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GEN. KUROPATKIN DISGRACED.

Bitter Imperial Order Dismisses Him From the Army and Names General Linevitch His Successor.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—With the Japanese hanging on the heels and flanks of the remnants of the defeated Russian army, General Kuropatkin the old idol of the private soldier has been dismissed and disgraced and General Linevitch, commander of the first army is appointed to succeed him in command of all the Russian land and sea forces operating against Japan. The word "disgrace" is written in large letters in the laconic imperial order gazetted which contains not a single word of praise and also disposes of the rumor that Kuropatkin had asked to be relieved. The Russian military annals contain no more bitter imperial rebuke. It transpires that Emperor Nicholas, upon the advice of General Dragomiroff and War Minister Sakharoff, determined that the step was necessary when it became apparent yesterday morning that Kuropatkin, while concentrating for a stand at Tie Pass seemed unaware that the Japanese had worked around westward again and practically allowed himself to be surprised. Old reports brought by General Gripenberg regarding Kuropatkin's failing mentality also had influence. Under the circumstances therefore it was considered imperative, in view of the exceedingly perilous position of the army, to turn over its command to Linevitch who alone had been able to bring off his army in order after the battle of Mukden.

His record during the Chinese war had also demonstrated his capacity as a commander. Kuropatkin will return to St. Petersburg forthwith. The task confided to Linevitch of withdrawing what is left of the great army of 350,000 men to Harbin is a desperate one. He is hemmed in on all sides, and a consummation of the Mukden disaster is feared.

Prominent Russians Urge Peace.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—While Emperor Nicholas, whose word is final, still declines to abandon the prosecution of the war, and the government maintains its ability to continue the conflict it can be authoritatively stated that powerful influences, including several of the Emperor's own ministers are now strongly urging that 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.

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

Strikes Hidden Rocks.

When your ship, of health strikes the hidden rocks of Consumption, Pneumonia, etc., you are lost, if you don't get help from Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. J. W. McKinnon, of Talladega Springs, Ala., writes: "I had been very ill with Pneumonia, under the care of two doctors, but was getting no better when I began to take Dr. King's New Discovery. The first dose gave relief and one bottle cured me." Sure cure for sore throat, bronchitis, coughs and colds. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store, price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Thomas Mitchell Crushed to Death.

Mr. Thomas Mitchell, a well known deaf and dumb farmer, was run over and his body horribly mangled on the railroad track between Princeton and Pine Level last afternoon by the Southern train No. 135, which arrives here at 3:25 west bound. The train was about thirty-five minutes out from Goldsboro coming this way when the accident occurred. As the train came around a slight curve approaching the trestle about the 116 mile post Engineer Glenn, who was at the throttle, saw a man walking down the trestle in the same direction that the train was running. He signaled repeatedly without attracting the attention of the man and put on the emergency brakes. A passenger in speaking of the accident said that the car wheels literally slid on the track in responding to the vigorous application of the emergency brakes. Despite all this, though, the man kept on his way without seeming to detect the approach of the train at all. He was fairly in the middle of the track when the engine struck him, knocking him down rolling his body in a ball and breaking the bones of the legs, arms, back and hips; in fact, crushing nearly every bone in his body, as it passed under the engine, the tender and all the cars save the last.

The mangled remains were found underneath and about midway the last car when the train was stopped and horrified trainmen and many passengers rushed to see what the fate of the poor man had been.

It was not until this investigation was made that the identity of the man was ascertained. It developed that one of Mitchell's sons had seen his father from a distance on the track and had done his utmost to attract his attention and warn him of his peril, but without avail. J. C. Oliver was also in sight of the scene and undertook without avail to warn Mr. Mitchell of the approach of the train. Oliver said that Mitchell had only left his place a little while before and was at the time of his awful death, on his way home from his (Oliver's) place. Mitchell lived in a neat cottage on the hill near the railroad about three-quarters of a mile from the scene of the accident.

Mitchell was about 45 years old and was a prosperous and highly esteemed farmer in that section. It is a remarkable fact that the widow he leaves had been previously married to a Mr. Wilkins, and he was stabbed to death on nearly the same spot on which Mitchell had his life crushed out under the train.—Raleigh Post, Saturday.

While the people of Durham slept early Monday morning the Southern railroad laid its track along Pettigrew street in front of the Durham Bull tobacco factory. Judge Peebles granted an injunction to stop the building of the track, but it is now down and being used by the road, though not quite completed. This is the property over which the city and the road have had much dispute. The railroad claims since the erection of the new union depot that they need this street as the new depot took the ground on which they formerly had tracks. The matter will be heard before Judge Peebles on Friday, March 24th.

Startling Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality, from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

It will bring rich, red blood, firm flesh and muscle. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. Taken this month, keeps you well all summer. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.—A. H. Boyett, Selma Drug Co.

KENLY NOTES.

Dr. A. Z. Taylor, of Selma, has opened up an office at the Palace Hotel for a few days.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Eureka will give the play entitled "The Deacon" here at the Academy Friday night, March 24th, for the benefit of the Eureka Methodist church. Admission will be 15 and 20c.

Miss Lillian Ayres went to Wilson Tuesday to do Spring shopping.

Rev. B. E. Perkins, of Pikeville, will preach here at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. John O. Ellington, State Bank Examiner, was here last Thursday and inspected the books of the Bank of Kenly.

Quite a number went from here to Lucama Friday night to attend the music and elocution recital given by the students of Lucama High School. The exercises were very good and enjoyed by all present.

Captain T. W. Tilghman, general manager of the Dennis Simons Lumber Company, was here Tuesday and bought thirty-five acres of land on the north side of the railroad and northeast of town, from Mr. Stephen Watson on which they will erect a lumber mill. They will begin making brick in a few days, to lay the foundations with.

Prof. Holloman, of Elon College, was the guest of Prof. D. J. Sipe Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Hood, of Raleigh, spent several days here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Eva High visited Miss Eva Lucas at Lucama Friday and Saturday.

Quite a number from here are planning to attend the County S. S. Convention at Princeton April 1st and 2nd. An interesting programme is being arranged and a very good meeting is expected.

Miss Lillian Ayres spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mabel Boyett.

Miss Crama Richardson, from near Sutton, spent Saturday and Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Bailey.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, spent Saturday here while on his way to fill his appointment at Buck Horn church near here, Sunday.

Elders Curtis Howell, from near Goldsboro, and W. A. Benson, from near Princeton, preached at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

Mr. McNeel, of Benson, visited his daughter, Miss Janie McNeel, several days this week.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton spent Tuesday with relatives in Smithfield.

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Byrd-Woodall.

On Wednesday evening, March 15th, at 8:30 o'clock, a pretty marriage took place at the home of Mr. H. C. Woodall, when his daughter, Miss Addie, became the bride of Mr. Archie Byrd. The ceremony was performed by Squire J. E. Jones in the presence of quite a number of relatives and friends.

The attendants were: Mr. Sam Coats with Miss Ida Woodall, Mr. L. Coats with Miss Lillie Byrd, Mr. Cleveland Byrd with Miss Lettie Woodall, Mr. Dehno Coats with Miss Sallie Byrd.

The bride wore a beautiful dress of white organdie.

After hearty congratulations the bridal party took a moonlight drive to the home of Mr. Lamb Byrd, the father of the groom. The writer wishes them along and happy life.

A WITNESS.

Incredible Brutality.

It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says, "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye." Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. R. B. Whitley, of Selma, was here on business Wednesday.

Mrs. C. Nick Allen, Jr., of Garner, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Griffin. We note with pleasure the fact that Messrs. Bissett & Oneal our popular livermen, have traded old "Moses" for a splendid horse. It will be with pleasure that all patrons of Bissett & Oneal learn that this old horse has been disposed of.

Mrs. C. W. Carter served tea to the elder ladies last Thursday afternoon. Among the entertaining events of the evening, the most interesting was the exhibition by the genial hostess, of a fine, wool-lined, silk quilt over two hundred years old.

Prof. J. Willis, of the Selma News, was here Sunday.

Mr. Marvin Ellis, of Burlington, is spending a short while here to regain his strength after a severe attack of grippe.

Mr. Lindon Durham has gone to Burlington to study telegraphy under his brother Mr. Carson H. Durham.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard preached two especially powerful sermons Sunday. His sermon in the forenoon was on Foreign Missions, in the evening he directed his discourse especially to the Baraca and Philathia classes.

Several members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Garner were here Friday night to assist in the initiatory performance.

Mrs. Will H. McCullers is visiting her parents in Virginia.

Mr. M. G. Gulley went to Smithfield Monday and brought back three little negroes who are sentenced to the Clayton roads for two years each.

Mr. W. E. Stallings, of Emporia, Va., spent two or three days here with relatives and friends recently.

Mrs. T. E. Best, of Chapel Hill, is visiting in this section with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stallings.

Mr. Beckwith, of Raleigh, spent Sunday and Monday with his daughter Mrs. Ashley Horne.

Mr. Guy Wilson who has been in Clayton school for several years left Tuesday for his home at Emporia, Va., where he will spend sometime before returning to school here.

Misses Ida Woodard and Annie Fitzgerald, of Pine Level, are in school here.

Mr. Burlan Hall, who for some time has been in the employ of the Rotary Machine Co., at Virginia, is here for a short stay.

Messrs. D. W. Barbour, J. C. and Arthur Wallace spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Barnes spent Sunday and Monday at Wakefield with Mrs. Barnes' parents.

Mrs. Wm. J. Young, of Raleigh, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest L. Hinton.

Mr. O. G. Smith left Tuesday for Baltimore and New York to purchase goods for Messrs. Ashley Horne & Son.

We are pleased to announce that Messrs. J. G. Barbour & Sons have added a millinery department to their business. They have secured the services of a Northern milliner and will soon be ready for your business.

Mr. John O. Ellington, State Bank Examiner, was here Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Griffin went to Selma Wednesday.

March 22. YELIE.

Murderer Captured Here.

Tuesday afternoon Chief of Police J. T. Barham arrested Dan Bryant, Alias George Thomas, a negro wanted in New Berne charged with murdering a woman about four years ago. He was lodged in jail and the authorities at New Berne notified. The deputy sheriff came Wednesday and carried the prisoner back to New Berne. The negro broke out of the Craven county jail about four years ago in company with a large number of other prisoners and has been at large since that time. When arrested the negro was carrying two pistols, a pair of knucks and a razor.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. N. B. Batten spent Sunday at his old home in Wilders.

Mr. Ed. W. Vick who has been on a visit for some weeks to Washington and Richmond returned last Friday.

Miss Blanch Mitchner returned home with her cousin, Miss Nannie Mitchner, of Franklin county.

Mr. Alex. Martin, of Summerville, S. C., has returned home.

Messrs. M. C. Winston and Conary Godwin went to Norfolk Tuesday to buy horses and mules.

Dr. R. J. Noble made a flying trip to Atlanta, Ga., Sunday. He returned Tuesday morning. His daughter, Miss Annie, joined him at Spartanburg.

We are sorry to have Hardy Hatcher, Esq., leave us for his country home. We hope he will return to spend the winter with us.

Mr. M. C. Winston is now placing orders for lumber for his new house which he will build on his lot opposite the Methodist church.

A fine horse had his left fore leg broken on the train last Sunday and was brought on here and given to three of our enterprising citizens who will try to cure him. 'Tis said the leg was broken by a kick.

We see that Mr. Robert P. Noble is again catcher on the University base ball team. This is the third season he has caught for the team.

Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Nash, of Henderson, who have been here on a visit to their son, Mr. M. W. Nash, left Sunday. Dr. Nash preached an excellent sermon Tuesday night and if possible a better on Sunday morning at the Methodist church. We regretted to have him leave and hope he will come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Hood, of Greensboro, are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hood.

Whose duty is it to put a foot way across Buffalo between Selma and Smithfield? It is a disgrace to any county to have such roads as we now have and with no way for persons on foot to cross mudholes, branches and creeks without wading. It is to be hoped that this state of things will not last forever.

Mar. 22. SENEX.

For a Better Exhibit.

On Tuesday of Court week during recess of Court, a goodly number of those interested in a more thorough exhibit of Johnston County at the coming State Fair, assembled in the Court House. Mr. Henderson Cole, who had charge of last year's exhibit, called the meeting to order, explaining its object, whereupon a permanent organization was gone into; viz: President, H. Cole; Vice-President, W. D. Averis; Secretary, F. T. Booker; Central Committee, C. S. Powell, J. W. Myatt, Julian Barbour, Charles Kirby, J. H. B. Tomlinson, D. H. Batton, John Hocutt, J. C. Keen, J. D. Parrish, J. W. Perry, John Stephenson, C. M. Wilson, N. W. Smith, and H. M. Johnson. The duty of this committee is to appoint Township Committees, to look after the county's interest at the Fair, and to work up greater interest in the matter.

Hon. E. W. Pou and Mr. Cole both made remarks, urging a more thorough exhibit at the coming Fair, after which the meeting adjourned subject to a call of the Central Committee by Mr. Cole, the president.

F. T. BOOKER, Sec.

James H. Peabody Thursday won his contest for the office of Governor of Colorado, from which he retired on January 10, after serving 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.

This spring you will need a nerve food, one that will cleanse and reconstruct your nerve centers and wasted energies. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do it. D. H. Sanders, Four Oaks.

BENSON NOTES.

Miss Lottie Linnk, teacher in primary department of the Benson Graded School, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents near Buie's Creek.

Mr. P. B. Johnson is having a handsome two story brick building erected on Main Street.

Rev. Mr. Souders most ably filled his regular appointments at the Methodist church last Sunday morning and night.

Miss Minnie Smith has accepted a position as saleslady with the Smith Millinery Supply Co.

Mr. Randal D. Overby visited his parents near Angier last Sunday, returning Monday morning.

Mr. H. L. Hall returned from Goldsboro last Tuesday where he has been visiting his sons, Messrs. D. M. and F. R. Hall.

Mr. N. Stewart, a student of the Benson Graded School, while on his way home last Saturday night, about 10:30 o'clock on Mingo Creek railroad bridge about one mile south of town, was attacked by a negro who at the muzzle of his pistol demanded him to give up his personal belongings. Mr. Stewart had in his vest pocket a watch which the negro took, and threatening to take his life demanded him to give up his money, to which the young man replied that he had no money with him. The black wretch searched the young man's pockets, and finding no money told him to sit down and take off his shoes, that he might search his shoes for money. The young man in the act of sitting down gathered his thoughts together, and with great presence of mind gave the negro a shove, which sent the black brute winding from the trestle into the creek about twenty feet below. Mr. Stewart feeling himself free from danger returned home at once. On Sunday morning he notified Policeman Ryals of his holdup, giving a description of the negro as best he could, and Policeman Ryals 'phoned to Smithfield in regard to the case, and he was at once informed that a suspicious looking negro seeming to answer the description of the negro which attacked Mr. Stewart. This negro was put in safe keeping and Policeman Ryals went to Smithfield and brought him to Benson Sunday evening, and after an investigation he was found not to be the guilty negro and he was at once released.

Mar. 22nd. SOLON.

"Stop your groaning." Rheumacide will cure you, and make you feel ten years younger. Get it at your druggist's. For sale by Hood Bros.

If a Man Can Shut His Eyes.

If a man can shut his eyes to the moral side of the question the dispensary does not seem so bad, especially to the man of property. With its profits helping to pay the town expenses and helping to carry along the school it looks like smooth sailing. It is an easy matter to adopt a let-alone-policy toward it. In this, as in other matters, it will not do to let the money side of the question carry us too far. It will not do to let the almighty dollar eclipse our vision. While the dispensary is much to be preferred to the open saloon we must ever keep in mind the fact that it is liquor selling and liquor can always be counted on to do its ruinous work. If you are looking for great evil to be done liquor will certainly not disappoint you.

The Colonel's Waterloo.

Colonel John M. Fuller, of Honey Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from Liver and Kidney trouble. In a recent letter, he says: "I was nearly dead, of these complaints, and, although I tried my family doctor, he did me no good; so I got a 50c. bottle of your great Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold, and guaranteed to cure, Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Kidney Disease, by Hood Bros., druggists, at 50c. a bottle.