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Russia Faces New Crisis; Firing In Petrograd Street

Trouble Over Ukraine Matter — Several Ministers Resign — Anti-Government Demonstrations in Nevsky Prospect

Petrograd, July 17.—Two demonstrations against the government resulted in the firing of shots in the Nevsky Prospect at midnight, as a result of which several persons were killed or wounded.

The firing apparently was the result of stray shots which brought on a panic, in which the demonstrators turned rifles and machine guns on each other. Quiet was restored after a few minutes. The demonstrators were organized by the Bolsheviks, the majority faction of the Petrograd Soviet.

Several members of the cabinet have resigned and a special session of the council of ministers has been convened in an effort to avert a crisis. Their names are A. Shingarev, minister of finance; Professor Manuiloff, minister of education, and Prince Sviatosky, head of the department of public aid. Their resignation followed a sharp disagreement over questions involving the Ukraine.

Premier Lvoff has requested the ministers to meet at his private residence, when the cause of the dispute would be considered. The ministers took exception to the form of a declaration drawn up by M. Terechenko and Mr. Terebell, the cadets maintained the power should be retained in the hands of the government.

Terechenko and Terebell flatly insisted upon the immediate publication of the declaration, adding that the form might be allowed if the sense of the declaration was not altered. When a vote was taken at a cabinet meeting the two Lvoffs in the cabinet and the socialists declared themselves in favor of the declaration as already drawn without correction or alteration. Opposed by the majority, the cadet members then resigned.

Later, Petrograd, July 17.—M. M. Prokopovich and M. Chernov, ministers of commerce and education respectively, have resigned. London, July 17.—A Russian despatch from Petrograd says M. Stepanoff, acting minister of commerce, also has resigned.

BRITISH MAKE A GAIN; FRENCH BEAT ENEMY ONCE MORE

London, July 17.—"We gained ground slightly during the night north of Wincennes," says a despatch from the British war office today. "In the Neuport sector," the communication adds, "one of our raiding parties encountered a large party of the enemy in front of the German positions. After a sharp fight our troops drove the enemy back to their lines and bombarded them in their trenches."

Another Futile Attack. Paris, July 17.—German troops made a strong attack on the French positions in the vicinity of the Teton but were driven back, leaving a number of dead, according to a statement issued by the war office today.

The statement follows:—"Intermittent cannonading occurred on the Aisne front, quiet spirited in the region of Cerny, Cavaliers, and Conroy. In the Champagne the Germans made another serious effort on the Teton. Their assaulting waves, caught under our fire, were compelled to return to their positions, leaving a number of dead. We maintained our gains of Saturday."

"On the left bank of the Meuse our troops this morning made a spirited attack west of Hill 304. According to news thus far received all our positions which have remained in the hands of the Germans following the action of June 28 and 29, were entirely reconquered by us. We captured prisoners, whose number is not yet known.

"Enemy attacks on our small posts in Argonne, near Douaumont, and in Woivre, near Regneviller, were without result."

BORDEN TODAY IS TO MOVE FOR EXTENSION OF PARLIAMENTARY LIFE

Ottawa, July 17.—Sir Robert Borden today moved the resolution calling for an extension of the parliamentary term until a year from next October. The request of Mr. MacLean of Halifax to this question is deferred until consideration is passed, evidently is not to be accorded. The highly interesting discussion staged yesterday and unexpectedly deferred will therefore take place today. This extension question is one of the vital things before parliament. Upon the disposition of it depends the question as to whether or not the general election, which is so commonly talked of, is to take place.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED. Milton Bowdler, manager of the Hempton baseball team, wishes to challenge that he accepts the challenge of the Rovers, published last evening, and will play them on Saturday afternoon.

CROWDS OUT TO SEE THE KILTIES

Gotham Gives Highlanders Rousing Welcome ON RECRUITING MISSION

They're in Newark, N. J., Today But A'll Rest of Week Will be in New York — Great Event, Says Sun Newspaper

New York, July 17.—The 200 Canadian Highlanders, who are in New York to stimulate "British recruiting week" today when they left here to spend the day in Newark, N. J. This is the only day during the week in which the men will be out of the city. Each day's programme will keep the visitors before the public as part of the campaign to obtain recruits.

The Highlanders planned to reach Newark this afternoon and march to the city hall where they were formally welcomed by Mayor Raymond. Arolley trip today to the city was to precede a recruiting meeting. They were then to be the guests of the City of Newark for dinner, followed by a second recruiting meeting when they will return to New York.

The newspapers published detailed accounts of the glowing reception given them in New York recently—what with the coming of Papa Joffre and his Frenchmen and the arrival of Balfour and his Englishmen, and the reception to the Highlanders and the Russians—but it would have been very difficult to find more spirit in an ordinary crowd than was observed yesterday when the Highlanders in their kilts, their plaids, their brooches, their sporrans and their feather bonnets marched up Broadway, while the probers shouted like a million angels were swarming and thousands of men and women rushed to the sky-scraper windows to look down and to cheer the big Highlanders as they were crowded, and always ahead of the wild, high music rolled waves of cheering.

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The fuel problem received some consideration. Commissioner McLellan urged the establishment of a civic wood yard and held out hopes that he might be able to secure a special lot of 1,000 tons of hard coal. The mayor informed the council that he had been informed by Mr. Dick of the Dominion Coal Company that his company would be able to furnish all the coal for St. John will need during the coming winter.

The city's public works department was submitted and there was some discussion of the sidewalk occupation act, the sidewalk policy and retaining wall work but no action was taken in the latter matter.

Mayor Hayes presided and all the members of the council were present. The first business considered was the proposed Mayor Hayes that steps be taken for a formal public observance of the third anniversary of the declaration of war, August 4. His words were taken for this occasion was observed throughout the dominion last year and this year he thought it should be a contribution from the appropriation of each department.

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From Kane's Corner (so-called) to the Tuberculosis Hospital, for one or more passengers (not exceeding four in all), \$2.

Beyond the tuberculosis hospital or beyond the One Mile House; or beyond Newman Brook, such price as may be agreed upon between the driver and his passenger or passengers. In the city of the eastern side of the harbor after midnight, except as hereinafter provided, one or more passengers, three dollars. To or from any point on the eastern side of the harbor, from or to any point (Continued on page 2, seventh column)

The House of "Windsor" New Name of British Royal House and Family is Announced

London, July 17.—King George today, at a meeting of the privy council, announced the new name of the royal house and family to be "The House of Windsor." The privy council at which the king announced the change was held in St. James' Palace.

It was the most important and interesting since the coronation. The attendance included Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Secretary Balfour and other members of the cabinet, the Archbishop of Canterbury, former Premier Asquith and all members of the colonial government who are now in London. The privy council unanimously endorsed King George's announcement and the proclamation putting it into effect was published this afternoon.

King George is of the House of Saxe Coburg and Gotha. It was recently decided to drop titles or names of German origin.

To Celebrate War Declaration With Holiday

Public Meeting to Arrange For Observance of Anniversary HONOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

Council Reviews Fuel Situation and Mayor Announces Promise of Full Supply of Soft Coal — Commissioner McLellan Urges Civic Wood Yard

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Reform of Upper House in Germany

Bill to Be Introduced in Prussian Diet; Matters in Germany; Austrian Premier's Talk on Peace

Amsterdam, July 17.—According to the Dusseldorf General Anzeiger a bill to reform the upper house will be submitted to the Prussian Diet with the suffrage reform bill.

Some Changes. Amsterdam, July 17.—A despatch to the Frankfurt Zeitung from Berlin reports Herr Wahnschaffe, chief of the imperial chancellery has retired as the case when chancellors resign.

Germany, the Catholic organ, says that General Von Stein, Prussian minister of war and state, resigned "owing to the attitude of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg during the crisis."

Amsterdam, July 17.—Count Von Roeder, German finance minister, replaces Dr. Karl Hallerich, secretary of the interior, according to the Berliner Tageblatt.

In Austria. Vienna, July 17 via Amsterdam.—The lower house has adjourned indefinitely. The president, in concluding his speech, said: "We again have faced the way for constitutional life. We have strengthened the assured position of the Reichstag members that his speech on Thursday would deal with his foreign and internal policy."

Something of a Mystery. Copenhagen, July 17.—A strong strain of religious devotion, verging on religious mysticism, is one of the outstanding characteristics of Dr. Michaelis. According to those acquainted with him, the new chancellor believes in the direct guidance and inspiration of the Deity in daily affairs and endeavors to base his actions and policy upon his interpretation of the Divine will.

Dr. Michaelis' firmness of purpose is said to be due largely to this conviction. This view of life is partly hereditary. His brother became a clergyman from an evangelical trend, like the Tagelske Randschau, emphasize this characteristic.

German Press. Copenhagen, July 17.—If the German press correctly reflects public opinion on the event, the appointment of George Michaelis as imperial chancellor will be associated with the death of the movement to parliamentarize the empire.

The press of Bavaria and other states of the empire was quick to point out that a parliamentary ministry could not be introduced without upsetting the whole federal character of the empire, which finds expression in the supreme Bundesrat. The alternative idea which Von Bethmann-Hollweg actually considered for a time, namely the institution of an imperial council consisting of representatives of each of the governments, the Bundesrat and the Reichstag to serve as a connecting link between the government and the representative institutions of the nation, has been dropped, according to the Catholic newspaper Germania.

Curley Fails to Get An Injunction Against Willard. New York, July 17.—Application of Jack Curley for an injunction to restrain Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, from appearing in connection with his wild west show, was denied in Justice Hendrick. Curley contended that a contract entered into by Willard and himself preceding the fight in Havana with Jack Johnson, at which Willard won the championship, restrained Willard from public appearances except under Curley's management until next September.

Two Bath-Built Vessels Lost. London, July 17.—Lloyds announces that the American schooners Addis M. Lawrence, 2,807 tons, and Edward B. Winslow, 3,424 tons, have stranded and are regarded as total losses. The Winslow had previously been reported to be on fire.

Both the vessels were built at Bath, Maine, and were owned by J. S. Winslow & Company, of Portland. According to available shipping records both schooners were sold some time ago to the British government.

Germany Delays In Answering Argentine. Berlin, July 17.—Germany hopes that the terms of the torpedoing of the Argentine steamer Toro will be settled amicably, according to a semi-official note. This statement denies that relations had been broken off, the government saying that it had not yet replied to the Argentine note.

Dr. Luis De Molina, Argentine's ambassador to Berlin, telegraphed his government last night that Germany's answer to Argentina's demand would be delayed several days, owing to the change in the chancellery.

Proceedings At The Irish Convention Likely To Be Private. Dublin, July 17.—The national convention will assemble on July 23 in Regent House of Trinity College, according to official announcement. The Chief Secretary for Ireland, H. E. Duke, will preside until the convention chooses its own chairman. It is expected that the proceedings will be private but probably an official record will be made of them.

Extensive Strikes In German Coal Fields

Copenhagen, July 17.—Extensive strikes are reported to be in progress in the Silesian and Rhine coal fields of Germany. The trouble has arisen over the food restrictions and objections to the labor service.

FOUR GERMAN STEAMSHIPS ARE CAPTURED

British Destroyers Make Haul In The North Sea — Admiralty Announcement

London, July 17.—The admiralty announces the capture of four German steamers by British destroyers in the North Sea.

The steamers are the Pellworm, Briegleb, Marie Horn and Heinz Blumberg. The Briegleb, of 1,415 tons gross, is owned in Hamburg. The Pellworm, 1,870 tons gross, also was owned in Hamburg. The Marie Horn, 1,088 tons, is from Schleswig and the Heinz Blumberg, 1,226 tons, is registered from Hamburg.

Two other German steamers were with the four vessels when the group was signalled by the British war craft. All six made for the Dutch coast and two of them reached the shore. These two were badly damaged by gunfire.

Bernstorff To Copenhagen? Paris, July 17.—A Zurich despatch to the Petit Parisien says that Count Von Bernstorff has been appointed German minister at Copenhagen in the place of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau.

Today's Ball Games National League—Chicago at New York, clear, 3:30 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Boston, cloudy, 3:15 p.m.; Cincinnati at Philadelphia, clear, 3:30 p.m.; St. Louis at Brooklyn, clear, 3:30 p.m. American League—Washington at Chicago, 2 games, cloudy, first 1:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at Detroit, 2 games, cloudy, first 1:40 p.m.; Boston at St. Louis, cloudy, 3:30 p.m.; New York at Cleveland, cloudy, 3 p.m. International League—Newark at Rochester, cloudy, 4 p.m.; Richmond at Buffalo, cloudy, 3:45 p.m.; Providence at Toronto, cloudy, 3:15 p.m.; Baltimore at Montreal, clear, 4 p.m.

The Preliminary Case. The preliminary hearing in the case of Wesley H. Estey, charged by Charles Clark of the City Fuel Company with stealing \$7,288, was postponed this morning in the police court until Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

J. A. Barry is appearing for Estey and Dr. W. R. Wallace for Mr. Clark. The case was set over because Dr. Wallace said that some important papers which he introduced have as yet not arrived from Boston.

WEATHER REPORT. THE MORNING IS NOT WETTER THAN THE EVENING. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Showers have occurred in Quebec and the maritime provinces while in Ontario and the western provinces the weather has been fair. Temperatures of 90 degrees and over were recorded yesterday in many parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Fair and Warm. Maritime—Moderate winds and for the most part fair and warm today and on Wednesday. New England—Generally cloudy. Probably occasional showers tonight and Wednesday. Somewhat cooler Wednesday. Gentle moderate shifting winds.