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RUSSIAN DEFENSE AT MUKDEN

Being Strengthened and a Great Battle May Be Fought There

Japanese Armies and Fleets Are Crowding Northward—They Take Complete Possession of Nieu Chwang

Mukden, May 17.—Couriers bring word that the Russian garrison line is steadily nearing Mukden, where Alexander still maintains his headquarters. Commanding officers won't comment on the reports. Newspaper correspondents are forbidden egress from the city towards the points of operations. The Japanese are known to be most within striking distance, and advancing in three columns, 30 miles to the northeast. Numerous small engagements are being fought without decisive results.

that there has been only 32 cases since the opening of the war.

Russian Success Predicted.

Rome, May 17.—General Garibaldi, in a published interview, attributes the disasters that have thus far overtaken the Russians to a lack of good generals, but believes that Russia will come out victorious in the end, because of their inexhaustible resources.

ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

Fifth Day Opens With Break From Yates

Springfield, Ill., May 17.—Tense was the feeling when the Republican state convention began its fifth day's session, in an attempt to nominate a candidate for governor. Yates passed the word among his followers that he expected a small break in two counties, but not to be alarmed. It came on the 30th ballot, but produced no material excitement at the time. Later when the clerks began to figure, the Lowden men began their first demonstration for some time, and Yates' cohorts followed with the result that pandemonium was let loose. All noise records were fractured when the vote was announced Yates 437, Lowden 452, Deneen 384. Yates smiled confidently, and apparently was satisfied his loss would be regained on the next ballot, although he lost his lead for the first time.

The 31st ballot showed a decided gain for Lowden, his total being 473, Yates 431, Deneen, 382.

On the 32nd ballot there was no change.

On the 33rd ballot Lowden lost six. There was no change on the 34th ballot.

On the 35th ballot Yates got back some of his lost strength, while Lowden lost. Deneen saw a steady gain. On the 36th Lowden was 401, Deneen 388. recess was taken until 8 o'clock this evening.

Two Murder Trials.

Rising Sun, Ind., May 17.—On the Gillespie trial Detective Franklin testified that James Gillespie had balked all attempts to secure information. Myron Barbour also told him Elizabeth had caused all the trouble by having talked about Barbour's wife. He partially admitted knowledge of who fired the shot.

Bedford, Ind., May 17.—The jury in the Schaefer case was secured today.

Is Not Contract Labor.

Vancouver, B. C. May 17.—Justice Duff, of the supreme court of British Columbia, decided this morning that a want advertisement for machinists inserted in Seattle papers by the Vancouver Engineering Works, which induced machinists to come to Vancouver, was not in contravention of the Allen law. The decision is far-reaching in its results, as in cases of strikes, workmen can be freely advertised for in American papers.

At Quincy, Mass., the battleship Rhode Island stuck in the mud bank, owing to her anchor failing to hold. She will be released next tide.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORTS ON CITY FINANCES

Over Twelve Hundred Dollars Errors and Funds Unaccounted For in City Offices for Past Six Years—Committee Recommends Important Reforms in Treasurer's Office

The report of the special investigating committee of the Salem city council was filed this afternoon at the city recorder's office. It covers the six years preceding the induction of the present Republican city administration, and appears to be a very thorough piece of work. The errors found against the city recorder have been made good by city Recorder Judah, and it is presumed that the city treasurer or his bondsmen will do the same. The report is accompanied with important exhibits, that will be submitted to the council this evening. Following is the report of the committee in full:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE CITY OF SALEM FROM JANUARY 1, 1898, TO JANUARY 1, 1904.

The committee was appointed under resolution of the common council of date January 19, 1904, and proceeded to employ S. T. Richardson as clerk.

Material aid was rendered this committee by the city officers to whose books and records access was necessary. The amount of labor performed by Mr. Richardson, in conducting this investigation, has been enormous, and the details of the city business for six years have been gone over thoroughly. All the footings for warrants issued and for the receipts and disbursements for this period have been made on the county adding machine, and then checked over again by Mr. Richardson.

Your committee reports herewith a complete statement of income and expenditures for each of the six years from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1904, at the hands of the recorder and treasurer, including the accounts of City Treasurers A. A. Lee and John Moir, and the account of City Recorder

Ed. N. Edes and N. J. Judah. Also a complete statement of assets and liabilities for each fiscal year of the same period, which accompanies this report.

Recorder's Office.

The work of your committee involved the going through of the city recorder's office for the past six years, and errors were found as follows: Overcharge by N. J. Judah of \$10.00 in fines in 1901; failed to carry from his license book fees as follows 1901, January 22d, J. L. Wilson, \$2.00. In 1903, April 18th, F. J. Reynolds, \$1.00; May 16, Haines & Smith, \$3.00; August 13th, F. P. Talkington, \$48.00; J. F. Staiger, \$3.00; August 22d, A. Cornoyer, \$24.00; November 28th, H. Marshall, \$2.00; Dorsey, \$2.00; London & Lancaster Assurance, \$18.00, \$101. Total \$103. Leaving net errors due city \$93.00. The items comprising this amount have been charged by Recorder Judah to himself, and will be reported and turned over to the city as part of his next month's statement.

Treasurer's Office.

In 1898 Treasurer A. A. Lee overcharged himself 10 cents on sewer fund. He also charged up a bridge bond coupon of \$30.00 twice, making a net error in his favor as treasurer of \$29.90.

Your committee is informed that the Fourth National Bank, of New York, has been making an annual charge for several years, in addition to their usual charges, for disbursing interest, that has nearly eaten up this balance which was due Treasurer Lee.

Your committee would recommend that the city treasurer refuse to pay any further sums whatsoever to banks as disbursing fees.

Beginning January 1, 1899, the records of City Treasurer Moir for the period ending January 1, 1904, show

\$1101.64 unaccounted for. Your committee arrived at its conclusion in this matter by taking the December reports of each year and carrying forward the balances, as called for by said reports, and money still remaining unaccounted for, which the treasurer had received during the year were also carried forward, and resulted in the above total. The several items in the treasurer's report were all traced to their original sources, and in many respects these reports were inadequate to give the desired information.

Your committee found the system of bookkeeping and preserving the records in the recorder's office very complete, and in excellent condition. Only one day to each year's record was required to go over the recorder's books. There was no system of bookkeeping adopted for the city treasurer's office until March 31, 1903. Since that time Mr. Moir has kept a simple ledger, showing each account. Checking up the accounts of the treasurer's office has been a work of great labor, and necessitated making a complete list of all city warrants paid for six years, checking up all interest coupons, making memoranda from slips of paper, which had been filed along with the treasurer's reports, and virtually constructing a complete set of treasurer's books for the period involved.

Your committee would recommend that an ordinance be drawn, under the direction of this committee, defining the duties of the treasurer, and requiring him to keep and report an itemized and detailed account of all the moneys received from different sources by him, so that his accounts may be more easily examined, and more accurately kept in future.

In the matter of keeping a number of separate funds, your committee finds that the general fund, called-war-

rant fund, road and street fund and State and Oak street funds are all the funds necessary to be kept separately, and that funds known as "sewer fund" in block No. 88, sewer fund in block No. 58, park board fund, coupon fund and tax account fund, should all be placed in the general fund account. And that the fund designated as the "street improvement fund" should be placed to the credit of the State street fund, where it properly belongs.

The committee finds the amounts of these several funds as reported by Treasurer Moir on hand January 1, 1904, are correct, except that he reports \$1118.29 on hand in the general fund, while your committee finds the amount on hand in the general fund on that date should be \$2219.93.

Your committee finds that \$282.66 on block 88 was collected prior to September 30, 1902, and warrants drawn thereon for the full amount, instead of being paid out of this fund were paid out of the general fund, and this money kept in idleness and of no benefit to the city. One item on sewer block 58 of \$50.14 has been carried since 1898 in a special fund, which was paid out of the general fund.

In conclusion your committee would recommend that the city treasurer keep a public office at the city hall, where a room is already provided with a fireproof vault, and where his books may be open to inspection at all times. Signed by the committee,

F. W. WATERS, Chairman.
R. A. CROSSAN,
E. P. WALKER.

Montana for Hearst.

Great Falls, Mont., May 17.—The Democratic state convention met here this afternoon, and the indications are that it will instruct for Hearst.

A naphtha train was derailed at Alabashchil, near Baku, on the Siberian railway today and caught fire.

When a "Regular Merchant"

Asks you \$15.00 for a suit just remember that he was offering the \$15.00 lines at \$9.50 and \$10.00 in his "January Sales." The reduction a merchant is able to make on a general line is a fair measure of his regular margin of profit. Extravagant business methods and the "credit system" may make such profits necessary, but why not trade at an economically managed cash store like the

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\$35.00 to \$40.00 Tailor Suits \$26.50



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