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Tickets will be on sale daily, March 1st to May 15th inclusive, to points in Montana, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California at very low rates. Write, wire, phone, or call on A. C. Showalter, D. P. A., 807 State Street, Erie, Pa., for full particulars. 145m10

LINEVITCH IN COMMAND

General Kuropatkin Recalled to St. Petersburg.

Russians Retreat Northward—Peabody Won and Resigned—American Policy in Philippines—Death of General Hawley — Mrs. Chadwick's Effects Sold—International Checker Match.

General Linevitch, who has assumed command of the Russian army in Manchuria in place of Kuropatkin, who has been recalled to St. Petersburg, is distinctly a line officer, with a long and splendid record as a fighter. He is almost as cordially disliked by the general staff as is his predecessor and there also is bad blood between Kuropatkin and Linevitch dating from a personal quarrel in the days when Kuropatkin was commander of the Trans-Baikal army, which led Linevitch to demand satisfaction. Kuropatkin assumed the position that he could not fight an officer of inferior rank. The succession of this officer will naturally increase General Kuropatkin's discomfort.

The Russians are losing heavily in the rearguard actions, and Japanese are reported to be pushing northward as fast as possible to complete the envelopment of the Russian forces.

General Linevitch, however, will have a considerable accession of fresh troops in a day or two, the Fourth European corps being now at Harbin and departing southward.

The military officials declare there are now 258,000 men at General Linevitch's disposal in Manchuria, and it is believed that this force will be sufficient to cause the Japanese to exercise greater caution in their pursuit.

Abandon Southern Manchuria. With evacuation of Tie pass Wednesday night the Russian army abandoned the last stronghold in Southern Manchuria and definitely turned over the section to the Japanese for the campaign of 1905.

General Kuropatkin and the remnants of the army which was defeated by the Japanese on the Shalke and Hun rivers and again around Mukden and Tie pass, are now in the mountains a few miles north of the southern entrance to the pass, trying to shake off their pursuers, who apparently are not going to repeat the mistake of Liao Yang and allow the Russian army to escape.

Kuropatkin has been reinforced by the garrison of Tieling and other northern towns and a few new troops, who were on their way from Russia when the battle of Mukden began. But even with these there seems little hope for him.

Japs Take Fakoman and Kaiyuan. The Russian army continues its northern retreat, the Japanese following. The latter have occupied Fakoman, to the northwest of Tie pass, and Kaiyuan, 20 miles to the northeast.

The Russian retreat became more disorganized daily after the storm. During the first day the Russians buried their dead, but since then they have left the dead wherever they fell. Tuesday the Russians made an attempt at resistance in entrenchments north of the Hun river but abandoned them after they had been shelled for two hours.

General Kuroki's army captured the colors of the Fifth regiment of rifles. The colors were inscribed as having been presented to the regiment by the emperor in 1824. Most of the captured organizations succeeded in burning their standards before surrendering. A few prisoners are secured daily.

Czar's Ministers Urge Peace. While Emperor Nicholas, whose word is final, declines to abandon the prosecution of the war and the government maintains its ability to continue the conflict, there is authority for stating that powerful influences, including several of the emperor's own ministers, are now strongly urging that the time has come to indicate to Japan Russia's desire for peace upon a reasonable basis.

Should Japan then attempt to impose too onerous conditions these influences argue that in view of the universal wish to see the bloody conflict ended Russia's position will be strengthened abroad by the alienation of sympathy from Japan and the situation at home improved when the nation is made to understand that the emperor's pacific proposals have been met with impossible terms.

Admiral Togo's Fleet. The appearance of Vice Admiral Togo's fleet in the track that would be used in any attempt by Vice Admiral Rojestevsky to make for Vladivostok is reported.

So far as known at present Rojestevsky's squadron is still off the coast of Madagascar, but as the ice in the harbor of Vladivostok is probably beginning to give, the Russian admiral must soon make a decision whether to dash for Vladivostok or return to Russia. Naval experts here believe that Togo will not come much further in quest of the second Pacific squadron, on the ground that he cannot afford to run unnecessary risks.

Gopon Appeals to Peasantry. Father Gopon, the leader of the St. Petersburg workmen in the demonstration of Jan. 22, who, according to the St. Petersburg Tribune, is still in hiding in France, has issued another stirring appeal to the Russian peasantry, calling on them to follow the directions of the revolutionary committee, for

getting all differences of religion and race, and rise as one man, armed for a general insurrection against czarism.

Indefinite Retention of Islands.

To allay misapprehension relative to the policy of the administration with respect to the future of the Philippines, Secretary Taft made public the text of a letter which he wrote to John N. Blair of New York, bearing directly on that subject. The secretary states very plainly that the policy of the administration is the indefinite retention of the Philippines, "for the purpose of developing the prosperity and the self-governing capacity of the Filipino people."

What shall be done when the Philippines have reached a condition when they can safely be trusted with their own government the secretary believes to be a question which doubtless will have to be settled by another generation than the present.

Peabody Governor For a Day. The bargain made by opposing Republican factions of Colorado to take the governor's chair from Alva Adams and to seat in it Lieutenant Governor Jesse F. McDonald, after permitting James H. Peabody to hold it for one day, was carried to a conclusion late Friday.

Governor Adams was ousted and Governor Peabody installed by the general assembly about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon and Governor McDonald was sworn in before 5 p. m. Friday. Thus in a space of less than 24 hours Colorado has had two governors.

It is said, McDonald reluctantly takes the chair. He has taken no part in the bitter fight waged since the election.

Movement to Abandon Canal.

The plan of W. E. D. Stokes and other New York railroad men to abandon the proposed barge canal and construct on bed of Erie canal a freight railroad will be brought to the attention of the legislature Monday night by a constitutional amendment to be introduced by Senator Ambler. The measure provides that the proposed road may be built and operated by the state or private enterprise. Senator Ambler said that three railroads had offered to fill up the canal and erect lines on which they would guarantee to ship freight at a cost not exceeding that of transportation by the proposed barge canal and at a speed of at least 30 miles an hour.

Champion Pacing Stallion Dead.

Direct, 2:05 1/4, formerly the champion pacing stallion and sire of many grand circuit winners, dropped dead of rupture of the heart at East-view Farm, James Butler's stock farm. The stallion was valued at about \$50,000 and was the sire of Directly, 2:03 1/4, and Direct Hal, 2:04 1/4. Directly is still the world's champion 2-year-old pacer. Sixty of Direct's got are credited with standard records, 21 of them under 2:15. Direct was sired by Director and was 20 years old. He won many prizes as a trotter, and at the age of 6 years became a pacer, winning about \$14,000 in pacing. His heat of 2:06 is still the world's high wheel sulky record.

Death of General Hawley.

General Joseph R. Hawley died in Washington Friday night. General Hawley has been critically ill for some time. He left the senate March 3 after a service of more than a score of years. By a special act of congress he was placed upon the retired list of the army as a brigadier general. General Hawley was born in North Carolina in 1826 but removed to Connecticut in 1850. He entered the Union army as a captain.

Chadwick Effects Sold.

The household property of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was sold at auction to A. D. Nelson, New York, for \$25,200. Samuel L. Winternitz of Chicago was the second highest bidder with a bid of \$25,100. There were 20 bidders. Clothing to the value of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 which Mrs. Chadwick held to be exempt from the claims of her creditors under the bankruptcy laws was not offered for sale.

24 Men Killed in Mine Explosions.

As a result of an explosion in the Bush Run and Red Ash mines near Thurmond, W. Va., Saturday night 24 men are dead in the two mines.

Ten of these were killed in the explosion Saturday and the other 14 were a rescuing party who entered the mine Sunday. These latter were killed by a second explosion of the afterdamp.

International Checker Match.

An international checker tournament between British and American teams has been opened at the American House, Boston. It is expected that the tournament will last 10 days, as 400 games are to be played according to an agreement by both teams. The visiting team is made up of five Scotch and five English champions.

Lehigh Valley Station Burned.

The Lehigh Valley station at Owego, N. Y., was practically destroyed by fire on Friday night. The loss will be several thousand dollars, the amount not being known. The fire started from the explosion of a coal stove.

Pillory Abolished; Whipping Post Left.

The boxes of representatives of the state of Delaware passed the senate bill abolishing the pillory in that state. An effort was made to repeal the law which provides for the whipping post but it failed. The anti-pillory bill now goes to the governor.

BROCTON IN MOURNING.

For Loss of Sixty Employees of Grover Shoe Factory.

Many Employees Killed by Boiler as it Flew Through the Factory and More in the Collapse of the Building Which Followed—Fire Rapidly Consumed Imprisoned Victims.

Brocton, Mass., March 21. — The city is in mourning for at least three score of her citizens whose lives were blotted out by the explosion of a 150-horse power boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment in the Campello district, conducted by the R. B. Grove company.

The explosion was immediately followed by a fire which consumed the factory, a fine four-story structure, 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.

Four Hundred in the Factory.

More than half a hundred of the employees in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they 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 rescuers who in a few brief moments had performed gallant services.

It may never be known just how many persons perished in the big foot power plant, for it is not known just how many persons were in the factory. The number has been estimated at 400, but Treasurer Emerson said that he doubted whether there were so many at work. Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for and the remains of 50 bodies have been recovered.

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 case is missing.

The explosion, which was followed by such a sacrifice of life and appalling instances of human suffering, occurred shortly after the operatives had settled down to the work of the day. Suddenly the air vibrated with the roar of an explosion. At the same moment the larger wooden frame of the factory, a 4-story structure, quivered and then the rear portion of it collapsed.

In a fraction of a second this section of the great building was transformed into a mass of iron and wood wreckage, in the midst of which human beings were pinioned. In another moment flames broke out in the debris and death by fire and suffocation became the fate of scores of the operatives.

Boiler Flew Through Building.

When the boiler exploded it passed upward almost perpendicularly, tearing a passage as it went, and killing many on the way. After rising high in the air, it descended half the distance and then swerving northerly cut its way like some huge projectile through a dwelling house 50 feet away and another dwelling further on, demolishing the latter structure. Here its course was stopped.

Scenes of horror followed the rending apart of the factory building. In the rear the three upper floors, weighted with heavy machinery, collapsed with a crash that was heard for blocks. Men and women operatives working in departments of this section had time to turn in an attempt to flee, after the first dull roar, when the flooring sank beneath them and they were carried to the ground floor and crushed amid the mass of debris.

Many fell into a veritable fiery furnace. In the section of the factory which remained standing the operatives were panic stricken as they sought escape.

Many fled down the stairways and reached the street, others ran to the windows, the fire escapes in many cases having been torn away by the explosion. In desperation many jumped from the second and third story windows to the ground and were dangerously injured. The crush on the stairways resulted in numerous minor injuries.

Scarcely had the rear portion of the structure collapsed when a tongue of flame started up from the boiler pit, communicating with the splintered wreckage, and soon the entire factory was in flames.

Instant death was the fate of many who went down with the floors that collapsed. A large number of men and women who were working near the supports were alive after the floors and walls fell. From these unfortunates thrilling cries of agony and terror went up. Almost all had been caught between broken timbers and heavy pieces of machinery. A few persons succeeded in extricating themselves from the wreckage but more were roasted to death.

By this time nearby citizens had arrived to assist the employees who escaped in the rescue of their fellows. This task became momentarily more difficult and perilous, for the heat from the fire was almost unbearable. By the use of long pieces of timbers the rescuers were able to raise parts of the wreckage and thereby release some of the imprisoned men and women, and then by rushing into the smoke pull them from the ruins.

Then it was that acts of sacrifice and heroism were seen. One man whose legs were caught under an iron beam cried to the rescuers that they could not extricate him, and that he help the girls behind him. Stretching out his arms he lifted several girls, one by one, and passed them to the rescuers. Then the fire reached him and he died.

Father O'Rourke's Heroic Work. A woman who was entangled in a shoe machine cried out that she was dying and commanded the rescuers to attend to others who might live. She begged to be shot. Soon the flames enveloped her. Among the first to arrive on the scene was Rev. James A. O'Rourke, curate at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic church near by. At the risk of his life he removed seven persons from the ruins before the fire reached them and was returning for the eighth time when he fainted from the effects of the smoke and the shock. Father O'Rourke administered the last rites of the church to many of the sufferers.

DEACON WAS MISUNDERSTOOD.

Young Man Who Had Signed Pledge Considered It Cancelled.

Gettysburg, Pa., March 20.—Deacon George Little, Adams county's disciple of Bishop Potter, and an advocate of the Subway Tavern, who accepted a position as barkeeper at the Hunterstown hotel, that he might put a check upon the drink evil, has received a setback in his much-cherished plans.

A young friend, who formerly enjoyed the convivial glass, had been prevailed upon by the deacon to sign the pledge.

This friend, entering the hotel, discovered his erstwhile adviser behind the bar. Without waiting to ask the deacon his purpose in indulging in this occupation, and considering his pledge thus cancelled, the friend ordered whisky for the crowd in the saloon. In vain did the deacon remonstrate, and remind him of his pledge.

The other insisted that the drinks should be served, and Deacon Little was compelled to comply.

EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Ten Men Killed—Same Mine in Which 46 Lives Were Lost Three Years Ago.

Charleston, W. Va., March 20.—An explosion occurred at the mines of the New River Smokeless Coal and Coke company, at Rush Run, Saturday, in which 10 men were killed.

The explosion was in the Rush Run mine, and extended through to the Red Ash mine, nearly two miles away, and great flames of fire burst out of the mouths of both mines.

There were about five men in each mine who stayed there at night to take care of the mines and all were killed. The interior of the mines are in such a state that it is impossible for anyone to enter to investigate.

The Rush Run and the Red Ash mines are the property of the same company and the latter is the mine in which 46 lives were lost three years ago. It is impossible at this time to ascertain the cause of the explosion.

Four Years For Elopers Cordova.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 20.—J. F. Cordova, the unfrocked minister, who twice eloped with Julia Downs of South River, and who was convicted of abandoning his wife and three children and assaulting his wife, was sentenced to serve four years in prison. Cordova was convicted after two sensational trials, and the sentence imposed was the maximum penalty provided for the crimes. Under ordinary procedure, when a prisoner is sentenced at the same time for more than one offense it is ordered that the sentences shall run concurrently, but this was not done in the case of Cordova, who will have to serve separately the two terms imposed by the court.

HIGH GROUND ON DIVORCE.

Governor Higgins Vetoes Bill of Assemblyman Phillips.

Albany, March 21.—Governor Higgins sent to the assembly his veto of the bill of Assemblyman Phillips which would have permitted divorce suits to be brought by persons living outside the state when the offense was committed and the defendant resided here.

In his veto message the governor says: "This would involve a radical change in the policy of the state governing actions for a divorce. The law as it now stands has, in substance, been in force ever since the adoption of the revised statutes and it would seem that the amendment ought not to prevail unless some controlling reason therefor exists."

"It is not clear to my mind that any good purpose would be served by the amendments. Its unquestioned effect would be to open the doors of our courts to non-residents of this state seeking divorces from our residents, and thereby to increase greatly the number of divorce decrees, already too numerous, and to break down the standard maintained by this state in regard to actions brought to dissolve the marriage tie. It would, in my judgment, be a step backward for the state of New York to leave the high ground it has hitherto occupied in this important matter of domestic morals."

"Doubtless, by reason of legal technicalities, there are isolated cases where an innocent party suffers hardship by reason of our existing laws as to jurisdiction and doubtless a lawyer may argue that the amendment is consistent and proper. Indeed, of all the judges whose opinion I have been able to obtain on this point, but one advised me that, in his judgment it would be against sound legal policy for me to approve this amendment."

"I have, however, come to the conclusion that the plea of legal consistency is of little weight when compared with the duty of maintaining unshaken the present conservative position of the state on the divorce question."

Suit of Greene and Gaylor.

Washington, March 21.—The suit of Greene and Gaylor in the name of the Atlantic Contracting company to recover about \$710,000 from the government for work done and breach of contract in connection with their work in improving Cumberland Sound, Ga., was brought to a standstill by an order of the court of claims directing them to appear here and give testimony in the case, and that its prosecution be stayed until the order is complied with.

Home For Blind of the State.

Watertown, N. Y., March 21.—Oscar Outman of Adams, a wealthy blind musician, has inaugurated a movement for a home for the blind of the state. He proposes to erect a farm home, divided into sections, each population center of the state to be represented by a section. Once established the home will be practically self-sustaining.