

WEATHER FOR PENSACOLA: Fair Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy; variable winds.

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## TERRIFIC EXPLOSION OF BOILER IN SHOE FACTORY

Brought Death to Over Half a Hundred Operatives at Brocton, Mass.--Property Loss Aggregates \$250,000.

### OVER A HUNDRED UNACCOUNTED FOR

Probability that Full Number of Dead Will Never be Known.

EXPLOSION OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER EMPLOYEES HAD GONE TO WORK--BUILDING COLLAPSED AND BURIED VICTIMS UNDER MASS OF IRON AND WOOD WRECKAGE.

By Associated Press. Brocton, Mass., March 20.—The explosion of a 150 horse power boiler in R. B. Grover & Co.'s four story wooden shoe factory, on the edge of this city to-day, killed over two score employees, injured half a hundred others and destroyed property valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. To-night the charred remains of forty-three bodies lie at the morgue and 114 others are not accounted for. Probably the number of dead will never be known among those missing and the police expect many more will be reported to-morrow. The death list is estimated at from fifty to seventy-five.

The entire factory was reduced to ashes within an hour after the explosion. A three story block across the street and five dwellings were also burned. The search of the ruins was in progress the entire afternoon and continued to-night, but work of identifying the dead progressed slowly owing to the generally unrecognizable condition of the remains of victims. The explosion occurred shortly after the operatives had gone to work this morning. As the explosion was heard the large wooden frame of the factory quivered and then the rear portion collapsed. In a second the great building was transformed into a mass of iron and wood wreckage in which the human beings were pinned. Instantly fire broke out in the debris and death by fire and suffocation became the lot of scores of operatives.

When the boiler exploded it passed almost perpendicularly upward, tearing a passage and killing many on the way. After rising high in the air it descended, cutting it way through a dwelling house fifty feet away and dashed into another dwelling. Scenes of horror followed and the upper floors of the factory, weighed with heavy machinery, collapsed with a crash. Many operatives were carried into the fiery furnace. Attempts at rescue were made but the flames drove the rescuers away and they were compelled to stand by and see men and women burned to death. In spite of the heat many daring rescues were made by bystanders, firemen and police.

### MANY VAGRANTS WERE ARRESTED

PARTIES WHO HAVE NO MEANS OF A LIVELIHOOD ARE BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY TODAY.

Marshal Schand and the officers of the police department got busy last night in arresting strangers, and as a result many who came here for the evident purpose of conducting various schemes during the time that the North Atlantic fleet will remain in the port are now in custody of the city.

### BROOKLYN PROCEEDS OUT FOR TARGET PRACTICE

AND BEFORE SHE CONCLUDES HER WORK THE BIG BATTLESHIP SQUADRON WILL HAVE REACHED PORT FOR THE MANEUVERS.

The fine cruiser Brooklyn, which arrived here last week, went out for target practice yesterday morning, anchoring on the range in the gulf. The weather however, which was very rough and boisterous precluded all possibility of firing, as the big ship was tossed about by the waves in such a manner that accurate firing was an impossibility.

The vessel got under headway about 10 o'clock yesterday morning and crossed the bar shortly afterwards. It was intended to commence firing at once, as all targets had been placed in position, but the weather prevented and the ship came to anchor, where she will remain until the heavy seas subside.

The Big Fleet. It is expected that before the Brooklyn concludes her record target work that the entire battleship squadron will reach port. At least this is the impression now prevailing among the naval officers, who expect that the fleet will be here before the expiration of the week. The vessels expected to arrive this week comprise the battleship squadron. Afterwards will come the cruisers, monitors, torpedo boat destroyers and gunboats, comprising in all about thirty vessels.

The local postoffice has already received mail for about thirty of these vessels, and it is anticipated that more will soon arrive.

While the small cruisers and gunboats will do their target firing at St. Joseph's Bay, they will nevertheless give the men shore liberty in Pensacola and not at St. Joseph's where there is no opportunity for them to have any pleasure.

## BOY ANARCHIST SERIOUSLY WOUNDS RUSSIAN GOVERNOR

Entered Office and Fired Three Shots at Miasorodoff, Inflicting One Severe and Two Slight Injuries--Assailant Captured Afterwards in Street.

### Leader in War Against Standard Oil Company



GOV. EDWARD W. HOCH.

Kansas has produced many interesting political figures. The latest is Gov. Edward W. Hoch, who is leading the war just now against the Standard Oil Company in this state. He was born in Danville, Ky. After a residence in Indiana he came to Kansas in 1870 as a journeyman printer. His fight on the great oil monopoly has caused his name to be mentioned in connection with the nomination for president in 1908.

## EXCITEMENT IN MOROCCO OVER WILLIAM'S VISIT

BELIEF EXPRESSED THAT GERMAN Y WILL ASSIST SULTAN AGAINST THE FRENCH--SEMI-OFFICIAL PAPER SAYS GERMAN Y ONLY WANTS EQUALITY.

By Associated Press. Tangier, Morocco, March 20.—The announcement that Emperor William will visit Tangiers on March 31, is causing great excitement among the natives. The belief is expressed that Germany will help the sultan against the French and that his visit will be a death blow to French influence in Morocco.

Only Desires Equality. Berlin, March 20.—Discussing the feeling that Germany has designs on Morocco and is opposing the plans of France, the North German Gazette, a semi-official organ, quotes the emperor's utterances of last year to King Alfonso of Spain, that Germany seeks no territorial advantages in Morocco of any kind, but desires only a continuance of economic equality.

## Possibilities Slight for Cotton Growing in Africa

By Associated Press. London, March 20.—The commissioners sent out by the British government to inspect the cotton growing possibilities of East Africa reported this evening: "Unless difficulties which at present seem insurmountable are removed, cotton growing in East Africa can never be undertaken on any considerable scale."

First among the difficulties the commissioners place labor. On account of the apathy of the natives and their disinclination for work the total area devoted to cotton growing under European service can hardly exceed a few thousand acres.

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He will leave for Tallahassee this morning.

Three Thousand Are Out of Work. HAVEMEYER SUGAR REFINERY IN BROOKLYN CLOSED DOWN YESTERDAY--NO OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

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### ADMITS HE IS AN ANARCHIST

Lithuania Formulates Demands for Restoration of Privileges.

TOLSTOI SAYS PROPOSED REFORMS WILL BE INEFFICIENT AND THAT WHEN THE WAR WITH JAPAN IS OVER THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CONFLICT FOR POSSESSION OF THIBET.

By Associated Press. Viborg, March 20.—European Russian Governor Miasorodoff was shot and seriously wounded to-day by a boy, whose identity is not known. The assassin, who was about fifteen years old, entered the office and fired three times at the governor, inflicting one serious wound and two slighter ones. The clerks were unable to stop the assassin, who fled to the street and was afterwards captured. The governor's condition is critical.

Assailant Identified. London, March 20.—A dispatch from Copenhagen says the name of the assailant of Governor Miasorodoff is Matti Hjalmar and that he has confessed himself an anarchist.

### INEFFICIENCY OF PROPOSED REFORMS.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—Lithuania, the last of the non-Russian provinces to formulate demands for the restoration of ancient privileges, asks equality with the Russian inhabitants in leasing lands, freedom in religion, recognition of the Lithuanian language, etc.

Tolstoi, in a recent interview, reiterates at length his views on the inefficiency of the proposed government reforms. He says: "Striving for a renewal of the state is impossible. Until the people have within themselves an image of the living God civilization will become savage. When the war with the Japanese is finished, there will be war with India for Tibet."

"Human happiness is attainable only when each individual does his utmost, one in the workshop, another in the field and another to compose sonatas. It matters only that each does his duty and creates something. Reform is of little value when all humanity are savages."

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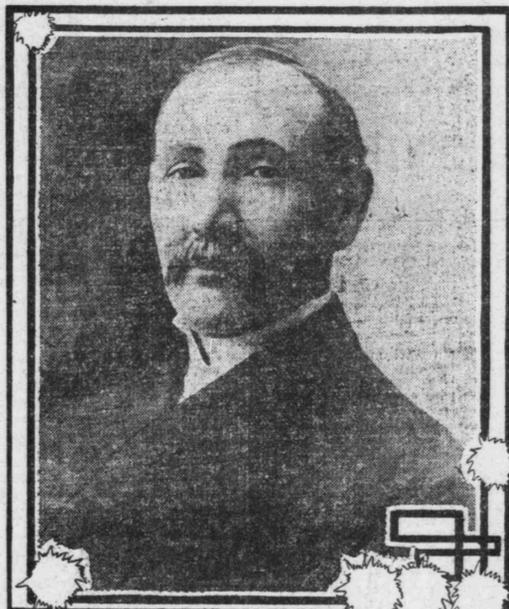
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## Friend and Successor of Vice-President Fairbanks



SENATOR J. A. HEMENWAY.

Senator Hemenway is the new senator from Indiana succeeding Vice-President Fairbanks. He is a close friend of the latter, and managed Mr. Fairbanks's boom for the office which he now fills. He has been chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

## FRENCH MINISTER WARNS VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT

By Associated Press. Washington, March 20.—Minister Bowen to-day informed the state department that the French minister at Caracas has notified the Venezuelan government that there must be no further proceedings towards the cancellation of the franchise of the French Cable Company or interference with its property. Minister Bowen adds that it is reported that two French warships have been ordered to hasten to Venezuela to carry out the instructions of the French minister. The state department is not disposed to repeat the history of its first settlement with Venezuela as the result has been far from satisfactory, neither the allied powers nor Venezuela being pleased at the outcome of the obligations incurred under the award of the Hague tribunal, which have never been carried out. It is, therefore, the intention of the United States government not to interfere in any dispute of a foreign nation with Venezuela, provided the Monroe doctrine is not infringed upon.

This determination does not stop action on our part in the interest of American concessions and properties in Venezuela.

## Will Observe Maneuvers of North Atlantic Fleet

By Associated Press. Charleston, March 20.—Secretary of the Navy Morton, accompanied by Speaker Jas. C. Cannon, Senator Hale and Congressman Meyer, of Louisiana,

sailed to-day for Guantanamo, Cuba, on the dispatch boat Dolphin. They will inspect the naval station there and observe the maneuvers of the North Atlantic fleet.

## Ex-President Cleveland Starts on Tour of Florida

By Associated Press. Princeton, March 20.—Former President Grover Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. Bryant, left this afternoon in a private car for a three weeks' tour of Florida.

Mr. Cleveland recently suffered a severe attack of gout and is taking the pleasure trip for a rest.

## LIDDON "NOT GUILTY" ON BRIBERY CHARGE

The evidence in the disbarment proceedings against Judge Benj. S. Liddon, of Marianna, was concluded at that place Saturday night, the last of the testimony being taken just in time to permit the adjournment of court before midnight.

had been offered. At the conclusion of Senator Wilson's testimony States Attorney Kehoe asked that a verdict of not guilty on this charge be entered and this was so ordered by Judge Parkhill.

The most serious of the charges against Judge Liddon, that of attempting to bribe Senator C. L. Wilson of the legislature of 1901, resulted in a verdict of "not guilty," on request of States Attorney Kehoe himself, who was conducting the prosecution.

Of the other charges, one was thrown out on demurrer, another was withdrawn, and the balance are now being considered by Judge Parkhill who will possibly render a decision this week.

When the evidence was all in, Judge Liddon offered to submit his side of the case without argument, but the state desired to submit either an oral argument of a brief. Judge Parkhill announced that he was pretty familiar with both the facts and the evidence in the case, but that he would be glad to have each side submit a brief relative to the law bearing upon it.

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When Senator Wilson was put on the stand he stated unequivocally that no such attempt had been made. Judge Liddon, he said, had talked with him relative to the constitutionality of a bill and had told him that he did not think the bill ought to pass, but no money or other consideration

### REQUESTED TO BE RELIEVED

Report that He Would Be Subordinate to Linevitch is Untrue.

LAST TWO DAYS HAVE BEEN UTTERLY WITHOUT INCIDENT AT THE FRONT--LINEVITCH DETERMINED TO WEED OUT OVERLOADED DEPARTMENTS--ASSURANCES OF CHINESE NEUTRALITY.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, March 20.—The report that General Kuropatkin remains at the front in command of General Linevitch's old command is untrue. He is proceeding to Irkutsk where he may stop a short time to recuperate before returning to St. Petersburg. It is said his nerves are badly shattered. It is again positively stated that General Kuropatkin requested the emperor to relieve him of his command.

### LAST TWO DAYS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

Gunshu Pass, March 20.—The last two days have been utterly without incident, except the removal of the censor to Kuidzhu pass. The Russian rear guard is retreating slowly, engaging in occasional skirmishes, and has now reached a point twenty-seven miles above Tie Pass. In the retreat the Russians destroyed the bridges, railroad and highways and are carrying off stores and demolishing buildings and everything not portable. The Japanese are slowly advancing without pressing the Russians.

Reports of a wide turning movement by the Japanese are no longer received. There is increasing difficulty in securing reliable information beyond the limits within which the scouting parties are active on account of the defection of many Chinese to the Japanese army.

Linevitch, who enjoys the respect and confidence of the soldiers has determined to initiate a reform by weeding out the overloaded staff and other administrative departments.

Artillery Fire. St. Petersburg, March 20.—A dispatch from Gunshu Pass, dated to-day, says that artillery fire has been going on since morning about seven miles north of Tie Pass.

Chinese Neutrality. St. Petersburg, March 20.—Paul Lessar, the Russian minister to China, has transmitted to the foreign office the most solemn assurances from the Chinese government regarding its intention to preserve neutrality.

## HEAVY RAIN IN MOBILE

WATER ABOUT SCHOOL OVER HEADS OF CHILDREN--MANY BRIDGES CARRIED AWAY.

By Associated Press. Mobile, March 20.—The weather bureau measures the rain fall yesterday and this morning at 9.22 inches. The water about the Jefferson street school was over the heads of most of the children attending there. Many bridges near here were carried away.

## EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS

TO BE CALLED BY PRESIDENT IN OCTOBER TO CONSIDER RAILROAD RATE QUESTION.

By Associated Press. Des Moines, Ia., March 20.—Senator Allison is the authority for the statement that the president will call an extra session of congress on October 1st to consider the railroad rate question.