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THE WEATHER. Sleet or rain predicted for tomorrow.

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ONE CENT.

ST. PEETERSBURG FEARS FOR HIM.

Retreat of Linevitch, Successful So Far, May Have Disastrous Ending - - - Japs May Cut Off Russian Commander Before Goal is Reached.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—1.15 p.m.—General Linevitch's headquarters has been established, for the present, at Chenchlawitz, situated at the crossing of the Sungari river, whence he is directing the retreat of the three armies, and disposing of the fresh troops of the fourth corps just arriving from European Russia.

liberated upon the surrender of Port Arthur, had each and all sworn in writing, according to the terms of the capitulation, to the effect that they would not act contrary to the interests of Japan. The Japanese Government being convinced that the returning to Russia of such officers during the war zone is detrimental to the military operations, decided that they should not in any case be allowed to take that route, and that decision was expressly communicated to them at that time. It is therefore, clear, that the Russian officer's arrival at Simnintin, lying within the zone of hostilities constitutes a breach of the parole.

The Japs Keep Up. The Japanese are advancing over the grand trade route, 20 miles west of the railroad. However, they could probably live on the country, the road just before the opening of navigation of the Liao river being crowded with provisions on the way south.

Apparently it is a question as to which army will manage the road, although the general staff seriously doubts the ability of Field Marshal Yamani's soldiers, with the difficulties of getting up guns, ammunition and provisions over the rugged route to continue their pursuit energetically.

No information is available regarding the strength of the Japanese column advancing along the grand trade route, but the war of attrition is hardly large enough to constitute a menace with the dispositions General Linevitch is able to make of his troops.

Appeal For Peace. The Trade World, in an article reviewing the suffering of industry in Russia, directly or indirectly, produced by the war, the immense losses suffered as a result of the 350,000 tons of grain left rotting in the Volga districts owing to lack of transportation, and the hardships imposed on the peasants by the many young and able-bodied men, sent to the front, makes an earnest appeal for peace, saying:

"Do you still think gentlemen and chauvinists of doubtful victories? Conclude peace, and allow industry and agriculture to revive, and set to work, and regenerate the people. That is the victory Russia needs. Glory be to him who leads."

Their Explanation. Washington, March 20.—The following despatch from Tokio dated March 20, was made public at the Japanese Legation today:

"Respecting the capture of Simnintin by the Japanese garrison and of a Russian who repaired there in breach of parole, a St. Petersburg semi-official telegraphic agency published the excuse to the effect that in returning home from Shanghai to Russia he took the route by the Chinese railway, and therefore the Japanese report is founded on a misunderstanding. As a matter of fact, however, the Russian officers who were

Linevitch's Report.

London, March 21.—General Linevitch's report to the Emperor, that he had inspected the newly arrived troops causes considerable speculation in London as indicating that the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian army in Manchuria either has gone much farther north than had been supposed or that Russian reinforcements are still being sent south from Harbin. The latter hypothesis is considered hardly likely in view of the fact that the Russians are trying to effect the speediest possible retirement on Harbin.

Their Fate Unknown.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 20.—4.20 p.m.—Anxiety regarding the fate of Gen. Linevitch's forces continues, the main danger to them being the Japanese columns which are hurrying northward along the Great Trade route twenty miles west of, and parallel with, the line of retreat. The heads of these columns were officially reported to be passing Pakoman, 400 miles northwest of Tie Pass, Friday. Their appearance doubtless hastened the Russian retirement which may now become literally a Japanese one, as once the Russians are headed it would be easy for the Japanese to cut them off and throw themselves across the line of retreat.

After leaving Kai-Yuan, Gen. Linevitch is believed to have divided his army, the main portion clinging to the railroad, and the other falling back to Kirin. The main portion, which runs to Kirin it being impossible to leave the latter open to the Japanese, they then being able to creep up from the flank.

At the same time it is recognized that a separation of forces is always attended with the danger of giving the enemy an opportunity to concentrate and fight the army in detail. All military men here believe that Linevitch will try to hold the line from Kirin to Changung, 120 miles north of Tie Pass.

Have The Russians Fled.

Kaopontz, Mar. 19 (Evening) via Tien Tsin, Mar. 20.—(Delayed transmission.) A Norwegian trader accompanied the Russian retreat to Tie Pass and, with a single companion, crossed over to Pakoman. The Russians left Mukden with five columns of infantry, in the centre of which were two lines of commissariat with artillery flanking the body, and cavalry acting as screens farther ahead. The demoralized troops discarded their boots and equipments abandoned their transport carts, and left guns and carriages, using the horses to save as many as possible.

At the last day at Tie Pass, the Cosacks looted the booths of traders, sold champagne at a rouble a bottle and smashed and burned everything unsalable. They caught a Japanese spy, who, upon resisting, was killed. The guilty Cosacks were shot a quarter of an hour later.

ASHLAND MAN'S RASH ACT.

Henry Carter Shot Himself While Dispondent—Christian Science Convert Becomes Suddenly Insane and Causes Much Trouble.

Ashland, Me., Mar. 20.—Henry Carter, a well-known and respected farmer living a little over a mile from the village, committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting himself through the heart with a rifle. He has had much sickness lately and has undergone two operations for appendicitis this winter. He was nearly well and was able to go out-doors to do any work. He has not been able to work for five months, and it is supposed that he got discouraged on this account.

room they found him dead on the floor in a pool of blood. Dr. Hagerthy was summoned and on examining the body found two bullet holes, one through the heart and the other about two inches above. W. D. Snowman, a farmer, who for the past two years has been making a study of Christian Science, was sitting in his home Tuesday, reading an article in a paper on Christian Science, when he suddenly jumped up, threw the paper away and began to break up the furniture, and severely beat the children. The neighbors were called in and kept him under control until a doctor arrived. Mr. Snowman was pronounced insane and will be taken to the asylum some time this week.

COAXING HIM BACK.



SIR WILFERID:—"Coo bossy, coo bossy! Don't be so suspicious. I won't hurt you."

JULES VERNE DYING.

New York, Mar. 21.—A Paris despatch to the Herald says that it is announced from Amiens that Jules Verne, the novelist, is dying. He is 77 years old.

SARMATIAN AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., Mar. 21.—(Special.)—The Allan liner Sarmatian from Glasgow, Capt. Rennie, arrived this morning after one of the most tempestuous passages experienced on the Atlantic this season and during which two of her officers were lost. The ship left Glasgow on the 2nd and arrived here on Monday 19th while on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday she made 140, 122, 123 and 115 miles. On Saturday, March 11th, she met heavy head gales and was made but 29 miles. Next day she went 221 miles, but on the day following the gale again became strong and but 19 miles were made. On Tuesday it was even worse, but 10 miles being made, the ship drifting off her course. Next day she made 57 miles against heavy head seas and her daily runs from then were: Thursday, 187, Friday, 190, Saturday, 190, Sunday, 262, Monday 290, and Tuesday to Halifax, 296.

THE BIG STICK.

Willemstadt, Curacao, Mar. 21.—The Venezuelan government, it is announced from Caracas, has received a note from Minister Bowen, requiring an answer as to whether Venezuela will arbitrate the questions pending, and saying that in case of a refusal, the United States will feel free to take the steps which may be necessary to secure justice. The charge d'affaires of the Netherlands has advised the Venezuelan government that Holland will use coercive measures in view of the fact that she has been unable to secure the release from imprisonment in Venezuela of five Dutch sailors, who have been illegally kept in prison for seven months.

A Boon To Students.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—In view of the increasing number of doctors needed at the front, an official order was published today permitting, during the war, the appointment of students to all posts and allowing foreigners to join the service.

Japs Grab Coal Boat.

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

The Taking of Kai Yuan.

Tokio, March 21.—The following announcement has been made: "Our detachment entered and occupied Kai Yuan Sunday morning, at 4 o'clock. On the same day, at 10.30 o'clock, the enemy's cavalry, about sixty strong, with three companies of infantry, attempted a counter attack but was repulsed.

THE SCHOOLS CLAUSE.

An Ottawa despatch to the Times says that so far as can be ascertained, only two liberals, Bourassa and McCarthy, are opposed to the amended clause in the autonomy bill, and that several conservatives will likely vote for it.

Asked For Peace.

Paris, March 21.—In the course of an interview, published in the Matin today, Viscount Hayashi, stating that M. Witte, when in Berlin last July, sent an emissary to London, asking the Japanese minister there to meet him to discuss peace. Minister Hayashi replied, but received no further communication.

IT WAS REILLY.

Tinsmith Swears That He Arranged for Making of Bogus Ballot Boxes. Belleville, Ont., Mar. 21.—(Special.)—On the resumption of the trial of F. J. Reilly this morning, Patrick, employee of Roof of Waterloo, in whose shop the ballot boxes were made, identified Reilly as the man who had negotiated the making of the boxes. In reply to E. F. Johnston, Reilly's counsel, however, he admitted that he could identify the boxes as those made in Roof's shop. Thus, Topping swore that the bogus box seen later in Kingston was not the box used by Hawkey.

INTERESTING ADDRESS.

At a meeting of the council this morning one of the aldermen made an eloquent speech on the Winding Ledges dam bill. He said that the members of the council could all speak feelingly on the question because their own craft was in great danger of running on a ledge on the 15th of April. They were also interested in dams, having a great many at the street corners all over the city, and being the indirect cause of a great many more. Moreover, he said, they knew something about the winding business, and when some of them were fairly well up they sel-

The Times New Reporter.

Yesterday the weather man predicted rain or sleet for today. Today he says it will come tomorrow. He is suspected of getting his information at City Hall, where things are usually put off till tomorrow.

There is excellent coaxing on several streets today.

dom ran down until their lungs fall-rolling, and were even now trying to get up an election boom. There would be no saw-off with the Citizens' League, but a steady drive for re-election. He therefore felt that they should be deeply interested in the question of the Winding Ledges Dam.

MUSICAL ITEM.

St. John, N. B., March 20th, 1905. To the Times "New Reporter." Dear Sir,—The Mr. Sharp you spoke of last week who was looking for a flat over in north end, was seen on Victoria St., today. He said the condition of that street necessitated his using a "steer." In some places Mr. Sharp found a "few" which tended to "ritard" his "progression." In one instance he tried to use "horse-and-to" you know he found he had the "wrong key." Sharp says he may yet find a flat,

RAILWAY NEWS.

Mr. Peter Binks is organizing a company to purchase the N. B. Southern railway. It is his intention, he says, to spend \$2,376,438. On the road, and put it in first class condition. Most people agree with Mr. Binks that the company will need at least as much money as he mentions to do the job. The people of St. George say it will cost more.

BROCKTON TODAY SORELY SMITTEN.

Grief Stricken Relatives of Factory Horror Victims Haunt Morgue to Identify Bodies—Engineer's Statement as to Cause of Yesterday's Disaster.

Brockton, Mass., Mar. 21.—A realization of the extent of the disaster which had come to the city of Brockton yesterday in the wrecking of the great wooden shoe factory of the B. B. Grover Company and the ensuing terrific loss of life came more clearly to the citizens to-day. All night long, the work of searching for the bodies of victims of the explosion and fire continued. It was not until 7 o'clock to-day that the remains of a human being were found in the boiler pit, the first found since midnight. Considering the mystery attached to the disappearance of David W. Rockwell, the engineer, who was in charge of the boiler which exploded, the police believe the body found to-day was that of the engineer. Rockwell was reported to have been rescued yesterday, badly injured, and later to have died, but the police were not able subsequently to locate his body. It seemed more likely to the police to-day that Rockwell, near as he was to the exploding boiler, was among the first to meet death.

A more careful search of the boiler pit, in which the remains were found to-day, resulted in the finding of a watch, the rubber heel of a shoe and a torn piece of clothing, all of which were shown to Mrs. Rockwell, the wife of the engineer, and were identified by her as belonging to her husband. The police then became satisfied that the report yesterday that the engineer had been taken out on a bridge between 5 and 6 o'clock to-day was due to the confounding of Rockwell with another employee. The figures at hand early to-day showed that about 200 persons who were at work in the factory when the explosion occurred had been accounted for and that between 50 and 100 persons were missing.

THE AUTO BILL.

Provisions to Limit Speed of "Choo-Choo" Cars Discussed at Fredericton.

Fredericton, March 21.—(Special.)—The automobile bill was before the Municipalities Committee this morning, and most of its sections were passed. Messrs. Chestnut and Barrett, represented the Auto interests and addressed the committee, several times making suggestions. Motor bicycles and tricycles were excluded from the operations of the bill. This speeded the auto on a bridge being limited to 4 miles an hour, but this stands for the present.

Was Below Safety Limit.

With reference to the cause of the blowing up of the boiler, a signed statement was given out today by Joseph P. Gibbs, the assistant engineer at the Brockton Sewage station, who said he was with engineer Rockwell, at the Grover factory five minutes before the accident occurred. Mr. Gibbs said: "When I left Rockwell, the steam was below safety limit, and there was plenty of water in the glass, but he was running the old boiler."

REPORT HEAVY WEATHER.

The Tunisian and the Montrose in Port After Hard Voyage From England—They Had Many Passengers.

The Allan liner Tunisian, Capt. Braes, arrived in port from Liverpool via Halifax about 8 o'clock last evening. She brought out 43 saloon, 307 second cabin and 1,045 stowage, a total of 1,393 passengers. The stowage consisted principally of British, Finns, Swedes and Norwegians and were a very clean and healthy looking class. Of this number, there were landed at Halifax a total of 1,012, while the others, 2 saloon, 177 second cabin and 200 stowage, or 377 in all, were brought to St. John and sent to their destinations this morning.

IT WAS REILLY.

There will be a meeting of the Clan Donachie-Campbell at the Scots' companies rooms, this evening, at 8 o'clock. By order Dugald Dhu, acting chief.

THE SCHOOLS CLAUSE.

Notwithstanding the bad weather, however, two most successful concerts in aid of the Liverpool Seaman's Orphanage were held on board and over 212 collected.

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The afternoon of Thursday last the big White Star liner Cedric bound for New York was passed and she reported, by wireless, having also encountered heavy weather.

INTERESTING ADDRESS.

On the morning of the 17th a stowage passenger named Adam B. Cunningham, an Irishman, aged about 60, and bound for Brockville, Ont., was stricken with apoplexy and notwithstanding everything possible was done for him, he died in a few hours. His body was consigned to the deep next morning, the usual impressive and solemn services being held.

RAILWAY NEWS.

On the 18th the Tunisian came into communication with the French liner La Touaine bound to Havre from New York and received from the Marconigram giving the latest news regarding the war situation in Berlin. The action taken in Berlin regarding the Russian war loan, and some 1 1/2 stock quotations, etc.

THE AUTO BILL.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba, Capt. Murray, which has been expected to arrive anytime during the last few days has not yet put in an appearance, though she may be signaled any moment. The Manitoba has on board the same class of passengers as had the Tunisian, that is, Britons, Norwegian, Swedes and Finns. There are 35 saloons, 122 second cabin, and 624 stowage. Among the number are twenty families consisting of 70 persons, who are being brought out by the Salvation Army and will be looked after by Col. Taylor of the army immigration staff, who is now in St. John. Another party composed of fifteen expert paper makers are going from Finland to work in the Battle Island Paper Co.'s mills at Haifa Bay, near Helsinki.

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The next steamer due here with passengers will be the Lake Michigan, to arrive this week with eight hundred passengers.