

NO CONFIRMATION OF THE CAPTURE OF PORT ARTHUR

Sensational Rumor Current in St. Petersburg That the Stronghold Has Fallen Into Japanese Hands.

SAME REPORT FROM LONDON

A Big Battle is in Progress to the Southeast of Newchwang Which May Be Most Decisive.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—A sensational rumor has spread here that the Japanese, after the terrible defeat of Monday night, attacked Port Arthur positions with new forces and succeeded in taking them. The rumor is discredited.

IS NOT CONFIRMED.

Rumor of Fall of Port Arthur Not Backed Up In London.

London, July 14.—Neither confirmation nor denial has been received from an official source to the report that Port Arthur has fallen. The report which preceded it that the Japanese had lost 30,000 in a desperate battle before Port Arthur also lacks confirmation.

BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

Result of it will be of Momentous Importance in the War.

Newchwang, July 14.—Heavy firing has been heard in the southeast, day and night, for several days. This is taken to indicate that the Russians are offering a stubborn resistance to the Japanese advance. It is reported that the Japanese have occupied Yinchow. The forces now arrayed against Karopatkia are probably 125,000 men.

The battle now in progress will doubtless prove a terrible one and may be the first long stride toward the end of the war.

Karopatkia is in a bad way, for not only has General Oku and Nodot opposed to him, but General Kuroki with another large force in the northeast of him and can readily advance fast enough to cut off the Russian retreat toward Mukden.

OVERLOOK FORTIFICATIONS.

Japanese Have Mounted Large Guns on Taku Mountains.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—A report received this morning contains the rumor that the general staff has been informed by General Stoessel, commanding the Russian forces at Port Arthur, that the prospect of holding the place has been lessened by the fact that the Japanese have mounted large siege guns on the Taku mountains overlooking the fortifications.

Russian Crop Failure.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—The prospective failure of the crops in some of the southern provinces, possibly attendant with famine, and the necessity of adopting relief measures are beginning to attract attention. The governments of Kherson, Bessarabia, Taurida, Poltava and Kiangov are principally affected. In the district of Triapol the peasants have already been compelled to harvest the unripe crops to feed the live stock. Committees have been appointed to relieve the distress.

Mrs. Choate Christens the Caronia. London, July 14.—Mrs. Choate, wife of the American ambassador, successively launched the Cunard line steamer Caronia, of 21,000 tons, at Clydebank. The ambassador was present. Mr. and Mrs. Choate have been the guests of Lord Inverclyde, chairman of the Cunard Steamship company, at Castle Wemyss.

Twining Indictment Quashed. Trenton, N. J., July 14.—Judge Lansing, in the United States district court, has quashed the indictment for conspiracy against Albert C. Twining, David C. Cornell and George F. Kroehl, officers of the defunct First National Bank of Asbury Park. The indictment was quashed on technical grounds.

Sealing Wax. There is not one bit of wax in sealing wax. It is made of a combination including cinnamon, turpentine and shellac.

EXCURSION'S FATAL END

Score of People Killed at Glenwood, Ill.

IN A BIG TRAIN WRECK

Excursion Train Dashed Into Freight Train—Misplaced Switch the Cause.

Chicago, July 14.—Eighteen persons were killed and about 65 injured last night in a collision on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad at Glenwood, Ill., 23 miles south of Chicago. The collision occurred between a picnic train from Chicago, which was returning from Mokena, Ill., and a freight train, into the rear end of which the excursion train dashed at high speed. The picnic train was coming north, and the freight train was on the south-bound track. A misplaced switch threw the picnic train over the south-bound track, and before the engineer could apply the brakes it ran at forty miles an hour into the rear of the freight. The locomotive, the baggage car and the first coach of the picnic train were demolished and all of the killed and injured were on the locomotive and the two cars.

The picnic was the annual outing of the members of the Doremus church. After spending the day on the picnic grounds at Mokena, the train load started on the return trip, running in as the second section of the regular passenger train, which is due in Chicago at 8:25 p.m. When the picnic train reached Chicago Heights, four miles beyond Glenwood, where the accident took place, it was switched to the regular south-bound track and although it was coming north it was given a clear track by the operator at Chicago Heights until it should reach Glenwood, four miles away.

The train, after leaving Chicago Heights gradually increased its speed and when half the distance between the two stations had been covered it was plunging along at the rate of 40 miles an hour. Just half way between Chicago Heights and Glenwood there is a sharp curve. As the picnic train took this curve, the south-bound freight train, a freight train was backing from the south bound to the north bound track. It was partly on both tracks, and no train could have passed it in either direction.

The bend is so sharp that the engineer of the picnic train did not see the freight until he was about on it. It was too late to do anything but set the breaks, but before they could take effect the passenger train smashed into the freight at full speed. The locomotive and the baggage car of the passenger train went through the freight and were piled up in a heap of wreckage on the further side of the switch track. The first coach of the picnic train plunged into the wreckage and buried itself in a mass of kindling wood.

Nearly all of the passengers in the first coach were caught beneath the mass of debris and it was there that the loss of life occurred.

The people in the rear coaches were hurled from their seats and many of them were bruised but all the serious casualties occurred in the first car. The injured passengers and trainmen at once hastened to the relief of those who were pinned under the wreckage.

OOM PAUL KRUGER DIED IN SWITZERLAND

Former President of Transvaal Republic Suffered With Heart Weakness.

Geneva, July 14.—Oom Paul Kruger, former president of the Transvaal republic, died at Clarens in the Swiss canton of Vaud, at three o'clock this morning. Death was due to heart weakness resulting from an attack of pneumonia. He had been ill for a month past, and last Monday lost consciousness. His daughter and son-in-law were at his bedside when the end came, but he never recognized them after losing consciousness Monday.

The remains will be placed in a vault temporarily, pending the result of an application to Great Britain for permission to take the body to Transvaal for interment beside his late wife.

F. STEWART STRANAHAN DEAD.

Prominent St. Albans Man Dead After Long Illness. St. Albans, July 14.—Ex-Lieut.-Gov. F. Stewart Stranahan died at his home on North Main street yesterday morning after a long illness of erythrosis of the liver. The funeral will be held at the house Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. John L. Sewall, pastor of the first Congregational church, officiating.

For immediate sale call at Cate's Real Estate Agency for a new seven-room cottage, finished in brick. Hot water connections. Everything modern. Two acres of land and will sell more land if desired. Fifty rods from city limits. Small payment down and balance easy.

TAKING HOLD ON PROCTOR

Men Say Plant Is Not Working

EMPLOYERS ARE EVASIVE

Say That Mills Are Running Without Difficulty—More Men Are Out

Rutland, July 14.—The officials of the Vermont Marble company denied today that any considerable number of men in their employ had struck as reported in the morning papers today. They say work was not interfered with at all. They can easily fill the places as soon as they are vacated and they expect no interference from the strikers. Business is so dull that jobs in various parts could hardly feel a boycott for several months to come. Union men say that several more men employed at the Vermont company at West Rutland struck this morning and more will go out from day to day. Local labor leaders stated today that the entire plant of the Vermont Marble company at Proctor was closed today, except the mill and quarries, the men in all of the finishing departments having gone out this morning. Labor men state that the machinists will probably be called out in a few days, which will close the entire plant. All inquiries made of the Vermont Marble company in regard to this were met with evasive answers, and it is impossible to get information from the company. Probably the men's statement is correct. It is now believed that the strike did not originate with the union but was started by the competitors of the Vermont Marble company for the purpose of compelling the company to pay as much for labor as the other concerns.

BODY BELIEVED TO BE KINGSLEY'S

Major Kingsley Says He Has No Doubt About One Found in New York.

Rutland, July 14.—Major Levi G. Kingsley and Harry R. Kingsley, father and brother of the missing Henry Baxter Kingsley, who was found in the Harlem river, New York, last night, today expressed that there was no doubt that the body was that of Henry. The father said this morning that he was much relieved that the uncertainty of the past eight months has been removed, although he had hoped until today to find his son alive.

Standard Oil Cuts Prices.

Pittsburg, July 14.—The Standard Oil company has announced a further cut in prices of crude petroleum. The quotations follow: Pennsylvania, 1.50; Titona, 1.85; Corning, 1.30; Newcastle, 1.37; North Lima, 1.00; South Lima, .95; Indiana, .95; Somerset, .95; Ragland, .88.

New York Faces Beef Famine.

New York, July 14.—Leading meat dealers and packing house representatives say there is not more than a week's supply of beef in the city. The price of beef has already gone up 2 cents a pound and a meat famine is likely.

Men Only Allowed.

Malwatches, on the borders of Russia, is the only city in the world peopled by men only. The Chinese women are not only forbidden to live in this territory, but even to pass the great wall of Kalkan and enter into Mongolia.

Royal Pastimes.

Members of the court of King Charles II. of England were innocent in some of their amusements, if not in others. Among their favorite games were "blind man's buff" and "hunt the slipper."

Small Eating Sheep.

The excellent quality of the South-down mutton is said to be due to the fact that the sheep eagerly devour the snails which abound on the pastures in the early morning. These snails are the cause of the rich succulence characteristic of the mutton raised in the south of England.

Portugal's Colonies.

When Portugal was annexed to Spain most of the colonies belonging to the former were taken by the latter, but were soon conquered by the Dutch.

Tibetan Devotions.

Some of the articles used by the Tibetans in their devotions are very gruesome. A human thigh bone covered with human skin is used as a horn for exercising demons and to draw the soul from hell.

WATKINS-BEMIS.

Rutland Man Married Last Evening to Popular Young Lady.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Averill on North street was the scene of a pretty wedding at eight o'clock last evening, when Mrs. Averill's niece, Miss Blanche E. Bemis, who formerly resided in this city, was united in marriage to Fred E. Watkins of Rutland. Twenty-five friends of the contracting parties were present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Francis A. Poole in the reception room, the decorations of which were in green and white. The couple, with the bridesmaid, Miss Florence Whittier, of Montpelier, and the best man, Noble S. Love, of this city, stood before a screen of ferns. The bride was attractively gowned in silk mull over silk and carried a bride's roses. The bridesmaid was gowned in white muslin and carried pink roses. Miss Ivis Averill played the wedding march from Lohengrin.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Watkins were given hearty congratulations. A dainty lunch was served in the dining-room, and here the color effects were in pink and white.

The bride has a large number of friends both in this city and in Rutland. She was formerly a student in Spaulding high school, later attending Montpelier seminary in the business department of which institution she was graduated. For the past three years she has resided in Rutland. The groom is a popular young man of Rutland, where he is employed as an overseer in the coal business of H. W. Clement. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins will reside in Rutland, where the best wishes of a large number of people go with them.

BURR-HOLDEN.

Well-Known Merchant Married to Popular Young Lady.

Miss Annie Chandler, daughter of Eli Holden, and Fred Eastman Burr, were married this afternoon at the home of the bride, 10 French street, by the Rev. Asa N. Bradley of this city, assisted by the Rev. Elmer E. Reynolds of Whitefield, N. H. The house was trimmed with white carnations and ferns, and the ceremony was a pretty one, the two ring service being used. Miss Jennie Holden, a sister of the bride, played the wedding march. The bride wore a gown of white, hand-embroidered India mull and carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley. Following the ceremony a dainty collation was served by sisters of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Burr left for a short trip through the White Mountains. When leaving the house the bride was met by six little girls of her Sunday school class and was greeted by them with a shower of stentless daisies. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Burr will reside at 14 South Main street.

Both the bride and groom are well known in this city, and have a large number of friends. The latter is a member of the firm of F. E. Burr & Co., jewelers, on North Main street, having been a resident of this city during the past six years.

MCLEOD-ARMSTRONG.

Two Graniteville People Married in this City.

Miss Jennie Armstrong, daughter of Mrs. Edwin Evans of Graniteville, and Murdo McLeod, also of Graniteville, were united in marriage at 7:30 o'clock last evening, by the Rev. Francis A. Poole, at the Congregational parsonage, Eastern avenue. The bride was prettily attired in a gown of white. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McLeod drove to Graniteville, where they will reside. They have a large number of friends at that place, who will join in extending congratulations. The groom is employed as quarryman.

GLENNIE-HUNT.

Wedding of Well-Known Montpelier People This Afternoon.

Montpelier, July 14.—Miss Jennie Hunt and John Glennie were married at three o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. Fr. Sullivan. Whole number of votes 379. Favorable to William Wisheart 33. Favorable to F. S. Williams 71. Favorable to M. M. Gordon 123. Favorable to S. Hollister Jackson 152.

HARVARD STUDENT FINED.

Tried to "Rough House" Fannie Wood Show at Randolph.

Randolph, July 14.—Richard Wiswall, who was arrested at Berlin pond Tuesday afternoon by Officer Frank Tracy of Montpelier on the charge of assault on Mrs. Lester Davis, whom he struck Thursday night after the play in DuBois & Gay's hall, was taken here from Montpelier Tuesday night by United States Deputy Marshal Luke Parish and was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace W. H. Nichols yesterday morning. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 with costs amounting to \$28.

BEEF TAKES RISE.

Price Is Three and a Half Cents Higher in Barre.

The price of beef has gone up three and a half cents per pound in the markets in this city and the proprietors are finding lots of trouble to buy beef. The trouble is caused by the strike of the beef cutters in the west. Attorneys Will Get Their Fees.

Montpelier, July 13.—Auditors Judge Waterman of Brattleboro and Charles Stearns of Johnson, yesterday made public their report on the matter of the attorney fees in the McGovern estate case, which was an appeal on the part of the estate from the commissioners' report. It was claimed on the part of the estate that the fees as charged by the attorneys in the case of McGovern vs. Central Vermont railroad were excessive and at the hearing last December Judge Stafford appointed the auditors, who have just made known their findings, which save to the estate some \$800. The claims and awards were as follows:

F. L. Laird, claim as presented \$1,516.85, allowed \$1,113.78; J. W. Gordon, claim as presented \$1,468.00, allowed \$1,116.50; Lord & Carleton, allowed \$300, allowed at \$261.46.

S. H. JACKSON THE CHOICE

Delegates to the County Convention

FAVOR HIS CANDIDACY

For the Nomination for State's Attorney—A Largely Attended Republican Caucus.

The Republican caucus to elect 17 delegates to the county convention, held in Miles' hall last evening, was very largely attended, 379 votes being cast in the balloting. Delegates favorable to the candidacy of S. Hollister Jackson for state attorney were elected.

The hall was filled when F. G. Howland, the chairman of the Republican city committee called the caucus to order at 7:45, and the call was read by the secretary, H. W. Scott.

A. A. Sargent was the first person to get the chairman's eye and he offered a motion, that as there appeared to be four candidates seeking state attorney honors, that the caucus vote by ballot and that the list of delegates receiving the majority of votes be the delegates of the caucus. Mr. Sargent's motion was seconded. James Mackay moved that the caucus take an informal vote to see which candidate the caucus wished to support for state attorney, and that the successful candidate be privileged to name the 17 delegates to the county convention. This motion was seconded by Chas. A. Smith. The motion was carried.

Mr. Sargent asked if the motion meant plurality or majority.

The chairman said it would be majority, unless otherwise voted by the caucus. J. P. Marr moved, that a plurality vote decide. Mr. Sargent moved a substitute motion that it be a majority vote. Thomas Carswell thought the plurality vote ought not to prevail, as the winning candidate might not be the people's choice. Wm. Wisheart, one of the candidates, thought it had been understood and agreed to by the candidates that it should be a majority vote. John W. Gordon said he was not a candidate, but was near one, and he was favorable to a majority vote. J. P. Marr said he desired to get home before morning, and that was why he moved a plurality vote, but he would be satisfied with either.

The chair stated the majority rule would prevail if the caucus did not authorize otherwise, and called for a vote on Mr. Marr's motion. The motion was put twice, but the chair could not decide either time which side prevailed and a ballot was called for. This resulted as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Total vote, For majority, For plurality, Blank. Values: 815, 139, 100, 26.

And it was declared a plurality vote would prevail. It was voted to proceed to ballot for a choice of candidates to support for state's attorney. The chair stated a check list would be used and this made the voting slow and tedious, so that it was 10 o'clock before all had voted. The result of the ballot was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Whole number of votes, Favorable to William Wisheart, Favorable to F. S. Williams, Favorable to M. M. Gordon, Favorable to S. Hollister Jackson. Values: 379, 33, 71, 123, 152.

And Mr. Jackson was declared to be the choice of the caucus for a candidate for the office of state's attorney. In accordance with the earlier vote of the caucus, Mr. Jackson named a list of delegates which was elected by a viva voce vote. They are: Frank G. Howland, John W. Gordon, D. H. McLeod, W. H. Gladding, Wm. Jack, E. W. Cummings, James Mackay, Wm. Marr, R. S. Currier, B. H. Wells, Charles A. Smith, K. W. Morse, C. M. Willey, John McDonald, George Ingalls, Charles S. Wallace and E. A. Bagges. On vote of the caucus, the delegates were empowered to choose their own attorneys.

Granite City Won Match.

A match between the second eights of the Barre and the Granite City Quilting clubs on Wednesday night resulted as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Granite City, Barre. Values: 21, 17, 19, 21, 9, 9, 21, 21, 21, 9.

Total 189 126

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express to all my appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during the sickness of my wife and in my bereavement. George W. Gorman.

A great money saving show sale begins Friday July 15, at the People's Shoe store. All stocks and grades are to be sold at a discount from the regular price for the purpose of reducing the summer stock to make room for the fall goods. Remember nothing is reserved. Everything is marked in plain figures at money saving prices. You can't afford to miss this sale which lasts only 15 days.