

STRIKE IS POSTPONED FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

This Agreement Reached After Night Day of Practically Uninterrupted Mediation and Conference—This Will Give Time To Hear From Supreme Court On Constitutionality of Law—Leaders Wire Chairmen Strike Will Be On Monday Night—Unless Called Off

New York, March 17.—Secretary of the Interior Lane at 3:46 this afternoon announced that the railroad strike had been postponed forty-eight hours.

His statement follows: "At our request and out of appreciation of the national situation the brotherhoods and the railway managers have resumed negotiations and in the hope that some adjustment may be had that will avoid the necessity for a strike, the brotherhoods have wired or telephoned their general chairmen asking that all action be postponed for 48 hours and unless prior to that time advised of a settlement the men will leave the service under the authority already given."

The statement was signed by Secretary Lane, Daniel Willard and Secretary of Labor Wilson, the three members of the national council of defense committee appointed mediators by President Wilson. It was pointed out that this postponement of 48 hours will allow time for a possible decision by the supreme court on the constitutionality of the Adamson law on Monday. The agreement was reached after a night and day of practically uninterrupted mediation and conferences.

All Secm Pleased. Both the brotherhood chiefs and the railroad managers came from the conference room in the happiest mood they exhibited in the last 10 days.

Their apparent optimism was taken by observers as an indication of confidence in the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, was asked what he thought of the situation.

"Look at those faces and judge for yourself," he said, pointing to the conferees. The mediators are prepared now to take the last step that will end probably even the remotest danger of a nationwide paralysis of railroad traffic.

Confidence was expressed that with 48 hours at their disposal the mediators would accomplish some agreement that would prevent the disaster of a strike. Just exactly what form their efforts now will take, they did not explain in detail, but it was clear that the most serious barrier in the way of peace had been overcome.

It was announced that conferences between the brotherhood chiefs and the mediation committee will be resumed at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Secretary Lane when asked his view on the situation now said: "It is undoubtedly more hopeful." Secretary Wilson said he concurred in Lane's opinion.

"The men are now on more friendly terms than at any time during the negotiations," Secretary Wilson said, "and the very best is to be hoped for."

Chairmen Ratified. Chicago, Mar. 17.—Brotherhood officials were notified here promptly of the postponement for 48 hours of the proposed railroad strike, and at once took steps to notify all members in their jurisdiction.

Arrested Finland Governor. Petrograd, Mar. 17.—By order of the provisional government Admiral Mepine today arrested Governor Zein, of Finland, Deputy Rodicheff was named as minister of Finnish affairs and ordered to proceed at once to Helsinki.

ABE MARTIN

PAY NOW



Nobody ever left a umbrella hanging on a only water bar. The hardest thing is findin' a good enough coat for th' first baby.

Market Badly Mixed But Wheat Is Higher

Chicago, Mar. 17.—The impending strike was the chief market factor today in the grain pit. Other influences were reports of foreign wheat buying and better crop conditions in the southwest.

As a result of the conflicting factors, the market was badly mixed. As May wheat was nearing delivery, it closed up 1-8 at \$1.84 1-8; July was up 1-8 at \$1.55 1-8, while September was down 1-4 at \$1.41 1-2.

Corn was weaker, May closing at \$1.09 1-8; down 1-8. July at \$1.07 3-4 was down 1-4 and September closed unchanged at \$1.06 1-8.

Oats trailed early, May closing down 7-8 at 57 3-4; July up 1-4 at 56 1-4.

Provisions were higher on higher hogs at the yards.

STEAMER TAHOMA SUNK

Portland, Ore., Mar. 17.—The stern wheel river steamer Tahoma struck a rock near Carson, Wash., in the Columbia river, early today, and was partially sunk. Her bow remains out of water. The captain and crew remained aboard.

BAPAUME THE KEY OF GERMAN DEFENSES IS CAPTURED BY ALLIES

By John Grenades. (United Press staff correspondent.)

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El Paso, Texas, March 17.—Following the retreat of General Murgina's forces from Rosario to Chihuahua City, Villa has occupied Santa Rosalia, the last of four important towns evacuated by Murgina in his 150 mile withdrawal, it is reliably reported here today.

Murgina has called in all troops in the western part of the state and is fortifying Chihuahua City against the expected siege by Villa forces.

Entrenchments and barbed wire entanglements are being placed and artillery has been mounted on the hills commanding approaches to the city.

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TEUTON NATIONS DEEPLY MOVED BY RUSSIAN REVOLT

Realize Russia Will Become Unconquerable Under New Regime

AUSTRIA FEARS ENDING OF MILITARY AUTOCRACY

Fiery Speeches In Reichstag Show Danger of Revolt In Germany

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Austria Feared. Dispatches from Vienna today declared the Russian revolution had created a profound impression there. That the government did not regard it's impression as one favorable to continuance of the military autocracy, was indicated in the return to the Austrian capital of the emperor and the departure from Berlin for Vienna of Imperial German Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Meanwhile German newspapers hail the chancellor's speech as one of the most momentous in German history. Additional details printed in these articles indicated a dramatic scene in the Prussian Diet.

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NICHOLAS QUITS THRONE, MICHAEL WILL NOT MOUNT IT

Emperor Abdicates for Himself and Son, in Favor of His Brother

LATTER WILL TAKE IT IF CALLED BY PEOPLE

Refuses Place Until People Decide, Supports Provisional Government

Petrograd, Mar. 17.—Grand Duke Michael is willing to accept the throne of Russia only in case a referendum vote of the people shows that a form of government, with him at the head, is approved throughout Russia.

In announcing his decision today the Grand Duke made his acceptance of the throne contingent upon such a plebiscite.

Otherwise he indicated his declination of the kingship which Czar Nicholas in abdication tendered him.

Grand Duke Michael's declaration urged the people of Russia to obey the provisional government at present, stating his declination of kingship estate until the people by a popular vote had stated their willingness to have him.

The Grand Duke's formal declaration was as follows: "My brother entrusted me with a heavy task at a time of unprecedented war and domestic strife.

"I am resolved to accept supreme power only if the people through their representatives in a constituent assembly express their preference regarding the form of the government and its laws."

The Czar's Abdication. Petrograd, Mar. 17.—Czar Nicholas, abdicated ruler of all Russia, has issued this manifesto: "To all our faithful subjects it is best known in the days of the great struggle against a foreign enemy who has been endeavoring for three years to enslave our country that it has pleased God to send Russia further peaceful trial.

Internal troubles threatened fatally to affect the further progress of this obstinate war and to affect Russia's destinies.

"Her heroic army, the happiness of the people, the whole future of the beloved fatherland demand that the war should be conducted at all costs to a victorious end."

"The cruel enemy is making his last efforts," the manifesto continued. "The moment is near when our glorious army, in concert with our glorious allies, will finally overthrow the enemy."

"In these decisive days, we realize we owe to the people a close union and organization of all forces for realization of a rapid victory."

"Therefore, in agreement with the imperial duma, we recognize it is for the good of the fatherland that we abdicate in favor of our brother, Grand Duke Michael."

By Lowell Mellett. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Brighton, England, March 17.—Forty years banishment from Russia did not dim the joy today of Prince Kropotkin in the prospect once again of "going home" under a government which would make all people equal in control.

It was a joyful interview which the 75 year old self-proclaimed anarchist accorded the United Press representative here, in the presence of his equally jubilant wife and helpmate—for forty years the sharer in his enforced absence from his native Russia, which started when he cast his lot with the workmen.

"I hope this means Russia will follow the example of America and give full freedom to the people," he declared. "Autocracy has now finally come to its end after a fifty year struggle. A new era of progress has opened."

"This is the happiest day of our lives," interjected the princess. "Perhaps," she added with a sigh, "we will now return to Russia."

"I said a new era of progress was opened for Russia," the prince continued. "A nation united with the army is sure to win the war. Free Russia will help the German nation get rid of the Hohenzollerns."

"Russia, freed from German pressure, is sure to recognize an independent Poland—not a Poland governed by autonomy, but a really independent Poland."

Mysterious Trunk Will Reveal Contents

London, Mar. 17.—The mysterious broken and sealed trunk which started with ex-Ambassador Bernstorff from New York to Copenhagen on the Scandinavian-American liner Frederick VIII, arrived in London today. It was taken at once to the foreign office, where it will later be opened in the presence of the Swedish minister.

This trunk is the same one which has figured extensively in various rumors circulated in the United States. Apparently it was at first dispatched, sealed with the seals of the Swedish embassy in Washington. Later the trunk was discovered to have been opened, the original seals removed and re-sealed with the seals of the New York Swedish consul. Consulate seals are not exempt from breakage, as are diplomatic marks. Therefore, it was assumed that when the British inspectors examined the baggage aboard the Frederick VIII, they had no conception in looking over the trunk. One report circulated in the United States was that the famous Zimmerman letter proposing a Mexican-Japanese-German alliance against America came from this trunk.

BLAZING ZEPPELIN FALLING TWO MILES, LANDS IN CAMPEIGNE

Part of Crew Crazy by Burns Leap Thousands of Feet to Death

By W. S. Forrest. (United Press staff correspondent.)

Paris, Mar. 17.—From 11,000 feet in the sky, French expert anti-aircraft gunners today at Compiègne brought down in blazing ruins, a giant German Zeppelin, one of a number apparently returning from a raid on England.

It fell in one of the main streets of the city, a charred mass, those of its crew who remained aboard being burned into unrecognizable masses. Two or three of the crew, mad with pain of the flames and certain of death, preferred to meet it otherwise than in a mass of fire and jumped thousands of feet to the earth.

The great Zeppelin broke in two just before it landed a blazing, almost molten mass. The wreckage was still smoldering late today.

Despite the earliness of the hour—it was before dawn that the Zeppelin alarm sounded—nearly all of Compiègne was astir. Thousands gathered in the streets to listen to the rattle of the anti-aircraft guns and to cheer the marksmen. When one monster of the sky was hit there was a tremendous outburst of cheering. Meanwhile the Zeppelins from their vast height aloft had launched several bombs at the town. No one was hurt by them and the damage was insignificant. The greater peril came when the blazing mass of the stricken Zeppelin shot down from aloft, gathering momentum as it fell nearly two miles from the sky, but no one was injured.

Paris got part of the Zeppelin scare when the alarm was sounded at 4 o'clock in the morning. But the Zeppelins didn't arrive as expected.

This is the first raid in which Zeppelins have participated since the death of their inventor.

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THIS IS ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Russian Securities. San Francisco, March 17.—When a party of representatives of the Russian government left today for New York and Washington it became known that they were transferring Russian negotiable securities said to be worth \$50,000,000 from Petrograd to New York.

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ORDER RESTORED IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL; CZAR IS PRISONER

Change In Form of Government Made With But Few Hitches

GRAIN REQUISITIONED AND FOOD DISTRIBUTED

Avowals Heard On All Sides of Prosecution of War To the End

Petrograd, Mar. 17.—The triumph of democracy seemed assured today.

The line of the Romanoffs has come to an end through the abdication of the hereditary monarchs and today a republican was in the making.

Order was completely restored in the capital today.

Estimates today placed the number of killed and injured by the police on Saturday and Sunday at 300. This was really before the actual revolt started and the casualties were in small riots over the city. After Sunday the number killed and wounded was comparatively small.

One of the first steps taken by the provisional government was to place guards over all stores suspected of selling vodka. The result was that there was an exceedingly small amount of drunkenness.

Authentic information today from interior districts indicated practically unanimous support of the government.

Food for the Hungry. Through prompt and enthusiastic co-operation of the railway employees the hunger of the people in famine stricken districts throughout the land is being quickly relieved. Hundreds of carloads of provisions were rushed to these sections.

Grain stores everywhere have been requisitioned by the provisional government. The distribution through a carefully organized system of these stores of food is being arranged.

Evidencing the complete democracy of the new order in Russia, and utter disregard of the ancient almost feudal rights of other days it was announced today that local committees of the provisional government are taking over all estates of more than 125 acres.

The list of provisions and cities announced adherence to the new regime was increasing rapidly. The violent change from a repressed autocracy to a wide open democracy was being made with ease. The provisional government leaders have impressed the people with the sincerity of their purpose, their energy and their patriotism to the cause of the people of Russia.

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