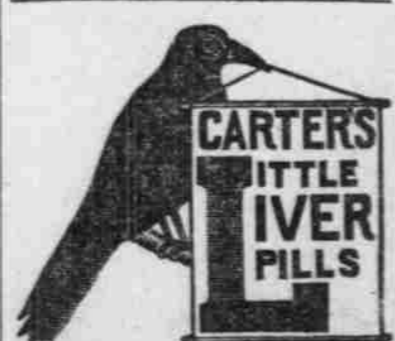
TIFLIS, March 3.—General Malms, acting commander-in-chief of the Caucasus, has issued an order announcing to the people that under the powers granted him by the Emperor he has invited Prince

Last Illness of Senator Wolcott.

MONTE CARLO, March 3.—The suddenness of the death of ex-United States Senator Edward O. Wolcott Wednesday night was a great shock to his friends here, in whose company he took excursions and whom he entertained until a few days before his fatal illness. He first caught cold at Palermo, then went to Cannes and finally came here. His cold continued, but otherwise Mr. Wolcott appeared to be in good health. He was a daily visitor to the Casino, where he took great interest in the play. The ex-senator kept to his room for two days before calling a doctor.

PARIS, March 3.—The body of ex-United States Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, who died at Monte Carlo Wednesday night, arrived here tonight and was placed in a mortuary chapel in await the obsequies Monday, which will be followed by the cremation at Pere la Chaise.

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