

PT. ARTHUR CAPITULATED?

Reports That it Has, Though Not Officially Confirmed.

STOESSEL SENDS MESSAGE

Another Report That Port Arthur Is to Be Evacuated Today -- Humane Treatment of Prisoners Urged.

Rome, Nov. 11.—A Tokio despatch says the report has reached there that Port Arthur has capitulated. The Agencia Libera has a despatch from General Stoessel stating that a messenger from the Japanese headquarters, it is believed his purpose is to ascertain what conditions the Japanese would impose should the Russians surrender Port Arthur.

REPORT IN LONDON.

But No Official Confirmation of Fall of Port Arthur.

London, Nov. 11.—Several reports from private and press sources were current this morning that Port Arthur had fallen. No official confirmation has been received and Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, says he has received no intimation that such an event has occurred.

A despatch from Berlin quotes the Lokal Anzeiger as having similar reports. That paper says General Stoessel will evacuate today. The paper adds that General Nogi, the Japanese commander, has been notified by his home government that he will be held responsible for the humane treatment of the surrendering Russians.

NO NEWS IN WASHINGTON.

Japanese Legation Has Not Heard of Pt. Arthur Surrender.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11.—The Japanese legation here has received no news from Tokio his morning corroborating the reported capitulation of General Stoessel at Port Arthur. It is stated that the advice of such an event would be cable here immediately upon the receipt of the official news at Tokio.

URGED TO KEEP AWAY.

Textile Council Asks Strikers to Stay Away From Mills.

Fall River, Mass., Nov. 11.—The text title council this afternoon issued a proclamation to striking operatives asking them not to return to work on Monday, but urging them not to make any demonstration.

Despite the great amount of suffering and destitution it is now thought that few strikers will return Monday.

TO VISIT WORLD'S FAIR.

President Will Go to St. Louis the 26th.

Washington, Nov. 10.—President Roosevelt has promised to attend the Louisiana Purchase exposition on Saturday, Nov. 26. He made his promise tonight to a committee from St. Louis headed by Mayor Wells, who came to Washington especially for the purpose of inviting him. The probability is the President may remain in St. Louis until the night of Sunday, Nov. 27.

President Roosevelt has been anxious to go to St. Louis to see the fair ever since its opening. The presidential campaign, however, compelled him to remain in the East.

NOW FOR PARKER.

Latest Figures from Maryland Indicate He Leads.

Baltimore, Nov. 11.—The latest unofficial figures indicate that Parker has possibly carried the state by 176, but it is probable that the electoral vote may be divided. An official count will be necessary to determine the result.

BULL MARKET TOO MUCH.

Federal Stock Exchange of Boston Suspends.

Boston, Nov. 11.—The Federal Stock and Grain Company, stock brokers, having a number of offices throughout New England and doing a large business, suspended operations this morning on account of the present bull market.

Decanter and Glasses.

Kingston, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Judge Parker, his wife and his daughter, Mrs. Hall, are among the 190 beneficiaries named in the will of Mrs. Margaret A. Hess, which was filed for probate here today. Judge Parker receives a valuable decanter and some glasses which were owned by Mrs. Hess's father, the late Judge William Cockburn.

Employee Decapitated.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 10.—Wearing newly tapped shoes, Peter Tatro, an employe of the Worcester Consolidated street railway, slipped as he was passing in front of one of the company's cars tonight and, falling to the rail, was killed instantly, his head being severed.

Daily Wins on Points.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 10.—Tommy Day of this city was given the decision over "Kid" Sullivan of Washington on points in their 15-round bout tonight before the Eureka Athletic club.

STILL SELLING LIQUOR.

Rutland Druggists Do Not Mind Action of License Commissioners.

Rutland, Nov. 10.—Notwithstanding the fact that their fifth class licenses were revoked a few weeks ago two of the Center street druggists have continued to sell intoxicating liquor and filled a number of prescriptions as late as last Monday. They have also taken out books for their November report to the county clerk. This would indicate that they intended to continue to fill prescriptions regardless of the action of the license commissioners. All of the fifth class licenses which had been issued in this city were revoked by the commissioners on October 19.

In his October report John H. Dugan returns 51 sales, the last one dated October 19. Dr. J. J. Trudel returns 56 sales, the last one dated October 31. T. A. Clifford's report shows 20 sales, the last one being dated October 31. Both of the latter men have taken out books for their November reports.

TWO WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.

Celebrated at Dorset Today—One 52d and Other 54th.

Dorset, Nov. 11.—Two wedding anniversaries were celebrated in this town today and practically every resident of the town attended one or the other, most of them both. One was the 52d anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Phelps, which was observed at their home. They have lived in this village practically all of the 52 years and nearly 200 called during the day to pay their respects.

The other affair was the celebration of the 54th wedding anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William Root, which was observed in a quiet manner, their friends to a large number calling during the afternoon to congratulate them. They have always been residents of the town, having been married here. Both of them were present at the wedding 52 years ago of Mr. and Mrs. Phelps.

POSTMASTER DEAD.

George A. Young of Concord, N. H., Is No More.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 11.—Postmaster George A. Young died this morning at 1:30 o'clock. His age was about 70 years.

Dr. Young was one of the Capital city's most influential residents. For the last two or three years he had been in failing health, but was restricted to his bed only at intervals. His last illness set in two weeks ago, and from this he never rallied. One of the secondary causes of death was pneumonia.

Dr. Young was prominent in city politics for twenty-five years and had been chairman of the Republican city committee.

TEN CENTS A DAY.

Beula McCarton's Fine Which Will Run Two Years.

New York, Nov. 10.—Judge Sweeney in the first criminal court of Newark, N. J., tonight imposed an unusual sentence upon Mrs. Beula McCarton, convicted before him of professional mendacity.

The sentence of the court was that she must pay a fine of ten cents a day for a period of two years, and that she must appear in court each day to make the payment.

Mrs. McCarton is 35 years old. The police say she is a member of the McCarton family, several of whose members were recently arrested in New York, and whose record extends over many cities in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

REFUSE TO PUT UP FIRE ESCAPES.

Rutland Property Holders Refuse to Comply With Orders of Fire Marshal.

Rutland, Nov. 11.—Several property owners of Rutland stated today that they will refuse to comply with the orders which have been given them by Fire Marshal James C. Dunn to provide their buildings with fire escapes. The reason for their refusal is the fact that the city of Rutland itself has been ordered some time since to equip the school buildings with fire escapes and has neglected to do so. The property owners state that the city officials cannot compel them to purchase fire escapes unless the city does likewise for the public buildings and they are willing to go to court if necessary.

\$125,000 FOR MISSIONS.

Methodists Appropriate That Sum for Work in Home Fields.

Boston, Nov. 10.—At the meeting of the Methodist Missionary society the total appropriations for home mission work today aggregated \$125,000. The parts of the country which were given especial consideration were the rural districts of New England, the mining districts of Michigan, the prairie stretches of the trans-Mississippi states, the new settlements in Oklahoma and the Indian territory, the mining camps of the Rocky mountains, the new settlements in the irrigated regions farther West.

VERMONT FOREST NEEDS.

Subject Discussed at Public Meeting in Representatives' Hall.

Montpelier, Nov. 10.—In representatives' hall this evening a public meeting was held in the interests of the forestry of Vermont with addresses by Prof. Ferdinand of Cornell University, Prof. Philip Ayes of Waltham, Mass., and the Hon. W. J. Van Patten of Burlington.

ASSESSED \$5 A SHARE.

Stockholders in Burlington Base Ball Association Called On.

Burlington, Nov. 11.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Burlington Base Ball association last night an assessment of \$5 per share was voted.

MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN

Horribly Murdered in Their California Home.

THE HOUSE SET ON FIRE

Father Believed to Have Been Murdered and Burned in Buildings—Act of a Madman?

Auburn, Calif., Nov. 11.—One of the most atrocious murders in the history of the state was committed last night at the home of Julius Weber, a wealthy brewer, when Mrs. Weber, her three-year-old daughter Ruth, and nine-year-old son, Paul, were killed. Knives and revolvers were used by the assassin. Immediately after the atrocious act, the house was set on fire and the bodies were left to be cremated. Neighbors found the victims as soon as the fire broke out, but they died in a few minutes. Mrs. Weber had a bullet wound in her breast, the son's face and arms were slashed to shreds, while the little girl had a bullet wound in her breast. Nothing has yet been seen of the elder Weber and it is feared his body is in the ruins of the house.

The officers believe the fiendish act was done by a madman, as no evidences of robbery are at hand.

SHOT EACH OTHER DEAD.

Quarrel Between Two Men in South Carolina Results Fatally for Both.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 9.—R. L. Irby of Laurens and R. A. Phillips of Eastover, Richland county, at 7 o'clock this evening shot and killed each other. The two men were sitting before a store discussing matters in a friendly way, when, it is said, Phillips accused Irby of stealing his overcoat. Irby arose and struck Phillips, whereupon the latter shot Irby between the breast and waist. As Phillips turned, Irby shot him in the back, killing him instantly. Irby died shortly afterward.

TRAIN WRECK IN KANSAS.

Many Reported to Have Been Killed in Accident.

Parsons, Kansas, Nov. 11.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas flyer has been wrecked near here. Every surgeon in Parsons has been called out. It is reported many are killed.

New York Tragedy.

New York, Nov. 10.—Mrs. Katherine Greene, indignant because her husband, George Greene, reproved her for taking a walk with another man, shot herself through the heart. Overcome with horror, the husband picked up the same revolver and shot himself. The tragedy was not discovered until late today, when Green's employer sent to inquire why he had not come to work.

Must Await Grand Jury.

Rutland, Nov. 11.—District Attorney Jas. L. Martin today decided that the Poulney counterfeit, John D. Salsbury, who pleaded guilty several days ago that the information followed, again is illegal. Salsbury must now be bound over to await the action of the Federal grand jury at Rutland in February.

GODDARD AT MONTPELIER.

Return Game of Foot Ball Will Be Played There Tomorrow.

Goddard will play a return game of football with Montpelier Seminary at Montpelier tomorrow afternoon. The game will be called at 3:15 and it is expected it will be an interesting one.

Dartmouth vs. Amherst.

The only football teams of New England that have not been beaten this fall are Dartmouth and Amherst. These two teams will play tomorrow afternoon at Hanover, N. H. Harvard could not beat Dartmouth last week, and Amherst has beaten Columbia 17 to 9. The game will be a battle royal, probably the best game in New England this fall.

Midbury High Defeated.

Burlington, Nov. 11.—In a game characterized by gilt-edged playing on both sides, with every one of the 22 men working his hardest and in which every inch of ground gained was made by legitimate, heavy, pounding work the football team of the Middlebury high school met defeat at the hands of the Edmunds high school team yesterday afternoon by the score of 10 to 0.

Slaughter of Deer in Vermont.

Commissioner H. G. Thomas of Stowe gave out yesterday from returns showing that the number of deer legally killed in the state during the open season is 446 compared with 753 last year and 404 the year before, so that from figures it can be seen that the slaughter this year exceeds only slightly the number killed in 1902. Mr. Thomas has received reports of 3 doe being killed. He sends, shortly before the opening of the deer season, which comes the last ten days in October, blanks to all the game wardens, postmasters and a number of city and town officials. Many returns come in the duplicate, but Mr. Thomas weeds these out and by a cross system is able to scour the state pretty thoroughly. It is safe to say that the actual number killed is not many out of the way from his figures.

MORRILL HALL PASSES SENATE

Governor's Name Only Lacking to \$60,000 Appropriation.

NO OPEN SEASON FOR DEER

Bill to Prohibit Killing from Jan. 1, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1908, Passes House—Discussion Over Town Division Bill.

Montpelier, Nov. 11.—By the action of the Senate today and the probable action of Gov. Bell, the sum of \$60,000 will be granted by the state of Vermont to the State Agricultural College for the erection of a Morrill hall at Burlington. There was no debate on the bill, and the yeas and nays being called for by Senator Pierce of Windham, the result was announced as follows: Favoring 23, opposed 2. Senators Dickey and Holbrook, who voted against the third reading yesterday, voted against its passage today. The Senators absent were Baldwin, Fieb, Mattison, Simpson and Stevens.

With two votes in opposition, those of Senators Slack and Holbrook, the Senate passed the House bill requiring the registering of births, marriages and deaths.

The first part of the forenoon session in the House today was given up to the slaughter of bills, no less than 16 being laid away in the graveyard. Mr. Haggood of Peru tried to stave off the death of three of the measures and succeeded in his last attempt, the closing of the deer season to Jan. 1, 1908. The bills killed included valued policy insurance, formation of co-operative insurance companies, attaching a part of the freeman's oath to cards of instruction to voters; five year certificates to voters, running two cars together on electric railroads, giving railroad commission jurisdiction over telephone companies, licenses for non-resident hunters of small game, open deer season for three days.

May Stop All Deer Hunting.

It now seems likely that the House will pass a bill prohibiting the killing of deer for three years from Jan. 1, 1905 to Jan. 1, 1908. The bill was reported unfavorably today but a vigorous opposition to the committee's report developed and grew strong enough to order the bill to a third reading.

Lowell Annexation Causes Discussion.

The latter part of the forenoon in the House was taken up with the discussion of the bill annexing a part of the town of Lowell to Albany. The bill had been reported favorably by a majority of the committee, the committee standing 5 to 3. The bill caused a warm discussion and when it came to a vote on ordering it to a third reading, the vote stood 95 to 95. Speaker Merrifield cast the deciding vote in favor and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Salary Increase Failed.

For a second time this session the House has squelched an attempt to increase the pay of the members of the legislature, that which will probably be the last attempt coming yesterday afternoon. The bill provided that the per diem be increased from \$3 to \$4. At the start of the discussion Mr. Taft of Waltham moved to amend by making the stipend \$200 per session.

Mr. Sherburne of Pomfret opposed the amendment. Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington favored. Mr. Graves of Bennington opposed, also Mr. Miles of Ferrisburgh. The Underhill representative, Mr. Henry, who introduced the bill, spoke in its favor. Mr. Groat of Derby moved to amend by making amendment not apply to the present legislature but he lost. Mr. Fitts thought it had taste for the members to increase their own salaries and Mr. Taft's amendment was not agreed to. Mr. Fitts moved to amend by requiring a referendum to let the people say how much salary the members should receive. No action was taken and Mr. Haggood of Peru started the "last sad rites" by moving to dismis the whole bill. It was dismissed.

MAY LOSE AN OFFICIAL.

Supt. of Education Ranger Has Big Offer—House Wouldn't Raise Pay.

By the House refusing to increase the salary of State Superintendent of Education Walter E. Sawyer, the state of Vermont will very likely lose the services of this capable public official, as he has had an offer to go to Rhode Island to a similar position with a salary of \$3,500. He now gets \$2,000 and the bill provided for an increase to \$3,000. Mr. Ryther of Dover started off by moving that the bill be dismissed. Mr. Dart of Springfield, who introduced the bill, supported it. The superintendent's office is an important one. Our strong educators go to other states where they are better compensated. If this continues our educational interests will suffer seriously. There are teachers in the state who are receiving higher salaries than the superintendent. In case of a vacancy, we might look in vain for a strong man. The duties of the office have more than doubled in twenty years. He said in answer to queries that the salary did not include expenses or clerk hire.

Mr. Hilliard of Cabot said \$900 was allowed for clerk hire. He believed that highly efficient officers deserved good, fair salaries. Mr. Haggood of Peru said this was the first of several bills increasing various salaries, and members hesitated to vote for fear of making a precedent. Mr. O'Brien of South Royal-

ton said a good word for the work of Superintendent Ranger and trusted the bill would not be dismissed.

Mr. Groat of Derby dwelt upon the importance of the measure as an index of the feeling of the people toward the school system. It is poor policy to grow up good men and then let them leave the state because they can do better outside.

Mr. Walworth of Middlebury said that the unanimous feeling of the committee was that it would be well to assure Mr. Sawyer's retention by increasing his salary.

Mr. Sherburne of Pomfret considered the present salary respectable in its proportions. He compared it with salaries of high school principals, college professors, etc.

Mr. Taft of Waltham did not approve of the raise, especially after refusing to increase the salary of legislators.

Mr. Ryther of Dover considered that there was plenty of good superintendent timber in Vermont, in case change was required.

Mr. Shaw of Marlboro supported the increase on the ground of educational interests.

Mr. Ricker of St. Johnsbury contended that the experience of Mr. Sawyer in the office made him more valuable and the state should pay him more.

Mr. Redfield of Hubbardston opposed the increase.

Mr. Mansur of Brighton said that Mr. Sawyer had an offer of \$3000 to go to another place.

On demand of Mr. Parsons of Fletcher the roll was called on the motion to dismiss, resulting: Yeas 119, nays 88, and the bill was dismissed.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The members' salary grab appears to be a dead issue for the rest of the session.

This forenoon Mr. Haggood of Peru occupied thirty minutes of the House's time.

The Berlin school children are the guests of Representative Covell of Berlin today.

The Rev. W. A. Kinzie of Barre conducted devotional exercises in the House this morning.

L. M. Craigie and daughter, Maud, of Springfield are guests of Governor Bell this week.

Senator Dickey of Orange county was one of the two Senators to vote against the third reading of the Morrill hall bill.

Nellie Gill has been appointed clerk of the committee on temperance. Col. John H. Mims of St. Albans was a candidate for the position.

The governor has designated Thursday, November 24th, as Thanksgiving Day, and his formal proclamation announcing the same will be issued within a few days.

A few faithful ones of the Vermont Press Association gathered at the rooms of E. A. Nutt at the Riverside last night and talked over matters interesting to the profession.

Representative Graves of Bennington thinks that it wouldn't do any good to raise the per diem of legislators. Montpelier hotel and boarding-house keepers would raise their rates accordingly.

The morning after the national election the State House attendants found Senator Redfield Proctor's picture tilted at an angle of nearly 45 degrees. Charles Walters, secretary of civil and military affairs, ascribes the tilt to the Republican earthquake, although he admits never having seen Proctor taken so completely off his feet before.

There will be something doing next Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock when a bill substituting life imprisonment for death penalty will be taken up as a special order. A majority of the judiciary committee has reported the bill favorably with certain amendments. One bill abolishing the death penalty was killed yesterday afternoon.

The first conference committee between the two houses is necessitated by a clash on the "Sunday hunting clause" of the deer, moose and caribou hunting bill. The Senate insists on striking out the Sunday clause. Likewise on the bill making the auditor of accounts a certifying officer the Senate, through motion of Senator Lord, insists that the auditor's vouchers be public records.

It was 3:23 o'clock in the House yesterday afternoon. There was no business on hand; the desk was clear. It was 37 minutes to 4 o'clock, when a special order was to be taken up. A motion to adjourn was made and then withdrawn. There were 37 minutes with nothing to do. What should the House do to pass the time away? The members glanced at the House clock. It was 4 o'clock. The special order was taken up with the members watches at 3:24.

Mr. Haggood of Peru is still the central figure in the House. After the introduction of several bills by "unanimous consent" yesterday afternoon his pen was busy for a few minutes and Mr. Haggood popped up with a resolution "rescinding the rules" and allowing members to introduce as many bills as they want to. The Speaker put a question to the resolution by referring it to the committee on rules. It will probably go where the "intoxication rule" introduced some time since has gone—into the waste pile.

Said one visitor at the State House yesterday, "I went to Barre today to see the quarries and couldn't find them. Think of it, going to Barre and not finding the quarries! The auto-driver took us all around the mountains up there but we couldn't locate the granite. Then we started on another tack and drove until we came to a blacksmith shop. We asked the blacksmith where we were and found we were most in Williamstown. We gave up defeated and came back to Montpelier without seeing the quarries."

Snow in Rhode Island.

Newport, R. I., Nov. 11.—The first real snow storm of the season set in at seven this morning.

APPOINTMENTS BY GOV. BELL

Dana H. Morse of Randolph Succeeds Governor

ON BOARD AGRICULTURE

Other Members Reappointed — F. W. Pierce of Chester Reappointed to Normal School Board.

Montpelier, Nov. 11.—Governor Bell today sent the following appointments to the Senate for their approval:

Board of Agriculture: George Aitken of Woodstock, Ernest Hitchcock of Pittsford and Dana H. Morse of Randolph. The first two are reappointments; Mr. Morse succeeds Mr. Bell on the board; Mr. Aitken and Mr. Morse are both members of the present legislature.

State Board of Health: Charles S. Caverly, M. D., of Rutland.

Member of Board of Supervisors of Inmate, George F. Foster of Putney.

Trustee of Vermont Industrial School, Joseph W. Fowler of Manchester.

Trustee of Vermont Hospital for the Inmate, Charles H. Maxham of Pomfret.

Governor Bell also made the following appointment which does not have to go before the Senate:

Member of Normal School Board: F. W. Pierce of Chester, to succeed himself.

HONORS WERE EVEN.

Between Clan Gordon and Red Men Cribbage Teams Last Evening.

In the cribbage league game last evening between the Clan Gordon and Red Men teams the honors rest even, each team winning at four tables. The result by tables was as follows: J. D. Will and C. Keith, C. G., defeated Geo. Conniek and S. Armstrong, R. M.; James Mackay and Robert Inglis, C. G., defeated James Duncan and W. H. Bradley, R. M.; George Riddle and D. McLeod, C. G., defeated A. Robertson and P. Laxson, R. M.; W. B. Scott and James Smart, C. G., defeated James Elrick and John Milton, R. M.

A. Wishart and James Marshall, R. M., defeated D. W. Smith and A. Ironside, C. G.; John Lind and Frank Webster, R. M., defeated J. Booth and A. Milne, C. G.; George Duncan and W. Sangster, R. M., defeated Robert Shaw and Harry Jordan, C. G.; Alex Ross and James Scott, R. M., defeated George Troup and William Alexander, C. G.

The cribbage league standing to date:

Table with 4 columns: P, W, L, Pct. Rows include C. O. F., F. of A., Red Men, Clan Gordon, M. W., and I. O. F.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

Last Evening of Odd Ladies Fair Very Largely Attended.

There was a very large attendance at the closing of the Odd Ladies fair last evening. An enjoyable entertainment was given from 5 until 9 o'clock after which the articles from the booths were auctioned off by John Anderson and the articles found ready purchasers at fair prices; after the auction the prizes were announced as follows: The crooked stick measured 17 feet, 3 1/2 inches. The nearest guesses were by John G. Murray, 17 feet, 3 1/4 inches, and by Mrs. John Anderson. Beans in the bottle, 2850. The best guesses was 2987 by Mrs. Ellen Cole and by A. J. Stewart. The quilt to G. W. Lake, oak chair to Mrs. Ariva Spencer, small chair to J. C. Dyer. The doll which was presented to this order by the Odd Ladies of Massachusetts, went to James Begg; the small rocker to William Sinclair. The fair has been very successful and the Ladies will reap a good sum from their first annual fair.

CAVALRY REUNION.

First Vermont Cavalry Held Reunion Last Evening.

The annual meeting of the First Vermont Cavalry Reunion Society was held in Montpelier yesterday afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held at the state house at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, after which the visiting comrades were given a banquet in W. R. C. hall. Later in the evening a "camp fire" was held in the G. A. R. hall at which Col. E. B. Sawyer of Hyde Park was the speaker.

The First Vermont Cavalry was the first full regiment in that branch of service to be recruited in New England. It was mustered into service Nov. 19, 1861, and mustered out August 8, 1865.

During its term of service this regiment was exceeded by few if any, in the amount of hard fighting and arduous labor that it performed. The roster shows that it took part in seventy-six engagements. During the past year the death of eight of the comrades has been reported to the secretary of the society, as follows: Surgeon Almon Clark; Irving Bruce, Cornelius Ellis, Company A; H. C. Williams, John Budgett, Company E; Ira C. Hacks, Company A; G. T. Skinner and F. Stewart Stanahan, Company I.

Snow This Morning in Connecticut.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 11.—A snow storm set in this morning. This is the second storm of the season, but the first of any real severity. Reports from other points in the state indicate that the storm is general.