

LINEVITCH IS IN COMMAND

Kuropatkin in Deep Disgrace No Word of Praise for Him

St. Petersburg, March 18.—With the Japanese on the heels and flanks of the remnants of the defeated Russian army, General Kuropatkin, the old ideal 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 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 contains 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 surrounded. Old reports brought by General Gripenberg regarding Kuropatkin's failing mentally 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.

But even in the face of the possibility of the complete loss of the army and the admitted fact that Vladivostok is already possibly lost, the Emperor still shows no signs of yielding. Preparations for continuing the war on a larger scale than ever are proceeding. The dictum has gone forth that another army of 450,000 men is to be despatched to the far East, and to avoid delay it has been decided, instead of sending only reserve men, to form new armies largely of regulars in garrison duty at home. A division of the Imperial Guard will be sent to the front. Separate armies are to be organized under Generals Grodekoff, Gripenberg, and Kamaroff.

The war council, it is also understood, has definitely decided that Vice Admiral Botjevsky shall continue his voyage and give battle to the Japanese in the forlorn hope of wresting control of the sea from Admiral Togo.

Changtzu, March 16.—Delayed in Transmission.—The rear-guard action is continuing almost uninterrupted. Soldiers wounded in the last fight to the number of 1,700 were dispatched north from Tie Pass on 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 their base. It seems evident that the advance movement of the Japanese has continued of a long time, and perhaps uninterrupted. The Russians, though fatigued with three weeks of constant fighting, are offering a stubborn resistance in their withdrawal, but many carts are missing, including those carrying private supplies of food.

The distribution depot, which has done much good work at Kaiyuan, will leave today for the north.

St. Petersburg, March 18, 1:50 a. m.—Decided anxiety is felt here regarding the fate of the army in Manchuria under its new commander, as no news of military developments the last two days has been received here. 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. Military officials here declare that there are now 260,000 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.

St. Petersburg, March 17, 5:30 p. m.—An international credit loan of \$100,000,000, at an 8 per cent. basis, is now being negotiated by the Ministry of Finance. The loan will be floated probably in a short time. The price of insurance has not been determined upon, but probably will be 93 to 95. It was stated at the ministry that issuance of this loan is entirely independent of the French negotiations, which have not yet been concluded.

St. Petersburg, March 17, 6:45 p. m.—There is a persistent report that railroad communication has been cut behind the Russian army. No official dispatches have been given out to this hour, and no private or press despatches have been received. News is awaited with intense anxiety.

Antanariyo, Madagascar, March 17.—The Russian second Pacific squadron left Nossi Be the afternoon of March 16. Its destination is not known.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—A dispatch from Changtzu reports that General Kuropatkin left there to-night for St. Petersburg.

LAW RELIEVING MARRIED MEN

An Act To Enable Married Men whose wives are Lunatics to Sell Their Real Estate

The following important law enacted by the recent Legislature is of general interest and our readers are therefore, given the benefit of its contents.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. Every man whose wife is a lunatic or insane and is confined in any asylum for lunatics and insane persons in the State of North Carolina shall have the right to sell and convey any of his real estate by deed, except his homestead, without the signature and private examination of his wife: Provided, the superintendent of the asylum in which said female cover shall be confined shall certify that she is confined in the asylum of which he is superintendent, and that she is of insane mind and memory, which certificate shall be subscribed and sworn to before the clerk of the superior court of the county in which said asylum shall be situated, which certificate shall be attached to the deed, together with the certificate of the clerk, under his hand and official seal.

SEC. 2. When a deed executed by a married man whose wife is insane or a lunatic, together with the certificate of the superintendent of the asylum and the certificate of the clerk taken as prescribed in section one of this act, shall be offered for probate before the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the land conveyed is situated, and the execution of such deed shall be acknowledged and proved, the clerk shall adjudge whether the certificates of the superintendent and the clerk are in due form, and if adjudged to be in due form he shall order the registration of the deed and certificates.

SEC. 3. When the deed of a married man whose wife is insane or a lunatic shall be executed, probated and registered in accordance with sections one and two of this act it shall convey all the estate and interest of the grantor in the land conveyed free and exempt from the dower rights and all other interests of his wife: Provided, this act shall not apply to the homestead of the husband.

SEC. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 8th day of February, A. D. 1905.

UNCOMFORTABLE PREDICAMENT

Plight of Tramp who Received \$1,000 For Restoring Brooch

New York, March 16.—With furtive mien, a crisp \$1,000 bank note crackling in his ragged pocket, a tramp is slinking about New York today a prey to strange emotions, says a special.

He received the bill as a reward for returning to Mrs. T. Edwin Ward, of 114th street and Riverside drive the diamond brooch which she recently lost in front of the Garrick Theater. He requested that his name be not made public, fearing that an army of his Bowery and Hells Kitchen friends might descend upon him at once.

The place that he knew now known him no more. He feared to sleep last night least his wealth should be extracted from his pocket. He mistrusts all banks. He cannot eat because no restaurant-keeper had the change; they would refuse to make change even had they the necessary cash, fearing the note, coming from such a source would be spurious.

Thus, with more money in his possession than he has ever seen, this nameless Knight of Rags and Tatters is starving, is losing weight from nervousness and lack of sleep.

When he collected the new bill at Clever's jewelry store in Mulden Lane his emotions were too overpowering to be analyzed. He glanced at the bill as it was passed over to him. He had eaten but one meal in two days; the night previous he had slept in a back alley. One thousand great big dollars. It was too much for him to comprehend, and in a dazed way he fastened it in his pocket with a big safety pin and walked dreamily out of the store. He returned later.

"Say," he said, "what am I goin' ter do with this thing? No one'll change it; ain't been able to buy a square meal."

Mr. Ward, who chanced to be in the store, advised him to place it in some bank. But a cunning look passed over the tramp's face.

"Nit," he exclaimed, "no one handles this thing but me; I ain't takin' any chances."

He passed out into the street again, and that was the last seen of him, but he is still stealing about the city, his hand tightly pressed against the pocket.

Spades are trumps in the Panama Canal zone and Admiral Walker will have to pass.

An Old Citizen.

Suffolk, Va., March 15.—Shadrack Bidgood, of Suffolk, a Nansemond county negro of ante-bellum days, is probably the oldest man in Virginia. A Bible of his slave master has been found and the book gives the date of Shadrack's birth in 1788, makes him 106 years old. He is now a preacher and looks as if the end is near. He lives with his wife, who is nearing the century mark. Shadrack thinks that he will live for years.

President Roosevelt is spending his spare moments until he can leave the town and civilization in making addresses to the Tract society and the Mother's Congress but it is likely that his heart is on that six weeks trip when he will live in the woods, eat beans and bacon and let his beard grow.

Along with his patent leather shoes and his razor he will leave care at the edge of the woods and for six weeks he will enjoy himself after his own fashion. It is a fashion no other President has selected but President Roosevelt is not one to follow the fashion set by his predecessors even in the matter of sport. A rocking chair on the front porch has not been the Rooseveltian ideal of a vacation and it is well for him that his tastes are otherwise. Sound physical health is a part of the President's creed and what he believes in theory he put into practice and in the matter of exercise and healthful, vigorous, clean and fair sport he sets an example to the boys and men of the country. If the President of the United States can find time to maintain a vigorous will being by exercise there is scarcely an excuse for other men neglecting it.

Booker Washington suggests that the negroes should raise more chickens. The farmers complaint has ever been that they raise too many.

The city counsel of Milton, Pa., will hereafter have its sessions opened with prayer. This is a step in advance of counsels of other Pennsylvania which have been closed by the police.

"There is no worse enemy of the wage worker than the man who condones mob violence in any shape or who preaches class hatred."—Theodore Roosevelt.

In the spring a congressman's fancy turns to thoughts of the summer junket and the last few days of the session are made yet more strenuous by his activity in getting invitations to the particular trip that his wife most desires to make. The congressional junket is an expensive affair but like most things that come high it is a great thing. We take our Congressmen from the people and if they have not been educated or broadened by travel the best thing the country can do for itself and them is to make travel possible for them. Our legislators cannot but make better laws for having outgrown their provincialisms and there is no better or surer way to grow them than by visiting and seeing other countries. A trip to a foreign country may make a man hoop only the louder for his own country and declare that the United States is good enough for him but he has found out at least there is another country and another civilization and by the time he has forgotten the benighted condition of a people that doesn't have hot corn bread or he has begun to remember certain respects in which that same benighted people is superior to ourselves. The experience is a good one and that in view of our expanding country, a few more of our Representatives should have.

It is deplored that among our Congressmen there are semi-professional junkets who get in on all the trips and whose wives and daughters count on an annual summer voyage at the expense of the government, but this is one of the remediable features of the case. Let that be altered as soon as possible but for the good of the country let the junketing go on. Home keeping youth have ever homely wit.

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Charlottesville, Va.—Virginia Summer School of Methods, June 26-Aug. 3, 1905.

Fort Worth, Tex.—General Assembly Southern Presbyterian Church, May 18-26, 1905.

Het Springs, Va.—Southern Hardware Jobbers Association and American Hardware Manufacturers' Association, June 6-9, 1905.

Kansas City, Mo.—Southern Baptist Convention, May 10-17, 1905.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Summer School, June 20-July 28, 1905.

Monteagle, Tenn.—Monteagle Bible Training School, July 3-Aug. 15, 1905.

Monteagle, Tenn.—Monteagle Sunday School Institute, July 17-Aug. 5, 1905.

Monteagle, Tenn.—Woman's Congress, Aug. 1-15, 1905.

Nashville, Tenn.—Peabody College, Summer Schools; Vanderbilt Biblical Institute, June 14-Aug. 9, 1905.

Oxford, Miss.—Summer School, University of Mississippi, June 14-July 26, 1905.

Richmond, Va.—Farmers' National Congress, Sept. 12-23, 1905.

Savannah, Ga.—National Travelers' Protective Association of America, May 16-23, 1905.

Savannah, Ga.—Southern Golf Association, May 9-13, 1905.

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J. M. Mizner of California one of the President's own Rough Riders could not come to the inauguration. He sent the President this telegram on Inauguration day:

"Sorry cannot be with you; Children teething. Congratulations." The President who preaches that it is even greater than being a Rough Rider to be a father has wired that the young man's excuse for non-attendance was a sufficient one.

Notice of Land Sale.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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John Weaver & F. L. Weaver

By virtue of a writ of Venditioni Exponas issued by H. C. Cowles, Clerk of the United States District Court at Charlotte, North Carolina, on Jan. 26th, 1905. Upon a judgment rendered in said United States District Court, and on the certificate issued, upon the execution thereof, and upon the hereinafter demand contained in said writ, at the court house in the town of Columbus, Polk County, N. C., on the first Monday, the 3rd day of April 1905, at 12 o'clock, M. all the following described land situate, lying and being in the said County of Polk and State of North Carolina, to wit: All in and to 111 acres of land fully described in the deed from John Garrison and others, to M. M. Weaver, for full and complete description of said land recorded in book 17 at page 176 of the records of the county of Polk. Also sixty acres of land belonging to the defendant, F. L. Weaver, described as follows: Beginning in said F. L. Weaver's North line of homestead place, about 10 as a branch and runs North 57 West about 122 thence North West 7 poles to a stake thence South 15 poles to a chestnut, thence South 23 1/2 poles to a chestnut, thence South 3 West 134 poles to a stone, thence a straight line to the beginning.

The purpose of said sale is to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs and expenses.

This Feb. 27th, 1905.

J. M. MILLIKAN, U. S. Marshal.

Per T. C. ISRAEL, D. M.

Justice Walter Clark Selected

New York, March 9.—The Senate of the University of New York today selected Walter Clark of North Carolina, and J. J. Pope, of South Carolina, to be judges to select the names for the Hall of Fame of the University.

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Account of this occasion tickets will be sold June 3-4 & 5th, 1905, with final limit June 13th, 1905. Rate one first class fare plus 25 cents for round trip.

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