

WILL FORM SECOND MANCHURIAN ARMY.

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GEN. LINEVITCH TO COMMAND.

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SITUATION AT FRONT UNCHANGED

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St. Petersburg, Sept. 19 (1:57 p. m.).—

Acting upon the advice of his military advisers, Emperor Nicholas has decided to form a second Manchurian army. It will be formed of the corps which are being sent to the far east and Lieut. Gen. Linevitch probably will be given the command of the second army. Gen. Kuropatkin will become chief of both armies, but probably without the title of commander-in-chief. It is this impending reorganization which seems to have led to the countless rumors and reports about here of Kuropatkin's supersession of Viceroy Alexieff as commander-in-chief of the army, the latter's resignation, etc., but the Associated Press investigations indicate that the above is the real situation. The Associated Press is informed that Alexieff will continue to be viceroy and that as such he could not be superseded in title to the commanding general, which would happen if Kuropatkin was given the title of commander-in-chief. Nevertheless, the Associated Press is informed, Kuropatkin will virtually be in complete, untrammelled command.

As has been heretofore stated on high authority the stories of Alexieff's interference with Kuropatkin are entirely without foundation. On the contrary Alexieff has always shown the utmost appreciation of the peculiar delicacy of his position as Kuropatkin's superior, judiciously avoiding even the semblance of interference with the operations of the Manchurian army. The Associated Press is authorized again to deny absolutely the story that Rear Admiral Prince Oukunsky has been court-martialed. It is positively stated that he has never been under arrest at Port Arthur and that there has never been a question of his trial by court-martial. He has simply been superseded by Rear Admiral Wren in the temporary command of the Port Arthur squadron, which Oukunsky took over when the late Rear Admiral Wren fell. This does not necessarily mean that the admiralty is satisfied with Rear Admiral Oukunsky. On the contrary, his shortcomings are recognized, leading to the decision to place Rear Admiral Wren in command. The latest dispatches received by the Associated Press from the front practically unchanged. There is no truth in the report cabled to the Express of London from Tokio that a battle is progressing at Mukden. There is nothing yet to show that Field Marshal Oyama has begun to move in force. The reported fighting between Japanese and Maj.-Gen. Mischenko probably refers to the sharp skirmishes southeast of Mukden, news of which has already been cabled to the Associated Press.

IMPORTANT RECONNAISSANCES.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—A dispatch was received today from Gen. Kuropatkin announcing that Gens. Rennenkampf and Samsonoff are conducting important reconnaissances which have resulted in rather heavy fighting with many casualties. From Gen. Kuropatkin's telegram which was dispatched at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, it appears that Gen. Rennenkampf had recovered from his wound and had resumed command of the troops. The reconnaissance disclosed a further increase in the Japanese forces at Yen Tai and Bentslaputze. The Russians have occupied several villages nearer the Japanese lines. Gen. Kuropatkin yesterday reviewed the Thirty-seventh division of the First army corps.

TOWARD JAPANESE FRONT.

London, Sept. 19.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg today says the reconnaissance were towards the Japanese front and right flank, resulting in the Japanese being driven back. The Russian losses, according to this version, are said to be slight and it is not clear whether the "many" casualties, referred to by Gen. Kuropatkin, were inflicted or received.

A CRY OF "FIGHT."

Mistaken for "Fire" and Caused Panic at a Big Meeting

New York, Sept. 19.—A cry of "fight" mistakenly understood to be a warning of fire has caused a panic among 3,000 Hebrews crowded into two meeting rooms at Progress, 28 and 30 Avenue "A." The congregations were assembled to celebrate the beginning of the week of atonement, when two youths near the entrance of the lower hall ran into an altercation and some persons on the street shouted "fight." The cry was taken up, and in the upper hall there was a rush for the door and fire escapes. A detective saw the crowd fighting its way down stairs and caught sight of women apparently about to drop from the fire escape. He climbed up to them, put in time to prevent their jumping and got them off the fire escape. The stairway was jammed, the women fighting their way over the men, and shouting that there was violence to those who did not stand still immediately. He could not stop the stampede, but he checked it for a moment and it came to an end quickly. Somebody had turned in a fire alarm and the engines were arriving. There had been 11 fires in the case side district south of Fourteenth street within an hour and some of the apparatus had to come a considerable distance. Upon the arrival of the apparatus there was a renewed effort to crowd out of the building but it soon subsided. The congregation in the lower hall resumed its services after the excitement, but those who had been in the upper hall did not return. Fifteen hundred Jews were jammed together on two floors of the hall at 112 Canal street later when somebody cried "fire." There was a rush for exits and several were hurt by being trodden on. The crowd's nerves stopped the rush with their clubs.

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Coensel For Mrs. Ryckman Confronted With Quite a Serious Charge.

TLOD HER TO DISOBEY COURT.

At Least, This is the Allegation Made Against Her by the Woman Herself.

DIED ON THE TRAIN.

Aged Traveler a Victim of Heart Failure, Due to Altitude.

An unknown man about 80 years of age died yesterday noon, on a west-bound Rio Grande train, and was brought to this city and left at Evans' undertaking establishment to be held for identification. There was absolutely nothing on the body to establish this, beyond a clue that might prove of some value. This clue was a slip of paper, on which was written 2486 Post street, San Francisco; and on another slip of paper was written J. Watson, 832 Elmwood avenue, Chicago. A note was found, signed by the railroad agent at Detroit, where the old man had taken the cars for California as a colonist, asking conductors to see that he was properly cared for; but without giving his name. All the traveler had in his pocket was \$1.70, and he had a basketful of eatables to maintain the inner man on route.

A cursory examination indicates that the cause of death was rupture of the inner wall of the heart, due to the altitude. Mr. Evans is in telegraphic communication with the San Francisco address, to ascertain what disposal to make of the remains. Why the old man should be sent off on such a long trip without any means of identification about him, is a matter of speculation as well as of crime.

UNIVERSITY OPENING.

Class Work Starts With 575 Students Enrolled at U. of S.

Class work was started at the University of Utah this morning, the entire faculty being present to greet their students. Registration still continues and up to a late hour this afternoon 575 students had been enrolled. It is expected that before the day closes this will reach close to 600. During the summer recess the university buildings have been thoroughly renovated and the grounds have been made to appear beautiful. Even the flag pole has received attention, as it stands ere long ready to testify to the work that has been going on. The paths around the buildings are circular in shape and between them it is the intention to plant lawn.

From present indications the year will be a banner one for athletics, and the record of the football team of the old students, including Fred, Earl and Sam Bennion, have already joined the team while others will do their best to become members, among them J. P. Russell, Doris Davis and Lawrence; also Joe Smith, Sid Christy and Joe Stanton of Jordan, D. S. of the High School team. Don Ritter and Worthen are after places, while a new man in the local world of athletics, Mr. Barton of Sanpete, promises much in the way of advancing university successes. Mr. Barton is a husky fellow and weighs 235 pounds. At a contest in Sanpete last summer he won the yard dash, boxing contest and pitched for the winning baseball team, Maddock, the new coach at the university, is creating much enthusiasm among the boys. They like his style and he urges them to play snappy ball and will not tolerate anything less. The boys practise every afternoon at 3 o'clock.

FRACTURED HIS SKULL.

Two-Year-Old Child Meets Serious Injury at South Cottonwood.

Little Elvis Langenbacher, the two-year-old son of William Langenbacher, the elevator operator at the city and county building, met with a very serious accident yesterday afternoon while visiting with his parents at the home of H. E. Steffensen in South Cottonwood. The little fellow was playing in the room and while running around the table fell and fractured his skull. When picked up the blood gushed from the wound and it was thought that he was fatally injured. Dr. Rauscher was immediately called and dressed the wound. The child remained unconscious for several hours but this morning is reported as being much improved.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Senator and Mrs. Smoot Entertain 450 Invited Guests at Provo.

About 45 residents of Salt Lake who had been invited to attend the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the wedding of Senator and Mrs. Reed Smoot went down to Provo over the San Pedro at 5:45 on Saturday evening and spent a most enjoyable time. The Salt Lake guests were carried by special train, which, returning, left Provo at 12:30 a. m., while others came from other parts of the state. Upon arriving at Provo the Salt Lake visitors went to the residence of the senator where a short reception was held and then all adjourned to the Brigham Young university hall where they were joined by about 400 other invited guests. The hall presented a very pretty appearance being decorated with the National colors and brilliantly lighted with numerous incandescent lamps. During the evening dancing was indulged in by those present and the ladies were served by a corps of ladies. Altogether the reception was a most enjoyable affair and did not adjourn until midnight.

FALSE ALARM.

Fire and Police Departments Break in On Furnace Cleaners.

Three stations of the fire department, three officials of the police department, and numerous good people on their way to church, did valiant service yesterday morning, in saving the premises of Clark, Eldredge & Co. from a supposed fire. In doing so they disturbed two soot covered Swedes at their work of fixing the furnace flues, who came forth from the basement just as the fire ladies were running their hose into an aperture made with great labor by the three policemen. The Swedes looked with amazement upon the hose, the policemen and the crowd, and then demanded to know "what for they cannot clean a furnace without such hubbaloos?" At that they retired to their work, while the fire department receded in its hose and returned to enter a false alarm on the books. The trouble arose because the Swedes deemed it wise to test their work on the furnace before completing it. They found that the flues decidedly wouldn't work, and the basement filled with smoke. Passers by on their way to church saw the smoke issuing from the windows, and notified the policeman on the beat. He came and inspected, and turned in an alarm. Meanwhile guests of Ford's New Southern hotel saw the smoke and turned in an alarm also. A great crowd of people gathered quickly around the building, while three policemen tried to force an entrance at the rear. Then came the fire department, which dashed down the alley beside the building, and stirred on by the sight of the smoking cellar windows in the belief that they had a big task before them, got lines of hose connected up with every available hydrant. It was then that the Swedes were sufficiently annoyed by the disturbances to issue forth and investigate matters.

RUSSIAN PRESS ON TIBETAN TREATY.

It Argues that Great Britain Has Established a Virtual Protectorate.

FABLE OF THE LAMB AND WOLF.

The Sveit Declares that the Treaty is Nothing More or Less than a Repetition of It.

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When Russia's Hands Are Free, it is Predicted Middle East Question Will Become Another Apple of Discord.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The Russian press, discussing the Tibetan treaty with Great Britain, unites in agreeing that the latter country has succeeded in establishing a virtual protectorate over Tibet. The Sveit terms the treaty a repetition of the fable of the wolf and the lamb, and expresses the belief that the success of the British expedition will shake Russian prestige among the Buddhist subjects of Russia. The Bourse Gazette thinks it has succeeded beyond her wildest dreams, but conceals a veiled threat under the inquiry whether the success can be lasting. As soon as Russia's hands are free, the Gazette predicts that it is more than likely that the middle east question will become another apple of discord. The Novosti, on the other hand, contends that British and Russian interests in Asia are identical, and opposes the idea that the treaty will become a bone of contention, especially as it was concluded with the knowledge and consent of Russia.

CONGRESS OF ARTS.

Many Noted Men at St. Louis to Attend It.

St. Louis, Sept. 19.—Many of the foremost scientists of the world are among the men of letters who are here this week to attend the international congress of arts and science, the opening session of which was held in Festival hall at the world's fair grounds today. The meeting was called to order by Howard J. Rogers, director of the congress, who in his opening address, President Francis welcomed the distinguished visitors and replied was by James Bryce, honorary vice president for Great Britain on behalf of the congress. Today's session was of a general order and was comparatively brief, after which the delegates were entertained as guests of the exposition. The congress will continue throughout the week, the real work beginning tomorrow.

Tom Taggart in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic national committee, arrived in Chicago today. This is the first visit of the national chairman to Chicago since he took his office as the party's manager, and marks the beginning of the Democratic campaign in Illinois. Democratic leaders from all parts of the state are here to meet him.

Killed in Windstorm.

Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 18.—A windstorm which swept over Ardmore, a small town south of here, resulted in the death of Tom Ross, aged 15. Two other persons, names unknown, were fatally injured. The storm did much damage to property.

Statistics on Graphite Used.

Washington, Sept. 19.—The United States geological survey has issued a report showing that in 1903 the United States consumed 37,758 short tons of graphite, valued at \$1,598,585. The value of the total home production was only \$235,554.

German Comedian Dead.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—Emil Thomas, formerly one of the most artistic comedians on the German stage, is dead. He was 55 years of age. Herr Thomas made a tour of the United States in 1902-03.

STATISTICS ON BORAX.

Product in U. S. in 1903 Was Valued at \$661,400.

Washington, Sept. 19.—According to statistics compiled by the geological survey the United States, during the last calendar year produced 24,430 short tons of borax, valued at \$661,400. The production in 1902 was 17,404 short tons, valued at \$591,000. Of the refined borax 862 short tons valued at \$150,000 were boric acid. Had the valuation in 1903 been taken on the refined instead of the crude product the figures would have been \$725,000 instead of \$661,400. The amount of borax, borates and boric acid imported into the United States in 1902 was 1,594,251 pounds, valued at \$52,326. In 1903 the amount imported was 999,251 pounds, valued at \$47,018.