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LIBERTY FOR SLAVS

CZAR ISSUES IMPERIAL MANIFESTO TO ENDING AUTOCRATIC RULE.

National Assembly to Be Legislative Body With Extended Suffrage, Free Speech, Civil Liberty and Habeas Corpus—Witte is Premier.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31.—"I am sure the American people, who understand what freedom is, and the American press, which voices the wishes of the people, will rejoice with the friendly Russian nation at this moment, when the Russian people have received from his imperial majesty the promises and the guarantees of freedom, and will join in the hope that the Russian people will wisely aid in the realization of those liberties by co-operating with the government for their peaceful introduction. Only thus will it be possible to secure the full benefits of the freedom conferred upon the people."

Count Witte, Russia's first premier, sent the above message to the American people through the Associated Press. He had just arrived at his residence from Peterhof, where, in the Alexander palace, the emperor two hours before had given his final approval to a manifesto and to a program which will forever end the rule of absolutism exercised by him and his Romanoff ancestors for 300 years.

A simple perusal of the manifesto shows how complete is the emperor's abdication of his autocratic power. The very style of the document is clear and direct and devoid of the verbose, vague and bombastic phraseology which heretofore has characterized his majesty's manifestos. It not only betrays real authorship, but shows that the emperor at last has irrevocably bowed to the inevitable. He does not even conceal the fact that the discontent and agitation of his subjects has driven him to take the step and practically yields everything—civil liberty, the inviolability of person and liberty of conscience, speech and assembly. He not only converts the farcical imperial duma, with only consultative power, into an absolute legislative assembly, without the assent of which no measure shall become law and before which all governmental authorities must answer, but promises eventually universal suffrage. The title, "Autocrat of all the Russias," with which the manifesto begins now takes its place with the title of "King of Jerusalem," borne by the king of Spain and the emperor of Austria, and with other obsolete titles of European sovereigns.

Text of Manifesto.

The following is the text of the imperial manifesto:

"We, Nicholas the Second, by the grace of God, emperor and autocrat of all the Russias, etc., declare to all our faithful subjects that the trouble and agitation in our capitals and in numerous places fill our heart with excessive pain and sorrow. The happiness of the Russian sovereign is indissolubly bound up with the happiness of our people and the sorrow of our people is the sorrow of the sovereign. From the present disorders may arise great national disruption. They menace the integrity and unity of our empire. The supreme duty imposed upon us by our sovereign office requires us to efface ourselves and to use all the force and reason at our command to hasten in securing the unity and co-ordination of the power of the central government and to assure the success of measures for pacification of all circles of public life, which are essential to the well-being of our people. We, therefore, direct our government to carry out our inflexible will in the following manner:

"First—To extend to the population the immutable foundations of civic liberty, based on the real inviolability of person, freedom of conscience, speech, union and association.

"Second—Without suspending the already ordered elections to the state duma, to invite the participation in the duma so far as the limited time before the convocation of the duma will permit, those classes of the population now completely deprived of electoral rights, leaving the ultimate development of the principle of the

electoral right in general to the newly established legislative order of things.

"Third—To establish as an unchangeable rule that no law shall be enforceable without the approval of the state duma and that it shall be possible for the elected of the people to exercise real participation in the supervision of the legality of the acts of the authorities appointed by us.

"We appeal to all faithful sons of Russia to remember their duty towards the fatherland, to aid in terminating these unprecedented troubles and to apply their forces in co-operation with us to the restoration of calm and peace upon our natal soil."

The news spread like wildfire throughout the city. The revolutionists and active agitators generally declared loudly that the government's promises would no longer suffice and that the strike must be continued. Practically all classes, except the socialists and the extreme radicals, however, read the document with delight and amazement, declaring that it could not fail to rally the moderates to the support of Count Witte.

After the news got abroad, crowds began marching up and down the Nevsky Prospect, singing the national hymn and hurrahing for liberty.

The strike has ended on the Moscow and St. Petersburg, the Moscow and Kazan and the Moscow and Archangel railroads.

DESERT BY THOUSANDS.

For Fiscal Year 6,533 Enlisted Men and 3 Officers Take French Leave.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Major General F. C. Ainsworth, the military secretary, in his second annual report, devotes considerable attention to desertions from the army, and says: "Many remedies have been proposed, but none seems to be worthy of very serious consideration."

"It is safe to predict that desertion from the army will continue to be excessive unless there shall have been a radical change of public sentiment toward the army and until the deserter shall come to be regarded as the criminal that he is, to be ostracized and hunted down as relentlessly as any other transgressor of the laws."

The losses in the regular army during the fiscal year were: Officers killed in action or died of wounds, disease, etc., 24; resigned or discharged, 20; dismissed, 13; deserted, 3; retired, 59; total, 119. Enlisted men killed in action, died of wounds, disease, etc., 377; discharged on expiration of term of service, 22,254; discharged for disability, by sentence of court-martial and by order, 9,460; deserted, 6,533; retired, 189; total, 38,813.

Shortage May Reach Million and Half.

Pittsburg, Nov. 1.—Comptroller of the Currency Ridgley's report that the Enterprise National bank shortage may reach \$1,500,000 and the presence of Special Examiner Moxie in Harrisburg has temporarily turned the eyes of the bank's depositors towards the state and national capitals for the next development. Hearing of the injunction suit revealed the fact that collateral on a note pledged with T. Lee Clark, the deceased cashier, had been taken from the note and sold.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Prospective peace in Russia was today the chief influence in the wheat market here. As a result of the pacific outlook, prices in the wheat market had a downward tendency. At the close, the May option was off 3/8c. December was down 3/8c. Corn showed a gain of 3/8c. Oats were off 1/8c and provisions 2 1/2c to 7 1/2c. Closing prices: Wheat—Dec., 89 3/4c; May, 90 1/2c; July, 89 3/4c. Corn—Dec., 46 1/2c; new, 46 1/2c; May, 46 1/2c; July, 47 1/2c. Oats—Dec., 30 3/4c; May, 32 1/2c; July, 31 1/2c. Pork—Oct., \$16.10; Jan., \$12.37 1/2. Lard—Oct., \$9.97 1/2; Jan., \$6.82 1/2. Hides—Oct., \$8.75; Jan., \$6.50. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$8.90; No. 3 hard wheat, \$8.88; No. 2 corn, 52 1/2c; No. 2 oats, 30c.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Oct. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,500; steady to stronger; native steers, \$1.00 to \$1.50; cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$3.50; western steers, \$3.00 to \$4.50; Texas steers, \$2.75 to \$4.10; range cows and heifers, \$2.00 to \$3.50; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$4.00; calves, \$2.75 to \$5.75; bulls, stags, etc., \$1.05 to \$3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 4,900; shade to 5c lower; heavy, \$4.80 to \$4.95; mixed, \$4.85 to \$4.90; light, \$4.95 to \$5.05; pigs, \$4.40 to \$4.90; bulk of sales, \$4.85 to \$4.95. Sheep—Receipts, 3,500; steady to strong; westerns, \$5.50 to \$6.00; wethers, \$5.00 to \$5.65; ewes, \$4.50 to \$5.10; lambs, \$6.80 to \$7.30.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; steady; steers, \$3.80 to \$6.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.85 to \$4.00; cows and canners, \$1.40 to \$4.15; bulls, \$2.20 to \$4.20; heifers, \$2.15 to \$4.75; calves, \$3.00 to \$7.25. Hogs—Receipts, 21,000; lower; shipping and selected, \$5.10 to \$6.25; mixed and heavy packing, \$4.25 to \$5.07 1/2; light, \$4.90 to \$5.05; pigs and rough, \$4.25 to \$4.85. Sheep—Receipts, 35,000; unchanged; sheep, \$2.65 to \$6.00; lambs, \$2.25 to \$7.50.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Oct. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,500; strong to 5c higher; choice beef steers, \$5.25 to \$6.00; western steers, \$2.75 to \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.40 to \$4.20; cows, \$1.75 to \$3.50; heifers, \$2.50 to \$4.75; calves, \$2.50 to \$5.50. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; 5c to 7 1/2c lower; bulk of sales, \$4.90 to \$5.90; heavy, \$5.00 to \$5.95; pigs and light, \$4.70 to \$5.00. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; strong; top wethers, \$5.85; lambs, \$5.75 to \$7.75; ewes and yearlings, \$4.50 to \$6.00.

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