

STRIKE MAY HURT BOSTON

Action of 2,500 Longshoremen Will Divert Traffic From That Port

THE MEN QUIT AT MIDNIGHT

They Ask for 40 Cents an Hour for Day Work and 50 Cents an Hour for Night Work—Vessels Were Deserted with Cargoes Partly Aboard.

Boston, Jan. 5.—With every man engaged in longshore work at this port on a strike to-day, trans-Atlantic steamships are seriously affected. More than 2,500 men are striking for an increase of pay to 40 cents an hour for day work and 50 cents an hour for night work. Should the strike continue, it is said that it will affect other branches of the work. The statement was made to-day that the agents of the steamship companies plan to divert all inbound ships and those in the port here now to New York or other Atlantic ports.

Vessels of the White Star, Leyland, Hamburg-American and Allan lines were deserted with partial cargoes aboard at midnight last night, when announcement was made that the demands of the longshoremen for an increase of ten cents an hour had been denied.

The strikers are members of Eureka, O'Connell and Noddle Island assemblies and Boston Provident Longshoremen's union. With the freight handlers, they are affiliated in one central body known as district assembly 30, K. of L., which has a total membership of 6,500 men.

Last Sunday afternoon, the four organizations of longshoremen voted that the steamship lines should at least agree to grant the compromise request for a 5-cent increase and authorized their delegates to the trade council to insist upon that concession.

Sunday evening the trade council held a special meeting and unanimously voted to give the conference committee of the steamship lines until Thursday to answer.

Last night the answer was presented to the trade council at a largely attended special meeting at the Roughtan building, Charlestown. For two hours questions involved were discussed in all possible phases and then the council unanimously voted to order a strike at midnight. Committees were appointed to cover the entire waterfront last night and to-day for the purpose of notifying the men of the action taken.

The coastwise steamship lines do not regularly employ union longshoremen, and they are not materially affected by the strike. The principal companies affected are:

Calcutta, at Mystic wharf, Charlestown; South American, at East Boston; Clyde, at Lewis wharf; Cunard, at Boston & Albany docks, East Boston; Allan, Hamburg-American and Holland-America, at Mystic wharf, Charlestown; Leyland, at Boston & Maine docks, Charlestown; Red Star and White Star, at the Hoosac Tunnel docks, Charlestown.

Members of the trade council said last night that they expected that the steamship companies would attempt to break the strike by advising importers to ship New England cargoes to New York, instead of Boston, and western cargoes to New York and Baltimore. It was also said that New England exporters may send foreign-bound freight by rail to New York for shipment.

MAY EXTEND LOCKOUT.

More Trouble in England's Cotton Center Is Expected.

Manchester, England, Jan. 5.—Sir George Askwith, representing the government, has not yet been successful in bringing about a settlement of the trouble between the employers and the cotton mill operatives in Lancashire. The lockout involves 250,000 men and several conferences have been held with a view to arranging a plan which will permit the resumption of work. The negotiations yesterday between Sir George Askwith, the employers and the employees were without result, and the conference was adjourned until to-day.

London, Jan. 5.—The cotton lockout in the county of Lancashire, says The Morning Leader, threatens a still more serious development, namely, a campaign throughout the country against non-union labor. The question was discussed Thursday by the management committee of the general federation of trades unions, representing 800,000 workers, including the whole of the Lancashire textile trade.

McALEER PRESIDENT.

New Management of Red Sox Took Charge Yesterday.

Boston, Jan. 5.—The new management of the Boston American baseball team, "Red Sox," took hold yesterday with James A. McAleer of Washington as president, Robert McRoy as treasurer and former President John I. Taylor as vice president. The directors are Gen. Charles H. Taylor and J. H. Turner, the attorney for the club, and the company's New Jersey representative. President McAleer stated that the number of scouts would be reduced, and that in conformity with the resolution passed last fall by other clubs the Boston Americans will have but thirty-five men on the payroll. This will necessitate the discharge of a number of men.

Joseph Quirk, who has been with President McAleer in St. Louis and Washington, will act as trainer of the Red Sox.

MINORITY STOCKHOLDERS OBJECT

To Purchase by Burlington Traction Co. of Vergennes Power Co.

Burlington, Jan. 5.—Opposition has developed among minority stockholders of the Burlington Traction Co. to the purchase by the company of the plant, machinery, etc., of the Vergennes Power company. The latter company is composed of Messrs. Elias Lyman, John J. Flynn, W. F. Hendee and C. W. Brownell, and they are also directors of the Traction company. The proposition is to sell the Vergennes Power company to the Traction company for a sum not exceeding \$290,000.

To further their opposition, the minority stockholders held a meeting yesterday. These stockholders take the position that this purchase should not be made until the actual value of the Vergennes property has been demonstrated. They believe that the interests of the Burlington Traction company would be best served by an arrangement under which the Traction company could obtain its power from the Vergennes company for a year, and so prove the adequacy of the plant to supply the company's needs.

If the minority stockholders should decide to oppose the proposition it will be possible for them to bring up the fight either before the public service commission or by a minority stockholders' bill.

The apparent crisis in the affairs of the Burlington Traction company involves a number of very important matters affecting the welfare of the city at large. Not the least of these is the provision in the city charter relating to the city's right to take over the holdings of the Burlington Traction company, should the city desire to do so when the franchise under which the Traction company is operating expires.

The principal franchise under which the Burlington Traction company operates expires, according to records in the city clerk's office, in 1923, eleven years hence. The state granted the charter of the Winooski & Burlington Horse Railroad company in 1872. This was a perpetual charter. In 1880 the charter was amended granting permission to the company to operate branch lines and in 1888 a further amendment was passed granting the company permission to change from horse-power to electricity.

On April 5 and June 2, 1893, the company filed applications with the board of aldermen for occupation of certain streets and for the change of its motive power and on June 2, 1893, a meeting of the aldermen was held and a resolution on the matter was adopted. Mayor Hazeltin was in office at that time and by the resolution adopted at that meeting of the board, the company was given a 30 year franchise.

The city wanted the company to extend its line through the south part of town. This the company was unwilling to do, but a compromise was reached whereby the city gave the company an extra ten years on their franchise and the company agreed to extend their line south. Other franchises have been granted subsequent to this, and these have been issued for 20 years, so that all the franchises now held by the Traction company expire at about the same time.

DECISION TO-NIGHT.

On the Baseball Ticket Scalping Scandal Is Now Promised.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 5.—After almost three months of investigation the national commission has reached a decision in the alleged ticket scalping scandal during the last world's series at New York and Philadelphia and a finding will be handed down, but just what this finding will contain remains a mystery. The official announcement is that it will be issued to-night. The reason assigned for the delay is that the document will be voluminous and requires considerable care in its composition.

Chairman August Herrmann, President Thomas Lynch of the National league and President Ban Johnson of the American league labored for exactly 8 1/2 hours to reach this conclusion.

Barney Dreyfus, representing the National league, and President Johnson of the American league met for about five minutes during the afternoon session and signed up the schedules of their respective leagues. Both announced that no information regarding the schedules would be given out until the meetings of the leagues in February.

That the game of baseball has grown to an enormous extent was shown in the eighth annual report of Chairman Herrmann. The business done out of the office of the commission during the last year was greater than that of the previous year when it was shown that the work had increased over 300 per cent.

The report showed that the last world's series netted the commission \$27,022.35. The report also urged the passage of state and municipal laws against ticket scalping.

MAN OF MYSTERY RETURNS.

Walks With Cane Although Supposed to Be Paralyzed.

Niles, Mich., Jan. 5.—George A. Kimmel, the "man of mystery," returned to Niles last night from a hospital, at Perr, Ind., where he was taken after injuries recently received in a railroad wreck. He will be given a home with Ed. Austin and wife, near Pokagon, seven miles north of here. He calls them Uncle Ed and Aunt Becky, although they are no relation to him.

Kimmel's return caused surprise, as he was supposed still to be partially paralyzed and unable to be moved for some weeks. He walked with the aid of a cane.

The Kimmel insurance case, in which a sister of the missing man seeks to recover on a policy on his life, was given a short hearing here yesterday. Under Sheriff Frank Starkweather, who was an intimate friend of Kimmel, and thought at first this man was the missing man, yesterday swore he had changed his mind and now thinks the man is "Turkey" White, the western railroad man who has figured in the case. Thereupon Attorney O'Brien for the defense produced a photograph of White, whom he said he had located, and also of White's right hand, showing the thumb missing at the first joint. He would not say where White is now, but will produce him at the trial in St. Louis, Mo., to refute the testimony of persons who had identified Kimmel as White.

SURGEON GEN'L IS APPOINTED

Dr. Rupert Blue of No. Carolina Named by President Taft

TO SUCCEED LATE DR. WYMAN

New Official Has Long Been Associated with U. S. Marine Hospital Service and Is Credited with Driving the Plague Out of San Francisco.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—President Taft will send to the Senate this afternoon the nomination of Dr. Rupert Blue of North Carolina as surgeon-general of public health and the marine hospital service, succeeding the late Dr. Walter Wyman. Dr. Blue has been connected with the marine hospital service for many years and he is credited with driving the plague out of San Francisco.

Dr. Rupert Blue, physician and sanitarian, was born in Richmond county, N. C., May 30, 1867. He was educated at the university of Virginia and graduated as an M. D. from the university of Maryland in 1892. He was an interne in 1892, assistant surgeon in 1893 and past assistant surgeon since 1897 of the United States public health and marine hospital service and has served in Cincinnati, Galveston, Charleston, N. C., San Francisco, Portland, Ore., Milwaukee, Genoa, Italy, New York, Norfolk and New Orleans. He was in charge of the eradication of the bubonic plague in San Francisco in 1903 and 1904, served through the epidemic of yellow fever in New Orleans in 1905, had the direction of the sanitation of the Jamestown exposition until September, 1907, when he took charge of operations against another epidemic of bubonic plague in San Francisco.

BUSINESS STRAIN TOO MUCH FOR HIM

So Wrote Manager Raymond of Concern in Charlestown, N. H.—Financial Affairs Are Said to Be Involved.

Springfield, Jan. 5.—Great interest was aroused yesterday by the persistent street rumor that A. C. S. Raymond, the general manager of the Superior Tap company of Charlestown, N. H., formerly located in Springfield, had gone away with money belonging to the concern.

Col. W. H. H. Slack of Springfield, the heaviest stockholder in the company and the chairman of the board of directors, on being interviewed, stated that he received a letter from Mr. Raymond on Wednesday, dated New York City, stating that up to that time he had given the concern his best efforts, but the strain of the business had been too much for him and that he had taken a certain amount of money and left. He gave no address.

Mr. Slack at once went to Charlestown and instituted a preliminary investigation, finding that Raymond had left on Monday, after taking the loose cash available and notes that he was able to discount. The company was found to have a small balance to its credit in the national bank at Bellows Falls, and it is not believed that the alleged defalcation is larger than appears from the letter received by Mr. Slack, although the books have not yet been examined with care.

A meeting of the directors was held at Charlestown yesterday morning, and as the business seems to be in as good shape as could be expected, with an excellent inside management and a large amount of new orders coming in, it was decided to continue for the present. A meeting of the stockholders for some definite action will be held about Jan. 15. Owing to a new design of the company's product and other perplexing matters connected with the business, Raymond had complained of being under too much mental pressure for some time past and had asked for more office assistance, and Mr. Slack is inclined to the charitable view that his sudden departure with funds of the concern was due to a breakdown thus caused.

CORRUPT PRACTICE IS THE CHARGE

Brought Against Mayor Curtiss and Five Democratic Aldermen of Portland, Me.

Portland, Me., Jan. 5.—A complaint charging corrupt practices against the present Democratic mayor of Portland, Oakley G. Curtiss, and the five Democratic aldermen, was filed yesterday with Judge Leslie C. Cornish of the supreme court, by six citizens of this city.

The complaint charges that the alleged practices occurred during the city election of Dec. 4, which was the first held since the passage of the new corrupt practices act in Maine. The names signed to the petition are those of men prominent in business and professional circles, representing an association of business men who have conducted an investigation of the last election. Justice Cornish ordered a hearing for Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The complaint contains about 2,000 words and charges principally that the defendants directly or indirectly solicited contributions for the purpose of inducing certain persons to vote for or not to vote against the defendants for the offices for which they were nominated; that numerous persons did vote for or did not vote against the defendants in consideration of moneys or other valuable things paid; that numerous persons in order to promote the candidacy of the defendants promised them political positions; and that the defendants directly or indirectly and numerous persons contributed to the campaign fund of the defendants under names other than their own.

The penalty for violation of the act as charged is a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 and imprisonment for not less than thirty days or more than two years; the invalidation of the election and the disbaring of the respondents from holding public office for four years. In case the election is invalidated, the governor is directed to issue a writ for a new election.

THREE EXPLOSIONS

In Various Parts of Providence Last Evening—Perpetrators Unknown.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 5.—Three dynamite explosions, one of which shattered window panes nearby and threw an infant from its bed, started the Capitol Hill section of this city near the State House last night, shaking the neighborhood as if earth shocks were in progress. One charge of the explosive was set off at 6 o'clock, another at 8 o'clock, and the worst of the three at 9:40. The last was at Common and Mulberry streets. It tore away several yards of fence, shivered window panes, shook dishes from their shelves, threw Miss Amelia A. Armstrong, in front of whose home it occurred against a wall, and hurled a 9 months' infant from its bed at the house across the street. The perpetrators of the outrage escaped.

WITHIN 10 MILE RADIUS.

Bill Proposed To Take Into "Greater Boston" Municipality.

Boston, Jan. 5.—The consolidation of all cities and towns lying in whole or in part within a radius of ten miles of the State House into a single city to be known as the City of Boston, is sought in a petition for legislation filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives of the general court yesterday by Daniel J. Kiley of Boston.

A long and detailed bill accompanies the petition which by its provisions is to take effect upon an affirmative vote of five-eighths of all the votes to be cast on the question at the next state election in November.

STUDYING MILITARY SCIENCE.

Officers of Vermont National Guard and Norwich University Study Hard.

Burlington, Jan. 5.—The school for the officers of the 1st Vermont infantry and of Norwich university opened last evening at the army with a full attendance from both institutions, and from 7:30, when the first meeting was called to order, until a late hour, every member plugged to his utmost capacity in order to master the details of the changes made in the drill regulations, company manoeuvres, skirmish drill and firing regulations. After three hours of this, the company adjourned to the parlors, where plans for the forming of the First Vermont Infantry Officers' association and the mess were discussed.

The committee of 12 appointed last June to draw up a plan for the formation of an officers' association reported and the report was accepted. The purpose of the association is given as the advocating and bringing about such legislation as the organization should require; of placing the militia before the public in the proper light; to encourage proper support to the militia and to do anything else deemed proper in the interest of the service.

The following were named as members of the board of trustees: Col. P. E. Dyer, so long as he remains in command of the regiment; for three years: Major F. B. Thomas, and Captains B. S. Hyland, J. B. Hanna and L. D. Taylor; for two years, Captains J. M. Ashley, C. A. Davis and K. A. Kemler and Lieut. S. S. Cushing; for one year, Lieut. A. H. Fuller, Capt. H. A. Wilcox and Lieut. C. E. Sarpenter and E. H. Van Cor.

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MAY BE VERMONT'S LAST EXECUTION.

This may perhaps be the last legal execution in Vermont. Several attempts had been made to save Kent on the ground that the man was weak minded, and there had been some agitation throughout the state against the execution. As an outcome of the case, senators and representatives favoring abolition of capital punishment state they will carry the campaign into the legislature in an effort to have life imprisonment substituted for capital punishment on the statute books.

CRIME FOR WHICH KENT WAS EXECUTED.

The crime for which Kent was executed to-day was the murder of Delia B. Congdon at East Wallingford on July 24, 1908. Kent had escaped from the state insane asylum at Waterbury on July 11, Miss Congdon, who was a deaf mute, was alone in her house in East Wallingford, and her body was found there. She had been criminally assaulted and murdered by choking to death.

PLANS PROGRESSING FOR WINTER CAMPAIGN

Advance Northward by Troops of the Republic Is Expected to Start To-morrow.

Nanking, Jan. 6.—Republican troops began to-day ferrying large quantities of winter clothing across the river to Pukow, where it is expected the advance northward will start to-morrow, when the existing armies' armistice terminates. Winter clothing and new magazine rifles for the republican army are arriving to-day in carloads. The soldiers are being rapidly equipped in preparation for their march on Peking.

MUST NOT PRINT LETTERS.

Court Decides in Favor of Mary Baker Eddy Executors.

Boston, Jan. 5.—Private letters written by the late Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, to her cousin just after she had published her book on The Science of Health, may not be published for advertising purposes, according to a decision by the full bench of the supreme judicial court, which was handed down late yesterday. Charles F. Libbie, an auctioneer at Boston, was the plaintiff in the case. He sought to publish the letters as an advertisement of his wares. The executors of Mary Baker Eddy sought an injunction and also asked that the court order the letters turned over to them as being the private property of the late Mrs. Eddy and thus constituting a part of her estate.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEVADA.

Three Successive Shocks Also Reported at Fresno, Cal.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 5.—An earthquake shock was felt at Alford, Cal., at Bishop, Cal., yesterday at Laws and at Bishop. The duration was five seconds at Laws and at Bishop the shock was the worst felt in its history. Electric clocks were stopped and windows broken.

Fresno, Cal., Jan. 5.—A sharp earthquake was felt here at 5:54 o'clock last night. There were three successive shocks, from north to south, two strong, then a weak one a few moments later. No damage was reported.

KENT HANGED FOR MURDER

Rope Parted When Man's Weight Came on It Full

IT WAS AGAIN SUSPENDED

Condemned Man Had Nothing to Say on the Gallows, But This Morning He Protested His Innocence of the Crime.

Windsor, Jan. 5.—Elroy Kent was executed this afternoon for the murder of Miss Delia Congdon at East Wallingford on July 24, 1908. The trap was sprung on the gallows in the west wing of the state prison at 1:18 o'clock. As the weight of the man's body came full on the supporting rope, the rope parted at a point where it went through the iron crossbeam. The man's body was suspended again.

At 1:45, after an examination by four physicians, Dr. S. H. McKewen, the prison physician, made the following statement: "Owing to an accident for which no one was responsible, the condemned man's neck was only partially broken by the fall, but he suffered no consciousness throughout and died from the shock."

This statement was made to contradict any statement which might go out that Kent died of strangulation. Those who have seen other hangings made the statement that there was less motion of the body than they had ever seen after the trap was sprung. After Kent had fallen to the floor when the rope parted, the rope was then thrown around the balustrade over the gallows, and Kent hung there until 1:45.

An autopsy will be held this afternoon, after which the body of Kent will be buried in the prison cemetery. There were the legal number of witnesses present at the execution, including some sheriffs from other counties and a few newspaper men.

The gallows was tried out this morning, when a bag of sand weighing more than one hundred pounds was placed on the rope. At that time everything worked successfully.

The door is one-piece polished granite 20 ft. long by 9 ft. 6 in. wide, 1 ft. thick, weighing about 16 tons.

"There are numerous other large stones in this construction weighing 10 tons and over; total weight about 700 tons.

BARRE GRANITE SELECTED

For Handsome Mausoleum To Be Erected in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The details of a handsome Barre granite mausoleum to be placed in Woodlawn cemetery are given in the following article from the Monumental News: "Despite the much talked of depression in the financial world the past year has averaged up well with the mausoleum contractors of this city. Probably the most noteworthy contract of the year was that secured by the Harrison Granite Co. for the mausoleum to be erected in Woodlawn cemetery for Mr. William Bradley of the Bradley Contracting Co., who are doing considerable of the subway work.

"The design is a copy after the Parthenon at Athens, the measurements being 35 ft. 8 in. wide, 40 ft. 8 in. long at the ground and about 19 ft. high.

"The exterior is to be of light Barre granite, fine laminated finish. The entire interior to be of polished light Barre granite.

"There are some very large and heavy stones in this building, the largest being the two roofs 39-0x10-0x1-6, weighing about 48 tons each; the ridgestone 38-0x8-0x2-4 weighing about 43 tons; 20 soffits 25-4x9-0x1-4 weighing about 25 tons each; two side panels 25-0x1-0x9-0 and two platforms 26-8x9-0x1-9, each weighing about 20 tons.

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"There are said to be a number of big jobs pending and others that are likely to receive attention in the near future, prominent among the latter being the memorial to be erected by the John W. Gates estate. Mr. Gates will probably last month in Texas, scheduled something more than eighteen million dollars."

MOSTLY BARRE APPLICANTS

Who Received Citizenship Papers at Montpelier Yesterday.

At yesterday's session of the United States court for naturalization purposes, held in Montpelier, thirty-six second papers were issued, as follows:

Barre—Albert Calcinai, Italy; Solomon Fihish, Rumania; Veliqino Marchesini, Francesco Carrera, Giovanni Sparta, Romeo Morandi, Amodeo Rosati, Francesco Frediani, Samuele Vasoli, Giuseppe Comelli, Carlo Prestini, Luigi Craveri, Italy; Henry Lundo, Denmark; Giovanni Francesco Calveto, Italy; Giuseppe Indini, Switzerland; Pietro Crugnola, Ippolito Galli, Giovanni Calcinai, Louis Calcinai, Carlo Berrini, Alessandro Piccini, Italy; Canton Narzaira, Province of Quebec.

Montpelier—Attilio Ruvera, Italy; Rudolf Albert Bahich, Austria; Pietro Cavotto, France; Alessandro Molistrab, Italy; Arthur T. Nutter, England; Corvetta Pietro, France.

North Thetford—Harry Barber, England.

Waterbury—Robert Leonard Johnson, Sweden.

Northfield—Luigi Del Bianco, Italy.

Westerville—Neil McKenzie, Canada.

Bethel—Magnus Erickson, Sweden.

Hans Christian Hansen, Norway; Domenico Izo, Italy.

Royalton—Frank Ceresa, Italy.

MEN SERVED REFRESHMENTS

At Pocahontas Degree Meeting and Installation Last Evening.

At the regular meeting of Winnetka council, No. 10, Degree of Pocahontas, Improved Order of Red Men, last evening, the following officers were raised to their respective offices by Deputy Mrs. Etta Blake, assisted by Past Sachem George Cormack; Pocahontas, Fannie Levin; wrennah, Rose Inglis; powhatan, Alex. Ross; prophetess, Annie Ross; keeper of records, Annie Brown; collector of wampum, Bella McCormack; keeper of wampum, Eva Geov; first attendant, Catherine McKerron; second attendant, Mary Waller; first counselor, Jemina Robertson; second counselor, Eva Gumble; first runner, Georgina Campbell; second runner, Christina Jeffrey; mystic ladies, Lizzie Melvin, Jessie Alexander; guard of tepee, Eva Duncan; guard of forest, Jessy Spence; first warrior, Alice Brestet; second warrior, Maggie Birds; third warrior, Marion Scott; fourth warrior, Katie McLesany; first brave, George Brand; third brave, Charles Falconer; fourth brave, Frank McPherson; pianist, Elizabeth Smith. Five candidates were adopted into the order and three applications were received. At the close of the meeting the gentlemen served refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee.

THREATENS HUGE LOSS

Fire Sweeping Through Wholesale District

SIX BUILDINGS ARE GONE

Flames Started in the Plant of the Ciba Machinery Co. and Has Destroyed the Main Building of That Concern—Loss Is Large Up to Now.

Columbia, South Carolina, Jan. 5.—The fire which originated in the plant of the Ciba Machinery company this morning, has destroyed the main building of that concern, together with five other structures, and threatens to wipe out most of the wholesale district of the city. The damage up to 10 o'clock was estimated to be \$300,000.

FIRE IN HARDWICK PLANT.

Damage and Work is Suspended.

Hardwick, Jan. 5.—The granite plant of Ashley Smith was somewhat damaged by fire yesterday, the engine-room being the chief point of loss. The plant is out of commission for a week or so pending repairs. The fire blazed up through the roof of the engine-room and made quite a spectacular blaze for a short time.

The fire broke out at 6 o'clock in the morning, and the alarm was given by the blowing of the Woodbury Granite Co.'s whistle, followed by ringing in a call from box 18 of the fire alarm system. Before the arrival of the hose company, firemen took a hose from the Fletcher plant, attaching it to the hydrant and sending a stream on the blazing building. By the time the hose company arrived, the fire was under control. The damage is covered by insurance.

FIRE AT BIDDEFORD.

Heating Plant Blew Up in Dry, Goods Store.

Biddeford, Me., Jan. 5.—A heavy explosion gave quick start to a fire that destroyed the three-story brick block of the Smith Dry Goods company at the corner of Main and Franklin streets late last night, with a loss of \$50,000. The blowing up of the heating plant is believed to have caused the explosion, for there was no trace of flames five minutes before the concussion, and the three stories seemed to burst into fire at once. The block is surrounded by several wooden structures, but a heavy snowstorm that covered the adjacent roofs helped the firemen to prevent the spread of the flames. There was a partial insurance. Samuel Smith, jr., and J. G. C. Smith were the owners of the block and proprietors of the store.

LARGE FIRE IN LOUISVILLE.

Retail District Visited By \$400,000 Blaze Last Night.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 5.—Fire last night caused a loss estimated at \$400,000 in the retail district. The stores and stocks of ladies' apparel of the A. B. C. Levi company and H. J. Butman & Co. were destroyed while the Swartz company's five story store and contents was damaged \$200,000. The Courier-Journal building and the store of the Baldwin Piano company were slightly damaged.

42 BELOW ZERO IN NORTHWEST

While the Present Cold Wave Extends as Far South as Indianapolis and West to Rocky Mountains.

New York, Jan. 5.—Cold weather records for the year and in some cases for years are being broken to-day by a cold wave that holds in its grasp the middle lake region as far west as the Rocky mountains and south about on a line with Indianapolis and then into the Canadian regions. The range in this section is from zero downward. In the