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From the Demonstration of Hungry Factory Workers, Discontent Spread and Grew for a Week, While Regiments Rebelled and Shot Their Officers, Until People Army and Duma Stood Together for New Government.

London, March 28.—A successful revolution has taken place in Russia. The reactionary party has been overthrown. Reports from Petrograd state that the duma, backed by the army, has succeeded in overthrowing the government completely. The revolution centered in Petrograd and Moscow. Prominent reactionaries, including former Premier Sturmer, and M. Protopopoff, minister of the interior, have been imprisoned. The government is now in the hands of a committee of safety. The garrison at Petrograd and Moscow went over in a body to the revolutionaries.

The government of Petrograd is now in the hands of a committee, consisting of representatives of the duma, the soviets and municipal bodies, presided over by President Rodzianko, the duma. The body met recently, with five cabinet ministers attending, and sent to Emperor Nicholas a request for the establishment of a parliamentary government.

The military in Petrograd is taking orders from the committee, and is patrolling the city, which is quiet. The fighting which occurred was in the barracks, and a number of officers were killed. The chief of the council of the empire was imprisoned, with M. Sturmer. The report that M. Protopopoff was imprisoned is incorrect. The people sacked his house and are seeking him. The committee is in control of all government buildings.

Today the city emerged from a week's nightmare of revolution. Figuratively, smiling, following the series of gray days, ending with a snowstorm yesterday afternoon. Planks were pulled down from windows long closed. Stores, banks and business establishments of every description re-opened their doors for the resumption of ordinary activities, seemingly as confidence in the new temporary government gained in force. Trucks, sledges and horse-drawn hire, the most widely appreciated conveniences of Russian cities, began to appear again in the streets, which for six days had been absolutely void of any means of private transportation. Newspapers, with the exception of revolutionary publications which sprang into life with the success of the revolution had failed to appear. Street car service at noon had not been resumed, but it was believed that night would see partial services.

The only visible signs of the desperate clash of authority which turned the city into a battle ground, were the charred ruins of the jail, which are still pouring a cloud of smoke skyward, and here and there the remains of other police institutions and the homes of the few individuals who were regarded as offenders against the rights of the people. In front of other government institutions, which apparently it was not seen fit to destroy, were piles of charred embers, showing where wreckage and documents had been dumped and consumed.

The defenders of the old regime—remnants of a few military units—put up a last feeble defence last night from the roofs of the wrecked Astoria military hotel and St. Isaac's cathedral, facing on two sides of the square. They were soon driven off by the sharpshooters of the new authorities. With the re-opening of bread, sugar, tea and meat shops, queues of women with shopping bags and baskets lined up often to the length of a block to replenish stores exhausted by the long siege. The most phenomenal feature of the revolution has been the swift and orderly transition whereby the control of the city passed from the regime of the old government into the hands of its opponents. Until Sunday disorders in the streets, which never went beyond gatherings or mild demonstrations, could not properly be termed a revolution at all. After thirty-six hours of continuous street fighting the whole area of Petrograd was won in the hands of the revolutionaries. Regiments called out to disperse street crowds which were clamoring for bread, refused to fire upon the people, but mutinied, slaying their officers in many cases, and joined the swelling ranks of the insurgents. With the exception of a Finnish regiment, which took possession of the army building on the Neva, and kept up a desultory sniping from the gun fire, the last remnants to remain loyal to the government had capitulated after a sustained battle on the Morozkaya, and there was no further resistance to the revolutionaries, who controlled the entire city. The police had disappeared from the streets, which were patrolled by automobiles packed with soldiers and students and were wildly cheered by the people as they sped by.

Government Overthrown  
The government was declared to be overthrown by the duma leaders, who met in the Stavrichsky palace after the regular session had been adjourned by imperial ukase, and in a telegram to the emperor the popular representatives declared that a special committee, composed of the leaders of the various parties in the duma, would submit lists of names for the new cabinet.

Simultaneously it was reported that all the ministers, except M. Protopopoff, had resigned.

The imperial palace at Tsarskoe Selo, is said to be in a state of siege, but thus far no firing has been reported between the guards defending the palace and the revolutionaries and troops.

It is stated that General Michael V. Alexieff, former chief of staff, has been offered the military dictatorship. On Monday, which was the turning point in the battle between the government troops and mutineers, all the principal strongholds, arsenals, factories and barracks, including the St. Peter and St. Paul fortresses and artillery headquarters, fell into the hands of the revolting troops, and the revolutionaries were plentifully supplied with rifles and ammunition. At the

same time all the prisons for political offenders were thrown open by the revolutionists, and the prisoners marched out to join their emancipators. The battle spread from one part of the town to another with the rapidity of a thunderstorm, and as the day progressed it became apparent that nothing could stem the tide of revolution, which swept westward from the chief military barracks up the Nevsky neighborhood of the duma and the Morozkaya to St. Isaac's Square. The economic and industrial life of the city came to a complete standstill. Street car service was suspended from the beginning of the disorders, and stores were closed. The two leading hotels, which house officers, were wrecked; others restricted their service to regular patrons. In response to an appeal by the revolutionist committees, citizens distributed food to the soldiers.

The Duma was dissolved by imperial order, effective March 11, the imperial ukase reading as follows: "The sittings of the duma are adjourned owing to the extraordinary circumstances until further notice. They will be resumed not later than April."

On Monday, the duma members, except the rightists, met in executive session, notwithstanding the dissolution order. The result was a virtually unanimous vote to place the duma squarely on the side of the revolution, and to authorize the executive council of that body to declare the present government overthrown, and organize a provisional government. President Rodzianko, who presided, sent a telegram to the emperor, informing him of the developments, and calling on him to listen to the voice of the people.

"The hour has struck," he said "when the will of the people must prevail."

The following have been named as the "staff" of the temporary government:—

Michael V. Rodzianko, N. V. Nekrasov, A. I. Kononov, I. I. Dmitriyev, A. K. Korotkiy, M. S. Pakhalev, V. V. Shulgin, S. I. Shidlovsky, Paul N. Milukoff, M. A. Makarukoff, V. N. Lvov, V. A. Rjevsky, Colonel Englehard.

The order dissolving the duma was issued by the emperor just before he left for the front recently. That trouble would result was evidently anticipated, and the residents of Tsarskoe Selo were warned to make all arrangements to remain in the suburb for an indefinite period, and the roads leading to the town were guarded.

The immediate occurrences leading to Monday's developments began at five o'clock Sunday evening, when the men of the Volvsky regiment shot their officers and revolted, after receiving an order to fire upon striking working men in one of the factory districts.

Another regiment detailed against the mutineers also joined the revolt. The news spread rapidly to the other barracks, and four more regiments went over. Some of the revolting troops marched to the famous St. Peter and St. Paul fortresses, on the left bank of the Neva, and after a brief skirmish with the garrison, took possession of it.

On Tuesday, revolutionary publications appeared in the streets, with the simple caption: "News," containing a resume of the developments. They were eagerly read by all classes. Rodzianko's telegram to the emperor and others to the commands of the troops at the front were reproduced. The first message to the emperor was as follows:—

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