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Second Army Retreating North, While First and Third Are Moving Eastward to Kirin.

Hopes to Check Jap Advance by Destroying Bridges and Demolishing Country, Compelling Pursuers to Depend on Their Own Commissariat.

Gansu Pass, March 20.—(Morning.)—The last two days have been utterly without incident, except for the removal of the censor to Kodzu pass.

The troops parted in silence with Gen. Kouropatkin, whose labor in snatching the army was recognized, and who was ever attentive to the wants of his soldiers.

Gen. Linvitch, who also enjoys the respect and confidence of the troops as a fighter, is determined to initiate operations by wading out the evacuated and cut-off communications.

The Red Cross depot, under the auspices of Grand Duchess Elizabeth, widow of the Grand Duke Sergius, is doing excellent work in providing officers who lost their effects in the retreat.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—(2.15 a.m.)—The latest dispatches from Manchuria indicate that the retreat of the Russian army is being conducted uneventfully.

Paris, March 21.—In the course of an interview in the Matin to-day, Viscount Harashi stated that M. Witte, when in Berlin last July, sent an emissary to London asking the Japanese minister.

London, March 21.—Russian official circles in London are inclined to credit a Harbin story published in Paris.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—(11 p.m.)—General Linvitch's headquarters has been established for the present at Chien-watzu, situated at the crossing of the Sungari river.

Tokio, March 21.—The British steamer Harbinton, carrying coal to Vladivostok, was seized on Saturday by the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—(2.20 a.m.)—The Russian army in Manchuria is still to have the services of Gen. Kouropatkin.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—M. Lopoukine, chief of the secret police, has been gazetted governor of Estpona, a Baltic province of Russia, on the south coast of the Gulf of Finland.

ward journey at Harbin, started southward on the afternoon of March 20th, amidst a most remarkable farewell from the residents and soldiers who are on their way to fill up the depleted ranks.

Preparations are now making for the mobilization of a number of detachments, however, on a general scale, the preliminary despatching of soldiers to the governments of Odessa, Warsaw and Moscow.

London, March 21.—The Daily Telegraph's Yokohama correspondent says that during a storm a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer was lost off the Indo-China coast.

The correspondent at Aden of the Daily Mail reports that 34 steamers, laden with an hundred thousand tons of coal, are waiting at Jebel for the Russian fleet, which is expected there at the end of the month.

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UNABLE TO ESCAPE WHEN SHOE FACTORY COLLAPSED

Number of Employees Were Caught in Wreckage and Perished Before They Could Be Rescued.

Brockton, Mass., March 20.—The city is in mourning tonight for at least three scores of her citizens whose lives were blotted out by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe factory in the Campbell district conducted by the R. B. Grover Company.

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