

RUSSIA BECOME PRESIDENT OF NEW RUSSIA; BRITISH SOLDIERS CAPTURE BAPAUME

HOW PEOPLE OF RUSSIA HEEDED CALL IN WILSON'S PEACE MESSAGE

"NO PEACE can last or ought to last which does not recognize and accept the principle that Governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed."
"Any peace which does not recognize this principle will inevitably be upset."
"The ferment of spirit of whole populations will fight subtly and constantly against it and all the world will sympathize."
"The world can be at peace only if its life is stable and there can be no stability where the will is in rebellion, where there is not tranquility of spirit and a sense of justice, of freedom and of right."
—From President Wilson's address to the Senate on January 22.

RUSSIA A REPUBLIC; GRAND DUKE WANTS PEOPLE TO DECIDE RULE

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The new order in Russia and utter disregard of the ancient feudal practices of other days, it was announced today that local committees of the provisional government are fixing over all estates of more than 125 acres.
Meanwhile order was steadily being restored throughout Petrograd. The list of provinces and cities announcing adherence to the new regime was increasing rapidly. The revolution in Russia is a revolution of 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.
Former Premier Goltzine and Goremynkin have been placed in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, says a Reuter dispatch. The Government has opened the prison doors, former Minister of War: A. B. Protopopoff, former Minister of the Interior: J. G. Chichegoyloff and M. Maiforoff, former Ministers of Justice, M. Malakoff and General Kurloff, former chief of police. Other prominent persons under arrest are being detained temporarily in the Duma building.
There will be a great parade of troops in Petrograd today before the new Ministers.
It is announced that there will be no further trials for political offenses and that the officers rejoice equally with the men in the overthrow of the autocracy. The officers have issued a proclamation to their men in which they refer to the "accursed old regime."

fringe, and the convocation of a constitutional assembly.
Vigorous prosecution of the war.
"LONG LIVE FREE RUSSIA!"
What is destined to rank as one of the world's most historic utterances was made by M. Kerensky, the new Minister of Justice, when in addressing a great throng before the Duma building, said:
"Citizens: Free Russia is now born. Long live free Russia!"
The provisional Ministers of the new coalition Government made a dramatic stroke in choosing the Grand Duke Nicholas to be military dictator of the army for the duration of the war, at least. It is believed the Grand Duke's word will be law with the troops. No man in Russia is more beloved by the Russian troops than the tall, gaunt leader who manipulated the greatest retreat in military history more than a year ago, and in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles saved thousands of his "children" from the Germans.
By two sudden strokes the new Government has solved the complicated social aspects of the situation—the emancipation of the Jews by strikes and disorders are reopening. Train service is being resumed to all parts of the country. Banks are reopening. The isolated sniping from the roofs, which was so annoying during the first days of the revolt, has now been stamped out completely.
The food problem solved.
The well armored cars bound for Petrograd in the last few days for the work in quelling street riots have been turned to peaceful paths and now are carrying mail.
M. Bubloff is dealing vigorously with the transportation problem. Under his energetic direction the normal train service has been restored, the coal and food supply replenished and factories are enabled to resume operations. In the rooms of the police have been found large quantities of foodstuffs. Some of these even kept live chickens in their quarters.
Quantities of flour are arriving hourly in the capital. It is being carted through the streets on sledges, amid cheers from the people. The great quantities of clothing flying from almost every building in the city, public and private. Tiny red ribbons have been distributed among the people, and they are being worn proudly.
Government agents are vigorously prosecuting the work of the members of the old autocratic police. The "black huddled" force, to which are accredited most of the horrible atrocities perpetrated upon Jews and political refugees, has been broken up and scattered. The names of members have been taken to date. It is not known just how many are left, for the autocracy never allowed the public to know its strength. The capture of hidden and secret lists of police headquarters has proved invaluable in this work.

IMPERIALISTIC GERMANY SEES MENACE IN SUCCESSFUL RUSSIAN REVOLT

AMSTERDAM, March 17.
Unrest in Germany and the military oppression of the people has been violently accelerated by the success of the Russian people in casting off the yoke of centuries. Even those elements of the German people who favor autocratic control and those of the fatherland have been affected by the news from Petrograd, seeing therein the failure of German plans and the certainty that, instead of Russia growing weaker as the war progresses, it is likely to grow stronger. With a new government animated by united determination to do its best against Germany.
German newspapers containing "Chancellor's speech" and military news of Wednesday afternoon increased the impression among observers of German affairs here that the German Government itself was apprehensive of this unrest among the Teutonic people.
Dispatches from Vienna today declared the Russian revolution had created a profound impression there. That the Government had been forced to change its military autocracy was indicated in the return to the Austrian capital of the Emperor and the departure from Berlin for Bethmann-Hollweg.
HOLLWEG'S WARNING
Significant among the utterances of the Chancellor was this statement:
"We to the statesman who believes that after a catastrophe such as the world has never seen before, the scope of which contemporaries and those directly engaged in it cannot possibly measure as yet, he can start where he left off before the catastrophe, if he should try to put new wine into the old bottles. We to that statesman!"
GERMANY'S DREAM
The first relation of the success of the Russian revolt and the downfall of the Romanoff dynasty is giving way to a feeling of deep despondency, according to Berlin dispatches today.
It is slowly being realized by the masses that the old autocratic regime was Germany's real friend, and that the new government is pledged to prosecute the war relentlessly.
In this connection the Cologne Volkszeitung voiced the general feeling in an editorial today:
"It should not be forgotten," says the newspaper, "that all those elements which have undertaken revolution and now hold the reins of the capital in their hands, preached war to the knife on everything German. They hate us not less than the government which they have just overthrown. These elements which have now seized supreme power will do everything to prosecute the 'national war' against Germany."
There is widespread speculation here as to the moral effect which the downfall of Russian royalty will have on Germany.
The overthrow of the Romanoff dynasty leaves Germany the greatest and almost the only autocratic government extant. The interests of the Romanoffs and the Hohenzollerns have always been closely related by intermarriage and ideals. It was Bismarck's boast that he had solidified Russian and Prussian autocracy against "umsturz" (overthrow).

THE FLAIL OF GOD

Out of dim Eld they run,
Over the steel-toned sod,
Mymidons of the Hun,
Attila, "Scourge of God."
Out of the past again,
Over red fields they sweep,
Sowing in leaden rain
That which they shall not reap.
As, when they came of old,
They were the chastening rod,
Now are they given to hold
Only the tools of God.
Lo! with his mailed hands
Attila comes once more;
Ah! but today he stands
Flailing a harvest floor.
Wilhelm! Attila's son,
Good that you never planned
Crowns what your blows begun—
Wheat in a barren land,
Russland, 'wakening, knows
Wealth of her free estate
Under the fall's strong blows—
God! be the harvest great!
T. A. DALY.

OFFICERS PLEDGE LOYALTY

On every side in Petrograd was heard today renewed avowals of vigorous prosecution of the war against Germany.
By order of the Provisional Government Admiral Mopin today arrested Governor Zeln, of Finland. Deputy Rodichev was named Minister of Finnish Affairs and ordered to proceed at once to Helsinki.
All army officers present in Petrograd met today and unanimously resolved to recognize the authority of the Duma.
Speeches were made stating realization of the army in the indispensable need for re-establishment of order as speedily as possible, that the "work behind the trenches" might proceed.
Governmental reforms that even the most ardent would not have believed possible a month ago are to succeed the autocracy, forces and arbitrary restrictions of the Romanoff dynasty.
Included in these are:
Emancipation of the Jews, and abolition of all social, religious and national restrictions.
Full political amnesty which includes the opening of Siberia doors to all political prisoners—the thousands who have been sent to a living death through incurring the displeasure of the dynasty heads.
Absolute liberty of speech and freedom of the press, for which hundreds have been imprisoned and executed in the past.
Immediate extension of amnesty to prisoners and exiles who suffered because of their political or religious faith, or for terrorist and agrarian offenses.
Calling in near future of communal elections to be based on universal suffrage.

UNITED STATES TO RECOGNIZE NEW GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, March 17.
Recognition of the new Government of Russia—whether it finally takes the form of a republic or is headed by a regency is certain so far as the United States is concerned. The attitude adopted by this Government of recognizing to new governments created by the military, European war will not hold in this instance, officials say. They declare that so soon as the Russian people record their wishes by the vote along with the lines is formed that that government will receive the recognition of the United States.
Only very brief dispatches are coming through from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd. Officials say that this undoubtedly is because of the great difficulty in communication between Petrograd and Washington. Officials, because of this fact, today are congratulating themselves that they have a strong man of the Francis type at the Russian capital. He will be compelled to meet many trying problems on his own initiative during the period of reconstruction, and officials say that in doing so he will at all times have the complete confidence of President Wilson.
The State Department so far has declined to make public any of the few dispatches received from the Ambassador. It is explained that all information received from him at the present time must be regarded as confidential, and that a revolution, as evidenced, however, confirms the press dispatches. The latter are beating the official reports by hours, owing to the fact that the official reports are for the most part in code.
Officials here are awaiting with the deepest interest word as to the attitude taken by the troops on the various fronts toward the revolution and the proposed new government of President Wilson. Of far fear here that a counter-revolution may be attempted by the deposed pro-German element in Russia headed by the officers who were closest to the Czar. It is accepted that it will be several days before the situation will be sufficiently clarified to determine just what has happened.
Another thing which is greatly interesting to officials and diplomatic circles here today is the possibility that a revolution may take place in Germany. The fact that the Russian revolt was led in part by Socialist leaders, and that Herr Leinert, Socialist Deputy in the Prussian Diet, and

FRENCH SMASH AVRE FRONT; BRITISH TROOPS AT LAST HOLD BAPAUME

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extent north of the Avre was announced by the War Office today.
This gain of ground and the British capture of Bapaume represents the Allies' greatest advance in any day since the Battle of the Marne.
Further progress was also reported in the region of Maisons Champaing, while successful raids were carried out at various parts of the front.
The official statement detailed a great air activity. A large number of French machines were engaged and in air battles eight German machines were brought down—three by sub-Lieutenant Guynemer, increasing his total of enemy machines to thirty-three.
"The Germans attacked violently in the region of Chambrettes Four, east of the Meuse, and also in the region of Berry-au-Bac and northeast of Rheims, but were everywhere repulsed with serious losses," the statement concluded.

ALLIES' RECENT SUCCESSES MEAN GERMAN RETREAT FROM ALBERT LINE

LONDON, March 17.
The successes of the Allied troops in the last few weeks are believed to make necessary the retirement of the Germans from the entire line from Bapaume to Arras, positions they have held since they were hurled back in the advance on Paris.
British troops several days ago were reported within yards of the fortifications.
Dispatches from the front indicate that the Germans did not give up the great position easily. The first dispatch to reach London said "stiff fighting" preceded the British entrance.
The German retirement straightens out the German line to a great extent. Bapaume was a jutting peninsula-shaped wedge into the Allied lines.
Front dispatches on Thursday, coupled with Field Marshal Haig's succinct official statement, prepared the public in a measure for the welcome news of the capture of the German stronghold—dubbed by Hindenburg not so many months ago as the "Gibraltar of the western front."
On Thursday British forces were reported within a few hundred yards of the Bapaume defenses.
Since that time Field Marshal Haig has been silent as to the exact extent of the operations.

CZAREVITCH DEAD, LONDON HEARS; BRITISH OFFICIALS HAIL CHANGE

People Ruled in Russia
Seven Hundred Years Ago
SHOULD the present revolt in Russia result in that nation becoming a republic, it will not be the first time in her history.
Seven centuries ago Russia was a republic. The empire, at that time, constituted a number of independent principalities over which the descendants of Rurik, first Russian ruler, ruled. Novgorod was chief of these principalities and it had a republican form of government on the Venetian plan. The political power was entirely in the hands of a popular assembly and only the military power was vested in the hereditary Prince.
LONDON, March 17.
Czar Nicholas of Russia signed formal abdication of the throne of the Romanoffs on Thursday, it was definitely learned here today.
Preliminary statements which had been received here up to today reported that the former Emperor of All the Russias had renounced his sovereignty Friday night.
Dispatches from Russia today said the formal signature to the abdication was made at Pskov and that throughout the Russian nation placards announcing this renunciation had been posted.
Reports reached London today of the death of Czar Nicholas's only son, thirteen-year-old Alexei, in the Duma building in the Russian front. The cause of the death was not stated. Dispatches yesterday reported the Czarvitch dangerously ill from scarlet fever.
Dispatches from Petrograd today indicate that the new Government is rapidly getting affairs in hands.
It has been decided, for the good of the people, not to issue any newspapers for the present. There is an underground and fanatical rumors have partially subsided. Instead, a committee of Petrograd journalists has been formed, an office placed at their disposal in the Duma building, and arrangements made for the printing of but one paper. There will be two papers, distributed free among the populace, in which every move made by the Duma will be chronicled.
Late dispatches from Petrograd still place the Czar at Pskov, about 180 miles from Petrograd, under guard of a small body of troops. The same dispatches report that the Czarina is remaining at the Royal Palace on Tsarskoye Selo. The commandant of the palace is said to have taken his word of honor to the Duma that the Empress will not be allowed to escape.
No mention is made of the whereabouts of Grand Duke Michael, who refused the throne after his brother, the Czar, had chosen to abdicate rather than be deposed. It is fairly certain that Michael was in Petrograd yesterday. His future plans are unknown.
Russia is ready for real democracy, in the opinion today of British officials most closely in touch with recent developments.
For the last two years there has been steady growth of the Zemstvo movement. These are voluntary Government organizations. It was an organization that sprang directly from the people. By now it has interwoven itself into every phase of Russian rural life as well as into every department of the national life. It covered up the mistakes of the Petrograd officials; it provided food and relief for the soldiers; it aided the war-stricken people. It gave the people their first opportunity for exercise of popular executive direction on a vast scale.
British officialdom, as a whole, expressed undisguised satisfaction over the turn of events. They were pleased not so much because a popular Government had apparently supplanted the reign of the Romanoffs, but because they were convinced Russia's war effectiveness would henceforth be greatly increased.
The best proof of confidence in the new order is the fact that even the most reactionary elements of the British press have joined in the general chorus of approval. But it will take several days for the significance of the upheaval in Russia to penetrate to the rank and file of the people.
In fact one of the most curious features of the effect of the Russian news here has been in the attitude of the average Englishman, who has never seriously studied the Russian situation. The sort of an Englishman, instead of being a specialist, is

RUSSIA'S NEW PREMIER

As leader of the recently formed Cabinet, Prince Lvoff becomes directing head of the Russian Government in the present crisis and is regarded as likely to be selected as President in the event of a republic being organized.
Carl Legien, another of the Socialist leaders, openly denounced during the debate in the Diet the methods of the upper chamber of that body, is declared here to be a significant. The Socialist element in Germany, it is pointed out here, has been very bitter over the action along with the lines in permitting the military party to take the lead in the reconstruction of States. And the very fact that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg found it necessary to address the Prussian Diet and promise that after the war "Germany would be democratized" is said here to indicate the strength of the opposition in Germany to the tactics of the military party.

GERMANS DEFEAT BRITISH IN ATTACK NEAR ARRAS

BERLIN, March 17.
A British detachment attacking German lines south of Arras, near Beaurains, was annihilated in savage hand-to-hand fighting, according to a statement on western-front operations, issued by the Overseas News Agency today.
The British attack came in three waves, the statement said. The first wave succeeded in penetrating a German trench and was wiped out in a fierce counter-attack. The second and third waves were repulsed with severe losses.
The official report also said:
"Between La Bassée Canal and the Ancre there has been lively artillery fire. At several places English reconnoitering detachments were repulsed."
"Between Sully and St. Pierre Vaant Wood the English, and between Beuvraignes and Lassigny, the French, have settled down to trench warfare, which has been abandoned by us according to our plan."
"In the Champagne sector there is temporarily strong artillery fire."
"Between the Meuse and Moselle our thrusting detachments in four different places brought in prisoners from hostile lines."
"Our flyers by air attacks precipitated four captive balloons. They fell burning."
"The French again have suffered sanguinary failure at Hill No. 185," another statement said. It added:
"After exceedingly violent artillery fire of all calibers, the French succeeded in temporarily penetrating a small section of a trench on the southwestern slope, but were ejected after fierce hand-to-hand fighting."

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MANIFESTO ISSUED BY CZAR ANNOUNCING HIS ABDICATION

PETROGRAD, March 17.
CZAR NICHOLAS, abdicated ruler of 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 painful trials."
"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 moment is near when our valiant 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 country's good that we should abdicate the crown and lay down supreme power."
"Not wishing to separate ourselves from our beloved son, we bequeath our throne to our brother, the Grand Duke Michael, with our blessing for the throne, that he may govern it in full union with the national representatives and take inviolate oath to them in the name of our well-beloved fatherland."

SWEEPING REFORMS PROCLAIMED BY NEW RUSSIAN DEMOCRACY

LONDON, March 17.
The Provisional Government in Russia has issued the following appeal to the people, according to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent:
Citizens: The executive committee of the Duma, with the aid and support of the garrison of the capital and its inhabitants, has succeeded in triumphing over the obnoxious forces of the old regime in such a manner that we are able to proceed to a more stable organization of the executive power, with men whose past political activity assures them the country's confidence.
The new Cabinet will base its policy on the following principles:
First. An immediate general amnesty for all political and religious offenses, including terrorist acts and military and agrarian offenses.
Second. Liberty of speech and of the press; freedom for alliances, unions and strikes, with the extension of these liberties to military officials within the limits admitted by military requirements.
Third. Abolition of all social, religious and national restrictions.
Fourth. To proceed forthwith to the preparation and convocation of a constitutional assembly, based on universal suffrage, which will establish a governmental regime.
Fifth. The substitution of the police, by a national militia, with chiefs to be elected and responsible to the Government.
Sixth. Communal elections to be based on universal suffrage.
Seventh. The troops which participated in the revolutionary movement will not be disarmed, but will remain in Petrograd.
Eighth. While maintaining strict military discipline for troops on active service, it is desirable to abrogate for soldiers all restrictions in the enjoyment of social rights accorded other citizens.
The provisional government desires to add that it has no intention to profit by the circumstances of the war to delay the realization of the measures of reform above mentioned.

DUMA DISCUSSES FOOD IN FIRST NEW SESSION

BERLIN, March 17.
Precarious conditions of Russia's food supply and the inability of the Government to cope with it was the chief object of discussion in the first meeting of the Duma in the new session, according to the Overseas News Agency report today. Exalted speeches by all the deputies made the meeting a memorable one, the statement said.
Minister of Agriculture Rittich, described the supply of provisions as extremely meager with providing food for the army face unsurmountable difficulties.
The Minister doubted whether it would be possible in the future to supply the army with its usual supply of grain. "You see I am by no means an optimist," the Minister is reported to have declared.
Schede, the Socialist member of the Duma, reproached the Government for having refused Germany's peace offer and declared, "The Government is rapidly drifting toward an abyss."
Other deputies are reported to have characterized conditions in Russia as chaotic and "unbearable."

THE WEATHER

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WATER COVERS NAVY YARD RAILROAD TRACK

Transportation of Supplies Cut Off. Workmen Rushed to the Scene
A pond that blocks the Philadelphia Navy Yard's only railroad track with two feet of water was attacked today by workmen, who are digging a ditch to drain off the water.
Recent rains and drainage from the surrounding territory accumulated so rapidly that by this morning the only means of rail transportation of supplies into the yard was shut off. Naval officials sent a squad of workmen of the navy yard's public works department to the scene to dig a permanent drainage ditch.
The "sand hole" is under the concrete bridge that carries League Island boulevard and the trolley tracks over the railroad a few hundred yards north of the main gate. The bridge for the overhead trolleyfare was built last fall, and in order to minimize the grade the railroad track was depressed at the point where it passes beneath the bridge.
The 750 sailors of the interned German auxiliary cruisers Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm spent their first night—a quiet one—in their new "camp" on the Philadelphia side of the back channel. They began today to "improve" their new location, inclosed by a barbed-wire fence adjoining the two vessels.

DUNCAN ESTATE FARMS PURCHASED

EASTON, Md., March 17.—State Insurance Commissioner W. Mason Shelton and H. L. Colburn have purchased the two farms belonging to the Duncan estate on Tighman Island for \$10,000.

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