

# REVOLUTION BEGINS IN RUSSIA

## Want Eight Hour Day Settled Before War Starts

### NOTHING DONE AT R. R. CONFERENCE FIRST SESSION

Meeting Was Adjourned After An Hours Preliminary Discussion.

### NO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

Will Renew Consideration of Men's Demands Late This Afternoon

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, March 15—With no announcement as to whether any agreement had been reached the joint conference today between the four chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods and railroad managers to consider demand of the Brotherhoods for immediate settlement of the eight hour controversy adjourned after an hour's discussion until 4 this afternoon.

W. G. Lee, spokesman for the Brotherhoods said that in the meantime no statement of what had occurred at the conference would be made by either side. It was said, however, that adjournment was taken to give time for the managers to consider in separate session the ultimatum presented by the chiefs threatening a strike unless the demands were complied with.

The managers were to give the answer at four o'clock.

The managers after having lunch brought into them began consideration of their answer. No counter proposition, it was learned, was made by them to that of the Brotherhoods.

They simply listened to the employees spokesman with little comment on their part it was said.

An impression was gained however, that both sides were in a conciliatory mood and ready to thrash controversy out if there seemed a possible chance of reaching an amicable agreement.

It was believed by some that the managers during their interim conference would formulate a counter proposition in which case there is a possibility that the joint conference would go over until tomorrow before a conclusion is reached.

### Coal Producers Will Fight New Tariff

### Former Fairmonters Strike Oil In Okla.

Frank Billingslea, a former resident of this city and a son of Mrs. Lou Billingslea, also formerly of this city, who has been located in Tulsa, Okla., for some time, has made a considerable fortune in the oil well business and according to the Tulsa World, a newspaper published there. A well drilled by the young man who is only 23 years of age, came in recently making 60 barrels per hour and according to the newspaper is considered quite a gusher.

### Notice to Taxpayers

All persons owing taxes at this office are hereby notified that I will proceed at once to collect same according to law. If you wish to avoid levy and costs, please call and settle at once.

C. D. CONAWAY, Ex Sheriff.

### TURKISH ARMY IN MESOPOTAMIA IN GRAVE DANGER

Pushed by British from Rear and Menaced on Flank by Russians.

### WAY OUT IS DIFFICULT

German Retreat in Somme Region is Being Continued.

With the exception of the notable German adjournment on the Franco-Belgian which whether voluntary or forced is continuing. The most interesting military movement at present in progress are those in western Persia and Mesopotamia.

Disorganized by their defeat at Kut-el-Amara and before Bagdad, the Turkish forces in that section of Mesopotamia are retreating up the Tigris and at last reports were more than 30 miles to the north of Bagdad.

Eastward, across the Mesopotamian border in Persia, two columns of Russians are advancing toward the line of the Turkish retreat driving other Turkish forces before them. One of these columns had captured Kermanshah about 20 miles from the Mesopotamian border after defeating the Turks in a two days' battle. In eastern Kermanshah it has already advanced early 100 miles since capturing Hamadan on March 3.

To the northwest another column is pressing southwest and had advanced from Sakkiz to near Baneh only 10 miles from the Mesopotamian frontier. Both these Russian armies are threatening the main Turkish forces in Mesopotamia retreating under the British pressure from Bagdad, with Mosul probably their objective. To reach that place those forces have some 180 miles to travel up the Tigris from the position at which they were last reported about 40 miles south of Samara.

From Baneh the Russians are within 150 miles across the country, from Mosul in the Turkish rear, while the fast moving Russian force at Kermanshah while still 135 miles from Samara constitutes a serious menace to the Turkish flank in this field of long distances and rapid troop movement.

The only other way of retreat for the apparently out-numbered and out-maneuvered Turkish army lies to the westward where communications are lacking and the country difficult.

Of the Franco-Belgian frontier operations aside of those of the British on the Somme front the current statement reports little of note. Raids have taken place in several sectors along the French line. The present spirited fighting in the Champagne has died down to artillery action.

### DR. J. L. HENDERSON NORMAL DOCTOR

### Prominent Texas Educator Will Make the Commencement Address.

Dr. Joseph L. Henderson of the University of Texas, and a former West Virginian, will deliver the commencement address at the Fairmont State Normal school commencement on Friday, June 8. Dr. Henderson was born in West Virginia and is a graduate of the West Virginia university and is known as one of the foremost educators of Texas.

### One Hundred and Thirty-five young men and women will be graduated from the Normal on this date. Fifty from the regular Normal school course 62 from the short course and 20 from the Senior Academic course.

Detailed plans for the remainder of commencement week have not been worked out as yet. The annual literary contest will take place during the week and already plans are being made for this important event.

Unusual interest centers this year in the commencement exercises owing to the fact that it will be the first commencement held in the new Normal building.

All Under Our Control. The whole scheme of our voluntary actions, all that we do from morning to night of every day, is beyond doubt entrusted to our control. And from our utmost consciousness we do know that, whenever we will, we can make ourselves execute whatever we approve and strangle in its birth whatever we abhor.

### THREATENING



### FRED BARTLETT TRADES HOTEL

Gets Business Block for His Berkeley Springs Property.

Fred Bartlett, oil magnate of Mannington, and owner of the Berkeley Springs hotel at Berkeley Springs, has arranged to trade his hotel for a business block in Altoona, Pa. The trade will be made with G. C. Miller, of Altoona.

The transaction consisted of the hotel for a block containing a hardware store, a theatre, a grocery and 20 apartments, all rented. The exchange will be completed this week, Mr. Miller desiring the hotel at Berkeley Springs where he can stay on the ground and improve and develop the hostelry and make his investment pay.

Mr. Bartlett's other business would not permit him to put much of his time at the hotel and he feels that as he could not look after the hotel as he should so the trade was attractive to him.

### Burglars Ate While Robbing Co. Store

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., March 15.—Burglars calmly sat down and enjoyed a feast taken from stock while plundering the store of the Consolidation Coal company yesterday morning. They escaped with \$100 worth of loot. A night watchman, who saw the men at their meal, telephoned to the sheriff's residence for assistance and within a short time officers were in the scene with a pair of bloodhounds. In the meantime, however, the burglars had departed.

### GRAYSON CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's friend and naval aid, was confirmed by the Senate today as medical director and rear admiral in the navy after a long fight against him by Republican Senators.

CUBAN TROOPS IN SANTIAGO  
HAVANA, March 15—Government troops under Colonel Sanguly, according to a message received here this morning are disembarking at Santiago to take possession of the city.

### VALLEY GEM OFF ON RETURN TRIP TO PITTSBURG

Carried Good Cargo and a Few Passengers From Here.

The Valley Gem, loaded with freight and carrying a few passengers, steamed from its mooring at 10 o'clock this morning and was off too Pittsburgh, taking along with it the good wishes and the good will of all Fairmonters.

During the short stay here, awaiting the forces of nature to lower the crest of the river the boat hands and the pilots made many friends among the business men of the city, these business men each and all announcing that they would do all in their power to help the Valley Gem in its quest for big business.

The Gem in both its up river and its return trip did not have encouraging weather and stream conditions, but the trips paid from a momentary standpoint. In fact the owners of the craft are more than satisfied with the showing of the first round trip out of Pittsburgh and know that of a certainty the summer months will bring more business and better river conditions.

During the absence of the Valley Gem the city will muster its forces and clean up around Water street and the wharf so that the boat will be able to secure freight which it could not should present conditions at the wharf remain.

It is reported that owners of certain buildings which are in course of construction will ask the steel interests from which they have purchased their goods to have it shipped via the Monongahela river to get the lower rates. This is also true of a few citizens who have decided to erect residences this coming summer. Not a few of these prospective builders have been anxious to get tariffs on various articles which they will buy out of town and compare the rates with the last tariff issue of the railroads.

They will, of course, select the cheaper route, which invariably is that of packet shipping.

### GRAND JURY MAY FINISH TONIGHT

Returned 23 Felony and 10 Misdemeanor Indictments Last Evening.

With a number of witnesses to examine yet today, the Marce grand jury will make an effort to bring its labors to a close this afternoon and return to a close the indictments remaining in its hands. Yesterday afternoon at the close of the day's session the indictments that had been found to that date were placed in the circuit clerk's hands and read in the court.

The indictments, twenty-three felonies and ten misdemeanors, were as follows:  
Floyd Anderson, alias Charles Williams, alias Gyp the Blood, colored, picking the pocket of Tom Yacchetto.  
Calvin Bennett, robbing pool room of Carter Levell and Charles Kenney.  
Thomas Mullholland, robbing pool room of Carter Levell and Charles Kenney.

Robert Brown, robbing railroad car of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.  
Ernest Christian, colored, robbing Frank Mondell, at point of revolver.  
Jess Baylock, colored, robbing Frank Mondell at point of revolver.  
Leroy Moore, colored, robbing Frank Mondell with loaded revolver.  
Hoy Christner, murdering Fred Shaver.

Cecil Hawkins, assaulting Hiram Jones with intent to kill.  
Charles Noble Layman, assaulting Hiram Jones with intent to kill.  
Ralph Masters, assaulting Hiram Jones with intent to kill.  
Cecil Hawkins robbing Hiram Jones.  
Charles Noble Layman, robbing Hiram Jones.

Ralph Masters, robbing Hiram Jones.  
Angelo Marrea, shooting John Sansone with intent to kill.  
Willie Ncates, colored, assaulting George Washington with intent to kill.  
Frank Piscioneri, murderer of Edward W. Brooks.  
John Shriver, unlawful selling, second offense.

Antonio Sbordone, shooting Joseph Cerullo with intent to kill.  
Mike Shoppo, attempting to kill Markto Kartum.  
Misdemeanors:  
Ode Baker, liquor violation.  
Arle Christy, liquor violation.  
Ben Keys, liquor violation (2 counts.)  
Arthur Yost, liquor violation.  
Angelo Marrea, carrying a revolver.  
Frank Piscioneri, carrying revolver.  
Antonio Sbordone, carrying revolver.  
Steve Novikoff, intimidating a witness.  
Antonio Sbordone, shooting scrape.

### BRIDGE ACROSS NEVA AT PETROGRAD WAS BLOWN UP BY REVOLUTIONISTS

Newspapers Have Suspended Publication and Authorities Have Warned People to Stay Indoors

### TROOPS USE THEIR SABRES FREELY

Travelers From Russian Capital Say Shops Were Looted During the Outbreak Which Began Last Saturday—Berlin Says Rising Has Been Successful.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, March 15—There has been a successful revolution in Russia according to an Over Seas news agency, (the official German news bureau) dispatch.

STOCKHOLM, Wednesday, March 14—Berlin wireless to Associated Press, Tuckerton, March 15—Reports of serious disturbances in Russia are published in Swedish newspapers. One publishes a statement that a railroad bridge over the Neva river in Petrograd was dynamited by revolutionists. Especially violent riots are reported to have occurred in Petrograd on Saturday, shops being stormed by mobs.

According to reports newspapers suspended publication and authorities posted placards warning people to stay indoors to avoid danger.

Another newspaper says travelers from Petrograd report similar disturbances occurred there Friday. Soldiers were compelled to use their sabres, and many persons were wounded.

WASHINGTON, March 15—A successful revolution has taken place in Russia according to advices received through Berlin today embodying what is stated to be an official report issued in Petrograd.

The lead in the movement according to dispatches, was taken by the Duma which refused to accept a dissolution order, continued its sitting and organized a provisional government headed by M. Ratzianko, president of the Duma.

The imperial ministers the advices state, were dismissed and locked up.

People of Petrograd and troops there numbering 30,000 are declared to have supported revolutionary who had complete possession of the capital.

Order is said to have nearly been restored by yesterday, the third day of the revolution.

### STRENUOUS DAY FOR GOLDEN FESTIVAL MAN

The Honor Roll and the Chocolates continue to excite great enthusiasm among all the candidates in The West Virginian's Golden Festival. When the final count was made on the reports of yesterday, Miss Nellie Eckles secured the Honor Roll position. Her report was but a very little larger than those of Linn Hall, of Fairmont, and Miss Geneva Leonard, Fairmont. Miss Edith Patton, of Worthington, was fourth, while fifth position goes to Mrs. Sue Satterfield, of Monongah.

#### HONOR ROLL

Largest Daily Cash Report.  
Two pound box of Huyler's Chocolates sold by the Mountain City Drug Store, given to each Honor Roll Candidate daily.

Miss Beryle Baker, Mannington.
Miss Fannie Funt, Fairmont.
Tie for Monday
Miss Irene Straight, Rivesville.
Tuesday.
Mrs. Jeannette Ford, Fairmont.
Wednesday.
Miss Marie Dexter, Fairmont.
Thursday.
Miss Mary Murphy, Fairview.
Friday.
Mrs. I. N. Longstreth, Mannington.
Saturday.
SECOND WEEK.
Miss Olive Morgan, R. F. D. 3.
Monday.
Miss Edna Warder, Fairmont.
Tuesday.
Miss Nellie Eckles, Fairmont.
Wednesday.

This week will be one of the very most important of the entire Golden Festival. This week the big extra vote coupon of 40,000 extra votes on each (Continued on page six.)