

DRIVEN TO PEACE.

Rather Than Yield Their Privileges.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—General Kuropatkin has been appointed commander of the first Manchurian Army. The appointment is gazetted in the official messenger today.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 21.—A special cablegram to the Daily News from Tsarskoe Selo says:

France's refusal to lend Russia more money without the indorsement of a national assembly has induced the bureaucracy to prefer peace to resigning its prerogatives. The spreading of agrarian troubles has converted both landowners and nobility into active anti-war partisans. The Czar presided over a meeting held yesterday to discuss peace terms. One of the most prominent members of the committee said to the Daily News correspondent as he left the conference:

"The mobilizing of further troops, the equipment and dispatch of the navy to the Far East and the improvement of the Trans-Siberian Railway before making any attempt to negotiate peace terms indicate that there will be a limit to the concessions that will be made, and that beyond that limit the war must go on. Russia is succumbing to an unholy alliance of cosmopolitan high finance, international socialism and Jewish perfidy."

While the country at large commends Kuropatkin's conduct in desiring to remain at the front and to serve under General Linievitch, General Dragomiroff's friend, Prince Eristoff, said this morning:

"I know Kuropatkin. He is subtle. I do not trust his assumption of humility. I hope Admiral Alexieff's friend, General Linievitch, will not consent to his presence with the army."

Will Raise Russian Ships.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 22.—The steamer Hyades brought news from Japan that the English company has been awarded a contract to raise the sunken ships at Port Arthur. There was some talk of making a cofferdam at the harbor mouth and pumping out the water, but this plan was abandoned in favor of placing cofferdams about each of the sunken craft, by which means, it is claimed, every vessel, with the possible exception of the Sevastopol, can be raised and repaired.

The former Russian cruiser Variag, sunk at Chemulpo, has been raised and brought to Nagasaki. She is being rapidly repaired with a view to arming and commissioning her under the Japanese flag.

Revised figures of the Japanese losses at the battle of Mukden place the number at 50,000, and revised estimates of the Russian losses from the commencement of the battle of Mukden and ending with the fighting at Tie Pass place the total at 175,000 killed, wounded or captured.

Shot by a Boy.

VIBORG, European Russia, March 20.—Governor Misurodoff was shot and seriously wounded today by a boy about 15 years old, who 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 in the leg.

The Governor's clerks and secretary were unable to stop the would-be assassin, who reached the street, where, however, he was arrested without a struggle.

The Governor's condition is critical. The youth who shot the Governor has been identified as Matti Hjalmar Keiukke, who admits that he is a revolutionist. He hails from Kurikka Parish in the northwest part of Finland, but recently has been living in Stockholm, to avoid arrest on account of his known revolutionary ideas. He returned four days ago to Finland by way of Tornea, and spent three days in Viborg, but declines to reveal his stopping place.

Governor Misurodoff has been most energetic in the Russification of Finland, and memorials have been sent to the Estates petitioning for his removal on account of his alleged illegal methods and the general conditions in his province.

Alcohol and Degeneracy.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Alcoholism is steadily growing worse in France, while it is decreasing elsewhere, according to assertions made by Dr. Poitou Duplessy, in a public address, cables the Herald's Paris correspondent. The speaker is a well-known physician.

"To the drink evil," he said, "could be traced the gradual disappearance of racial attributes. Gradual degeneracy is sure to result unless alcoholism is checked."

Dr. Duplessy declared that drink is a prime factor in causing tuberculosis and madness, misery and crime. The only way to successfully abate the evil, he says, is to arouse the public conscience. The law of social solidarity, he says, has a scientific basis, which imposes a moral duty upon members of society to defend themselves and their fellows from such a menace as that which alcoholism now presents.

Next Sunday evening Rev. E. M. Paterson will deliver his second address from the "Sermon on the Mount," his theme being "Christ's modifications of the Mosaic Law." All invited.

GAMES ALL CLOSED.

Astoria Keeps the Law Under Orders of the Sheriff.

ASTORIA, Ore., March 21.—For the first time in years all gambling devices, with the exception of slot machines, licensed by the city, are closed in Astoria. This is a direct result of an order issued by Sheriff Linville, who this afternoon notified the proprietors of all places in which gambling has been conducted that the games must be stopped. He made no arrests, but informed the proprietors that in case the games are reopened he will arrest not only those running the games, but all who are playing as well. In speaking of his action this afternoon, Sheriff Linville said:

"I do not wish to pose as a reformer, for I am not one, but I do not propose to have the law so flagrantly violated as it has been in the past, unless the city authorizes it by issuing licenses, and thus receives a revenue from every game. I have notified all the gambling houses, and this includes the Chinese lotteries as well, that they must close."

"The slot machines I shall not interfere with, except to see that the license ordinance passed by the city is strictly complied with. The city has decided that it wants to license these machines, in order to secure a revenue from them, and I shall do nothing to conflict with that, but this license ordinance provides that a license shall be posted in a conspicuous place on each machine. Beginning tomorrow morning, I shall close down every machine which has not a city license posted on its front where every one can see it."

"Regarding the other forms of gambling, if the city wants them to continue, it can issue licenses for each game, and have the licenses posted in conspicuous places on the tables, then I will not interfere. That will insure the city getting a revenue from every game running, and will take the responsibility for the violations off me as a public officer sworn to enforce the state laws. If the city authorities want gambling, and will assume the responsibility of passing and enforcing such a license ordinance, all right, but gambling will not continue any longer under present conditions."

Fight on With Baker Saloons.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 20.—L. R. Rusk, James Selters and Thomas Wright, all of Bourne, were arraigned this morning in the Circuit Court on the charge of violating the Sunday closing law. They were allowed the statutory time to plead. Another batch of indictments is expected at any time.

Over 100 indictments have been brought against Baker City and County liquor dealers by the grand jury now in session. This crusade against gambling and Sunday liquor-selling is laid at the door of Sheriff Brown, as the result of threats said to have been made last fall by the saloon element at the time of the former crusade. Trails are set to commence Wednesday morning. Senator J. L. Rand entered a plea of not guilty Saturday for the numerous liquor dealers to appear.

When the trials came up last fall, juries in the Justice Court either returned not guilty verdicts or failed to agree, until the saloon men called a halt and proposed to enter a general plea of guilty and allow the court to fine them. It cost them \$10 each and costs. In the present cases the saloon men are likely to demand jury trials for each case, when it would require all summer to clear the docket. City and county have always been wide open night and day Sundays and Saturdays, until last September's movements.

Factory a Tomb.

BROCKTON, Mass., March 20.—At least 60 persons were killed early today by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment in the Cambell district conducted by the R. B. Grover Company. 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 the mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrific upheaval in the boiler-room. More than 50 of the employees in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows and others had been injured in the mad rush to escape the doomed factory, all parts of which emitted the heat of an inferno, driving back the band of heroic rescuers who in a few minutes performed gallant service.

The fire extended from the factory to seven other buildings in the vicinity and destroyed them. One of these buildings was a three-story wooden block, the other being cottages of small value and a blacksmith shop. The wooden dwellings near the engine room were practically demolished by the flying boiler, but none of their occupants were seriously injured. The total financial loss is estimated at \$250,000, \$200,000 of which falls on the R. B. Grover Company.

He wants the job at a salary of \$100,000 a year. Horace G. Bart, ex-president of the Union Pacific, now traveling in Europe, may be placed in charge of the construction work of the Panama Canal. It is stated that Mr. Bart has been approached several times on the subject at the instigation of President Roosevelt.

France Orders Warships to Venezuelan Waters.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The French Cable Company complications have reached a crisis, and Minister Bowen has informed the State Department that the French Minister at Caracas, by instructions of his Government, has notified the Venezuelan government that there must be no further proceedings on its part toward the cancellation of the company's franchise or interference with its property.

Further, Mr. Bowen reports that two French warships, the cruisers Duplex and Jurien de Lagravierre, have been ordered post haste to Venezuela to act in accord with the instructions of the French Minister. The warships are now in the Caribbean Sea.

It is the expectation here that the appearance of these ships at La Guayra will cause President Castro to accede promptly to the demands of the French Minister, failing which the Minister probably will place the legation in care of some other Minister at Caracas and go aboard one of the warships, thus severing diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela.

The present situation cannot continue more than a few days, according to the official opinion here. There may be some further exchanges relative to the affairs of the cable company through third parties, and the possibility of pressure being brought to bear on President Castro by other diplomats at Caracas is suggested. If the Venezuelan government sizes the cable office near La Guayra it is fully expected that the French warships will make a demonstration, attempt to take a force to recover possession of the property, and if resisted open fire on the defensive works recently constructed to command the harbor at La Guayra.

The Dutch government has lodged a very serious complaint with President Castro against the treatment of its citizens, and it may join with France in coercive measures. The French government has not asked the consent of the United States to its proceedings against Castro, nor does it feel called upon to do so. But with a perfect knowledge of the policy of the United States in such matters as outlined in the correspondence between the State Department and Von Holleben, the German Ambassador here in connection with the German naval demonstration at La Guayra in the Winter of 1902, the French Government is proceeding on the theory that there will be no intervention of this Government. This assumption is correct, providing there is no intention on the part of the French of seizing with a view to its retention and Venezuelan territory.

Independence.

There is a bright as well as a dark side to independence.

To one mind to have to stand alone is banishment, to another independence. Our forefathers conceived the idea of independence and signed the declaration of independence that established the grandest government that has ever been. Governments have their functions, but they are not the whole thing. A church and neighborhood are both of as much importance to mankind as a government and have a God given right to independence as well. Antagonists are a foe to independence. They are ever trying to build up a favored class at the expense of the people, creating divisions on nonessentials. All must be created equal and an independent Government, Church and neighborhood.

True independence consists in not thinking more highly of ones own need than of a neighbor's, a fellow citizen's, or a brother's. Why should he not enjoy as much of life, liberty and happiness as I?

The wants of men are either natural or fictitious. It is the will of God that the natural wants of men should be satisfied in a natural way. Men must be fed, clothed, cared for in sickness and death. He must be perpetuated in this world and in the world to come. He must be protected against the vicious, and the weak against the strong. He must be educated and encouraged. Every man who subscribes to the sovereign will of God may reasonably expect God's providence in supplying his natural wants. The Church, government, or neighborhood that fails to point to God's sovereignty has no marks of independence. Men who object to God's sovereignty have no right to independence nor could he enjoy it if he did for he soon acquires fictitious wants that absorb his natural resources. The wrong use of wine and woman, opiate, trying to provide for wants after he is dead, etc., he becomes visionary, and if he is not a thief or absconder he is liable to try to appropriate what rightfully belongs to others. He may think he is honest, but his fictitious wants drive him to bankruptcy. My ideal of independence is the man who has a home and family, with health and strength and an honest industry or visible means of support, contented with being a unit in the independent church, government and neighborhood. Selfish in un-American. God never made a serf who trusted in him. Independence is God given and self accepted. The proper division of the offices of the church, government and neighborhood promotes their independence. A neighbor could encourage the sick, whereas if the government had it to do he would die of despondency. The Church could persuade to repentance the one that the government would make a hardened criminal or drive mad. The government can deal with crime that is in open defiance of the church, God's sanction is our independence.

Every thinking man in the nation knows that it is high time that we have a church that is independent of sectarianism, that is purely American, and that can deal with the abominable practices of race suicide without being hampered by any ecclesiastical rot or dogmas. "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Instead of having a lot of proprietary churches to promote antagonism, we need one of a national character in the interest of the whole people. There are but two sides of the question either, God is sovereign king in whom we trust, or distrust. He is able and disposed to consider the welfare of each individual or he is not. A church has a prevailing influence in a nation for weal or woe. It is either for distinction or equality,

it can honor wealth and education, or faith and virtue. The nation that our ancestors fought for an existence is fast becoming a nation of tramps, prostitutes, insane, while the popular church is asleep to the damaging effect of youthful follies and feteside. The future of the nation is with the young and middle aged men. They are the ones who need the kindest attention and the gravest consideration. To blast their hope or to discourage them of a home and family is ruination. A church is for or against the people. The Russian church is a foe to the common people and an ally to the aristocracy. It is much easier to establish an independent church for God and the right than to try to remodel a church that has lost its faith and virtue. J. C. Gova.

SOUTH PRAIRIE.

Stormy weather for dairying, but the grass is growing nicely and stock is in good condition.

The Marolf children have the sympathy of their neighbors and friends in the loss of a kind and indulgent father and a good neighbor.

Lem Johnson's little child has been quite sick, but is better.

The local sports have killed several fine bear lately.

Thomas Goynne is getting quite a bit of his land cleared up.

WOMAN A PESSIMIST.

After a Certain Age Their Faces Show Signs of Mental Worry and Distress.

The average woman is a dyed-in-the-wool pessimist. Almost every woman over 30 years of age looks listless. Her brows are bent, her mouth drawn into a tight line, and there are deep furrows down her cheeks. She looks exactly as if she were considering how to provide a dinner for 25 cents that will satisfy twenty-five small children, when in reality she may have nothing more serious on her mind than buying a pair of socks for George. No wonder women grow old faster than men, for they hug their worries to them and let them show in their faces.

There was once an elderly servant who was superstitious to a degree and who always expected the worst to happen. Did she find a needle on the floor, did a picture fall in the house or a bird fly into one of the rooms, she was instantly plunged into woe. "We're going to have a heap of bad luck!" she would say, and then she'd be lachrymose until some one had the toothache or the cows got into the corn, when she would consider the demon luck exercised or satisfied for a time and grow as cheerful as it was her habit to be. Some one once asked her if she did not have any good-luck signs. "Why, certainly," she replied, "but they don't count—I don't believe in the good-luck ones," which, by the by, is thoroughly characteristic of the sex.

Here is a woman who suffers—suffers is the word—from insomnia. "I can't imagine why I don't sleep," she says to her friends. "I'm sleepy as anything when I go upstairs, but then I begin to wonder if my son Arthur, who travels for a drug firm, is on a train, and in a minute I see him just as plainly bleeding and mangled in a wreck. When I decide that he is really dead, I think of John, and worry because he hasn't a better position. Then Molly comes into my mind, and I feel sure that one of her children must be ill. I feel so blue about her. I fret over Lucy's throat a bit then, and by this time I'm wide awake. It's the strangest thing! I don't understand why I should be so wakeful!"

Her physician does, however, and now he's prescribing for her a course of cheerfulness and of "looking for the best." It's a medicine that most women need—their faces show it—but there are few who are sensible enough to take it.

Death Caused by Mosquito.

Mosquitoes are now charged with communicating erysipelas as well as malaria and yellow fever. A New York physician has issued a death certificate in the case of a 14 months' old babe, in which he says "Death was caused by erysipelas due to the bite of a mosquito." It is only fair to the mosquito to record that the board of health officers refused to accept the certificate until a coroner's physician had investigated and concluded that there was no other apparent cause for the death than the mosquito bite.—Youth's Companion.

"Coffee Heart" is the Latest.

Medical examiners for life insurance societies have added the term "coffee heart" to their regular classification of the functional derangements of that organ. Its effect is in shortening the long beat of the heart. Coffee tapers, they say, are plentiful, and are as much tied to their cups as the whisky toper. The effect of the coffee upon the heart is more lasting, and consequently worse, than that of liquor.—Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette, London.

Wales Wants Representation.

"Gallant little Wales," says the London Chronicle, "is putting forward a claim for representation in the royal coat-of-arms, as well as for inclusion in the union jack. With this object a provisional committee has drawn up a memorial to the queen, praying that the fourth quarter of the royal shield—which, as they very truly say, is practically unfilled, since it is a repetition of the first quarter—be devoted to insignia for Wales. The claims of the principality to heraldic recognition are not to be disputed. It is the only nationality in Europe that has no distinctive blazon to exhibit to the world, although its history is associated with more than one symbol."

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