

PEACE NOW IN HANDS OF CZAR

The More Conservative of the Russian Ministers Said to Favor Making Terms

RETREAT TO HARBIN IS ON AGAIN

Russian Ministers Argue That Nothing Could be Gained if Japan Should Prove Unreasonable—Minister of War Says Fair Terms Would be to Japan's Advantage by Giving Her a Good Neighbor—Linevitch Can be Given an Army of 400,000 Men Without a New Mobilization.

A couple of brief messages from General Kuropatkin dated March 16 says: "The rear guard of our army was engaged March 15 on a ridge south-east of Tia Pass. At night the rear guard fell back to a position at the bend of the Liao river, near the village of Kamilitza, without being pressed by the enemy. "On March 16 our army continued their march. On March 15 the town of Pokoman, 25 miles northeast of Mukden, was occupied by Chinese bands. "On March 16, beyond the general retirement of the Russian along the railway northward, little is known here of the details of the past three days' events in Manchuria. Various reports of the number of additional Russian prisoners captured are in circulation. One estimate is 20,000. It is impossible to confirm the reports. "There is much speculation over the extent of the Russian retirement. Harbin is regarded as a logical base, but it is suggested that they may attempt to hold that Kirin line. The country between Kiayuan and Sungari is inhospitably. "Formerly the conservative element in high councils of Japan advised setting a limit to the Manchurian advance. It opposed advancing to Harbin, but the results of the victory at Mukden are removing the opposition and the bulk of opposition and conservative judgment now favors pressing advantages and carrying the war to the utmost limits possible.

Tokio Celebrates Victory.
Tokio, By Cable.—Thirty thousand persons went to Miyabi Pass to attend exercises commemorating of the Japanese victory at Mukden. Members of the cabinet, the elder statesmen, many officers of the army and navy and members of the Diet were present. Mayor Ozaki read a congratulatory telegram to be sent Field Marshal Oyama, on behalf of the municipality, the cabinet and the Diet. Lieutenant General Terachi, Minister of War, and Admiral Yamamoto, Minister of the Navy, spoke on behalf of the army and navy, respectively, thanking the people for the support they had given the government during the war.

Buttery Officers Negligent.
St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The verdict of the court-martial which tried the officers and men of several batteries of artillery, from one of which a shell was fired during the blessing of the waters of the Neva on January 19, scattering missiles in the vicinity of the Imperial Palace, was announced by Captain Davidoff and Sub-Lieutenant Kurzeiff, of the Seventh Battery, First Regiment, Horse Artillery of the Guard, were found guilty of neglect of duty and sentenced to be dismissed from the army and to imprisonment in a fortress. Davidoff for one year and a half and Kurzeiff for a year and five months. Sub-Lieutenant Roth, Jr., was sentenced to imprisonment to a year and four months; Lieutenant Roth, Sr., to detention in quarters for three months. The court found there was no connection on the part of any of those on trial with a plot to assassinate the Emperor.

Kuropatkin at Tia Pass.
Tokio, By Cable.—A dispatch from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field dated Sunday says: "According to statements made by prisoners, the force of the enemy resisting us south of Tia Pass Wednesday, March 15, consisted of three divisions. General Kuropatkin personally commanded during the battle in the neighborhood of Tia Pass, Tuesday, March 14."

Cracksman Get Good Haul.
Petersburg, Tenn., March 18.—The vault in the bank of Petersburg was blown open and all the cash taken. The amount stolen is reported to be \$4,000. The bank of Petersburg is a state institution. The officers say the thieves secured \$7,000. The steel vault was blown with nitroglycerine and the strong box emptied. The burglars escaped.

Spoke Men Meet.
Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The Association of Spoke and Hub Manufacturers of the South met here Thursday. Peter Lesh, of Memphis, is president. The object of the meeting is to combine all spoke manufacturers of finished and slab-spoke spokes in the South and Southwest, and establish a union and amalgamate with the Northern association.

Telegraphic Briefs.
Mr. J. P. Dawley, senior counsel for Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, criticized the verdict and said there were too many farmers on the jury.
—Roy Hilderbrand, 14 years old, of Pittsburg, sent a letter to his parents stating he is held for ransom in West Virginia.
The Senate maintains a dignified, firm opposition to the Administration.
Charles F. Booker, of Connecticut, has been selected for the active chairmanship of the Republican National Committee.
Richmond Daughters of the Confederacy have decided to return to Massachusetts the captured battle flag of the Eighteenth Massachusetts Regiment.

GOVERNOR LOOKING AFTER BONDS

Made Trip to New York to See About Bond Matter.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor R. D. Glenn and Attorney General R. D. Blimer have returned from New York, where they have been to confer with Wheeler Y. Beckham, a New York attorney who represents South Dakota in the bond suit, in which South Dakota holds judgment against North Carolina for \$27,000. The Governor's mission was to bring about the best possible settlement on the part of North Carolina. Nothing definite as to the success of the mission is given out, the Governor merely saying that they had an interview with Beckham, and he is confident that a satisfactory settlement of all differences will be reached. It is understood that the Governor has made a proposition for a settlement that he and the Council of State would consider fair, and they are very hopeful that South Dakota will accept it.

Ex-Moonshiner With a Conscience.
Greensboro, Special.—A Federal official here received a letter Monday morning something out of the ordinary. The writer signed his full name and postoffice address, and asked for an immediate answer. He lives in an adjoining county, and is well known. The man stated that about ten years ago he "franded" the government out of a lot of whiskey. He said he deserved to be in the penitentiary. A blockade outfit and some whiskey had been captured and placed in the depot for shipment, and that night he broke in the depot and stole the whole outfit, selling the whiskey and used the still to make more. While the original blockader was suspected of doing this bold deed and re-captured his own, the writer was the man who did it. The man stated that he had no religion, and desired to know if the government would permit him to make restitution by paying the value of the goods "franded." He said he would do this or if the government demanded it, he would give himself up any day named, and give himself up to the courts and revenue officers here, being questioned as to the facts of the narration concerning the breaking in of the depot ten years ago, say that they remember it well and the matter was always a most mysterious one, and that the party confessing had never been suspected, it being generally believed, as he stated, that the person from whom the whiskey and still were seized had a hand in the robbery.

Farmer's Neck Broken.
Asheville, Special.—News was received here Monday of the tragic death of H. L. Hice Saturday night, near Bethel church in the Hominy section of Buncombe county. Mr. Hice, in company with his son, had been driving a team of mules. Returning in the afternoon the father and son stopped at a store in West Asheville, where several purchases were made and near the store the mules were hitched to the start for their home on Pole Creek. The team of mules, however, became frightened and started to run. The elder Hice, who held the reins, was unable to check the animals and a turn to the right he was thrown from the seat of the wagon. He was struck by a fence post to break the neck and Mr. Hice was killed instantly. Mr. Hice was a prosperous farmer on Pole Creek in Buncombe county, and had many friends who will be shocked to learn of his untimely and tragic death. He was about 54 years of age and a native of this section.

Farmer Killed by Train.
The Southern train, westbound from Goldsboro to Raleigh, Monday afternoon killed Thomas Mitchell, an esteemed deaf and dumb farmer near Fine Level, the body being horribly mangled. He was passing over the bridge with his back to the approaching train so that it was impossible to catch his attention and warn him of his danger. The engineer applied the emergency brakes, but the train could not be stopped until the engine and all the cars had passed over the body, which was rolled in a ball and every bone crushed. He was the second husband of the widow he leaves and it is a remarkable fact that the first husband, a Mr. Wilkins, was for the time dead on nearly the same spot at which the train ran over the second husband.

North State News.
Raleigh, Special.—The Corporation Commissioners have returned from their inspection trip over the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. They report that they found large forces of laborers putting in new cross ties, heavier rails and making other improvements in the road bed. There may be some order later for the improvement of the depot facilities at some of the smaller stations.
The directors of the Raleigh-Durham Power and Passenger Co. announce that they will accept the amended franchise granted them by the Raleigh Board of Aldermen and say that they will immediately put in the field two surveying crews, one to survey a line from Raleigh to Durham via Leesville, and the other via Cary, the purpose being to adopt the best of the two. They announce that they will get construction forces to work with the least possible delay and hope to have electric cars running between the two cities within the year. Mr. W. J. Nelms, of New Port News, is one of the principal promoters of the enterprise.

Boy Forges Check.
Rev. J. T. Edmundson, a well known Baptist evangelist of Raleigh, has received advices from New York to the effect that his son, a youth of 18 years, has been arrested there on the charge of forging the name of C. E. Johns, of Raleigh, to a check and then forging the endorsement of the American Tobacco Co. to that and attempting to cash it in a New York bank. The amount of the check was \$175. The father says his son's mind has been unbalanced for a number of years, being due to carbunkle on the back of his head. The boy was thought to be with relatives in Baltimore until the news came of his arrest in New York. An effort will be made to get the boy in a reformatory.

For Pure Food Stuffs.
Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Patterson says that during the past year over five hundred samples of feed stuffs were gathered in various parts of the State and subjected to microscopic investigation, with the result that the sale of a large number of adulterated foods was stopped. He says the adulteration has been stopped to a very large extent.

Building Trades Convention.
New York, Special.—A call has been issued for a general convention of employers and employees in the building trades to be held here. One hundred and eighty delegates will be present, 90 employers and 90 representatives of mechanics. The 90 employers will represent more than a thousand builders, and the 90 representatives of the unions will represent a constituency of about 100,000 workers. The only questions which will come up relate strictly to the arbitration which was adopted in 1903 and which it is now proposed to amend.

Concessions to Mad Mullah.
Rome, By Cable.—In concluding peace with Great Britain through the mediation of Italy, the Mad Mullah has obtained permission to occupy definitely Illig, a village on Italian Territory, 160 miles from Obbia, which was the base of operations in the last campaign led by General Manning. Coast rights are granted the Mullah, qualified by a prohibition of trade in arragnements and slaves.

\$12,500 FOR LIVINGSTONE
This institution of Colored People at Salisbury Receives a Large Gift
Salisbury, N. C., Special.—Friends of the institution here have received a telegram from Dr. W. H. Guler, president of Livingston College, stating that \$12,500 for the college for the establishment of a library. It is presumed that the gift is unconditional.

NORTH STATE NOTES

Many Newsy Items Gathered From All Sections.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:	
Strict good middling	7 7/8
Good middling	7 3/4
Strict middling	7 5/8
Middling	7 5/8
Tinges	6 2/4 to 7 1/4
Stains	5 1/4 to 6 1/4

Galveston, easy	7 7/8
New Orleans, easy	7 11/16
Mobile, steady	7 3/4
Savannah, quiet	7 11/16
Charlotte, quiet	7 3/4
Wilmington, steady	7 5/8
Norfolk, steady	8
Baltimore, nominal	8 1/8
New York, quiet	8 15/16
Philadelphia, quiet	8 1/8
Houston, steady	7 13/16
Augusta, firm	7 7/8
Memphis, quiet	7 11/16
St. Louis, steady	7 3/4
Louisville, firm	7 15/16

Monument Unveiling.
Greensboro, Special.—A force of twenty or thirty men will have the Nash and Davidson monument at Gullford Battle Ground ready for unveiling on the Fourth of July, on which date the greatest celebration in the history of the battle ground company will be held. The monuments, which will cost \$5,000 each, have been described and they will be an ornament to the historic battle field. Another monument will be ready for unveiling on the Fourth. It is being built to the memory of the late Maj. Robt. Melbane by his relatives.

More Rural Libraries.
The State Superintendent of Public Instruction says a great number of inquiries are coming in from all parts of the State regarding the changes that were made in the school by the recent Legislature and that he hopes to issue in a few days a sort of official summary of the changes in the law. He says more than thirty applications have come in for blanks on which to make out the applications for State aid in the establishment of rural school libraries under the reenacted law.

\$40,000 Episcopal Church.
Work is to be resumed next week on the Church of the Good Shepherd. The walls, which are of granite, are more than two-thirds up now. The church is to be completed next fall and will cost \$40,000. The cornerstone was laid seven years ago. The corner stone is a stone brought from the Holy Land by Dr. Pitinger, the rector, and has been in position for six years. The climatic change seems to have the effect of cracking it. So heavy plate glass has been put over both exposed surfaces.

Big Junior Meeting.
State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, State Auditor B. F. Dixon, National Councilor W. E. Faison and some of the local members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics went to Garner and participated in a big jubilation meeting. Mr. Lacy, Dr. Dixon and National Councilor Faison being the principal speakers. The Garner Lodge was installed last December with 25 members and now has over 60. There are six councils in the county, the membership being 500.

Trying to Settle Judgment.
Governor Glenn and Attorney General Blimer are negotiating with the representatives of South Dakota for the settlement of the bond judgment which that state holds against North Carolina. They are demanding the payment of the full amount of the judgment, and an effort is being made to effect a settlement more advantageous to the state.

No Clash Expected.
Birmingham, Ala., Special.—A dispatch reaching this city early Sunday morning by long distance telephone of a clash between union and non-union miners at Adamsville, was disproved by sheriffs who went there. The rumor started from the accidental shooting of Will Nicholson, a white miner. Nothing resembling serious trouble was had at the Murry mines.

North State News.
The building committee of the A. & M. College has decided to have no interruption in the work on the Agricultural building. The contract had only been let for the exterior work but recently a further contract was given for the turkey job, the building to be ready by early summer so that it can be equipped ready for the opening of the fall term.
A special from Goldsboro to the Charlotte News says:
A small negro boy was lodged in the Kinston jail last week for safe-keeping. He attempted to outrage a 13-year-old white school girl near Falling Creek Monday evening when she was returning from school alone and passing through a dense wood about a mile from her home. The youthful brute did not accomplish his foul purpose owing to the desperate courage of the girl who fought him with her club and nearly all torn off her. The girl is of one of the best families of Brookesberry and the matter was kept quiet until the next day. The negro was tried before a magistrate and confessed.
Plans have been perfected for the remodeling of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh at a cost of \$20,000. The enlarged auditorium will be one of the handsomest in the State. The church is at the northwest corner of Capitol Square.
Certificates of dissolution were issued by the Secretary of State for the Carolina Spoke and Hub Co., of Greensboro, J. Edward Cox, president; and the Geo. B. Hix Oil and Supply Co., of Charlotte. Both dissolutions were by mutual consent.

RESCUERS BLOWN UP

Frightful Loss of Life in a West Virginia Coal Mine

DEATH LIST NOW TWENTY-FOUR
Second Explosion Causes the Death of the Entire Party Which Was Endeavoring to Recover the Blackened Remains of the Victims of the First—Naked Flame in Contact With Gas the Cause of the Original Tragedy—Heavens Lighted For Miles by the Flames From the Drift Mouths.
Charleston, W. Va., Special.—As the result of horrible explosions in the Rush Run and Red Ash mines, near Thurmond, Saturday night, 24 men now lie stark in death in the two mines. Ten of these were killed in the explosion Saturday night; the other 14 were a rescuing party who went into the mine Sunday morning to recover the blackened remains of their fellow-workmen, and were killed by a second explosion. The first explosion seemed to shake the foundations of the mountains, and the angry twin flash from the two neighboring drift mouths lighted up the heavens for miles around. Soon, from the mining villages for several miles up and down the river, hundreds of people rushed to the scene of the dreadful disaster.
The first explosion was caused by a "naked" flame coming in contact with the gas. The flames leaped from the drift mouth and set fire to everything in reach that was not blown from harm's way by the force of the explosion. The great drum by which the loaded cars are run from the drift mouth down the incline to the tipple and the empties drawn up, was blown from its moorings and down the mountain side 600 feet, while the drum caught fire and was totally consumed. The cars that stood at the mouth of the mine were blown far down towards the tipple, and much of the track of the incline was destroyed. The rails were twisted and the cross-ties whipped from their beds in the baldest and sent scorching and charred many yards away. The big fan that furnished air in the mine was so damaged that it was several hours before it could be started again.
After considerable time, the great fan was repaired and the power turned on, and it began drawing 100,000 cubic feet of air through the chanel house each minute. 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 three days, putting up batteries 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 and 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 fourteen more souls were launched into eternity.
Mine Inspector Edward Pinekey arrived on the ground Sunday and took charge of the rescue work.
The names of the band who lost their lives in the attempt to get possession of the bodies of those who perished in the first explosion are:
Crockett Hutchison, Boyd county, Ky., machinist; Peter Hutchison, miner, Boyd county, Ky.; Norman Hutchison, miner, Boyd county, Ky.; Thomas Bamister, fire boss and an officer of the National Mine Workers' Union, Fayette county, W. Va.; Chas. Winn, miner, Fayette county, W. Va.; Bratt Jackson, mine boss, Louisa, Ky.; George Hopkins, track boss, Malden, W. Va.; Henderson Mabry, Amerherst, Va.; E. W. Hinsman, trackman, Amerherst, Va.

Pushing Railroad Survey.
Winston-Salem, Special.—Two surveys will be made before the line is definitely decided upon for the South-bound Railroad. The first one will be from Gibson, below Hamlet via High Point, to Winston-Salem and the second from Wadesboro via Lexington to this city.
Two corps of surveyors will be employed to do this work. One has been organized and the other will be secured within a few days.
Captain O. H. F. Cornell will be at the head of Corps No. 1, which will begin work next Monday. They will start at Gibson and survey this way. No. 2 corps will begin work at Wadesboro. The distance of the two lines is as follows: from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro, 92 miles; between Hamlet and this city 110 miles. Col. Fries made this statement:
"As I said in my speech at the mass meeting, yesterday afternoon, the Southbound Railroad will be built, provided that the conditions imposed by the projectors are complied with."

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION CLOSES.
Dr. Scherer's Address Last Night Before the Asheville Convention Was the Closing Part of the Interesting Program.
Asheville, Special.—The address of Dr. J. A. B. Scherer, of Newberry College, closed the four days' convention of the Inter-State Y. M. C. A. last week. The convention has been largely attended, and it is believed that much good has been accomplished through the coming together of such a consecrated and active band of Christian workers.
The general secretaries were entertained at dinner Wednesday by the Interstate committee, which was very much enjoyed.
The convention next year will likely be held at Charleston, S. C., although no definite arrangements have been made to that effect, nor so far has any official announcement been made public.

Conductor in Jail.
Durham, Special.—L. J. Glasgow, late yard conductor on the Southern road, who was brought here from Virginia last week and waived examination on the charge of stealing from a freight car, is still in jail. He was locked up last night in default of bond in the sum of \$500, and up to late this afternoon had been unable to arrange the bond. The erring conductor came here several years ago from Virginia and traced the thefts, as the officials were looking for the criminal in some one lower in the employ. Finally the theft of two cases of whiskey, intended for the Henderson dispensary, was traced to Capt. Glasgow. Then he was faced with the charge, and after denying it then admitted that he was guilty.

Body Torn to Pieces.
Spencer, Special.—Fred Edmunds, colored, an employee of the Southern Railway Company at this place, was run over and instantly killed here by the shop train while en route from Salisbury to Spencer with a load of mechanics at the shops. It is stated that Edmunds attempted to board the train, which was moving at a high rate of speed, when near the yard limits, but he was struck by the wheels and torn to pieces and death was instantaneous. Another report has it that Edmunds was pushed under the train by a companion with whom he had a disagreement last night and who is said to have threatened the life of his victim at the earliest opportunity. The body of the dead man has been turned over to the coroner.

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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 half a hundred of the employees were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows, and others were blown into the mud rush to escape from the doomed factory, which from all parts emitted the intense, awful heat of an inferno, driving back the head of heroic rescuers who in a few brief moments had performed gallant services.
The fire extended from the factory to seven others buildings in the vicinity and destroyed them. One of those buildings was a three-story wooden block, owned by Charles F. Dahlberg, the others being cottages of small value and a blacksmith shop. Two 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 a quarter of a million dollars. \$200,000 of which has been estimated at the Grover Company. The monetary losses are nearly offset by insurance.
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 Charles O. Emerson said he doubted whether there were so many at work. Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for, and at midnight the remains of 100 bodies had been recovered from the ruins, the search being continued all night. Fragments of human frames, which 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, and, except in rare instances, it was impossible even to distinguish the sex.
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Inspector to Investigate.
Boston, Special.—Chief Shaw, of the State police, has detailed Inspector Kazer to proceed to ascertain the cause of the accident.
"If criminal negligence is shown, I shall take immediate steps," said the chief tonight.
The boiler was insured by the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, of this city, in the sum of \$100,000. C. F. Roberts, the local manager, sent two of the inspectors to the scene immediately upon receipt of the news of the catastrophe.

New to Succeed Cortelyou.
Washington, Special.—Chairman Cortelyou has announced that he had appointed Mr. New, vice chairman of the Republican national committee, and that by reason of this appointment Mr. New would become acting chairman on Cortelyou's retirement, which will take place in a very few days. Mr. New's appointment, it is said, is entirely satisfactory to Republican leaders throughout the country.
Provincial Governor Shot.
Viborg, European Russia, By Cable.—Governor Miasorodoff was shot and seriously wounded by a boy whose identity has not been ascertained. The assassin, who is about 15 years of age, 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 clerk and secretary were unable to stop the would-be assassin, who reached the street, where, however, he was arrested and is being held. The Governor's condition is critical.

CHICAGO NOTABLES INJURED.
Wife of Democratic nominee for Mayor is Painfully Hurt.
Chicago, Special.—Mrs. Edward F. Dunne, wife of the Democratic nominee for mayor, has been painfully injured and Judge Dunn slightly bruised when a team of runaway horses dashed into the brougham in which they were riding. The brougham was wrecked and one of the runaways was so badly lacerated that a policeman shot it.

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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 half a hundred of the employees were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows, and others were blown into the mud rush to escape from the doomed factory, which from all parts emitted the intense, awful heat of an inferno, driving back the head of heroic rescuers who in a few brief moments had performed gallant services.
The fire extended from the factory to seven others buildings in the vicinity and destroyed them. One of those buildings was a three-story wooden block, owned by Charles F. Dahlberg, the others being cottages of small value and a blacksmith shop. Two 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 a quarter of a million dollars. \$200,000 of which has been estimated at the Grover Company. The monetary losses are nearly offset by insurance.
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 Charles O. Emerson said he doubted whether there were so many at work. Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for, and at midnight the remains of 100 bodies had been recovered from the ruins, the search being continued all night. Fragments of human frames, which 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, and, except in rare instances, it was impossible even to distinguish the sex.
Chief of Police Boyden at a late hour expressed the opinion that some of the employees 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 not accounted for, upwards of 100 in number, were among those.

Inspector to Investigate.
Boston, Special.—Chief Shaw, of the State police, has detailed Inspector Kazer to proceed to ascertain the cause of the accident.
"If criminal negligence is shown, I shall take immediate steps," said the chief tonight.
The boiler was insured by the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, of this city, in the sum of \$100,000. C. F. Roberts, the local manager, sent two of the inspectors to the scene immediately upon receipt of the news of the catastrophe.

New to Succeed Cortelyou.
Washington, Special.—Chairman Cortelyou has announced that he had appointed Mr. New, vice chairman of the Republican national committee, and that by reason of this appointment Mr. New would become acting chairman on Cortelyou's retirement, which will take place in a very few days. Mr. New's appointment, it is said, is entirely satisfactory to Republican leaders throughout the country.
Provincial Governor Shot.
Viborg, European Russia, By Cable.—Governor Miasorodoff was shot and seriously wounded by a boy whose identity has not been ascertained. The assassin, who is about 15 years of age, 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 clerk and secretary were unable to stop the would-be assassin, who reached the street, where, however, he was arrested and is being held. The Governor's condition is critical.

CHICAGO NOTABLES INJURED.
Wife of Democratic nominee for Mayor is Painfully Hurt.
Chicago, Special.—Mrs. Edward F. Dunne, wife of the Democratic nominee for mayor, has been painfully injured and Judge Dunn slightly bruised when a team of runaway horses dashed into the brougham in which they were riding. The brougham was wrecked and one of the runaways was so badly lacerated that a policeman shot it.