

# BERLIN SENT FIRST NEWS OF OVERTURN OF RUSSIAN THRONE

Petrograd in Hands of Duma [the Russian Parliament] and Soldiery—First Dispatch From Russian Capital Since Monday Came Through Yesterday.

Thirty Thousand Troops in Petrograd Supporting Revolution—Allies Aided in Preserving Order After Seven Days of Turmoil

Berlin, March 15, (Wireless to the A. P., via Sayville).—There has been a successful revolution in Russia, according to the Overseas News Agency (the official German news bureau), which today gave out the following statement:

"The following official report was issued in Petrograd on March 14, about the successful Russian revolution:

"The population of Petrograd, incensed by the complete disorganization of transport services and of all communication, had been irritated for a long time against the government and had become restless. The government, expecting troubles, took measures on a large scale in order to maintain order and among other things ordered dissolution of the Council of the Empire and the Duma.

"The Duma, however, on March 11, decided not to accept the imperial ukase, but to continue its meetings. The Duma immediately instituted an executive committee presided over by M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma.

The Appeal.

That committee declared itself to be a provisional government and issued the following appeal:

"Considering the difficulties in regard to domestic tranquillity, which are due to the policy of the former government, the executive committee of the Duma feels compelled to take public order in its own hands. Fully conscious of the responsibility arising from this decision, the committee expresses the certainty that the population and the army will lend their assistance for the difficult task of creating a new government which will accept the wishes of the people and enjoy their confidence.

"The executive committee rested itself upon the population of the capital, which was in full revolution, and upon the army, completely united with the revolutionists. It arrested all the ministers and sent them to jail. The Duma declared that the ministerial cabinet no longer existed.

"Today, on the third day of the revolution, the capital, where order is returning swiftly, is completely in the hands of the executive committee of the Duma and of the troops which carried Petrograd and numbered more than 30,000, which troops support the revolution. Deputy Engelhardt, colonel of the great general staff, has been appointed commander of Petrograd by the committee.

"Yesterday evening the committee issued proclamations to the population, to the troops, railways and banks, asking them to resume their usual activities. Deputy Gromski was chosen by the Duma committee for provisional management of the Petrograd Telegraph Agency. (This probably refers to the semi-official Russian news agency.)"

Petrograd has been shut off from the outside world for several days and a war despatch yesterday was the first word received from that source since the official statement of Monday. The absence of the war office report for the first time in the war, and even of press despatches, for such a period of time, gave rise to considerable speculation as to the situation in Russia, particularly in view of disturbances in regard to the food shortage which were in progress in Petrograd at last accounts.

**RAILWAYS MUST PAY HUNDRED PER CENT. MORE FOR COAL THIS YEAR.**

Montreal, Mar. 15.—The coal bill of the Canadian railways will show an increase of more than eight million dollars this year. This figure was declared to be a conservative one by railway experts interviewed here today. The railway coal contracts are made to cover a twelve month period from April to April each year, and the railroad purchasing officers are now engaged in making their agreements with the mines.

Just what the actual increase will be cannot be determined for a few weeks," said one purchasing agent today, "but indications are that the increase in the price of railway coal will range from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty per cent. over last year's prices. The fuel bill of the railways is already an enormous one and the new additions to the price will prove undoubtedly a heavy strain on the revenues of the roads. The Grand Trunk, for instance, uses about three and a half million tons of coal each year. The Canadian lines carry an added burden in the form of a 7½ per cent. duty on the coal imported. This tax was part of the War Revenue Act of 1916 and is computed on the value of the coal. With the doubling up in the price of fuel during the next twelve months, this taxation will undoubtedly be increased to a very large figure."

**MEXICO TO PURCHASE VALUABLE RELICS**

Mexico City, March 10.—The Treasurer General of Mexico has proposed to all government employees through the secretaries of state, governors and chiefs of garrison to subscribe one

# NEW GERMANY IS PROMISED

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg Says Empire Will be Completely Reorganized After War and More Democratic

London, March 15.—A political reorganization of the German empire after the war involving a greater share by the people in the conduct of imperial affairs, was predicted by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in a speech before the Prussian Diet, according to a Berlin despatch to Reuters by the way of Amsterdam. The chancellor opened his address by protesting against criticism levelled at the Reichstag by the upper house of the Diet. Admitting that every parliament in Germany is entitled to discuss imperial policies, he reiterated previous assurances that the war must lead to a political reorganization and that the government would, after the close of hostilities, propose a reform of the Prussian franchise.

"After the war," said the chancellor, "we shall be confronted with the most

significant tasks that ever confronted a nation. They will be so gigantic that the entire people will have to work to solve them. A strong foreign policy will be necessary, for we shall be surrounded by enemies whom we shall not meet with loud words but with the internal strength of the nation. We can only pursue such a policy if the patriotism which during the war has developed to such a marvelous reality is maintained and strengthened."

The chancellor went on to declare that the maintenance of patriotism could only be achieved by granting the people in general equal co-operation in the administration of the empire.

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**EMBARGO IN M.E. ON POTATOES**

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# LEGER AGAIN GRIT WORK IN KENT

Party Lacks Harm  
Candidate Will Not  
United Support  
Liberals

Special to The Standard.  
Richibucto, March 15.—  
convention at Rexton to  
purpose of selecting a  
the federal field whenever  
elections may be called  
attended. There were  
for the nomination: ex-  
Mr. Robidoux's unsuccess-  
the last Dominion election  
Bourgeois, of Buctouche,  
Louis Robichaud, former-  
now of Richibucto. It  
that the man receiving  
vote on the first ballot  
and that the choice should  
man having the largest  
second ballot. The first  
ed as follows:—Leger 8  
72, and Robichaud 61.

Leger Wins

On the second ballot  
secured 125 votes against  
72, and the former was  
elected. The result of the  
Liberal standard bearer.

The Conservatives  
well pleased at the  
Leger. The latter's friends  
ful that the result of the  
election will give them a  
but the Conservatives  
the opposition candidate  
provincial contest, or  
parity of them, will  
ervative candidate in  
contest; besides Mr. Le-  
difficulty in harmonizing  
and Robichaud sections  
party. The younger  
almost ready for re-  
that Mr. Leger cannot  
the county, while if  
had been nominated  
stood a fairly good  
Mr. Robidoux.

Of course an effort was  
placate Mr. Robichaud  
porters. The friends of  
are feeling very sore  
Bourgeois in addition to  
strong French support  
powerful influence of J.  
his friends of Buctouche  
friends, however, say  
much the Irving influ-  
in an election it was  
cap to Mr. Bourgeois  
tion. Altogether Mr.  
kept pretty busy for  
weeks or perhaps months  
reconcile the warring  
his party.

OBITUARY

**Ambassador G. W.**  
Tokio, Mar. 13.—The  
Prince and Princess  
sonally representing the  
Empress and several of  
princesses at the  
day for the late Geo.  
American ambassador  
ed to the imposing tri-  
late diplomat by both  
ernment officials. The  
held at the Trinity  
dral by Bishop McK-  
will be sent to the U.  
a Japanese warship.

Oscar G. M.  
Baltimore, Mar. 15.—  
ray, aged seventy,  
board of directors of  
and Ohio railroad an-  
dent of the system,  
after a long illness.

**Funeral Services.**  
The funeral services  
of the late Edmund F.  
held in the home, 19  
night, at eight o'clock  
be taken to Brown's  
morning for interment.

**Mrs. Catherine**  
The death is an-  
nounced of Mrs. Cath-  
erine of Moncton, 87  
years of age. She  
of James Wootton, fi-  
of the old Moncton  
of the late Mrs. Kin-  
in late Hazen Kim-  
mourant of Shediac.

A funeral will  
be held today at the  
cear at Moncton to-

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namiite a billion gallon reser-  
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are located, the city  
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voir. The policemen  
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responsible for its  
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of money Cardiff  
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than 150 pounds a  
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