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# BRITISH SCORE AGAIN THIRTY MILES NORTHEAST OF BAGDAD MEMBER OF SERVICE COMMISSION SAYS MILITIA ACT IS

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS TO LEAD RUSSIANS IN THE

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Idol of Russian Army Expected To Be the BAGDAD CITY Real Ruler Under the Duma and To Direct Operations of the War.

London, March 16 .- Grand Duke Nicholas, idol of the Russian army, and ranked as Russia's master strategist, looms up as the big military figure of the hour in the empire which has just witnessed a successful and almost bloodless revolution and the abdication of its emperor.

WILSON UNABLE

TO PREVENT BIG

RAILWAY STRIKE

Personal Appeal Not Expect-

ed To Carry Much

Weight.

WALKOUT IS ORDERED

Up Saturday Night, Ac-

cording to Instruction.

Wilson and other Government officials

WILLING TO CONFER.

**GOVT. TO ELECTIONS,** 

Is His Charge.

TO REMAIN INDOORS ON

matter, but would make inquiries.

to the same place.

At Royal Palace;

'SEVENTEENTH OF MARCH'?

The relinquishment of the throne by cholas II automatically deprived of his rank as commander-in-chief of the Russian armies. The heir to the throne is an infant, and Grand Duke dier of repute, is not of commanding military experience.

Turning to Nicholas.

Thus the nation, the Petrograd dispatches indicate, is turning to its most tried and trusted military leader. Grand Duke Nicholas is reported to have arved at the capital, and the probabil is pointed to that he will take command

of the troops.

Of the complete success of the revolutionary movement, in which the lead was taken by the duma, there seems no doubt. While there have been few advices received of the attitude of the army at the front, such news as has been received indicates that the military, with the exception of reactionaries among the officers, together with the forces of the emperor, is backing the

Civil Forces With Duma. The civil forces of the nation are co-operating with the government most heartly in restoring the normal life of

In the duma, which is the chief factor in shaping the course of the new re- today canvassed all phases of the rati gime, and the Zemstvo council, are re- road strike situation, but their hope of ported co-operating successfully in straightening out the various tangles which have resulted from the momentous change in government control. pass a bill to empower the president to The food problem is being attacked, seize and operate railroads in an emerand the people themselves seem to be gency and many officials were inclined exercising their own authority to re- to doubt the efficiency of a personal apthat might be inclined to indulge in employees to compose their differences.

A measure of general political amnesty is reported of preparation by the Duke Nichola- is said to have indorsed had been put into effect. mpire and bring the war to a success-

### PRUSSIA NEXT MAY **DEMAND LIBERATION** FROM AN AUTOCRACY

English Socialists' Head Jubilant Over Revolution.

London, March 16.—Henry M. Hynd-man, leader of the Socialist party in Ling and, commenting on the Russian gressive strike" of the 400,000 memrevolution, said: "The success of the bers of the four great railroad brother-Russian revolution will be regarded as good news everywhere. It is certainly good news for Russia, that this crisis has come off with so little bloodshed. England and France will be the first countries on which the new era should react favorably. It will mean a great difference in the war. Moreover, the repercussion soon may be felt in Prussia in a demand for a similar liberalization of the Prussian Government.

"Naturally the Socialists in England Naturally the Socialists in England have been aware for some time of what Impeding Prosecution of War, was going on in Russia. Although the was going on in Russia. Although the movement was not Socialistic it had the support of the Socialists as a step in the right direction. The movement, which has now culminated in a successful revolution, had at its head the advanced party in the Duma and Council of the Empire and some of the commanders at the front. Their movement was aimed at taking the first favorable opportunity to present an ultimatum to the czar and czarina, demanding that they get rid immediately of all the pro-German forces and influences which have been crippling Russia and threathave been crippling Russia and threat-ening its very life since the beginning HAVE IRISH BEEN TOLD

### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 32; lowest, 27.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 25.

remain indoors on St. Patrick's Day, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the TOMORROW-SNOW AND RAIN. Toronto, March 16—8 a.m. Forecasts.
Winds becoming strong; fair today;
now and rain during the night and on exchequer, said that Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, had gone to that country. Mr. Bonar Law said that he personally knew nothing about the

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Victoria
Calgary
Winnipeg
Port Arthur
Parry Sound. 34
Toronto 34
Ottawa 38
Montreal 34
Ousbee 38

Quebec ....... 38 24 Father Point... 34 20 Weather Notes. Weather Notes.
The depression which was in the Southwest States yesterday is now centred in Missouri.
The weather is fair at present over the Dominion and quite cold in the West and in Northern Ontario.

British Again Worst Turks, This Time at Bakubah.

GREAT RETREAT CONTINUES

Ottomans Still Falling Back on the Right Bank of the Tigris.

Petrograd, March 16 .- Via London.-Russian troops have dislodged the Turkish forces from their fortified positions on the summit of Narleshkian, to the west of Kermanshah, in northwestern Persia, says an official statement issued today by the Russian war depart-

London, March 16, 1:45 p.m .- A portion of the town Eastern Roads Will Be Tied of Bakubah, on the right bank of the Diala River, about 30 miles northeast of Bagdad, has been occupied by the British, Washington, March 16 .- President it was announced in a report received today from General Maude, in command of British Tigris forces. The Turks continue to fall back on the right bank of the Tigris.

The Statement.

Those more optimistic believed a com- Maude 20 miles upstream on the Tiggis promise would be arranged, perhaps announced in a previous communique Grand even after the first phases of the strike were on left bank of the river. The Turkish rearguard on the right bank WILLING TO CONFER.

New York, March 16.—Both sides in the threatened railroad strike controversy expressed a willingness touay to hold further joint conferences, although the situation this morning was devoid of any suggestion that a compromise would be reached which would avert a national transportation tie-up. Indications were unofficially that both the railroad managers and the brotherhood chiefs were marking time pending any possible action by President Wilson, and with each group prepared to respond to overtures from the other side.

Reports from Kansas City and other points in the west, that some of the employees were unwilling to obey a strike call, were met by a statement by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, that the leaders expected at least one in twelve to refuse to strike.

was attacked by us about fifteen miles north of Bagdad after a night march during Wednesday and was driven have three miles. The enemy were still falling back at dusk A portion of the town of Bakubah, on the right bank of the Diala river, was also occupied by us. "On the night of Tuesday our troops discovered a small steamer on which the enemy were attempting to cross the Tigris. Machine gun fire resulted in the steamer breaking into flames and drifting down the river where it was captured by us with 250 rifles and quantity of ammunition."

TO BRING OUT

HOARDED GOLD

Paris, March 16.—A bill to dewas attacked by us about fifteen miles

Paris, March 16.—A bill to demonetize existing French gold coinage has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies by Deputies Lenoir, Bouffandeau and Eymond. The purpose is to force hoarders to bring out gold estimated at 4,000,000,000 francs which is still kept in hiding in spite of patriotic appeals to the owners to exchange it for notes. The bill provides for the issue of a new design which alone will have currency after the war. Special arrangements would be made in the case of French gold held abroad.

### IS WARNING OF LAW CONSTANTINE NEXT MONARCH TO QUIT, London, March 16-3:25 p.m.—In discussing the Irish situation in the House of Commons today, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, declared the attitude of the Nationalists might WASHINGTON HEARS

Indicated in Official Dispatches From Athens.

Washington, March 16 .- That the Russian revolution and the victory of the Duma over the Russian bureaucracy may be immediately followed by the removal of King Canstantine from the Greek throne,

House of Commons today to a question by John Dillon as to whether orders had been given the people of Dublin to remain indoors on St. Patrick's Day.

### GERMAN WAR REPORT

Berlin, March 16—Via Sayville.—An absence of important military movements is reported in today's army head-quarters' statement on Franco-Belgian front operations. Numerous raiding enterprises occurred yesterday in various sectors. The statement reads:

"Western front: No engagements of an important nature took place. In the Ancre sector, on both sides of the Somme and between the Avre and the Oise there were engagements between the lines in which prisoners were brought in.

"Similar encounters also took place near Arras, in the Argonne, on the east Troops Sent There London, March 16.-9 a.m.-A Reuter

London, March 16.—9 a.m.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that the emperor is expected to arrive at the Tsarskoe Selo Palace, and that several regiments with artillery are hastening to the same place.

"Similar encounters also took place near Arras, in the Argonne, on the east bank of the Meuse, near Chambrettes, in the Apremont Wood, and north of the Rhine-Marne Canal, where the German raiding detachments succeeded in bringing in from hostile trenches four officers, more than fifty men and some machine guns.

NEW BIG MAN OF RUSSIA



# MEMBER OF COMMISSION SAYS the title of 'Judas' and escaping the censure of the speaker." NOBLES OF RUSSIA

Winnipeg, Man., March 16 .- That the militia act will be put into force on May 1 was the belief expressed by E. R. Chapman, the member for Manitoba of the National Service Commission. Chapman said that on that date seeding would be practically completed, and recruits sorely needed. The commission will meet in Ottawa early in April. Colonel Williams, chief recruiting officer for Canada, said all farmers should stick to their seeding and leave the filling up of overseas battalions to city men.

### GRAND TRUNK PLACES CANADIANS GREATLY EMBARGO ON FREIGHT INTERESTED IN THE FOR UNITED STATES

Toronto, March 16. -Grand Trunk officials here state that an embargo, announced at Montreal, refers only to freight destined for the United States.

APPOINTED REGENT TO RUSS THRONE



GRAND DUKE MICHAEL

# RUSSIAN SITUATION

Govt. Is Keenly Watching the Developments.

Ispecial to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 16.—Political developments in Russia are being watched with the keenest interest by the Canadian Government. Canada has had close relations with Russia since the commencement of war. The Dominion has produced shells, railway rolling stock, has sold ice-breakers to Russia, has acted as financial agent and has built a railway to a Russian ice-free port. Recently George D. Bury of the Canadian Pacific was requisitioned by Russia for the operation of railways there. It is understood that there have been confidential advices to the Government that some internal disturbances vere developing in Russia but there had been nothing to indicate that a revolution affecting the dynasty was in progress. Expectation at Ottawa is that the new situation in Russia will result in increased activity against the Germans on the east front and essult in increased activity against the Germans on the east front and especially in Rumania.

### AIRPLANE OF GERMANS BOMBS WESTGATE, 80 MILES FROM OLD LONDON

London, March 16.—11:20 a.m.—The war office announces that at 5:30 to-day a hostile airplane dropped hombs at Westgate. There were no casualties, and the material damage was reported slight.

Westgate is a watering place close to Margate and about 80 miles from

## NO "COME BACK" OF THE CZAR, SAY DUMA HEADS; FREE SPEECH FOR ALL

HON. CHAS. MURPHY SAYS LLOYD GEORGE IS TREACHEROUS ONE

Former State Secretary Arraigns the Premier

OVER HOME RULE BILL

Sends Cablegram To Borden, Charging Carson Dominates Welshman.

Ottawa, March 16.—Hon. Charles Murphy, former secretary of state, in a speech at an Irish concert in St. Patrick's Parish Hall, last night, arraigned the attitude of Premier Lloyd George in regard to the home rule bill and declared this attitude his "newest act of treachery."

The following cablegram sent by Hon. Charles Murphy after the recent home rule debate to Premier Borden, new attending the Imperial Conference was read:

"Advocating of immediate home rule for Ireland by your fellow premier, Sir Edward Morris, closely followed by Lloyd George's newest act of treachery, supply both contrast and lesson to the friends of small nations in all parts of the world

world.

"How can the people or representatives of Canada trust a government headed by a man who has been false to his leader and his principles, more particularly when that government is dominated by Carson, the insiter of armed resistance to constituted authority and the avowed friend of the German emperor?

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The action of Lloyd George and his government in treating the home rule act as another scrap of paper will seriously damage the cause of

# INDORSE UPRISING

Petrograd, March 16, via London .- The Council of Nobility already has held special meetings in fifteen provinces, and indorsed the new revolutionary government.

### GREAT BRITAIN WAITING FOR CLEARER VIEW OF THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

Mr. Bonar Law added that the telemr. Bonar Law added that the tele-grams were being received hourly from Petrograd. He promised a statement on the situation in Russia on the con-clusion of usiness of the House.

HEIR TO THRONE OF THE RUSSIANS



THE CZAREVITCH

Conservative Regime Completely Eliminated and New Rulers Will Insist Upon Free Press and Speech and General Political Amnesty---Rule of the Regency Is Only Temporary.

London, March 16 .- 4:55 p.m. - The abdication of Emperor Nicholas and the appointment of Grand Duke Michael as regent, has not yet been carried into effect, though it has been decided on by the executive power, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced today in the House of Commons. Mr. Bonar Law told the House a telegram received from Petrograd said that the whereabouts of Emperor Nicholas was unknown.

Petrograd, March 15 .- 7 p.m. - Via London, March 16 .- The old regime of Conservatives has been supplanted by a government of Liberals. M. Kerenski, the new minister of justice, is a Socialist. He accepted the portfolio on the stipulation that there should be absolute freedom of speech and of the press.

# **WILL PARDON ALL** THE POLITICALS

CALM QUICKLY RESTORED

Step Down From

mander in the Caucasus, has telegraphed President Rodzianko of the Duma, that, in accord with Gen. Alexieff, chief of staff, he had asked the emperor, in order to save Russia and bring the war to a successful end, to take the only step possible in the present fateful circumsiances.

Caim Restored.

Calm has been quickly restored in Petrograd, although numerous partisans of the old regime have been firing from roofs and garrets upon the troops and inhabitants. By order of the executive committee soldiers have entered the houses where firing is taking place and removed suspected persons. The garrison of the palace at Tsarskoe Selo has declared itself on the side of the new Government, and has welcomed its representatives with enthusiasm. Prince Shakovskoy, minister of commerce in the late administration, has been arrested by order of the executive committee.

SOUKHOMLINOFF DEGRADED.

London, March 16.—Premier Golitzine, linister of the Interior Protopopoff and London, March 16.—Great Britain had not officially recognized the new Russian Government at the hour the House of Commons met today. Chancellor Bonar Law, replying to a question whether the House would send a message of sympathy to the Duma, and what steps were being taken to recognize the new government, replied "The honorable members may feel manyiety, but I think they recognize that we must see the situation a little more clearly."

Mr. Bonar Law added that the tele
The dispatch says that when the soldiers guarding the Duma learned of the arrival there under arrest of Gen. Soukhomlinoff, former minister of Justice were among those arrested and brought to the Duma Ruding by the revolutionary executive committee's orders, according to a Reuter's Petrograd dispatch. Fremier Golitzine was later released, but the other two ministers were still held.

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Gen. Soukhomlinoff was minister of twar from March, 1909, until June, 1915, when he resigned. Shortly after his resignation, sensational charges were brought against him of graft, treason, and of being in the pay of the Germans. He was accused of being responsible for the munitions shortage, which was blamed for the enforced retirement of the Grand Duke Nicholas from Galicia and Poland in the first year of the war. In March, 1916, the emperor removed Gen. Soukhomlinoc from the Council of the Empire and, after an investigation by a special committee into the charges against him, he was imprisoned in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul and formally accused of criminal negligence and high treason.

### DID NOT SELL PAD WHICH CONTAINED FATHERLAND AD

to Joseph Richmond, grocer, 459 Dundas street, when his name was published as the vendor of a writing pad in which pro-German advertising of the Fatherland was found by J. P Hunt. It now appears that this pac was not purchased at Mr. Richmond's was not purchased at Mr. Richmond's store and Mr. Hunt is not quite certain where it was obtained.

Mr. Richmond is a Russian by birth and outspoken in his hopes that the Allies' efforts will be crowned with victory in the war. On account of the fact that he is not British born, he says, a rumor has gained currency that he is a Teuton, and he regrets that such a siur should be cast upon him. He is Russian and Canadian, that is is Russian and Canadian, that is

and full political amnesty. cabinet has been chosen ex

> ess that the new regime was deter-ned on the elimination of Emperor cholas and the regency of the Grand Duke Michael. 'We shall not change these demand:

ves of the workingmen and the sol-lers, which held an all-night session. Professor Paul Milukoff, the new for-gn minister, informed the Associated

General Amnesty To Be GrantWe can accept nothing less."
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ment were brought before the public What Kind of Government. While the Duma and the working London, March 16.—Deputy Kerensky, the new Russian minister of justice, has decided to frame a measure of general political amnesty, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's dated Thursday. The Grand Duke Nicholas, commander in the Caucasus, has telegraphed President Rodzianko of the Duma that in accord with Gen.

No Going Back In a statement today to the Associated Press, Professor Milukoff said

### SEVERAL POINTS ARE CARRIED BY FRENCH, AND BOSCHES TAKEN

German Raids on the Verdun Front Were Repulsed.

Paris, March 16-(Noon),-A French etachment advanced last night between he Avre and the Oise, and occupied a mber of points, taking prisoners, the var office announces.

German raids on the Verdun from yere repulsed. Artillery engagements occurred in the Champagne.

# MAIN BRITISH PROBLEM

London, March 16, 2:15 p.m.-Th agriculture that this was its view