

RUSSIA QUIET ONCE MORE

Czar Has Abdicated, His Brother Michael Now Regent

General Political Amnesty Declared by Newly Appointed Minister of Justice; Resignation of Czar Only Step Possible in Order to Save Russia

(By Courier Leased Wire) London, March 16.—Deputy Kernesky, the new Russian minister of justice, has decided to frame a measure of general political amnesty, according to a Petrograd despatch to Reuters, dated Thursday.

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.

Grand Duke in Command.

London, March 16.—9.15 a.m.—The Grand Duke Nicholas is reported in a Reuter despatch from Petrograd to have reached the Russian capital. The despatch says that he will probably take command of the troops.

The question of replacing officers who were disarmed by their own troops is one which must be decided most promptly. In the meantime the provisional government is doing its utmost to straighten out the numerous tangles. The Duma and the Zemstvo council are working hand in hand although issuing separate proclamations.

Official News

Despite the non-appearance of newspapers the public is better informed of what is going on than ever before. For this purpose a special squadron of motor cars have been commandeered by the executive committee and these cars go about the city distributing printed bulletins free to everybody.

War Minister.

Paris, March 16.—The question of the successor to General Lytaevy as minister of war, is being eagerly discussed in the lobbies of the chamber of deputies. Owing to the absence from Paris of Ministers Ribot and Thomas no decision has yet been reached.

BARGAINS

Furniture bargains every day in the week, at J. W. Burgess, 44 Colborne St.

While walking from the home of her daughter to her own home, Mrs. W. A. Walters, wife of the reeve of Howard township, expired suddenly.

Word was received at Hamilton of the death from pneumonia at a military hospital in France of Major Herbert Jones, M.D., specialist in children's diseases.

BRITISH CONTINUE ADVANCE

Town of Bakubah, North of Bagdad, Occupied by Maude's Forces

London, March 16.—1.45 p.m.—A portion of the town of Bakubah on the right bank of the Diala River about 20 miles northeast of Bagdad, has been occupied by the British, it was announced in a report received today from General Maude in command of the British Tigris forces.

Czar Moves

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 16.—9 a.m.—A Reuter despatch 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.

REVOLUTION IS VICTORY FOR ALLIES

Overthrow of Pro. German Coterie at Russian Court Is Hailed NEW YORK APPROVES Democratic Rebellion Against Power of Autocracy

New York, March 16.—The overthrow of the Tsar's Government in Russia with its coterie of pro-German sympathizers in court circles and active agents in Russian officialdom is hailed by newspapers here as practically a victory for the allies.

Westgate Bombed

By Courier Leased Wire. London, March 16.—11.20 a.m.—The war office announced that at 7.30 today a hostile aeroplane dropped bombs at Westgate. There were no casualties and the material damage was reported slight.

German Line

The Romanoff line, through intermarriage with German princely houses, has become more German than Russian. In the veins of Michael flows this aristocratic blood.

The Times: The real government is in the duma. The Germans will go far astray, they will be guilty of one of their characteristic blunders if they assume that the revolution will be helpful to them, but it will put the great Empire of Russia into the war, with a real determination to conquer Germany, with armies better equipped, unhampered by treacherable plots and sustained by a united Russian people.

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 compel an appeal to the country on the ground that the Nationalists were unwilling to permit the government to get on with the war.

Populace of Petrograd Have Already Resumed Normal Life, Confident in the Victory, They Have Won; Revolution Carried Out With Little Bloodshed

(By Courier Leased Wire) London, March, 16.—One of the most remarkable features of the Russian revolution, says Reuters Petrograd correspondent, has been the speed with which the people have resumed normal life. Order is the watchword of the day. The correspondent continues:

Good Order.

"Still more remarkable, looking back over the events of the past few days, is the way in which the same spirit of good order prevailed through the hours when the revolt was at its height. Unorganized crowds of revolvers seemed to take pride in 'doing things regularly.' For instance, in all sections of the city, the crowds commandeered all motor cars on the streets, but in every case took the names of the occupants and promised to report the names and circumstances to the Duma committee and facilitate the return of the car.

"In the view of the populace the revolution was practically bloodless. Certainly there has been some loss of life, but it is insignificant in popular estimation as compared with the tremendous results obtained. For some weeks past everybody in Petrograd realized that a crisis of some kind was approaching. The temper, even of the most patient people in the world, becomes frayed when they are obliged to stand three or four hours in a temperature ten or twenty below zero waiting for bread which often was not obtained. Potatoes had, risen to eight and nine times their ordinary price and other food commodities were at a cost practically prohibitive for the poor.

Food Troubles

"The explanation of the voluble new minister of agriculture, M. Rittich, were not calculated either to relieve the present hunger or the anxiety for the future. He ascribed the delay in the arrival of flour to snowstorms, as though snow storms in Russia in February were an unparalleled phenomenon. The people in the streets were not the only ones who squirmed under this sort of explanation. The Duma leaders as well, regarded the situation as inexcusable and President Rodzianko finally felt justified in going to the length of offering his whole-hearted assistance in putting into effect special emergency measures for increasing the food supply.

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and informers who are being fast run to earth.

Although the populace is strongly disposed to wreak summary vengeance on those who incurred their hate in the days of the old regime, the prisoners are safe once they are under the protection of the soldiers and are marched through the streets to the duma or the district sections of the provisional government. The strongest anti-German feeling animates the population and all highly placed personages who are suspected of German proclivities or who bear German names or titles, are being systematically hunted down. The Times correspondent describes the sacking of the residence of Count Fredericks, minister of the imperial court, and aide de camp to emperor, as one of the most deplorable incidents of the revolt. Count Fredericks' house was set on fire. His aged wife was carried out fainting, his daughter, who is frail, rushed out carrying her favorite dog. The girl was ill-treated by the drunken mob and the dog was killed. Both women eventually were taken to a place of safety.

Count Fredericks is now in attendance upon former Emperor Nicholas.

H. C. OF L. To reduce the high cost of living, we are selling at a profit-sharing price, J. W. Burgess, 44 Colborne Street.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE Rev. Llewellyn Brown of the First Baptist Church was the special speaker at the Baptist Pastors' and Deacons' Conference of Norfolk County held at Simcoe last evening in the Baptist church there.

Special Edition

News of the revolution in Russia was received over the Courier's leased wire after the regular edition had gone to press. A second edition was issued and found a ready sale here and also in Simcoe and Paris, to which places copies were sent.

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