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## Revolution in Russia Rebels Seize Government

### MEMBERS OF IMPERIAL CABINET IMPRISONED; DUMA HOLDS CAPITAL

BERLIN, via Sayville wireless, March 15.—A state of revolution exists in Petrograd, in which the duma has defied the czar and taken control of the government, according to a statement given out here today by the Trans-Ocean News Agency.

The ministers of the imperial cabinet have been arrested by the duma's orders and imprisoned, according to the news agency.

#### STATEMENT IS ISSUED.

The news agency statement follows: "About the successful Russian revolution: The following official report was issued from Petrograd, March 14: 'The population of Petrograd, incensed by the complete disorganization of the transport service, had been irritated a long time against the government, and had become restless. The population held the government responsible for all its sufferings. The government, expecting troubles, took measures on a large scale in order to maintain peace. Among other things, the dissolution of the duma was ordered.

"The duma, however, on March 11, decided not to accept the imperial ukase, but to continue the meetings.

"The duma immediately formed an executive committee presided over by the duma president, M. Rodzianko. That committee declared itself as the provisional government and issued the following appeal to the populace:

"Considering the difficulties of interior order, which are due to the policy of the former government, the executive committee of the duma feels obliged to take the public order into its own hands.

"Fully conscious of the responsibility arising from this decision, the committee expresses the belief that the populace and the army will lend their assistance to the difficult task of creating a new government, which accepts the wishes of the people, and enjoys the people's confidence."

"The executive committee based itself on the population of the capital, which is in full revolt, and upon the army, which is united with the revolutionists.

"All the ministers were arrested and sent to jail.

"The duma declared that the ministers of the imperial cabinet no longer existed.

"Today on the third day of the revolution the capital where order returned swiftly, is completely in the hands of the executive committee of the duma, as are the troops which garrison Petrograd, numbering more than 30,000, who supported the revolution.

"Deputy Englehard, colonel of the Great General Staff, has been appointed commander of Petrograd by the committee.

"Yesterday evening the committee issued proclamations to the troops, the railroads, the population and to the banks asking them to resume their regular life.

Deputy Gronski has been charged by the duma committee with the provisional management of the Petrograd telegraph agency."

#### PETROGRAD CUT OFF.

Petrograd has been out of communication with the rest of the world for three days. Today a brief official war office statement was permitted to come through, but aside from this one exception nothing has been heard from the Russian capital since the food rioting became serious.

### GUTHRIE IS HONORED BY BOY SCOUTS NOT MILITARY JAPANESE ROYALTY

TOKIO, March 15.—The presence of Prince and Princess Nashimoto, personally representing the emperor and empress, and several other princes and princesses of royal blood at the funeral for the late George W. Guthrie, American ambassador to Japan, added to the imposing tribute paid to the late diplomat by both court and government officials. The services were held at the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

A squadron of cavalry and a military band escorted the body from the American embassy to the church through streets lined on either side by several regiments of infantry while the side walks were filled with people. The cabinet, members of the privy council and high military and naval officers attended the services. The entire diplomatic corps acted as honorary pallbearers.

NEW YORK, March 16.—While the Boy Scouts will give valuable aid to the nation in their home communities in the event of war, they will take no part in military operations, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America decided at its annual meeting here today. The council elected the following officers:

Honorary president, President Wilson; honorary vice presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft and Daniel C. Beard; president, Colin H. Livingston, Washington; vice presidents, Mortimer L. Schiff, New York; Milton A. McRae, Detroit; B. L. Dulaney, Bristol, Tenn.; Arthur Letts, Los Angeles; A. Stamford White, Chicago; treasurer, George D. Pratt, State Conservation Commissioner of New York; national scout commissioner, Mr. Beard. James E. West remains as chief scout executive.

#### COURT NEWS.

The first case placed on trial this week was the Commonwealth vs. Dominick Nacutis, charged with assault and battery. A verdict of guilty was found.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Ercole Liberatti and Frank Combo charged with assault with intent to kill, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The Court quashed the indictment in the case against J. Irwin Long, of White township, charged with assault and battery by his wife. This case was begun two years ago, but no indictment was presented until the present court. Judge Langham held that the disposal of the case by Judge Telford was final.

The jury in the case of the Commonwealth against Frank Combo, charged with aggravated assault and battery, returned a verdict of not guilty, without retiring to their room for consideration. The evidence showed that Combo was present at the time of the stabbing of Vincenzo Aroco but that the other defendant, Ercole Liberatti did the stabbing.

#### THEY WILL SALUTE THE FLAG NOW

BALTIMORE, March 16.—Six Baltimore boys who refused to salute the American flag because they were "Internationalists" will have to salute it in the presence of their schoolmates and recite "The Star Spangled Banner" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee." This was the decision of the Schol Board today, which announced that in that way only would the suspension against the six be lifted.

It is understood that all now are willing to comply. All except one are of Russian extraction.

## Won't Permit Rail Strike

### PRESIDENT AND CABINET TAKE ACTION; MEDIA- TION COMMISSION APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Nation-wide railway strike will not be permitted to take place. The cabinet so decreed this afternoon. Following the meeting of the cabinet for which President Wilson left his sick bed, it was announced that a committee on mediation had

#### STRIKE IS SETTLED.

The strike of the miners of the Seneca Coal Mining Co. at Chambersville, which has been in progress for three days, has been settled, the miners returning to work yesterday.

The men demanded that two men, working extra shifts, be discharged. The removal of machines from the pillars was also demanded. Compromises were effected.

#### PAID FINE FOR SELLING SHORT WEIGHT POTATOES

J. M. Bartholomew, of North Mahoning township, appeared before Squire J. A. Crossman, of town, last week and paid a fine of \$10 and costs amount in \$5 for selling potatoes at short weight. The information was made by County Sealer of Weights and Measures D. W. Simpson, and the warrant was served by Constable D. M. Potts of Grant township, who was serving as a juror at court and who found his man in the audience in the court room.

been selected to prevent the strike.

This committee is made up of Secretary of the Interior Lane, Secretary of Labor Wilson, Daniel Willard, president of the advisory council of National defense, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The committee will leave this city for New York at 4:03 p. m. today. It will confer with both sides to the controversy. While it has no legal powers, it is clothed with extraordinary authority in that it represents the President and cabinet and the council of National defense.

The selection of the committee was decided upon by the council of National defense at its meeting this morning. At that time it was agreed that a railway strike at the present time would be most disastrous to the country and would interfere with the plans now being perfected for National defense.

The suggestion of the council was communicated to the President and he immediately decided that the cabinet convene to go over the general situation.

There was not a single voice raised at the cabinet meeting against any action that would prevent the strike. It then was directed to name the committee on mediation as suggested, and to have it get into touch with the brotherhood representatives and the representatives of the railroads without delay. This is the first step and members of the cabinet felt confident, it was stated that the offer of mediation will be accepted.

## VILLA BAND BEATEN

CHIHUAHUA CITY, March 16.—Official announcement was made today of a battle between the Villa forces, commanded by Nicolas Hernandez, and the Carranza troops of Gen. Francisco Murgua's command, 40 miles south of Parral, near Rosario, Durango. No date was given in the announcement but a Government victory is claimed. Villa losses are said to have been heavy.

#### RECRUITS ARE BACKWARD

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Mar. 16.—After a week's campaigning the enlistment party seeking recruits for the United States Navy, left for DuBois without receiving a single application. In Butler last week only one application was made and he was rejected.

#### ATTEMPTED TO KILL WIFE.

County Commissioners W. B. Wagner and J. M. Marshall, of town, accompanied on Monday to the Dixmont insane asylum, Paul Marwan, a Hungarian resident of Lucerne Mines. Marwan, who was adjudged to be violently insane by physicians, attempted to kill his wife by choking her on Saturday. His condition was so serious that it was necessary to place him in a straight jacket.

#### LUCERNE WORKMAN IS KILLED

Ralph Henry, aged 26 years, of Lucerne, who is employed in the mines there, was killed by being run over by a mine motor, Tuesday. It is alleged that he set the motor ready for starting and turned on the power before he was in a position to control the machine.

#### JUSTICE STANDS AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—Justice John Stewart of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania today announced his advocacy of the Wells-Hess bill to abolish capital punishment in this state and now under consideration by the Legislature at Harrisburg. He said:

"In the constitutional convention of 1872 I was one of 14 delegates voting for the abolition of capital punishment. I believed then it should be abolished and since have seen no cause to change my mind. If anything I am today more firmly convinced than ever that the death penalty should be eliminated."

This declaration by Justice Stewart adds his name to the long list of judges who recently have expressed themselves publicly as opposed to death penalties.

#### LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana postoffice March 3, 1917:

Dr. G. Cash, Mrs. James Erwin, John M. Jones, Beulah McNulty, Miss Jessie Oliver, John Reesman, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Alta Siehl, Mrs. Helen Thompson, T. C. Walked, Mrs. Henry Weaver, J. J. Wright, Harry Wissinger, Mrs. Rose Richardson.

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

Harry C. Fee, P. M.

## SHELL FIRE DEVASTATES VILLAGE, LEAVES RELIGIOUS STATUE INTACT



VILLAGE OF MONTAUBAN WRECKED BY WAR, SHELLS SPARE RELIGIOUS STATUE

Photo by American Press Association. Exploring the ruins of the French village of Montauban, back of the British battle line on the Somme, a party of British soldiers found a beautiful statue of the Vir-

gin Mary unharmed, although virtually everything around had been pounded to pieces by the German shell fire. At the base of the statue a huge German shell,

unexploded, was discovered. It may be seen in the picture.