

LOCKOUT CALLED AT HARDWICK THIS MORNING

Men Refused Work When They Applied to Woodbury Granite Company's Plant This Morning.

VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT IS CHARGED

Gloomy View of the Situation Is Taken By Hardwick Business Men. Union Met This Forenoon.

Hardwick, Dec. 6.—There was a lockout in the granite industry of this place today, and things have assumed a serious aspect because of the trouble which arose over the quitting of four gangs of men in shed No. 3 of the Woodbury company's plant yesterday.

Both parties were reticent today, but townspeople express the fear that the trouble may not be patched up for a long time and that the business may be suspended all winter. The union held a meeting this forenoon but no information as to the action, if there was action, was divulged. The men claim that they did not strike yesterday in shed No. 3 but that they simply refused to work under their boss. About sixty men all told laid down their tools at that time.

HAVING TROUBLE IN HARDWICK SHED

Over Half a Hundred Men Thought They Had a Grievance Against Foreman Day and Quit Woodbury Shed No. 2.

A number of granite cutters arrived in town from Hardwick last night and today because of trouble at the Woodbury Granite company's sheds in that place. Four gangs of men and four blacksmiths struck yesterday because they declared that other men had been discharged for insufficient reasons. The men were employed at what is known as Shed No. 2, under Foreman Day. Several cutters were let go by this man, and it is against him that they lay their grievances, claiming that he is trying to follow a proposal to "fear things up."

LITERARY LIGHTS LINGER.

Over Banquet Table in Honor of Mark Twain.

New York, Dec. 6.—"Mark Twain" (Samuel L. Clemens) was the guest of honor last night at a dinner at Delmonico's given by Col. George Harvey, in honor of the humorist's 70th birthday. About 175 authors were present, nearly half of them women. During the dinner a complimentary message was received from England signed by 40 of the most distinguished writers there, including Thomas Hardy, George Meredith, Alfred Austin, Arthur Balfour, Rudyard Kipling, Anthony Hope, Sir Gilbert Parker, Sir Conan Doyle, Ian Mackenzie, Mrs. Humphrey Ward and Irenaeus Zangwill. The principal souvenir which each guest received was a large bust of Mark Twain, half life-size.

President Roosevelt and Joel Chandler Harris sent letters and among those who spoke or presented poems were W. Van Dyke, Brander Matthews, John Mitchell, Kate Douglas Wiggin, John Kendrick Bangs, Amelia Barr, Hamilton V. Mabie, Carolus Wells, Irving Bacheller, Rex Beach, Andrew Carnegie, George Cable, Louis Morgan Hill, Hopkinson Smith, Agner Repplier and Virginia Frazar.

NO EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY

Says New District Attorney, John B. Moran,

IN THE LOMASNEY CASE

Charge Was Brought That Supporters of J. F. Fitzgerald, Candidate for Mayor of Boston, Had Conspired to Kill.

Boston, Dec. 6.—The charge brought by Martin M. Lomasney, the leader of the ward 8 Democrats, that the supporters of John F. Fitzgerald, the successful candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor in the recent primaries, had conspired to kill him, were denied consideration by District Attorney John B. Moran last night.

Mr. Lomasney had charged that the supporters of Mr. Fitzgerald, including the majority candidate, Congressman John A. Sullivan, Joseph A. Denison and others, had threatened at breakfast in the Boston club on School street, to kill him on the day the municipal primaries were held, Nov. 16 last. The matter was brought to the attention of the new district attorney by Mr. Lomasney's lawyers and an extended conference and investigation were held at police headquarters last night.

Last night District Attorney Moran sent a letter to William J. Miller, of Mr. Lomasney's counsel, in which he said in part:

"I find no evidence of any conspiracy to assault or otherwise injure or interfere with Martin M. or Joseph P. Lomasney. I find such a want of evidence as to a conspiracy that I am amazed that any member of the bar, even after a casual investigation of the evidence should deem the matter worthy of presentation to a district attorney.

"By premature publication, great wrong has been done to men entirely innocent and your client is subjected to the grave suspicion that the conspiracy charge was but a political bomb designed to destroy John F. Fitzgerald politically and Joseph A. Denison professionally. While I hold the office of district attorney I will allow no man to use it or me for such a vicious purpose."

Inasmuch as the conspiracy charges have been dropped by both the police and by the newly elected district attorney, it is probable that they will not be brought forward again.

FOUR BICYCLISTS WERE BADLY HURT

Spill in the Six Day Race at Madison Square Gardens Early This Morning—Bedell Brothers in the Lead.

New York, Dec. 6.—At 9 o'clock this morning the Bedell brothers still held the lead in the six day bicycle contest by one lap, gained before midnight. During the early morning hours two more spills occurred in which Decoupe, MacDonald, Hollister and Hill were painfully injured. The latter broke his collar bone. Decoupe and his partner retired from the contest. Hall's partner, Downey, left the track at last four. At 8 o'clock Bedell brothers had scored nine hundred and fifty miles and four laps. The other nine teams had from one to three laps less.

SPEAKS NOT A WORD.

Benjamin Williams, Slayer of Burlington Policeman, Is Mute.

Windsor, Dec. 6.—Benjamin Williams, the slayer of policeman J. P. McGrath in Burlington May 12, 1904, who was, after some inquiry and test as to his sanity, found guilty of murder in the second degree by the Chittenden county court and sentenced to life imprisonment in the state prison, has not been heard to speak a word since his arrival here more than two months ago. He has sometimes shown interest enough to nod to his keepers, but that is all. He maintains a dogged silence and exhibits no concern as to what passes around him. He is kept in the cells provided for convicts suspected of insanity.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Alfred Burroughs of Bow Slipped on Stairs With Lighted Lamp.

Concord, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Alfred Burroughs of Bow died yesterday of burns received in the night. Mrs. Burroughs, who was an aged woman and had not been in good health for some time, arose in the night and started from her bedroom to an adjoining room. She carried a lighted lamp in her hand and in going down a short flight of stairs it is thought she slipped and fell, breaking the lamp and in this manner set fire to her night dress.

XMAS TREE PROFITS.

Last of Shipment of 25 Cars Over M. & W. Road.

The last shipment of 25 carloads of Christmas trees for Buffalo, Cincinnati and Philadelphia was sent out over the Montpelier & Wells River railroad yesterday afternoon. It is said that the price paid for these trees is one cent each, while the market price in the large cities ranges from fifty cents to \$25.

ELECTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Thirteen Mayors Were Chosen Yesterday.

Boston Dec. 6.—Thirteen cities of the state yesterday elected mayors and decided whether liquor should be sold during 1906. There were no material changes in the political sentiment. One city, Fitchburg, after a year of liquor selling, once more decided against the sale during the coming year.

Socialists showed strength in the shoe manufacturing cities of Brockton and Haverhill, especially in the former, where their candidate for mayor was defeated by only 261 votes.

Following is a list of mayors elected: Brockton, Frederick O. Bradford, republican. Fitchburg, James H. McMahon, independent citizen. Gloucester, George E. MacDonald, nomination papers. Haverhill, Roswell L. Wood, republican.

Lawrence John P. Kane, democrat. Marlboro, Henry Parsons, republican. New Bedford, Thomas Thompson, people.

Northampton, Theobald Conner, democrat. Pittsfield, Allen H. Bragg, republican. Quincy, James Thompson, republican. Springfield, E. W. Dickenson, republican.

Taunton, John B. Tracy, republican. Waltham, John L. Harvey, republican. \*Re-elected.

FRIGHTFULLY INJURED.

Everett Lincoln of Hubbardston Hurt in Lumber Camp.

West Haven, Dec. 6.—Everett Lincoln, of Hubbardston, a young man, was frightfully injured here yesterday while working in the Gerry lumber camp. He was assisting in a saw mill when the circular saw broke, a section striking him and cutting a gash from his chin over the back of his head. The brain was laid bare but as the wound, while terrible, is not deep, doctors were able to dress the injury. It is feared that he cannot recover although his breathing seems to be stronger.

His father, mother, wife and brother from Hubbardston came here yesterday and are with Mr. Lincoln now.

The accident occurred through a frosty fog rolling while being scold with the result that the saw was broken by striking an iron dog.

EVIDENCE OF CRIME IN THE TENDERLOIN

Human Skull Partly Crushed in Found in Cellar of House Which Was Vacated by Dispossess Process.

New York, Dec. 6.—While the police of the tenderloin precinct yesterday were examining a house at 112 West Twenty-sixth street, from which the occupants recently were dispossessed under police proceedings, they found a human skull in a pile of rubbish in the cellar. The bone was crushed at one point and several teeth were missing. A hammer having stains upon it, such as might have been made by blood, was also found. The floor of the cellar was then torn up and twenty human bones found.

The mystery is heightened by the testimony of a tailor whose shop is opposite the house. He told the police that last Christmas eve he heard shots in front of his place, and upon going out saw two men carrying a third man into the basement of the house numbered 112. Recently, he added, a woman and her daughter had been in the neighborhood inquiring for a relative, who, they said, had been missing since last December.

Coroner Scholer last night said that everything pointed to murder. The coroner said the man had died not less than a year ago.

PANIC ABOARD SHIP CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE

Steamer La Champagne Listed to One Side and Frightened Passengers Struggled for Chance to Escape.

Havana, Dec. 6.—A wild panic on board the French line steamer La Champagne yesterday afternoon resulted in the injury of six and the possible drowning of from three to six persons. The Champagne arrived from French and Spanish ports with 350 cabin and 1,400 steerage passengers.

After anchoring and discharging the cabin passengers, she began coaling. The crowd of immigrants, swarming to her side to watch the lighter, caused her to list and to take a quantity of water through her open coal ports. Some of the lightermen cried out that the ship was sinking, and the frightened immigrants struggled and fought for a chance to escape. Some 400 men and women jumped to the lighters, and a score of men into the water. A few of these swam ashore and some of them along to small boats.

Meanwhile the coal ports had been easily closed and the ship righted herself. Five men and one woman were taken ashore and sent to the hospital, suffering from sprains, contusions and broken bones. None of them is dangerously injured.

A check of the passenger list last evening revealed the fact that six persons were missing. It is not definitely known that they were drowned, as it is possible that they may have reached the shore.

MAIL POUCH IS MISSING

Supposed to Contain Valuable Mail Matter.

GOING TO FT. ETHAN ALLEN

Post Office Inspectors Are in Burlington Trying to Ferret Out the Mystery—A Possible Solution.

Burlington, Dec. 6.—A mail bag, containing all the mail for Troop H, Fort Ethan Allen, has disappeared, and no trace of it has yet been discovered. It is supposed to have contained a number of valuable letters and money.

It arrived at the postoffice here intact and ready for distribution. By calling at the post office any member of the troop could receive the mail for the whole company by signing a receipt book. This book is now missing and efforts to find it have proved fruitless. The postal authorities are investigating, but no arrests have been made.

SOLVES NEW METHOD OF WELDING COPPER

Steven Baird of Chittenden Has Worked on the Matter for 40 Years and Is Now 73 Years of Age.

Rutland, Dec. 6.—After working ceaselessly for 40 years Steven Baird of Chittenden, a gunsmith, age 73 years, has discovered a method to weld copper, a feat which, according to his statement made on the authority of expert metallurgists, has never been accomplished by any living man. There is some point for discussion as to whether Mr. Baird has discovered lost art or accomplished something wholly new to mankind. Pieces of copper claimed to have been welded together by the ancients have been found occasionally but scientists disagree as to whether this method was really used.

If Mr. Baird's discovery proves a success, and repeated experiments with satisfactory results prove beyond a reasonable doubt that it will, he can name his own price for his invention. Although he has toiled for years he has kept his work a secret, reading extensively on the subject of copper, working and consulting metallurgists without letting them know his reasons. Not until yesterday did the general public know of his discovery. His little daughter could keep the secret no longer and told the principal of the high school where she is a student. Friends have urged Mr. Baird to get patents on his welding method, covering the United States, and some of the European countries, but owing to his age, Mr. Baird is afraid younger men may find a way to improve on his discovery and rather than undergo any risks, he will probably sell his method outright.

HEAD COACH REID.

Took Lunch with the President, But Had Nothing to Say.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 6.—Head Coach William T. Reid, Jr., of the Harvard football team returned yesterday from Washington, where he took luncheon with President Roosevelt on Monday.

"The President sought to get my views," said Mr. Reid, "on a change of the game which will permit of its being continued without the disagreeable results which have accompanied it in the past few years.

WANT FOOT BALL.

Columbia Students Declare Against Its Abolition.

New York, Dec. 6.—Columbia students declared against the abolition of foot ball at a mass meeting yesterday. A resolution was passed requesting the committee of student organizations to rescind its recent action in barring the game from Columbia's list at least until the meeting of the intercollegiate committee on rules next spring.

PENNSYLVANIA'S NEW CAPTAIN.

Quarterback Stevenson Was Chosen Last Night.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Vincent M. Stevenson of Lexington, Ky., quarterback of the University of Pennsylvania football team, was elected captain of the football squad last night for next year. He is a sophomore in the architectural department of the university.

RATE BILL INTRODUCED.

The Eack-Townsend Bill Again Goes Before Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Representative Townsend of Michigan today introduced in the House, in amended form, the Eack-Townsend railroad rate bill, which passed the house at the last session and was then popularly known as the "administration measure." It still commands the administration's support, although it is only one number which accords with the views of the President.

NEITHER TEAM WON.

Clan Gordon and C. O. F. Divided the Honors in Cribbage.

In the cribbage league last evening the Clan Gordon and C. O. F. teams split even, each team winning at four of the tables. The result by tables was as follows: McLeod and Riddle, C. G., defeated Burke and Brault, C. O. F.; Milne and Jopp, C. G., defeated McIver and Lealey, C. O. F.; Inglis and Mackay, C. G., defeated Tierney and Beagrie, C. O. F.; Smart and Cruickshank, C. G., defeated Nelson and LeClair, C. O. F.

Gonoo and Carroll, C. O. F., defeated Smart and Keith, C. G.; McNulty and White, C. O. F., defeated Troup and Booth, C. G.; Brown and McNulty, C. O. F., defeated Gordon and Thompson, C. G.; Nelson and Tierney, C. G., defeated Henderson and Scott, C. G. The I. O. O. F. and Red Men play tonight.

Table with columns: Played, Won, Lost, Pct. C. G. 40 25 15 .625, C. O. F. 40 24 16 .600, I. O. O. F. 32 15 17 .469, M. U. 32 15 17 .469, R. M. 32 13 19 .406, F. of A. 32 12 20 .375

HIS BAIL CALLED.

And Bondsman H. W. Whitney of Northfield Paid It.

Chelsea, Dec. 6.—Yesterday afternoon's session of Orange county court was devoted to the calling of the jury men, after which Ernest Deering of Randolph, who has been in jail since the middle of January on a charge of arson, was brought into court. He pleaded not guilty. The first case on the civil docket, a case of trespass in which William Boyce of Brookfield seeks to recover damages for an assault by Edgar Waters of Brookfield, was called, a jury empaneled and the plaintiff was on the stand at the close of the day's session. Boyden & Denison are attorneys for the plaintiff and Wilson & Harvey for the defendant. In the two cases of State vs. Fred Lewis, one for an assault with intent to commit rape, and the other rape, Lewis was released on bail last June in the sum of \$400 in the first and \$300 in the latter case. The bail was called and changed in the first case to \$1, which together with that in the latter of \$800 and costs, was paid by the respondent's bondsman, Horace H. Whitney of Northfield.

The completion of the reading of the docket showed the following number of cases set for trial: Jury calendar 11; by the court 3, state cases 2 and divorce cases 14, making a possibility for the work of the term as a total of 31 cases.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY.

From Intercity Athletic Association on Death of Pitcher Orin Morey.

A well-attended meeting of the stockholders of the Intercity Athletic association, held in the Apollo club rooms at Montpelier last evening, D. T. Donnelly and W. A. Lord of Montpelier and C. H. Wishart of this city were appointed as a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Orin Morey, last season's intercity pitcher, who lost his life at Beloit, Wisconsin, on Monday, while endeavoring to save the life of a college mate. It was also voted to send a copy of the resolutions to the young man's father, Grant Morey of Rupert, and to send a floral tribute.

The death has brought forth many expressions of regret among the people of Barre and Montpelier who knew the young man.

WHO IS THIS MAN?

He Goes to County Jail Under Name of John Connolly.

Officer Plunkett of Northfield took to the county jail at Montpelier yesterday afternoon a man who is to serve a fifteen days sentence for a first offense of intoxication, in spite of the fact that it is, according to the officer, the man's fourth first offense. The man goes to jail under the name of John Connolly, but it is said that his name is Frank Conway. The officers say that the man has twice been in the Barre city court, and once each in the Northfield and Montpelier courts. They ascribe the reason for his various "first offenses" because of the ease with which he changed his name.

PREPARING FOR GRANGERS.

Annual Meeting at Montpelier Dec. 12, and 14.

Montpelier, Dec. 6.—The programme for the annual meeting of the State Grange, to be held at Montpelier on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 12, 13, and 14, will soon be issued. The meetings are to be held in Armory hall and the Pavilion Hotel will be headquarters. Gov. C. J. Bell, State master, will preside. If not yet announced what meetings, if any, will be open to the public. The annual banquet will be served Tuesday evening by the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church, and plates will be laid for 250. It is expected about 200 delegates will be in attendance.

DEPUTY SHERIFF REMOVED.

W. S. Braham of Richford Charged With Financial Irregularities.

St. Albans, Dec. 6.—Deputy Sheriff W. S. Braham, of Richford, has been removed from office by Sheriff R. F. Kelley. The cause of this action is that Braham had collected moneys which he had failed to account for and suits are about to be brought in three cases for the recovery from Sheriff Kelley of the money collected. The present sheriff has never had occasion to remove a deputy before. Braham has left Richford and his present whereabouts are unknown, although there are rumors that he is in New Hampshire. No appointment to succeed Mr. Braham has yet been made.

HIS FIRST SITTING.

Judge W. W. Miles Presiding at Windsor County Court.

Woodstock, Dec. 6.—Judge W. W. Miles is presiding at the December term of Windsor county court, which opened here yesterday, this being the first assignment since his appointment to the bench. Out of 43 cases on the jury list 21 were struck off, in the calling of the docket. The first case for trial was Ida E. Richardson vs. George F. Fletcher of Chester, an action to recover penalty for not producing a will.

BARRE FIRM BANKRUPT

Segel & Brady Filed Petition Yesterday.

HAVE HEAVY LIABILITIES

Mr. Segel Gives Reasons for Failure and Says That They Hope to Resume When Adjustment Is Made.

As the result of a writ of attachment being put on their stock of goods by L. Weiss, a New York furnishing goods dealer, and consequent embarrassments, the large clothing firm of Segel & Brady, doing business in the Bolster block on North Main street, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy at the office of the district court clerk in Burlington. Their liabilities are scheduled at \$20,818.52, all unsecured, and their assets are \$10,558.67, of which \$538.67 is claimed to be exempt. The individual partners also filed petitions. Harry A. Segel has liabilities of \$6,487.80, and assets of \$7,159, of which \$1,090 is claimed exempt. The largest creditors are New York and Boston firms.

Included in the assets of Mr. Segel are real estate, \$6,550, household goods, \$500, and insurance policy of \$1,000. Mr. Brady's assets included real estate, \$9,000, household goods \$500 and insurance policy of \$1,000. The original writ was for less than \$200 and was put on by L. Weiss of New York a week ago. Since that time the store has been in charge of Deputy Sheriff H. J. Slayton. In a statement made today Mr. Segel said that they decided to file the bankruptcy petition on advice of some of the larger creditors in Boston and New York, who thought that would be the best method of settling up the affair. They have received several letters expressing regret that the conditions were such as to necessitate the move being made. Segel & Brady are one of the oldest clothing firms in the city, and the news of their embarrassment was a great surprise, as they were considered to be doing a large business, as indeed they were. But a combination of circumstances proved to be more than they could stand.

In speaking of the matter, Mr. Segel stated today that their business had been crippled by a large amount of sickness in their families and in the family of H. D. Segel of Burlington, who was taken into the firm a year ago and who died recently. Mr. Segel stated that they hoped to resume business in Barre as soon as the matter is satisfactorily adjusted and that they will be in their old location in the Bolster block. Both Mr. Segel and Mr. Brady have a large number of friends in this section, who will be pleased to see them back on their feet again.

FOR NEEDY LIBRARIES.

State Library Commission Gives Certain Amount.

Montpelier, Dec. 6.—A meeting of the state library commission was held yesterday afternoon in its room at the State House. Those present were the Hon. W. H. DuBois of Randolph, Mrs. W. P. Smith of St. Johnsbury, Mrs. M. H. Buckham of Burlington, E. M. Goddard of Montpelier, and Miss Frances Hobart of Cambridge, the secretary of the board.

It was voted to accept a gift of \$10 from the Woman's club of Brattleboro, given to aid libraries in Windham county, and also to expend the same in subscriptions to "Public Libraries," the same to be sent to librarians in that county. The commission voted to continue sending what is known as the A. L. A. list, which is published eight times a year, to all the libraries in the state. The commission very much desires an expression from the librarians of the state as to whether this list is desirable and helpful.

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STREETS FOR COASTING.

Chief of Police Brown Designates for Use of Boys.

Chief of Police Brown has designated the following streets for the use of boys and girls for coasting purposes: Batchelder street, ward 1. Camp street, ward 2. East street, below Tremont, ward 2. Pleasant street, ward 4. Granite and Blackwell, ward 5. Brooklyn street, ward 6. Boys are requested to keep out of Potash brook and not to cut up the ice.