

COMMANDS PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Vice Admiral Shibeyame Appointed.

RUSSIANS MARCH OUT.

Japanese Are Fully in Control of the Stronghold—Some of the Russians Refused to Be Paroled Yesterday.

Tokio, Jan. 7.—Vice Admiral Shibeyame, commander of the naval station at Kure, Japan, has been appointed commander at Port Arthur.

MARCH OUT PORT ARTHUR.

Russian Troops Left for Port Dalny Yesterday. At Port Arthur, with third Japanese army, via Fusan, Jan. 7.—Only 50 Russian officers have accepted parole. All the regular Russian troops have marched out of Port Arthur and left for Port Dalny yesterday. The Japanese troops entered the city to keep order. The non-combatants are allowed the option of remaining at Port Arthur. The Japanese navy is removing the mines and Japanese hulks at the mouth of the harbor. All forts have been taken over by the Japanese.

WARSHIPS DISMANTLED.

Also Liaotung Blockade Abolished by Togo.

Tokio, Jan. 7.—It is officially stated that the Russian warships at Chefoo and Tsingtau have been dismantled. Admiral Togo today issued an order abolishing Liaotung blockade from today. The Mikado has issued a rescript thanking General Nogi and his army together with the fleet of Admiral Togo for the capture of Port Arthur.

NO PEACE OVERTURES.

Both Japan and Russia More Eager for War, Says Minister.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Japan has made no overtures for peace to Russia, directly or indirectly, through the United States or any other power; she contemplates no such action, and now that Port Arthur has fallen, proposes to press the war in the north all the more vigorously by reinforcing the Japanese armies at Yase Yang with the greater part of the troops which have been besieging Port Arthur. This, in brief, represents the view of Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, who recently has resumed charge of the Japanese legation at Washington after a long illness at New York.

At the Russian embassy it was reiterated that Russia would fight all the harder in view of the loss of Port Arthur. Europe it is learned, is firmly of the conviction that, however dark the outlook for peace is this moment, when the prospect brightens it is to President Roosevelt that the neutrals as well as the belligerents will look as the intermediary through whom peace negotiations will be initiated.

CAUGHT IN SNOW DRIFT.

Passengers on Nova Scotia Train Were Snow Bound 48 Hours.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 7.—The Nova Scotia Central train which left Bridgewater on Tuesday, reached here yesterday after having been snowbound near Alpena station for 48 hours, during which time the 100 passengers suffered intensely from cold and hunger. Alpena, with only a railway station, afforded no accommodations for feeding the travelers and the locomotive had barely enough fuel to keep up steam until a relief engine broke its way through the drifts. Communication with other points by wire was interrupted by the blizzard, which lasted two days. The railway management sent twenty teams from Middleton to transfer the passengers to the nearest station of the Dominion Atlantic railway, a distance of 12 miles. As the temperature was five below zero, few left the train to face the storm.

CHASING A BEAR.

Middlesex Hunters Are Out After An Unwelcome Guest.

Montpelier, Jan. 7.—The hunters of Middlesex have taken to the woods in an attempt to kill a black bear which has been poking its nose about in a most unwelcome manner during the present week. The animal has been seen several times, but no one had a shooting iron when the animal was seen. Arthur Bingham is saving for E. C. Denmore in the woods about a mile from the house. The other morning Bingham went out to saw and saw the tracks. He didn't wait to saw but went back after his gun. Since then there has been a general hunt, but Bruin has kept himself out of sight. The animal is described as being deersized. A large number of deer have been seen in that vicinity, one herd containing thirteen of the beautiful animals.

200 MEN ENTOMBED.

Reported That Fire Has Broken Out in Pennsylvania Mine.

McKeesport, Pa., Jan. 7.—It is reported that fire has broken out in the Youghab of Pennsylvania Gas and Coal Co., near Irwin. Two hundred men are reported entombed.

BIG INHERITANCE FOR RUTLAND MAN

Peter Fagan Is Waiting the Arrival of His Ship, Which Will Bring Him a Competence of \$150,000.

Rutland, Jan. 7.—A fortune of \$150,000 is now en route from Melbourne, Australia, to this country in the name of Peter Fagan of this city and Mr. Fagan states that his two brothers, James and Henry, and his mother, Mrs. Conlon Fagan, both of this city, will undoubtedly receive the same amount, as they are among the 10 heirs who will share equally in the estate of Michael Conlon. Mr. Conlon died at Melbourne, Australia, about two years ago, leaving an estate of more than \$1,500,000. He left no will and advertisements were inserted in Catholic newspapers published in this country, which resulted in the discovery of 10 heirs. Mrs. James Madden of Montreal and Mrs. Fagan of this city are nieces of Mr. Conlon and the other heirs are cousins. However, by the laws of Australia, all will share equally.

Peter Fagan says that he had received notice that his share would be \$150,000, besides a one-tenth interest in the sheep ranch property belonging to the estate of Mr. Conlon, which inventories at \$95,000. M. Filmore Brown of New York city is in charge of the negotiations for the Rutland heirs.

Mr. Fagan said that Mr. Conlon went to Australia from Ireland about 60 years ago and nothing had been heard from him until his death. He was penniless when he went to Australia and acquired his immense fortune in the sheep raising business. He never married and his three brothers died previous to his death. Mr. Fagan is 29 years old and were poor up to the time of acquiring their portions of the Conlon estate.

NOT KNOWN IN MIDDLEBURY.

Man Who Is Supposed to be Working G. A. R. People.

Middlebury, Jan. 7.—Bristol, Conn., papers say that an old couple are "working" the G. A. R. veterans of that city. The man gives the name of "Thomas Smith, 5th Vt. and claims to hail from Middlebury, Vt." No such man is known here, though a few years ago an old man visited the town and gave the name John Smith, and claiming to hail from some other part of Christendom tried to get money from the G. A. R. veterans. They took pains to look the man's record up and found him to be a fake. When confronted by the facts Mr. "Smith" moved away as mysteriously as he came, between two days. The Bristol people seem to have an idea that the authorities of this town have shifted the burden of caring for the old couple and are raising money to send them back. Mr. Smith will be warmly received if he returns.

BEEF TRUST HEARING.

Was Started Yesterday by Packers' Attorneys.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Argument in the case of Swift & Co. vs. the United States, known as the beef trust conspiracy case, was begun before the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday by Attorney John S. Miller of Chicago in behalf of the packers. He said the bill of the government failed to allege facts necessary to constitute a cause of action and said that the charges made are not facts, but conclusions of law; that the commerce charged is not interstate or foreign commerce, and that even if it be interstate commerce the facts given constitute no violation of law.

A BISHOP STRICKEN.

J. L. Spaulding of Roman Catholic Church Critically Ill.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 7.—Bishop John L. Spaulding, the noted head of the Roman Catholic diocese of Peoria, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis yesterday afternoon. While his condition is said to be not dangerous, his brother, Dr. Leonard H. Spaulding, will remain near him for the present. The entire left side of the bishop's body is affected and for several hours after the stroke he was unable to speak.

VERMONT MADE BALL PLAYERS.

A Dozen Pitched Here Who Made Reputations in This State.

The list of pitchers that have gone from the Northern League to the major leagues is the best way of telling the quality of baseball that has been played up in this section. Those pitchers who have gone from this league to the National League are Ford, with Baltimore; Doheny, New York and Pittsburgh; Seymour, New York and Cincinnati; Dunlavy, St. Louis; Lynch, Cincinnati; Minnehan, Cincinnati; Scanlon, Brooklyn. Those pitchers who have gone to the American League are Patton, with Washington; Gibson, Boston; Coakley, Philadelphia; Fairbanks, Philadelphia; O'Brien, Boston. Of these pitchers, Pond, Doheny, Patton, Fairbanks, O'Brien, all played under the management of A. W. Daley, of St. Albans.

DAMAGE BY TIDAL WAVE.

Eastern Coast of England Swept This Morning.

London, Jan. 7.—A tidal wave struck the eastern coast of England this morning, doing great damage to a number of towns. At Yarmouth the waves swept over the marine promenade. Families whose houses face the sea are imprisoned in the upper rooms. At Scarborough most of the piers were blown down by the gale which accompanied the tidal wave. At Cluthorpes the newly built sea wall was washed away. At Dover the water washed over the promenades and quays, while the Spurness river at Medway threatened to overflow its banks. No casualties are reported.

DAMAGING TESTIMONY

The Tucker Murder Note in Same Handwriting

AS PRISONER'S WRITING.

Testimony of Handwriting Expert Ewell Given in Murder Case Now on Trial in Cambridge.

Boston, Jan. 7.—In the Tucker trial today Expert Ewell reiterated his statement of yesterday that in his opinion the "J. L. Morton" address was written by the same person who made out the sale slips which were taken as standards of Tucker's writing.

Two points deemed important by them were developed by counsel at yesterday afternoon's session. One of these was the statement by Harold Page, the brother of the murdered woman, that he had been acquainted with Tucker for more than six years and that the latter had called twice at the Page home, the first time at the invitation of the witness.

The other feature was the statement of M. D. Ewell, a handwriting expert, that the person who wrote the address "J. L. Morton, Charlestown, Mass.," on a piece of paper found on the floor of Miss Page's room after the murder, was the person who filled out and signed the sale slips, alleged by the government to have been made out by Tucker while he was a salesman for a Boston firm of stationers.

On April 5, the day following Miss Page's funeral and Tucker's first examination by the police, Harold Page testified that the defendant and he rode together in a train from Boston to Ansburdale. The witness testified that upon that occasion Tucker seated himself beside the witness and asked: "Did you know that they've had me in it?"

When cross-examined Page would not say positively that Tucker's first words to him did not contain an expression of sympathy. While Page was on the stand Tucker followed the testimony closely and at times suggested questions to his counsel.

During the course of the trial all of the garments worn by Miss Page on the day she met death were entered as exhibits in the case. With the exception of the outer garments and the shoes and stockings, every article bore large crimson stains. A portion of a skeleton was employed again to illustrate the positions of the wounds.

WILL PLEAD GUILTY.

Massachusetts Man Will Plead Guilty to Murder.

Salem, Mass., Jan. 7.—District Attorney Peters and the counsel for the defense came to an agreement today by which Joseph A. Hastings, charged with murdering Dora Trask, in Beverly last March will come into court on Monday, plead guilty to murder in the second degree, and take a life sentence for the crime.

HENS THAT PAY.

John W. Roberts of South Barre Has 12 White Wyandottes That Laid 1958 Eggs in Year.

John W. Roberts of South Barre read in The Times the other evening of E. O. Sterling of Keene, N. H., who reports that he received during the year ending December 5, a total of 1692 eggs from a pen of 12 white wyandotte hens.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Eggs. Rows: November 1903 (84), December (170), January 1904 (210), February (212), March (206), April (192), May (181), June (179), July (160), August (146), September (164), October (104), Total for year (1958).

or an average of 163 for each hen. Who can show a better record than this?

CAR TIPPED OVER.

Royal Arcanum Party in Brooklyn Had Rough Experience.

New York, Jan. 7.—Forty members of a Royal Arcanum council of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, narrowly escaped instant death by the overturning of a trolley car early this morning. As it was all occupants of the car were injured and four of them are so seriously injured that fears are entertained for their recovery.

SULTAN DEFEATED.

Pretender's Troops Ambushed and Killed Many Men.

Tangier, Jan. 7.—The pretender defeated the sultan's troops in a pitched battle near Uadia today. The sultan's troops fell into an ambush and were routed, losing 400 men, killed and wounded.

BANQUET TO THE POOR

Salvation Army Served Nearly 100 Last Night

WAS A JOYOUS OCCASION

Youngsters Ate and Ate Until They Were Filled and Were Then Sent Home With Articles of Wearing Apparel.

Barre's poor people—no, Barre has no poor people—rather those who are not quite so fortunate as some, were gathered in by the score last night by the Salvation Army and fed, clothed and made happy. The Army barracks in the second story of the old city building were crowded with people, mostly boys and girls, and when the last one departed late in the evening there was not one disappointed. Fully 50 children were served most heartily. Then each child was given some article of clothing and some who most needed it were remembered with a second gift.

Today the Army people continued their good work by distributing baskets of food and clothing to the needy families of the city, a dozen or more homes being brightened and helped along during the severity of the winter with gifts of articles of clothing and things to satisfy and sustain.

It would have pleased the most downcast if they could have looked in on the happy crowd of people at the barracks last night. A table weighted down with good things was set the length of the assembly room. This table will remain long in the memory of the youngsters who were privileged to eat from it.

There were the more solid things and then the things which look well to the eye and which taste better, pies—pies of every description—cakes of so many kinds that the children couldn't enumerate them (if they had stopped to try), fruits in like variety, coffee and a lot of other things. The eyes of the youngsters bulged out with anticipation when they saw the layout prepared for them, and the minute word was given to eat, there was eating—such eating as would have driven a dyspeptic wild. Yet the children didn't mind it. The contents of the platters vanished as if by magic, and as often as they were cleaned they were refilled. There was no stinting this time. And during it all, eating as only healthy children can eat, they were chattering like magpies. It was a scene worth witnessing.

The members of the Army attended to the wants of the children and served as waiters. They were kept busy. No one held a watch on the proceedings, but one puffed up boy declared afterwards that they ate for one hour and a quarter. The older ones corroborated the statement. When the feeling came that they couldn't eat any more the happy children amused themselves for a while, then left for home, each bearing at least one article which will be useful in warding off the blasts of a particularly cold winter.

They left a happy lot of Army people to clean up; the latter were happy in having made the children happy, which they did with full measure. Then the baskets were made up for distribution only. Most of the provisions and clothing was given by people of the city, the call for aid having been most generously responded to. There was nearly every conceivable kind of wearing apparel among the donations and there were some cash gifts. The Army people had been preparing for this banquet and gift distribution for some time. All the week they had been busy collecting the things, under the direction of Ensign and Mrs. White. The latter have been in charge of the local barracks only five weeks but have made a large number of friends already, not alone among Army people.

It was two weeks after Christmas, yet the barracks were full of Christmas cheer last night.

A HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Allard of Montpelier Celebrate 50th Anniversary.

Montpelier, Jan. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Tellephore Allard, well known people of this city, are celebrating today at their home on Court street their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were married in a house on Franklin street fifty years ago and have always lived here. Mr. Allard was a blacksmith for many years. They have eight children living.

The day is being spent quietly at their home where friends have called during the day and left many suitable presents.

WASHINGTON.

The body of Lyman Pepper, a long-time resident of this town who was taken to the insane asylum at Waterbury a short time ago, was brought to town yesterday and interred in the old cemetery by the side of his first wife.

Miss Martha Lazelle, a long-time inmate of the town farm, is very ill, and with slight hopes of her recovery. C. H. Smith is better, so that he is about the house.

The school directors are busy today repairing the school bell, which has been out of repair for the past two months.

Mrs. Winslow Flint and daughter, Ella, have closed their house and gone to Boston to remain for an indefinite time. Henry Emery is with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Flint for the remainder of the winter.

CEMETERY FINANCES MAKE GOOD SHOWING

City Must Keep Its Culverts Clear—Wood & Gregoire Bill Not Allowed by City Council.

An adjourned meeting of the city council was held last evening to hear reports and act on several other matters. The annual report of the cemetery commissioner was read and ordered printed. The report makes the following showing:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: Elmwood Cemetery, Funds on hand Jan. 1, 1904 (\$5,544.65), Interest on city note (203.51), Deposits and interest (62.62), Sale of lots (361.18), Total (\$6,149.96), Orders drawn (297.63), Balance, Jan. 1, 1905 (\$5,849.33).

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: Hope Cemetery, Balance Jan. 1, 1904 (\$3,268.00), Interest (728.36), Deposits and interest (1,223.18), Sale of lots (911.05), Total (\$5,311.18), Less orders drawn (4,400.13).

J. H. Nelson presented a claim for damages to his cellar and contents by reason of a break in a water pipe. The matter was referred to the water and finance committees and the city attorney.

Overseer of the poor C. A. Smith reported the expenditures of his department for December to be \$805.39. Mr. Smith called attention, in referring to Mrs. Alagon's marriage to Cayis, that city papers cannot be legally married without the consent of the overseer of the poor.

An opinion from City Attorney J. W. Gordon stated that it is not the duty of the city to care for private property, but it is the duty of the city to build proper culverts and keep them clear of ice within the highway limits. The report was accepted and adopted and it was ordered the superintendent of streets be instructed to keep the culverts clear.

Alderman Adie moved and Alderman Robins seconded the motion, that the action of the street commissioners in disallowing an extra bill of Wood & Gregoire for work on the Brook street bridge, be sustained. The board voted unanimously to sustain the commissioners.

The matter of W. A. Lane's sewer assessment was referred to the street committee. The business committee of the Congregational church came before the board to see about purchasing from the city a piece at the rear of the church. No definite action was taken.

MYSTERIOUS RINGING EXPLAINED.

Some One Trying to Splice Fire Alarm Wire, Caused Alarm to Sound.

The mysterious and ghost-like ringing of the fire alarm which called out the chemical Thuraday on a wild goose chase toward Courier Park and which continued at intervals yesterday, are explained, after much searching. One of the wires connecting with the system was accidentally broken and someone was endeavoring to splice the wire without calling on the guardian of the fire alarm system for aid. Every time the ends of the wire were brought together and then separated the tapper would strike the bell and the whistle would blow. The person or persons trying to repair the damage did not succeed, as the keeper of the system, Henry Hodgdon, found, when he examined the line from box 23. The keeper fixed the difficulty yesterday and the system is once more in good condition.

NO MATCH FOR THEM.

Co. H of Montpelier Defeated at St. Johnsbury Last Night.

The Company H basket ball team of Montpelier was no match for the team representing Company D of St. Johnsbury last evening, being defeated by the score of 53 to 12. The home team was lighter and quicker, while the Montpelier boys put up a good game, with the odds against them. The line up was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Position, Name. Rows: Co. D., Co. H., Beck (forward), E. Crapo, Buckley (forward), M. Crapo, Carr (center), DeCollaines, Wright (guard), Scott, Hale (guard), Nichols, Page (guard), Paine.

CLUB REORGANIZES.

Young Men's Club Re-elected Old Officers Under New Charter.

The directors of the Young Men's club met last evening and reorganized under their new charter and are now a legal organization. The officers elected were: President, Frank Cragg; secretary, Perley M. Carr. The active directors for three years are E. M. Tayntor, Frank Cragg; for two years C. S. Andrews, Perley M. Carr; for one year, Gilbert Phillips, Lewis E. Jones, C. S. Wallace.

The sustaining directors are: Frank McWhorter, three years; Dr. L. D. Martin, two years, D. M. Miles, one year.

CRIBBAGE GAMES RESUMED.

Schedule Was Interrupted During the Holiday Vacation.

The schedule of the Barre Cribbage League, which was interrupted during the holidays, will be resumed next week as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Day. Rows: C. O. F.-F. of A., Mon., Jan. 9, O. O. F.-C. G., Wed., Jan. 11, M. U.-R. M., Fri., Jan. 13, C. O. F.-M. U., Mon., Jan. 16, F. of A.-C. G., Wed., Jan. 18, I. O. O. F.-R. M., Fri., Jan. 20, I. O. O. F.-F. of A., Mon., Jan. 23, C. O. F.-R. M., Wed., Jan. 25, M. U.-C. G., Fri., Jan. 27.

NEW TEACHERS ARE ENGAGED

Three New Associates For Spaulding High School

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTOR

E. B. Richards, A.B., A.M., Harvard, Miss Christina Lewis, Radcliffe College, and Miss A. Belle Young for Business Department.

The city schools will all open Monday with the same teachers as last term, with the exception of three new assistants in the high school department. Miss Trommer and Miss Whitting having resigned, it was necessary to engage teachers to fill their places, and as the high school teachers have been greatly overworked for the last year the school commissioners voted to secure the services of an additional assistant.

The new teachers are Edwin B. Richards, A. B., A. M., of Marlborough, Mass., a graduate of Marlborough high school and Harvard university. Mr. Richards has taught for a short time in a high school in Bartmouth, Mass. The other assistant in the academic department is Miss Christina Lewis of Ashland, Mass., a graduate of Ashland high school, who has had experience in Andover and Orange, Mass., high schools. The teacher for the commercial course is Miss A. Belle Young of Stamford, N. Y., a graduate of Stamford high school and Elmira business college. With the filling of the vacancies and the securing of an additional instructor the teaching force in the high school is quite strong, and the excellent work being done will be continued.

It was hoped that the new Mathewson school would be ready for occupancy at the opening of this term, but it will not be completed for several weeks at least.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

Teachers Guilty of It Leave Before Expiration of Contract.

The county examiners of teachers were in session at Montpelier until after midnight last night discussing various matters. All were present except Examiner Comstock of Orange county, who was sick. Teachers who without good cause leave before the expiration of their contract were declared by the meeting to be guilty of unprofessional conduct and steps were taken to bar them from securing positions in the state. Many complaints have been made to the state department.

Stipulations covering the granting of special certificates were drawn up.

MAY LOSE BOTH FEET.

Barney Roakes of Montpelier Has a Bad Experience.

Montpelier, Jan. 7.—Barney Roakes is in a serious condition and may have to have both feet amputated. Roakes was found not far from his home Thursday morning nearly frozen to death. He was picked up by workmen at the Lane shops and carried home. His hands, too, were frozen.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

N. Canton went to Albany, N. Y., today.

Miss Marion Knox went to East Hampton, Mass., today on a visit.

Mrs. F. C. Ligouri went to Randolph this afternoon for a few days' visit with friends.

W. J. McGoff of Barton Landing began work yesterday as clerk in Eastman Bros. store.

Miss A. B. Oviatt returned today from East Swanton, where she has been visiting at her home.

In the Presbyterian church tomorrow it is expected Mr. Mitchell will preach morning and evening.

Miss Margaret C. Jones arrived from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to spend a few months with her brother, E. A. Jones.

Jones Brothers shed is shut down today in order that some necessary repairs may be made on the boiler.

Miss Rena Fournier and William Peltier of West Chazy were married Dec. 23, 1904, instead of Jan. 2, 1905.

C. Cavechi returned today from St. Johnsbury, where he has been acting as interpreter in county court for a week past.

The Gleaners will hold a social meeting Monday evening with Miss Hattie Chandler at her home on South Main street.

On account of the snow and ice on the tracks the electric cars only got as far as the Northern hotel this forenoon on their first trip from the car barn.

The Ministers' Monday club will meet in the local Methodist church Monday at 10 a. m. A paper will be read by the Rev. W. A. Kinzie on the Bible in Tennyson.

George Emerson finished work today in the American Express company's office and will go to Northfield tonight to go into partnership with his brother in the plumbing business.

Mrs. E. F. Perkins of Concord, N. H., arrived in the city yesterday to take charge of Burke Bros' office while Frank Burke is away. Mrs. Perkins was formerly Miss Emma Hill of Barre.

The play "L'Idée Cantina," which was written by L. M. Camilla and recently presented in the opera house, will be repeated on Jan. 14, by request of the Italian colony. The author himself will take charge of the presentation.