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WALDERSEE'S EXPEDITIONS

DENOUNCED BY THE CHINESE MINISTER TO RUSSIA.

Declares Those to the Interior Are Futile—Only Irritate the Natives and Increase the Antimosity Toward Foreigners—Says the Emperor Will Fly Further North if Necessary.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—Kwan Chang, an attaché of the Chinese legation here, in a formal interview to-day said:

"It is futile for Field Marshal Von Waldersee to send into the interior expeditions the presence of which only irritates the natives and increases their animosity towards the Europeans. The emperor will not return to Peking as long as foreign troops other than the legation guards are there. Should it be necessary the emperor will fly further than Sian-Fu.

"I do not believe the United States intends to negotiate apart from the other powers. The interests of all the powers, including the United States, compel them to act in concert. Consequently it is improbable that Mr. Conger will be secretly instructed to act apart from the representatives of the other countries.

"I believe the powers will soon reach an agreement. China is anxious to conclude peace, as this condition of affairs means the ruin of commerce, the gradual annihilation of public welfare and the devastation of Peking and other towns and villages."

RETURN TO PEKIN.

Waldersee's Report of the Expedition to the Ming Tombs.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—A dispatch from Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, commander-in-chief of the international forces in China, sent from Peking under date of Saturday, December 1, says that after hoisting the German flag at the Ming Tombs, and punishing several neighboring villages for the murder of Christians, the late Colonel Yorck's detachment, commanded by General Gayl, returned to Peking in four columns by way of Yang-Fang, Chen-Pien-Tscheng, Thang-Shan and Niu-Lan-Shan, each about a day's march northward of Peking. The Kalgan expedition, the dispatch also says, was very successful. Several thousand Chinese regulars, under the command of two generals, were driven in wild flight from the province of Chi-Li to Shan-Si. The remains of the late Colonel Yorck have arrived at Peking.

GOVERNMENTS ALL HEARD FROM.

Envoys to Meet To-day—China Desires Peace at Any Cost.

Peking, Dec. 3.—All the foreign envoys have now heard from their governments regarding the joint note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries, and a meeting will be held to-morrow. The envoys are not communicative, but enough is known with reference to the objections of different governments to make it seem doubtful that the meeting will have a satisfactory conclusion.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang both say that they are anxiously awaiting the demands of the powers. They declare that China desires peace at any price commensurate with the dignity of an independent nation, but they point out that, so long as a large foreign army occupies the province of Chi-Li, the problem will be harder to solve.

KILLING OF A PRISONER.

Boston Patrolman Held Responsible—The Dead Inexorable.

Boston, Dec. 3.—Judge Fallon of the South-Boston district court sent to the clerk of the superior criminal court to-day his report on the death of the house of correction prisoner, John Johnson, killed by Officer Deane, November 15. The report is considered a final one in that it says after reciting the circumstances in the case:

"The fact is that Mr. Deane, an officer of the house of correction, shot and killed in his cell a sick prisoner, in the presence of two other officers, all three strong, powerful men and one of whom ought to have been able to cope with and overcome the prisoner without killing him. As I have already committed Mr. Deane to our county jail without bail, there to await the action of the grand jury, I deem any further remarks about the unfortunate affair unnecessary."

Johnson was shot by Deane because he objected to having the officer remove the bed from his cell. It was claimed that the prisoner attacked Deane with a bucket.

ACCIDENT ON ELECTRIC ROAD.

Car Leaves Track in Providence—An Actress Injured.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 3.—A car on the Warren and Bristol electric branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad in this city, left the track to-day and ran into the side of a market. Miss Florence Smith, an actress, wife of Theodore Rennie of Boston, had her shoulder broken.

A Real D. A. R. Honored.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 3.—A public reception was held in the Disciples church to-night in honor of Miss Lucy Maria Osborne, who is ninety-three years old to-day. Miss Osborne is one of the three "real" Daughters of the American Revolution now living in Connecticut. The exercises were under the auspices of Mary Wooster chapter, D. A. R. The Rev. E. J. Beagarden gave a congratulatory address.

WILL EXPEND \$2,500,000.

New York Central to Develop Its Boston Harbor Property.

Boston, Dec. 3.—Following the visit of the New York Central railroad officials in course of their tour of inspection of the Boston and Albany railroad came the announcement to-day that the New York Central in the near future would expend fully \$2,500,000 in the development of its extensive harbor property here.

Various rumors to this effect were confirmed this afternoon by President Bliss of the Boston and Albany, who stated that plans for improvements had been tentatively prepared, and that as soon as the necessary arrangements for the floating of the required bonds could be made the work would begin.

While the programme has not been mapped out in all the details, it is a settled fact, says Mr. Bliss, that the improvements will include the building of a new 2,000,000 bushel grain elevator of the latest pattern, the erection of a mammoth new storage warehouse, probably of ten stories, the extension of several of the wharves and the deepening of the docks at which the foreign steamers now discharge.

ECHO OF THE DREYFUS CASE.

Madame Henry's Libel Suit—Dreyfus Said to Have Been Summoned.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The hearing of the libel suit brought by Colonel Henry's widow against M. Joseph Reinach, who in articles published in the *Siecle* accused Henry of being the real traitor in the Dreyfus case and said Esterhazy was his accomplice, opened to-day in the Assise court. The audience was small and the arrival of former Minister of War Cavaignac and Generals Mercier and Roget, who are among the witnesses, numbering altogether about five hundred, did not lead to any incident worth noting. It is said that M. Reinach has summoned Dreyfus as a witness. The trial has been frequently postponed for various reasons.

FIVE INSTANTLY KILLED

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN A C. & N. POWER HOUSE.

Twelve Others Injured Several of Whom May Die—A Pullman Sleeper and a Drawing Room Car Struck—Two Bridal Couples Among the Injured—One of the Brides Probably Fatally.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Five railroad employees were instantly killed and twelve persons injured by the explosion of a boiler in the power house of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad this evening. Several of the injured are hurt so badly that they may die. The power house was a two story structure which stood west of the passenger station and north of the tracks leading into it. On the first floor were four boilers and nine dynamos.

It is not known what caused the explosion. At a few minutes past 5 o'clock one of the boilers in the center of the row of four, burst with a detonation, plainly heard at points a mile distant. The end of the boiler near the track was weakest. It flew toward the depot track and landed fully seventy feet away. The boiler itself weighed ten tons, flew to-night sixty feet from the boiler house.

Just as the explosion occurred, the Ashland limited train was pulling out of the station. The last two cars, a Pullman sleeper, and a drawing room car, were struck. The boiler struck the rear car while the boiler head ploughed through the one immediately in front of it, carrying away a portion of the roof and vestibule. Those of the passengers who were hurt were struck by flying splinters, or by being thrown violently to the floor. Two couples returning from their bridal trip were injured; one of the brides, Mrs. Beck of Milwaukee, it is thought fatally. Traffic was interrupted for several hours.

Every attention to the wounded was shown by the officials of the Northwestern road. The property loss to the road will not be far from \$100,000. The boiler house was practically reduced to ruin, two sides being blown completely out and the costly electric plant was nearly torn to pieces.

A FRENCH CHILD'S CRIME.

Murderously Assaults Another Child to Get Some Cake.

Lille, France, Dec. 3.—A great sensation has been caused in Armentieres, nine miles northwest of Lille, by a crime committed by a child upon another two years of age. Valentine Dilly, the daughter of poverty stricken parents, saw a baby girl in the street holding a cake. She endeavored to take it from the infant and when the latter resisted, dragged her into the house, forced her into a trunk, stabbed her in the arms and legs a dozen times and inflicted terrible wounds in the stomach with a shoemaker's knife. The infant is not expected to recover. Valentine at first accused a brother of the crime, but finally confessed.

To Return Dewey Arch Money.

New York, Dec. 3.—By a vote of 10 to 3 the executive committee of the citizens' committee for perpetuating the naval arch, or Dewey arch, as it was originally called, to-day decided to disband and to return to the subscribers the money collected for the project. The abandonment of the plan is due to the lack of interest displayed by the public.

KAISER'S SNUB TO KRUGER

ACTION CONSIDERED OF GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE.

Denotes a New Era in the Relations Between Germany and Great Britain—Majority of Papers, However, Remain Pro-Kruger—The Emperor's Decision Evidently Taken at the Last Moment.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—The government's curt and decisive intimation that Emperor William would not be able to receive Mr. Kruger has created a profound impression throughout Germany. What may be called the anti-British section of the press does not conceal its annoyance, and the moderate Anglophobe organs with difficulty repress the utterances of disappointment.

The inspired journals declare that it was Germany's desire to intimate definitely that Mr. Kruger's visit would not be welcome and, therefore, the fact that he omitted to comply with the strict etiquette of the German court and deferred asking Emperor William for an audience until he had reached the Belgian-German frontier, was eagerly seized as a reason for denying him such an audience.

Philomathists generally regard Mr. Kruger's mission as frustrated and consider Germany's action of great political importance, as denoting a new era (Continued on Sixth Page.)

Austria Snubs Kruger, Too.

London, Dec. 4.—"In response to a confidential inquiry as to whether Mr. Kruger would be welcomed here," says the Vienna correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, "a polite reply was returned to the effect that Emperor Francis Joseph had made other arrangements for the next few weeks."

PETITIONS FOR PARDON.

Several Men Convicted in New Haven Appear Before State Board.

Hartford, Dec. 3.—The board of pardons met at the capital this morning and considered the petitions of twenty-three prisoners for pardon and three for parole.

The petition of Reinhold Schell of New Britain, convicted of assault with intent to kill A. Rich of that place, was the first one considered. Schell claims in his own behalf that he did not intend to kill Mr. Rich, but to frighten him. State Attorney Eggleston opposed the petition.

C. Gordon Lindsey, convicted of forgery in New Haven July 5, 1899, for three years, said in his own behalf that he was guilty of the crime, but asked for release on the ground that he had been sufficiently punished and he has a family to support.

Harry E. Bailey, who was convicted of statutory burglary in New Haven on July 5, 1899, asked for his release on the ground that he had thoroughly reformed and had served more than half of his sentence.

George Skidmore, twenty-four years old, charged with horse stealing in Southington and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, said that he did not petition for a release, but that his friends did. He said that he was not guilty.

Bartholomew Cirino, convicted of theft in New Haven on January 11, 1899, and sentenced to two years, said in his own behalf that he was not guilty. The board pardoned from state prison Clemente Muzzi, eighteen years old, of Bridgeport, who was sentenced in October, 1899, to five years for killing a man who had ravished his seven-year-old sister, and Frank De Witt, who was sentenced to one and one-half years in Litchfield county on October 4, 1899, for burglary and theft.

Maurice Moriarty, who was sentenced in New Haven county November 14, 1897, to ten years for killing his mother-in-law, was paroled, and Thomas Ringle and William Ross of the same county were paroled. Ringle was sentenced on April 5, 1899, to three years for statutory burglary, and Ross was sentenced on April 6, 1897, to five years for forgery.

HEAVY FINES ADMINISTERED.

Law and Order League Liquor Cases in Unionville.

Unionville, Dec. 3.—The cases of the four persons who were arrested for violations of the Sunday liquor law during a Law and Order league raid on Sunday, November 25, were heard to-day by Justice Brett. H. E. Howe, proprietor of the Unionville house; Thomas Clancy, a saloonkeeper, and Mrs. Larkin, the owner of a small restaurant, all pleaded guilty to a charge of selling liquor and were each fined \$50 and costs. The case against J. M. Ailing, proprietor of the River-side Inn, was not in consideration of the fact that he had closed the place and gone out of the business. A new case, however, was immediately brought against J. A. Ailing, father of J. M. Ailing, who carried on the business. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs.

Later Justice Woodford of Farmington heard the case against J. M. Ailing, who was charged with an assault upon George Carey, an agent of the league, in the town hall immediately after the raid. The charge against Ailing was in three counts—assault with intent to kill, resistance of an officer and simple assault. Probable cause was found and Ailing was held for trial in the superior court in bonds of \$1,000.

Kipling Going to Africa Again.

London, Dec. 4.—Rudyard Kipling will sail for Cape Town next Saturday and will remain some months in South Africa recruiting his health.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Given in Full Beginning on Page 10—Its Features.

The president's message will be found beginning on page 10 of this paper. It is given in full. The leading feature is the Chinese trouble. New phases of the Isthmian canal project are set forth and conditions and work in the Philippines reviewed. A warning against extravagant expenditures is given, and attention called to an overflowing treasury. Cuba, the army, navy, civil service, reappointment and trusts are also discussed.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

The Secretary of War Submits a Comparative Statement.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The secretary of war forwarded to-day to the House committee on appropriations a comparative statement of war department estimates for the fiscal years 1901 and 1902, together with a statement of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901. The estimates for 1901 amount to \$185,993,551 and the estimates for 1902 amount to \$171,773,855. The appropriations for the present fiscal year amount to \$148,205,934.

CONGRESS IN SESSION AGAIN

FIRST DAY TAKEN UP WITH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Republican Senatorial Committee Declines on Order of Business—Ship Subsidy Bill to Displace Spooner Philippine Measure—Hay-Pauncefote Treaty to Receive Alternate Attention.

Washington, Dec. 3.—At the opening of congress to-day little business was done aside from the reading of the president's message.

The republican senatorial committee on order of business to-day decided that the ship subsidy bill should displace the Spooner Philippine bill.

It also considered at the same time the disposition of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and decided that that question should receive alternate attention with the shipping bill. The arrangement provides that the shipping bill shall have preference but that when no one is prepared to make a speech on it the senate shall go into executive session for the consideration of the treaty.

In accordance with this Senator Frye at the first opportunity to-morrow will move to take up the bill, and if this motion prevails, as there is little doubt it will, the effect will be to displace the Spooner bill, which there is no disposition at this time to press. Senator Frye will probably make a speech. It is not expected that any one other senator will be prepared to proceed on the subsidy measure and in that event Senator Lodge of the committee on foreign relations, who will have charge of the treaty, will move an executive session in order to consider the treaty.

The arrangement further provides that if the army bill is reached prior to the disposal of the shipping bill or the treaty either or both of these may be displaced temporarily in order to allow the prompt consideration of that measure, which is considered to be of more pressing importance than either of the other questions. The same understanding prevails regarding the appropriation bill.

Senator Morgan's Nicaraguan canal bill received some consideration at the hands of the committee on order of business. While no definite agreement was reached concerning it the opinion was generally expressed that it should wait upon the senate's action on the treaty.

TO PROTECT GALVESTON.

Representative Hawley Presents a Bill for a Breakwater.

Washington, Dec. 3.—An echo of the terrible storm at Galveston is given in a bill by Representative Hawley of Texas providing for a breakwater to protect the city against devastating storms and calling for a report from the secretary of war relative to the measures of protection suitable to the situation.

Other bills introduced were: Mr. Souder of New York—Fixing compensation of life savers; by Mr. Boutell of Illinois, for the education of the blind; by Mr. Fitzgerald of Massachusetts, granting two months' additional pay to soldiers serving in the Philippines since the Spanish war; by Mr. Shafroth of Colorado, for constructing reservoirs in arid land states; by Mr. Bull of Rhode Island, for retiring pay officers and enlisted men of the navy, also for equalizing the pay of naval officers with those of officers of like rank in the army.

A WINSTED MAN DECAPS.

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 3.—Charles J. Bowen, a Winsted business man, has been missing from his home since Thanksgiving day, when he packed up his belongings in the absence of his wife and left town, leaving a note saying that he was going to Massachusetts and asking forgiveness for running away. He leaves creditors here, and his wife says she is penniless. Bowen was formerly a maker of concrete walks and recently has been in the literary stable business.

THE ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

BOARD OF FINANCE SENT THEM TO THE ALDERMEN.

Total Increase in Estimated Tax Receipts for the City Wards is \$120,483.65—\$105,581.30 Appropriated for the Sinking Fund—The Principal Changes from the Appropriations for 1900.

The board of finance held a short session last evening to sign the statement of estimated receipts and disbursements for the city government for the year 1901 to be submitted to the aldermen at the meeting of the latter board last night. The total estimated income is \$1,884,226.85, while for the year 1900 the estimated income was \$1,799,988.41. The entire amount of the estimated income is recommended for appropriation. Last year on a grand list of \$69,837,065 in wards 1 to 12 inclusive a tax of 21 mills was levied, while this year the board of finance has levied a tax of 13-1/2 mills on a grand list of \$109,054,158 within those wards. This year the 21 mill tax amounted to \$1,248,691.27, while the 13-1/2 mill tax for next year will amount to \$1,269,174.92, an increase of \$120,483.65. Of the tax it was estimated this year by the finance board, as also for the coming year, that 93 per cent. would be collected.

The board has levied a tax of 3 mills on a grand list of \$4,477,355 in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth wards, of which tax it is estimated that (Continued on Sixth Page.)

FORMER CADET BOOZ DEAD.

West Point Official Denies Story of Hazing Injuries.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Oscar L. Booz, a former cadet at the West Point military academy, who had been lying at the point of death at his home in Bristol, Pa., suffering from injuries which his parents claim were the result of hazing at the academy over two years ago, died to-day in great agony. The cause of death was throat consumption. It is alleged by the young man's father that tobacco sauce was poured down his son's throat while the cadets were hazing him. The father also claims that red pepper was thrown in his eyes, hot grease poured on his bare feet, a tooth knocked out and other fiendish methods were indulged in. The young man never would divulge the names of the cadets who, it is alleged, ill treated him.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 2.—The report that Oscar L. Booz, who was a cadet at the military academy from June until the end of October, 1898, is dying at his home in Bristol, Pa., from injuries attributed to hazing while he was a cadet at West Point, has brought out an official statement from Colonel Mills, superintendent of the military academy, in which he states that the statements that Booz was atrociously hazed are untrue and ridiculous. He says that since Booz was admitted to the academy in 1898 he was on the sick list but once. The reason given for his resignation, says the superintendent, was weak eyes, and the real reason for the stories of alleged ill treatment arise from statements he has made in endeavoring to explain to his friends why he left the academy. He made no complaint of ill treatment. Classmates of Booz concur in the statements of Colonel Mills.

FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BODY.

Dr. Sargent, of Cambridge, Exhibits a New Machine.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 3.—Dr. Sargent, director of the Hemenway gymnasium, in a lecture before the Boston Physical Education society, to-night, displayed a machine upon which he has been at work during the past four years, for the development of the human body as far as possible and in the most perfect manner. Dr. Sargent stated that rowing was as nearly perfect exercise as any that had been invented. He said his invention is something on the rowing plan.

Havana's Death Rate.

Havana, Dec. 3.—Major Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of Havana, in his report for November, shows that 444 deaths occurred in the city from all causes, this being the lowest number for the same month during the last ten years. The deaths due to yellow fever were fifty-four, or twenty below the figures for October. Thirty-seven yellow fever patients are now under treatment, four of whom are Americans.

Telegraphic and Cable Notes.

New York, Dec. 3.—A petition was filed in the United States district court to-day asking that Frederick Grant, Charles T. Grant and John K. Van Stickle, composing the firm of Grant Brothers, stock brokers, who recently assigned, be adjudged involuntary bankrupts. The petition was filed by the following creditors: Theodore I. Hermann, for \$10,027; Philip I. Foster, for \$2,355; and Clarence C. Nash, for \$5,508. The petition alleges that the firm is insolvent.

London, Dec. 3.—The Pacific Cable committee has accepted in behalf of the government the offer of the New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand the bid of the Telegraph Construction & Maintenance Co. to make and lay a cable from Vancouver to Queensland and New Zealand via Fanning, Fiji and Norfolk islands for \$1,705,000. The work to be finished at the end of 1902.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—The remains of Colonel Liscana, who was killed at Tien Tsin, he in state at the chapel at the presidio, guarded by a detail from the garrison. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYERS.

Official Ranking Announced—M. D. Whitman Heads the List.

Boston, Dec. 3.—The official ranking of the American tennis players for 1900 by the ranking committee of the United States Lawn Tennis association, together with the handicaps for next year, were announced to-day and are as follows:

Class No. 1 (owe 2-6), M. D. Whitman; Class No. 2 (scratch), D. F. Davis, W. A. Larned, Beals C. Wright; Class 3 (2-6), K. Collins, G. L. Wrenn, Jr., H. Ward, L. E. Ware, Class 4 (2-6), J. A. Allen, R. D. Little, H. H. Hackett; Class 5 (4-6), C. S. Hardy, J. P. Paret, E. P. Fisher, W. J. Clothier, R. Stevens; Class 6 (5-6), H. Foster, Samuel Hardy, J. C. Davidson; Class 7 (15), L. Waldner, E. P. Larned, F. B. Alexander, J. A. Carpenter; Class 8 (15-1-6), A. Codman, K. Horton, G. S. Keyes, A. F. Fuller; Class 9 (15-2-6), I. C. Wright, W. C. Grant, H. A. Plummer, S. Ware; Class 10 (12-3-6), H. E. Avery.

SECRET SOCIETY MAN KILLED.

An Explosion Occurs Just Previous to an Initiation.

Beverly, Mass., Dec. 3.—An explosion of chemicals, the use of which was for spectacular effect in the initiatory rites of the Improved Order of Red Men, cost the life of Past Sachem Ira T. Crockett of Lynn and severely burned W. F. Rogers of that city, both of the Winnipocket tribe degree staff, to-night. The warriors degree was being worked for Chikatawbet tribe of this city by the degree staff of the Lynn tribe, and the latter were in an ante room robing themselves for the work. The explosion occurred there but the reason for it is not known. Past Sachem Crockett and Mr. Rogers were preparing the chemicals. Crockett's leg was terribly lacerated in the groin and on the right leg the femoral artery was severed. Rogers was burned on the right arm and side. A surgeon was immediately called and both men were sent to the Beverly hospital. Mr. Crockett died about 11:15. Mr. Rogers will recover.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

DIVISION OF WARDS INTO VOTING PRECINCTS PROPOSED.

A Communication from the Registrars Regarding Such a Move Referred to a Special Committee—Lighting Contracts Acted Upon—Estimates Referred to a Big Committee.

At the regular meeting of the board of aldermen held last night a communication was received from General Registrars Foley and Hamilton recommending the appointment of a committee of two aldermen and three councilmen to consult with the registrars concerning the advisability of dividing some of the wards of the city into voting districts. This is a move that has been discussed for some time and is generally favored. The advisability of dividing some of the wards was commented upon by members after the last election when the count in some of the larger wards was not completed until after midnight. The aldermen adopted the recommendation and passed a resolution for the appointment of such a committee as the registrars suggested. The councilmen will doubtless concur.

A communication was received from Corporation Counsel Robertson calling attention to the fact that notice of any change in the city charter which was desired to be made by the next general assembly must be advertised at least three weeks before the opening of the session of the legislature on January 3.

A petition was received from a Pequot Indian woman asking for the return of taxes which she had paid to the city. The petition was referred to the committee on tax abatement. The lamp committee reported bids received for naphtha lighting for the ensuing year and recommended that the contract be let to the New York and New Jersey Globe Light company, which bid for not less than 300 lights nor more than 500 at \$33 per light per year if given the contract for one year; \$31 if given a two years' contract, and \$30 if given a three years' contract. The contract was let to this company, and the city clerk was instructed to notify the Sunlight Vapor company, which had the contract for the past year to remove its equipment from the city's lamps. On recommendation of the committee on the contract was let to the New Haven Gas company, which will supply Welsbach lights at \$30 each for the year and plain gas lamps at \$22. Last year the plain gas lamps cost \$22.50 each. The committee recommended that all naphtha lamps be equipped with Welsbach burners and it was so voted. The committee report was explained by Alderman Sayers of the Fourth ward, chairman of the committee.

Alderman Beecher of the Seventh ward presented a communication signed by John W. Cannon and M. Costello, representing the Trades Council. In the communication it was requested that it be ordered that there be inserted in the specifications and contracts for the building of new school houses during the ensuing year a clause requiring the contractor doing work on such buildings to employ none but union labor in good standing in their respective unions, and that in so far as possible preference be given to New Haven union labor. It was also requested that a copy of the order be submitted to the board of education.

On motion of Mr. Beecher unanimous consent was given for the consideration of the proposed order, and on Mr. Beecher's motion the order was passed. When the estimates as submitted by the board of finance were taken up, Alderman Miller moved that they be referred to a committee of the usual number, that is five members, two aldermen and three councilmen. Alderman Beecher amended to the effect that the committee should consist of the chairman of all the joint standing committees. There was considerable discussion over the makeup of the committee and Alderman Hubbard of the Sixth ward proposed a committee of the whole. Finally the amendment offered by Mr. Beecher was adopted by a vote of 14 to 12. Alderman Hall was elected chairman of the committee.

AT THE

Howe & Stetson Stores.

New Haven, Tuesday, December the fourth.

OPENING

Holiday Goods.

Christmas is pretty near and you'll find the shopping days too short and too few.

We are ready as never before. The stores are fairly bulging with Xmas goods, as we've planned most liberally.

The new basement will be Santa Claus' headquarters and here are the toys, games, dolls, and the like. Every youngster in New Haven should visit this basement.

The great army of staples are not forgotten by any means---we've planned in that way most extensively, too.

Comfortable shopping, too. The great broad aisles will help out wonderfully and there are many other helpful points to the improved store's service that you will notice these busy days.

All ready now.

Howe & Stetson.

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BROTHER AND SISTER PERISH.

The Latter's Devotion Leads to a Sad Tragedy.

Richmond, Mass., Dec. 3.—The seven-year-old daughter of George Clancey of Dresden Mills, since domestic difficulties separated her father and mother two weeks ago, has cared for her two-year-old brother and performed the household duties. She attempted to start a fire in the kitchen stove to-day with the aid of kerosene and as a result both children were burned to death and the house was destroyed.

Parisian Wrapper Co. Assigns.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 3.—The Parisian Wrapper company, the largest manufacturers of women's wrappers in the state, made an assignment to-day. The factory is shut down and 200 hands are thrown out of employment. The assignment was forced by the falling due of a note for \$100,000 held in the Shoe & Leather bank of Boston. The liabilities of the concern are about \$40,000.

Democratic Club Officers.

New York, Dec. 3.—The annual election of the Democratic club took place to-night. The following ticket was elected: President, John Fox; vice presidents, Cord Meyer and Lewis Nixon; treasurer, Theodore F. Hascall; secretary, William E. Wyatt; corresponding secretary, Adrian T. Klerman; board of governors, James Shevlin, O. H. P. Belmont, M. Warley Platzek and John F. Carroll.