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GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE.

The Great railway strike which was deferred (and only deferred), by the Adameon Act, which Congress passed on the recommendation of the president, practically conceding the demands of the railway employees, may begin to-day.

Inter-marrying for political effect, in Europe, and among the Crown heads, has become most unpopular.

DROOPING IRISH HOPES.

The outlook for Ireland is not as rosy as at this anniversary of her patriot saint as it was a year ago.

Mr. O'Connor says the British government is responsible for this. All the Irish troops were not used as they expected to be.

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RUSSIA TRANSFORMED.

The revolutions in Russia comes as a great surprise, because, while it has been known that the people have long been discontented with their social and political conditions, it was not suspected that a revolution was at hand.

Pen pictures have been drawn by correspondents who have been in a position to study the character of the Czar. In one His Majesty has been represented, (before the war), as a timid, shrinking, skulking figure, possessed of autocratic power and yet afraid of the people whom he desired to rule with an iron hand.

While this was going on his government was under the domination of the Germans through emissaries who worked among the ruling classes, and who used Germany's gold for the promotion of their seditious purposes.

There were suspicions, afterwards confirmed, Rasputin, both lecherous and traitorous, was put out of the way. Every Russian knew what this meant. The trail of the serpent was found in all the departments of government.

The army disobeyed. Then the Czar and all who were associated with him, including the German plotters, realized that all Russia was against them; the military, the ruling classes, the Duma, and the army, and they fled. Years had passed while Liberty was struggling to break her shackles, and at once, as the result of revolution, lasting only three days, she freed herself.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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Can the United States government not take over the railways and op-

erate them while the employers and employees are quarrelling over the eight-hour day? The British government will be equal to an exploit of that kind. Is the United States government helpless?

The National Service Commission is campaigning at a probable cost of \$200,000 to get 12,500 farmers to leave the United States and settle and serve in the western provinces. Production must not suffer on any account.

With Prussianism so strong in the Russian cabinet and public offices the wonder is that war was declared upon Germany. What risks were run of defeat! With an expurgation of all that represents the enemy the Russian campaign will be very much improved.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The Scamps Snow Shoe Club made a trip to Cape Vincent to-day. There are very few applicants for liquor licenses this year, and many of those in the business will retire.

DEVELOPMENT OF TROUBLE IN RUSSIA

The Czar was not strong enough to withstand the power of the bourgeois in peace, he was no stronger in war. He is a flabby, timid, vacillating, superstitious incompetent. The Duma, which has only represented the people, was violent in its opposition to the government as it was constituted up to the time that Trepc became premier.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

THE POTATO. The potato is a once popular article of food which now costs more per front foot than a corner lot in the heart of New York City.

The only time that potatoes were higher than they are now was during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar when there was a total crop failure, accompanied by twelve distinct forms of valve-in-head indigestion. We are told that Nebuchadnezzar, who was a proud monarch with a twelve story appetite, became so famished that he would eat grass like a horse.

Rippling Rhymes

THE ILL WIND

Even as I write these stanzas, there's a wail of grief in Kansas for the winter that is going, has held but little snowing, and the soil is dry as blazes, so the weeping farmer raises such a bitter lamentation as should jar the silly nation. "Oh, there's been no sign of raining," bitterly he is complaining; "the alfalfa roots are dying and the wheat is shriveled lying."

-WALT MASON.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Time is Short. (Toronto Globe) Premier Heagst says he will not long retain the portfolio of agriculture. Not after the next election, at any rate.

Time For a Change. (Hamilton Spectator) When the day of lady legislators arrives times will have changed if more space is not devoted to what they wear than to what they declare.

Hard to Dodge. (London Advertiser) Barnstorf's trunk is the latest thing under suspicion. It would be hard for a German diplomat to get a toothbrush past the British official eye.

The Fool at Large. (Guelph Mercury) Just like our luck. As soon as our hens start to lay, some fool prophet in London gets into print and declares that eggs will soon be selling at 25 cents a dozen.

Should Have Accepted. (Hamilton Herald) Mr. Rowell's offer to the Government to permit the re-election of a new minister of agriculture without opposition removes the chief excuse the Government has for refraining from appointing a working minister of agriculture who would devote all his time to his department.

acted as the amplification of German influence at court and the assurance that the war would be carried to a finish, with a minimum of graft and treason. Treppoff was in office only three months when he quit and Sturmer, a pronounced reactionary, took his place. Immediately began to creep into the despatches the report that Germany was negotiating for a separate peace with Russia, with chances of success.

What the immediate effect will be upon the war when Russians take their government out of the hands of a grafting and often treasonable oligarchy, who will say that this taking of the power from the oligarchy by the people is an omen of a better day for Russia, who shall deny.

Premier Borden Has Problems to Deal With in London. London, March 17.—Sir Robert Borden is having some difficult problems to handle in connection with home affairs. It is no secret that much discontent prevails just now in Canadian military circles.

Under the new regime here the Hughes policy has been completely reversed and now only members of the permanent force seem eligible for appointment. Major-General Turner's appointment, from which much was expected, has not yielded satisfaction. The Premier is expected to deal with the situation and before he returns to Canada some important changes may take place.

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