

RUSSIA'S NEW COMMANDER

General Linevitch Takes Place of General Kuropatkin.

SECOND PACIFIC FLEET SAILS

Russian Retreat Hastened by Continuous Rear Guard Action—Russians Resisting Stubbornly.

Dispatches from the front briefly announce that Gen. Linevitch has assumed command, and that Gen. Kuropatkin departed for St. Petersburg. Gen. Linevitch will have a considerable accession of fresh troops in a day or two the Fourth European corps being now at Harbin and departing southward.

Military officials here declare there are now 268,000 men at Gen. Linevitch's disposal in Manchuria, and it is believed this force will be sufficient to cause the Japanese to exercise greater caution in their pursuit. Prince Hilkoff, who will leave St. Petersburg soon to prepare the Siberian railway for forwarding the new levies which have been determined upon, said yesterday there had been no breakdown as yet, and he hoped as soon as navigation opened to transport one-fourth of the outgoing soldiers by the rivers and relieve the railroad to that extent.

The rear guard action is continuing almost unintermittently. Soldiers wounded in the last fight to the number of 1,700 were dispatched north from Tie pass March 15. The morning of March 15 the Japanese made their principal attack on the Russian left, and in the evening attacked the right also.

It is reported that several columns of Japanese infantry with cavalry are moving north a considerable distance west of the railway, with the intention of cutting the Russians from the base. It seems evident that the advance movement of the Japanese has continued for a long time, and perhaps unintermittently. The Russians though fatigued with three weeks of constant fighting, are offering a stubborn resistance in their withdrawal, though not attempting to hold a position which is naturally open to a turning movement.

The wagon trains are gradually being brought into order, but many carts are missing, including those carrying private supplies of food. The distributing depot, which has done much good work at Kailuan, will leave today for the north.

The Russian second Pacific squadron left Nossi Be the afternoon of March 16. Its destination is not known.

STEEL TRADE REVIVING

Depression During 1903-4 Cause of Decrease in Earnings.

President W. E. Corey, of the United States Steel Corporation, published for the 67,500 shareholders of the company the annual report for 12 months ended December 31 last, showing a decrease of \$92,167,000 in gross earnings, compared with the corresponding period of 1903. By decreasing operating and general expenses, depreciation and improvement deductions, and passing the dividend on the common stock in January, the final surplus for the year showed a decrease of only \$7,300,000. Through the conversion of the 7 per cent preferred stock into 5 per cent bonds \$5,184,000 was saved in dividend payments.

In his report Mr. Corey says the depression in the iron and steel trade which, in common with all other lines of business, took place during the summer of 1903, continued until the late fall of 1904. In the latter part of the year 1904 there was a marked increase in the volume of business received and this revival has continued.

The tonnage of unfilled orders on the books December 31, 1904, was 4,696,203 tons of all kinds of manufactured products, in comparison with 3,215,123 tons at the close of 1903.

RAILROAD PENSIONS

More Than a Million and a Half Given Away in Five Years.

Statistics prepared by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's pension department covering the first five years of the system, ended December 31, 1904, show that the company has paid \$1,614,087 in pensions. This does not include the expense of operating the department which is borne by the company.

During the five years 2,418 employees have been retired on pensions, of whom 700 have died. Of the total number retired 508 were between the age of 65 and 69. Of these, 439 were retired at their own request.

Atchison Orders Cars.

The Atchison railroad has ordered about 3,500 freight cars from the Standard Steel car company, the American Car and Foundry company and the Rodgers Ballast Car company. It is also considering placing an order for about 50 switch engines, and has recently ordered 75 other locomotives from the Baldwin company.

Many Canal Positions to Be Created.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has approved the recommendation of the chief engineer for the creation of a large number of positions in connection with the prosecution of the canal work. The positions will be filled as far as possible by certification from the eligible lists of the civil service commission, but, should these lists prove insufficient for furnishing the full quota of men desired, emergency appointments will be made without civil service examinations.

GOVERNOR ADAMS OUSTED.

Peabody Declared Elected on Promise to Resign.

James H. Peabody won his contest for the office of Governor of Colorado, from which he retired January 10, after serving a term of two years, but his victory was achieved only after he had given his pledge to resign and surrender the chair to Lieutenant Governor Jesse F. McDonald, Republican. Governor Peabody took over the office of Governor from Adams this evening.

The vote in joint convention of the General Assembly, by which Governor Alva Adams, Democrat, was ousted, and Governor Peabody, Republican, installed, was 51 to 41. Ten Republicans voted with the Democratic members of Adams.

While the Republican majority on joint ballot is 35, it was found impossible to gain for Peabody enough votes to reinstate him Governor for the term ending in January, 1907. Finally the leaders of the opposing Republican factions arranged a compromise by which Peabody would be vindicated by being declared elected, and McDonald would be made Governor.

Jesse F. McDonald was born in Ashtabula, O., in 1858, and was for a long time a resident of Pennsylvania. He came to Colorado in 1879, and has extensive mining interests in Leadville and elsewhere.

By throwing out 104 precincts in Denver the Assembly gave Peabody a plurality over Adams.

GREAT RUSH OF IMMIGRANTS

Influx of Foreigners into the United States Breaking All Records.

The remarkable rush of immigrants to this country is breaking all records, and steamship men are at a loss to account for it. For the first two and one-half months of this year it has been found that 100,000 more immigrants landed on these shores than in the same period last year, when steamship agents abroad were spreading broadcast over the European continent the report that America was enjoying wonderful prosperity.

While times are good this year there are not so many laboring jobs as last year. The total immigration to New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and gulf ports for the first two and one-half months of 1904 was 73,000. For the same period last year 175,000 persons landed at the same ports. Strangely enough, there is a decrease of 10,000 in the number of steerage passengers who returned home in the last two months over the same period last year.

34 BULGARIANS ARE KILLED

Slain With Leader, Apostol, in Fight With Gendarmes.

Apostol, the Bulgarian leader, chief organizer of the long-standing insurrection in the Saloniki district, has been killed in the course of a fight with gendarmes.

In company with 38 of his followers he was surprised by a strong party of gendarmes at a small village near Guevgueli, a place two hours distant from Saloniki. A fierce fight followed, lasting three hours. At the end of that time only five of the Bulgarians were left alive and they were captured. One gendarme was killed and 11 were wounded.

The Bulgarians had been transporting ammunition to one of their strongholds in the mountains.

OIL SPOUTS FORTH

Discovery of Vast Fields of Petroleum in Northwest Territory.

Vast fields of the highest grade of petroleum have been discovered north of the International boundary line in Alberta and Athabasca. The territory thus far prospected has an area of 200 square miles. Subterranean reservoirs have been tapped and oil flows as from artesian wells. The discovery was made in the Mormon settlements, but was kept quiet for a time. The Canadian Pacific, from the north, and the Great Northern, from the south, are building branch lines to Oil City.

CHADWICK EFFECTS SOLD

Are Bought for New York Art Gallery for \$25,200.

The household property of Mrs. Chadwick was sold at auction to A. D. Nelson for a New York art gallery for \$25,200. Samuel F. Winternitz of Chicago, was the second highest bidder, with a bid of \$25,100. There were 29 bidders. Clothing to the value of between \$4,000 and \$5,000, which Mrs. Chadwick held to be exempt under the bankruptcy law, was not sold.

Attorneys for Mrs. Chadwick and Trustee Looser attended the sale.

Among the property sold were such articles as a French walnut wall clock, \$200; several paintings, valued at \$3,500; ivory tankards, \$150 and \$400; organ, \$2,000; typewriter, \$7; Colport china, cutglass ware, hand-painted chinaware, liquor sets, mahogany furniture, Oriental rugs, tapestries, electric fans, decorations, panels, silverware, hair rugs, toilet articles, linens, kitchen utensils, shoes, fancy work, harness, wagon, carriage, robes, umbrellas and bric-a-brac of hundreds of varieties.

Last Stronghold Lost.

With the evacuation of Tie Pass Wednesday night the Russian army abandoned the last stronghold in Southern Manchuria and definitely turned over to the section to the Japanese for the campaign of 1905. At least no other strategy is possible for General Kuropatkin, in view of his scanty supplies of ammunition and stores, the shattered condition of his army and the wide enveloping movements which the Japanese have continued almost without a stop since the Russian defeat at Mukden.

FATAL EXPLOSIONS IN MINE

Flames Leap from Top of Shaft Telling of Death Within.

VICTIMS NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE

Rushed Headlong Through Gaseous Chambers in Effort to Reach the Bodies of Their Comrades.

As the result of explosions in the Rush Run and Red Ash mines near Thurmond, W. Va., 24 men are dead in the two mines. Ten of these were killed in an explosion Saturday night and the other 14 were members of a rescuing party who entered the mine Sunday morning to secure the charred and blackened remains of their fellow workers. These latter were killed by a second explosion and after damp.

Both mines are operated by the New River Smokeless Coal and Coke company. The first explosion was caused by a "naked" flame coming in contact with mite gas. The flames leaped from the drift mouth and set fire to everything in reach that was not blown from perished at the first explosion.

The great drum by which the loaded cars are run from the drift mouth down the incline to the tippie and the empties drawn up to the mine and down the mountain side, while the drum house caught fire and was consumed. The cars that stood at the mouth of the mine were blown far down toward the tippie and much of the track of the incline was destroyed. The rails were twisted and the cars were hurled and sent screeching and charred many yards away. The big fan that furnished air to the mine was so damaged that it was several hours before it could be repaired and started again.

A rescue party was formed and about 20 men entered the mine, in search of the bodies of those who had perished at the first explosion. The men explored the mines for two or three hours, putting up brattices so that pure air should follow them wherever they went. Finally some of them came out and reported that the others were too careless in going forward faster than the good air was being supplied carrying at the same time a "naked" light.

At 3:45 another awful explosion occurred caused by the gas coming in contact with the "naked" flame of a miner's lamp and 14 more souls were launched into eternity. This explosion was not so forceful as the former, but the more awful in its effects and was followed by a shorter, thinner tongue of flame.

The names of those killed Sunday so far as obtainable, are as follows: Crockett Hutchinson, Boyd county, Ky.; machinist. Norman Hutchinson, miner, Boyd county, Ky. Norman Hutchinson, miner, Boyd county, Ky. Thomas Bannister, fire boss and an officer of the United Mine Workers' Union, Fayette county, W. Va. Bratt Jackson, mine boss, Louisa, Ky.

Charles Winn, miner, Fayette county, James Winn, mine boss, Louisa, Ky. George Hopkins, track boss, Maiden, W. Va. Henderson Moseley, Fayette county, E. W. Hinson, trackman, Amherst, Va.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Two brothers were killed by an explosion of gas in the Pittsburgh Coal & Iron Company's mine at Sykesville, Pa. The dead were: Anthony Causlovich and Enos Causlovich.

The Pittsburgh Coal Company has begun the construction of an immense power house near Canonsburg, which will supply electricity to all the mines of the concern in this district.

The United States army transport Sumner, from New York, has arrived at San Juan, Puerto Rico with 14 Congressmen, mostly members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, accompanied by their wives and children.

King Alfonso has signed the appointment of Don Emilio de Ojeda, Spanish Minister at Washington, as Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Senor Jacintho de Colagan, Minister of Spain in Morocco, is appointed Spanish Minister at Washington.

Autos May Come in Freely.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued new regulations governing the importations of automobiles for touring purposes. These regulations limit the privilege to nonresidents of the United States and require a certificate from the United States Consul at the port of exportation that the machine is for touring purposes, but it may be used for racing or taking part in other specific contests.

Screw Plants Sold.

The Hartford Machine Screw company's business and plants in Hartford, Conn., and in Elyria, O., have been sold to the Standard Screw company, of Detroit, Mich., it is said. The Hartford concern is capitalized at \$500,000 and it is understood that the sale price approaches \$1,000,000.

Vesuvius Again in Action.

Mount Vesuvius is again in eruption and is throwing out burning lava, red-hot stones and a high column of smoke, while detonations are heard at long distances. The eruption is attributed to an earthquake, which was felt for 80 miles.

Sanaa, capital of the province of Yemen, Arabia, with its garrison of 5,000 men, is reported to have fallen into the hands of the Arab insurgents.

MRS. CHADWICK VISITS HOME

Officers Accompany Her While She Selects Personal Property.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, accompanied by two deputy United States marshals, left the county jail in a closed carriage and was driven to her old home for a farewell visit. With the exception of \$500 in personal effects exempt from the claims of creditors, all of the furnishings and other personal property in the house will be sold at public auction by Trustee Nathan Looser. Upon entering the sumptuously furnished residence she broke down and wept bitterly.

Mrs. Chadwick selected between \$4,000 and \$5,000 worth of personal property. Almost all of this was wearing apparel, and Mr. Looser said that he would protest each and every selection. Mr. Looser said: "Mrs. Chadwick selected enough clothing for 25 women, which, in view of the way she has squandered her creditors' money, I consider very bad taste."

Before leaving the house Mrs. Chadwick again broke down and gave way to tears. She was allowed five minutes with her husband, who only for a moment showed signs of affection or feeling for her. Replying to her statement that she knew he was innocent of any charges against him, Dr. Chadwick said: "I hope you will be able to disprove the charges against you."

SAYS FAMINE IMPENDS

John Redmond Points Out Necessity of Relief for Suffering Irish.

In the house of commons John Redmond, in supporting Mr. Hayden's motion charging the government with failure to anticipate the distress in the west of Ireland, urged the government to take immediate steps to avert impending famine. Unless a remedy be found, he said, there will be no peace, and there ought not to be peace. The land act of 1903, Mr. Redmond asserted, had utterly failed to settle the problem, and the tide of emigration will not cease until the grazing lands of the west have been restored to the people.

The existing conditions of things, he further said, are infamous and cruel and have made English rule in Ireland abhorrent to humanity.

SHORTAGE OF CARS

Traffic Officials Alarmed Over Lack of Cars.

A shortage of cars on eastern railroads has prevailed, with constantly growing effect, since the breaking up of the cold spell in February, and the condition has now become so serious that the fear of traffic congestions resulting in a more serious situation is entertained by all railroad officials. The traffic men and forces in the operating departments of the railroads are losing much sleep these days in their endeavors to keep their lines free from blockades and the terminals from being congested with freight awaiting shipment.

Shippers in all quarters are demanding cars at an enormous rate.

POLICYHOLDERS TO CONTROL

Direction of Equitable Society Turned Over to Them.

The control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society has been turned over to the policyholders by James Hazen Hyde. The unexpected surrender of Mr. Hyde came at a meeting of the mutualization committee of the society, when a plan was adopted by which the policyholders will elect 28 of the 52 directors, the stockholders electing the remaining 24. The plan ends the fight between President Alexander, for the policyholders, and Mr. Hyde, who controls the majority of the stock of the society, and places the control of nearly \$500,000,000 in funds in the hands of 600,000 policyholders.

No Regulars at State Camps.

The War Department finds that it will be obliged to decline to send regular troops to the encampments of State militia organizations because available funds for transportation will no more than meet the actual requirements of the service.

TWENTY-THREE DROWNED

British Ship Khyber Wrecked Off the Coast of Cornwall.

A storm of hurricane force burst during the night of the 15th. The British ship Khyber has been totally wrecked off the Cornish coast. Twenty-three of her crew were drowned and three were saved. The Khyber sailed from Melbourne, Australia, October 26, for Queenstown. The storm swept over the north of Ireland early and did great damage to property. The high winds have caused considerable havoc along the coasts of the United Kingdom. A number of minor wrecks, accompanied by loss of life, have been reported.

Kuropatkin at St. Petersburg.

The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Petit Parisien says that Gen. Kuropatkin's resignation has been accepted, and that Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch has consented to take chief command in Manchuria.

RUIN BY WATER SPOUT

Campers in Texas Caught, Two Drowned and Farm Houses Wrecked.

A terrific waterspout at Lufkin, 40 miles above Austin, Tex., caused the river and surrounding creeks at that point to rise 14 feet in five minutes, catching half a dozen campers in the bottoms and drowning two of them. For 30 minutes fall fell to the depth of one and a half inches with such force as to wreck many farm houses.

NINETEEN LIVES ARE LOST

New York Tenement Becomes a Fiery Furnace.

OCCUPANTS WERE SLEEPING

Several of the Victims Slowly Roasted to Death in View of Thousands of Spectators.

Nineteen persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the five-story tenement house at 105 Allen street, New York. More than 40 were injured and only a few of the sleeping inmates escaped unhurt. Several of those who perished were roasted to death in plain view of thousands in the streets.

Coroner Goldenkranz declared after an investigation that he had reason to believe the blaze was the work of an incendiary. He issued subpoenas for the fire marshal, tenement house and building inspectors and health and police officials to appear before him at the inquest Thursday.

The list of dead included Rachel Solomon, Jacob Solomon, Isaac Solomon, Jessie Cohen, Rose Wiener, Sander Wiener, Ida Muskowitz, Harry Kaufmann, Rose Miller, Morris Miller, Sarah Kline, Bella Ziesler, Harry Ziesler and Rachel Liedler. The other bodies have not been identified.

The fire started in the basement and spread with frightful rapidity to the roof. The victims were caught in traps of flames, the halls and exits being rendered impassable in a few minutes after the blaze started. The building was one of the usual crowded tenements and the disaster was the worst in the history of the East side.

Chief Croker, of the fire department, asserts that the police and the tenement house departments are to blame for the violations of the fire escape law. The tenement house department officials, however, say that the blame is on the shoulders of the fire commissioner. Of the 19 dead, three bodies, those of a boy and two girls, remain unidentified.

Bookkeeper Sentenced.

William E. Treeze, formerly a bookkeeper in the First National bank of Cleveland, charged with embezzling about \$10,000 of the bank's funds several months ago, pleaded guilty in the Federal court. Judge R. W. Taylor sentenced Treeze to serve six years in the State penitentiary. Treeze left the country before his shortage was discovered, but subsequently returned and surrendered himself to the authorities.

Cannon Excommunicated.

The controversy of former United States Senator Frank J. Cannon, editor of the Salt Lake "Tribune" with the authorities of the Mormon church resulted in a formal order from the high council of the Weber stake, sitting in Ogden, excommunicating Mr. Cannon from the church. The action was based on editorials written by Mr. Cannon assailing the policy of the higher authorities of the church.

Ian MacLaren Resigns.

The Rev. Dr. John Watson, (Ian MacLaren) has resigned the pastorate of the Sefton Park Presbyterian church in Liverpool. In his farewell address, Dr. Watson says he is worn out and cannot go on. He never has been strong, he says, and had to do his work with hindrances from bodily weakness and now his strength is nearly exhausted.

Supplies Destroyed.

The Russian detachments at Tie pass were on March 15 ordered to evacuate their positions, and, during the night retired in exemplary order, covering their rear. There had been fighting throughout the day. Before the withdrawal of the Russian forces, the military settlement and such of the store of fuel and forage as could not be removed was set on fire and destroyed.

No Loan Without Peace.

The London Daily Mail declares that the French government has given Parisian banking houses to understand that they must not conclude the proposed Russian loan unless Russia will negotiate for peace. Reports are current that Japan will ask an indemnity of between \$500,000,000 and \$750,000,000.

Big Steel Contract Let.

A contract for 9,000 tons of structural steel for the Connecticut river bridge at Springfield has just been awarded by the Boston & Albany road to the Boston Bridge works. The price was about \$63 per ton with \$10 per ton added for removal of the old bridge. The United States Steel Corporation was a bidder.

Bank Failure Follows Another.

The Commercial bank of Macksburg, O., a state institution, closed its doors. It was heavily involved in the failure of the Commercial bank of Cambridge. Depositors will be paid in full, the stockholders being the only losers. A receiver will be asked for.

Defeated Gov. Folk's Bribery Bill.

The Missouri senate by a vote of 11 to 14 defeated for final passage the house bill prohibiting witnesses from refusing to testify in bribery cases. This bill exempted such witnesses from prosecution. Gov. Folk endorsed the measure and sent a special message to the senate in support of it.

The Marquis of Anglesey, the noted spendthrift and bankrupt, is dead at Monte Carlo from consumption.

BLOODY FIGHTING TOOK PLACE

Retreat to Harbin Has Been Decided on by Emperor Nicholas' Council of War.

The Japanese occupied Tie pass Wednesday March 16, at midnight. Retreat to Harbin has been decided on the moment after the troops have been organized at Tieling and have rested. The Japanese are making a grand movement toward Vladivostok. A sanguinary combat occurred March 14 on the center advanced line of the Russian army eight miles south of Tie pass. The Russians repulsed the attack and even made a small advance through a thousand corpses of Japanese. They advanced a large force on the right flank, where Gen. Mischenko, who has taken charge of his detachment, though his wound has not yet healed, is holding the Japanese in check. The Russian troops have regained their normal spirits and fought cheerfully.

The Japanese government is assigning quarters to 43,000 Russian prisoners captured in the recent battle of Mukden. These will be distributed throughout 20 garrison towns, the largest numbers going to Kanazawa, Kumamoto, Akit, Sendai, Fushimi, Nagoya, Kurume and Fukuoka.

RETURNED FOURFOLD

Man Who Stole from the Government Obeys Scripture.

Secretary Leslie M. Shaw, received the following communication: "Dear Sir—I am sending you herewith enclosed \$12,000, which is to go to the use of the United States Government. Years ago I defrauded the government of money, but have returned it all and now am paying fourfold, according to the teachings of Scripture. The way of transgressors is hard and no one but God knows how I have suffered the consequences, and I would seek to do a bountiful restoration. May God pardon, while the United States government is benefited."

"A Sinner"

The amount, which was in currency, has been deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the conscious fund.

President Guest of Honor.

President Roosevelt was the guest of honor at the 121st annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York City. He was accorded a flattering ovation by more than 600 members of the society and its guests and responded in a notable address.

Cortelyou Will Retire.

Postmaster General Cortelyou contradicts the report that he has reconsidered his determination to resign his position as Chairman of the Republican National Committee and retain the postoffice.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS

Three bandits convicted of murder were garroted at Santiago, Cuba.

Melvin H. Campbell, Allegheny's superintendent of police, was found guilty of extorting money from the keeper of a disorderly house.

The president sent to the senate the nomination of Peter V. DeGrand as fourth assistant postmaster general.

Gen. Ainsworth, the military secretary, has been charged by the secretary of war to return the civil war battleflags.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Frank H. Hitchcock, Massachusetts to be First Assistant Postmaster General.

The San Francisco Chronicle says 4,000 Chinese are practically starving in this city. Most of them are employed at the Northern fisheries.

President Castro of Venezuela is reported to have ordered the annulment of the contract and the cutting of the cables of the French cable company. Indignation in France may lead to serious official action.

The French cable company has committed its interests in Venezuela to the care of the French government, which has given assurance that it will afford the company full protection against any arbitrary action.

Burd Ray Atkins of Geneva, O., was convicted of first degree manslaughter at Batavia, N. Y. Atkins killed Leonard Scheer at Batavia during a quarrel.

New York city police raided a pool room and gambling house in Forty-second street which, they declare, was patronized almost exclusively by wives of wealthy New Yorkers. The alleged pool room was located in a fashionable apartment house.

Nan Patterson will be put on trial once more to answer a charge of murdering Caesar Young, the wealthy bookmaker. It was announced at the district attorney's office that the second trial would begin April 10.

The postponement of the Russian loan by France is definitely confirmed. This is likely to exert a powerful influence toward peace, as it is the first time the French financiers have shown an indisposition to advance funds while the uncertainties of war continue.

The recent prairie fire in North Dakota was the most disastrous ever known in this section. The fire burned over a tract 35 miles long by 20 miles wide, consuming buildings and live stock.

Frazier Succeeds Bate.

Gov. James B. Frazier of Tennessee, was nominated by acclamation in joint Democratic caucus for United States Senator, to succeed the late Gen. W. B. Bate. Ex-Gov. Robert L. Taylor and ex-Gov. Benton McMillin refused to go into the caucus. The nomination is equivalent to an election. Mr. Frazier has served two months of his second term as Governor of Tennessee. He will be succeeded as Governor by John I. Cox, Speaker of the state Senate.