

TIDE OF BATTLE TURNS IN EAST TO TEUTONS

Great Engagement in Dobrudja Is Said by Reports from Berlin and Sofia to Be in Favor of the Central Powers and Petrograd Is Silent

FIGHT FOR HALICZ IS MOST INTENSE

In Galicia and Volhynia the Teutons Claim to Have Gained the Advantage over Russians--In Macedonia the Entente Allies Seem to Be Winning

Fighting on a huge scale is in progress along the eastern war front, where the center of interest shifted following the let-up in heavy allied attacks along the Somme front in the west. Evidence is accumulating that the central powers are now devoting their main attention to campaigns in the east, concentrating large forces against Rumania, notably in Dobrudja, and putting all possible available men in the field to stop the Russian march on Lemberg via Halicz and menacing the drives of the Russians and Rumanians in the Carpathians and Transylvania.

Both Berlin and Sofia report the development of the great battle line the Russians and Rumanians have taken up in Dobrudja to defend the railroad route into the interior of Rumania. This engagement, they declare, is turning in favor of the central powers.

BULGARIANS CLAIM ITALIANS DEFEATED IN MACEDONIA

Four Villages Said to Have Been Taken--Sofia Despatch Also Asserts That Bulgarians Are Winning in Eastern Rumania.

Sofia, Tuesday, via London, Sept. 20.—Official announcement was made here today that Italian troops on the Macedonian front had been driven back by the Bulgarians, who occupied four villages. In eastern Rumania, along the new battle front south of the railroad from Constanza on the Black sea to Yermavoda on the Danube, a great battle is in progress, which is developing in favor of the Bulgarians, the announcement says.

GREEK ULTIMATUM SENT TO GERMANY

And Also to Bulgaria Demanding Immediate Return of Soldiers Taken Prisoners at Kavala.

Athens, Tuesday, via London, Sept. 20.—There is reason to believe that the Greek government has sent an ultimatum to Germany and Bulgaria, expiring Wednesday night, demanding the immediate return of soldiers taken prisoners at Kavala.

BRITISH MAKE GAIN AT A NEW POINT

Attack Germans South of Arras on Western Front and Captured 200 Yards of Trenches.

London, Sept. 20.—British troops south of Arras yesterday captured 200 yards of German trenches, says the official statement to-day by British army headquarters.

ALLIES LOSE 500,000

In the Battle of the Somme, According to Berlin Report.

Berlin, by wireless, Sept. 20.—British and French losses in the battle of Somme have reached about half a million men, the Overseas News agency estimates.

MAY EVACUATE TRIESTE.

Austrians Said to Be Making Preparations for It.

Athens, Sept. 20, via London.—It is stated in most reliable diplomatic sources here that the Austrians are preparing for the evacuation of Trieste.

RUMANIA WINS.

Bucharest Official Report Tells of Successes in Dobrudja.

Bucharest via London, Sept. 20.—The official report to-day announces that the Rumanians have gained success against the German and Bulgarian troops in Dobrudja.

NEW NAVAL BOARD

Organized and Becomes Part of United States Government.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—The navy civilian consulting board, comprising 24 of the nation's most eminent scientists and engineers, took its place yesterday as a legalized bureau of the navy department and the names of its members, headed by Thomas A. Edison as chairman, were placed on the rolls under a recent act of Congress as "officers of the United States government."

The board's inauguration was attended by impressive ceremonies held in the office of Secretary Daniels. The highest ranking officers of the department were present and welcomed their new comrades to the naval service. Secretary Daniels, speaking as administrative head of the navy, declared that the occasion signified a great strengthening of the nation's first line of defense and gave renewed promise for the restoration of American prestige for the seas.

The board then effected a permanent official organization with Mr. Edison as chairman; William L. Saunders, of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and Dr. Peter C. Hewitt, of the Inventors' Guild, both of New York City, as vice-chairman; and Thomas Robbins, of the Inventors' Guild, as secretary.

Preliminary plans for the \$1,500,000 naval laboratory to be built under the committee of six was appointed to investigate and report on the site. It was said the work would be expedited with a view of beginning actual construction as soon as possible.

The committee comprised Mr. Edison, Mr. Robbins, W. R. Whitney, L. H. Baekel and Frank J. Sprague and Lawrence Addicks.

Howard E. Coffin of Detroit announced that the committee surveying industrial resources with a view of mobilizing them in time of war, virtually had completed its work.

Secretary Daniels and most of the board members left last night on the naval yacht Dolphin to witness target practice manoeuvres. They will be taken aboard one of the dreadnoughts.

RAT FLEA INFESTED.

Does Not Transmit Infantile Paralysis, It Is Found.

New York, Sept. 20.—Efforts of federal and city health authorities to determine the source of infantile paralysis have been unsuccessful. It was disclosed last night in an announcement by United States public health service officials of the abandonment of the latest theory that the rat flea transmits the disease.

Another attempt to trace the disease to dogs and cats taken from houses where there had been patients, also proved futile. Tests were made in the city laboratories on six such animals, but while they were found to have paralysis, it was asserted that none had the disease from which the children suffered.

CHILD EMPLOYMENT.

Is Being Presented in Many States of the Union.

It is so well recognized that certain occupations may involve serious dangers to young, growing persons that most states have their child labor laws. Massachusetts, which has been a leader in legislation of this character, is now engaged in a systematic effort to collect information that may be of value in determining the need of changes in its present laws and regulations governing the employment of minors. At the request of the Massachusetts board of labor and industries, Assistant Surgeon M. Victor Safford of the United States public health service was detailed by the federal government to co-operate with the authorities in a study of the effect of employment in various occupations on the health and physical development of children now permitted by law to work therein. A report of this study with respect to the cotton manufacturing industry of Massachusetts has just been published by the federal government as public health bulletin No. 78, entitled "Influence of occupation on health during adolescence."

The physical condition of over 600 boys between the ages of 14 and 18 employed in this industry in different parts of the state received careful study. It was brought out that in Massachusetts boys between these ages for the most part do not remain long in the cotton mills. This fact and the strict regulations of the state governing the employment of minors may not make some of the conclusions reached in this local investigation equally true elsewhere, but among the facts disclosed the following may be mentioned.

A considerable proportion of the younger boys and also of those over 16 were undersized and physically undeveloped for their ages, while those between 15 and 16 averaged larger than other classes of boys of their age with which comparisons were made. This fact is explained by the accumulation in the mills of strong boys waiting to reach the age of 16 to go into permanent "full time" occupations. The presence of a noteworthy proportion of undersized boys is not ascribed to the effects of the occupation, but to the fact that the cotton mill offers one of the few chances of employment for undersized boys. Evidence of injurious effects of their work or working conditions, even of the temperature and humidity of the mills, on normal boys was seldom found, although further investigation of possible effects of atmospheric conditions is recommended.

Probably as a result of the state regulations relative to the issuance of employment certificates comparatively few cases of dangerous diseases were discovered. There was, however, a wide variety of defective conditions disclosed by the investigation, many of them of such a character as to impair seriously the future health and economic usefulness of the individuals concerned if not remedied.

TO DISSIPATE DISTRICT.

Greece is About to Depart from Principle of Neutrality.

London, Sept. 20.—A Renter dispatch from Athens, dated yesterday, says: "It is learned on good authority that this morning's conference of Premier Kallogeropoulos and the foreign minister with King Constantine resulted in a decision in principle for departure from neutrality, with a view to dissipating the entente's apparent distrust of the new cabinet."

MUST WAIT FOR RELIEF TROOPS

First Vermont Infantry Will Start Home When Tennessee Men Arrive

GEN. FUNSTON TELLS WAR DEPARTMENT

Company C, Composed of College Boys, Reached Home To-day

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—General Funston notified the war department today that the 1st Vermont and the 2d New York infantry regiments would be returned to their homes as soon as the Tennessee units, now en route to the border, relieve them.

Burlington, Sept. 20.—Co. C, 1st Vermont infantry, and the attached sanitary troops, composed almost entirely of University of Vermont students, arrived at Fort Ethan Allen this morning from Eagle Pass, Texas, where they have been encamped with the Vermont troops for nearly three months. They were sent home on representations made to the war department by President Benton of the University of Vermont.

Arrangements are being made for the return of the remainder of the entire regiment of Vermont troops. It is thought the men will leave Eagle Pass in a day or two. The troop train will consist of three detachments, made up as follows: First section, Col. Ira L. Reeves, Major Walter O. Cooley of Brattleboro, and A. B. C. and D. companies and Lieut. Col. J. Hagan. Second section, Lieut. Col. Fred B. Thomas of Montpelier, Major J. M. Ashley of Burlington, Lieut. W. Hayes Mitchell of Shelburne and I. K. L. and M. companies. Third section, Major J. W. Tinker of St. Johnsbury, Lieut. H. W. Taylor and E. F. G. and H. companies.

Colonel Dickman has ordered that certain portions of the barracks at Fort Ethan Allen be placed in readiness for the arrival of the Vermont guardsmen, and which they will occupy until after they are mustered out. It will probably be a week from the date of the troops' arrival before they are all mustered out, as all of the government's property must be accounted for and numerous other details looked after.

VILLA THREATENS CHIHUAHUA CITY

Rumor Has it That He Captured the City Following a Mutiny of a Large Part of the Garrison.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 20.—The belief that Francisco Villa soon will cut Carranza's line of communication between Chihuahua City and Juarez, if he has not already done so, was suggested by Major-General Funston to-day after reading the report on Villa's Chihuahua engagement, received by General Bell at El Paso.

El Paso, Sept. 20.—Rumors were current here to-day that Chihuahua City has been captured by Villa in a second attack last night. General Francisco Gonzales, commander at Juarez, and Consul Garcia declared the rumors to be without foundation. According to the report, the attack was preceded by a mutiny of a large part of the garrison. The bandits are said to occupy the municipal and federal palaces, the penitentiary and two fortified hills.

ELEVATED TRAINS WERE ATTACKED

Many Windows Shattered and Some Passengers Received Injuries in New York Last Night.

New York, Sept. 20.—Throughout last night elevated trains were subjected to an almost ceaseless bombardment of bottles and bricks hurled from house tops by strike sympathizers. Car windows were shattered and a number of passengers were injured. To-day there were several attacks on surface cars, and the police reserves were repeatedly called out.

Serious rioting took place last night when attempts were made to run cars on the 42nd and 59th street cross-town surface lines. Mobs stormed two car barns and overpowered the police and put to flight all railway employees in those vicinities. Several motemen and conductors who had not joined the strike were beaten by the enraged crowds. Calls were sent to police headquarters for reserves but before they arrived much damage had been done. Many arrests were made and many rioters were clubbed by the police.

During the forenoon the attacks on the surface cars continued intermittently. In the past 24 hours the police reports indicated that there were arrested 20 men declared to be former employees.

Why He Hurried Away. A supposedly confirmed old bachelor had lately fallen deeply in love and might be seen almost any day passing and re-passing the house of his lady-love. One day he picked up a small thimble which had suddenly rolled down the steps. He stood a while meditating on the beauty of its owner and looking at the thimble lovingly. Then he pressed it to his lips, saying: "Oh, that it were the fair cheek of the wearer!" As he finished he looked upward, hoping for a glimpse of her, but instead, from the second-story window a big negro woman looked out.

"Boss," she said, "please to toss up dat thimble of mine. I wants to go on sewin'."

MOTHER ACCUSED OF NEGLIGENCE

Which Caused the Death of Her Infant Son.

Burlington, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Edith Wing was arrested at about 11:30 o'clock last night by the police on a warrant issued by State's Attorney T. E. Hopkins charging her with neglect towards her two months' old son which resulted in his death. The woman, who did not appear any too neat in her personal appearance, was taken to the police office, taken before night court and allowed to go on her own recognizance, this being necessary because there are three other children in the family who very much need her attention.

The child whose name was Robert Edwin Wing died yesterday morning and the conditions surrounding its death were reported to the state's attorney for investigation. He ordered an autopsy which was performed by Dr. B. H. Stone of the state laboratory and the conditions of the child's body are alleged to be most shocking, in fact so shocking that all would not bear printing. One of the contributing causes of the child's death is said to have been due to lack of nourishment.

The woman died and she was greatly agitated over her arrest and the horrible charges brought against her, taking the proceedings in a very matter of fact way. She lives at 77 Catherine street and claims to have lived here for the past two years. According to her statement her husband lives in Youngstown, Ohio. She states that she sends her house rent every month and also from seven to ten dollars per week for the support of herself and children.

The case was continued to Thursday afternoon and she was recognized in the sum of \$200 to the state. She was instructed to go to her home, clean up, and care for her other three children.

FIVE MEN KILLED IN POWDER FACTORY

Officials of the Aetna Explosive Company Say the Cause Probably Never Will Be Known.

Huntington, Pa., Sept. 20.—Five men were instantly killed and another was fatally injured to-day when the dry house of the Mount Union plant of the Aetna Explosive company was wrecked. All were employees. The cause, officials said, will probably never be known.

WHITMAN LED SEABURY.

And Bacon Was Slightly Ahead of Calder in New York.

New York, Sept. 20.—With returns from less than one-half of the districts in the state received, Gov. Charles S. Whitman was leading Judge Samuel Seabury, his Democratic opponent, for the Progressive endorsement for governor. Only a fraction of the 46,000 enrolled Progressives in the state went to the polls and the average of their votes was only about four to a district.

The Progressive vote aroused more interest among state-wide national leaders than any other feature of the primary, for it was regarded as giving some light on how the strength of the party would be divided in the national election. A majority of the Progressive leaders of the state supported Mr. Whitman's candidacy. The wing of the party, who gave their aid to Judge Seabury professed to be more than satisfied with the result.

William F. McCombs, former chairman of the Democratic national committee, who was designated for the senatorial nomination by the unaffiliated Democratic state convention was leading his opponent, Thomas F. Conway, a former lieutenant governor, by more than two to one at midnight.

State Senator William M. Bennett, who opposed Governor Whitman for the Republican nomination, had received only 15,671 votes, compared with 87,896 for Whitman.

Robert Bacon was in the lead for the Republican senatorial nomination when returns had been received from 2,883 districts out of 5,719 in the state. The figures were: Bacon, 70,415; Calder, 65,271.

RECEIVERSHIP RATIFIED.

By Stockholders of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Boston, Sept. 20.—Ratification of the action of the directors of the Boston & Maine railroad in assenting to receivership for the road was voted yesterday at a special meeting of the stockholders. The meeting had been called at the request of minority interests, counsel for whom took occasion to voice objections to "the unseemly haste with which the directors hurried the corporation into receivership at the point of its great debt," and to state that they had found the doing of the courts closed against us, at least temporarily, in efforts to intervene in opposition to the appointment of a receiver. The vote of approval was overwhelmingly in favor of endorsing the resolution introduced by R. H. Long of Framingham.

It was marked, however, by protests of minority counsel, Conrad Crocker for the Boston & Maine Minority Stockholders' Protective association, that proxies had been "fraudulently tricked by post-dating to effect an unheatable majority combination" and by Asa P. French, representing the Lawrence estate of Melford, that the 51 per cent stockholdings owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad were voted illegally by the trustees who are acting under federal court appointment.

FARMERS MAY REBEL

And Refuse to Sell Milk to Boston Dealers at the New Rate

SAYS SEC. PATTEE OF LACONIA, N. H.

Consumer in Boston Must Pay 10 Cents a Quart After Oct. 1

Laconia, N. H., Sept. 20.—The price to be paid farmers for milk this winter, as announced by Boston milk contractors along with notice of an advance in charge to the consumers, falls short of the minimum set by the New England Milk Producers' association. Secretary Richard Patee said to-day: "In my judgment this price will not be satisfactory and the farmers will refuse to sell milk at less than 50 cents a can."

Secretary Patee pointed to the announcement of H. P. Hood & Sons to show that while the consumer will pay one cent a quart advance on October 1, or 10 cents a quart, the farmer would receive only three-eighths of a cent under the contractors' proposition.

CONSUMERS PAY 10 CENTS.

After October 1, That Will Be the Price of Milk.

Boston, Sept. 20.—The retail price of milk in Greater Boston will be advanced from 9 to 10 cents a quart and from 3 to 6 cents a pint, beginning Oct. 1, according to an announcement made last night by the H. P. Hood and Sons company, one of the largest milk contractors in the city.

Dr. C. N. Davis, a director of the company, said that on Oct. 1, the company would pay producers three-eighths of a cent more; that the new railroad rates recently fixed by the interstate commerce commission would increase the cost of transportation one-eighth of a cent per quart, and that it now costs the company one-half a cent more per quart to handle the milk.

The price of cream is not affected. Other contractors have not yet announced what action they would take.

PLAN MORE PUBLICITY.

"Barre, Vermont—The Granite Center of the World" on Stationery.

Sponsored by the Barre Board of Trade, a movement is under way among the business men of the city as well as manufacturers and quarriers to have the imprint, "Barre, Vermont—the Granite Center of the World" placed on every sheet of commercial stationery that leaves the city. Already the idea is gaining in favor and a number of merchants have taken the initiative by instructing their stationer to insert the words under the last space line on each sheet of commercial paper. The movement is one of several live-ideas originated by the Board of Trade since its rehabilitation. A business man may be dealing in ribbon or oil and yet do his little bit to boost the Barre granite publicity campaign and following.

Through to its logical conclusion, every vote for the home product is an incentive for more business in sundry other lines. That is the stand taken by the Board of Trade and in a short time it is hoped that everyone who uses business stationery of any kind will have the printer insert the words, "Barre, Vermont—The Granite Center of the World" under the last space line. The insertion does not conflict with matter printed in the letter head, but occupies, nevertheless, a conspicuous position and is bound to be seen. Every day, it is reckoned, business letters from Barre go to all four corners of the country and a little bit of judicious advertising of the kind recommended by the Board of Trade is calculated to go a long way toward making Barre granite a by-word wherever there is a field for memorials.

COUNTY RETURNS CANVASS

Not Tabulated Wholly—Some Senatorial Votes Known.

The Washington county canvassing committee went over the returns of the primary election for county officers yesterday but did not succeed in tabulating the entire vote, the following figures being the only ones available for the forenoon. For Republican nominees for state senators, F. C. Bancroft of Barre Town, 2,085; Bertrand Demeritt of Duxbury, 1,552; Henry F. Hill of Waterbury, 1,549. Democratic ticket: Senators, Fred E. Callahan of Montpelier, 734; Arthur W. Hewitt of Plainfield, 710; Robinson of Waterbury, 644; assistant judges, Tilden of Barre, 668; Pray of Plainfield, 642; sheriff, Dennis J. Donahue of Granville, 623; state's attorney, Harry C. Shurtliff, 625.

TO SHUT OFF WATER

From Orange Brook Reservoir Pending Pipe Relaying.

When Barre Town made improvements on the East Barre road above Phelps mills this summer, the grade was cut at one point to a level with the water mains of the Barre water system. This necessitated a lowering of the mains, and what work could be done in advance has been done. Beginning to-morrow, the water will be shut off from the Orange reservoir, while the old mains are taken out at this point and new mains put in at a lower level.

As all this pipe is through rock, it is expected it will take a week, and city water users on the high levels will probably be without water most of the time, though some users will get it when the stone sheds are shut down.

NEARLY UNANIMOUS FOR J. C. SHERBURNE

Orange County Republicans Gave Randolph Man a Very Flattering Vote as Shown by Canvass of Returns.

Chelsea, Sept. 20.—The canvass of votes for county officers, made yesterday by H. K. Darling, clerk, Clarence W. Clark of Brookfield, chairman of the Republican county committee, and Carl M. Beckwith of Chelsea, chairman of the Democratic county committee, revealed the following:

Senator: Charles Bigelow, Republican, 882; George C. Flint, Republican, 478; Victor A. Grant, Democrat, 168. Assistant judges of county court: Clinton A. Adams, Republican, 925; Benjamin H. Adams, Republican, 1,141; Orange P. Dickey, Democrat, 661; Frank P. Lamson, Democrat, 58; Benjamin H. Adams, Democrat, 1; Joshua F. Bailey, Democrat, 1; W. E. Tucker, Democrat, 1. Sheriff: Azro A. Reed, Republican, 1,272; Smith J. Sisco, Democrat, 57; Selva H. Thayer, Republican, 1; W. S. Bryant, Republican, 1; George C. Hastings, Democrat, 1; E. W. Kent, Republican, 2; N. J. Pratt, Republican, 2; J. E. Daily, Democrat, 1.

High bailiff: William E. Worthley, Republican, 1,290; George C. Hastings, Democrat, 58; George W. Downing, Republican, 1; R. W. Hodge, Democrat, 1; Smith J. Sisco, Democrat, 1. State's attorney: John C. Sherburne, Republican, 1,288; Stanley C. Wilson, Republican, 1; Frank S. Williams, Democrat, 2; H. O. Bixby, Democrat, 1. Judge of probate, Bradford district: Hammond T. Baldwin, Republican, 571; E. N. Heaton, Democrat, 23. Judge of probate, Randolph district: George L. Stow, Republican, 844; Joshua F. Bailey, Democrat, 32; George L. Stow, Democrat, 1.

CASE WITH JURY.

Lippencott vs. Malnati Concluded—Two Divorce Actions.

Introduction of evidence in the Lippencott vs. Malnati case was completed in county court yesterday afternoon, arguments made this forenoon by the opposing counsel and the jury retired before the noon hour to deliberate.

Two divorce cases were entered with the county clerk to-day as follows: Alford Bussiere vs. Leander Bussiere; Maud W. Paine vs. Walter H. Paine, petition for support. In the case of Frank M. Corry, trustee vs. Barre Granite and Quarry company, et al, the plaintiff has filed his appeal to supreme court.

THIRD CHILD DIES

From Infantile Paralysis in Brookfield—No Other Cases Developed.

Brookfield, Sept. 20.—The third child in the family of Albert Jordan died of infantile paralysis yesterday. The first child died Monday morning and the second Monday night. No new cases have developed.

TALK OF THE TOWN

A man locked up by Officer John W. Dineen near noon to-day will be arraigned on an intoxication charge to-morrow morning.

Walter Wood, Ernest Calloun and George Elwell of Dorchester, Mass., are passing a few days in the city as the guests of E. M. Laws of Wellington street.

Dean Lawrence, who has been visiting friends on North Main street since the first of the month, left this noon for Woodsville, where he will visit for a few days before going to his home in Lunenburg.

Harley W. Heath, former instructor of science at Goddard seminary and now teacher of science and chemistry at Lawrenceville academy at Lawrenceville, N. J., left the city to-day for his New Jersey destination, after spending a few days in Plainfield since Kamp Kill Kare closed at St. Albans bay about two weeks ago. Mr. Heath was an instructor at the camp this summer.

Another well known film concern is anxious to display Barre's famous granite industry on the screen and to the end that the pictures may be taken most advantageously, the general manager of the Town & County Film Co. is conferring with the secretary of the Granite Manufacturers' association. Sometime before snow flies the movie people plan to film the quarries as well as the cutting plants. It is represented that the cinematograph man's visit to the Barre granite region will be shown before 4,000,000 people in 3,000 theatres in the United States. Manufacturers and quarriers are going to co-operate with the picture folks.

Barre granite manufacturers and quarriers are anticipating a lecture in the near future by Robert E. Belt, chief assistant of the federal trade commission, who will speak on a subject near to members of both associations. "Improved Accounting Methods" is the topic to be handled by Mr. Belt, according to a personal letter received by Sec. H. P. Hummer of the manufacturers' association from Edward H. Hurley of Washington, D. C., chairman of the commission, who is making the arrangements for Mr. Belt's visit to Barre. Correspondence with the federal commission has elicited much information of value to the granite industry in Barre, but a personal visit from the commission's expert accountants is expected to be of incalculable worth. The meeting will be held sometime in October.

For many years the farmers in Vermont claimed that alfalfa could not be grown in this state. But several plants of the Californian prize hay were brought into the city last night by County Agent F. H. Abbott from the farm of George May of Marshfield. Mr. May has a plot of ground sowed to this grass, there being two varieties on the three acres. The variety is what is known in California as the common alfalfa, while the other plant is of a newer variety, being known as the Grimm plant. The roots on the common plant are about 11 inches in length and are very straight, with very little taper, while the Grimm variety has a stockier root with several smaller roots attached to the one main root. The alfalfa which Mr. Abbott has at his office is the second crop this season and is about 20 inches in height. The seed was sowed the latter part of May.

FAVORITISM IN STREET WORK

Intimated by Alderman Reynolds Against Street Committee

EXTRAVAGANCE HINTED IN PAVING

Aldermen Virtually Tell One Another to Mind Their Own Business

Dum dum ballistics of the verbal sort whistled at random about the city council chamber last evening when the council men, in their regular weekly assembly, hurried through the accumulation of routine affairs and devoted the remainder of their allotted time to using the prod. Alderman Reynolds was in charge of the question box and when he lifted the lid there was trouble in much the same volume that issued forth from the well known box of Pandora. For divers and sundry reasons, bids on the South Main street paving project were not opened and it looks as though the council had done tinkering with that thoroughfare for a time, at least.

It isn't to the credit of the city fathers that they were out of order most of the time at the bag end of the session, but it is hardly to their discredit that the market condition of steel rails and the like is not such as to warrant further action on paving plans.

Disposition of the state road money was the subject of a startling peroration from Alderman Reynolds, who said that \$15,000 had been expended in wards 1, 5 and 6 this year to the utter exclusion of the other ballistics, when he was informed that County Supervisor Currier had designated Merchant street as the section where the money is to be expended. Mr. Reynolds directed his inquiry at the street committee and was informed that Merchant street was designated when it developed that rails for the proposed Washington street cement work could not be purchased. When Alderman Reynolds intimated that the street committee was using star chamber methods in directing the apportionment he was quite flatly informed by Chairman Glyson that the street committee's doings were no concern of his.

Moreover, the chairman recalled a time, he said, when Chairman Reynolds of the fire committee invited him to keep his car out of the fire department current and he broke off by allowing that as he had had it "handed" to him, he was taking advantage of the opportunity to toss it right back across the table. Alderman Reynolds parried with a query as to what the street committee had done with three complaints from ward 4 in the past month, particularly to the grievance of Prospect and Hillside avenue residents. He was told that the committee is doing its best to serve all complainants and that ward 4 grievances will receive attention in due time.

Alderman Healy interrupted the oral onslaught by asking the mayor if his colleagues were in order. The same delicate question with Alderman Healy under suspicion of giving Cushing's manual a side sinder came up a few moments afterward when Alderman Shurtliff and Mr. Healy came together in a clash over the best way to keep the water department out of North Main street. Mr. Reynolds lifted the lid on the question box again and this time asked if the water committee could conscientiously approve of the commission basis employed in doing the work. To which Mr. Healy replied that the emergency justified the means. Mr. Shurtliff averred that he or Mr. Reynolds undoubtedly could have saved the city more than \$1,000 if they had done the work and suggested that one of the men would be the elimination of all but one boss. Questions involving the method of digging a continuous ditch to determine the terminus of the eight-inch main and the alternative of sinking holes at intervals were being warmly discussed when adjournment was taken on the motion of Mr. Reynolds.

After considerable discussion in which a hastily composed report from the charity committee made certain recommendations, the office of the city physician was declared vacant, inasmuch as the committee had given its opinion that Dr. P. S. Duffy's absence from Barre is permanent. Overseer W. J. Clapp, who called in to see what action had been taken toward filling the office, was told to employ anyone he should see fit until an appointment is made.

Reporting on the ownership of a corner of Pike street, the street committee stated that a clear title to the thoroughfare can be obtained by paying the sum of \$100 to a land owner. A resolution authorizing the committee to take the preliminary steps by making a survey of the street and appropriating \$100 for land damage was passed to its second reading. A petition for a cement sidewalk from the Prospect street bridge to E. F. Mower's residence, which was signed by Louis Romanis, was referred to the committee to investigate.

The mayor was authorized to sign the opera house lease with the new lessee, J. E. Hoban, with an additional rider attached which inhibits the manager from charging strictly local talent companies more than \$20 per night for the rental of the theatre. A bond guaranteeing the state immunity from expenses in the case of a child receiving treatment in the Austine institute at Brattleboro was signed with the understanding that the child's father, in turn, protect the city from liability.

A communication to the mayor