

# CZAR OF RUSSIA ABDUCTED; GRAND BROTHER PROPOSES TO SUCCEED; STRIKE SATURDAY

## RUSSIAN MINISTRY IS SWEEPED FROM OFFICE BY REBELLION

### REVOLUTION BLAZED IN MANY REGIONS OF THE EMPIRE ON SAME DAY

It Was a Struggle Against the Pro-German Influence

### CZAR WAS AT THE FRONT

Nicholas—Hastened to Petrograd Only to Find New Government in Control

### THE EMPRESS IN FLIGHT

She Had Been Influential in Councils Opposed to the People—Army Joined the Revolution But Police Remain Loyal

(By Associated Press.)

**PETROGRAD, March 15.**—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 Protopopoff, head of the interior department is reported to have been killed, and other ministers, as well as the president of the imperial council are under arrest.

A new national cabinet is announced with Prince Lvoff 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 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.

### Empress in Flight

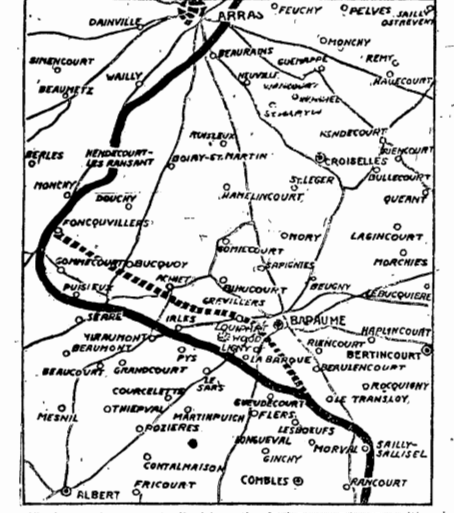
The president of the duma, Michael V. Rodzianko, was the leading figure among the deputies who unanimously decided to oppose the imperial order for a dissolution of the house. They continued their sessions and M. Rodzianko informed the emperor, then at the front, that the house had taken a vote which would result in the emperor's abdication. The imperial council realized the gravity of the situation and added its appeal to that of the duma that the emperor should give the people a policy and government in accordance with their desires and in order that there should be no interference with carrying on the war to a victorious ending.

The emperor hastened back from the front, only to find that the revolution had been successful and that a new government was in control. The empress, who it is alleged, has been influential in the councils opposed to the wishes of the people, is reported to have fled or to be hiding.

### At First a Mock Revolution.

The early period of the uprising bore the character rather of a mock revolution. Crowds charging down the street (aid so in a half-hearted fashion, plainly without malice or intent to harm the crowds. The troops exchanged good natured rallies with the workmen and women, and as they rode were cheered by the populace.

### British Expect Germans to Evacuate Bapaume



The latest advance of the British army of the Somme river, resulting in the capture of the villages and the important positions west of Bapaume, has led to the expectation that the German forces in that sector have outflanked Bapaume from their entire position. It is likely they will be forced to abandon the entire area.

## REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA WAS CAUSED BY A LACK OF FOOD

### Overseas News Agency Issues Statement from Berlin—Hunger Riots Increased in Petrograd and Russian Provincial Towns Until Order Broke Down Completely—No Bread For Sale—Notice Sent Masses of Yelling People to Streets

(By International News Service.)  
**Berlin, March 15.**—A dispatch from Petrograd via Stockholm says that the Russian revolution was caused by a lack of food.

The Overseas News Agency this evening issued the following supplementary statement: "About the victorious Russian revolution which confirms the interview transmitted yesterday by the Overseas News Agency about the serious conditions prevailing in Russia—only few details are known."

"Apparently the former government controlled the telegraphic wires until yesterday and suppressed all news. The attitude of French public opinion indicated that serious events were developing in Russia. The French press to be sure, published no news, but the unassuming, which signed in Paris was noticeable in all utterances concerning Russian affairs."

"From what now transpires, the Russian revolution began several weeks ago with isolated troubles in Petrograd and in practically all Russian provincial towns on account of the lack of food. These street riots increased almost everywhere by degrees. Streets were looted and workmen struck until finally public order broke down completely."

"This Petrograd already several days ago was the scene of a mock revolution. The crowds, as if by a prearranged signal, charged down the street and marched through the streets, singing, yelling and taking in a threatening attitude."

"Most of those parades covered by the city hall, others in front of the house of the ministry, continued until the departure of the minister. At several places there occurred clashes between the police and the populace."

"At noon today the duma convened for an emergency session in which the president of the parliament M. Rodzianko succeeded in quieting the leaders by announcing a meeting at which Prime Minister Golitzin, together with the members of the parliamentary council and delegates of other organizations would appear."

## GOV. BICKETT FAVORS UPHOLDING WILSON AND CAUSE OF THE ALIES

Governor Sends From Capital Striking Statement

"Because German Theory Is a Monstrous Anachronism and Deserves to Die"

"COUNT ON THIS STATE"

Governor Bickett Says Question of Making Every Possible Preparation for National Defense Has Passed Realm of Debate.

(By W. T. BOST.)

Raleigh, March 15.—"I am in favor of upholding the President and the cause of the allies because the German theory of government is a monstrous anachronism and deserves to die," declared Governor Bickett today in the most strikingly unambitious or "differently neutral" statement yet sent from the capital.

The New York World had telegraphed Governor Bickett for his sentiments in the trouble ahead. It asked him to say what North Carolina would do and what her soldiers might offer the President, Governor Bickett, observing in the telegram what New England governors have done, pledged as much for North Carolina and then gave the reasons for his faith.

"I beg to say that the question of making every possible preparation for national defense has passed the realm of debate," he said. "North Carolina can be proud of the fact that she has upholding the President and defending the rights of humanity."

"I have never been deeply interested in the technical question as to whether or not Germany has violated the code of international law in conducting her submarine warfare. That question is completely irrelevant to the present situation. The presence of the larger question, that is, whether the principles of Prussianism are to be maintained or whether they are to be abandoned in the world of the future, is the question that should be considered."

"I am in favor of upholding the President and the cause of the allies because the German theory of government is a monstrous anachronism and deserves to die. The unparliamentary and the whole bloody business is the sin of the German people. They are a great people, and the reborn blessing that kind of government under which they live on the earth. If we are to enter for the world war our justification for so doing will be found in the fact that the present government is a government of the people and for the people."

"The state's men for action, the nurses, hospitals and doctors are being made available for service. Dr. Julian M. Taylor, of Tarboro, has pledged as president of the Edgecombe General hospital six surgeons, 11 nurses and the entire equipment of the hospital. The state also has 450 women have offered themselves as nurses."

"These leaders have been made to the secretary of war and he is acknowledging the nation's obligation to its volunteers. Things are looking just a trifle more martial today than at any previous time."

Col. George Peterson and Gen. Beverly S. Rossington gave a banquet at the Raleigh hotel for the 140 war veterans who have been in the state the past two years.

### LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE MAKES LOCAL MEN AN OFFER

Montgomery, Ala., March 15.—Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, tonight issued an appeal to the employees of the system. He urged all old men to remain at work and not forfeit the pension rights and mutual benefit privileges earned by years of service. He made the following offer:

"The railroad will provide all brotherhood men carrying insurance in other mutual insurance in solvent company at same rate."

## J. R. COLLIE IS CHOSEN TO SUCCEED J. S. MANN BY NEW PRISON BOARD

Criminologist Samuel J. Busbee Retained as Warden

GOVERNOR'S NOMINATIONS

Capt. Christian, Who Whips as a Matter of Business, Retained as Farm Manager

DR. REGISTER TEMPORARY

As a "Practical Farmer" Collie May, Possibly, Leave Somewhat to Be Desired; Rhem Also Holds Onto His Job.

(By W. T. BOST.)

Raleigh, March 15.—Governor Bickett's new prison board holding its first meeting today and organizing itself for work, accepted the governor's recommendations in toto but in retaining as physician at the farm camps Dr. J. M. Register, made the doctor a temporary.

James R. Collie, of Lenoirburg, was made superintendent; E. F. McElhool, of White Oak, Bladen county, chief clerk; Samuel J. Busbee, of Raleigh, warden; Dr. C. W. Bell and C. E. Judd, of Raleigh, physicians to the prison and department for criminal insane; Captains C. N. Christian and C. J. Rhem, superintendents of the two farms in Halifax county and Dr. F. M. Register at the state farm.

The temporary retention of the Register and the appointment of Collie when he learned of the desire to inquire into "one or two things" before making the appointment of the governor, was a "practical farmer" to not at the board. James R. Collie does not appear to be farmer to the prison superintendent, chief clerk, prison physician, warden and deputy warden.

The recent investigation of prison conditions resulted in a recommendation that the present superintendent, chief clerk, and warden be retained. Collie does not appear to be farmer to the prison superintendent, chief clerk, prison physician, warden and deputy warden.

### Some Real Wake Up Calls

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### ORDER MADE BY GENERAL MANAGER FORCE AT CHARLOTTE LAST NIGHT

Similar Order West.

Charlotte, March 15.—A freight embargo for the 15 divisions of the line east of the Southern railway was issued from the office of General Manager W. N. Forester here tonight and a similar order is being issued from the office of the general manager of the line west of Charlotte.

### MOBILIZATION IS ORDERED

Richmond, Va., March 15.—Governor Henry C. Stuart announced tonight that orders had been received by Adjutant General W. W. Sale from the War Department to prepare at once a mobilization plan for all the military forces of Virginia.

## THE "PROGRESSIVE STRIKE" OF 400,000 RAILROAD MEN TO START AT 6 P.M. TOMORROW

### The Situation

A general railroad strike, affecting practically all the roads in the United States, is ordered to begin at 6 p. m. tomorrow.

The strike will be progressive, beginning with the New York Central, B. and O., and other northern and eastern roads.

Employees of the Southern railway are ordered out Sunday afternoon.

The President has made no statement but it is understood that he feels that the failure of administration railroad legislation in the last Congress has tied his hands.

It is stated that he will NOT call either the heads of the brotherhoods or the railroad managers into conference at Washington, as he did before.

He will probably issue an appeal to the retention of both sides, begging them not to tie up the transportation system while the country is facing an international crisis.

The men affected are the so-called "Four Brotherhoods," namely, the engineers, the firemen, the conductors and the trainmen.

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Freight Employees Leave First.

Freight employes, yardmen and engine hostlers on the New York Central east and west, the Nickel Plate and Baltimore and Ohio railroads and in the great yards in Chicago and St. Louis, will be the first to leave their posts. They will be followed Sunday by the same classes of workmen on the Southern railway, the Norfolk and Western, the Virginian, Chesapeake and Ohio and a group of northeastern roads.

No formal outline of the brotherhood program beyond the plans for these two days was made, either to the managers or to the public. It was said, however, that the freight employes on the other roads in the country would be called out in groups at 12 or 24-hour intervals after Sunday.

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If the partially-levied freight traffic by the railroads before that time the employes of all passenger trains will be ordered out Wednesday.

Railroads Have to Operate.

The railroad managers said tonight they expected that enough of their men would remain loyal to enable them to operate a skeleton service on most roads. They estimate that about 30,000 men and 40,000 mules employed on the roads on which the strike is to begin Saturday night.

The members of the managers' committee will remain here until tomorrow. If the men ask another conference it will be granted. They said they would make every effort to operate their roads in spite of the strike. Reference will be given to the movements of trains carrying mail.

When the managers, in their capacity as representatives of the railroads, are called to the attention of the conference offered to them by any decree of the courts, they will decline to appear. They were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court.

That was only another form of arbitration, and our men are sick and tired of arbitration.

The brotherhoods, which contain these

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