

RUSSIAN RETREAT HAS BEEN CUT OFF NEAR MUKDEN.

Report From Tokio Says That Two Divisions of the Japanese Army Have Arrived Close to That Place.

ST. PETERSBURG DENIES REPORT

They Say That They Know the General Location of the Three Japanese Divisions That Are Going North.

London, May 18.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that a telegram has been received from Tokio reporting that two Japanese divisions have arrived close to Nankien, Manchuria, and have cut off Gen. Kuropatkin's line of retreat.

RUSSIANS DENY IT.

Say Their Army in Manchuria is Not Cut Off.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The report that the Japanese have taken a position to the north of Mukden thus blocking further retreat of the Russians is discredited here. An officer of the general staff points out the route by which the Japanese could have marched there is most mountainous and would give the Russians an opportunity of overwhelming the enemy. It is stated that the general military position of the three divisions of Japanese marching slowly toward Liao Yang is known. One is advancing along the Feng Huang Cheng road while the others are some distance to the right and left.

The landing of the Japanese divisions at Huang Taihung is believed to be the first move in the attempt to cut in-between the Russian forces at Liao Yang and those at Mukden. The Russians are confident of blocking this attempt as the ground which the Japanese will be compelled to occupy is level, thus giving an excellent opportunity for the employment of Russian cavalry. A battle is not expected for some days.

SUB-MARINES IN USE.

First Intimation Received That They are Employed in Present War.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—A letter received by a friend from General Stoesel, chief of staff at Port Arthur, gives the first intimation that sub-marine boats have been used in the present war. The letter states that the battleship Pobeda, which was damaged at the same time the Petropavlovsk was destroyed, was struck by a torpedo sent from a submarine. All previous Russian reports said that the Pobeda had struck a Russian mine.

A BALLOON DETACHMENT.

Russian Will Form One in Siberia For Use War.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—An imperial ordinance has been issued ordering the formation of a Siberian balloon detachment for use at the seat of war.

LANDING IS CONFIRMED.

Japanese Troops Are Now Marching Toward Newchang.

London, May 18.—Lloyd's Newchang correspondent confirms the report that the Japanese landed at Kalchow and are marching toward Newchang.

Kuropatkin's Forces Outnumbered. London, May 18.—London newspapers comment on what is considered the precarious position of General Kuropatkin, who is menaced by the possibility of Chinese rebels cutting his communications as well as by the difficulty of diverting the Japanese plan of campaign. The Standard, which is inclined to be pro-Russian, admits that Kuropatkin has at his disposal south of Mukden at most 100,000 troops of inferior quality, only 75,000 of whom are available for active operations, while General Kuroki certainly has 140,000 first class troops, the equal of those in European armies.

Removing Mines From Kerr Bay. Tokyo, May 18.—Admiral Kataoki reports that on the 15th the operation of removing the mines in Kerr bay was continued by the torpedo boats, under protection of a bombardment by the fleet. There is no change in the enemy's defense except the addition of one or two three field guns to their position, which had the effect of interrupting the work of clearing the bay of the mines. Nevertheless the Japanese destroyed eight mines, but there are many more left, and the work of destroying them will be continued.

Russians Cornered in Korea. Seoul, May 18.—It is reported that a Japanese force has cornered 200 Russians north of Anju and is endeavoring to starve them out. The only provisions in the possession of the Russians are those secured by forage, and it is expected that the food of the besieged men will soon be exhausted. Japanese are bringing to Seoul two Russian non-commissioned officers, who were captured at Anju. The prisoners are being brought here with the intention of producing a moral effect on the Koreans. At Japanese headquarters numbers of Chinese speaking Japanese have been engaged as interpreters for the Manchurian campaign.

Japs Closing In on Port Arthur. London, May 18.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, calling under date of May 16, says that according to native reports from Port Arthur the Japanese are vigorously besieging the fortress night and day by land and sea, that sixty Japanese warships and transports have been sighted in Blackney bay and that heavy firing has been heard in Kinchow bay.

Russian Securities Decline. Paris, May 18.—A heavy depression prevailed on the Bourse, and Russian securities and international and industrial generally were affected. Russian imperial bonds closed at 88.50.

TRIED THIS TERM.

Famous Case of Patch Versus The Union.

Montpelier, May 18.—When supreme court reconvened yesterday T. H. Brown, counsel for the defendant in the case of F. R. Patch Manufacturing Co. vs. Protection Lodge, No. 215, International Association of Machinists of Rutland, renewed his motion for a continuance on the ground of illness of J. K. Batchelder, O. M. Barber, counsel for the plaintiff, insisted upon a hearing of the case at this term. The case was finally set to the heels of the calendar.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Hazel, Daughter of Lieut. and Mrs. Fuller, Formerly of Rutland.

Rutland, May 18.—Lieut. and A. E. G. Fuller, formerly of this city, arrived here this afternoon with the body of Hazel, their 7 year old daughter who was burned to death Monday. The child was playing about a bonfire when her clothing caught fire. The father was an engineer on the Rutland Railroad until five years ago.

DROWNED IN A WELL.

Mrs. E. T. Mearns of Ellsworth, Me., Committed Suicide.

Ellsworth, Me., May 18.—Her mind unbalanced by sickness, Mrs. E. T. Mearns went into the cellar of her home early today and drowned herself in a well over which the house was built.

EAST BARRE.

Rowe Morrison spent Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Sullivan.

Phyllis McDonald continues very ill with pneumonia. At this writing she is considered a trifle better.

Arthur McAllister is still confined to the house. During his sickness Geo. Hutchins is helping a little on the ice cart.

Rev. A. N., Mrs. and Miss Elsie Woodruff are taking a vacation this week. They are taking a carriage drive through the western part of the state.

Mrs. George Hutchins and Mrs. Harry King have gone to Bellows Falls to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Rebekahs held there this week.

The Good Templars had their first meeting of this quarter last evening. The programme was given by the ladies. This is a good lodge and all who go have a good time.

RANDOLPH.

Mrs. W. B. Viall, who has been spending two weeks in Boston, returned home the first of the week accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Beekman of West Somerville, Mass., who will remain in town for some time.

Mrs. G. E. Cushman and daughter, Mrs. Francis Eaton, who have been spending the winter in Malden, Mass., arrived in town the first of the week. Mrs. Eaton will remain in town about ten days until she gets her mother comfortably settled and will then return to her home in Malden.

George Pember has recovered his horse which was stolen by hired man named "Smith" the man being overtaken at Potter Place, N. H. The New Hampshire authorities are unwilling to give up the arrested man until he has been dealt with there. Mr. Pember returned with his team last night.

EAST MONTPELIER.

Lyle Young is recovering from an attack of the mumps.

The Wm. Parker farm was sold last week to Edwin Gould.

H. M. Farnham started west again Saturday night after a load of horses.

Arthur Coburn has the carpenters at work on a large barn he is to build this summer.

George Sployd has gone to Montpelier to learn the trade of a machinist at the Lane Mfg. Co.'s shops.

DISCHARGED FROM ARMY

Williams, Accused of Murder.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN SOON

Authorities Still Refuse to Say That Prisoner Has Made a Confession.

Burlington, May 18.—Benjamin Williams, accused of the murder of Officer McGrath, will be discharged from the army a "confessed murderer." The authorities still refuse to say he made one. The date of hearing has not been set.

BAD RECORD IN VERMONT.

Jerry Sullivan Arrested in New Hampshire for Horse Stealing.

Potter Place, May 17.—Jerry Sullivan of this place, who was arrested by Deputy Quimby Sunday on a charge of horse stealing from Morrison & Grace of Wilton, made his escape from the office last night and is still at large. Sullivan was handcuffed and was chained to the bed where he slept, but he took the bed to pieces, crawled out of the window with the bed rail attached, and jumped from the roof to the ground. His absence was discovered early this morning, but no trace of him could be found.

On Monday a man from White River Junction came here and identified as his a horse that Sullivan has kept here for some time. Sullivan is said to have had a bad record in Vermont. He has been employed in the same works here.

WHOLESALE THIEVING.

A Young Swanton Lad Has Made For Feby Stealing.

Swanton, May 17.—Robert Levick, 16 years old, was arrested last night by Officer Beebe on a warrant charging him with stealing rubbers and shoes from the residence of the Rev. E. J. Ranslow. The boy was locked up over night and this morning appeared before Justice of the Peace Charles Reynolds. He admitted the guilt and told a story of robberies that surprised even those who were acquainted with him.

SOLD LIQUOR TO A MINOR.

John A. Leahy of Bennington Given a Fine of \$400.

Bennington, May 17.—In the municipal court this morning a decision in the case of DeLoze vs. John A. Leahy was rendered. The suit was brought to recover \$500 damages for the alleged sale of liquor to a minor son. The plaintiff was awarded damages to the amount of \$400. Leahy took an appeal and furnished bail, John P. Mulligan giving security.

Geo. Mann Makes a Record.

George Mann made the trip to Williams-town and back today on his automobile in 37 1/2 minutes. He wants to know if any one can beat that.

Classmen's Church Parade.

All Classmen are requested to meet at the City hall on Sunday morning, May 22, at 10 o'clock, to march to the Presbyterian church for the annual service. For order chief, James McDonald.

White gloves and Clan badges will be in order. There will be no pipe band in attendance. James Mutch, Secy.

AS TO ELIGIBILITY.

Rolling in Matter of a Proposed Candidate.

In response to an inquiry if Mrs. E. Hood's name could be re-entered in the contest The Times wishes to say that Mr. Hood yesterday stated that in case she should be selected to go to the World's Fair she could not attend without a companion to watch over her movements. Mr. Hood today said she could not go unaccompanied. In view of these statements The Times has ruled she is not eligible to again enter the contest. The Times appreciates the fact that some of its friends would like to turn a joke on The Times, but it is a serious matter to the parties whom it proposes to make the vehicle of it.

The Times has no objections to the joke on its own part.

Class 1. Mrs. Laura Wescott, Barre, 2405; Miss Flora Vincent, Barre, 571; Jas. R. Coatts, 495.

Class 2. Mrs. M. L. Town, Barre town, 6749; James Wark, Graniteville, 6743; G. H. Adams, So. Barre, 871; Geo. A. Wales, So. Barre, 694; Mrs. J. H. McArthur, E. Barre, 29.

Class 3. Earnest Seaver, Washington, 1940; Jas. Lord, Orange, 1811; A. J. Blodden, Foxville, 1636; R. K. Ludlow, Boltonville, 306; G. H. Hight, W. Topsham, 295.

Class 4. Henry Wescott, Montpelier, 1056; B. C. Alexander, Berlin, 658; Charles Dudley, East Mpr., 115; Mrs. J. Burton Pike, Marshfield, 25.

BOTH LEGS SEVERED

Brakeman Has Serious Accident.

SLIPPED UNDER WHEELS

John LaValley Taken to Mary Fletcher Hospital, With Lower Limbs on Cot.

Burlington, May 18.—John LaValley, brakeman on a north bound freight train drawn by Engine No. 485 over the Rutland-Canadian road, was brought to this city about 1.30 this morning with both legs cut off below the knee. LaValley was on the engine at Houses Point and when getting off from it slipped under the wheels and had both legs cut off immediately. He was conscious when he arrived here and the lower end of each leg was lying beside him on the cotbed on which he rode.

CLEMENT IN RUTLAND.

Addressed a Large Audience on "The Issues of 1904."

Rutland, May 17.—The address of P. W. Clement at the opera house this evening on "The Issues of 1904" was listened to by a large and representative audience, including men from all parts of the county. Mr. Clement was frequently interrupted with applause. In his address Mr. Clement discussed state and local issues referring to the former briefly. He gave a plain common sense talk bringing out especially the importance of the local committee working together for the retention and improvement of the liquor law, and the betterment of conditions in the administration of state affairs.

DIED AFTER OPERATION.

Edward Shea Was Not Strong Enough to Withstand It.

Edward Shea, aged 18 years, brother of Michael Shea of this city, died at 4 o'clock this morning at the Heaton hospital in Montpelier. The deceased was taken to the hospital a week ago last Sunday and the following Monday was operated on for appendicitis. He was not strong enough to rally from the effects of the operation.

The body was brought to this city this forenoon and the funeral arrangements have not been made.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Odd Fellows in Session at Bellows Falls Yesterday.

Bellows Falls, May 17.—The 34th annual session of the grand encampment opened at 9 o'clock this morning. All the officers were present. Thirty candidates took the degree.

The officers elected were E. T. L. Benedict of Poultney, G. P. W. P. Horton of Rutland, G. H. P. W. B. Hutchinson of East Pomfret, G. S. W. C. W. Farr of St. Johnsbury, scribe; L. J. Brown of Bradford, treasurer; W. E. Coombs of Brattleboro, G. J. W.

The officers were installed this afternoon.

The Bennett-Moulton Co.

Many inquiries are being made regarding the coming of the Bennett-Moulton Co. to the Barre opera house next week. This organization carries everything necessary to give complete and correct representations of their whole repertoire of productions which consists of "A Daughter of the People," "Shipwrecked," "Lyndon the People," "Outcasts of Society," "Strike at Murdoch Mills," "The Working Girl and the Belle of Virginia." The Bennett-Moulton Co. makes regular visits to your city and has gained the reputation of being the most complete of its kind. This season will be no exception as the management have done all in their power to make it the foremost in its line and are satisfied with their efforts. Monday evening "A Daughter of the People" will be presented.

War, War, Our Watchword is Peace Not War.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational church plan to hold a concert in the church the last week in May, which will be especially appropriate at that time. This concert will consist of the songs of the Civil War, the men who wrote them and the boys who sang them. There will be a chorus, quartette and reader. Renew your patriotism on the approach of Memorial day by listening to these dear old songs, "Tenting Tonight," "Just Before the Battle Mother," "Star Spangled Banner," and many others, rendered by the best talent in the city. Date will be announced later.

Italiani Noi Damo Gratis.

Un bellissimo quadro con elegante cornice al nostri clienti che spenderanno nel nostro nuovo negozio la somma di \$15; Atenti: il Bloo Store sito in Deposit Square e stato trasferito in Main street nel Bolster block accanto al Barre Savings Bank. Per agevolare piu il nostro commercio oogli italiani il nostro impiegato italiano Caminita e pronto alle vostre richieste. Si curi che ci concrete della vostra visita nel nostro nuovo negozio che e uno dei piu grandi, piu eleganti e piu ricchi del Vermont distintamente siamo. Vostru devotissimi, Segel and Brady.

AN UNEVEN CONTEST.

Congo Baraca Trimmed Spaulding High Yesterday in Baseball.

The Baraca team of the Congregational church defeated Spaulding high yesterday on Goddard campus 14-3. Wishart pitched a good game shutting out Spaulding until the fifth when with two men on base and two men out an error by left allowed two men to score, the only other tally was in the 8th inning. Curtis pitched well but received rather poor support at times.

The features of the game were the hitting of the Baraca's, only two men failing to connect for a hit, and the back stop work of Wheeler, who took 15 chances without an error. This is the first game the Baraca's have played and the only one thus far S. H. S. has lost, having trimmed both Randolph and Northfield high schools.

The score follows:

Table with columns: Congo Baraca, A.B., R., H., T.B., P.O., A., E. Rows include Butler, s.a., Wheeler, c., Wishart, capt. p., McDonald, 2b., Carwell, 3b., Poole, 3b., Parker, 1b., Austin, in., Beattie, l., Stoughton, r.

Spaulding.

Table with columns: Spaulding, A.B., R., H., T.B., P.O., A., E. Rows include Curtis, y., Halvoss, 2b., Kunkick, c., Carwell, 3b., Pickering, ss., Picking, h.b., Batty, 1b., Bruce, c.f., Fisher, r.

Austin and McDonald out, hit by batted ball.

Score by innings: 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1-1; Spaulding 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0-4.

Summary. Double play, Baraca; two base hit, Curtis; base on balls, off Wishart 3, off Curtis 2; struck out, by Wishart 11, by Curtis 7; out by pitched ball, Wheeler, Beattie, umpires, Hollister, Woodruff; scorer, Jackson.

LOOKING FOR BALL GROUNDS.

Probable That Land on Pitkin Farm Will Be Leased.

J. J. Flynn and A. O. Humphrey of Burlington, president and vice president of the electric road yesterday looked over the seven-acre field, just half way between Barre and Montpelier, owned by C. P. Pitkin and known as the Benjamin farm. The lot is adjacent to the Benjamin Falls station and is easy of access.

A deal was not closed, as Mr. Pitkin was unable to accompany the officials, but Mr. Flynn said as he left for Burlington, that it was very probable this meadow would be leased and if so work will begin at once.

HAVE SIGNED SAUNDEES.

Rutland Will Have Former Tufts College Captain.

Rutland, May 18.—Ernest A. Sanders, captain of last year's Tufts college team, has signed to play short stop with Rutland the coming season. He has an excellent record as a hitter. This makes seven contracts for the Rutland team.

RUTLAND TO INCORPORATE.

Base Ball Association to Secure a Charter.

Rutland, May 17.—At a meeting of the Rutland Base Ball Association tonight it was voted to incorporate and secure a charter.

Kimball Union Again Defeated.

Burlington, May 18.—The Burlington high school played the Kimball Union Academy yesterday at Athletic Park and won 13 to 8. The feature of the game was the heavy hitting of the home team.

LEAGUE BASE BALL.

The Great "Cy" Young Defeated by Cleveland.

Yesterday's American League scores: At Boston, Cleveland 3, Boston 1. At New York, New York 5, Detroit 1. At Philadelphia, St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 0. At Washington, Chicago 0, Washington 5.

American League Standing.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Rows include Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Washington.

Yesterday's National League scores: At Pittsburgh, New York 7, Pittsburgh 0. At Chicago, Chicago 4, Brooklyn 3.

National League Standing.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Rows include New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Boston, Philadelphia.

BOYS WERE INTERESTED.

Lecture on Birds and Singing by Mr. Anderson Last Evening.

Amos Eaton, the lecturer, and John Anderson, the singer, entertained the boys at the Boy's Club last evening. Mr. Eaton had with him charts showing the various kinds of birds and their habits. He interested the boys so much, as was shown by their eager questions, that he offered to give a series of lectures to the club, beginning next fall. It is possible that this may result in a special class of study among the boys of the club.

At the close of the entertainment Albert McGoumen was presented a prize for having deposited money the most number of times in the Penny Savings Bank. Statistics of the year's work will appear in tomorrow's paper.

Shepherds of America.

There will be a regular meeting of Sanctuary Granite Club, No. 32, S. of A., tomorrow evening in Foresters' hall at 7.30 sharp. Every member is requested to be present. Business of importance.

OUR DUSTY MAIN STREET

Aldermen Consider Matter of Sprinkling.

CITY POWERLESS IN CASE

City Street Laborers Ask for an Increase in Their Wages--Matter Referred to a Committee.

A regular meeting of the board of aldermen was held last evening, all being present except Alderman Duffy. The principal matters to come before the board was a request from representatives of the street laborers for an increase of pay, and the sprinkling of Main street. This latter question was discussed at some length.

The attention of the board was brought to the matter by Mayor Barolay who appeared and wanted to know if the city could do anything.

Alderman McKenrie suggested the matter be referred to the chairman of the fire committee and fire chief to look into the matter of exercising the fire horses on a street sprinkler.

Alderman Sowden thought in a case like that the city would need purchase a new pair of horses to be in readiness in case of a fire when the horses were away from the fire station at the time of a fire alarm.

Alderman Robbins stated it required two carts to do the sprinkling Mr. Bradford had done in years past.

City Clerk McKay stated it would be necessary to go before the legislature and get an amendment to its charter before it could sprinkle one street and not sprinkle all the city streets. He stated it cost Burlington \$5,000 a year. This is within \$1,000 of all Barre raises for the maintenance of its streets. Burlington assesses two thirds of the cost of sprinkling streets to abutters.

Alderman Robbins did not want the city to give away the city water. We have a \$250,000 water plant and if we give away all our water we will never pay for the plant.

It was voted to refer the matter to the mayor and street committee to report back at the next meeting next Tuesday evening.

The street committee reported in favor of a gravel walk for Long street, instead of plank as petitioned for. Accepted and adopted.

The committee on lights reported there was no great need of a street light on Long street at present and reported adversely on the petition for one. Accepted and adopted.

A building permit was granted Patrick Brown to build an addition to the building occupied by the Co-operative store.

A petition for an extension of the city water mains on Hill street to the city limits was referred to the water committee and water superintendent to report back.

A petition for an extension of the city sewer up Hill street to the city limits was referred to the street committee.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the purchase of certain supplies for the water department.

A petition for an extension of the city water main to the plants of Guidici Bros. and J. B. Rheinhalter & Co. was referred to the water committee and city attorney.

Ray Cahus wanted to know if he could run a pop corn stand in Depot Square without a license? It was voted he be granted a license.

Mead & Harrington asked for a permit to connect with the main hole at the end of Short street. It was voted the street committee be given power to grant the permit.

Chief of Police Brown reported Mr. Lynch was not closing his restaurant on Sundays in compliance with the recent orders of the city council. The matter was referred to the license committee to investigate and report back.

Emilie Bros. asked permission to keep their store open all day Sunday, May 29, the day preceding Memorial day, as a matter of public convenience. The request was granted.

Victor Lovely came before the board to seek light on the bridge question for Brooklyn street. The committee said it was unable to report progress.

Mr. Lovely called attention to the sanitary conditions on Brooklyn street. Ought to be a sewer on the street. Referred to board of health.

Dan Hazan, representing the street laborers appeared before the board asking that the pay of city laborers receiving \$1.50 be paid \$1.75 a day with 8 hours for Saturday.

Alderman Robbins asked if some of the street laborers were not receiving \$2.00 and \$1.75 according to their ability.

Alderman Albiaetti moved that 8 hours constitute a day's work on Saturday, but it was not seconded.

The whole matter was referred to the mayor, street committee, finance committee and superintendent of streets to investigate and report back.

ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE. R. W. Ewen Will Wrestle Duncan C. Ross.

R. W. Ewen hereby accepts the challenge of Duncan C. Ross to wrestle a match, catch-as-catch-can or Cumberland style, but first says he would like to wrestle Mr. Soapinski. Mr. Ewen is twelve-stone champion of the north of Scotland. He wrestled Alexander Bain, and was only beaten in a 35 minute match. His address is at 40 Maple avenue, Barre, Vt.