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RUSSIAN UPRISING HAS ABDICATED CZAR

REVOLUTION SWEEPS MINISTRY OUT OF OFFICE AND PLACES DUMA IN CHARGE

YOUNGER BROTHER SUCCEEDS

New National Council Formed With
Officers Held by Men Who Are Close
to the People—Grand Duke Alexan-
drovitch is Regent.

Petrograd.—The Emperor of Russia has abdicated and Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, his younger brother, has been named as regent. The Russian ministry, charged with corruption and incompetence, has been swept out of office. One minister, Alexander Protopopov, head of the interior department, is reported to have been killed, and the other ministers, as well as the president of the imperial council, are under arrest.

A new national cabinet is announced, with Prince L. Voff as president of the council and premier, and the other officers held by the men who are close to the Russian people.

For several days Petrograd has been the scene of one of the most remarkable risings in history. Beginning with minor food riots and labor strikes the cry for food reached the hearts of the soldiers, and one by one the regiments rebelled, until finally those troops that had for a time stood loyal to the government, took up their arms and marched into the ranks of the revolutionists.

The president of the Duma, Michael V. Rodzianko, was the leading figure among the deputies who unanimously decided to oppose the imperial order for a dissolution of the house. They confined their sessions and M. Rodzianko informed the emperor, that at the hour that the hour had struck that the will of the people must prevail over the imperial council and that the emperor must abdicate.

The emperor's abdication was announced to the people a public and solemn ceremony in order that there should be no interference with carrying out the war to a victorious ending.

NAMMOTH CONTRACT FOR FIGHTING CRAFT LET

Newly Department Contract, Call For
Many Big Vessels

Washington.—Contracts for what is believed to be the largest single order for fighting craft ever given by any nation were placed by the Navy Department.

Private builders undertook to turn out four great battle cruisers and six scout cruisers and placed themselves in line to receive 75 per cent of their working force in navy construction.

In response to an appeal to their patriotism by Secretary Daniels, the major suppliers have agreed to accept 50 per cent of their profit on the battle cruisers, and will accept 25 per cent of their profit on the scout cruisers.

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emergency clause of the naval appropriation bill, construction will be hurried to the limit, the government footing the bill for additional cost.

The battle cruisers, the fixed limit of cost of which is \$19,000,000 per ship, exclusive of speeding up expense were placed as follows:

Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., two ships.
Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, one ship; New York Shipbuilding Company, one ship.

With the exception of the New York Company each private builder will have to install new ways and machinery for the huge craft. The Government will bear its fair share of this expense.

Four of the scout cruisers will be built on the Pacific Coast, and the other two will be built by William Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia.

ALEXANDER RIBOT IS NEW FRENCH PREMIER

Announces Formation of New Cabinet.
—Painleve is Minister of War.

Paris.—Alexandre Ribot has formed the following Cabinet:

Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs—Alexandre Ribot.

Minister of Justice—Rene Vivian.

Minister of War—Paul Painleve.

Minister of Marine—Rear Admiral Lecadre.

Minister of Munitions—Albert Thomas.

Minister of Finance—Joseph Thiery.

Minister of the Interior—Louis J. Malvy.

Minister of Public Instruction—Jules Steeg.

Minister of Public Works—Georges Desplas.

Minister of Commerce—Etienne Clementel.

Minister of Agriculture—Fernand David.

Minister of Subsistence—Maurice Viollette.

Minister of Labor—Leon Bourgeois.

Minister of the Colonies—Andre Maginot.

Under-Secretary of Aviation—Daniel Vincent.

RESIDENT TAKES STEPS TO MEET U-BOAT MENACE

Washington.—Preparation for an aggressive action by the

United States government against the U-boat menace is being hastened.

The president has authorized the expenditure of \$11,000,000 for special construction and pay for special additional war craft, and the suspension of the eight-hour law in plants engaged on Navy work.

Immediately afterward, Secretary Daniels ordered the New York Navy Yard to begin building sixty submarine chasers of the 110-foot type, to be completed in from sixty to eighty days.

With the President's approval, the Secretary also ordered the graduation of the first and second classes at the Naval Academy. The first class will go out on March 23, releasing 172 junior officers to fill existing vacancies, and the second in September, furnishing 202 more a full year before they otherwise would be available.

FIFTEEN WERE DROWNED WHEN VIGILANCIA SUNK

Plymouth, Wis., London.—Fifteen members of the crew of the American steamer Vigilancia lost their lives when the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine. The survivors were taken aboard the British mail ship, the *Winnipeg*, on Friday morning.

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ADAMSON LAW HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

IN EPOCHAL DECISION SUPREME COURTS OF UNITED STATES UPHOLD LAW.

VOTE WAS FIVE TO FOUR

Congress Has Power to Keep Com-
merce Channels Open.—Fixes Eight-
Hour Day as Basis For Wage—
Chief Justice Delivers Opinion.

Washington.—In an epochal decision holding congress to be clothed with any and all power necessary to keep open the channels of interstate commerce, the supreme court dividing five to four, sustained the Adamson law as constitutional and enforceable in every feature.

The immediate effect of the decision will be to fix a permanent eight-hour basic day in computing wage scales on interstate railroads, for which a nationwide strike twice has been threatened and to give, effective from January 1 this year, increases in wages to trainmen of about 25 per cent, at a cost to the railroads estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year.

The court, through Chief Justice White, declared both carriers and their employees, engaged in a business charged with a public interest, subject to the right of congress to compulsorily arbitrate a dispute affecting the operating of that business.

"Whatever would be the right of an employe engaged in private business to demand such wages as he desires, to leave the employment if he does not get them and by concert of action to agree with others to leave on the same condition," said the opinion, "such rights are necessarily subject to limitation when an employment is accepted in a business charged with a public interest and to which the power to regulate is given by congress in the exercise of its power to regulate interstate commerce."

In delivering the opinion, the chief justice departed at this point from his written text to emphasize the position of men operating trains in a time of national emergency by comparing them to soldiers facing an enemy.

Little Brother Again

Curtis (who has just been killed by Arthur under the mistletoe, which he discovered hanging in the hall)—Oh, Arthur, you wicked wretch, to take advantage of me like that! I wish I knew who hung it there, I'd lay them out, that's all.

Arthur to little brother later in the evening)—Tommy, I'm going to take Curtis away from you soon, will you mind?

Tommy—No a bit. Sis and I are her friends.

Arthur—And why is that?

Tommy (headless of Curtis's killing glance)—Oh, she's just out here peeping her eye off the chair when she's waiting up that mistletoe in the hall.

SPECIAL SESSION OF SENATE ADJOURNS

MOST ALL OF THE 1400 PRESI- DENTIAL NOMINATIONS WERE CONFIRMED.

COLONIAN TREATY FAILED

Treaty Was Unexpectedly Withdrawn
on Motion of Chairman Stone—Sub-
stantive Part Will Be Submitted at
Extra Session.

Washington.—The special Senate session which began March 5 adjourned after Democratic leaders had secured confirmation of most of the 1400 nominations which failed at the last session, and had departed of striking satisfaction of the \$25,000,000 Colombian treaty.

The treaty was unexpectedly withdrawn on motion of Chairman Stone of the Foreign Relations Committee. Its provisions for payment of indemnity to Colombia for the partition of Panama and its expression of regret for the ill-fated uprising out of that incident had encountered stubborn Republican opposition which convinced the Democrats there was no chance of ratification. It is expected a substantive part will be submitted during the extra session of Congress beginning April 10.

The session just closed was the first of its kind in many years which was not called upon to confirm a cabinet nomination. President Wilson decided that all of the members of his cabinet could be retained without the formality of re-nomination.

Among the hundreds of combinations confirmed, only one met with pronounced opposition. It was that of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the president's naval aide and physician, to be a rear admiral. No action was taken on the nomination for the tariff commission.

It is believed Wilson plans to change in rule to limit his use and prevent in the future, such business as that which killed the armed neutrality bill.

RESIDENT WILD MAKES APPEAL TO PREVENT STRIKE

"Country's Safety Makes Settlement
Imperative."—President's Appeal to
Prevent Railroad Strike.

Washington.—President Wilson late Friday sent a personal appeal to the representatives of the two sides in the railroad controversy urging that they do everything possible to cooperate with the mediator committee.

The President's appeal follows: "It seems to me my duty and right to appeal to you in this time of national peril to open again the questions at issue between the railroads and their operatives with a view to accommodation or settlement.

"With my approval, a committee of the Council of National Defense is

about to seek a conference with you with that end in view.

"A general interruption of the railway traffic of the country at this time would entail a danger to the nation against which I have the right to enter my most solemn and earnest protest.

"It is now the duty of every patriotic man to bring matters of this sort to immediate accommodation. The safety of the country against manifest perils affecting its own peace and the peace of the whole world makes accommodation absolutely imperative, and seems to me to render any other choice or action inconceivable."

The President's message was sent to Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee of railroad managers; L. B. Sheppard, acting head of the conductors; W. G. Lea, head of the trainmen; W. S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers, and W. S. Carter, president of the firemen and engine-men.

The President is confident there will be no strike. However, he already is considering what may be done if his appeal to the patriotism of the men involved is futile.

THREE AMERICAN VESSELS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

City of Memphis, Vigilancia and Ill-
nois Are Sent to Bottom.

London.—The sinking of the American steamer City of Memphis, Illinois and Vigilancia was announced. Fourteen men from the Vigilancia are missing, as are some of the men from the City of Memphis. The crew of the Illinois was landed safely.

The City of Memphis, in ballast from Cardiff to New York, was sunk by gunfire. The second officer and fifteen men of the crew have been landed. A patrol boat has gone in search of the other members of the crew. The Illinois, from London for Fort Worth, Texas, in ballast, was sunk at 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Vigilancia was torpedoed without warning. The submarine did not appear. The captain, first and second mates, first, second and third engineers and 25 men of the crew have been landed at the Scilly Islands. The fourth engineer, 13 men are missing.

MINERS GAINS ARE MADE BY FRENCH TROOPS

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"City Healthier Than Farm"

"The sanitary conditions in the farmers' homes of Massachusetts and New York state are not what they should be," Dr. Harvey W. Wiley declared in an address before several hundred farmers from all over the state in Horticultural hall, assembled for the Massachusetts state board of agricultural's annual meeting.

"In New York and Massachusetts particularly, the city is a healthier place to live than the country," Doctor Wiley said. "The cities of New York and Massachusetts are taking better care of their citizens than the country is, and I am inclined to believe that the unfavorable situation in the rural sections is due more to lack of sanitary conveniences and appliances than it is to the effect of the climate or of a deficient diet."

Thieves Leave Sacred Records

All but three of the 75 talking-machine records of the Brewster High school were stolen by a thief, who forced an entrance into the building, turned on a light and tried out all the records. It is believed, Thump marks on the three left behind showed they were tested.

The selections rejected were "Lead Kindly Light," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Nearer, My God to Thee." Most of the records stolen were ragtime and marches—Reading Dispatch is Philadelphia North American.

BIG STRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

PRESIDENT'S MEDIATION BOARD BRING ABOUT SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT.

GREAT CALAMITY IS AVERTED

Settlement Early Monday Morning
Nullifies Order for Four Hundred
Thousand Trainmen to Walk Out.

New York.—An official of the conference committee of railroad managers announced at 12:45 o'clock Monday morning that the railroad strike was off.

A few minutes after the announcement was made, the railroad managers went from the Grand Central Terminal to the conference hotel and were joined immediately by the mediators. They refused to make any statement on the way to the meeting room. It was presumed the announcement would be made through Secretary Lane.

The mediators and managers were believed to be awaiting the arrival of the brotherhood chiefs, who had retired, before making the announcement that the strike had been averted.

The brotherhood men arrived at the hotel at 1:20 o'clock and immediately went to the conference room. The managers left the conference room at 3 o'clock, but the brotherhood chiefs remained in conference with the mediators. It was learned that Daniel Willard, one of the mediators had informed the hotel management that he would give up his rooms.

Statement by Lane.
The managers, headed by Elisha Lee, returned to the conference room at 2:30 and Secretary Lane sent for the newspapermen. Secretary Lane issued this statement:

"Regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court on the Adamson law, the eight-hour day will be in effect by a joint committee plan and have its negotiations completed by noon," Mr. Lane said.

The conference committee of railroad managers early this morning authorized President Wilson's mediators to make whatever arrangements were necessary with the railroad brotherhoods to call off the threatened strike.

The formal letter in which this authorization was made signed by Elisha Lee, chairman of the managers' committee, was as follows:

"In the national crisis precipitated by events of which we heard this afternoon, the national conference committee of railroads joins with you in the conviction that neither at home nor abroad should there be fear or hope that the efficient operation of the railroads of this country will be hampered or impaired.

"Therefore you are authorized to assure the nation there will be no strike, and as a basis for such assurance, we hereby authorize the committee of the Council of National Defense to grant the employes who are about to strike whatever adjustment your committee deems necessary to guarantee uninterrupted and efficient operation of the railroads as an indispensable arm of national defense."

The decision reached by the managers at their midnight conference means that the brotherhoods have won an important victory, although it does not bring them all their original demands. By the agreement, it is assumed they will be awarded pro-rata time for overtime on the basic eight-hour day which they have been assured.

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