

APPROVAL IS LACKING

Peace Settlement Still in Uncertain State.

COMPLICATION FEARED

Neither Ruler Has as Yet Signified His Acceptance of the Work of His Representatives at Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, N. H., August 31.—The important fact has just been discovered that neither the czar of Russia nor the emperor of Japan has yet approved the peace agreement of the envoys.

This gives a clear light on the apparent nervousness of the two commissions and corroborates the information which has come to the Publishers' Press through a highly confidential source that the czar has notified M. Witte of the wide spread belief in court circles in Russia that General Linévitch should be permitted to try issues with Field Marshal Oyama, near Harbin, before the peace treaty is formally declared upon.

A Significant Postponement. Today's meeting of the treaty drafters was postponed from 9:30 until 3, all the information vouchsafed regarding this action was that it was upon the request of the Japanese counselors.

"WHISTLE SOFTLY."

"Not Yet Out of the Woods," Admonishes Mr. Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Aug. 31.—"Whistle softly, we are getting into the thin timber, but we are not yet out of the woods."

This homely admonition represents accurately President Roosevelt's view of the situation at Portsmouth. Peace is in sight, yet is not an accomplished fact.

The president has no definite idea how long the plenipotentiaries may be engaged in the negotiation of the treaty of peace. He believes that it ought not to take a great length of time, because the points of difference having been resolved, the incorporation of the tentative agreement reached becomes practically only a question of phraseology.

The place to be selected for the appending of signatures to the treaty raises a question of interest. It was assumed, prior to the meeting of the conference, that the treaty, wherever it might be negotiated, would be signed in Washington and be known hereafter as the "Treaty of Washington."

RUSSIA IN A BAD WAY.

Prominent Official Says Country Has Depleted Its Exchequer.

St. Petersburg, August 31.—In an interview today with the Publishers' Press correspondent one of the most prominent officials in Russia said: "Russia needs every penny she can get to restore her financial balance. The outside world has no idea how terrible the strain of war has been upon the Russian exchequer. Agrarian disorders are assuming enormous proportions, and starvation of millions of peasants is imminent. Russia will have to spend very large sums in relief works to prevent an uprising during the coming winter."

The talk about peace being deplored in influential Russian circles is nonsense. Peace has come at a most opportune time, when we were hearing the end of our resources and when, as known in innermost circles of the czar's advisers General Linévitch's position was hopeless.

CAUSED A SENSATION.

Declares That Russian Will Be Up and Doing Again.

St. Petersburg, August 31.—A sensation has been caused by an article which appears in Novoye Vremya today, written by Editor M. Souvorin, in which he declares that Russia accepted the peace terms offered by Japan only as a temporary measure. Russia, M. Souvorin de-

clares, will take a rest and will then "travel again."

PROBABLY LAST BATTLE.

And in It the Russians Took 130 Japanese Prisoners.

St. Petersburg, August 31.—A despatch from Liddpundze contains the details of what will probably be the last engagement of the war. This encounter took place on August 25, and resulted in an advantage to the Russians, who took 131 prisoners. A number of Japanese were killed. The Russian losses were eight killed.

WILL REWARD WITTE?

Said That Czar May Confer Title of Count on Him.

St. Petersburg, August 31.—It is stated that the czar intends to reward M. Witte for his services in bringing the war to a termination, by conferring the title of count upon him.

TO REBUILD NAVY.

Russian Ship-Building Works to Be Erected by Americans.

St. Petersburg August 31.—A group of American ship builders has arrived here for the purpose of erecting works for the construction of a new Russian fleet.

FINALLY MARRIED.

Bennington Old Man Has Amassed Considerable Property.

Bennington, Aug. 31.—Columbus Hul-ling of North Bennington, aged 81 years, and Miss Jennie Bissell of the same village were united in marriage at 5:30 yesterday afternoon by the Rev. C. W. Bowley of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Interest has very largely centered in the approach of this marriage for the reason that his niece and two nephews only last week caused his arrest at the hour set for his marriage upon a fabrication charge of intoxication. Subsequently a guardian was appointed of his person and estate, and then Mr. Huling was kept under close guard for several days by the appointment of such guardians. Thereafter Mrs. Bissell brought her petition to the Hon. Loveland Munson, a judge of the supreme court, for a writ of habeas corpus which was granted and a hearing had before Judge Munson Thursday last. Before Judge Munson the proceedings were thought to be thoroughly aired but he made no decision at that time, taking the matter under advisement.

On Saturday last Mr. Huling was examined by a line of Bennington's most prominent physicians who pronounced him sane and without doubt mentally capable of taking care of his person and estate. Yesterday the guardian brought his petition to the probate court appointing him setting forth that Mr. Huling no longer needed a guardian, also filed his account a such which being accepted by the court the court issued his order discharging the guardian.

HOTE. MEN ARRESTED.

Are Charged With Selling Rum to Young Men and Boys.

Rutland, August 31.—Through the disclosure of 18-year-old Harry Dudley, famous for his long list of youthful escapades and for his recent enticing of three Burlington boys away from their home John and Patrick Kelly, proprietors of the Banquet Hotel here, have been arrested and yesterday put on trial for illegally selling liquor.

Young Dudley testified that he and his companions drank a pint of alcohol slightly diluted with water, which they bought at the hotel. David Sherman, a little fellow aged 13, corroborated Dudley's testimony, saying that he had helped to consume the drug. Other kinds of liquor the boys said, they had bought at the place. Several other witnesses swore that they had been in the habit of buying their stock of booze there. Grand Juror Harvey Kingsley conducted the prosecution.

AN INGENDIARY FIRE.

Barns and Produce in Randolph Destroyed.

Randolph, Aug. 31.—The barns of the Seymour place one mile southwest of Randolph Center on the road toward East Randolph were burned at about eleven o'clock Tuesday night. There was no means of saving the buildings and in a short time they were burned to the ground, with all the produce, including a large crop of hay, estimated at nearly 100 tons. The buildings and produce were the property of Alfred Dover, who purchased the farm a few months ago. There is no question that the buildings were set on fire and a Poland, who was seen about the place, is suspected of the crime. As yet, nothing has been proven against him. The buildings were insured for \$500 and the produce for \$500, but the sum does not begin to cover the loss.

LOSS LACED AT \$10,000.

County Almshouse at Center Ossipee, N. H. Struck by Lightning.

Center Ossipee, N. H., Aug. 31.—While a terrific electrical storm was passing over this town last night, lightning struck the barn at the Carroll county almshouse, setting the building on fire. The building, with its contents, was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

VERMONT'S MAIDEN DIP

Big Battleship Launched at Quincy Today.

BEFORE A LARGE CROWD

Miss Jennie Bell, Daughter of Vermont's Governor, Christened the Vessel With a Bottle of Champagne.

Quincy, Mass., August 31.—The big battleship Vermont was successfully launched at the Fore River Ship-building company's yard here at 10:55 this morning. She was christened by Miss Jennie Bell, younger daughter of Governor Bell of Vermont, who broke a bottle of champagne over the vessel's bow as the warship slipped down the ways, saying: "I christen thee Vermont."

It was a fete day at Quincy, as all such occasions are, and when the gates of the big yard were thrown open to the public an immense crowd surged in to witness the baptism of the latest addition to the nation's fleet. Long before the time appointed for the launching the visitors crowded the yards, the adjoining house-tops, and the shore line. Even after the christening had taken place they were loath to depart, many remaining for hours to watch the giant hull as it floated at anchor in the placid waters. Grouped along the water's edge and dotting the river for a mile around were craft of every description, from tiny naphth launches to large steamboats.

On the christening stand was a distinguished party, the conspicuous figures of which were Governor Bell of Vermont and his staff, Governor Douglas of Massachusetts and eminent representatives from the Charlestown navy yard and the navy department at Washington. There was also a large delegation from Vermont, in recognition of the honor accorded their state. The ship building company and the municipal government were represented by prominent parties.

Promptly at the hour set the last shores were knocked from the ways and the colossal vessel began her brief journey. Swinging aloft the wine bottle, which was wrapped in the Stars and Stripes, Miss Bell crashed it against the steel bow and spoke the christening words in firm tones that were heard by all about her. Then, as the marine monster glided gracefully down the grassed grade, the enthusiasm found vent. The crowds in the yard roared and screamed, the party on the christening stand waved hats and cheered, and ear-splitting whistles on shore and water were let loose.

Meanwhile the Vermont had taken her maiden dip in the stream, where her anchors were dropped, and she came to a halt. Another of the monster flag defenders had been successfully launched.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VERMONT.

The Vermont is regarded by naval experts as a marvel in the art of marine architecture. She is a sister ship of the Kansas, launched a few weeks ago at Camden. Her general dimensions are as follows:

Length on load water line 450 feet, length over all 456 feet 4 inches, extreme beam to moulding 76 feet 5 1/2 inches, to outside of plating 76 feet 3 inches, extreme beam to outside of armor 76 feet 10 inches. Her trial displacement will be 16,000 tons, and when she goes on her speed test she will carry 300 tons of coal, although her bunker capacity is 2,200 tons. Sixty-six tons of feed water will also be carried on her trial trip. Her trial draft to bottom of keel will be 24 feet 6 inches.

Her contract calls for a maintenance of 18 knots' speed for four consecutive hours. The hull is of steel throughout and is fitted with bilge and docking keels.

Her armament will be: Main battery, four 12-inch, eight 8-inch, twelve 7-inch breech-loading rifles; secondary battery, twenty 3-inch (or 14-pounder) rapid fire guns; twelve 3-pounder semi-automatic guns, six 1-pounder automatics, two 1-pounder semi-automatics, two 3-inch field pieces, two machine guns of .59 caliber and six automatic guns of .30 caliber.

For her protection the Vermont will have a complete main belt of armor, 9 feet 3 inches wide at the water line, having a uniform thickness of 9 inches throughout the magazine and machinery spaces, tapering to 4 inches at the ends. Seven inch casemate armor will protect her between the main belt and the main deck. This armor will extend to the limits of the magazine at both ends.

Her propelling power will consist of engines of the twin screw, four vertical cylinder, triple expansion type of a combined horse-power of 16,500. The ship will be provided with an ice plant with a cooling capacity of three tons of ice daily, an evaporating plant of 16,500 gallons capacity, and a distilling apparatus capable of condensing 10,000 gallons of water a day. She will be equipped with powerful searchlight, and her masts will be arranged for wireless telegraphy.

Designed for a flagship, accommodations will be provided for a flag officer, a commanding officer and a complement of some 825 officers and men, including marines.

HANGING FROM APPLE TREE

Charles Raichard of Franklin Found by Son.

DIED BY STRANGULATION

Deceased Was One of the Well Known Farmers of That Town—Son Was Away from Him Only Twenty Minutes.

Franklin, August 31.—Charles Raichard, a well known farmer of this place, committed suicide by hanging yesterday afternoon. In company with his son, William, he was engaged in tearing down an old house. At noon the son went some distance away to get water, and during the twenty minutes that he was away from his father the act was committed.

When the son returned he found the body suspended from the branch of an apple tree near the house. The body was cut down as soon as possible, but life was extinct. The neck was not broken, but death had resulted from strangulation. A halter chain was used by the suicide. Insanity is ascribed as the reason for the commission of the act. The deceased was sixty years of age.

A LIQUOR SEIZURE.

Several Officers Raided House at Marshfield.

Marshfield, August 31.—In consequence of many complaints by townspeople, that intoxicating liquors were sold in this village, a thorough search of the store, tenement and barns of E. W. Gilman was made yesterday by Sheriff F. H. Tracy, assisted by Deputies Lawson of Montpelier, Ricker of Plainfield, and Constable Pike of Marshfield. The Gilman family were more than willing that their premises be searched, assisting by unlocking and unpacking all that the officers wished to see. Twelve bottles of Schlitz beer, two or three empty brandy kegs and empty bottles were found in the cellar. In Mr. Gilman's private office was found a quantity of what he said was wood alcohol.

WAS BURIED ALIVE.

Frank Pape of Waterbury Was Dug Out in Unconscious Condition.

Waterbury, August 31.—Frank Pape was seriously injured today by being almost covered up in a cave-in of the sides of a sewer ditch which he was digging. Pape was at the bottom of a seven-foot deep trench when the sides, loosened by the heavy rain, descended upon him. Unable to escape, Pape was caught and buried to his neck, just his head being above ground. He was dug out as soon as possible, but was unconscious. It is feared that he sustained internal injuries. The pressure on the man's chest was so great that the action of the heart was nearly stopped. No bones were broken, however.

A CHIMNEY FIRE.

In House of W. B. Williams, Second Street, This Afternoon.

An alarm was rung in from box 14 at the corner of North Main and Second streets at 12:30 this noon for a small chimney fire in the house occupied by W. B. Williams on Second street. The chemical responded and in ten minutes the signal for "Fire out" was rung in. It was one of those fires when a still alarm should have been rung in. Evidently the person who rang in the alarm thought so, for he was not to be found when Chief Gladning reached the box. The fire was confined wholly to the chimney.

WAS NEARLY DROWNED.

Mrs. T. O. Parker of Barre Taken Unconscious from Water.

A Queen City Park item in the Burlington Free Press has the following: "Mrs. T. O. Parker of Barre came near drowning Tuesday afternoon while bathing. Only for the timely assistance of Mrs. Wilson, who called loudly for help that was near by, serious results must have followed. Mrs. Parker was taken from the water unconscious."

Fined for Furnishing Liquor.

Rutland, Aug. 31.—Fred Carter, age 20, was fined this morning by City Judge Willis M. Ross \$300 for furnishing intoxicants to a minor. The case was appealed and bail of \$500 furnished. The case grew out of a disclosure by Perry Dudley. Nelson Breer will be tried on the same charge later.

Who Will Claim Them?

Letters remaining unclaimed for at the Barre post office for the week ending August 31, 1905, are as follows: Men.—George Acaire, S. V. Ayer, Andrea Bianchi, W. E. Barnes, Fyrik Calk, Dean and Cline, Giovanni Deafuria, A. Forni, H. Fyregor, Ike Gonyo, Erwin Jones, T. Ben Jackson, D. J. Kennedy, Bergonni Leondro, William McDonald, John W. Magoon, Kauri Matson, Edward Nichols, W. A. Nelson, Salvatore Scotti, L. Shakeson.

Women.—Miss Anderson, Emma Bates, Mrs. H. E. Bliss, Miss Chooline Fettoon, Miss M. Reith Frazer, Mrs. Julia Guyette, Mrs. J. D. King, Mrs. Hattie Smith, Mrs. Mary L. Thorpe, Mrs. B. L. Underwood, Mrs. J. C. Wadman, Mrs. A. H. Williams.

WANDERED FROM HOME.

Peascham Man Was Located in East Montpelier, Where He Had Hired Out.

Peascham, August 31.—For several days this community was deeply stirred over the sudden and strange disappearance of Frank Robinson, son of William Robinson of this town, who suddenly left home late Monday afternoon. His whereabouts being unknown. A representative of The Times, in an interview with members of the family, obtained the following information concerning the strange disappearance of the young man: Mr. Robinson is a man about thirty-eight years of age, a blacksmith and wheelwright by trade, having a family consisting of a wife and one son, a lad of seven years. He has worked at his trade for several years until the past summer, when he came to this town and lived with his father-in-law, Charles Thresher, for whom he worked on the farm. Last Saturday morning he went to drive the cows to pasture while Mr. Thresher and his son were doing the Saturday's churning. Soon after Mr. Thresher and his son went to a back lot about a mile from home to cut some grain, expecting Mr. Robinson would join them after the morning chores were done. As he did not again appear around the house, the women folks supposed he had gone to the grain field, and it was not until Mr. Thresher came home at night that his disappearance became known.

An inquiry among the neighbors gave no clue as to his whereabouts, and the alarm was then given. Sunday morning hundreds of people joined in the search, but without avail. It was planned to continue the search on Monday on a larger scale, but Sunday evening word was received from Charles Bartlett, a farmer living in Danville, that he had seen Robinson Saturday afternoon near the residence of S. W. Cole in Marshfield. Mr. Robinson was then going in the direction of Marshfield. The search was called off, and Mr. Robinson's father and his wife started in pursuit. He was traced through Marshfield and into Calais, where he stayed over night with Fred Slayton, after walking about seventeen miles. Sunday morning he continued his journey to East Montpelier, where he tried to find work, and later engaged with Edgar Cummings, where he was found Monday afternoon by his wife and his father, William Robinson. He readily consented to return and on Tuesday was taken back to his home in Peascham.

Mr. Robinson had complained lately of severe headaches and also had some troubles with his eyes, and it is supposed that owing to ill health and overwork his mind had become temporarily unbalanced, which accounts for his singular actions. He left home attired in a pair of old overalls, and a light frock, which he wore doing chores, and without a cent in his pocket, having walked about thirty miles when he was found with Mr. Cummings. Mr. Robinson's domestic relations have always been pleasant, and he is a prosperous and highly respected citizen. Some time ago he had an attack of mental aberration, during which he wandered from home and was absent for about two weeks. Much sympathy is expressed for the unfortunate young man in his affliction.

DELEGATES CLOSE WORK.

Good Tempers of District No. 8 Leave for Their Homes.

At the afternoon session of the annual convention of District No. 8, of the Good Tempers of Washington county, held yesterday in Foresters' hall in this city, only routine business was transacted. A literary program was rendered and then followed the election of officers. They are: Chief templar, Fred Cram of Roxbury; vice templar, Miss Florence Loomis of Northfield; secretary, Miss Bessie Spooner of Barre; financial secretary, Miss Florence Burnham of Williamstown; treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Edgerton of Northfield; marshal, Robert Duff of Barre; deputy marshal, Miss Marion Lavelle of Williamstown; chaplain, Rev. Mr. Perkins of Washington; guard, Miss Blanche Dunsmore of Roxbury; sentinel, M. S. Herbert of Worcester; and past chief templar, Mr. Cooney of Washington.

The delegates from the various lodges, Washington, Williamstown, Roxbury, Northfield, Worcester and Barre, reported gains with but one exception. The morning session was called to order at eleven o'clock by District Deputy Mrs. G. S. Willey. The convention work was completed yesterday afternoon and the delegates have returned to their homes.

SOCIAL EVENT AT MONTPELIER.

Dance and Card Party at the Pavilion Hotel.

Montpelier, Aug. 31.—The dancing and card party given last evening at the Pavilion Hotel by Mrs. Frederick W. Morse and Mrs. Osman D. Clark was one of the pleasantest social events of the season. More than 200 invitations were issued and but few regrets were received. As the guests arrived they were received in the hotel parlors by Mr. and Mrs. Morse and Colonel and Mrs. Clark. A. B. Shepard, Misses Julia Adams and Ruby Heaton acted as ushers. The dancing in the Pavilion dining rooms was in charge of George K. Putnam and Mrs. W. G. Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry looked after the card playing in the parlors. Misses Kate Kempton and Helen Dewey had charge of the decoration and punch bowl. They were assisted by Mrs. J. S. Viles, Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mrs. C. J. Gleason. The parlors and dance hall were profusely decorated with sweet peas, golden glow, hydrangeas and asters. Wilder's orchestra furnished music for dancing. Refreshments were served and the affair came to a close about midnight.

Died on Way Home.

Swanton, August 31.—The two-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Moynihan, who are staying at Moses Vanecelette's, died very suddenly yesterday of whooping cough. The mother took the child for a boisterous down the river, and while there it became very sick and died before they were able to reach home.

GIANTS SURE OF PENNANT

Can't Lose It Now If They Should Lose Both Games

TO BURLINGTON TEAM

And Latter or Rutland Will Need to Win Every One of Remaining Games to Approach Standing of Interitys.

Today's ball game at Interity park with the Plattsburg team will not be played, because the New Yorkers have quit the Northern league. Yesterday afternoon Manager Cosgrave of that team coolly made the proposition that if the locals would guarantee him a certain sum which he said was necessary to cover expenses and salaries, he would bring along his bunch of nondescripts, and would also play two games on Labor Day. The Interity management turned down the proposition, as the games would not be figured in the standing, because that team has been withdrawn from the league.

The defection of the New Yorkers leaves only two more games for the Interitys, at Burlington tomorrow and on the home grounds with the same team Saturday afternoon. There probably will be a record-breaking crowd out for the latter game, as it will mark the close of the season for the Interitys. Burlington and Rutland will close the league with a double-header at Burlington on Monday.

The pennant is assured for Barre-Montpelier in any event. If the locals should lose both their games to Burlington and Burlington should also win its remaining four games with Rutland, the standing would be Interity, 52 1/2; Burlington, 57 1/2. But it is scarcely possible that the Queen City team will take all the six games remaining on its schedule, for both the Interitys and the Rutlands will go after the games, the former to maintain their commanding lead and the latter with an ambition to beat out Whitney's pets for second position.

According to the figures of the Burlington papers, Burlington will win the pennant if its team takes all the six games remaining, by 22 points. The standing by the Whitney method of judging with figures, would be: Burlington 59 1/2, Interity, 57 1/2. But those figures are not the official standing of the Northern league. The difference lies in the counting by Burlington of two games which were thrown out at a league meeting, they having been protested by Barre-Montpelier and Rutland unopposed under sanction of the league. The outcome of the two Burlington games at Rutland today will be watched with interest.

BANQUET TO BALL TEAM.

Will Be Held at City Hotel on Saturday Evening of This Week.

A banquet will be tendered the Inter-city ball team at the City Hotel in this city Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock, which will be attended by Barre and Montpelier people. The tickets, which are \$1.25, can be secured of T. G. Carswell or A. C. Moore.

BARRE WAS BOMBARDED.

But Not a Shot Did Any Very Serious Damage.

A bombardment by the heavy artillery of the heavens was aimed at this section early last evening, and the firing was kept up for half an hour, while a pattering of rain added to the nastiness of the period. The only damage done in this vicinity was the burning out of a transformer at the Consolidated Lighting company's transformer house at North Barre, shutting off a large number of the stone sheds which use electric power from that concern. The sheds were not able to resume work today, but it is expected that the damage will be repaired by tomorrow morning.

DEPOSITIONS BEING TAKEN.

In Allen Suit Against State's Attorney Jackson.

Depositions were taken yesterday and today before Judge A. G. Fay in the suit of C. A. Phelps vs. State's Attorney S. H. Jackson, to test the latter's right to hold the office of prosecuting attorney of Washington county, the claim being set up that Mr. Jackson is not a citizen of Vermont and the United States. The deposition of the Rev. Samuel N. Jackson of Burlington, father of the state's attorney, was taken yesterday and that of William Nichol of Kingston, Ont., attorney, was taken this forenoon.

"Under a Cloud," or "A Pious Fraud"

The play was given at the opera house last night under the auspices of Neal Dow lodge, I. O. G. T., was poorly attended, on account of one of the severest electrical storms of the summer. Those who were present spoke very highly of it. Several even went so far as to say they hoped it would be repeated. Each one of the young actors handled their parts well, and deserve every encouragement from the public in whatever entertainment they may give in the future.