

BOTH SIDES ON QUI VIVE

Russians and Japanese Preparing for Early Conflicts

SAY LATE DESPACHES.

Former Have Turned All the Villages on their Right Flank into Fortified Places, With Wire Entanglements.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—Despatches from the front state that the Russians have turned all the villages on their right flank into fortified places with redoubts surrounded by wire entanglements. Both sides are preparing for early conflicts.

BIG BATTLE REPORTED.

Russian Emperor Is Reported to Be Greatly Encouraged.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—Although the city continues full of rumors that a big battle is proceeding below Mukden, the war office does not offer any confirmation of the reports.

Special dispatches, however, as well as can be judged by the mutilated manner in which they were allowed to pass the censor, portend the imminence of extensive operations.

The Japanese are showing activity on both flanks and the railroad has again been damaged by a raid of mixed Japanese and Chinese bandits.

In diplomatic circles a story is afloat to the effect that the opinion expressed by German military authorities, based on reports from the military experts at the front, that the situation is by no means hopeless, has greatly influenced the emperor and encouraged him against the idea of concluding peace.

A BOMBARDMENT.

St. Petersburg Thinks That Japanese Are Planning One on Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—General Kurapatkin reports that twenty Japanese torpedo boats and one warship are off Vladivostok. It is believed here that a naval bombardment of Vladivostok is imminent.

Vigorous Attack Made.

Tsinskhetchen, Manchuria, Feb. 24.—The Japanese continue to press the Russian advanced divisions on the left flank. February 21, with a strength of not less than eight battalions, they attacked the outposts. The Russians made a vigorous counter attack and occupied the village of Dapimlu, forcing the Japanese temporarily to abandon their advances.

NOMINAL SENTENCES.

Trial for Murder of Jews in Kishineff Riot Ends.

Kishineff, Feb. 24.—The trial of 31 Christians, charged with the murder of Jews during the riots here in the spring of 1904, was completed today. Nine were acquitted and 22 were sentenced to nominal terms of one month imprisonment each.

PRISONER WAS TACITURN.

Sergius' Murderer Would Say Nothing of Affair to the Widow.

London, Feb. 24.—The Central News' St. Petersburg correspondent reports that Grand Duchess Elizabeth, widow of Grand Duke Sergius, yesterday visited her late husband's murderer in prison, with the object of discovering the motive for the assassination of Sergius. The prisoner was taciturn and refused to talk about the affair.

Many Employees Out on Strike.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—Fifty thousand employees of five factories here are out again today on strike.

TUNNEL 13 MILES LONG.

Alps Pierced After Five Years Effort—Great Rejoicing.

Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 24.—The boring of the Simplon tunnel, the longest tunnel in the world, was completed this morning. The accomplishment of the feat was celebrated throughout the country by the ringing of bells and the firing of guns. The work on the tunnel, which is over thirteen miles long, and pierces the heart of the Alps, was begun five years ago.

ALSO MINERS' FAMILIES.

Already Over \$16,000 Has Been Subscribed For Relief.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 24.—Ninety-two bodies have been recovered from the Virginia mines thus far and the rescue work was continued last night. Hundreds of pounds of disinfectants have been used to make further work possible.

Fifty-five funerals of victims of the disaster were held in the suburbs of Birmingham yesterday.

It is estimated that there are at least 25 more bodies to be taken out. It is expected that it will require 10 days to reach the last body.

Subscriptions to the relief fund now amount to over \$16,000.

CIRCUS IN COURT.

State's Attorney and Respondent Scraped — Spectators Applauded.

Rutland, Feb. 24.—While the spectators applauded and the respondent's counsel urged on his client, the state's attorney of Rutland county and the respondent in the case of the state against Dr. N. J. Delehanty struggled with their whole strength for possession of evidence for several seconds before City Judge Willis M. Ross, while the latter remained mute and apparently helpless in his office yesterday afternoon. It was one of the spectacles which have become more or less familiar to attendants at the city court for the last few months and came as the state's attorney stated, "pretty near to contempt of court." The court apparently did not consider it as such and the matter was passed over without even a rebuke for the participants.

Dr. Delehanty was tried before City Judge Ross at the latter's office on the charge of violating the state laws requiring physicians to report cases of communicable diseases. The respondent was found guilty and fined 10 and costs, amounting in all to \$23.35. He took an appeal and furnished bail in \$100.

The respondent when called to the stand said he thought the death of the child not due to croup, but to heart failure. He did not consider croup as diphtheria, but rather the opposite. His professor had taught him that membranous croup and catarrhal croup were the same and not contagious, as diphtheria, but rather the opposite.

The respondent started to read from a book but was stopped by State's Attorney R. A. Lawrence, who grabbed hold of the book, demanding that he be allowed to see it. Delehanty's counsel advised him to hang on and he did so, both pulled at it until it was torn. The scene was finally stopped by the court.

KETCHUM'S HEALTH POOR.

So Vergennes Bank Wrecker Will Be Transferred.

Burlington, Feb. 24.—J. W. Ketchum, who for the past 34 months has been serving time in the Chittenden county jail on a seven years' sentence for complicity in the wrecking of the Farmers' National Bank of Vergennes, will serve the remainder of his sentence in the Addison county jail.

Mr. Ketchum applied to the attorney-general of the United States for a transfer on the ground of ill-health, the application being signed by Dr. H. R. Watkins. The request was granted and Deputy United States Marshal Chapman came to this city yesterday and so informed Mr. Ketchum. He will escort Ketchum to his new quarters today.

Mr. Ketchum came to the Chittenden county jail during the administration of Sheriff Reeves. He was allowed many liberties and these were continued after Sheriff Horton assumed office. Within the past few weeks Mr. Ketchum has been confined to the quarters on the second floor of the jail.

A TEACHER DISMISSED.

Lillian Cross of Essex Junction "Transcended the Rules."

Essex Junction, Feb. 24.—A meeting of the school trustees was held Wednesday evening to take action upon the matter of retaining Miss Lillian Cross, a teacher. It appears that Miss Cross, who has been the teacher in the intermediate grade since the beginning of the fall term, has transcended some of the rules of the school in relation to asking the scholars for money for different reasons and the complaints of the scholars resulted in the trustees investigating the matter. It was decided to dismiss Miss Cross and another teacher will be here Monday.

TWO DEFEATS.

Montpelier High School Basket Ball Team Not Successful.

The Montpelier high school basket ball team returned to Montpelier today after a two days' trip. Last evening they were defeated by Hyde Park Academy in a game that they style as rough house, by the score of 38 to 14. At Morrisville the evening before they were defeated by People's Academy by the score of 41 to 9 in a clean game.

BERLIN'S POOR.

Cost That Town \$222.75 for Past Year.

The report of the overseer of the poor of the town of Berlin, A. E. Covell, for the year ending Feb. 16, 1905, has just been made public. The expenses of the department are summarized as follows:

Total cost of poor to Berlin year ending Feb. 16, 1905. \$222.75. A. E. Covell overseer. of poor for the year (1 day). 1.50 \$222.75

FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce Favors It.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Senate committee on inter-state commerce has adopted a resolution providing for an investigation by the committee during the summer recess, of railroad rates, and all kindred questions. There is no doubt that the Senate will give the necessary authority.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Commercial Bodies to Be Asked to Work for Rate Legislation.

Louisville, Feb. 24.—At a meeting of the Louisville board of trade last night it was decided to seek to bring about a national convention of the commercial bodies of the United States looking to concerted action on the Esch-Townsend railroad rate bill. A call inviting boards of trade and commercial bodies to send delegates to Louisville for the purpose named will be drawn up in a few days.

MONTPELIER CANDIDATES

Aldermen Gutchell and Broadfoot Renominated

ONE NEW CANDIDATE

No Opposition to Mayor Corry and He Will Be Renominated by the Citizens' Caucus to Be Held Tonight.

Montpelier, Feb. 24.—Ward caucuses to nominate aldermen in wards one, two and three and school commissioners in wards four, five and six were held last evening in Armory hall. H. J. Gutchell and Alexander Broadfoot were renominated for aldermen in wards one and two, and John Emmons for ward three. James Kelleher received the nomination for school commissioner in ward four, over E. M. Goddard, the present incumbent. George O. Stratton and H. R. Wheelock were renominated in wards five and six.

The city caucus will be held tonight at the Armory. For mayor there is no opposition to the renomination of Frank M. Corry, and it is likely that he will be nominated by acclamation. There is a contest for city sheriff, the present incumbent, C. DeP. Bancroft, W. B. Worthen and C. L. Parmenter being spoken of. Mr. Worthen has been endorsed by the labor men. Neither of the constables will run again, and Charles A. Smith, a former deputy sheriff, will be named for first constable. The second position lies between Martin Fitzgerald and Elmer Clark.

STARTLING ASSERTIONS.

Jerome Says New York Detectives Are Allied With Thieves.

New York, Feb. 24.—District Attorney Jerome speaking of the proposition to open the saloons part of Sunday before the People's Institute club last night, said: "There are some honest men on the police force. But if the people know the truth about the bulk of the higher officers they would take the law in their own hands, like the people of Montana and California with their vigilance committees and annihilate them. When you remember that the collection of the \$5 for each saloon in a precinct would in some of the larger precincts amount to \$12,000 a year, you will have some idea of the possibilities.

"More than this. Even today there is not a street on which cars run that pick-pockets are not operating under a distinct contract with central office detectives. There is a thief now awaiting sentence in the Tombs, and even if he is a thief I believe him for I have corroborated much that he told me, and he says that the police demanded fifty per cent as their part of the proceeds."

Mr. Jerome declared that the corruption of the police force was largely due to the existence of a liquor law that was unenforceable—in the sense that the sentiment of the community was against its strict enforcement, not that the officials were powerless to enforce it if they wanted to do so. His enforcement he declared meant political suicide for the party that attempted it.

AFTER MORE FRAUD.

President Will Push Prosecution of Alleged Offenders in Land Cases.

Washington, Feb. 24.—As a result of conferences held at the White House yesterday with President Roosevelt, further developments in the land cases in Oregon and California may be expected shortly. Since the first steps were taken looking to the prosecution of the alleged offenders, the President has shown a keen interest in the investigations which have been made and the indictments which followed.

With the view of acquainting himself with the situation as it exists up to the present time, the President was in close conference with Secretary Hitchcock, Attorney General Moody and special Attorney Francis J. Heney who discussed with him the evidence so far gathered.

SPECIAL SESSION OF SENATE.

President Issues a Proclamation Calling It to Meet March 4.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The President yesterday issued a proclamation convening the Senate in special session at twelve o'clock noon on March 4 next to "Receive such communications as may be made by the executive."

CHANGES RECOMMENDED.

Railroad Commissioners Make Suggestions for Benefit of Travelers.

Burlington, Feb. 24.—The members of the state board of railroad commissioners met yesterday afternoon and made several suggestions to representatives of the Rutland and Central Vermont roads relative to affairs at Burlington and Essex Junction. The Rutland road was represented by Superintendent S. S. Colton and the Central Vermont by W. E. Mullins, the superintendent of transportation, and by C. W. Witters, attorney.

The commissioners recommended that the several trains at the two stations be placed, that the arrival and departure of trains be announced in the stations and that a bulletin board be established at each place, announcing whether or not the trains were late.

FIRE STATION COMPLETE

Barre Now Has a Thoroughly Up-to-Date Arrangement

WHICH HAS COST \$20,000

Structure on South Main Street Receives Finishing Touches — Is Modelled After Massachusetts Structures.

With the completion of the new fire department station on South Main street, just a few feet south of the City Park, Barre has the finest structure of the kind in the state, and probably no city in New England of the same size can boast of anything better. The main part of the department is now located there, the apparatus having just been moved from the old station on Prospect street. The building has been in course of construction since August last, and the cost will be approximately \$20,000. Plans for it were prepared by Building Inspector Fred E. Colburn after an examination of twenty-nine different stations, principally in Massachusetts. The design combines the advantages of two stations in South Boston and one in Quincy, Mass. C. L. Bugbee was the contractor, John Bjorn had the painting contract and Phelps Bros. looked after the plumbing and heating arrangements.

The station is a substantial building of brick, two stories and a half high, with a basement and a tower for drying hose and for the fire alarm bell. The front is of buff brick with granite trimmings. On the first floor is the main apparatus room, 40 by 60 feet in size, and in this will be housed the hook and ladder truck and the chemical engine, with possibly one hose wagon. There are tracks of iron, one for each of the larger pieces of apparatus, and the forward part of the track is corrugated, so that the horses will not slip when starting out. Just back of the truck and chemical are the stalls, eight in number. This will allow for the needs of the city for some time. The wood-work of the stalls, as of the whole building, is in hard pine. In the flooring of each stall is the Snow sanitary stall stand, whereby they may be flushed with water all at the same time by simply turning a faucet. Back of the stalls is a commodious room for feeding purposes. A manure pit is a special brick room in the cellar, from which no smell can come, and to help out there are also two ventilators in the feed room. And there are, of course, the necessary shutes, etc., for feeding purposes.

There is only one stairway to the second floor, but there are three other ways to get down, brass sliding posts, one on each side of the building and one in front, so distributed to accommodate the firemen in different parts of the building. Ten rooms, with six closets and several lockers take up the second floor. In the front are a club room and a pool room. Just back of them are two sleeping rooms, one large enough for six persons. Then there is a bath room, a wash room, a toilet room, a battery room and one or two smaller apartments.

Above is a large attic, and at the rear is the tower room which is not yet finished and will not be until the fire alarm bell is moved from the Spaulding building. This tower will be 80 feet high. Inside is an iron ladder by which a man can ascend to the top and draw up the hose or use to dry it. In the basement is the heating apparatus, the Guernsey system, also room for storage of city teams, etc.

The electrical part of the equipment is perhaps the most interesting of the whole arrangement. The indicator and the wires are all on the right wall of the building. An alarm is rung in the indicator swings around, the double doors of the eight stalls fly open, the fire horses prance out and take their places along the pole of the cart, the firemen take a hasty slide down the brass poles, the harnesses drop on the horses, the driver takes his place on the seat, pulls a string above his head, opening the outside doors, and the fire department is off for the scene of the fire.

That's the programme. It will not be followed just yet, although the equipment is all fixed for that smoothness. The first high will be the training of the fire horses to do their part of the scheme. "Tom" and "Jerry" have been trained to the methods of doing things over in the old fire station on Prospect street and it will be a difficult task to change their ideas on how it ought to be done. The firemen already know that, as they had a little sojourn with the animals a short time ago, when the old schedule was a little disarranged out of necessity. But both the animals are knowing beasts and the firemen expect to teach them the proper way soon.

But that is only incidental. The main thing is that Barre has a station and equipment which leaves little to be desired. The completion of the scheme which has been in the minds of those particularly interested will be the reorganization of the department by the addition of several men to the paid force, the placing of a number on the call list, with volunteers. That work is now under consideration by the city council.

BIG HOUSE LAST NIGHT.

"A Hero in Khaki" Went Along Very Smoothly at Opera House.

A large house witnessed the second presentation of "A Hero in Khaki" at the opera house last evening by local talent, under the auspices of the Civic Federation of Women's Clubs, and greatly enjoyed the performance, as was shown by the ripples of laughter and generous applause. The first night's performance and the practice of Wednesday gave the participants confidence and the piece went along smoothly last evening, with scarcely a noticeable hitch. The improvement was particularly noticeable in the speaking parts. To-night's performance, the last, should be even better.

The calcium lights were in operation last night and heightened the effect of the pretty dances in which the dancers are showing much proficiency. The Floral Arch drill by twenty young girls was very pleasing to the audience last night, and Teasing, with a solo by Miss Jenette Williams, brought out considerable applause. A. M. Troup's song, "Alexander" was also well received.

BREAK IN WATER MAIN.

Frost Causes Serious Damage Near East Barre.

There was a break in the water main of the city system near the reducing chamber on the East Barre road yesterday, which is not yet fully repaired. The break was caused, it is supposed, by the frost in the ground causing it to heave and break off the pipe just below the reducing chamber. As soon as the break was discovered the work of repair was begun, but as a result of the break the water in the Orange brook reservoir was lowered five feet. This break is the cause of the water coming rily and with air in some places today.

FOUND NINE DEER.

Game Warden Pike of Marshfield After the Offenders.

Constable J. Berton Pike of Marshfield, who is a game warden, has been out in the woods a good deal lately, looking up violations of the laws respecting the hunting of deer by men and the chasing of them by dogs. He has found the bodies of nine deer, killed since the snow fell.

He went to Hardwick today with Peter Pedrea, who is charged with a violation of the deer laws.

NORWICH WON.

The "Down Easters" Were No Match for the Northfield Lads.

Northfield, Feb. 24.—Last night at Armory Hall, Norwich University defeated the University of Maine, 35 to 7. The game was fast and snappy throughout, Norwich starting in the lead and at no time during the game was there any doubt about the result. Moore made sensational baskets with one hand throws from the center of the hall. Smith and Cray also did great work for Norwich. Huntington and St. Onge excelled for the University of Maine.

N. UNIVERSITY. U. OF MAINE. Smith, r. f. J. G. Stuart Moore, l. f. R. G. Talbot Cray, c. C. Mathias Barney, r. g. I. F. St. Onge Watson, l. g. T. F. Huntington Goals from floor, Moore 5, Smith 3, Cray 3, Barney 3, Huntington 1; goals from fouls, Moore 5, Mathias 1, Huntington 2; referee, McKay, Norwich, '07; umpire, Owen, U. of M., '06; scorer, Clarke, Norwich, '06; timer, Carl; time, two 20 minute halves; attendance, 700.

HEARING POSTPONED.

Man Who Shot His Brother Still Maintains Self-Defence Plea.

South Londonderry, Feb. 24.—Fred W. Johnson, who recently shot his brother, Jay, in Winhall, was to have been given a hearing examination yesterday afternoon, but was postponed on account of the non-arrival of State's Attorney Batley of Bennington.

The shooting was occasioned by family differences, the full nature of which has not transpired. Fred has heretofore borne a good character and been respected. He refused to talk further than to say that he shot in self defence and that he came home from Ludlow, where he was at work at the earnest solicitation of his mother, because of family affairs. The victim resided with his father, a respectable farmer. The affair was witnessed by three or four relatives only.

Mayor Barclay Interrogated.

Editor Times—Mayor Barclay's platform contains this plank, i. e.:

"Would have a man appointed in each ward to look after streets, gutters and sidewalks in his ward. They can never be taken care of properly until this is done. Have figured out the expense, and it will cost the city less than the way they are cared for now."

Will Mr. Barclay please inform the public how much, according to his figures, the city would save if it should have seven street superintendents in the place of one? Would the six new street superintendents be under the control of the one superintendent now required by the city charter? Or would he place them under the control of the mayor or street commissioners? Would it be a return to the policy established when Alderman Mann was chairman of the board of street commissioners and Mr. Nelson superintendent of streets, when rubber coats and hats were purchased by the city that men might be sent out whenever it rained to keep the receivers clear so they would take the water, and as far as possible to prevent the streets from damage from water? Would he place teams and a force of men under control of each of these new street superintendents? A VOTER.

PERSISTED AND GOT HIM

National Association of Granite Men Get Wm. Alexander

FOR THEIR SECRETARY.

President of Barre Association Will Leave Barre But Will Retain Interest in the Firm of Bugbee & Alexander.

William Alexander, president of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association, and member of the manufacturing firm of Bugbee & Alexander, has been asked to take the secretaryship of the National Association of Granite Industries of the United States, recently formed in Boston. Mr. Alexander at first declined the office, but the directors of the new association have insisted they wanted him, and he has finally consented to accept the office, this decision being sent to the directors last evening.

Mr. Alexander came to Barre as a granite cutter in 1886, and in 1892 formed a partnership with E. A. Bugbee as Bugbee & Alexander, granite manufacturers. Four years ago Mr. Alexander was elected president of the Barre Manufacturers' Association, a position he has filled with honor to himself and the association, being unanimously re-elected president each succeeding year, and his departure from Barre will be greatly regretted by all granite manufacturers.

In his new position Mr. Alexander will have offices in Boston and will give all his time to the duties of his new office. He will continue to retain his interest in his manufacturing firm, however.

WAITING TO HEAR FROM THEIR CALL

The Rev. C. C. Conner of Monson, Mass., Has Invitation from Barre Universalist Church to Become Pastor.

The Universalist society of this city is waiting to hear from the Rev. C. C. Conner of Monson, Mass., in reply to a call extended by the trustees to him to become a pastor of the church, as successor to the Rev. A. M. Bradley, who recently went to Springfield, Mass. The only word received from the Rev. Mr. Conner since the call is that he has received it and now has it under consideration. It is quite generally thought that he will accept the call. A few weeks ago he occupied the pulpit of the local church both morning and evening, coming in response to an invitation from the church. Previous to that time he had not considered the position.

The Rev. Mr. Conner has been pastor of the Universalist church in Monson for seven years. Before that he was pastor of a church in Hamilton, Ohio, for seven years, and of a La Crosse, Wis., church for five years. His education was received in the West. Mr. Conner is a comparatively young man. He has a wife and two daughters.

NO TRACES OF POISON.

State Laboratory Reports on Examination of C. Magoon's Stomach.

State's Attorney S. Hollister Jackson has received a report from the state laboratory at Burlington, where the stomach of the late C. A. Magoon was sent for examination. Mr. Magoon died several months ago very suddenly. At first, death was ascribed to alcoholism, but later rumors of foul play were heard. To determine if poison had been taken into the stomach that organ was sent to Burlington for examination. The substance of the report is that there were no traces of poison in the organ.

CAN'T SECURE BAIL.

Wallace Cover Will Be Tried Monday in City Court.

Wallace Cover, who was arrested on the charge of keeping a house of ill fame on West street, has been hunting around for two days to get bail in the amount of \$300, so that he will not have to remain in jail until Monday, February 27, when he will be given a trial. He was unable to secure a bondsman yesterday, and remained at the police station over night. If he is unsuccessful today he will be taken to the county jail at Montpelier.

State's Attorney Jackson is prosecuting, and M. M. Gordon is defending Cover.

JUDGE ROSS' FUNERAL.

Will Be Held in St. Johnsbury Tomorrow Afternoon.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 24.—The funeral of ex-Chief Judge Jonathan Ross will be held from the South Congregational church Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

OFF FOR VERMONT.

Senators Proctor and Dillingham to Attend Judge Ross' Funeral.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Senators Proctor and Dillingham left this morning for St. Johnsbury, to attend the funeral of Judge Jonathan Ross.