

BODIES BLOWN INTO ATOMS

From 30 to 50 Men Killed By An Explosion

OF CARLOAD OF DYNAMITE

The Earth Was Shaken as if by an Earthquake, and Fragments of Bodies Blown Almost a Mile Away.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 16.—By the explosion of a carload of dynamite at the Chihuahua & Pacific railway depot in Chihuahua yesterday from 30 to 50 persons were killed. The dynamite was being transferred from one car to another when a workman dropped a keg and the one explosion set off the whole carload. Every laborer and the foreman, the latter an American, were blown to atoms, and the earth was shaken as if by an earthquake. Fragments of bodies were blown almost a mile.

ACROSS THE CONNECTICUT.

Bridge Will Be Placed at Bloods Eddy, According to Decision.

Weathersfield, Aug. 16.—There was a large attendance at the meeting of the New Hampshire and Vermont bridge commissioners held at the Congregational church yesterday afternoon to hear those asking that plans be built across the Connecticut to connect this town with Claremont, N. H., and giving the citizens of this town, as well as an opportunity to state whether they wish the bridge located at the narrow near Bloods eddy, a mile north of this village, or on the site of the old Ascutneyville bridge.

There were present Gilbert A. Davis, chairman of the joint commission, and James B. Seaver of the Vermont commission and George A. Tenney, clerk of the New Hampshire commission. M. A. Hicks of this town was elected chairman of the meeting.

Leavitt Hunt, Jr., presented the claims of those favoring the Bloods eddy site, stating that a very large part of this town would be best accommodated with a bridge at that place.

EDWARD'S VISIT WAS ENDED TODAY

It is Thought That He and Kaiser William Are on Better Terms as a Result of Their Meeting.

Cronberg, Aug. 16.—King Edward left here this morning for his visit to Marienbad, the famous watering place. He parted with Emperor William with the same outward manifestation of friendship that marked the entire course of his visit with the Kaiser. The latter accompanied the king to the railway station and the rulers embraced before Edward boarded the train. The general opinion is that as a result of the meeting of the rulers, peace has been established between them and a better feeling between England and Germany may be expected.

WAS BADLY HURT.

W. W. Rider of Bristol Was Thrown by Runaway.

Bristol, Aug. 16.—W. W. Rider met with a serious accident yesterday forenoon by being thrown from a carriage on or near the Chatham place job in Middlebury. The harness gave way, frightening the horse, Mr. Rider's head struck a stone, rendering him unconscious for a time. Dr. F. T. Briggs and Mrs. Rider were sent for. He was removed to a near by house. Mr. Rider had an arm broken and internal injuries are feared.

FORTY PERSONS POISONED.

Ate Ice Cream Had Been Put in Unclean Cans.

Salisbury Beach, Mass., Aug. 16.—Forty persons were poisoned by impure ice cream here last night, and six of the victims are in a serious condition. The names of the six are: Edward O'Connell, Michael Ring, Miss Susie Thayer, John Murphy of Liverhill, Miss Yvonne Adams, Lawrence.

LABOR TROUBLES CAUSE BLOODSHED

Two Non-Union Men Said to Have Been Killed and a Union Man Is Dying at Butler Junction, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 16.—Labor troubles between union and non-union men are said to be responsible for a bloody cutting affair at Butler Junction, six miles from Tarentum, early this morning. Two unknown non-union men are supposed to have been killed and the bodies thrown into the river. One union man is dying from horrible gashes in his side. Officers arrested eleven men, but two escaped. The details of the encounter are not yet known. The officers with nine men are now en route to the county jail.

OLD MAN CLAIMS HE WAS DECEIVED

Says That Girl Promised to Marry and Live With Him on Certain Conditions—Fulfilled First Part of the Contract.

Brattleboro, Aug. 16.—A document unique in the history of divorce proceedings in Windham county was filed yesterday in County Clerk Merrifield's office by Charles S. Chase of Whitingham in behalf of his client, John Atherton of Wilmington, who seeks to have his marriage to Ethel Quinn annulled. Atherton says he married Miss Quinn, then of Wilmington, but now living in parts unknown to him, December 26, 1905. He was then 73 years old, and she, according to the marriage certificate, was 18 years old; but Atherton says she was at least a year younger.

Atherton's story is that for some time before the marriage Miss Quinn's brother, Herbert Quinn, and her cousin, George C. Davidson, were confined in the county jail on the charge of assault. Two or three weeks before the marriage, he says, Ethel proposed that if he would become bail for the two prisoners and secure their release she would marry him and live with him as a good wife during the remainder of his life.

Having confidence in Ethel he became bail and the prisoners were released. Then the marriage took place. Since then, according to Atherton, Mrs. Atherton has wholly refused to live with him or in any way care for him.

Atherton says he was induced to marry Ethel only by her representations and her promise to live with and care for him in his old age. He declares that she was actuated only by her desire to secure the release of her brother and cousin from jail, and that she had no intention of carrying out her promise.

The case will be heard at the September term of the county court.

GEERS AND BENYON DIVIDED HONORS

Two Fast Heats of the 2:18 Pace Were Features of Grand Circuit Meet Yesterday Afternoon.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 16.—With Drivers Geers and Benyon dividing the honors of the programme, the grand circuit horses continued to score fast time yesterday, the third day of the Poughkeepsie meeting.

Geers won the 2:18 pace with Ardelle, and the Oakland Baron stake with Lady Gail Hamilton. The latter's two fast heats were the grand stand event of the afternoon.

Selling favorite at \$100 to \$80, Lady Hamilton remained with the bunch back of Oro in the first heats until the last eighth when she again won one of his famous drives and took the heat in an exciting finish with Oro by half a length.

In spite of a bad start in the second heat which held him in fifth place to the half, Geers piloted Lady Hamilton to another victory over Oro, while Watson and Helen North collided in the home stretch, throwing Drivers Rutherford and Wickersham and breaking the sulks. No one was hurt.

Ardelle won the 2:18 pace easily in straight heats, being such a manifest favorite as to be excluded from the betting.

Exton was an even money favorite in the 2:25 trot, and Billy H. was the only horse in the field that contested his right to the money.

Hal C. was also barred from the betting and a flourish was made favorite at 100 to 30. Hal C. was again in straight heats but for a bad break at the quarter in the second. Lamretta behaved badly in both the second and third heats.

SHOT IN A SALOON.

Bristol, R. I., Man Loses Life in Providence.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 16.—Antonio Visala, 34 years old, and a saloon keeper at Bristol, R. I., was shot by Antonio Ricciolina, 52 years old, in Angelo Rossi's saloon at 41 Lily street at 7.50 o'clock last evening and died about an hour later.

The two men had been drinking together all day and early in the evening went to Rossi's place where Ricciolina had some money on deposit. He asked for and received \$12. After some dispute he went out and going to his shop nearby got his revolver and returned to the saloon to shoot Rossi.

Visala was coming out of the door and received the shot in the left side. The dead man leaves a widow and two children in Bristol.

Ricciolina was arrested and taken to the Fourth station where he was locked up charged with murder.

VERMONT SUES CENTRAL R. R.

Charging Illegal Freight Rates Were Charged

ON COAL SHIPMENTS

First of Two Suits Is for \$10,000 and Second for \$5,000—Claimed Central Vermont Charged More Than Their Regular Rates.

Montpelier, Aug. 16.—Two suits against the Central Vermont railroad company have been brought by Atty. Gen. C. C. Fitts in behalf of the state of Vermont on account of alleged illegal freight charges. The first suit, which is for \$10,000, alleges that excessive freight tariffs have been charged, and the second, for \$5,000 damages, demands the return to the state of amounts alleged to have been collected in excess of the regular rates.

Atty. Gen. Fitts alleges that the state has been compelled to pay higher rates for all coal purchased and used by the insane asylum at Waterbury, than others have paid. In particular it is charged that the state has been compelled to pay 40 cents a ton more than a certain coal dealer in Ogdensburg, N. Y., has had to pay for shipping coal over the railroad line.

POLICE STATION WRECKED.

Three Bombs Thrown at Lods—Soldiers Killed.

Lods, Aug. 16.—Three bombs were thrown into the station house of the third police precinct here at 8 o'clock last evening and, exploding, wrecked the building and wounded six soldiers of the guard seriously, three patrolmen and the wife of the captain of the precinct.

A bomb was thrown at two Cosacks in Nicholas street, killing one of them and wounding the other. A soldier was killed and a soldier and policeman were wounded in Alexander street and another patrolman was killed in Peter street. Cosacks repelling an attack in Zazodak street killed two persons.

Following on the bomb outrages in all directions in several streets, the firing continuing until 10 o'clock at night. More than 20 persons were severely wounded and many others were slightly injured. Traffic was suspended and the shops were hurriedly closed.

JUDGE FISHER SPOKE.

At Old Home Week Celebration in Cabot on Tuesday.

Cabot, Aug. 16.—A baseball game played at the Old Home Week picnic between the East Hardwick and Cabot baseball teams resulted in a victory for Cabot, the score being 7 to 3. The feature of the game was Sullivan's catch of a high liner at second. The batteries were—Cabot, Walbridge and Myers; Hardwick, Colvin and Marshall. Despite the rainy outlook on Tuesday morning, a large crowd enjoyed the picnic on the Plains. Judge Fisher delivered an address during the afternoon. People went to and from the picnic in hayracks and on horseback.

BANKER STENSLAND SEEN IN PITTSBURG

Was Recognized by a Friend and Implored Him to Say Nothing About It.

Pittsburg, Aug. 16.—The Chronicle-Telegraph last night was authority for the statement that Paul O. Stensland, the defaulting president of the Milwaukee avenue state bank of Chicago was in this city yesterday. He is now thought to be in the East.

According to this statement, Stensland was seen aboard a Pennsylvania railroad train at the union station by Oscar Holmer, a mechanical engineer, who used to be a close friend.

Holmer had gone to the station to meet a friend on his way east, and while talking in the parlor car his attention was attracted to a man seated near.

"Hello, Stensland, what are you doing here?" Holmer said to the man. "For God's sake, if you don't give me away," was his answer. "I told him he and his affairs were none of my business," says Holmer, "and then he started to talk. He said he thought I knew all about his trouble and declared he was almost out of his mind with worry. Where he had been, he told me that he was going east and said he had plenty of money."

"As we were talking we had not had time to exchange more than a few words—the train began to move and I had to jump off, bidding good bye to my friend. My friend, who came from Rochester via Buffalo, told me the man whom I recognized had been on the train from that city and that they had talked together. The train left here at 8 a. m. Captain of Detectives Egan said last night that he had heard nothing of Stensland passing through here and was indignant that Holmer had not reported the incident to the police. The police have taken no action in the matter.

Drowned in Connecticut River.

PARMETER—WELLS.

Barre Young People United in Marriage Last Evening.

The residence of E. G. Wells of 200 East street was the scene of a pretty home wedding last evening when his daughter, Kathryn Josephine, was united in marriage to Irving Daniel Parmeter of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. E. Wells of South Royalton, assisted by the Rev. A. A. Wells of Thetford, both brothers of the bride, and by the Rev. G. L. Wells of Hardwick, the grandfather of the bride.

The double ring service was used. The bride and groom were attended by the Rev. G. L. Wells of Thetford, an other brother of the bride, and Peris Davis Wells of Barnard. The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengren played by Miss Katherine Cameron of Barre. The bride was then given away by her father, and little Violet Wells, a sister, acted as flower girl. The bride was dressed in white and wore a veil, carrying a bouquet of bride's roses.

The guests were: Mrs. J. S. Fisk and Mrs. G. A. Miles of Somerville, Mass.; Mrs. James Vance and Mrs. Violet Wheatley of Wells, Vt.; G. A. Fisk and daughter, Mabel, of Worcester; C. M. DeWitt of Barre, E. E. Siloway and wife of Morrisville, W. E. Fisk and wife of Barre; Mrs. F. A. Wells of Thetford and Mrs. E. E. Wells of South Royalton.

The young couple are both well known, Parmeter being a popular clerk in A. A. Smith and Bro.'s store.

After a short trip the young couple will reside at 25 Wellington street.

TWO CHILDREN DROWN.

Ellen and Catherine Bakely of North Adams Played at Fishing.

North Adams, Mass., Aug. 16.—A double drowning accident occurred last evening in Windsor lake when Ellen Germaine, aged 8, and Catherine Elsie, daughters of William H. Bakely of 106 Union street lost their lives in the cove, a deep arm of the lake sheltered by woods.

Mrs. Bakely, four of her children and several other children went to the north shore of the lake to enjoy an afternoon picnic. The farm of her brother, Thomas Scully, adjoins it, and she sent for her mother at Mr. Scully's home to join her grandchildren.

When Medical Examiner O. J. Brown reached the place he saw Mrs. Scully hugging to her bosom the bodies of her dead grandchildren and piteously moaning.

PLAINFIELD MERCHANT DIED SUDDENLY

Sewell Batchelder Had Been Ill for Some Time—Immediate Cause of Death Was Heart Disease.

Plainfield, Aug. 16.—Sewell Batchelder died very suddenly at his home this morning at 7 o'clock, of heart disease. Mr. Batchelder has been in poor health for several years, but was able to be about most of the time. He was aged 46 years, and is survived by a wife, and two children, Ernest, Jr., of Barre and Alice, who is at the same boarding school. A furniture store, here.

MRS. MARY J. CAREY.

Died This Morning at Home of Her Son, George, in South Barre.

Mrs. Mary J. Carey, aged 59 years, died this morning at the home of her son, George Carey in South Barre, of consumption. She is survived by three sons and four daughters. Prayer will be offered at the funeral, which will be held at 2 o'clock to-day afternoon by the Rev. R. E. Lowe and the body will be taken Saturday to Colchester for funeral services and burial.

MISS CASEY LEFT OYSTER BAY.

Mad Anoyed the President But Couldn't Stand the Lunacy Proceedings.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Asi L. Case or Elizabeth Case, who was to have been taken to Minneapolis yesterday afternoon, was not taken because of illness growing out of her persistent efforts to interview the President or Mrs. Roosevelt, has left Oyster Bay. She was virtually given until yesterday afternoon to leave the jurisdiction of the county court. Up to Tuesday night she asserted that she would force the entry into her sanity. Yesterday, however, she was missing from her boarding house, where it was stated she left the night before for New York.

EFFORTS UNAVAILING.

William H. McGrath of Boston, Drowned at Whiteface, N. H.

Whiteface, N. H., Aug. 16.—While bathing in the river here yesterday afternoon, William H. McGrath of 32 Day st., Boston, a guest at a hotel in this village, was drowned, in spite of the efforts of companions to rescue him. He was removed from the water immediately after he went down, but long efforts to resuscitate him were unavailing.

Nearly Bled to Death.

Fred Degree of Rutland Severed Artery in a Fall.

Rutland, Aug. 16.—Fred Degree of this city had a narrow escape from bleeding to death late yesterday afternoon. He fell down a flight of stairs at his boarding place and one leg was broken, the bone severing an artery. He was rushed to the hospital barely in time to save his life.

Unprecedented Floods.

PROCTOR HAD A BIG CROWD

City Hall Auditorium Crowded to Doors

AT LAST NIGHT'S RALLY

Besides Republican Candidate for Governor, State Auditor Graham and U. S. Customs Collector Darling Spoke.

Fully 1,300 people crowded into the opera house last evening and listened to the discussion of the campaign issues by Senator D. Proctor, Republican candidate for governor, Hon. F. Graham, state auditor, and Charles H. Darling, collector of customs, Congressman David J. Foster was to have spoken in place of Mr. Graham, but Mr. Foster could not be present on account of illness. The speaker took up about one hour and forty-five minutes in their addresses and were followed with much interest by the audience, who frequently applauded the statements made. Seated on the stage with the speakers were R. S. Currier, who introduced the speakers, Frank G. Howland, Alderman Frank H. Burke and R. Abbott, James Allen, J. A. Martinson, Maynard Winch, A. A. Sargent and E. J. Deavitt. The Montpelier band furnished the musical part of the evening's programme.

Mr. Proctor was the first speaker and as he stepped to the front of the stage was greeted with continued applause. He spoke for about thirty-five minutes and said in part: Ladies and gentlemen, your presence here in such large numbers indicates your interest in the vital questions which concern the welfare of the state. They are, and ought to be, of vital interest, but we are often apt to neglect them. He went on to say that the country was advancing with great strides and that the people are working out in their own minds the questions which involve the welfare of the country and the state. We are carrying out this idea when we look after our schools and state institutions and see to it that our helpless are comfortably and properly cared for.

It has been charged that there has been graft, or to use the old-fashioned expression, stealing, in our state institutions. Recently there was a committee appointed by the Vermont legislature to investigate our institutions and that commission had the able assistance of our attorney general, Clark C. Fitts, and of an expert accountant, F. S. Pratt. The investigation was conducted in a fearless and thorough manner, and now what did the expert accountant, Mr. Pratt, testify to as a result of his investigation? Mr. Pratt testified before the commission that he had examined the receipts and disbursements of the house of correction, from June 1, 1890, to May 31, 1905, which is nearly fifteen years, and that the same "balanced exactly within ten cents."

When asked by the commission if in his examination he found anything he thought peculiar, Mr. Pratt answered: "Not in the least." Mr. Clement, declared the speaker, was invited to come before this commission and prove to them any instance of graft, but Mr. Clement did not appear. Still he is traveling up and down this state crying "graft," but has never proven his statement. I believe that this cry of graft is wrong, is doing harm to the state and should be rigorously put down by every true Vermont citizen.

In regard to the bill which Mr. Clement introduced into the legislature in 1900 and now claims that the bill was killed by the speaker of the house, "and that speaker was Fletcher D. Proctor," Mr. Proctor said that there were two bills, and that the one which Mr. Clement was referring to was not introduced into the Senate by Mr. Clement and was adopted by the Senate. It passed the Senate and a joint committee was appointed with Mr. Clement as its chairman. The bill finally passed the Senate, was sent to the House and Speaker Proctor referred it to the strongest committee in the House, the judiciary committee. This committee reported it unfavorably and the House killed it. I did not kill the bill, declared the speaker. It was my duty to refer it to the strongest committee in the House and I did.

He spoke of the marble business done by the Vermont marble company, of which he is the head, with the state prison at Rutland. Mr. Clement, he said, had made the statement that "for three years of the marble business by that institution was purchased of the Vermont marble company." Mr. Pratt, the expert accountant employed by the Gov. Bel investigating committee, testified to the fact that of the \$139,597.54 amount of marble purchased by the house of correction for the past ten years, only \$28,796.04 worth had been purchased of the Vermont marble company, or 20 per cent of the total amount, instead of more than 50 per cent, as claimed by Mr. Clement.

The reason that so much of the marble had been bought of the Vermont marble company is because our yards, said the speaker, are near by and the marble could necessarily be bought cheaper there. The transactions with the house of correction have been done on strictly fair business methods and I have nothing to apologize for in this regard. "I do not believe that I need to stand up before a Vermont audience and say that any business done by the Vermont marble company with the state has been honest and will bear investigation.

On the subject of public schools, Mr. Proctor said of all the good things that Mr. Clement had promised for the state he had not mentioned the public schools. I think that nothing is more beneficial to the state and its people than good school facilities. And he said that he favored equalizing the school expenses so that the rural schools would be strengthened. We should provide for better superintendency of these rural schools which are not of the standard that they ought to be. In touching on the double taxation question, he said

that Mr. Clement would have us believe that it was a simple question to dispose of, but he has only told you that he favors a law that will do away with the evil. The Republican party has been ready for years to do away with this evil, but the question has been discussed by the leading men in the state, by the press, and by the judicial body, and no one has yet been able to solve it. In bringing his address to a close, he said that the Republican party did not claim perfection. Where in the world is perfection? We have bettered and enlarged our institutions, and who will bridge the money spent to care for our helpless? He said if elected governor he would manage the affairs of the state with all the economy that would do for the welfare of the state.

His remarks were vigorously applauded at the close.

State Auditor Graham.

State Auditor Graham was the next speaker and for twenty minutes he dealt on the reasons for the increase in state expenses and created a laugh when he stated that he did not want to take up a great deal of time but that he had had it "rubbed into him for the past two months" and he wanted a little chance to get back at them. The increase in the rate in the salaries of the supreme court judges, the abolishing of the fee system and the state's attorneys put on a salary; and the judges of probate now receive a salary instead of fees. In addition to these, he said the state has incurred an expense of 1882 had come through the extra length of county court sessions. For example, the court in Washington county averaged between the years of '82 to '92 to be in session about 80 days, but since '92 it has now increased to 140 days. He said he could not see that the Republican party was to blame for that. It was due to the people who continue to sue each other. Add to this is the increased witness fees from \$1 to \$2.

Another large expense item is due to changes in system by which expenses formerly borne by the counties are now assumed by the state. One group of these items alone, the heating, lighting and care of court houses, cost the state \$10,700.53 last year, while in 1882 this expense was borne by the counties. Mr. Clement charges that I am no book-keeper. I will not dispute that, but I challenge him to show where one dollar ever got by me that did not have a legal warrant for its payment. Mr. Clement is parading up and down the state posing as the poor man's friend but when he became president of the Rutland railroad he was the head of the section men there being paid \$1.25 a day he immediately had them cut down to \$1.10, and when he became mayor of the city of Rutland he cut down the wages of the laboring men from \$1.50 to \$1.35, and is now posing as a friend of the laboring man.

Clement Didn't Pay Subscription.

C. H. Darling was the last speaker and he continued his remarks to thirty minutes, concluding shortly before ten o'clock. He said that Clement had started the cry of "to much Proctor," the same as the people of old had said that they were tired of hearing Aristotle called "just." Mr. Proctor, he said, did not become ambitious to be governor until the people spoke to him. Mr. Clement, he stated, two years ago pledged himself to the support of the Republican party and subscribed \$100 to the campaign fund, which, by the way, he never paid, but when he found that he couldn't carry the convention at Montpelier he bolted and started in on his own hook. This year he said that his horse were too long and that he would not do any harm.

He urged the Republicans to think twice before they left their party, for some of them, after leaving it, would never come back, and there is a national election coming on, when the party will need all its strength. He concluded by paying a great tribute to Senator Proctor, President Roosevelt and the great advancement that this country has made under the administration of the Republican party.

CHARLES SUMNER WHELOCK.

Died Yesterday Afternoon at Home on North Main St.—Funeral Tomorrow.

Charles Sumner Wheelock, whose death yesterday afternoon was briefly chronicled in yesterday's paper, was buried at first taken to the home of Mrs. Esquire. He was graduated at Goddard seminary and entered Tufts college. After two years in the latter institution ill health compelled him to go further from the coast. He then took a course and graduated at the Eastman Business college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For three years he was in the Chase National Bank in New York City, when ill health again compelled him to give up a cherished purpose. The directors of the bank, with great kindness, gave him a year's leave of absence, during which time he hoped to regain his strength. But three years he was traveling, trying to find some place which would restore him to health. But his search proving fruitless he returned to his home in Barre, where he had remained, except for brief intervals away, ever since, during which time he was a constant sufferer from asthma and finally produced a weakened heart and resulted in heart failure.

Those who knew him well have many pleasant memories of his sparkling wit and his keen appreciation of the humor of things. It was this rare gift which kept him cheerful under the trying conditions and enabled him to find enjoyment in life although forced by his illness to spend much of his time in his room. He was an ardent lover of outdoor sports although denied large participation in them, an enthusiastic admirer of nature and something of a naturalist in an unscientific way. He was a loyal citizen, anxious for the best interests of his native city and believing thoroughly in her bright future. He was a consistent temperance man and a staunch Universalist. While he had died the last made in the line of the Wheelock family. He leaves his mother and one sister.

The funeral will be held at his late home, 145 North Main street, Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The friends are kindly requested not to send flowers.

GIVE UP ATTEMPT.

Settlement of Burlington Labor Dispute Is Far Off.

Burlington, Aug. 16.—A meeting of the Masons' union was held last evening in an effort to settle the difficulty between the union and the Builders' exchange occasioned by the demand of the eight-hour day.

The affair has been in the hands of the International Union for two weeks. Deputy Early Reed of Albany had been in the city for the past few days trying to adjust difficulties. He returned to Albany last evening and matters stand unsettled, as they have been since the demand for the eight-hour day went into effect. The masons and contractors have not been working on equal terms since last spring.

Mrs. B. W. Hooker and children returned this noon from Greensboro, where they have been spending the summer.

SEC. DUNCAN WAS PRESENT

With His Vermont Labor Brethren at Montpelier

HE GAVE AN ADDRESS

Banquet Tendered Delegates and Visitors to Vermont Branch, American Federation of Labor, Last Night.

After appropriating \$25 to the national American federation of labor to be used in carrying on the fight against so-called hostile congressmen, the Vermont branch, A. F. of L., in convention at Montpelier, today went into executive session to discuss the matter of entering politics. It is expected that the annual election of officers will be held late this afternoon.

An open session was held last evening, at which Vice President Duncan of the American federation of labor, as well as secretary of the Granite Cutters' union, was the principal speaker. Secretary Duncan said that the granite cutters are the best organized of the trades and that the stronghold of the craft is in Vermont. He declared that the granite cutters were among the leaders in the fight for an eight-hour day. Other unions had tried for it and failed, saying that it could not be secured. The granite cutters went to work and paved the way for the others. Mr. Duncan said that he was then called a crank on the eight-hour day matter. Now, he declares, there are a good many thousand "cranks" on the subject. Granite cutters now have an eight-hour day, as well as a living wage. Secretary Duncan said that he was proud of addressing a body of labor union men in Vermont; he extolled President Roosevelt, saying that he is a believer in the eight-hour day, and scored Congressman Littlefield of Maine. He said that the efforts of union men now is to elect men to Congress and the state legislature, who will give the union men their deserts.

The speech was listened to with close attention and was heartily cheered.

A banquet was tendered by the Montpelier central labor union at Miller's Inn last night. W. D. Jones of Montpelier was toastmaster. The speakers and entertainers included Secretary Duncan, Philip J. Halvosa of Rutland, A. J. Schindler of Barre, Fred Bruce of Barre, John Senter of Montpelier and Fred Connors, also of Montpelier. The last-named spoke of the great strides that the union labor movement has taken in this vicinity during comparatively recent years, especially among the granite cutters.

Just at the stroke of midnight John Senter stated that as long as it was the beginning of Bennington battle day he proposed three cheers. The cheers were given with a will, and then Philip Halvosa proposed three more for their hosts, the Montpelier central labor union. These were also given with a gusto.

The convention yesterday afternoon refused to ratify the recommendation of the committee that the constitution be so changed that officers of the state branch, whether delegates or labor delegates to the state convention should be eligible to re-election. The constitution as it now stands provides that all officers of the state branch must be elected from regularly accredited members.

The committee recommended, and the convention so ordered, that the constitutional and auditing committees shall be combined in one committee of three members.

A large part of the afternoon session was taken up with the reports of delegates from local labor conditions in several localities. These reports as a whole showed a healthy growth during the past year.

A resolution on the death of David A. Cook of Barre was unanimously adopted and the secretary was instructed to send a copy of the same to the family of the deceased.

Censured Vermont Congressmen.

A resolution censuring Congressmen D. J. Foster and Kittredge Baskins of Vermont for their attitude on the Chinese labor question was adopted by the Vermont branch of the American Federation of Labor at yesterday's meeting.

A communication was read from Senator William P. Dillingham of Vermont announcing that he would oppose the Philippine bill if he thought it would be detrimental to American workmen in its operation.

The convention endorsed the action of the Rutland trade and labor council by a vote of 23 to 10, in refusing to print in the Union Signal, a labor organ, a communication from the Bellows Falls central labor union supporting the Socialist ticket.