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RUSSIA AND OTHER LANDS

For Nicholas the Second, of the Romanof dynasty, which has ruled Russia three centuries, there was no alternative. The wonder is that the transition was wrought so rapidly. He was not the victim of Nihilists but of a revolution which might almost be characterized as peaceful and which in its processes was radically unlike all that the outside world had been anticipating.

In the hands of most of the czars, government in Russia, through succeeding generations, has been practically absolute. Time was when a Russian czar, knowing no law which he was bound to heed and disregarding kindred ties or rules of primogeniture, if he chose to, could name his own successor. In this instance, at the age of 48 and 28 years after his crowning, a Romanof meekly bows to the people's will. The development of the duma, as a representative parliamentary body, has been exceedingly slow, but in its evolution it reached at length the point where it dared to act and speak for the nation and, having backed with the army, its decree was final. Thus the change so suddenly effected is the more remarkable. The transfer of authority to Michael may be regarded as merely an incident; he will realize that he has responsibility to a representative body concerning which almost all his royal predecessors have been indifferent. No doubt, therefore, this revolution means much more than the shifting of imperial power from one individual to another. The world will believe that the work of three or four eventful days has laid the enduring foundations for constitutional, representative government in the great empire.

That is the vital factor in the case. For present purposes, however, it is anticipated that there will be release for a disoriented people from woeful incompetency in administration and from long-endured inefficiency and abuses and graft. Concerning the regent the world outside of Petrograd and Moscow knows nothing. He is the only brother of the sovereign who steps down and out. The news mentions the circumstances which put him, a few years ago, into royal disfavor. Today's story also mentions the de-throned czarina. She is the daughter of the Duke of Hesse whose little domain centers at Darmstadt. Her mother, the Princess Alice, who was an admired daughter of Queen Victoria, died many years ago, as the result, it was told at the time, of the extremely unsanitary conditions in the gloomy royal residence in the city just mentioned. At intervals during recent years gossip concerning Russian royalty has intimated that her life had its full share of troubles of every sort. That she has been pro-German during the war is alleged.

For the rest, all the news about this short but very significant rebellion is to the effect that it means the more vigorous waging of war against Germany. From the first, trustworthy reports have been to the effect that the people of Russia have been zealous and loyal in the performance of their share in the great contest and that they have not been of divided opinion concerning the justice of their cause. Manifestly the aggressive acts of the

duma were aimed at elements having influence with royalty that are not sincerely with the entente cause.

Aside from these important considerations this Russian experience will stimulate prophetic talk to the effect that the great war will have its most enduring outcome in the advance of Austria and Germany and Russia to new civic and political conditions and to higher forms of representative government. It may be accounted as a highly significant coincidence that the same day that brought sensational tidings from Petrograd brought also a report of the German chancellor's surprising words addressed to the Prussian diet, in which he predicted that "the war must lead to a political reorganization" and that, after the close of hostilities, the government will propose franchise reform.

"The maintenance of patriotism," declared Bethmann-Hollweg, "can be achieved only by granting to the people equal co-operation in the administration of the empire." In Bismarck's time and much more recently that utterance would have passed, in Berlin, as rank, dangerous radicalism. "Woe to the statesman," exclaimed the German chancellor, "who does not recognize the signs of the times." Evidently the German chancellor had heard the news from Petrograd. The heaven is working—for Russia, for Ireland, and for great areas in Asia, as well as for the millions of humanity whose social and political interests center at Berlin or Vienna. It may be that the beneficent mission of this era of savagery is to speed great nations toward nobler forms of civil liberty and self-government.

A SENATOR

For another thing, as a sequel of the breaking of the filibuster prerogative, many newspapers are exhorting the senate to do away with the seniority rule in the committee chairmanships. As we all know, if a senator can once get placed on a committee and manage to be elected to successive terms, he will gradually advance until he is top man, for his party, in the committee membership, and the automatic process makes him chairman.

That is the way Senator Stone got there. He was all right with the administration set until a couple of weeks ago, when he declined to be the champion of the president's armed-neutrality measure. During ten days or a fortnight he has been the object of the severest criticism aimed at any man we know of who has been in public life in recent decades. Some of it is excessively ugly talk; some of it might properly be characterized as abusive. It may be that Senator Stone's course merits reprobation and that he is in other respects as miserably unfit as his assailants allege. It is, however, a fact that President Wilson's champions did not indulge in comment concerning him that was otherwise than friendly as long as he "stood in with the administration." But they're after him now, determined to oust him of the all-important chairmanship.

The senate having astonished itself and the country by one innovation regarding filibusters, the theory is that it can be induced to take another whirl at that kind of business. Apparently, this undertaking will not succeed. For one, Senator Lewis of Illinois, a democrat, has spoken against it in recent interview. Chairman Stone's critics insist that he simply won't do, under any circumstances and especially if there are war conditions to deal with. But some of the signs are that "Gumshoe Bill" will hold his chairmanship just the same, unless he can be persuaded to withdraw of his own motion.

WORKING MONTANA

Keenly alive to conditions in Montana, the eastern mail-order houses are extending their business to every part of the state. Their catalogues are sent out at a rate that, in instances, has swamped local offices. In the Post's mail today is the published complaint of an eastern Montana postmaster who was called upon to deliver many tons of catalogues of a well-known mail-order house addressed to prospective patrons in that community. Local merchants in the smaller towns are making little effort to meet this unfair competition. In the larger cities commercial organizations are trying to check outside buying, but the campaign against the mail-order houses is not systematic and is confined to a few of the more enterprising communities.

As a class the farmers are perhaps the best patrons of these outside concerns. When money is plentiful they send cash away for goods; when they are waiting for crops to be marketed, they ask their home merchants for credit. The fact that the outside mercantile concerns do not help to build up a community is lost sight of in the belief that a saving is made in the purchase of goods from catalogues. As a matter of fact, the home merchant usually is able to compete with the mail-order houses, meeting price for price, if given the opportunity.

If the patrons of the outside concerns were refused credit by local merchants in the lean seasons there

would be less purchasing from the mail-order houses when times are good. The latter concerns do not extend credit; they do not pay taxes in the communities from which they draw their dividends; they do not, in fact, aid in the development of any section.

THE TREASURE STATE

Unless conditions that cannot be foreseen change the situation, Montana cities and towns will witness a building boom this season. From all parts of the state comes word through local newspapers that new buildings are being planned and that practically every community will enjoy substantial growth during the year. New business houses are seeking locations and old ones require larger quarters. The talk is that merchants of the state have bought more heavily than usual, spite of the fact that merchandise is higher priced than ever before and more difficult to command.

Agricultural sections in Montana are counting on an extraordinary influx of settlers from the Middle West. For the most part these homeseekers will be persons of means, well able to purchase farms and to develop them. The advance guard of these settlers already have reached the eastern and central sections of the state. They agree that they are to be followed by many hundreds of families who propose to make Montana their home.

With wool commanding record high prices, with metals in demand and with excellent prospects for big crops that are sure to bring high prices, Montana should live up to its name and reputation this year. It is a Treasure state all right.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- MARCH 16. 1621—The Plymouth colonists received the first Indian visitor to their town, Chief Samoset of the Patuxet community. 1680—The first assembly of New Hampshire met at Portsmouth; John Cuts first president. 1751—James Madison, fourth president of the United States, born at Port Conway, Va.; died June 28, 1836. 1802—United States military academy established at West Point by act of congress. 1874—Lillian Blauvelt, famous American prima donna, born at Brooklyn. 1883—Forest City, Cal., destroyed by fire; hundreds rendered homeless. 1891—Submarine cable telephone from London to Paris completed. 1905—Guglielmo Marconi, wireless inventor, married at London to Hon. Beatrice O'Brien, daughter of Baron Inchiquin. 1912—The hull of the battleship Maine was raised in Havana harbor and sunk in the open ocean. 1913—Super-dreadnaught Pennsylvania, largest ship to date in the American navy, launched at Newport News; length 900 feet; tonnage, 31,000; cost, \$14,000,000. 1914—First clash between Villa outposts and American expedition; seven troopers wounded. 1916—House of representatives, by vote of 246 to 14, repealed Underwood tariff law provision for free importation of sugar after May 1, 1916.

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CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT BUTTE THEATERS

- PEOPLES Moving pictures: Today, Mae Murray in "On Record." LIBERTY Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, a Bluebird photograph. BROADWAY Today, A. C. M. band concert; tomorrow, Pantages vaudeville. EMPRESS Hippodrome vaudeville: Today and tomorrow, the Palm Beach Beauties, and five other acts. ANSONIA Vaudeville and moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Carlyle Blackwell and June Elvidge in "A Square Deal." AMERICAN Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, "The Last of the Ingrams." ORPHEUM Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Mabel Trunnelle and Robert Conness in "The Master Passion."

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ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

CHURCH DROPS "GERMAN."

Wichita, Kan.—Wichita's German Methodist church is to be Americanized. It will be renamed to keep pace with the younger generation, which speaks "the Kansas language." The church will be known as the Calvary Methodist Episcopal church. The Rev. David W. Smith, pastor of the church, whose name Smyth was Americanized by his father 50 years ago, said the change was the desire of a majority of the congregation.

DUCK FLIES 2,000 MILES.

Mobile, Ala.—The two mallard ducks wearing silver bands on their legs killed near here by Dr. Shelton C. Frederick some time ago were released originally by Jack Minor of Kingsville, Ont. Dr. Frederick has received a letter from Minor giving details of the remarkable record in flight made from Kingsville to Mobile. The ducks were released at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at Kingsville, in Canada, according to Minor's letter. They were killed here three days later, the mallards negotiating the flight of approximately 2,000 miles in 60 hours.

MUST LIVE IN KITCHEN.

La Crosse, Wis.—Until the end of this month, George Gerbig must be content to live in the kitchen of his home or face contempt of court. His wife may live in the balance of the home. This was ordered by Judge Higbee here following evidence heard in Mrs. Gerbig's suit for divorce. Mrs. Gerbig told the court that she couldn't find another house in the neighborhood of her home near Hillsboro, and that she didn't want to leave.

Although Gerbig will finally have his house to himself, his wife will be given all the furniture and kitchen utensils.

HIS APPLES ARE SOUR.

Albany—A jury in the supreme court here set an example in price regulation. A produce dealer sued a farmer. The farmer, it was alleged, had agreed to deliver 500 barrels of apples for 50 cents a barrel. Thirty-nine barrels were delivered, which the produce man sold at \$2.25 a barrel, representing a profit of about 200 per cent. The farmer did not deliver the remaining barrels and the produce dealer sued for the profit of \$1.75 on each barrel. The jury, composed of five farmers and seven city men, awarded the produce man 16 cents a barrel. He expected a verdict for about \$800 and got one for only \$75.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

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You can't always tell by appearance. Once in a while you will meet a bachelor who looks as humble and discouraged as a married man.

When a man proposes to a girl she acts as surprised as if she hadn't done it herself.

What has become of the old-fashioned young lady who used to ride a bicycle?

Every time a penniless widow is left to hustle for a large family, the life insurance business receives a good advertisement.

A man doesn't mind having to jump out of the way of a big, dignified-looking limousine. But it makes him mad to have to dodge a Henry or a Motorcycle.

After a woman begins to get the middle-aged spread she begins fibbing about her husband's age as well as her own.

After a man dies we hate to hear it said of him that he is better off. We hear it said of other men, and we don't want it said of us when we croak. No man is better off dead.

One thing we like about a big, home-grown, Corn Fed girl is that you can put an apron on her and turn her loose in the kitchen and give her some soup greens and a hunk of beef and she will soon have an appetizing dinner ready.

Boy babies under the age of two are the only males that understand women. This would be a better world if every man tried to live up to the good opinion he has of himself.

We would never do for a furymen in a breach of promise case. We are inclined to believe that a wound in the heart that can be cured by money is not very serious.

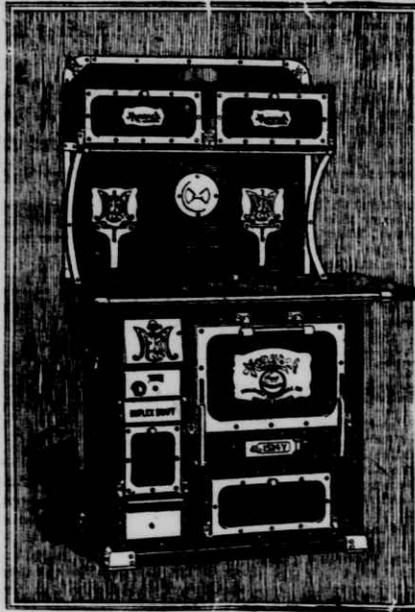
She can sit on his knees all night six months before he marries her. But six months after he marries her he is mighty careful of the creases in his trousers.

A few of us get rich quick because all of us want to do likewise. The Aged and Infirm are not entitled

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THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

MARCH 16. 1915—Russians begin a new drive at Hungary through the Carpathian passes. 1916—Germans, renewing attacks for Verdun, make five terrific assaults in succession on Fort Vaux, all unsuccessful. Gen. Joseph Gallieni, "savior of Paris" and hero of the "taxicab army" that routed Von Kluck at the gates of the capital, resigned as minister of war in France because of ill health; died May 27, 1916, aged 67. British steamer Bervinvalde, with four Americans on board, torpedoed without warning off Bantry, Ireland.

RIPPLING RHYMES By Walt Mason.

A REJECTED PATRIOT When first arose the talk of war, I offered to enlist. I was gladly knocked the tar from fifty foes, I wist. "But Uncle Sam would not take my offer; he cried, 'Scat! A dandy soldier you would make with all that load of fat.'" I'm doomed then to ignoble peace, and others laurels win, because I'm blessed with ample grasse, and double chin. I must not flash my trusty blade, or don my military mail, because, they say, if I were weighed, I'd break the village scale. The beardless stripling may enlist, but there's no chance for me. I could take him by the wrist, and throw him o'er a tree. My hair is filled with martial ire, I court the scrap and fuss, and I would gladly trade my lyre for sword or blunderbus. But, no! I bear my crown, cry, "You can't enlist, that's flat! You're not allowed to bleed for die, because you are too fat!" The slender men must stand in our spangled flag to guard. A melancholy fate is mine, because I'm too much lard.

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