have formally acknowledged the new government and, so far as known, not a single quarter of the country still stands out for the old order of things. Supported by unanimous vote, the present government is in reality a government of the people.

MINOR DIFFERENCES WAIVED.

According to the latest information, the executive committee of the duma and the committees of soldiers and workingmen's deputie have reached a full agreement, or at least have decided temporar to waive all minor differences until the meeting of the con assembly, which will decide just what form the new government Russia will take.

Meanwhile it is reported that the government of the country will rest for three months in the hands of a committee of twelve, and it is stated that the monarchy, for the time being, will be abolish

Former Premiers Golitzine and Goremykin have been placed in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd, as have Generals Soukhomlinoff and Beliaeff, former ministers of war; B. Protopopoff, former minister of the interior; J. G. Chtchegiovitoff and M. Makaroff, former ministers of justice; M. Malakoff and Gen. Kurloff, former chief of police. Other prominent persons under arrest are being detained temporarily in the duma building.

BIG PARADE TODAY.

There will be a great parade of troops in Petrograd on Saturday before the new ministers, the despatch adds.

It is announced that there will be no further trials for political offence and that the government has opened the bar to Jewish lawyers, who have

In the present spirit of the officers and the men in the ranks there is no reason, the despatch says, to apprehend disciplinary troubles, as 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."

A minor instance of the popular feeling was shown when the appearance of a few intoxicated persons on the streets caused such indignation that the culprits promptly were imprisoned.

MOVING FOOD SUPPLIES.

Train service has continued thruout the revolution. Hundreds of previously idle cars are now rushing supplies to the populous centres which actually faced starvation. Grain stores everywhere may be requiaitioned at fair prices, and estates of over 125 acres may be taken over

temporarily by the local committee.

The government has appealed to the conscience and sense of duty to humanity of the peasants to bring forward all the grain possible, saying the nation is placed on its honor to do everything to relieve the food situation the nation is placed on its honor to do everything to relieve the food situation Telegraphing from Petrograd Fri- C-

uresque, and of far-reaching conse

day in the United States. That strike

if carried out, will produce suffering and

situation in Canada, and, to some extent,

It is the strike ordered by the four

brotherhoods last September. It will in-

volve four hundred thousand trainmen

quitting work and a complete paralysis

of the transportation system of the United States. Last September, thru the efforts of President Wilson, the strike

Should that tribunal hold the act to be

constitutional it will thereby uphold the

right and power of congress to regulate

the wages of men employed on all rail-

ways engaged in interstate commerce.

That would bring into more drastic play

than ever government control over rail-

ways and pave the way to inevitable na-

tionalization, Such a decision would

Should the strike go on, what remedy

is there but nationalization? The rail-

mean a financial panic, but it will actual-

Six months ago the extreme heat seem-

As to the merits of the wage dismite

remained stationary while the cost of liv-

be always at work. He is liable to be

must go out Sundays as well as week

finished. Like the soldier at war, he is

always on duty, and he has an occupa-

But the safety of the state is the su-

to the rescue. One lesson to be learned

from the present danger is that the na-

tional legislatures should be kept in ses

sion practically all the time. They have

officers as citizens who had helped

Fear German Revolution.

tion scarcely less dangerous. Moreover

also automatically end the strike.

the progress of the great war.

We seem to be overlooking the

The Big Strike That anreatens. state bank and all the private banks reopened today. Stringent or-ders have been issued for the rearrest of a number of criminals who escaped during the liberation of political prisoners. quences, naturally engrosses our atten-

great railway strike which may start todiers have been pillaging private houses and threatening their occupants. Official orders have been is disaster so wide-spread as not to be con-fined to the people of the United States. sued that the criminals are to be shot at sight if they offer resistance It will materially effect the industrial Genuine patrols and search parties are wearing distinguishing signs and also carry written authori-

Enthusiasm at Moscow. The greatest enthusiasm has pre-valled at Moscow since March 1. Thousands of persons have marched the streets and pucked the squares cheering for the revolution. Troops and students have been enrolled by defence committee. Perfect order

confined in the town hall. The jails tutionality of that act, and that questrated. The Kremlin, the arsenal and all public utilities have been taken by the revolutionists.

A public safety committee 1 ontrol of affairs at Saratov. The governor made his escape from city, but the police submitted to the The population of Kharkov is sup-

porting the new government fully. There is great excitement here, but has occurred.

Still Rounding up Police. Petrograd despatch says that soldiers there were still engaged today in rounding up the police, thousands of ways are the arteries of a nation thru whom have now been imprisoned. All the police stations have been destroy- Without them a modern matter contact. ed or sacked, and all suspected houses live. The threatened strike will not only searched for ammunition and arms. This despatch reports that a train

carrying Emperor Nicholas was held by mean starvation for thousands of peooldiers. The empress is said ple. Some food supplies can be rushed to be in an hysterical condition, while in on motors and radials, or brought in prince is suffering from an by boat, but hunger will be so acute as attack of either measles or scarlet to breed riot and bloodshed. The prices of provisions in Petroed to make more terrible the prospects

The despatch says that the execu- of a strike, but are they less terrible have fallen greatly. now, when a strike will mean a fuel e committee of the duma and Col. Digelhard, commander of the Petro- famine for the United States, and Canada d garrison, received the military as well. Moreover, the strike will mean diplomatic representathat the munition factories must shut tives of Great Britain, France and down in the United States for want of Italy, who declared their readiness to enter forthwith into relations with the steel and coal, and it is to be doubted in committee as the sole representative our munition factories in Canada will be in much better condition. of authority in Russia. Promises Fair Trial.

Addressing an assemblage of thouwe think the men have somewhat the of soldiers and civilians from best of the argument. Their wages have e gallery of the lobby of the duma, Deputy Kerenski, the new Russian ing has gone up forty per cent.; their minister of justice, says a Reuter dewages have remained stationary while Petrograd dated today, announced that the provisional gov-ernment took office by virtue of an increased one hundred million dollars. A the net earnings of the companies have agreement with workmen's and sol- great deal of nonsense is talked about the delegates. The council of these very high wages received by trainmen. delegates approved the agreement by The railroader, like the soldier, is a pickseveral hundred votes to 15. The first ed man. He has to undergo a medicai act of the new government, M. Kerenexamination. He has to be not only medically fit, but of exceptional declared has been the immediate publication of a decree of full amnes-Continuing, the despatch adds, the strength and agility physically and menminister of justice said: tally. He works long hours and his time is so broken up that he may be said to

comrades of the second and fourth dumas who were banished il-legally to the tundras of Siberia will be released forthwith. In my juris- waked up at any hour of the night; he liction are all the ministers and premiers of the old regime. They will days, and no excuse will justify his leavanswer before the law for all crimes ing his engine or train until his run is gainst the people."

"Show them no mercy," many voices in the crowd are reported to have ex-

the company often superannuates him at "Comrades," added M. Kerenski, "reforty-five, so he must get good wages cenerated Russia will not have re during the limited time he is at work. to the shameful methods util-Without trial ized by the old regime. will be condemned. All prison- preme law. The strike must be averted ers will be tried in open court. in some way. President Wilson may find a way, or the supreme court may come

Free Russia is Born. "Comrades! Soldiers! Citizens! All measures taken by the new government will be published. Soldiers, I ask you to co-operate. Free Russia s now born and none will succeed in wresting liberty from the hands of learned this lesson in England, and to the people. Do not listen to the some extent in the United States. We promptings of the agents of the old may yet have to learn it in Canada. Listen to your officers. Long The speech was greeted by a storm exhorted the soldiers to regard their

of cheering. The labor leader, Chkheidseof, ad- raise the revolutionary flag, and as dressing officers and soldiers, paid a brothers in the great cause of Russiowing tribute to the soldiers and sian liberty. Subsequently officers, workingmen who had participated in Soldiers and workingmen carried M. accomplishing the revolution. He re- Chkheidseof on their shoulders thru counted, the despatch says, the recent cheering throng of soldiers and civilrovocative efforts by the secret police lians. publishing proclamations regarding the murders of officers by soldiers. He Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent

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telegraphs that an article in The Frankfurter Zeitung appears to confirm to some degree the impression that the sudden appearance of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in the Prussian diet on Wednesday and his speech advocating the democratization of Glernary were caused by his knowledge. of Germany were caused by his knowledge of events in Petrograd. The Zeltung draws a parallel between the chancellor's acts and the revolution in had the support of the Socialists as a Petrograd, pointing out that at the ne time the executive committee of

German empire will come because it must come, not because the chancel-lor avows himself in its favor, but because his words express the will of an overset help to be a superstant of the country of the

helming majority of the people. very discussing the Russian revolu-The Volkoszeitung of Cologne

"It should not be forgotten that all those elements which have under-taken the revolution and now hold the fate of the capital in their hands preached war to the knife with everything German. They hate us not less than the government which they have just overthrown. These elements which have now seized supreme power These elements will do everything to prosecute the 'national war' against Germany.'

British Labor's Sympathy.

An official communication issued

this evening gives the following text of a telegram sent by the leaders of the Labor movement in Britain to M. Kerenskil and N. S. Chkheidseof, badwas averted by congress passing the ers of the Russian Labor party Adamson Act, which provided for the police eight-hour day and overtime. The com- Petrograd:

"Organized labor in Great Britai

is watching with the deepest sympathy the efforts of the Russian people to eliver themselves from the power of he reactionary elements which are ling their advance to victory. and "Labor in this country France has long realized that the despotism of Germany must be overthrown if the way is to be opened for ne free and peaceful development of the European nations. This had inspired them to unprecedented efforts and sacrifices, and we confidently look forward to the assistance of Russian bor in achieving the object to which

ve have devoted ourselves. "We earnestly trust that you will mpress on your followers that any re-nission of effort means disaster to omrades in the trenches and to our ommon hopes of social regeneration."
Among those who signed the telegram are Arthur Henderson, member the British war council; John Hodge, minister of labor, and George Nicoll Barnes, minister of pensions,

Fall of Autocracy Final. Prince Peter Kropotkin, the Russian revolutionary leader who has been in exile in England for many years, in commenting on the news from Petro-

grad said today: "I am delighted with today's news from Russia. The struggle against autocracy has been relentlessly carfor half a century. Now I consider the fall of the autocracy as

"After victory is gained by the naion the efforts of Russia will have to be directed to getting rid of the Gernans and establishing a free and inlependent Peland. United as it is in he army, and has been for the last two and a half years, the Russian naion will win the war and help the Germans, I hope, to free themselves Hohenzollern voke. from the

Movement Still Spreads. The Stockholm despatch to Frankfurter Zeitung, as cabled from by the Central News correspondent, says it is learned that the municipalities of Kazan, Kharkov and Odessa have issued declarations expressing their intention of oining the executive committee of ad and organizing themselves for "the internal deliverance of Rus-

Paris Papers Jubilant. A Paris despatch says: The Paris ewspapers generally employ terms of warm approval in their comment today on the developments in Russia and express relief at the successful reversal of the vacillating policies that have prevailed and their replacement by what appears to be a popular addirected towards putting into efficient action the great re-

La Liberte, alluding to the union of the classes, says: "The new government, with Prince Lvoff, president of the association of Zemstvos, and with Prof. Paul N-Milukoff, leader of the Liberals, is enirely committed to the policy of mainaining an intimate alliance with the entente and the intense prosecution of the war. We could wish nothing bet-

Socialist Leader Pleased. Henry M. Hyndman, leader of the locialist party in England, commentng on the Russian revolution, said: "The success of the Russian revolution will be regarded as good news everywhere. It is certainly good news for Russia that this crisis which has been inevitable ever since the death of Rasputin, has come off so smoothly and with so little bloodshed. England and with so little bloodshed. England Temperance Act, Edward Davidson, and France will be the first countries 125 West avenue. Was arrested last

on which the new era should react night:

ment which has now culminated first favorable opportunity to present an ultimatum to the czar and

czarina, demanding that they get rid immediately of all the pro-German immediately of all the pro-German forces and influences which have been crippling Russia and threatening its life since the beginning of the

Nearly Made Peace.
"Prof. Milukoff, the new Russian foreign minister, formerly was a was feted as one of our comrades in England a few years ago. He has the confidence of the Russian So-cialists and labor men. "M. Kerenski, Russian minister of justice, the Socialist leader in the duma, is acting with the provisional committee of the duma.

There is no harm in saying now what has long been known in official circles, namely, that Russia was on the very point of making (n) separate peace with Germany last autumn thru Premier Sturmer. The action of resignation of M. Sturmer and saved the entente from the most dangerous intrigue since the beginning of the war. But the intrigue was only scotched, not killed, and we were on the eve of another movement of the same kind, thru Protopopoff, the de-posed minister of the interior, when

ly over, even now. The Russian bureaucracy is a powerful and insidious organization and cannot be killed in a day. In spite of the revolution it is to be feared there will still be a great body of lukewarm officials,

country, as there is always danger cond; of intrigues when an uncrowned prize. nonarch remains in a kingdom. have arrived at the greatest crisis of on a future occasion. one of Germany's great hopes has been for an anarchistic revolution in Russia which could be managed to secure for Germany a draw in the world war'

Countess Kleinmichael Arrested. Arrests of individuals out of tune with the new order of affairs continue from day to day in Russia. Among the latest arrested was the Countess Kleinmichael, a prominent Russian woman, who is well-known in court circles, and who for a long time had been conspicuous as an intriguer and a tool for the dissemination of pro-German propaganda. Hitherto she had enjoyed immunity because of influential connections. The countess was taken under guard to the duma building.

Yesterday more than sixty trains were despatched over various lines for the purpose of bringing foodstuffs and other necessaries to the capital. While it is too early to observe any marked change in the prices of food, it is significant that notices have been posted in several shops of A Petrograd despatch to The

Times, dated Thursday, says:
Of the huge police force in Petrograd, which Minister of the Interior Protopopoff had organized to drown the city in blood, only 4000 have be captured or killed up to this time. The remainder are in hiding and evidently have lost all hope for the restoration of the old regime. The powder mills at Okhta contin-

ued work without stopping thruout all the trouble. The arsenal, the Putiloff works and other munitions factories resumed operations in part on Wednesday, and it is expected that all workers will return to duty within a day or two. telegraph office has been placed in charge o fa military com-

mandant, appointed by the duma. The censorship virtually has been suscensorship virtually pended for several days. The house of Romanoff is descended from Andrei Romanoff, who is said to have gone to Moscow from Prussia in the 14th century. Mikhail Feodorovitch Romanoff was the first of the family to ascend the throne. This was in 1613, when he was 17 years of age. He died in 1645. The

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branch came into power and has since

ruled.

York County and Suburbs

STOUFFVILLE PROTEST IS NOT CONSIDERED

Dogs Are Worrying Sheep In York County Districts

Essay and Poetry Contest At Humberside Collegiate

The winners of the essay and poetry contest in the Humberside Codlegiate Institute were announced at the Literary Society yesterday evening by Mes McDonald, vice-president. Miss Winnifred Pyne was awarded the prize for her poem entitled, "The Wreck of the Rose Queen." "My Grandfather's Favorite Story," an essay written by Miss Ruth Wells, was decided upon as the best from the lower forms. "A Deserted Garden." written by Miss Doris Fields, and "The Benefits Canada Has Derived from the War," by J. Grogan, were selected as equal, entitling both pupils to rank first in the upper school.

The contest, which was open to the school, was entered by sixty pupils.

SCHOOL PUPILS ENTERTAIN. Oakwood Collegiate Students Hold Concert in School Auditorium.

again saved the situation, this time by the bold step of revolution.

Danger Not Over.

"I do not think the danger is entirely over, even now. The Process."

Under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. the pupils of Oakwood Collegiate Institute held a social gathering in the auditorium, corner of Oakwood and West St. Clair avenue, last evening West St. Clair avenue, last evening. The various items of the program, recitations, solos and chorus ably contributed by the boys and girls of the school, and the proceedings were under the direction of Miss A. A special feature was the nursery reactionaries using subtle influences
to thwart the will of the mass of the rhymes given by the different pupils tuss:an people.

"I hope the emperor will leave the A. Mitchell, first; Miss A. Jacobs, seand Gordon McGowan, third The entertainment will be repeated

LIVE STOCK PRICES GOOD.

The best prices in years are being realized at the spring sales now on in the county, Holstein cattle and Clydesdale fillies and mares are especially commanding record figures. At Lem Summerfeldt's sale on the 6th concession of Markham the other day, Holstein cows brought from \$125 to \$190, and at Robert Seller's sale in Scarboro grade cows went as high as \$126, while one Clydesdale filly realized \$315. Farm implements as a rule sell low, but all kinds of live stock are selling higher than in years.

PATRIOTIC MASQUERADE HELD.

Under the auspices of the Indepen dent Women Workers' Association of Earlscourt a masquerade ball held last evening in Loblaw's Hall, corner of Ascot and Earlscour avenues. Dancing and a program of patriotic and instrumental music contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. Refreshments were served. The proceeds will be devoted to the supply of comforts for the Earlscourt boys in the trenches. President Mrs. A. Harland, Mrs. M. Lee, Mrs. J. Pruce, Mrs. Hooper and members the committee were in charge of the arrangements.

CULTIVATE VACANT LOTS.

Weston ratepayers are seriously considering the cultivation of vacant lots thrucut the town. A meeting of the citizens was held last evening to discuss various ways and means to raise different vegetables to the best advantage.

SCORE'S GREAT SALE.

Men of Toronto and throughout the will be interested in the important estate sale to be conducted by L. Score & Son, Limited, commend ng this morning at 8.30 o'clock, whe their entire stock of high-class Brit-ish woolens, including suitings, overcoatings, coatings, trouserings and waistcoats, will be placed in one big and absolute clearing sale, and be con verted into cash to meet obligations to the estate of the late R. J. Wonderful values and highest qualities to be sold at remarkable disc when it is figured that much of the stock has been very recently imported from the British mills for the present terminated in 1730, and the female line in 1762, when the Holstein-Gottorp eason's trade.

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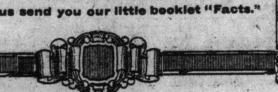
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TIE-UP OF RAILROADS MAY YET BE AVERTED

four members of the national council last all night. of defence, appointed with the sancof defence, appointed with the sanction of President Wilson to act as hotel where the meeting is being held

tion of President Wilson to act as mediators in the hope of averting the nation-wide "progressive" railroad strike called to begin at 6 o'clock tomorrow night, went into conference at 10.20 o'clock tonight with the chiefs of the four railroad brotherhoods.

Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane and Secretary of Labor Wilson arrived in the city at 9.30 o'clock. Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, had preceded them from Washington. No one knew at what hour Samuel Gompers president of the A. F. of L., pers president of the A. F. of L., the fourth mediator, would arrive. It was the purpose of the defence council's committee to carry their lic, however, a telegram sent the

New York, March 16 .- Three of the in the conference believed it might

"Immediate accommodation" for patriotic reasons.

The managers' committee made pubdiscussion with the representatives of sident in which they assured him they the men as far as possible and then would co-operate in "an earnest effort call in the members of the national to avert the national calamity which committee of railroad would result from an interruption of

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED HE Romanoff dynasty is at an end in Russia. The Emperor Nicholas

and his son, the czarevitch, abdicated the throne yesterday in favor of the Grand Duke Michael Michaelovitch, and the Grand Duke Michael then also abdicated the imperial purple. These acts remove a source of danger ahead of the new government and they assure the com plete success of the revolution. Nobody in Russia apparently believes in the divine right of kings. Upholders of liberalism the world over will rejoice at the birth of the new republic, for with the Romanoffs gone nobody in Russia will desire to submit to another dynasty. The state still has a danger ahead and that is a split into three or four different parts, but since the country is mobilized for war on a mammoth scale the shedding of so much blood for the common cause of liberty may serve to weld the races of Russia together in firm and indissoluble union.

The new government is proceeding to organize the country, and in no place apparently did the people refuse to accept the change. It was probably the universal wave of support for the revolution that swept like wildfire over Russia that induced the czar and his dynasty to abdicate the throne. The reactionary element and the Germanized section of the nobility and bureaucracy dragged them down to ruin. The Romanoff family had held the czardom for 304 years. Russia now takes her place alongside of the western allies and the United States as a great democracy. and enver did a revolution, bringing about such momentous things, suc ceed with so little bloodshed or in so short a period of time.

While Russia is overthrowing her old cabinet by a revolution Premier Briand of France is reconstructing his cabinet. Thus a political ferment is running thru the countries of the allies. It will, perhaps, run thru Germany also. If the north German would not put up with almost anything, a revolution would have cleaned out Germany long ago.

The British advance yesterday again took place north of the Somme and in the region of the St. Pierre Vaast Wood. Sir Douglas Haig reported last night that the British now hold nearly all of the St. Pierre Vasst Wood and enemy trenches for 1000 yards south and 2000 yards north of it. This movement is bringing the British well across the watershed and near the sources of the streams flowing into the Scheldt. This success will give them some additional advantages over the enemy and it will facilitate their advance. Not much further progress eastward will enable them to seize the line of the Tortille Brook and to turn the Germans out of Peronne. They are also bringing their lines closer towards the important junction of Velu, southeast of Bapaume, and they will dominate it entirely with their guns if they keep up much longer their progress at the present rate.

The French, who have been making progress in raids and attacks between the Avre and the Oise, report the gaining of more ground on the front from Andechy to a point south of Lassigny. This region comprises the Avre Valley and it may imply that the Germans are preparing for a withdrawal in that region, also.

The Chinese Government has formally broken off relations with Germany, and it has handed passports to the German ambassador. As China has always behaved with great caution in international crises, in order to avoid trouble, the action of the government shows that it believes that Germany will henceforth cease from troubling her. China has immense deposits of coal and iron and these will furnish the allies with abundance of munitions after a short period of development. Chinese labor is now coming to the help of the allies and it will heavily weigh in the balance against Germany. One of the great drawbacks which is now affecting Germany is the shortage of labor. Great Britain probably plans to employ Hindoos to supplement white labor in certain unspecified directions.

For the first time in many months the enemy sent a fleet of air-ships to attack the southeastern counties of England last night and this morning. These dropped bombs in the County of Kent. Details of the

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