

THE DAILY NEWS

RUSSIAN REVOLT ENFRANCHISES PEOPLE

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REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA WAS SHORTEST YET

Grand Duke Nicholas Advised Czar to Abdicate—Regent is Grand Duke Michael—People Enfranchised.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, March 17.—The revolution in Russia has proved to be the shortest and the least bloody of any in the history of the country. Russia has had many revolutions, some of which lasted for a considerable period, and caused much fighting, but they usually ended in the utter defeat of the revolutionists. This time the army was on the side of the people, and assisted the accomplishment of the coup d'etat. Every weapon, with the exception of the heavy big guns, was used this time, and the revolutionary party for once was the better armed. The streets of Petrograd have seethed with revolt and bloodshed for four whole days. Some of the pro-German officials commenced shooting promiscuously at the people thronging the streets from the officers' quarters, and as a result of this action, field guns were trained upon these buildings and they were battered down. The hotels were stormed by the populace, who were skillfully led in their movement. The prisons were burned with fire and the political prisoners, of whom many had been incarcerated for years without trial, were set at liberty. Scenes such as described in the taking of the bastille in the first French revolution were enacted over again and the meetings of relatives with their friends so long imprisoned were pathetic to witness. The Czarina is being detained in the Imperial Palace, while the ex-Czar is at Pskoff. The assassination of former Premier Sturmer and Minister of the Interior Protopopoff is unconfirmed. The Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch was appointed to act as regent till the Czarevitch becomes of age, but it is said that he has declined to act as such.

The last act of the Czar before abdicating was to transfer the supreme command of the Russian armies to the Grand Duke Nicholas. This was done under pressure, when it was seen by his advisers that there was likely to be trouble. The Grand Duke is deservedly popular with all classes and is the idol of the army, with the exception, of course, of the pro-German element, who were responsible for his transfer from the German front to the Turkish. The Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed to the new President of the Duma, that in agreement with General Alexieff, he advised the Czar to abdicate.

Notwithstanding the tumult, the Allied officers at present in the Russian capital have been well treated at all times.

Pending the meeting of their constitutional assembly, the new government is vested in an executive committee of the Duma and the newly chosen council of ministers. The new President of the Duma is M. Rodziak, and his provisional government consists

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KENT COAST AGAIN RAIDED BY AEROPLANE

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London, March 17.—A hostile aeroplane was successful in eluding the British patrols in the Channel yesterday and managed to get as far as Westgate, in Kent, on the south coast. Bombs were dropped, but the damage done was slight. There were no casualties. Westgate is near Margate, which was fired at lately by a German destroyer.

SUDDEN DEATH OF OLD TIMER AT STEWART

The body of D. J. Rainey of Stewart, has been brought to Prince Rupert en route for the east. Mr. Rainey was one of the oldest residents in that part of the country, having been there for at least the last nineteen years. He was working on a prospect about two miles from Stewart, and used to go to out to work in the mornings and come into Stewart again at nights. One night lately he did not arrive back as usual, and, on a search being instituted, he was found to have fallen over a high cliff and the body is very badly mutilated by the fall. The relatives of the deceased are in Michigan, whether the remains will be sent for interment. The B. C. Undertakers have charge.

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE.

In connection with the conflicting reports regarding the counting of the soldiers' ballots taken in Europe, published on Thursday, the information received here that 1,900 anti-prohibitionist had been thrown out by Sir John Simonds is now said to be without foundation. The origin of this statement has been traced and it is said to be absolutely a "fake."

POLICE COMMISSION.

At a meeting of the commission the report of the Chief for the month of February was received. For the month there were 42 cases out of which there were 35 convictions. The fines amounted to \$416.65.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan, who have been the guests of Mrs. F. G. Dawson for the last few days, left for their home in Regina this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have spent the last three months on the coast. When in Vancouver and Victoria they did not have three days without rain, and needless to say they are delighted with Prince Rupert's weather and climate.

The Rev. Thomson Ferrier, inspector of the Methodist Indian Institutes, accompanied by his son Fred, is making Prince Rupert headquarters in his peregrinations on the coast. Mr. Ferrier goes to Port Simpson today and on his return will proceed south.

Word has been received from Major J. C. Halsey, in England. He is now in a sanatorium there and his many friends will be glad to know that he is getting on as well as can be expected.

No two are alike—the ladies' suits and coats—Wallace's.

Mr. Geo. Moffatt, Superintendent and Mr. W. J. Porter, assistant engineer in charge of the operations of the Granby Company on Gibson Island are in town for a day or two.



Miss Canada:—"Dear me, I must have a new one. The leaks are pretty bad and that big hole must be closed up."
—Cartoon from "Pioneer."

BURIAL OF THE LATE DUCHESS OF CONNOUGHT

London, March 17.—The interment of the late Duchess of Connaught will take place at Windsor on Monday. The ceremony will be simple, but suitable to the rank of the blood royal.

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT.

A very fine programme was rendered last night in the social hall of the Catholic Church. The hall was filled to its capacity. The first chorus was by the pupils, entitled "God Save All Here," and was followed by the "Hunter's Song." A dialogue by Albert Palmer and John Barton called "A History Lesson" was very good. "Going Home to Mauro" a trio by A. Gurrich, W. Murphy and Frank McKinnon went exceedingly well. There were numerous other items by the pupils which were of a high order of excellence. An instrumental trio by Mrs. Bryant and Messrs. Duffy and Edmunds was much appreciated. An Irish jig by Miss McQuillan was a very fine performance and reminiscent of "Ould Ireland." Other Irish songs were rendered by the church choir. Mayor McCaffery gave address on "Ireland and the part she is taking in the Empire's welfare." Mayor McCaffery was in good form and his address was very interesting indeed, as Mayor McCaffery always is in dealing with such a subject. The whole programme was one of great excellence and great praise redounds to the credit of the promoters. The proceeds were in aid of the church funds.

PERSIAN FRONT.

Petrograd, March 17.—Advancing from Kermanshah, the Russian troops have dislodged the Turkish army from strong positions on the summit of Naleshki mountain. The Turks are retreating northwestwards, in the hopes of joining up with the other retreating army from Bagdad, before they get cut off by the rapid British advance.

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DESTROYER SUNK.

London, March 17.—A British destroyer of the old type struck a mine in the English Channel yesterday. She sank immediately. One member of the crew was killed outright, and the remaining 28 are missing. It is expected that they would be picked up by some passing steamer, but so far no word has been heard of their being landed.

A STRIKING TRIBUTE

Under the heading "Great Britain Rises," The Wall Street Journal recently paid the following splendid tribute to the British performance in the war. It says: All the seven wonders of the world fade on history's page compared with the spectacle Great Britain presents today. A commercial nation of less than 50,000,000 people suddenly summoned to arms where no arms existed and in less than thirty months she has a bigger army than history ever before recorded and a war machine in Europe that for wealth of shell, explosives and war power is the amazement of the Germans.

Without an English airplane engine that could circle her own island she has vanquished the Zeppelins and is mistress of her own skies. With submarines by the hundred threatening her coast defences, her food supplies and her commerce, she has swept all oceans, locked the German fleet in harbor, convoyed shipments of gold across the ocean in safety—loads of gold that in former times would have paralyzed national financial markets—made the English Channel her multiple track ocean railway to Europe with no loss by Zeppelin or submarine; fought in Africa, at the Canal, at the Dardanelles; grappled with the Turk and the Bulgars; changed generals and admirals in command; changed cabinets; fed the armies of France; given arms to Russia; maintained the armies and the governments of Belgium and Serbia and altogether, advanced \$3,000,000,000, or three times the national debt of the United States, to her war allies.

While the United States has been trying to find out how to build military rifles in quantities and has unfilled orders for them representing hundreds of millions of dollars, England has been turning out rifles by the million for herself and her allies, cannon by the thousand, boots and coats by the million for herself and her allies, and, wonder of wonders, she has done all this, is doing it, is yet to do more, and has now her manufacturing, her trade relations and her overseas commerce unimpaired. Yet she has grabbed the trade of the world, so that her enemies are struggling on half rations with food, rubber and metal supplies from the outside world practically cut off except as new territory is taken.

This is a gigantic physical power and a trade and war power combined never before dreamed of. It puts in the shade all that the world previously knew of Great Britain's financial power.

The British lion was regarded as a money bag of trade and a help of the seas. Great Britain's ability to put 10 per cent. of her population under arms, to feed and equip her allies and at the same time to maintain her credit and commerce throughout the world was something never dreamed of within or without her empire before this war.

EARTHQUAKE OR SUB?

Buenos Ayres, March 17.—Communication by cable to London via the Azores has been suddenly broken off today. It is thought that this is the result of a submarine earthquake, but in some quarters it is believed to be the work of a German raider. The location of the break has not yet been ascertained.

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY.

Those present at last night's meeting of the High School Literary Society had the privilege of enjoying an excellent programme. The meeting was opened by a school chorus, "Tipperary Tommy." This was rendered with true patriotic fervour. Then followed an oration, "The Gladiator's Appeal" by James Mitchell; the singing of "A Little Bit of Heaven" by Miss Kathleen Grant was greatly appreciated and heartily endorsed. Miss Marguerite Kilpatrick delighted the audience with a piano solo. A play was given entitled "Madame Department's School" and it won great praise for the participants. Miss Katherine Pillsbury took the part of "Madame Department" and Vienna Calderoni was a most likeable maid. The students attending the school were Miss Margaret McColl, Miss Kathleen Grant, Miss May Pringle and Miss Muriel Patmore. Miss Margaret Morgan rose to her usual eloquence in a recitation. The school magazine was read by Mr. James Mitchell and proved very interesting. It was full of quips and jokes at both students and teachers. There were also some very good articles and essays. A three part college chorus, sung by a few of the students made a decided hit. Mr. Brady delivered a short address on "Wit and Humour," illustrating the difference between these two qualities in a series of short stories. After a few appropriate remarks by the Rev. Dr. Grant, the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

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ADVANCE BY THE BRITISH CONTINUES

Important Gains Made Between Perone and Bapaume on A Two and Half Mile Front — French Raids.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 17.—Another important gain has been made by the British troops between Perone and Bapaume. Trenches on a two and a half mile front, running from the south of St. Pierre Wood to the north of the village of Salliesel have been occupied. The Germans were compelled to retreat as their trenches were no longer tenable, on account of the superiority of the British gunfire. Their communication trenches were enfiladed, and they were unable to bring up supports or ammunition to their front lines.

French Front.

Paris, March 17.—The French troops have captured the third line of German trenches east of Canary-sur-matz. Many prisoners were taken. After violent artillery preparation, reconnoitering parties carried out raids on several points on the enemy front in the direction of Beurvaingnes, to the south of Crap-cau-Mesnil. The enemy trenches were completely shattered by our fire.

Mesopotamia.

The pursuit of the Turkish forces continues. British troops are now well on their way to Mosul. That the enemy will show fight at Samara is not expected.

THE RETURNED SOLDIERS.

Although the Princess Maquina came alongside the Government wharf nearly a whole hour before her expected time last night, there was a big crowd assembled to welcome the two boys from the western front. Tom Holmes is rather badly crippled and has some little difficulty in getting around. As the boys landed on the wharf three cheers were called for, which were heartily given. The Inlander Mess was well represented, Charlie Thorne having been one of their number previous to his going away. He will be a guest of the Mess during his furlough here. The shrapnel shell which wounded him was felled amongst other things with gramophone needles, and Charlie carries quite a number of these musical points around with him still.

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