

RUNS WAR HIS OWN WAY

Russia Doesn't Know of Rodjstvensky's Plans.

JAPAN MAKES PROTEST.

Believed That the Russian Cruiser Askold Was About to Leave Shanghai - Fears for China's Neutrality Power.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The admiral professes to have no information as to whether Vice Admiral Rodjstvensky is waiting for Nebogoff's reinforcing detachment, and say the matter is entirely in his hands, and he has not communicated his destination.

VIGOROUS PROTEST.

Japan Notes That the Cruiser Askold Is Planning to Leave.

London, April 25.—The correspondent at Tokio of the Daily Telegraph sends the following dispatch: "Japan is vigorously protesting against the preparations for flight from Shanghai of the Russian protected cruiser Askold. It is feared that more difficulties will arise on account of China's inability to enforce her neutrality with respect to the report that the Russian Pacific squadron is coaling off Hainan."

KUROPATKIN FINISHES.

Has Resigned as Commander of Second Russian Army in Manchuria.

London, April 25.—A St. Petersburg despatch says that General Kuropatkin has resigned command of the second army in Manchuria, to which he was assigned at his own request after he was succeeded as commander-in-chief of the combined armies by General Linvitch.

AMNESTY TO PRISONERS.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—It is learned that amnesty to all political and religious prisoners will be proclaimed shortly.

TOWING WAR VESSELS.

German Vessel Reports Sighting Japanese Ship Apparently in Distress.

Tsingtau, April 25.—The German cruiser Sperber reports having sighted on April 23, in the Strait of Formosa, a Japanese man-of-war towing another badly damaged vessel.

WITH POMP AND CEREMONY.

Great Patriotic Demonstration in Bordeaux, France, Today.

Bordeaux, France, April 25.—A monument to Gambetta was unveiled today with great pomp and ceremony. President Loubet had charge of the ceremonies. Great crowds were present and the inauguration was turned into an immense patriotic demonstration.

FELL THROUGH SKYLIGHT.

Alice Boardman of New York Killed in Florence, Italy, Today.

Florence, Italy, April 25.—Alice, the fourteen years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boardman of New York, who are stopping at the Hotel del Liro was killed this morning by falling through a skylight on the fourth floor into the courtyard below. She went out on the skylight to get her pet dog that had strayed there, when the glass broke.

THE FRENCH MERCHANT MARINE.

In France encouragement to join the merchant marine is supplied by the government in the form of small pensions paid to French sailors after protracted service. The French republic maintains what is practically a naval militia, the French sailor being obligated in case of war to abandon his private employer and take his place under the flag.

THE GRINGO.

It is said that during the war between the United States and Mexico the American hands were forever playing and the American soldiers forever singing the old refrain "Green grow the rushes, oh!" The Mexicans in derision dubbed every Yankee a "Green-grow," a combination afterward modified into gringo.

NIGHT PERCEPTION.

Many persons are troubled with night perception and may like to know of a simple sponging lotion as a remedy. Add to one pint of boiling water half a pint of vinegar, one tablespoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of cocaine.

THE CLOSING AFFAIRS.

Officers Chosen and Reports of Vermont Methodist Conference.

The report of the statistical secretary of the Vermont Methodist Conference showed a fine and healthy condition of affairs in the conference, there being now a membership of 13,000, a satisfactory gain over last year and a gain of 500 in Sunday school scholars. Church property has increased in valuation over \$15,000 during this year and benevolent collections increased by \$4,000 over the preceding year. The debt of the whole conference now amounts to but \$40,000, a substantial decrease from the last year.

Announcement was made of the missionary contributions, amounting to \$490 for the Montpelier district, \$480 for the St. Albans district and \$472 for the St. Johnsbury district.

Members of the board of deacons work were elected as follows: For one year, Mrs. J. O. Sherburne, W. E. Douglass and Dr. L. W. Hanson; for two years, E. O. Thayer, L. O. Sherburne and Joseph Hamilton; for three years, R. F. Lowe, Mrs. A. H. Webb and Miss Lydia Gilman; executive committee, L. O. Sherburne, chairman; W. E. Douglass, secretary; Joseph Hamilton, treasurer.

The Rev. Dr. E. M. Randall of New York, secretary of the Epworth League made a brief address, presenting his work. The Rev. W. C. Newell of Newport read the conference report of the Epworth League. The report of the educational society was given by the Rev. J. A. Dixon of Hardwick and the report of the Bible society was given by the Rev. E. W. Sharpe of Northfield.

Trustees of the Montpelier seminary, Dr. R. F. Lowe to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. Thayer and the Rev. W. M. Newton to succeed himself.

Trustees of the conference, L. O. Sherburne, president; A. B. Enright, secretary; W. S. Smithers, treasurer; E. W. Worthen, G. O. Howe, J. O. Sherburne, M. E. Eddy, Sylvester Donaldson and J. A. Dixon.

Board of church extension, Joseph Hamilton, president; the Hon. Frank Plumley, vice president; W. R. Davenport, secretary; Henry Holt, treasurer; and F. A. Sherburne, L. W. Hanson, C. M. Ladd, H. R. Brown, F. E. Currier, A. J. Hough and the presiding elders, ex-officio.

Board of church location, Montpelier district, Rev. W. M. Newton, E. W. Sharpe, W. E. Allen, A. C. Bailey, M. D. and W. F. Gilman; St. Albans district, the presiding elder, Wilbur S. Smithers, Chauncey Temple, C. S. Hulbert, A. D. Collins; St. Johnsbury district, the presiding elder, J. A. Dixon, A. L. Bailey, S. G. Lewis and L. D. Martin.

Board of examiners, W. S. Smithers, M. S. Eddy, W. C. Newell, J. A. Dixon, F. T. Clerk, W. C. Johnson, L. N. Moody, P. A. Smith, R. F. Lowe, F. E. Currier, R. C. T. McKenzie, E. L. M. Barnes, William Shaw, R. J. Christie and W. B. Dukeshire.

CLERK McMAHON PROTESTED.

Burlington City Official Not Interested in Getting Liquor License.

Burlington, April 25.—M. D. McMahon went before the board of license commissioners yesterday afternoon and made his personal protest against the remarks made by one of the commissioners in the morning. When Mayor Burke stated that he did not believe in city officials obtaining licenses to sell liquor, Commissioner Brownell asked him if he had heard that the city clerk was personally interested in the securing of a license. Mayor Burke replied that he had not, but that his remarks would apply just the same if he was. In the afternoon Mr. McMahon went before the commissioners and stated that he wished to have it understood that he had not or was not personally interested in obtaining any liquor license.

WILL NOT LEAVE.

Rev. George Gilmour Decides to Remain in Rutland.

Rutland, April 25.—Another conference was held last night with the Rev. George Gilmour by the pastor and deacons of the Congregational church with the result that in view of the strong appeal to him of the work that has been inaugurated and the importance of its continuance he has been persuaded to withdraw his resignation as assistant pastor of the church which he tendered some time ago and to remain in Rutland.

JUMPED FROM WINDOW.

Windsor Tailor Frightened by Explosion of Naptha.

Windsor, April 25.—There was an explosion in R. Levenson's tailor shop in Billings' block on Main street yesterday afternoon, caused by using naphtha for cleaning an overcoat.

In the excitement Mr. Levenson threw the burning clothing from a window in the second story and then jumped out himself. He burned his hand severely and was injured about the back and hips but no bones were broken. The damage from the fire was slight.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Sarah L. Paddington of Andover, Mass., Tried to Extinguish Grass Fire.

Andover, Mass., April 25.—Mrs. Sarah L. Paddington, aged 57 years, died this morning as the result of burns sustained while attempting to extinguish a grass fire near her home. Her clothing was burned from her body. She leaves a husband and five children.

Judge Died After Operation.

Haverhill, Mass., April 25.—Judge Henry L. Merrill, aged 77 years, of the district court, died this morning after submitting to an operation for intestinal troubles.

CONGRESSMAN MURDERED

John M. Pinckney, Representative From Texas.

IN A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Leader of Prohibition Movement in Texas Was Attending Mass Meeting to Demand Law Enforcement.

Hampstead, Texas, April 25.—Congressman John M. Pinckney, one of the Prohibition leaders, and Captain Brown, were killed in a shooting affray which occurred at a mass meeting here last night. The meeting was called for the purpose of asking that Rangers be sent here to enforce the local option law and preserve the peace. Two others were wounded and are likely to die, and two more were seriously hurt.

J. W. Brown, the leading lawyer and anti-prohibitionist, began the shooting. Then the others followed suit. Last night there were many armed men in the street but no more rioting followed. A special train was run from Houston with surgeons to attend the wounded.

The dead are: J. N. Brown, Congressman John M. Pinckney. The wounded are: John Mills, a leading prohibitionist. Doc Tompkins, private secretary to Congressman Pinckney. Thomas Pinckney, brother of the dead congressman.

Rollins Brown, son of Capt. Brown, was severely wounded.

There has been bitter feeling here for several years over the prohibition question and the recent election, when the "antis" failed to gain the victory they had expected, added to this. The whole country has been divided into factions as a result. Recently Tucker Pinckney, a brother of John M. Pinckney, was shot to death by negroes.

THREE MURDERS IN THREE DAYS

And Fourth in One Week to Occur in Maine—Eli Rogers Shot and His Murderer Then Turned Gun on Himself.

Lewiston, Maine, April 25.—News has been received from Greene, ten miles from here, that a murder and suicide occurred there this morning. While eating breakfast Eli Rogers and a man named McKenzie quarreled. McKenzie drew a revolver and fired, killing Rogers instantly. Then McKenzie went upstairs and shot himself to death.

This is the fourth murder in Maine within a week, and the third to become known in as many days. Today's crime occurred at the Standish farm, conducted by H. L. Keiser, for whom the men worked.

A PHILADELPHIA TRAGEDY.

Two Servants With Bullet Wounds Are Found in Their Employer's Residence.

Philadelphia, April 25.—A tragedy, the mystery surrounding which the police are having difficulty in unravelling, was discovered in the old Forney mansion at No. 618 South Washington square last night, when the bodies of two servants were found in the kitchen.

The mansion was the residence of Col. John W. Forney, the late publisher and editor, and is at present occupied by his daughter, Miss Tillie May Forney. The dead servants are Samuel Barnes, or Smith, colored, aged 30 years, a butler, and Margaret Toner, white, aged 50 years, who has been the cook for Miss Forney for twenty years.

Miss Forney was the first to learn of the affair. This evening the servants failed to send her the evening papers, and thinking it strange she made an investigation. In the kitchen she found the cook lying on a settee, and the butler sitting on a chair, with his head resting on a table. Each had a bullet in the right temple. The woman was dead, but the negro was alive, though unconscious.

A revolver with two exploded cartridges in its chambers, was found on the floor. The butler was conveyed to a hospital where he died three hours after. The police claim to have found an empty whiskey bottle in the negro's pocket and a pitcher and glasses in which there had been liquor was on the table. They believe the couple had been drinking heavily.

BANK SURROUNDED.

By the Depositors, Who Want Their Money.

Milwaukee, April 25.—Hundreds of men and women are lining the streets around the First National Bank today, trying to get their money. Nearly a hundred policemen are on the spot, trying to keep order. The directors have issued a statement declaring they can meet every demand with ease. President Bigelow admits a deficit of \$1,450,000. He has been released on \$25,000 bail.

Banker Assigned.

New York, April 25.—W. Eugene Parker, trading under the name of W. E. Parker & Co., bankers, assigned today.

THREE CASES IN A DAY

Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis is Spreading Rapidly.

SCHOOLS ARE SHUT DOWN

White River Junction People Are Taking Precautions to Prevent Spread—Third Case in a Week Reported in Rutland Today.

White River Junction, April 25.—Three cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis developed here yesterday and were reported to the board of health. They are all children, one of which, it is said, cannot live long. As a result, the schools have been closed for one week. No more cases have developed at Lebanon, N. H., just across the river from here, where four deaths have already occurred.

THE DISEASE IN RUTLAND.

Three Cases Have Developed During the Present Week.

Rutland, April 25.—Mrs. Mary S. Phipps, aged 45 years, died last night after a two days' illness with spinal meningitis. The infant child of William Green who died with the malady a month ago was taken with the same disease today. This is the third case mentioned in Rutland this week.

SPOTTED FEVER VICTIM.

John Hennessey of Wakefield, Mass., Died This Morning.

Wakefield, Mass., April 25.—John Hennessey, aged eighteen years, son of Patrick Hennessey, 15 Traversers street, died this morning of spotted fever. The young man was taken ill on Sunday.

LARGE GAIN MADE IN MEMBERSHIP

N. E. O. P. Delegates Gathered in Burlington This Morning With a Large Attendance—Secretary's Report Shows Up Well.

Burlington, April 25.—The sixteenth annual session of the Vermont Grand Lodge, New England Order of Protection opened with a large attendance this morning. The secretary, Henry Bartlett of St. Johnsbury, reported 24 lodges, with a membership of 2,053. The net gains were 250 and one lodge. There were 15 deaths during the year. Officers will be elected this afternoon.

DIAMOND RING DISAPPEARS.

Was Property of the Late Mrs. A. H. H. Lewis—An Arrest Made.

John J. Shea was arrested last night by Chief Brown on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a ring valued at \$50. Shea was brought into city court this morning for binding over proceedings and his case was continued until May 3. He was allowed to go on his own recognizance.

The missing ring is a valuable diamond, one which had belonged to the late Mrs. A. H. H. Lewis. Mrs. Trubey, who took care of Mrs. Lewis while she was sick, had since had charge of the ring and recently it became lost. There was suspicion that Shea might know something of its disappearance and he was arrested last night as he was about to leave the city by the train. No ring was found on his person. Shea had been employed by Dr. Lewis at his stable.

The police are still investigating the matter.

PROMISE OF AID.

Montpelier Seminary Will Get It If the Debt Is Raised.

The Rev. Dr. Henderson, secretary of the board of education of the Methodist church, announced at the conference just held that he had been given assurance that a substantial sum will be forthcoming for Montpelier seminary as soon as the debt of the institution is raised. The name of the donor was not divulged. The trustees have redoubled their efforts to place the school out of debt.

Principal Bishop, it is reported, has stated that several subscriptions for a fund to paint the dormitories had been received.

DOG WAS NOT MAD

But Chief of Police Brown Sent a Bullet Into Him.

Considerable excitement was caused on Depot square this forenoon when a dog owned by John Pappin was taken with a fit. The dog frothed at the mouth and rolled around on the sidewalk and people on the street thought it had gone mad.

Chief of Police Brown was called to the scene and immediately shot the dog.

Was Aged 93 Years.

St. Albans, April 25.—James Jennings, a native of Ireland, died at his home here this morning, of senile debility, aged 93 years.

USE HUMAN DERRICKS.

Secretary McCarthy of Quarry Workers' Union Found Peculiar New York Methods.

Secretary P. F. McCarthy of the Quarry Workers International Union returned last evening from a tour in the interests of his organization. At Albion, Holley and Hulberton, in New York state, he fixed up some matters that had caused internal discord. Then he went to St. Davids, Ont., where he expected to have a branch started as soon as the work opens up. In the quarrying districts he visited the methods, according to Secretary McCarthy, are twenty-five years behind the methods employed here. One quarry in ten had a derrick. On the other nine they use human derricks. He tells of seeing half a dozen men straining to load one piece of stone men straining to load one piece of stone. He watched them half an hour, and when he left they were still straining. Today he sent a charter to Llano, Texas, where they have a nucleus of eighteen men. An application has also been received from Spring Lake, Wis.

GODDARD STUDENT DEAD.

Annie McCaskill of Winslow, P. Q., Had Spinal Meningitis.

Miss Annie McCaskill, aged 17 years, died at 10 o'clock last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Morrison of Cottage street, after a two weeks' illness with spinal meningitis. She came here last fall from Winslow, P. Q., to take a commercial course at Goddard seminary. Miss McCaskill had made a large number of friends during her residence in Barre.

A prayer service was held at the house this morning by Rev. Mr. McLeod of the Presbyterian church and the body was taken on the 7:30 train to her home in Winslow by her mother and a brother, Alex S. McCaskill of this city, and a sister, Miss Lottie McCaskill of Lowell, Mass. The pall bearers were John, Kenneth and Dannie Nicholson, Angus and John Buchanan and Alex McLeay.

WHISKEY ORDERED RETURNED.

Condemnation Hearing Resulted in That at East Barre.

At the hearing before Justice Dickey at East Barre yesterday afternoon on the condemnation proceedings over the finding of eleven bottles of whiskey in the leanto of Fred McFeeters of Granville, the liquor was ordered not condemned and at the same time ordered returned to the leanto. On that McFeeters was released, but was immediately re-arrested on the charge of selling. He will be tried next Saturday, bail of \$400 being furnished by C. N. Scott of East Barre and M. M. Gordon, the defending lawyer.

In the first case Justice Dickey decided there was not enough evidence produced to show that McFeeters had the liquor for anything but home consumption.

WINDOWS SMASHED.

Excitement at North Main Street Store Over Exploding Gasoline Vapor.

Several panes of glass were smashed and the neighborhood at the corner of Main and Third street was given a scare by the explosion of vaporized gasoline in the basement of the store of George Cadden last evening. Cadden keeps a grocery store there and in the basement has some gasoline. The gasoline dripped out and vaporized. Last evening the proprietor went down in the basement with a lighted lamp. The gas exploded. There was no fire after the explosion and little damage was done.

MOVING THE FIRE BELL.

Matt Haley Got the Heavy Chunk of Metal Down Today.

The fire alarm bell was taken down today from the tower of the Spaulding school building, where it has been for several years. The work was done in a capable manner under the direction of Matt Haley who took the contract. The piece of metal weighs 3,000 pounds and it was a difficult job. The bell was then loaded and carted to the new fire station where it will be placed in the tower. The bell will probably be in position tomorrow.

WILL LOWER SIDEWALK.

Repairs to Be Made on Washington Street—Curbing for Elm Street.

The street commissioners, as soon as they can get to it, will make extensive repairs to Washington street, lowering the sidewalk on the side next to the Spaulding school, even with the street and putting in a concrete gutter. This lowering of the sidewalk will widen the traveled street.

The street department will also set curbing for a sidewalk on Elm street, following the present indicated bounds. The department is now at work on filling and repairing Merchant street.

COAL WILL BE CHEAPER.

Price From May 1st Will Be 30 Cents a Ton Lower Than Last.

The price of coal in Barre the coming year will be 30 cents a ton lower than for the same months last year, beginning May 1st. The price of stove, egg and nut will be \$7.40 a ton and grate coal \$7.20 a ton. These prices will increase 10 cents a ton each month until November. The price May 1st, last year, which was the lowest for the year, was \$7.70.

DEGREE FOR TWENTY.

Barre Knights of Columbus Will Take It at St. Albans May 2.

At the state meeting of the Knights of Columbus to be held at St. Albans May 2, the third degree will be worked on twenty candidates from this city and thirteen from Montpelier. Several hundred Knights are expected to be in attendance.

AFTER-LENT FESTIVITIES

Odd Ladies Ball Attended By 125 Couples.

A SUCCESSFUL OCCASION.

Seniors of Spaulding High School to Entertain Next Friday Evening—Preparations for May Festival By Episcopal Ladies.

Granite City Lodge No. 37, Independent Order of Odd Ladies, Manchester Unity, held their second annual Easter ball in Hale's Pavilion last evening and it was one of the most enjoyable occasions that have been held at the Pavilion this season. It was a decided success both in attendance and excellent management by the ladies.

A short but very enjoyable concert was given at the opening. The programme for the concert, which was necessarily shortened on account of several who were to take part not being able to be present, was as follows: Overture by Gilbertson's orchestra; vocal solo by Miss Pinkie Lewis; piano duet by Misses Maude Coburn and Ethel Ewen; vocal solo, James Gaul, and piano solo, Miss Annie Inglis. At the close of the programme refreshments of coffee, cake and sandwiches were served.

The floor was then cleared and the grand march was started, being led by Noble Grand Mrs. Belle Anderson and Mr. Smith. The ladies had an excellent order of dances arranged of twenty numbers and the merry dancers enjoyed themselves until the small hours of the morning. Mrs. Annie Milne and Miss Ida Russell very efficiently performed the duties of floor directors. Mrs. Mary Stewart and Miss Mamie Teasdale acted as committee of introduction.

The management committee to whom much of the success of the occasion is due, was composed of the following ladies: Chairman, Mrs. Anna Lawson, Mrs. Belle Anderson, Miss Mamie Teasdale, Miss Mattie Connor, Mrs. Mathison, Mrs. Annie Milne, Mrs. Jennie Murray, Mrs. Mary Stewart, Mrs. Lindo Ordway, Mrs. Jennie Bainbridge. In the corner at the left of the stage a punch bowl was in charge of Ina Ordway and Florence Bainbridge.

Granite City Lodge No. 37, I. O. O. L. M. U., was installed a year ago last December, and is a prosperous and steadily growing order. The total membership now numbers seventy-five. The following are the present officers of the order: N. G., Mrs. Belle Anderson; V. G., Miss Mattie Connor; P. N. G., Mrs. Eva Gamble; chaplain, Mrs. Minnie Burgess; P. S.; Miss Mamie Teasdale; E. S., Mrs. Anna Lawson; treasurer, Miss Ina Morrison; warden, Mrs. Catherine Veale; conductor, Mrs. Anna Smith; I. G., Mrs. Kate Crowley; O. C., Miss Maggie Gordon; R. S. to N. G., Mrs. Jennie Murray; L. S. to N. G., Miss Christina McKenzie; R. S. to V. G., Mrs. Emma Cottle; L. S. to V. G., Mrs. Mary Stewart.

WILL LEAD GRAND MARCH.

Gov. and Mrs. Bell Arrived in Montpelier for Charity Ball This Evening.

Montpelier, April 25.—Gov. and Mrs. C. J. Bell arrived in this city this noon from Walden. This evening they will lead the grand march at the Charity Ball in the armory, which will be given for the benefit of Heaton hospital. A large crowd is expected to attend the ball. Wilder's orchestra of nineteen pieces will furnish the music, the regular musicians being assisted by three players secured from Boston for the occasion.

MAY FESTIVAL.

Ladies of Episcopal Church Are Planning for Fine Time.

St. Elizabeth's Chapter of the Episcopal church will hold a May festival in Hale's pavilion Tuesday evening, May 2. A fine programme, excellent music and a cordial welcome will make the evening a pleasant one for all. Ice cream and cake, home made candy and punch will be served. Housekeepers will be interested in a large line of aprons which will be on sale. The ladies hope for a continuance of the generous patronage they have always enjoyed.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Carl Dorf Sustained Injury to Spine in a Fall.

Carl Dorf, who was injured two weeks ago by falling down the stairs in the Quinlen block, was taken to the Emergency hospital today. He is suffering from an injury to his spine.

Spaulding Seniors to Entertain.

The following programme will be given at the entertainment by the Senior class of Spaulding Friday evening: Piano duet... Misses Phelps and Spear; Vocal solo... Miss Strong; Reading... Miss Strong; Piano solo... Miss Trowe; Piano solo... Miss Bau; Intermission. "The Minister's Wife" Miss Bennett, principal of Katakohor's seminary, Mamie McKenzie. Pupils: Rose Trenton, Allie Trowe, Mildred Laus, Ethel Strong, Molly Cambella, Clara Purves, Gertrude Ross, Margaret Fraser, Mrs. Charles Parsons, the minister's wife, Allie Richardson.