

have formally acknowledged the new government and, so far as is known, not a single quarter of the country still stands out for the old order of things.

MINOR DIFFERENCES WAIVED.

According to the latest information, the executive committee of the duma and the committees of soldiers and workmen's deputies have reached a full agreement, or at least have decided temporarily to waive all minor differences until the meeting of the constitutional assembly, which will decide just what form the new government of 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 abolished.

Former Premier Golitsin and Goremyka 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; A. B. Protopopoff, former minister of the interior; J. G. Chetehievitoff 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 offences and that the government has opened the bar to Jewish lawyers, who have been excluded heretofore.

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 through the revolution. Hundreds of previously idle cars are now rushing supplies to the populous centres, which actually face starvation. Grain stores everywhere may be requisitioned 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.

Telegraphing from Petrograd Friday afternoon Reuter's correspondent says:

"The state bank and all the private banks reopened today. Stringent orders have been issued for the rearrest of a number of criminals who escaped during the liberation of political prisoners."

"Some of them disguised as soldiers have been pillaging private houses and threatening their occupants. Officers have been issued that the criminals are to be shot at sight if they offer resistance to arrest. Genuine patriots and search parties are wearing distinguishing signs and also carry written authorizations."

Enthusiasm at Moscow. The great enthusiasm has prevailed at Moscow since March 1. Thousands of persons have marched the streets and through the squares in the cheering of the revolution. Troops and students have been enrolled by the defence committee. Perfect order has been maintained. A thousand members of the police force have been arrested and are confined in the town hall. The jails have been opened and thousands liberated. The Kremlin, the arsenal and all public utilities have been taken over by the revolutionists.

A public safety committee is in control of affairs at Saratov. The governor made his escape from the city, but the police submitted to the revolutionists. The population of Kharokov is supporting the new government fully. There is great excitement here, but no disorder has occurred.

Still Rounding up Police. A Petrograd despatch says that soldiers there were still engaged today in rounding up police. Thousands of whom have now been imprisoned. All the police stations have been destroyed or sacked, and all suspected houses searched for ammunition and arms.

This despatch reports that a train carrying Emperor Nicholas was held up by soldiers. The emperor is said to be in a hysterical condition, while the crown prince is suffering from an attack of either measles or scarlet fever.

The prices of provisions in Petrograd have fallen greatly. The despatch says that the executive committee of the duma and Col. Beliaeff, commander of the Petrograd garrison, received the military attaches and diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy, who declared their readiness to enter forthwith into relations with the committee as the sole representative of authority in Russia.

Promises Fair Trial. Addressing an assemblage of thousands of soldiers gathered in the main gallery of the duma, Deputy Kerenki, the new Russian minister of justice, says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd dated today. He announced that the provisional government took office by virtue of an agreement with workmen's and soldiers' delegates. The council of delegates approved the agreement by several hundred votes to 15. The first act of the new government, M. Kerenki declared, was the immediate publication of a decree of full amnesty. Continuing, the despatch adds, the minister of justice said:

"Our comrades of the second and fourth dumas who were banished illegally to the tundras of Siberia will be released forthwith. In my jurisdiction are all the ministers and preachers of the old regime. They will answer before the law for all crimes against the people."

"Show them no mercy," many voices in the crowd are reported to have exclaimed. "Comrades," added M. Kerenki, "regenerated Russia will not have recourse to the shameful methods utilized by the old regime. Without trial none will be condemned. All prisoners will be tried in open court."

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 is now born and none shall wrest liberty from the hands of the people. Do not listen to the promptings of the agents of the old regime. Listen to your officers. Long live free Russia!"

The speech was greeted by a storm of cheering. The labor leader, Chikhelidze, addressing officers and soldiers, paid a glowing tribute to the soldiers and workmen who had participated in accomplishing the revolution. He recounted the despatch, the recent provocative efforts by the secret police in publishing proclamations regarding the murders of officers by soldiers. He

exhorted the soldiers to regard their officers as citizens who had helped overthrow the revolutionary flag, and as brothers in the great cause of Russian liberty. Subsequently officers, soldiers and workmen carried M. Chikhelidze on their shoulders thru a cheering throng of soldiers and civilians.

Fear German Revolution. 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 Germany were caused by his knowledge of events in Petrograd. The Zeitung draws a parallel between the chancellor's acts and the revolution in Petrograd, pointing out that at the same time the executive committee of the duma seized the reins of power.

Means War to Knife. In discussing the Russian revolution the Volkszeitung of Cologne says: "It should not be forgotten that all those elements which have undertaken the revolution and now hold the reins of the cap in their hands are not the government which they have just overthrown. These elements will just as soon use the power which they have now seized to prosecute the 'national war' against Germany."

British Labor's Sympathy. An official communication issued this evening says the following text of a telegram sent by the leaders of the Labor movement in England to M. Kerenki, minister of justice, and the Russian Labor party in Petrograd:

"Organized labor in Great Britain is watching with the deepest sympathy the efforts of the Russian people to deliver themselves from the power of the reactionary elements which impeded their progress. In this country and in France we have long realized that the despotism of Germany must be overthrown if the way is to be opened for the free and unimpeded development of the European nations. This had inspired them to unprecedented efforts and sacrifices, and we confidently look to the assistance of Russian labor in achieving the object to which we have devoted ourselves."

Fall of Autocracy Final. Prince Peter Kropotkin, the Russian revolutionary leader who has been in England for many years, in commenting on the news from Petrograd said today:

"I am delighted with today's news from Russia. The struggle against autocracy has been relentlessly carried on for half a century. Now it is over. The fall of the autocracy is a matter of time. After victory is gained by the nation the efforts of Russia will have to be directed to establishing a free and independent Poland, United as it is in the army, and has been for the last two and a half years, the Russian people will win the war and help the Germans, I hope, to free themselves from the Hohenzollern yoke."

A Stockholm despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung, as cabled from Amsterdam by the Central News Correspondent, says that the Russian revolutionaries are in a pious examination. He has to be not only medically fit, but of exceptional strength and agility physically and mentally. He works long hours and his time is so broken up that he may be said to be always at work. He is able to be waked up at any hour of the night; he must go out Sundays as well as weekdays, and no excuse will justify his leaving his engine or train until his run is finished. Like the soldier at war, he is always on duty, and he has an occupation scarcely less dangerous. Moreover, the company often superannuates him at forty-five, so he must get good wages during the limited time he is at work.

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Paris Papers Jubilant. A Paris despatch says: The Paris newspapers 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 popular administration directed towards putting into efficient action the great reforms of the Russian revolution.

The telegraph office has been placed in charge of the military commandant, appointed by the duma. The censorship virtually has been suspended for several days. The house of Romanoff is descending from Andrei Romanoff, who is said to have gone to Moscow from Prussia on the 14th inst. The first of the family to ascend the throne. This was in 1613, when he was 17 years of age. The last of the Romanoffs terminated in 1730, and the female line in 1763, when the Holstein-Gottorp branch came into power and has since ruled.

Read breaker's use-car ad, in classified column, and see him for it. CHARGED WITH VIOLATION. On Saturday, March 17, 1917, on a charge of violating the Ontario Temperance Act, Edward Davidson, 125 West Avenue, was arrested last night.

York County and Suburbs STOUFFVILLE PROTEST IS NOT CONSIDERED

The action of the town council of Stouffville and residents generally in entering a protest against the suggested extension of the York County highway commission of the proposed road system between Langstaff and Locust Hill via Unionville and Markham Village is not very favorably entertained by the commission and engineers. While the commission are desirous of giving the northern part of the county good roads at the earliest possible date, they are not prepared to entertain a claim that they are not entitled to it under the terms of the agreement.

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Between Langstaff and Locust Hill, a road 2 1/2 miles long, only 8 1/2 miles of road roads have been built, for 1 1/2 miles west and 2 1/2 miles east of the town of Stouffville. The other part of the distance is especially heavy. The people of Markham Village have organized a local board of trade, with Archie W. Milne as president, and an efficient board of engineers. The object of the organization being to push the matter of a good road system out to Yonge street and Locust Hill.

Dogs Are Worried Sheep In York County Districts

Farmers throughout York County are exercised over the great loss resulting from the ravages of dogs among the sheep folds, more damage having been inflicted this winter and last fall than in any year since the war. The industry bids fair to be practically ruined within a few years unless some effective means are taken to reduce the number of dogs.

The Police Magistrate Brunton within the last few days disposed of a number of dogs. The dogs were charged with damages by sheep owners. It has been found almost impossible to trace the dogs to their owners, and the situation is regarded as serious by sheep owners generally.

Essay and Poetry Contest At Humberside Collegiate

The winners of the essay and poetry contest in the Humberside Collegiate Institute were announced at the Literary Society yesterday evening by Miss McDonald. Miss Wilson, president of the society, was awarded the prize for her poem entitled, "The Wreck of the Rose Tree." The essay written by Miss Ruth Wells, was decided upon as "Deserted Garden," written by Miss Doris Fields. The contest, which was open to the school, was entered by sixty pupils.

SCHOOL PUPILS ENTERTAIN Oakwood Collegiate Students Hold Concert in School Auditorium

Under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. the pupils of Oakwood Collegiate Institute held a concert in the school auditorium, corner of Oakwood and West St. Clair avenue, last evening. The various items of the program, recited by the boys and girls, were contributed by the boys and girls of the school, and the proceedings were under the direction of Miss A. Ball, principal of the school. A special feature was the nursery rhymes given by the different pupils, prizes being awarded as follows: Miss Ball, first; Miss F. F. of L., second; and Gordon McGowan, third prize.

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PATRIOTIC MASQUERADE HELD. Under the auspices of the Independent Women Workers' Association of Earlscourt a masquerade ball was held last evening in Loblaw's Hall, corner of Annet and Earlscourt 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. Price, Mrs. Hooper and members of the committee were in charge of the arrangements.

CULTIVATE VACANT LOTS. A Weston ratepayers are seriously considering the cultivation of vacant lots throughout the town. A meeting of ratepayers 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 country will be interested in the important estate sale to be conducted by R. Score & Son, Limited, commencing this morning at 9:30 o'clock, when their entire stock of high-class British woolsens, including suitings, overcoatings, coatings, trousers and waistcoats, will be placed in one big and absolute clearing sale, and be converted into cash to meet obligations to the estate of the late R. J. Score. Wonderful values and highest quantities to be sold at remarkable discounts when it is figured that much of the stock has been very recently imported from the East India mills for the present season's trade.

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TIE-UP OF RAILROADS MAY YET BE AVERTED

New York, March 16.—Three of the four members of the national council of defence, appointed with the sanction 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 10:30 o'clock tonight with the chiefs of the four railroad brotherhoods.

The brotherhood chiefs refused positively to discuss for publication their probable attitude. They admitted, however, that they had sent no message to President Wilson in response to his plea that they strive to bring their controversy with the railroads to "immediate accommodation" for patriotic reasons.

The managers' committee made public however, a telegram sent the president in which they assured him they would co-operate in "an earnest effort to avert the national calamity which would result from an interruption of railroad service."

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE Romanoff dynasty is at an end in Russia. The Emperor Nicholas and his son, the czarvitch, 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 complete 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 never did a revolution, bringing about such momentous things, succeed 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 Vaast 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 Veu, 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 Aves and the Oise, report the gaining of more ground on the front from Audechy to a point south of Lassigny. This region comprises the Aves 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 airships to attack the southeastern counties of England last night and this morning. These dropped bombs in the County of Kent. Details of the damage done are lacking.

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