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THE NEW RUSSIA.

The most amazing of all Russian revolutions or attempts at revolution was that which almost in a day overthrew the government, forced the Czar to abdicate, and restored comparative tranquility under a new regime. While it had been known for a considerable time that there was friction between the Duma and the Czar's immediate advisers, the world at large had no knowledge of the widespread discontent. The Czar on Sunday last ordered the dissolution of the Duma, but that body, under the direction of President Rodzanko, a statesman of great ability and determination, continued to meet, and directly challenged the will of the Czar and his advisers. Then for two days the world heard nothing of what was transpiring in Petrograd, and when the veil of silence was lifted a revolution of the most far-reaching and momentous character had been accomplished. It was, after all, a simple and not an unfamiliar story. The Duma proclaimed the will of the people, the troops went over to the side of the people, and so overwhelming was the public sentiment that the Czar found himself stripped of his power, and some of the reactionaries by whom he had been surrounded paid with their lives the penalty of their betrayal of the people's interests. There is to be a new Russia, in which the will of the people is to be supreme.

The first feeling when the news of the revolution came was one of apprehension, lest it foreshadowed a withdrawal of Russia from the war, and the consequent release of all the German and Austrian armies on the Russian front to strike elsewhere; than which no greater calamity could befall the Allies of Russia at this time. This fear, however, appears to be groundless. We are told that in the midst of the revolutionary struggle in Petrograd a British attaché was given a body-guard and the British Embassy cheered by the soldiers. What is much more significant, it is the pro-German element that has been ousted from the councils of the Empire. One correspondent writes:

"With unanimity unprecedented the entire population presented a solid front against the government. The belief prevailed everywhere, and was expressed, that pro-German court circles and the government were doing everything in their power to interfere with the proper conduct of the war, and bring about a separate peace. Sturmer, Rasputin and Protopopoff formed a picturesque trio, known as the 'dark forces,' against which the chief animosity of the country was directed, but powerful as they were, these figures were declared to be only symbols of German influence which was 'militating against the patriotic desire of the mass of the Russian people for war until victory.'"

Rasputin was assassinated, and Sturmer was forced to give up the premiership some time ago, but the reactionary influences around the Czar were still all-powerful, and when a shortage of bread, due to government incompetence or worse, led to street parades and demonstrations, the soldiers went over to the side of the people, and the Duma, and Protopopoff, Sturmer and all their tribe from the stage of action. It is even rumored that these two leaders have already suffered the fate of Rasputin.

So far as the record goes, there does not appear to have been any general expression of personal animosity towards the Czar, but his day is done. Whether it be true or not that he was influenced by his wife, who was a German princess, the people have lost confidence in his ability as a leader, and in the enjoyment of their new liberty they will give but scant consideration to him or the reactionaries who might seek to restore his authority.

It may be assumed that the great armies in the field are of the same temper as the troops in Petrograd, Kronstadt and Moscow, and that the new regime will be welcome throughout Russia. Today's cables dwell upon the remarkable readiness with which the people of Petrograd have returned to their ordinary avocations, and this is the strongest possible indication of popular satisfaction. The Socialists may give some trouble, and there are, of course, momentous possibilities in such an upheaval as has just been witnessed, but the general tenor of the news is not of an alarming but rather of a reassuring nature. We are told that in England the greatest satisfaction is expressed, because it is believed the new government of Russia is anti-German to the core, and will prosecute the war with even greater vigor; while the internal revolution will bring Russia into closer sympathy with the democracies of the world. Naturally, however, the Allies of Russia will await with deep anxiety the events of the next few days, and the first declaration of the new government on the subject of the war and the relations between Russia and Germany.

Mr. A. T. Legere has been nominated as the Liberal Candidate in Kent county for the federal elections. The convention was unusually large, and Mr. Alfred Bourgeois of Buctouche and Mr. Louis Robichaud of Richibucto, who were also put in nomination, pledged themselves to support Mr. Legere. Liberal prospects in Kent are very bright.

WOMEN IN POLITICS

We read with interest the following correspondence from the town of Whitby, Ontario:

"Recognizing the new political situation that follows the enfranchisement of women, South Ontario Liberals at their annual meeting in Whitby on Saturday, for the first time in history, included twelve women on their executive and appointed Mrs. Geo. A. Ross one of their vice-presidents."

That the South Ontario Liberal Association will be better for the presence of these twelve women in its executive ought to be clear to everybody. Our politics will be cleaner when the women have a larger share in the direction of affairs; and that there is need of reform is perfectly clear to all who have knowledge of present conditions. Quebec and the maritime provinces must get in line with Ontario and the west. The influence of women in politics will be healthy and inspiring and their interest in all matters relating to social welfare will ensure improved legislation along many lines.

The new legislature of New Brunswick should mark its first session by a measure giving the franchise to women. It would be but a scanty recognition of their noble sacrifices and their intelligent and untiring labors since the beginning of the great war.

Of President Wilson's inaugural address Bradstreet's says that he will be regarded by many as taking very advanced ground in declaring, as he does in one passage of his address, that all nations are equally interested in the peace of the world, and in the political stability of free peoples, "and equally responsible for their maintenance." There can be no doubt that had the president held and proclaimed this view when Belgium was violated the United States would have severed relations with Germany.

Grand Duke Nicholas accepts the new regime in Russia. Conditions in Petrograd appear to have become almost normal, far as the people at large are concerned. But a week has made a marvellous change in the outlook of the people of the Russian Empire.

If the threatened strike on American railroads takes place Canada will be seriously affected, and American traffic will be paralyzed. President Wilson has trouble at home as well as abroad.

Let us hope it is true that serious disorders have broken out in Constantinople as a result of the fall of Baghdad, and of the high prices of food at home. May their troubles multiply.

Gen. Maurice warns the British people not to be too sanguine over the withdrawal of the Germans on the Somme front. He tersely observes that there are still many trenches to pass.

The Montreal Board of Trade demands the enforcement of the provisions of the militia act. Sir Robert Borden will find his work cut out for him when he returns to Canada.

Father in the Secret

A girl in Philadelphia, who had recently figured in a romantic runaway match, was, after her return home, telling her dearest friend all about it. The latter interrupted with this question:

"When you eloped with Louis did you have a note telling your folks where you had gone?"

"Why, of course," said the wife. "If I hadn't, how on earth would papa have known where to send us any money?"

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"Good morning," he said, bowing politely to the maid who answered the ring. "Is the lady of the house engaged?"

"Not now," responded the new maid brightly. "She used to be, but got married more than a year ago."

"That's a peculiar looking bruise you have on the back of your neck," observed the doctor.

"Norway," said the patient. "I'm subject to those. You see, I'm a clarinet player in an orchestra."

"I don't see how that can produce bruises on the back of your neck," it doesn't produce them exactly, but it places me in a position where I am very liable to get them."

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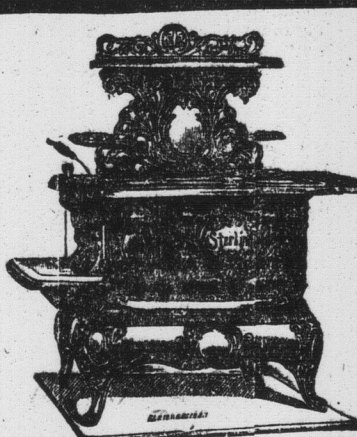
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A. T. LEGER LIBERAL CANDIDATE IN KENT

Rexton, N. B., March 15.—The largest political convention in the history of Kent county was held here today to nominate a Liberal candidate for the next federal election. There were three



names before the convention, A. T. Legere, of Richibucto; Alfred Bourgeois, of Buctouche, and Louis Robichaud, county secretary of Richibucto.

In the first ballot the vote stood: Legere, 80; Bourgeois, 72; and Robichaud, 68. The second gave Legere 125, and Bourgeois, 88. Mr. Legere winning the nomination.

The day was fine and nearly every school district in the county was represented. The hall was blocked almost to suffocation. One delegate remarked that when the hall was built the builders did not know that there were so many Liberals in Kent county. Both the defeated nominees and their friends pledged their support to Mr. Legere in the next election, and all the proceedings were most harmonious.

NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS

Nine recruits were secured in the city yesterday: Guy E. Northrup, St. John; Division Signaling Corps; Howard Barker, St. Croix, N.S.; John Fraser, St. Stephen; Reid McLaughlin, St. Stephen; Harold Deadman, London, England; Fred Larsen, St. John; Thomas Griffin, St. Thomas, No. 10 Field Ambulance; Train; Joseph Walsh, England, Army Service Corps, and G. T. Meuse, Yorkmouth, Fifth Battalion.

To Killies

Lieut. Leck Stevenson, who has been one of the officers in charge of the m-

ors quartered at West St. John until a few weeks ago, has been gassed a lieutenant with the Kiltie Battalion. Lieutenant Stevenson is a returned officer. He went overseas as a member of the 16th Battalion and won his commission in the field.

Wins Medal

Sergeant Byron P. Greer, of Westfield, a member of the First Canadian, has won the military medal. Although no definite word has reached Canada as to how he won it, yet a package arrived in the last English mail containing the medal. Sergeant Greer has a brother in khaki, who has been at the front. At the present time both boys are undergoing convalescent treatment in England.

Killed in Action

Joseph Keeley, of 179 City Road, received a telegram last night stating that

his nephew Pte. Armond Keeley, of Shives Athol, near Campbellton, had been killed in action. The telegram said that the young man was killed on March 8.

Young Keeley, who was only nineteen years of age, went overseas with the 182nd North Shore battalion under Lieut.-Colonel Mercereau. He was recently drafted to a fighting unit in France and had been on the firing line only a month when he was killed. He was well known in St. John and visited the city frequently while his unit was in training at Sussex. His mother is Mrs. Mary Keeley, who resides at Shives Athol (N.B.). His father is dead and he is survived by several brothers and sisters, all of whom are very young, with the exception of one brother, Arthur, who is living at home.

St. John Bay Wins Honors

Harry Thorne of This City Captures Skating Events in Hamilton

Hamilton, Mar. 12.—The Toronto coterie of speed merchants, Thorne, Cosgrove and Stevenson, swept the board in the Ontario indoor speed skating championships at the Arena tonight. The trio were offered little serious opposition by the local skaters.

Stevenson, who won two firsts and two thirds, carried off the championship on points. Cosgrove took three seconds and Thorne two firsts and a second. In the one mile event Cosgrove seemed a sure winner, but in the last lap was checked by a spectator on the ice, and Thorne took the lead. Stevenson in second place, had a bad spill on the fourteenth lap and fell back to last place.

Summary:— 220 yards, open—1, Thorne; 2, Cosgrove; 3, Stevenson. Time 1'4. seconds. One mile, eighteen years and under—1, Cowan; 2, Colin; 3, Gillespie. Navion, one mile, open—1, Sable; 2, Cowan; 3, McFadden. Quarter mile, open—1, Stevenson; 2,

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Thorne; 3, F. Tait. Time 28 seconds. Ladies', half mile—1, Miss Irene Hann; 2, Miss Bulger.

Half mile, open—1, Stevenson; 2, Cosgrove; 3, Thorne. Time 1:19.

Half mile partners, ladies and gentlemen—1, Miss Edna Hann and Stevenson; 2, Miss Bulger and Sable.

Half mile, fourteen years and under—1, A. Wright; 2, J. Digby; 3, Phillips, all of Hamilton.

One mile, open—1, Thorne; 2, Cosgrove; 3, Stevenson. Time 2:36.

Note.—Thorne is a well known local skater who went to the states in January, after winning several championship events in New England and New York states, left for Toronto.

TO BAR ALL ENGLISH FROM SUCCESSION

Amsterdam, Mar. 16.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says that a government bill was adopted at a joint sitting of the Diet of the Duchy of Coburg and Gotha excluding from the succession to the Ducal throne members of foreign princely houses who now, or in the future, war against Germany. The bill is understood to be aimed at the English relatives of the present Duke. The present ruler of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Prince Leopold, is a grandson of Queen Victoria, of Great Britain, and has the British title of Duke of Albany. He is the father of four small children, two of whom are boys, so that the direct line to the throne is not at present in question.

Funeral of E. H. Flewelling

The funeral of Edmund H. Flewelling will be held at his late residence, 1000 St. John Street, at 2 o'clock this evening. The body will be taken to Brown's Flats on Saturday morning for interment.

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