

CZARISM'S BLOW FROM THE CHURCH

Influence of Orthodox Body on Peasants Is Great.

PRIESTHOOD MIGHTY FORCE

Heretofore it has been in the hands of the Reactionaries, but now it is thought this influence will be exerted on the side of Revolutionists from now on.

Next to the overthrow of the czar, the removal of the emperor's chair from the synod's first session is the most dramatic event that could happen in Russia, for it means a revolution in the chief bulwark of czarism, the Orthodox church of Russia.

The synod is the highest authority in that church. The influence of the church on the Russian peasant masses is enormous, for the moujik is still deeply religious. His attitude to the czar was largely a religious attitude. The new government's control of the synod is therefore of vital import to its success.

In case of a reaction, for instance, it would be the church that would serve as a mighty tool in the hands of the reactionaries for the accomplishment of their purposes. As a matter of fact, one of the most powerful elements of the overthrown Germanophile government was Pitrin, the Petrograd metropolitan. Next to Rasputin, he was the most influential member of the dark forces in the court of Nicholas II. Together with Sturmer and Protopopoff he plotted against the allies.

It is consequently of great significance that the chief dignitaries of the church should side with the popular cause. The first session of the synod took place under the presidency of the Kiev metropolitan. The latter has been one of the most enlightened and broad minded members of the Orthodox church. He would undoubtedly know how to fulfill the wishes of the new government in such a manner as to strengthen the new political order with the superstitious peasantry.

Plebiscite to Be Troublesome.
The plebiscite by which the Russian people will determine their future form of government is likely to prove a source of trouble. While the more civilized elements of the nation are certain to vote for a republican form of government, the attitude of the peasants is likely to be quite different. And there is no better instrument for influencing the moujik than the Orthodox church. This was the aim of the committee of safety when it appointed Lvoff, a remote relative of the premier, to the post of procurator of the synod. The procurator is a cabinet member. He is to be the agent through which the new government will get in touch with the church authorities, and through him all the activities of the synod will be communicated to the government.

The swiftness with which the church has been recognized and is being reorganized by the new ministry shows how alert the latter is to eliminate all the possible obstacles in the way of the new Russia. It would seem that the new regime is rapidly gaining in stability. While the dangers confronting it are numerous as yet, it is evident that the men in charge of the new order realize these dangers fully and are taking without delay the right measures for their removal.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Mike, New York's richest bootblack, is dead at forty-one, leaving fortune of \$50,000.

Isaac Mumford of Laurel, Del., is cutting a new set of teeth at ninety-six years.

Philadelphia women have started a league to bar cocktails to debutantes and college boys.

One cent inheritance tax paid on White Plains estate is smallest in history of New York state.

An Alabama man was fined \$5 for emptying a quart of rum into a private lake and making the carp drunk.

Twenty-seven Princeton seniors admit they have never kissed a girl. Fourteen who have think it is wrong.

As preliminary to peace conference members of Sing, Ying and Bing tongs clashed in California and five were killed.

"Parrot's 'Come quick! Come quick!' awoke Pittsburgh family, and they found the house burning. Bird rewarded by being rescued.

Wife has a right to raid hubby's pockets if he holds out on her, sews up his pockets and finally wears trousers to bed, New York magistrate decides.

"I fine you \$100 and sentence you to one bath," said Kansas City judge to one who had declared the \$2,900 in his pockets entitled him to look like a tramp if he wanted to.

A DOLLAR'S WORTH FOR A DOLLAR SPENT

Assurance Is Given That All Funds Will Be Economically Expended.

In the selection of a Highway Engineer at an annual salary of \$3600, the State Highway Commission threw another bombshell into the camp of those opposing the road bond bill. Opponents of this measure had been predicting that a \$5000 or \$6000 man would be given this job. The action of the Commissioners in this important matter only corroborates the assurance previously given that they will safely and economically expend all funds entrusted to them. It is entirely in keeping with the announced policy of the Commission that it will give a dollar's worth of value for every dollar expended in all matters connected with road construction. Mr. Nunn, the Highway Engineer, was selected because of his efficiency. He has had years of experience in road building and the records of his work show the most satisfactory results at a low cost to those footing the bills.

IS MR. SPENCE CONSISTENT?

Four years ago C. E. Spence, Master of the Grange, advocated the Grange bill which proposed the issuance of 6 per cent bonds by counties for construction of permanent roads, the bonds to be paid by direct tax levy.

Mr. Spence is now vigorously opposing the road bond bill which proposes issuing \$6,000,000 twenty-five year 4 per cent bonds for hard-surfaced roads. A direct tax is not imposed for the retirement of these bonds. Ample revenue to pay the interest and retire the bonds at maturity is already provided by law from the increased automobile licenses and the existing one-fourth mill state road tax which has been a fixed tax against all property in the state for the last four years. In other words, the bill to be passed upon by the voters at the June election will not increase the general taxes of the individual.

If Mr. Spence was right in 1912 he is wrong now.

MILITARY PREPAREDNESS

Moving of heavy gun carriages, and heavy loads of ammunitions and army supplies, necessitates better roads than at present are available in Oregon. If our state is exposed to attack, the railroad facilities are not as well adapted to carrying heavy guns as are improved highways, and it is up to Oregon to get its through trunk roads in shape to facilitate the movement of supplies.

Should the railroad centers become too congested, owing to war burdens, or should they fall into the hands of an enemy, the through roads would be the only means of communication left to get supplies from place to place in the interior. Farmers would of necessity depend upon the through roads for marketing their crops. Every resident of Oregon will see the necessities of the situation once this is called to his attention and will see the bearing this has on the road question to be voted upon June 4th.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Good roads are indispensable to the progress and prosperity of any state or community. Such improvements attract the tourist, encourage local development, promote social life, improve market conditions and stimulate thrift. Rural life is made more attractive and agricultural development is advanced in proportion as accessible roads are established and maintained. The further settlement and development of the state's untended lands add to their value. The consequent increase in assessable values gives assurance of reduced taxes. Support the good roads bond bill June 4th and thereby assist to effect these conditions.

Oregon has talked good roads for 60 years. Millions of dollars have been expended in that time filling mud holes. The state is in third place in commerce and population among the Coast states. The road bonding proposition, on which the people will vote June 4th, is the first comprehensive road programme ever submitted to the people.

With the main trunk lines, provided for in the road bond bill, taken care of, road district money will be expended on local laterals connecting with state-improved highways, bringing the farmer, no matter where situated, in direct contact with the city markets.

All are agreed that Oregon needs good roads. The only material difference of opinion is as to the method of financing the movement—direct taxation or bonds based on a revenue already provided by law. The fact that taxes are already burdensome is the very best argument for issuing bonds. The combined revenue from an increased auto license and the existing state road tax will pay the interest and retire at maturity the bonds proposed in the good roads bill. The people will vote on this bond bill at the special election June 4th.

A vote for the good roads bonds June 4th will be a vote to pull Oregon out of the mud.

ACTIVITIES OF OTHER COMMUNITIES TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS

COBURG

Coburg, April 25.—George Johnson made a business trip to Portland Friday.

William Isabel will leave for Bremerton, Washington the latter part of this week, where he is employed as electrician for the U. S. Navy.

Walter Drury motored to Eugene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pirtle motored to Eugene Friday on business.

Mrs. E. E. Candall is visiting her daughter, Miss. Bernice of Eugene, an employee of Hampton's store.

Clarence Anderson was a business caller in Eugene Friday.

Ray Pirtle motored to Vida Monday, on business.

Many people from here attended the funeral of Milton G. Bally which was held in Springfield Sunday.

The Southern Pacific company is improving its buildings by giving them a new coat of paint.

H. M. Anderson is moving to his new residence on Willamette street today.

Joe Markus was a business caller in the city today.

Ray Losy is here visiting relatives before leaving for San Francisco, where he has enlisted in the U. S. navy.

Mrs. Treasie Hurden was a business caller in Eugene yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wood motored to Eugene Tuesday.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Lane County, Susie E. Macklin, Plaintiff,

vs. Charles H. Macklin, Defendant.

To Charles H. Macklin, defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause, on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which date is Thursday, March 15, 1917, and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint within said time, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in plaintiff's complaint and for full relief to-wit:—For a decree from said Court forever dissolving the marriage contract and the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant, and granting the plaintiff an absolute divorce from the defendant, and granting the plaintiff the care, custody and control of Dallas, Andrew, William and Lloyd Macklin, minor children of said marriage, and for such other relief as to the Court may seem equitable.

This summons is published by order of the Honor G. F. Skipworth, Judge of said Court, dated March 12, 1917, ordering publication thereof for six consecutive and successive weeks in the Springfield News, a paper of general circulation issued in Springfield, Lane County, Oregon.

WILLIAM G. MARTIN, Attorney for plaintiff. Tch. 15,22,29; April 5,12,19,26.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary have issued out of the County Court of Lane County, Oregon to the undersigned as Executor of the last will of Lucius Phetteplace, late of Lane County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate should present them duly verified to the undersigned at the office of S. D. Allen, Eugene, Oregon within six months from the date of this notice. Dated, March 29, 1917.

H. E. PHETTEPLACE, Executor, Springfield, Oregon March 29; April 5,12,19,26.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Lane County on the 18th day of April, 1917, and by me received the 21st day of April, 1917, in an action wherein on the 7th day of December, 1916, in the Justice Court for Eugene Justice District, Lane County, Oregon, L. M. Travis recovered judgment against the Defendants N. E. Blair and F. X. Blair for the sum of \$156.79 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 8th day of December, 1916, together with costs amounting to the sum of \$18.45, and accruing costs, a transcript of which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the office of the Clerk of said Court on the 5th day of December, 1916 and said Execution to me directed commanding me in the name of the State of Oregon that out of the personal property of said Defendant, or, if sufficient could not be found, then out of the real property belonging to said Defendant in Lane County, Oregon, on or after the said 8th day of December, 1916, being unable to find sufficient or any personal property belonging to said Defendant, I did, on the 21st day of April, 1917, levy on the following described real property, to-wit:

Lot number Two (2) in Block number Five (5) in Watt's Addition to Blue River City, Lane County, Oregon. NOW THEREFORE, IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON and in compliance with said Execution and in order to satisfy said Judgment, costs, and accruing costs I will on Saturday the 26th day of May, 1917, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. to-wit; at one o'clock p. m. on said day at the Southwest door of the County Courthouse in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, offer for sale for cash, subject to redemption all the right, title and interest of the above named Defendants in and to the above described real property.

JAMES C. PARKER Sheriff of Lane County, Oregon By D. A. ELKINS, Deputy Apr. 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Vina McLean, Administratrix of the estate of Jahalan T. Witter, deceased, has filed her Final Account in said estate with the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, and that Saturday, the 5th day of May, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M. at the County Court Room in the Court House of Lane County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing on said Final Account, at which time the Court will pass upon any objections that may be filed thereto.

All persons having objections against said Final Account are hereby notified to file the same with the County Clerk of said County, on or before the said 5th day of May, 1917 and the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M. Dated this 29th day of March, 1917. VINA McLEAN, Administratrix. Mch. 29; April 5,12,19,26.

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