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Mikhail Kutuzov at the Battle of Borodino by Anatoly Pavlovich Shepelyuk (1906-1972).

Mikhail Kutuzov was named Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Russian Army, 201 years ago today, on Aug. 20, 1812. Under Kutuzov's leadership, the Russian army forced French troops led by Napoleon to withdraw from Russia.

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