

PEOPLE OVERTHROW RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY

Czar Nicholas Abdicates and All Russia Pledged to Democracy.

Petrograd, via London.—The autocracy which has held Russia in its grip since the beginning of history, has fallen. The house of Romanoff, which has ruled the empire for 400 years, came to an end with the abdication of Nicholas II. Grand Duke Michael was announced as having refused the throne proffered him by Czar Nicholas in abdicating his rights of heredity, unless the people of Russia should choose him as ruler.

Fair trial will be accorded all officials of the former government accused of duplicity, corruption and even treason to Russia. Army garrisons at various posts have lent their aid to the provisional government.

For the time being Russia will be administered by the committee of the Duma. Presumably steps will be taken shortly to submit to the people, through a general vote, the question of the form of government to be adopted.

One of the first acts of the ministers was to notify Russian diplomats abroad that Russia was united in the desire to fight out the war with the allies, a determination to continue the conflict until victory is achieved being stronger than ever.

The armies in the field have advised that the abdication of the emperor has been enthusiastically acquiesced in, according to a foreign office official. Telegrams from virtually all the commanders have been received assuring their support, guaranteed in advance by General Michael Alexieff, chief of staff.

BIG ADVANCE MADE ON WESTERN FRONT

London.—British troops, continuing their rapid advance on the heels of the retreating Germans, have occupied the important towns of Nesle, Chaules and Peronne.

Along a front of about 45 miles they have entered the German positions to a depth of 10 miles in places. In addition the British have taken more than 60 villages.

Bapaume, for many months described as a German stronghold, now is in the hands of the British. The forces of Emperor William apparently have been compelled to give up positions that they have occupied for more than two years, because of the terrific bombardments to which they have been subjected.

Paris.—The German line at last accounts was in full retreat over a section which represents almost one-fifth of the vast front from Switzerland to the sea closely pressed by the French and British.

Two entire French departments, those of the Oise and Aisne, have been liberated from the German invader. The total territory now regained is roughly calculated at 620 square miles.

This immense tract of reconquered territory was traversed by a correspondent for the Associated Press, who found the inhabitants in many places, where they were allowed to remain by the Germans, tearfully joyous at the reappearance of their fellow-countrymen coming in as victors.

Among the first words from the women and children, who had been for 32 months in the hands of the Germans, were expressions of gratitude to America.

"Americans have kept us alive; otherwise we would have died of hunger."

This was absolutely spontaneous, the stricken people not being aware that an American correspondent was present.

Will Not Stop Shipments to Allies.
Washington.—The United States government refuses to place any embargo on supplies or munitions to the allies, says a note to General Carranza, sent by the state department. The note is in reply to General Carranza's note proposing such embargoes.

Ex-Czar Retires as Nicholas Romanoff
Petrograd, via London.—Nicholas Romanoff, as the ex-emperor is now designated, left with his staff for his personal estates at Livadia on the south coast of the Crimea.

781,500 Tons Sunk in Month.
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—Merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,500 were destroyed in February as a result of war measures of the central powers.

Japanese Warship to Bring Guthrie.
Washington.—Japan has assigned the armored cruiser Azuma to bring home the body of Ambassador Guthrie, who died in Tokio. Mrs. Guthrie will return on the same ship.

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According to the Berlin version, the Germans are making a victorious retreat.

"Power Through Repose" is the title of one of the new books in the local library, and we'll have to read it to see why Kernel Boyd isn't as strong as Samson.

We trust that Missouri is sufficiently musical to have grown tired of its Stone.

Ye unsuccessful "ancient editor" arises to reply that when his young friend at Stanfield declared at a press association meeting his wonderful discovery that more brains are required to run a country weekly than a city daily, the y. f. aforesaid must have been referring to a skull full of mush

A German-Mexico-Japanese plot would at least have made business brisk for the interpreters.

Commissioner Thompson has announced that the state and county will build hard surfaced highways through all towns on the proposed route that contain less than 2500 inhabitants.

Market Note—Onions are strong at around ten cents the pound.

One of the disappointments of the war is that the Hohenzollerns are never mentioned in the casualty list.

Let's hope, anyway, that we'll always have a Pacific ocean.

The smallpox seems to be putting a new and somewhat troublesome kind of a germ in Germany.

Portland Rose Festival dates have been announced as June 13, 14 and 15.

Reflecting upon the methods of Germany, one is forced to the conclusion that her hatred is almost a mark of distinction.

Our notion of a U boat is that it is an L of a nuisance.

WESTON PEOPLE APPROVE STATE BONDING MEASURE

Farmers, business men and citizens representing the backbone and sinew of the community filled every seat in the commercial club rooms and overflowed on the floor at the good roads meeting held in Weston Tuesday evening. Wet weather could not keep them away.

A standing vote was taken on the state six million dollar bond measure which comes before the people in June. Nearly all present arose to their feet in support of the bill. This declaration of sentiment is regarded as significant in view of the fact that Weston cast one of the strongest votes in the county against the Umatilla county bonding measure defeated last fall.

The new roads horse is found to be of an entirely different color, and sound in wind and limb. The straw vote was not taken blindly. Comprehensive explanatory speeches were made by Representative Roy Ritner and Senator Fred Steiwer, and the measure was also read in full. It was shown that the quarter mill road tax and the increase in motor car licenses would take care of both the principal and interest of the bonds, and that the state's great scheme of road improvement will not cost the taxpayers a dollar in added taxes.

Aside from the speakers, the visitors from Pendleton were Dave Nelson, president of the newly-organized Eastern Oregon Highway Association, and Lowell Rogers, one of the Pendleton trustees of the association. S. A. Barnes, Weston's representative among the eighteen trustees named for different parts

of the county, voiced this community's appreciation of the visit and the value of the information vouchsafed by the speakers.

It was expected that W. L. Thompson, the Eastern Oregon member of the new state highway commission, would accompany the Pendleton party, but he was called at the last minute to an important road meeting at Baker.

Let Bob Do It

Why let your suit go dirty Until it nearly rots, When Bob's Process of cleaning Will free it from all spots?

If your suit is very dirty And you know not what to do, Just take it down to Bobbie And he'll make it look like new.
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ELEVATORS WILL BE BUILT AT WESTON AND DOWNING

Two grain elevators with a capacity of 50,000 bushels each will be built by the Weston Warehouse Company this spring—one of them at Weston and the other at Downing. Construction contracts were entered into this week by the local company with the Burrell Engineering & Construction Co. of Portland, which will complete the two elevators by July 1st, in time to receive the new crop grain.

The approximate cost of both buildings is \$20,000—or just about the annual sack bill of the farmers of the Weston and Downing neighborhoods.

The buildings will be of crib construction, with concrete foundations. They will be fully equipped with the latest weighing and cleaning apparatus. Under the new federal grain grades which take effect this year, the growers' grain must be cleaned before it is shipped, or else in transit. This requirement will apply to sacked as well as bulk grain, so it is obvious that elevators are almost indispensable.

Weights at the new elevators will be of cleaned wheat, and the farmers will receive receipts on this basis. They will have no more freight to pay on dirt and broken straw to tidewater points. Moreover, the elevators will be able to clean the farmer's seed wheat to perfection.

The Weston Warehouse company is now considering the advisability of rebuilding its flat houses, which would increase its storage capacity from 50,000 to 80,000 bushels at each of the two elevator stations.

Sim J. Culley, president of the warehouse company, has devoted much time to work and research to bring about local facilities for bulk grain handling, and has grown visibly thin at the task. The Leader desires to commend him, and also to express the hope that he will take on his accustomed embonpoint, now that his task has been so successfully accomplished.

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Moving pictures of the wild animal, bird and fish life of Oregon will be shown at Weston opera house next Tuesday afternoon, March 27, at four o'clock, by Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden. George Tonkin, deputy warden, was here Tuesday of this week, making arrangements for the exhibition.

These pictures were taken by William L. Finley, state biologist, and have created much interest and enthusiasm wherever shown. Warden Shoemaker is making a tour of the state with them by request of Governor Withycombe and Commissioner Marion Jack. He says: "We want the school children to become familiar with the game resources of our state and believe that this will assist in building up game protection sentiment."

All school children will be admitted free to this entertainment. In order to meet local expenses, there will be an admittance charge to adults.

PLEASE REMEMBER

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3 AMERICAN VESSELS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

London.—The sinking of the American steamships City of Memphis, Illinois and Vigilancia was announced. Fourteen men from the Vigilancia are missing, as are some of the men from the City of Memphis. The crew of the Illinois landed safely.

The City of Memphis, in ballast from Cardiff for New York, was sunk by gunfire. The second officer and 15 men of the crew have been landed. The Illinois, from London for Port Arthur, Tex., in ballast, was sunk at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Vigilancia was torpedoed without warning. The submarine did not appear. The captain, first and second mates, first, second and third engineers and 23 men of the crew have been landed at the Scilly Islands. The fourth engineer and 13 men are missing.

Fifteen members of the crew of the American steamer Vigilancia lost their lives when the steamer was torpedoed by a German submarine. The survivors were in life-boats from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon. Among those drowned were several American citizens, including Third Officer Neils P. North and Third Engineer Carl Adchold.

Chance for Americans.
The vice consul at Belfast, Ireland, calls attention to the market existing there for American manufacturers of glassware, particularly bottles. Belfast is the world's center of the gingerale industry, and also puts up quantities of aerated waters, whisky and other drinks. England supplies most of the bottles.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
Myrta M Barto, Plaintiff, vs. Jackson Barto, Defendant.
To Jackson Barto, Defendant above named:—

In the Name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled suit, within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before Friday, the 27th day of April, 1917; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint or otherwise plead, thereto within said time, the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint, namely, for a decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order made in this cause by Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Circuit Judge of the above entitled Court. The first publication of this summons will be made in the Weston Leader on Friday the 16th day of March, 1917, and the last publication will be made on Friday the 27th day of April, 1917. Dated at Pendleton, Oregon, this 14th day of March, 1917.

WILL M. PETERSON,
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Misses' shoes, 11 1/2 to 2 98c to \$2.69	Boys' dress shoes, 9 to 13 \$1.89 to \$1.98
Ladies' shoes, button or lace, high or low heel \$1.98 to \$3.98	Boys' dress shoes, 13 to 2 \$1.69 to \$2.49
Ladies' tan kid boots, white top \$5.50	Ditto, 2 1/2 to 6 \$1.89 to \$3.25
Ladies' black kid boots, white kid top \$6.50	Men's mule harvest shoes \$1.69
Ladies' white wash kid boots \$5.99 to \$6.99	Men's elk harvest shoes \$1.98
Misses' white top, patent lace, Mary Jane, 2 1/2 to 6 \$2.98	Men's dress shoes \$2.98 to \$5.00
Ladies' "Comfort" Shoes \$1.49 to \$2.69	Men's heavy work shoes \$2.49 to \$5.25
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