

REUSELESS MEANS CARRYING ON WAR

All Russia Rises to Crush Pro-German Influences in Government.

GENERALS PROMISE AID

Not a Word Said Against War by Revolutionists, Whose Power Spreads Rapidly to All Great Cities in Land.

LONDON, March 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons tonight that Emperor Nicholas had abdicated and that Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich had been appointed regent. The soldiers sided with the Duma, but there was no serious loss of life. The Chancellor added that it was comforting to know that the movement was not directed at securing peace by Russia.

A telegram received by the naval attaché of the Russian Embassy in Paris reported that the railways and public services in Petrograd had resumed work, said Mr. Bonar Law.

Comfort Found in Action. "Only tonight," the Chancellor said, "a message has been received from our Ambassador to the effect that a statement from the Duma announced that the Emperor had abdicated and that Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich had been appointed regent.

"There is some comfort for us in the comparative tranquillity with which this change was conducted. There also is real comfort that all the government's information shows that the movement was not in any sense directed toward an effort to secure peace by Russia. On the contrary, the discontent was not against the government for carrying on the war, but for not carrying it on with that efficiency and energy which the people had expected."

Kronstadt Joins Revolt. Telegraphing from Petrograd Wednesday evening, Reuters' correspondent says: Kronstadt, the fortress and seaport at the head of the Gulf of Finland, 20 miles west of Petrograd, has joined the revolutionary movement. Two deputies, Pepetauff and Taskins, on instructions from the Duma committee, proceeded to Kronstadt, where the troops placed themselves at the disposal of the Duma.

M. Pepetauff was appointed commander of Kronstadt, which is Russia's great naval station. Reuters' Petrograd correspondent sends the following dispatch concerning the Russian revolution under date of March 14:

Your correspondent has been in the streets both night and day for the last three days. He has seen long lines of hungry men, women and children and has seen the wanton firing of rifles, machine guns and civil war in the main thoroughfares, but has not heard a single word against war.

German Influences Anger. "A shortage of food, the lack of organization, and the neglect of the most elementary precautions are popularly ascribed to German influences. This is a word of provocation on every lip. The killing of Rasputin was the match that set fire to the vast heat of patriotic determination that Russia would deserve well of her allies if she would give herself the chance. The fire quickly spread, ran from class to class, from civilians to troops. It smoldered in Petrograd on Saturday, burst into flame on Sunday and to a conflagration yesterday. This morning your correspondent heard that its purpose has been achieved. All the regiments in Petrograd have declared for the Duma and the people and the naval barracks have been opened to enable sailors to make common cause."

The Duma telegraphed the principal generals at the front to use their influence with Emperor Nicholas in support of the Duma's appeal for a popular government, says Reuters' Petrograd correspondent. General Brusilov, Commander-in-Chief of the armies on the southwest front, replied: "Your telegram received. I have fulfilled my duty to my Emperor and my country."

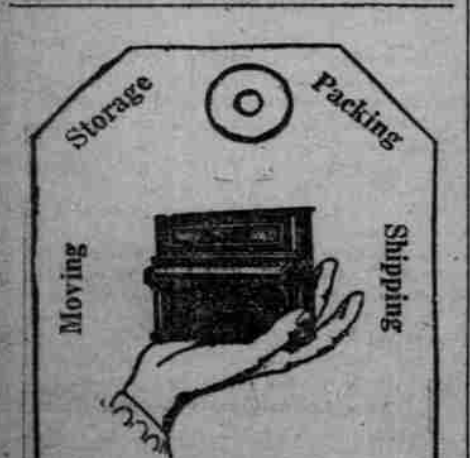
General Nicholas V. Ruzsky, member of the Supreme Military Council, replied: "I have carried out your request."

M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma, sent the following telegram to Emperor Nicholas:

"The situation is becoming worse. Measures must be taken immediately, for tomorrow may be too late. The hour has arrived when the fate of the country and of the dynasty is being decided."

M. Chibchakov, president of the Council of Empire, was arrested in his home and temporarily held in the ministerial room of the Duma.

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Top (Left)—Regent Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich. Right—Czar Nicholas and Son. Below—Scene in Petrograd Where Revolt Had Its Chief Activity.

WAR STARTS UNREST

Clashes Between Government and Duma Are Frequent.

LIBERALS ARE REMOVED

Suspension of Sittings of Body Is Another Element That Adds to Trouble, Following Killing of Mysterious Monk.

Unrest in Russia and disputes between the government and the Duma have occurred repeatedly since the beginning of the European war, and apparently the dissensions came to a head when Emperor Nicholas suspended the Duma and the Council of the Empire on March 12.

Affairs in Russia, which had led to the installation of two Premiers up to March, 1915, when Boris Sturmer took the head of the government, reached a crisis in November last year when Sturmer, who was accused by liberal leaders in Russia of sympathy with Germany, was removed and his place taken by M. Trepoff.

The removal of Sturmer resulted from a clash between the Duma and the Cabinet, in which the Duma was victorious. After the appointment of M. Trepoff the crisis in Russian government affairs had been passed safely.

"Dark Forces" Denounced. Dissensions arose quickly, however, and the Council of the Empire threw its weight with the Duma. December 13 Germany announced its peace offer and three days later the Duma and the Council voted in favor of the rejection of the peace terms.

Before adjournment on December 30 the Duma adopted a resolution denouncing "dark forces in the empire," followed by similar denunciatory action by the Council of the Empire and the Congress of Nobles. In the interim Gregory Rasputin, the "Mystic Monk," who was reputed to have great authority with Emperor Nicholas and the members of the imperial family cordial to Germany, was murdered dramatically by Russian noblemen of liberal inclinations on January 1 and his body thrown into the Neva.

Liberals Are Replaced.

The liberals soon received another setback when January 10 it was announced that Prince Goltz had been appointed Premier to succeed M. Trepoff. On January 15 Emperor Nicholas in his New Year message announced the appointment of many new members to

the Council of the Empire. This action resulted in the progressive majority in the council being succeeded by men of conservative leanings opposed to the liberal movement in Russian affairs. Four days later the Emperor, because of the changes in the government, which included the appointment of Alexander D. Protopopoff, whom Berlin newspapers described as the "power behind the throne," as minister of the interior, announced the postponement of the opening of the sessions of the Duma and the Council of the Empire.

Meanwhile the dissensions continued between the liberals in control of the Duma and the so-called Reactionaries, who gained control of the government in the elevation of Prince Rodzianko, president of the Duma, and one of the foremost liberal leaders, clashed verbally with Minister Protopopoff, and reports from Petrograd were that a duel between the two men was inevitable.

The Petrograd press on January 21 was reported to be pessimistic over the postponement of the sittings of the Duma and the Council of the Empire. The Emperor in a rescript to Premier Goltz on January 21 promised a more benevolent attitude toward the Duma by the government and urged the Premier to devote his attention to the question of supplies for the Russian armies, which the Duma had severely criticized.

Duma Is Suspended. The imperial order was taken in some Russian quarters to mean that the government, the Duma and the Council of the Empire soon would be working together and without contentions.

The session of the Duma was reopened on January 17. On March 8 it was reported that the Council of the Empire had adopted resolutions calling upon the government to explain what measures it had taken to check the disorganization of transport services and to guarantee that the army and country should be supplied with food, fuel and raw materials. This was followed by reports from Petrograd over the shortage in food supplies.

On March 12 Emperor Nicholas suspended the sittings of the Duma and the Council of the Empire. The Reuter dispatch announcing the suspension added, "will be resumed next month unless extraordinary circumstances supervene."

Rise in Bottle Freight Protested.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 15.—The Oregon public Service Commission today filed formal complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission, opposing the contemplated increase in the rate on glass bottles from the East to Oregon from 75 cents to \$1.00 a hundred. This increase, if allowed, the commission says, would be ruinous to the loganberry juice industry.

CZAR'S FALL STUNS

Washington Amazed; Chance for Separate Peace Off.

CROWN SHIFTING PUZZLES

United States Officials Not Surprised by Revolution, but Emperor's Retention of Nominal Powers Expected.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The overthrow of the Russian autocracy was accepted in all quarters here as a complete victory for the anti-German sentiment in the empire, removing virtually all chance of Russia's being drawn away from her allies into a separate peace.

The impression created by the news of the revolution was lukewarm, turning out of the ministry and the arrest of pro-Germans was followed by another more profound when press dispatches announced the abdication of Emperor Nicholas.

The revolution was not wholly unexpected, and before noon today, the State Department received meager official information about it from Petrograd. But the abdication of the Emperor was a surprise to both official and diplomatic circles.

It had been assumed that in spite of the belief that the Emperor, influenced by his German wife and pro-German advisers, was lukewarm in the support of his allies, he would be permitted to continue nominally as the head of the new government. Neither officials nor diplomats could understand what the revolutionary leaders expected to accomplish by shifting the crown.

According to one unusually well-informed diplomat, the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich, proclaimed regent, has been a bitter personal antagonist of the Emperor since the latter refused to recognize his marriage to a divorced woman some years ago. Moreover, the Grand Duke is said to have opposed the Emperor on every public question that has arisen.

The overthrow of the government by the Duma is interpreted here as the culmination of efforts made throughout the war to rid the country of the German influence. From the earliest Russian military reverse the German press has been filled with rumors and predictions of a separate peace in Russia worked out by those in the autocracy who believed that Russia's de-

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tiny lay with Germany and not against her. Russia has been known to be divided in a way that is true of almost no other nation. During the war ministries have risen and fallen as the military situation swayed the pendulum for or against the German faction. With each swing it has appeared as though the anti-German forces were gaining the ascendancy.

Bitterness at the military disasters, dissatisfaction at the general management of the war, food shortages and the ever-present struggle between classes and between pro and anti-German have kept the empire in a continuous seething. Only the meager reports have been allowed to escape the censor.

REVOLT REPORTED POPULAR
People Incensed by Disorganization, According to Berlin.
BERLIN, March 15.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—There has been a successful revolution in Russia, according to the Overseas News Agency, the official German news bureau.

The following statement was given out today by the news agency: "The following report was issued in Petrograd on March 14 about the successful Russian revolution: 'The population of Petrograd, incensed by the complete disorganization of transport service and of alimentary, had been irritated for a long time against the government and had become restless. The population held the government responsible for all its sufferings. The government, expecting trouble, took measures on a large scale in order to maintain order and, among other things, ordered dissolution of the Council of the Empire and the Duma. The Duma, however, on March 11, decided not to accept the imperial ukase, but to continue its meetings. The Duma immediately instituted an executive committee, presided over by L. Rodzianko, President of the Duma. This committee declared itself to be a provisional government and issued the following appeal: 'Considering the difficulties in regard to the domestic tranquillity which are due to the policy of the former government, the executive committee of the Duma feels compelled to take public order in its own hands. Fully conscious of the responsibility arising from this decision, the committee expresses the certainty that the population and the army will lend their assistance for the difficult task of creating a new government which will accept the wishes of the people and enjoy their confidence.'

The executive committee rested itself upon the population of the capital, which was in full revolution, and upon the army, completely united with the revolutionists. It arrested all the Ministers and sent them to jail. The Duma declared that the Ministerial Cabinet no longer existed."

"On the third day of the revolution, the capital, where order is returning swiftly, is completely in the hands of the executive committee of the Duma and of the troops which garrisoned Petrograd and numbered more than 30,000, which troops support the revolution. Deputy Engelhard, Colonel on the great general staff, has been appointed commander of Petrograd by the committee."

"Yesterday evening the committee issued proclamations to the population, to the troops, railroads and banks, asking them to resume their usual activities. Deputy Gromski was chosen by the Duma committee for provisional management of the Petrograd Telegraphic Agency. (This probably refers to the semi-official Russian news agency.)"

SWEDEN SENDS FIRST NEWS
Reports in Stockholm Are That Revolt Spreads All Over Russia.
STOCKHOLM, March 14, via Berlin and wireless to the Associated Press to Tuckerton, March 15.—Reports of serious disturbances in Russia are published in Swedish newspapers. The Tidningen of Sundsvall publishes a statement that a railroad bridge over the Neva River, in Petrograd, has been dynamited by revolutionists.

The Nyheter of Haparanda prints an interview with a Swedish business man who arrived in Petrograd Saturday from Moscow. This man is quoted as saying there had been open revolution in many cities of Russia since Thursday of last week.

Especially violent riots are reported to have occurred in Petrograd on Saturday, shops being stormed by mobs. According to this information, publication of newspapers was suspended and the authorities posted placards warning the people to remain indoors to avoid danger.

The Nyheter says that other travelers from Petrograd reported that similar disturbances occurred there on Friday; that the soldiers were compelled to use their sabers, and that many persons were wounded.

Dispatches from Stockholm usually are sent by cable via London. In this instance the telegraph to Berlin and the wireless evidently were employed to avoid the British censorship. This was the first word for several days regarding internal conditions in Russia with the exception of a London dispatch Wednesday night quoting a Swedish engineer as saying on his return to Stockholm from Petrograd that the reports of outbreaks which have appeared in Swedish and other neutral papers were much exaggerated and that up to the end of last week there had been no collision between troops and civilians.

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