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REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA; CZAR NICHOLAS ABDICATES THRONE

Spirit of Good Order Pre- vailed During the Revolt

People of Russia Resumed Their Normal Life With Remarkable Speed---Unorganized Crowds Took Pride in Doing Things Regularly---People Were Expecting a Crisis.

LONDON, March 16.—One of the most remarkable features of the Russian revolution, says Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, has been the speed with which the people have resumed their normal life. Order is the watchword of the day. The correspondent continues:

"Still more remarkable, looking back over the events of the past few days, is the way in which the same spirit of good order prevailed through the hours when the revolt was at its height. Unorganized crowds of revolted seemed to take pride in 'doing things regularly.' For instance, in all sections of the city the crowds commandeered all cars on the streets, but in every case took the names of the occupants and promised to report the names and circumstances to the Duma committee and facilitate the return of the car. In the view of the populace the revolution was practically a bloodless one. Certainly there has been some loss of life, but it is insignificant in popular estimation as compared with the tremendous results obtained. For some weeks past everybody in Petrograd realized that a crisis of some kind was approaching. The temper, even of the most patient people in the world, becomes frayed when they are obliged to stand three or four hours in a temperature ten to twenty below zero, waiting for bread, which often was not obtained. Potatoes had risen to eight and nine times their ordinary price, and other food commodities were at a cost that to the poor was practically prohibitive.

"The explanations of the voluble new Minister of Agriculture, M. Ritich, were not calculated either to relieve the present hunger or the anxiety for the future. He ascribed the delay in the arrival of flour to a snow storm, as though snowstorms in Russia in February were a phenomenon."

Famous Regiment of Guards Warmly Thanked For Services by the President of the Duma

PETROGRAD, March 15.—One of the most impressive scenes of the revolution was the arrival of the Preobrazhensky Guards, with their colonel and men, all of giant stature, who were drawn up in ranks of four deep the whole length of the enormous Catherine Hall, where the President of the Duma had come to greet them. On the appearance of President Rodzianko, the colonel's voice rang out: "Preobrazhensky's, attention!" The whole regiment stood at salute.

Rodzianko addressed them as follows: "Soldiers of the true faith, let me as an old soldier greet you according to our custom. I wish you good health."

"Your Excellency," came the thunderous response.

"I want to thank you for coming to the help of the members of the Imperial Duma to establish order and safeguard the honor and glory of our country while your comrades are fighting in the trenches for the might and majesty of Russia."

The Old Authority Declared Incapable of Leading the People in the Right Direction

"I am proud my son has been serving since the beginning of the war in your gallant ranks. Return quietly to your barracks and come here at the first call when you may be required."

"We are ready," answered the guards. "Show us the way." "The old authority is incapable of leading Russia the right way," was the answer of the president. Our first task is to establish a new authority which we all believe and trust will be able to save and magnify our mother Russia."

The soldiers marched out shouting "Hurrah! Rodzianko!" He was greeted in the same manner by the officers and men of the Grenadier guards and officers and troopers of the Ninth Cavalry Regiment. All the regiments, after visiting the Duma, returned to the barracks with bands playing and colors flying amid the enthusiastic cheering of the people.

DOCUMENTS WERE DESTROYED.

LONDON, March 16.—Practically the entire archives of the Russian secret police were burned by the revolutionists, according to a Times despatch from Petrograd. When the building in which the notorious third section had its headquarters was captured, eager crowds sacked the officers, blasted open safes, wrecked strong boxes and rushed into the streets carrying masses of documents which were quickly converted into blazing bonfires.

BONAR LAW PROMISES A STATEMENT

London, March 16.—Great Britain had not officially recognized the new Russian government at the hour the House of Commons met today.

Chancellor Bonar Law, replying to a question whether the House would send a message of sympathy to the Duma, and what steps were being taken to recognize the new government, replied:

"The honorable members may feel no anxiety, but I think they recognize that we must first see the situation a little more clearly."

Mr. Bonar Law added that telegrams were being received hourly from Petrograd. He promised a statement on the situation in Russia, on the conclusion of the business of the House.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, March 16.—Casualties among Maritime men are reported as follows:

Infantry.

Killed in Action—F. Savoie, Dalhousie, N.B.; J. A. McQuarrie, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; R. Melanis, Sydney, N.S.; B. McDougall, Sydney, N.S.

Died—H. B. Adams, Sea View, P. E. I.

Believed Killed—T. Lee, Newfoundland.

Wounded—F. E. Gayton, Hillsboro, N.B.; A. C. McDonald, Trenton, N.S.; C. Gallant, Alberton, P. E. I.; C. Farrer, Campbellton, N.B.; F. Gaulton, Newfoundland; G. Knowles, Clifton, N.B.

Mill Finished Season.

The sawmill of Mr. Gordon Scott, of this city, which has been operating at Flemington Station on the St. John & Quebec Railway during the winter, has finished operations for the season. It sawed about 750,000 feet of lumber.

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS MAY TAKE COMMAND OF RUSSIAN TROOPS

Provisional Government of Russia Doing Its Utmost to Straighten Out the Numerous Tangles---The Public is Kept Informed on What is Going on.

LONDON, March 16.—The Grand Duke Nicholas is reported in a Reuter despatch from Petrograd to have reached the Russian capital. The despatch says that he will probably take command of the troops.

The question of replacing officers who were disarmed by their own troops is one which must be decided most promptly. In the meanwhile the provisional government is doing its utmost to straighten out the numerous tangles. The Duma and the Zemstvo council are working hand in hand, although issuing separate proclamations.

Despite the non-appearance of newspapers, the public is better informed of what is going on than ever before. For this purpose a special squadron of motor cars have been commandeered by the executive committee and these cars go about the city distributing printed bulletins free to everybody. Thus the most authentic news gains speedy circulation.

President Rodzianko Has Appealed to the People Not to Injure Government Property

Through this bulletin service President Rodzianko has appealed earnestly to the people not to injure government buildings, telegraphs, the water supply equipment, factories, etc., and also to continue the public services and avoid bloodshed.

In the meanwhile he is energetically tackling the food problem, and the public is confident that the combined efforts of the Duma and the Zemstvo will soon assure an adequate supply.

Large stores of flour have been uncovered in various parts of the city. The factories have formed a police service for patrolling the factory districts, enrolling one out of every ten of their workmen.

Calm Restored in Petrograd, Although Partizans of the Old Regime are in Evidence

LONDON, March 16.—Deputy Kerensky, the new Russian Minister of Justice, has decided to frame a measure of general political amnesty, according to a Petrograd despatch to Reuter's dated Thursday. The Grand Duke Nicholas, commander in the Caucasus, has telegraphed President Rodzianko of the Duma that, in accordance with General Alexieff, chief of staff, he had asked the Emperor, in order to save Russia and bring the war to a successful end, to take the only step possible in the present fateful circumstances.

Calm has been quickly restored in Petrograd, although numerous partisans of the old regime have been firing from roofs and garrets upon the troops and inhabitants. By order of the executive committee, soldiers have entered the houses from which firing is taking place and removing suspected persons. The garrison of the palace at Tsarkoe-Selo has declared itself on the side of the new government and has welcomed its representatives with enthusiasm. Prince Shakhovskiy, minister of commerce in the late administration, has been arrested by order of the executive committee.

ATTITUDE OF NATIONALISTS MAY MEAN AN ELECTION

LONDON, March 16.—In discussing the Irish situation in the House of Commons today, Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared that the attitude of the Nationalists might compel an appeal to the country on the ground that the Nationalists were unwilling to permit the government to get on with the war.

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS A BIG FIGURE IN RUSSIA

**The Nation is Turning to Its Tried and Trusted
Military Leader---Will Probably Take Command
Of the Troops.**

Grand Duke Nicholas, idol of the Russian army, and ranked as Russia's master strategist, looms up as the big military figure of the hour in the empire, which has just witnessed a successful and almost bloodless revolution and the abdication of its emperor. The relinquishment of the throne of Nicholas II automatically deprives him of his rank as commander in chief of the Russian armies. The heir to the throne is an infant, and Grand Duke Michael, named as regent, while a soldier of repute, is not of commanding military experience.

Russia's Trusted Military Leader.

Thus the nation, the Petrograd despatches indicate, is turning to its most tried and trusted military leader, Grand Duke Nicholas, who is reported to have arrived at the capital, and the probability is that he will take command of the troops.

Of the complete success of the revolutionary movement, in which the lead was taken by the Duma, there seems no doubt. While there have been few advices received as to the attitude of the army at the front, such news as has been received indicates that the military, with the exception of reactionaries among the officers, together with all the popular forces of the empire, is backing the new government.

The Civil Forces Co-operating.

The civil forces of the nation are co-operating with the government most heartily in restoring normality in the life of the Empire. A measure of general political amnesty is reported in course of preparation by the new Russian Minister of Justice. Grand Duke Nicholas is said to have endorsed this move as one necessary to save the empire and bring the war to a successful conclusion.