

HAVE MADE GREAT GAINS

Japanese Are Forcing the Fighting Against Russians

NEAR ENEMY'S TRENCHES

And Are Almost at Mukden — Night Attacks on Russian Left — Fighting in a Snow Storm.

Tokio, March 3.—The report is current this morning that the Japanese have almost reached Mukden. The battle is still raging fiercely.

The Russians have re-captured several positions which they had lost in the last few days.

Telegrams from the front state that there have been heavy losses on both sides. Severe fighting is in progress everywhere. No decisive result has yet been attained. The Japanese are using heavy siege guns and troops from Port Arthur.

Later advices from the front state that the Japs are advancing all along the line and are now only 1 1/2 miles from Mukden.

General Oku's columns are now turning the Russian right at Savinpu, eleven and one-quarter miles west of Mukden. It is believed that General Kurapatkin will soon be compelled to evacuate Mukden.

With Gen. Kuroki. (Undated).—We are pushing forward and have now gained Chuvu and Takasan, surprising the Russians. A tremendous bombardment is now in progress. Our artillery fire is directed against Waposan Hill. 60 Russian guns oppose us. We have just occupied Witosan.

With Gen. Oku at Manchuria, Mar. 2.—The battle is now raging, despite a heavy snow storm. The Japanese have made great gains, by night attacks, on the extreme left, and are now occupying part of the fire line of the Russian triple defensive hills beyond the Shakhe river. Yesterday we began to swing our main force northward. Our troops on the east bank of the Hun river have advanced on the villages in the vicinity of Changtun, within 100 metres of the enemy's trenches.

With Gen. Oku in Manchuria, March 1. (Delayed in transmission).—The Japanese opened a terrific bombardment along the Russians' entire line today. The heaviest guns ever used in the field were employed and did great damage to the Russian defenses. A hundred guns of all sizes were in action. The Russian guns were quiet, evidently being unable to reply. The Japanese left completely blocked the Russians' attempt to turn it.

AN IMPERIAL APPEAL.

Calling on the People to Rally Round the Russian Throne.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—An imperial manifesto was published this morning, appealing to the people to rally round the throne and defend it against an internal enemy. This manifesto reminds the institutions and authorities of Russia, of the duty imposed upon them by their oaths and terms of service, to secure the integrity of laws, protection of the people, and the maintenance of public order. The manifesto continues, "The nation should adopt an attitude of calmness and tranquility, especially on account of the enormous struggle with Japan. The people should give whole hearted support to the present regime, for an autocracy is the only form of government possible in Russia." The manifesto is significant as showing that the hopes of the anti-autocracy circles are doomed to disappointment, and that there are widespread official misgivings and fears that the workmen will utilize the celebration of the freeing of the serfs, tomorrow, for the renewal of general disturbances.

ULTIMATUM HAS BEEN REJECTED

Demand on Government for Immediate Reforms Denied—A General Strike Seems Inevitable.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—The ultimatum presented by the workmen to the government, demanding immediate reforms, has been rejected. A general strike again seems inevitable.

A SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Man Claimed Good Connections but Was Armed With a Revolver.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—The police at Tsarskoe-Selo, who since the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius, have redoubled the ordinary precautions for the protection of the imperial family, have arrested a suspect who claimed that he is a nephew of General Fock, but whose papers are irregular, and who was found to be armed with a heavy loaded revolver. An investigation is on foot.

MET IN EAST MONTPELIER.

State Board of Agriculture Discusses Farm Topics.

East Montpelier, March 3.—The attendance yesterday afternoon and evening at the farmers' institute held in village hall, was unusually large, and the exercises throughout the day and evening were very interesting. H. M. Farnham, master of the local Grange, gave a cordial address of welcome, to which George H. Terrill of Morrisville, president of the Vermont Horticultural society, responded. Mr. Terrill also gave an interesting talk on "Horticulture and Dairying." Ernest Hitchcock, state forestry commissioner, spoke on "Forestry and Its Relation to Vermont Prosperity." The Hon. Homer W. Vail of Randolph gave a talk on "Greater Opportunities for Vermont Sugar Making," and the exercises of the afternoon closed with a brief address by Dana H. Morse of Randolph on "Cultivation and Fertilization of the Soil."

The ladies of East Montpelier served an oyster supper at six o'clock, and the addresses of the evening were as follows: "Tuberculosis," Dr. D. D. Crout of Waterbury, chairman of the state tuberculosis commission; "Agriculture in Our Rural Schools," Prof. J. L. Hills of the University of Vermont; "Sanitation on the Farm," Dr. H. D. Holton, secretary of the state board of health; "Experiments with Alfalfa," George Aitken of Woodstock, secretary of the state board of agriculture. Discussions followed each paper and address in which the farmers took a leading part.

ENOUGH TO KILL 662 PEOPLE.

Large Amount of Strychnine in the Bicarbonate of Soda.

San Francisco, March 2.—Acting Chief of Police Spillane today received a cable despatch from High Sheriff Henry of Honolulu, saying:

"The Stanford bottle of bicarbonate of soda contained 43 drams, 662 grains of strychnine. An examination of the organs is now under way."

A medical expert today said: "Six hundred and sixty-two grains of strychnine easily would kill 662 persons. The maximum dose administered is only one-fiftieth of a grain."

The finding of the large amount of poison in the bicarbonate of soda puzzles Mrs. Stanford's relatives and attorneys.

TO EXPEND \$300,000,000.

New York Central Working for More of Chicago's Traffic.

Chicago, March 3.—The Record-Herald today says:

The New York Central lines have formed comprehensive plans requiring the expenditure of more than \$300,000,000 with a view of obtaining a firmer hold on the enormous tonnage originating in and passing through Chicago.

Millions of dollars are to be expended in extending the Big Four railroad into Chicago and connecting the Lake Shore, the Michigan Central, the Nickel Plate and the Big Four with all of Chicago's important industries.

The Indian Harbor road, which was recently purchased by the Vanderbilt interests, is to be the means of bringing the Big Four into Chicago.

CALLS FOR EVIDENCE.

U. S. District Attorneys Asked to Aid in Prosecuting Beef Trust.

Washington, March 3.—Attorney-General Moody sent out to each United States district attorney throughout the country, under date of February 24, a circular letter in connection with the investigation of the alleged beef trust instructing them to "make diligent inquiry in your district and obtain whatever evidence you can tending to show that the producers of fresh or cured meats have entered into a combination in violation of the federal anti-trust act." They are also instructed to make an early report containing at least the names and addresses of prospective witnesses and a short statement of what each will testify to.

LICENSE IN BENNINGTON.

Commissioners Grant New License With Privilege of Keeping Open Till 11.

Bennington, March 3.—The license commissioners yesterday granted a license to Paul G. Cornell and George A. Miller to sell liquor at the Putney House. The former proprietor went into bankruptcy and his license was cancelled.

The feature of the new license that causes much discussion is the privilege to keep the bar open until eleven o'clock at night until May 1, as provided by the law which went out of existence February 25. It is not understood here how the commission has the right to grant this right under the present law.

OFFICIAL INSPECTORS.

Fort Ethan Allen Men Will Look Over Massachusetts Militia.

Burlington, March 2.—Capt. F. J. Koster and Capt. H. B. Hickok of the Fifteenth United States cavalry, stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, have been designated by the war department to make the official inspection of the Massachusetts volunteer militia. They will begin their work next Monday at Fitchburg, Mass.

People Lost Their Money.

Bennington, March 3.—Some charitably inclined people of this village contributed yesterday quite freely to a fund which a colored woman alleged was to help support twins that had come to the home of Sandy Miller and wife, a well-known colored couple of this place. When the donors attempted to congratulate (?) Mr. Miller on his arrival, they learned that there were no twins at his house, and the woman, who got quite a sum of money, is missing.

CHILDREN LEFT ALONE

Deserted by Mother at North Bennington.

THEY NEARLY STARVED.

Three Children Aged 6 to 13 Years Went From Sunday Until Tuesday Without Food or Fire.

Bennington, March 3.—A very sad case of what appears to be desertion has come to light in North Bennington, and the police are looking for the mother, Mrs. Emily Hull. Last Saturday Mrs. Hull left her home, saying that she was going to Troy and would be back that night. At home were her three children, a son aged 13 years, and two girls, aged nine and six years. When the mother did not return the children came to the station and waited there until ordered out by the agent. They returned to the station Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On that day the agent asked them what they were coming there for, and they told him about their mother's absence, and asked him to telegraph to find out where she was. Inquiry sheds no light on the woman's whereabouts and the police believe she has either deserted her children or has met with foul play.

The children are destitute and have not had fuel or food while waiting those four days in their desolate home. They are scantily clothed, and must have suffered severely from the cold.

Will Not Break His Arm.

Paulach of Notre Dame, or Sheldon, "the boy wonder," as he was known when pitching for the Montpelier-Barre team in the Northern League last season, will do box service for the University of Vermont this year. Already he is quoted as saying that if he does not beat Harvard and Yale he will break his arm and retire from the game. There are some good arms that have failed to turn the trick, which Reulbach thinks is so easy, so I would advise him to hedge, good as he is. But, perhaps, Reulbach was really not so boastful.—Bob Dunbar in Boston Journal.

SENTIMENT OR REASON, WHICH SHALL PREVAIL?

[Communicated.] Yes, my friends, I saw that editorial in the "Times" the other day and I consider it an able statement of facts. The editor differs from my expressed opinion only in that he claims that where there is a strong minority in favor of license where the town votes no that the law can be enforced effectively; well for argument's sake let us admit that the editorial statement is correct, and what would be the result in our city if we vote no. A return to the conditions of two years ago with all its debaucheries lasting till the morning hours, its corruption, and turning of whiskey into dish water before our very courts, and the venal system that sent one of our ablest officers to state's prison, and kept hundreds out of state's prison who should be there now.

I have seen in a dive in this city on a Sunday, eighteen young men whose ages ranged from sixteen to twenty years, all more or less intoxicated, and a couple of young girls almost as maudlin as the boys, acting as bar-tenders. Do you want these conditions and scenes re-enacted? These minors would be shown outside the door if they went into a saloon. I have seen them ordered out of a saloon, and told not to come back under the penalty of being thrown out. Did you ever see anyone put out of the old prohibition dives as long as their money lasted? Go into any saloon today and you will see a list of names of persons posted up, that our city says shall not be given a drop of intoxicating liquors, to such men this means absolute prohibition, so far as our city is concerned.

The old dives generally disgorged the crowds from twelve to one o'clock in the morning, after the lights had gone out and the police were conspicuous by their absence. Now under a well regulated license law our saloons will close at seven and ten o'clock p. m. respectively.

Now let us be honest about this, and be honest with ourselves, sentiment and soaring after the infinite and gropings after the infathomable will not avail. Let us attend strictly to facts, and discuss facts as we find them. Now honestly, will you meet on our streets on a Sunday one man the worse for liquor, where you met ten under prohibition. Be honest in your answer, if you believe a regulation of this traffic has lessened their number, then vote yes. If you believe that the city should receive the amount estimated by our city council in their estimates for this year from licenses, then vote yes. If you believe that our lawyers and illegal sellers should divide this amount between them, then vote no. But, honestly, between ourselves, we know that the social and business life of our city is cleaner, healthier and better today than ever before, we also know that this license question is a business proposition and not a sentiment, a condition and not a theory, and the nearer we keep to an open, honest business proposition, the cleaner will be our civic life and moral surroundings.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

NO CHANGE AT QUINCY

Master Builders Would Like to Heal the Breach

AND APPOINT COMMITTEE

Strikes and Settlements in Other Granite Manufacturing Towns — Maine and Connecticut Disagreements.

Quincy, Mass., March 3.—The Master Builders' Association of Quincy has taken measures looking toward a settlement of the trouble between the Granite Manufacturers' Association and the Granite Cutters' Union. At a meeting Wednesday evening a committee was appointed, consisting of J. Winthrop Pratt, ex-Mayor Charles M. Bryant, William H. Teasdale, H. Everett Crane, S. L. Williams, Charles A. Macfarland and Charles H. Johnson, to endeavor to arrange for a meeting of the committees representing the Granite Manufacturers' Association and the Granite Cutters' Union to further discuss the situation.

There is much anxiety among the business men over the situation. Some people predict that the fight will be a long one, while others feel that it will be short.

Members of the Granite Cutters' Union take exception to some of the statements made by F. L. Jones, chairman of the Granite Manufacturers' committee, in an interview published yesterday. National Secretary James Duncan said to a reporter:

"Mr. Jones was in error when he said that the granite cutters had asked for a 10 per cent increase in the prices paid under the old bill. The price list which has just expired was made in 1900, to run five years. There was a provision in that bill that the list might be revised at the expiration of three years, it being agreed that if any revision took place, there should be no strike, lock-out or suspension of work."

"At that time there was a general increase of 5 per cent in the bill of prices, in accordance with the provision contained in the agreement. The new bill called for an increase of 7 per cent over the prices contained in the 1900 agreement and 2 per cent in the prices paid since 1903, and not 10 per cent, as stated by Mr. Jones."

"The prices paid by the granite manufacturers under the old price list have been the lowest in New England, and, in fact, in the country. There are 136 granite centres in this country, and the Quincy rate has been the lowest, \$2.64 a day. The next lowest was at Vinal Haven, Me., where the rate has been \$2.80 a day. The new wage rate, a \$3 a day minimum, has been accepted at Vinal Haven."

"The Quincy manufacturers have been offered a fair proposition, and there is no reason why they should not pay the same rate of wages as paid elsewhere."

When asked what would be the attitude of the granite cutters toward the Master Builders' Committee, Secretary Duncan said:

"We, the granite cutters, stand on no ceremony. We don't care who arranges for a settlement of this strike. We are perfectly willing to accept the services of this committee."

STONECUTTERS RETURN TO WORK

New London, Conn., Strike Settled and Men Go Back to Quarries.

New London, Conn., March 3.—The matters in dispute between the quarry owners of Great Neck and Granville and the stone-cutters employed by them having been settled after a conference, the men yesterday resumed work in those quarries. They have entered into a three-year agreement, which provides that the minimum day wage for stone-cutters shall be \$3 except in cases where the cutter is rendered physically unable to do a full day's work by reason of old age or other infirmity, when the rate may be made less. An increase of about seven per cent in the "piece" bill of 1900 is granted and some changes are made in the minor rules governing the relations of workmen and employers.

At a conference of cutters and bosses of this city yesterday the demands of the workmen were settled in practically the same way as those of surrounding towns and the men returned to work this morning.

MAINE GRANITE CUTTERS OUT.

One Hundred Went on Strike Yesterday at Rockland.

Rockland, Me., Mar. 3.—One hundred granite cutters employed by Booth Brothers and the Hurricane Island Granite company went out on strike yesterday pending a settlement of their demands. They ask a minimum wage rate of \$3 per day of eight hours. General Manager William S. White states that the company is willing to meet this request, but that the difficulty concerns the period of the settlement. The cutters want the bill of prices to extend one year, while the company insists on a three-year bill. The strike does not affect the quarrymen, whose bill of prices extends to 1906. Work was in progress on the academic group for the naval buildings at Annapolis.

WESTERLY'S BILL OF PRICES.

New Schedule Went Into Effect Wednesday.

Westerly, R. I., March 3.—The new

schedule of prices submitted to the granite cutters by the manufacturers and approved by them provides that the minimum wage shall be \$3, where the old bill allowed the manufacturers to employ 25 per cent of its men at a lower scale, not to be less than \$2.80. The question of a half holiday during the summer months was waived by the union. There has been no cessation of work.

BETHEL STRIKE SETTLED.

Men Returned to Their Work This Morning.

Bethel, March 3.—As the result of the visit of National Secretary P. F. McCarthy, the local difficulty of the quarrymen has been adjusted and the men returned to work today.

The real cause of the trouble is summed up as follows: On October 8, 1903, the union signed a bill of prices with the Woodbury Granite Co., to remain in force until January 1, 1906. The contract was drawn up on a typewriter and executed in duplicate, each party retaining a copy. On comparing the two copies they appeared identical as far as the typewritten matter was concerned, but on the copy of the union there had been interlined in ink the date March 1, 1905, over the date January 1, 1906. The interlineation showed for itself, and none of the present officials know how it got there, but supposed it was there legitimately, and had acted accordingly. The Ellis Granite Co. had entered into a later contract with the union at the same prices, but their contract explicitly states the expiration thereof to be March 1, 1905. There are provisions in the contract stating that if either party desires any change to be made on the expiration thereof, six months' notice should be given. Accordingly, last fall the union gave notice to both companies that after March 1, 1905, they should want an increase of wages of 2 cents per hour. The Ellis company appeared to be willing to grant the increase providing the other company would comply with the same scale.

The union is under contract to keep the Ellis Granite company supplied with the requisite number of men needed for their work, and bearing this necessity in mind, it had been supposed that the two contracts would expire at the same time. With the Ellis company paying 2 cents more per hour than the Woodbury company, working side by side, on almost the same quarry, the men would all want to work for the Ellis company, and the Woodbury quarry would be deserted.

Secretary McCarthy advised that the old bill of prices be adhered to in both quarries until Jan. 1, 1906, but the Woodbury quarrymen declined to follow the advice and the force of twenty men went out March 1. Yesterday, however, they decided that they would go to work today on the bill, Secretary McCarthy having threatened to take away their charter if they did not.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY. At Which the Engagement of Dr. F. M. Lynde to Miss Alice Smith Was Announced.

Mrs. W. F. Shepard entertained a select party of guests at her home on Prospect street Wednesday evening, and while the guests were busy enjoying some pictures representing trials of a youthful housekeeper, Mrs. Shepard announced that the party was given in honor of Miss Alice L. Smith and Dr. Frank M. Lynde, whose engagement she was pleased to announce. Congratulations were then showered on Dr. Lynde and Miss Smith.

A dainty lunch was served and the remainder of the evening passed in a pleasant manner by each of the guests contributing something toward the entertainment. One gave a delightful piano solo, another giving an amusing sleight of hand performance, and others contributing games and guessing contest.

Both Dr. Lynde and Miss Smith are well known and estimable young people of this city, Dr. Lynde being a popular young dentist, and Miss Smith the daughter of E. L. Smith, Barre's first mayor.

SURPRISE TO IDA COOK.

Friends Give Her Gold Ring and Mirror on Birthday.

About 40 young people gathered at the home of J. H. Cook, 40 Merchant street, to spend a pleasant evening and to remind Miss Ida of the return of her birthday. She was completely surprised on returning home at about nine o'clock, to find herself surrounded by so many of her young friends, and still more so when Mr. Dean, in behalf of these friends presented her a handsome hand mirror, and a gold ring. Music, singing, and games were enjoyed. Ice cream and cake were served, and each one went home declaring they had spent a pleasant evening, and wishing Miss Cook many returns of the day.

HAVE REMOVED TABLES.

Saloons Cut Out Chairs, Tables, Cigars and Lunches.

Although there seems to be a difference of opinion on the matter, the licensed liquor dealers in Barre today removed tables, chairs, etc., and cut out cigars, lunches, etc., which are eliminated under the amended license law. M. J. McGowan, who does business in his grocery store, is moving his groceries to other quarters.

Simons in Jail.

Montpelier, March 3.—Charles E. Simons, who was arrested in Boston on Tuesday, was brought to this city last evening by Sheriff Tracy and lodged in jail. He is charged with embezzling certain funds, the property of Emalie B. Bradford by whom he was employed. He will probably be given a hearing in city court today or tomorrow. Mrs. Simons returned to town Wednesday evening. She has engaged John G. Wing as counsel for her husband.

NORTHROP PLEADS GUILTY

Given Six Months in House of Correction

FOR FURNISHING LIQUOR

State's Attorney Jackson Keeps Up His Record of Prosecuting Evil Doers—Latest Case Was for Furnishing Liquor to Dr. Lewis.

William H. Northrop who was arrested Tuesday on a warrant charging him with furnishing liquor to Dr. A. H. Lewis, was arraigned before Judge Fay in city court this afternoon, and pleaded guilty to the charge. He was sentenced to serve not less than five and one-half nor more than six months in the house of correction at Rutland. Gates & Wilson of Montpelier appeared for Northrop and State's Attorney Jackson prosecuted.

AN ENJOYABLE DANCE.

Ancient Order of Hibernians Entertain Ladies.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians held a very enjoyable social dance in their hall in the Scampini block last evening. There were about fifty couples of dancers present. Gilbertson's orchestra furnished music.

Refreshments were served and the pleasant occasion was concluded about 2 o'clock. The committee which had charge of the dance was composed of John Henry, P. J. Rogers and John Carroll. The committee wish to extend their thanks to William Riley and Martin McMann for their aid.

WALKER & GALLISON.

Successors to Firm of Smith & Walker, Civil Engineers.

Announcement is made that Ernest A. Gallison has purchased an interest in the surveying and civil engineering business formerly carried on by Smith & Walker, and the business will be continued under the firm name of Walker & Gallison. Mr. Gallison is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has had six years' practical experience. He has been in the employ of Smith & Walker during the past year.

GONE BACK TO CLIFTON SPRINGS.

Rev. T. H. Mitchell Goes There to Decide What He Will Do.

Mr. Mitchell of the Presbyterian church went quietly away to Syracuse last evening by the 5:30 train. He will meet his sister there next week and together they will go in a few days to Clifton Springs, N. Y. He will send a message to the local church early next week in regard to his plans for the fall. He has been much touched by the loyalty shown by his people and is anxious to do his utmost for the best interests of the Master's kingdom.

BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES.

Large Attendance at Funeral of John R. Spence.

The funeral services of the late John R. Spence were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There was a short prayer service at the house, Rev. T. H. Mitchell officiating, and the Mr. R. F. Lowe, and the funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church, Mr. Mitchell officiating, and the Masons and Clan Gordon concluding the services.

Granite Lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M., Clan Gordon, O. S. C., and members from the Burns club, Glenisg club, and Court Granite City, F. of A., were in attendance, and they, with the hosts of other friends of the deceased, filled the church almost to overflowing. The front of the church was banked with the many beautiful floral tributes.

The bearers were Alexander Bruce, James Campbell, Hugh Christie, James Lamont, John Chesser and Samuel Gerard. The interment was in Hope cemetery.

Funeral of Raymond Davis.

The funeral of Raymond Davis, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis, was held at 10 o'clock this forenoon from the house, Rev. R. F. Lowe officiating. The body was taken to Waits River today for burial.

Spaulding Basket Ball.

The second year men at Spaulding high school defeated the first year men at basket ball yesterday afternoon, by the score of 21 to 12, at the Boys' club gymnasium.

The line-up: 2ND YEAR 1ST YEAR
Carroll, i. f. l. f., Darling
Halvosa, r. f. r. f., Lector
Worthen, c. c., M. Riley
Reid, l. g. l. g., J. Riley
Bruce, r. g. r. g., Williams
Summary: Baskets from floor, Worthen 3, Halvosa 2, Carroll 2, Lector 4, Darling 2; baskets from foul line, Carroll, 7.

Socialist Rally.

The Socialists will hold a rally in Carpenters' hall, Nichols' block, on Saturday evening, March 4th, at 7:30 o'clock. Joseph Foley of Milford, N. H., will address this meeting. Subject: "What Socialists Would Do if Elected to City Offices."