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**LIEU LAW REPEALED.**

**All Exchange of Lands at End in the Reserves.**

Washington, March 16.—In the opinion of many practicing lawyers, members of congress and subordinate officials of the land department, the entire lieu land law has been repealed—as much by error as by intention, though there is a distinct note of relief in all the comments emanating from those in touch with the administration, and beams of joy from the faction in congress and out of that body that is interested in ending that intolerable "system" that has led to the vast land swindles perpetrated under the old lieu land law.

On the part of the lobbies and other interests which have fattened upon the abuse developed under and by the lieu land law, there is a reluctance that cannot be "fazed" further than to barely acknowledge the probable fact of repeal.

It is rumored that when the senate messenger took a copy of the bill to the White House office that he met the president in the yard armed with a new steel pen and a bottle of ink.

Apparently without intending to do so, congress has repealed the lieu land law in its entirety. In doing so, it has erased from the statute books the law which has been responsible for more fraud than any other public land statute; it has put an end forever to a system of exchanges by which the federal government has actually been cheated out of millions of dollars worth of valuable timber land.

In the closing hours of the last congress, the senate passed a bill that has long been on its calendar, intended to restrict the lieu selections to non-timbered lands. It was a bill that had previously been passed by the house, but which had been amended by the senate committee. Because of this amendment the bill was sent to conference, and there it was again altered until it was amended out of shape and accomplished a very different purpose from that it did as it passed the house and senate.

Although the bill retained its title, "An act prohibiting the selection of timber lands in lieu of lands in forest reserves," its text was so changed that it not only prohibited the selection of timber lands, but all lands in exchange for lands in forest reserves. As finally agreed to in congress and signed by the president, the law provides:

That the acts of June 4, 1897, June 6, 1900, and March 3, 1901, are hereby repealed so far as they provide for the relinquishment, selection and patenting of lands in lieu of tracts covered by an unperfected bona fide claim or patent

within a forest reserve, but the validity of contracts entered into by the secretary of the interior prior to the passage of this act shall not be impaired; provided, that selections heretofore made in lieu of lands relinquished to the United States may be perfected, and patents issue therefor the same as though this act had not been passed, and if for any reason not the fault of the party making the same any pending selection is held invalid another selection for a like quantity of land may be made in lieu thereof.

Like all laws affecting the public domain, this new bit of legislation has been referred to the interior department for interpretation, and in a short time a circular will be issued fully setting forth the purpose of the law and explaining its meaning.

Because of the phraseology of one line, there is a division of opinion as to what the law really means, but everyone concedes that it does not merely restrict lieu selections to non-timbered lands.

In the opinion of most officials, the law absolutely repeals the lieu law and puts an end to exchanges of lands within forest reserves for lands belonging to the public domain. These officials take the broad view. There are a few, however, who maintain that the law will only prohibit the making of lieu selections by persons who have not secured full title to lands within forest reserves, and that it will not have any effect upon lieu selections made by persons whose title to lands in reserves is complete.

**HIS HEAD FALLS.**

**General Kuropatkin Has Been Dismissed in Disgrace.**

St. Petersburg, March 17.—With the Japanese hanging on the heels and flanks of the remnants of the broken, defeated Russian army, General Kuropatkin, the old idol of the private soldier, has been dismissed and disgraced, and General Linievitch, 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 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.

While it was known that the war council had already decided to supplant Kuropatkin after the Mukden disaster, the decision to confer the task of saving the remainder of the army on Linievitch in the very midst of its flight, although bruited last night, was not anticipated. It transpires that Emperor Nicholas, on 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, and again practically allowed himself to be surprised. 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 Linievitch, 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.

General Kuropatkin will return to St. Petersburg forthwith.

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