

POPULAR VOTE TO DETERMINE RUSSIAN RULE; U. S. STEPS INTO BREACH TO BALK RAIL STRIKE

DUMA WILL CALL PLEBISCITE TO PICK FORM OF GOVERNMENT; 5 CENTURIES OF CZARISM END

Order Rapidly Restored—All Classes Pledge Loyalty to Democratic Cabinet—Grand Duke Michael Assumes Regency. Emperor Flees

Amnesty Proclaimed for Political Offenders—Old Ministers Still Imprisoned—Nobles' Assemblies Allied With Revolution—Alexieff and Brussiloff to Be Supreme Military Chiefs.

WASHINGTON, March 16. The Russian revolution and victory of the Duma over the Russian bureaucracy may be immediately followed by stronger pressure by the Entente Allies on Greece and perhaps removal of King Constantine from the Greek throne.

STOCKHOLM, March 16. Twenty persons were killed in Monday's fighting in the Petrograd revolution and 120 were wounded, according to information received today from the Russian capital by the newspaper Extra-Bladet.

"On Tuesday," the dispatch asserted, "the mob destroyed several great bakeries, whereupon the Government opened additional shops. The railroad lines to Finland were blown up at several points."

LONDON, March 16. The train carrying Czar Nicholas to Pskoff was held up by soldiers today after it left Petrograd, but no violence was offered, said a dispatch from the Russian capital this afternoon.

The foregoing dispatch is the first definite information concerning the Czar's whereabouts that has come from Petrograd since the revolution. Pskoff is a city of 40,000 population, the capital of the province of Pskoff. It lies 162 miles by rail from Petrograd.

Five centuries of Romanoff rule in Russia are at end. Five days of revolution have transformed the blackest despotism on earth into a democracy.

The provisional government and the new Cabinet under Prince Lvoff are restoring order at Petrograd. The new regime is composed of Liberals, Conservatives, Progressives, Constitutional Democrats and Socialists.

Immediate internal reforms on a wide scale and closer co-operation with the Allies are the two main elements of the Government's program. The reactionaries and pro-Germans are either in flight, executed or in jail.

Grand Duke Michael has assumed his duties as regent. The British and French Ambassadors have already, unofficially, paid their respects to the new government.

Great rejoicing reigns in London over the success of the revolution. The British feel that at last Russia is to become free and will lend her entire weight toward the achievement of Allied victory.

NEW GOVERNMENT TO BE BASED ON PEOPLE; ORDER RESTORED

PETROGRAD, March 16. A government to be based on universal suffrage and equal voice of the people in its administration has succeeded the reign of the most despotic of modern monarchs.

LEADER OF RUSSIAN REVOLUTION



M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma and head of the revolutionary committee that has brought about the upheaval leading to the abdication of the Czar.

HIGH JINKS CAN'T MIX WITH BOOZE

License Court Judges Rule Music and Dancing Wrong in Regular Saloons

MORE RUM FOR 15TH ST.

The cabaret where vaudeville and drinking are mixed in the popular-priced cafes must go, but dancing in the high-class hotels, where the elite gather nightly, is permitted by the License Court.

Transfers were granted by Judges Martin and Finletter for the two saloons in the Parkway area to other sites nearby. Mrs. Margaret Kernan, proprietress of the saloon at the northeast corner of Fifteenth and Filbert streets, obtained a transfer from that point to 116 South Fifteenth street.

The chief remonstrant against O'Brien's application for a transfer was Joseph Stark, proprietor of an oyster saloon at the Juniper street address. Stark contended that he was being ousted from the place after he had built up a lucrative business.

Judge Finletter also delivered an opinion on the point: "These so-called cabarets," declared Judge Finletter, "are a new subject to me. I think they are a new subject which chiefly attracts the young, should at the same time subject them to the temptation to drink. The evil is in the proximity of the two things. The dancing is made the bait to the hook."

DANCING AND DRINKING. Both judges delivered opinions today on cabarets attached to saloons in residential sections of the city. Their decision was given during the hearing of a remonstrance against Adam Lotz, proprietor of the Mermaid Hotel, Germantown avenue and Mermaid lane.

Lotz was accused by the No License League of Germantown with permitting the sale of intoxicants to girls who frequented the dance floor connected with his place. "The court is of the impression," said Judge Martin, "that Lotz has made an effort to conduct his place properly, but that conditions go beyond his control."

SMALL SALOONS AND BIG CAFES. "The subject is so new to me that I do not feel like laying down a general rule of conduct for this court until I shall have observed the subject further. I am not prepared at least, not yet—to condemn the places—floors of large restaurants and dancing saloons where accommodations for eating and drinking are in close proximity to the dancing floors. I have seen such places without having observed any misconduct like that related in two or three of the cases we have heard at this term."

Whether it is that the greater publicity and openness puts a restraint upon the conduct of the visitors, or whether the proprietors, having more at stake, exercised a more careful control, I do not know. I say that I am not prepared to deal with the whole subject now, but I propose to deal with each case as it arises. This much, I feel sure of—that the cabaret attached to the ordinary saloon, especially in residential neighborhoods, is an evil.

QUICK NEWS

PHILLY REGULARS TRIMMED. SST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 16.—The Yanigans romped over the Regulars in the first game of the season this afternoon by the score of 5 to 3.

BASKETBALL SCORES. Lower Merion Srs. (final)..... 22 Lower Merion Jrs. 15 Lower Merion Sophs (final).... 5 Lower Merion Fresh 19

BASEBALL SCORES. Penn Varsity 0 0 0 0 Second Varsity 0 1 0 0 Batteries—Cromwell and Gilmore; Bower and Houch.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS. Fifth Hot Springs race, 3-year-olds, selling, 6 furlongs—Nettie Walcutt, 101, Scherrer, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won; Hondo, 108, Tudor, 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 5, second; Hester Smith, 103, Lyke, 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 5 to 2, third, Time, 1:17 1-5.

Sixth Hot Springs race, 3-year-olds and up, selling, 1 mile—Sansaming, 110, Urquhardt, 4 to 5, 1 to 3, out, won; Chad Beuford, 111, Crump, 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second; Plaudito, 107, Murphy, 7 to 2, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:46.

WILSON, THIN FROM ILLNESS, DISOBEYS ORDERS. WASHINGTON, March 16.—President Wilson, seen for the first time today for more than a week, appeared slightly thinner as a result of his illness.

U. S. REJECTS CARRANZA'S PLAN FOR EMBARGO. WASHINGTON, March 16.—The United States Government refuses to place any embargo on supplies or munitions to the Allies, says a note to General Carranza sent by the State Department this afternoon.

U. S. TROOPS RUSHED TO GUARD PANAMA CANAL. WASHINGTON, March 16.—A battalion of the United States infantry now stationed in Porto Rico will be rushed to the Panama Canal to reinforce the guard of that waterway, it was learned at the War Department this afternoon.

BRITISH DESTROYER HITS CHANNEL MINE AND SINKS. LONDON, March 16.—A British destroyer of an old type struck a mine in the channel yesterday and sank, the Admiralty announced today. One man was killed and twenty-eight are missing.

DANIELS MAY BUILD SUBMARINES IN U. S. YARDS. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has under serious consideration the immediate equipping of the Puget Sound and Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard in order to start work at once on at least part of the thirty-eight new submarines without waiting for bids from private shipyards, which are to be opened April 11. It was learned today.

SENATE ADJOURNS SINE DIE. WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Senate adjourned sine die at 3:53 this afternoon after President Wilson informed it he had nothing further to lay before it "at present."

U-BOATS WILL SPARE BELGIAN RELIEF SHIPS. NEW YORK, March 16.—Ships carrying supplies to Belgium for the commission for relief in Belgium are now immune from German submarine attack if they follow the northern route, according to a statement given out at the commission's headquarters here today.

FLOODING OF COLLIERIES FOLLOWS STRIKE. POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 16.—The collieries of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company in the Panther Creek Valley are flooding. The sixty pumpmen and engineers have struck. They demand \$100 a month pay. Every colliery of the company is idle and 9000 mine workers are out of work.

ACTION ON COLOMBIA TREATY INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Action on the Colombian treaty was indefinitely postponed by the Senate this afternoon, after it became apparent to Administration leaders that it was doomed to certain defeat if put to a vote.

RESERVE BOARD DENIES PACT WITH ALLIES. WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Federal Reserve Board today denied reports from London that it had formed a financial alliance with the Allied Governments. Members of that body pointed out that it would be beyond their jurisdiction to effect any alliance with a foreign Government.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO COST \$700,000. Bids were received by Director Datsman, of the Department of Public Works, today for highway improvements that will cost the city approximately \$700,000, which will come out of loan funds already available. The work includes \$100,000 worth of paving; \$500,000 worth of repaving with asphalt, Belgian blocks and vitrified brick; \$50,000 for bituminous materials for country roads, and for sidewalks and footway work.

WILSON ORDERS RAILROAD MEN TO ARBITRATE

Board Goes to New York to Confer With Disputants

PLAN DRASTIC MOVE IF PARLEYING FAILS. War Department Believed Ready to Act if Compromise Is Rejected

GOMPERS ON COMMITTEE. Wilson Issues Personal Appeal to Avert Strike

WASHINGTON, March 16. COINCIDENT with designating the Mediators Board, President Wilson later sent a personal appeal to members of the railroad brotherhoods and railroad managers for co-operation in the best interests of the country.

The appeal reads: I deem it my duty and my 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. WOODROW WILSON.

CHICAGO, March 16. One thousand local chairmen representing western trainmen this afternoon ratified the action of the four brotherhood chiefs in calling a railroad strike. Trainmen in the western division will go on strike at 6 o'clock Monday morning, unless a settlement is reached.

COLUMBUS, O., March 16. "If the impending railroad strike interferes with our food supply and with our standing behind the President in full strength, I will declare martial law and take possession and operate the railroads," said Governor Cox, of Ohio, today. He was cheered for ten minutes.

WASHINGTON, March 16. The United States Government has acted in an effort to prevent the nation-wide tomorrow afternoon.

Secretary of Interior Lane, Secretary of Labor, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, were this afternoon named by President Wilson to confer with brotherhood chiefs and railroad managers in a final effort to avert such a calamity.

All left for New York city at 4 o'clock. Following a meeting of the President's Cabinet this afternoon, at which the strike situation was discussed, Secretary of War Baker issued the following statement: Acting under a plan suggested by the National Council of Defense today, Secretary Lane, Secretary Wilson, Daniel Willard and Samuel Gompers, all members of the advisory council of the Council of National Defense, will go to New York to confer immediately with representatives of both sides with the end in view of bringing about an adjustment of the differences and avoid a serious situation developing at a time of international crisis.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST. For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness tonight, probably followed by rain in the early morning and Saturday; coldest tonight about thirty-five degrees; moderate north and south coast winds.

LENGTH OF DAY. Sun rises... 6:11 a.m. Moon sets... 4:57 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE TABLES. CHRISTMAS TIDES. Low water... 11:20 a.m. High water... 11:20 p.m.

FERDINAND A. ROEBLING, BRIDGE BUILDER, DIES

General Manager of Company Which Engineered Brooklyn Structure Victim of Heart Disease



FERDINAND W. ROEBLING

TRENTON, March 16.—Ferdinand W. Roebling, seventy-five years old, treasurer and general manager of the John A. Roebling Sons Company, builder of the Brooklyn bridge and other great structures, died this afternoon at his home, 223 West State street, from heart disease following a heavy cold contracted a month ago. He was born in 1842 in Saxenburg, Pa., where his father, the late John A. Roebling, established the first wire mill in the country.

TWO BLOWN TO PIECES BY BOMB EXPLOSION

Pemberton Square Courthouse, Boston, Scene of Outrage During Sitting of Court. BOSTON, March 16.—Two bombs were exploded in a lavatory of the Pemberton Square courthouse late this afternoon while the Superior Court was in session. Two men were blown to pieces. Identification was impossible.

Truth About Russia

Particular interest will attach to the Book Page in tomorrow's EVENING LEDGER because of a masterly review of conditions in the Czar's dominions, as set forth in a new and authoritative liberal historical work on Russia, written by Professor Komilov, of the Polytechnicum of Peter the Great in Petrograd.