

## RUSSIANS RETREAT

**KOUROPATKIN ACCEPTS COMMAND OF FIRST ARMY.**

In Spite of Reverses He is Considered the Best General and Foremost Strategist—Changes Positions With General Linevitch.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—The Russian army in Manchuria is still to have the services of General Kouropatkin, who is considered by many, in spite of his series of reverses, the best general and foremost strategist of the Russian army. Sinking all feeling of personal bitterness because of his supercession and all the old time enmity between himself and General Linevitch in a patriotic desire to be of service to the fatherland, the former commander-in-chief volunteered to remain in any capacity with the army which he had so long commanded. The tender has been accepted by Emperor Nicholas and gratefully received by the new leader of the grand army. The change exactly reverses the old order of affairs, when Kouropatkin was the supreme leader and Linevitch directed the first army.

Authoritative news of this remarkable step was known in Manchuria much earlier than in St. Petersburg. General Kouropatkin, having paused on his homeward journey at Harbin, started southward the afternoon of March 20, amidst a most remarkable farewell from residents of Harbin and soldiers who are on the way to fill out the ranks of the depleted army. The send-off was a mere foretaste of what awaits General Kouropatkin at the front, and his self-sacrificing determination and the equally patriotic course of General Linevitch in accepting the services tendered are bound to do wonders for the re-inspiration of the emperor's legions and give promise of union and harmony at the council table which that army has hitherto lacked.

**Retreat Progressing Uneventfully.**  
The retreat is apparently progressing uneventfully. No dispatches of moment were received.

Little weight is placed here on the deduction drawn at certain European capitals from the dispatch announcing that cannonading had been heard south of Tie pass, that General Rennenkampff's corps, endeavoring to rejoin the main army, had been intercepted south of Tie pass. The dispatch in question undoubtedly was erroneous and it may be pointed out that several correspondents at the front have mentioned the orderly retreat of General Linevitch's army and asserted that it effected a concentration at Tie pass with scarcely a straggler missing, but made no mention of the absence of so well known a fighter as Rennenkampff. In addition the Associated Press correspondent, M. Tolsukoff, who was with Rennenkampff's command during the battle, has arrived at general headquarters, slightly wounded.

Preparations are now making for the mobilization of a number of new detachments, not, however, on a general scale, the preliminary orders affecting but twenty-two districts in the governments of Odessa, Warsaw and Moscow.

**Renewal of Agrarian Troubles.**  
Recurrences and extensions of agrarian troubles are noted and near Libau workmen and peasants are making common cause. The Caucasus is already the scene of armed resistance to the forces of civil authority and in the region around Kieff, where the peasants are increasingly bold, there have been many cases of violence. The labor leaders in the great industrial centers are plainly planning to synchronize a general renewal of the strike with the climax of the peasant disorders and with the action of the troops in mind have been serving notice by anonymous letters and other warnings on guard officers here and officials in other cities that if another "red Sunday" comes and they order the troops to fire they will be held responsible therefor and their lives be made the forfeit.

**Official Report of Japanese.**  
Tokio, March 21.—The following official announcement has been made: "Our detachment entered and occupied Kalyuan Sunday morning at 4 o'clock. On the same day at 10:30 o'clock the enemy's cavalry, about sixty strong, with three companies of infantry, attempted a counter attack, but was completely repulsed. Toward the northeast the bridges on the main roads south of Kalyuan have been burned by the enemy. The railway bridges have been partly destroyed. The number of guns captured near Mukden is increasing, owing to discoveries of those buried by the enemy before retreating."

**Governor of Viborg Shot.**  
Viborg, European Russia, March 21.—Governor Miasorodoff was shot and seriously wounded by a boy, whose identity has not been ascertained. The assassin, who was about fifteen years old, obtained an entrance to the governor's office and fired three times at him, one bullet inflicting a

serious wound and the others slightly wounding the governor's legs. The governor's clerks and secretary were unable to stop the would-be assassin, who reached the street, where, however, he was arrested without a struggle. The governor's condition is critical.

**Strike Renewed at Lodz.**  
Lodz, March 22.—The workmen in a number of factories again struck. A police official was shot and severely wounded. His assailants escaped.

## EXPLOSION KILLS 60

**SHOE FACTORY OPERATIVES LOSE LIVES IN ACCIDENT.**

**Death Roll Now Contains Fifty-five Names—Rescue Work Made Difficult by Fierce Heat—Property Loss is Quarter of Million.**

Brockton, Mass., March 21.—This city is in mourning for at least three score of her citizens, whose lives were blotted out by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment, in the Campello district, conducted by the R. B. Grover company. The explosion was immediately followed by a flash of flame, which consumed the factory, a long, four-story structure, as if it were a house of cards, and incinerated an unknown number of men and women, who were unable to extricate themselves from a mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrific upheaval in the boiler room. More than 100 of the employes in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they had reached safe ground. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows and others had been injured in the mad rush to escape from the doomed factory, which from all parts emitted the intense, awful heat of an inferno, driving back the band of heroic rescuers, who in a few brief moments had performed gallant service.

The fire extended from the factory to seven other buildings in the vicinity and destroyed them. One of the buildings was a three-story wooden block, owned by Charles F. Dahlborg, the others being cottages of small value and a blacksmith shop. The wooden dwellings near the engine room were practically demolished by the flying boiler, but none of the occupants was seriously injured. The total financial loss is estimated at \$250,000, \$200,000 of which falls on the R. B. Grover company. The monetary losses are nearly covered by insurance.

**Many Unaccounted For.**  
It may never be known just how many persons perished in the wreckage. No one knows exactly how many persons were in the factory. The number has been estimated at 400, but Treasurer Emerson said he doubted whether there were so many at work. Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for and the remains of fifty-five bodies have been recovered from the ruins, the search being continued all night. Fragments of human frames, which possibly might belong to bodies other than those enumerated, have also been found. Few of the remains have been identified. The head in nearly every instance is missing and, except in rare instances, it was impossible to distinguish the sex.

Chief of Police Boyden expressed the opinion that some of the employes had not reached the factory at the time of the explosion and that undoubtedly a number of those living in nearby places were injured and had gone home without reporting their injuries. He thought that many of those unaccounted for, upwards of 100 in number, were among these. The disaster was attended by many harrowing scenes and thrilling rescues. For hours hundreds of the relatives of the factory operatives besieged the ruins and the fire and police stations in quest of missing ones. Some in their violent grief and agonizing stress of mind, collapsed.

Several of the rescuers and searchers fainted as they beheld the distressing scene. There was no trace of the body of David W. Rockwell, engineer of the plant, who was not seen after the explosion. It is supposed that he perished at his post.

**List of Dead and Missing.**  
The list of identified dead: J. R. Cole, Hardy H. Hall, Jerome A. Mayo, George Smith, Emma B. Pray, Florence A. Dunham, Samuel A. Tilley, Ernest Cabon, Nellie Leary, Miss Serena Shaw Burrows, Marion Tufts, Miss Fitzgerald, James N. Bell.

A list of missing was given out at the police station. There is reason to believe that all were killed, as every effort has been made to locate them. The list follows: Andrew Johnson, John Lundell, Jennie Styles, Almorant Hallett, Miss Georgie Emerson, Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, George Burgess, Barnabas Lewis, David W. Rockwell, Hannah Lindberg, Sadie Hickey, J. Victor Turner, Arthur Pray, Malderman, George A. Monk, Jessie Chandler, A. F. Nelson, Bror Lovejoy, Mrs. Stella Kelley, Mrs. Clara Atwood, Richard Spriggins, Mamie O'Connell, Mamie Leonard, W. R. Armstrong,

Kate Kelley, Louis Hickey, Granville Hoppin, Miss Burgess, L. Burgess, Mrs. V. Hurd, John N. Sullivan.

An inspection of the wrecked boiler by the state boiler inspector showed that there was a sufficient supply of water in it. The cause of the explosion is at present a mystery. The disaster will be further investigated by the state authorities.

**Beef Trust Investigation.**  
New York, March 21.—The United States district attorney, H. L. Burnett, has been taking evidence here for a week past in connection with the beef trust investigation by the federal grand jury in Chicago. The list of witnesses includes the names of all the New York representatives of all the big packing concerns in New York. The witnesses, it is said, were questioned in regard to the methods of the trust east of Chicago and the "blacklist" in the credit systems employed by the firms. All General Burnett would say was that what was being done was worth while.

## ITALY ANGRY AT CASTRO.

**President of Venezuela Seizes Italian Coal Mines by Armed Force.**

Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 20.—News has reached here that the governor of Barcelona, Venezuela, has received from President Castro orders to take possession at once of the coal mines of Guanta Narioual, situated near Barcelona, and leased in 1898 for thirty-three years by the Venezuelan government to an Italian company. The same day the Venezuelan troops took possession of the mines by armed force, as in the similar case of the New York and Bermudez company, this notwithstanding the protest of the Italian manager. This action has been taken without a judgment of the court of Caracas.

The Italian legation has been notified and Baron Aliotti, Italian charge d'affaires, is represented as having entered a protest.

**France Files Protest.**  
Washington, March 20.—Minister Bowen, at Caracas, has cabled the state department that the French minister at that place has protested to the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs against the action of the government, which has given notice to the French Cable company of its intention to annul its concession and seize its property. The nature of the protest is not given.

**Cruiser Colorado Sails.**  
Norfolk, Va., March 20.—The cruiser Colorado sailed from Hampton roads. It is understood she is bound for Venezuelan waters, though reports have her going to join the combined fleet at Pensacola. Ten expert torpedo men were sent to the cruiser from the League Island navy yard. The order for these torpedo experts was received in a personal telegram from Secretary Morton.

**To Ratify Warner's Election.**  
Kansas City, March 20.—A mass meeting to ratify the election of Major William Warner of this city to the United States senate to succeed Senator Cockrell will be held in Convention hall in the city next Friday evening. Invitations to attend have been extended to many prominent Missourians and Senator-elect Warner's Republican and Democratic friends will vie with each other in paying him honor. Kansas Cityans, regardless of their politics, will avail themselves of this opportunity of complimenting their distinguished fellow citizen. The list of speakers will include all of the notable political orators of the state.

**Flood Feared in Mohawk Valley.**  
Fonda, N. Y., March 20.—Residents of the Mohawk valley fear another flood from the overflow of the Mohawk river. The water has been constantly rising all day and the ice threatens to move out at any time. The New York Central railroad has ordered the section gangs on this division out on duty and a close watch is being kept on places where wash-outs are feared.

**Soldier Killed by Falling Wall.**  
St. Louis, March 20.—Word has been received here from St. Genevieve of the death of Leonard N. Gloor, sergeant of battery A, Missouri National guard, during the Spanish-American war, by the falling of a log house wall on a ranch near there. He served with distinction in the Porto Rican campaign.

**Warner Elected Senator.**  
Jefferson City, Mo., March 20.—In scenes of the wildest disorder Major William Warner (Rep.) of Kansas City was elected United States senator from Missouri to succeed Francis Marion Cockrell, whose term expired March 4.

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