EGG BOYCOTT CALL ISSUED BY HARTIGAN

Commissioner of Weights and Measures Says: "Don't Buy Them Now."

FAIR PRICE 35C. A DOZEN

Plan to Break Corner in Market—Socialists Are Also Up in Arms.

A call for an organized movement on the part of the consuming public to refrain from buying eggs and thus bring about a reduction of the price by decreasing the demand was issued last night by Commissioner Joseph Hartigan of the Mayor's Bureau of Weights and Measures.

He wants the withholding of egg purchases, or egg embargo, or egg blacklist—he thinks the word "boycott" is too severe—to start to-morrow morning. In the matter of cold storage eggs, he says experts insist that 35 cents a dozen is a normal price just now for eggs that went into cold storage last spring at 20 cents to 22 cents a dozen.

Mr. Hartigan said that many wholesale egg merchants have complained to him that practically the whole egg market has been cornered between New York and Chicago. The legitimate wholesaler is as anxious as the consumer to get prices down to normal, he added, and for that reason there should be real cooperation with the object of accomplishing that end.

Mr. Hartigan will have a conference of presidents of all the retail grocers' organizations in New York city on Wednesday. He said he had no doubt but that they will cooperate in the plans for the egg embargo, as the retailers are the greatest sufferers in times when prices are high.

Socialists announced yesterday plans for a demonstration of 100,000 men and women at the City Hall on December 9 to demand the regulation of food prices. The demonstration will be directed by the Socialist party. The order calling people to turn out and make a powerful display before Mayor Mitchel was signed by Alexander Fraser, Louis B. Boudin, Ludwig Lore, Albert Pauly, Henry L. Slobodin, Algernon Lee, Joshua Wanhope, Jacob Hillquit, Theresa Malkiel and U. Solomon. Every Socialist local body has been asked to begin an immediate agitation so that City Hall Park may be filled with people.

Representative Meyer London, Socialist, told delegates of the United Hebrew Trades in convention at 175 East Broadway yesterday afternoon that he purposes to ask Congress to indorse a plan for taking over the cattle ranches and granaries for the regulation of food prices in the United States.

The Charity Organization Society has begun an educational campaign for household accounting as a means to help poor families meet the rapid advance in prices. The workers of the society are giving instruction in the proportion of income which the families under their care should spend for rent and fuel and for the different kinds of food needed to make up a well balanced diet. Families are supplied with an account book so arranged that it can be balanced every week.

ITALIAN SHIP AFIRE AT DOCK.

Flames in Hold of Regina d'Italia Fought Three Hours.

Fire starting from spontaneous combustion in hold No. 1 of the steamship Regina d'Italia, lying at Forty-fourth street, Brooklyn, was fought for more than three hours yesterday morning before it was extinguished. The hold was being loaded with paraffin and about a dozen members of the crew were at work at the time the alarm was sounded. The men clambered quickly out of the hold and within a short time fireboats and fire engines were pumping water into the hold.

There was a report that the blaze had been started by a bomb, but after an investigation by Fire Marshal Brophy and members of Capt. Thomas Tunney's bomb squad it was asserted that the fire had not been started by incendiaries.

The damage to the vessel was comparatively slight. Though the steamship was to have left port this morning her departure will be delayed a few days while repairs are being made.

GOV. WHITMAN BESIEGED.

Many Callers See Him About Court of Appeals Vacancies.

Gov. Whitman had expected to spend yesterday in rest after attending the Army-Navy football game Saturday, but his list of callers at the St. Regis was so large that he had hardly a moment to himself. The majority of his visitors, it was said, called to see him about the two vacancies now existing in the Court of Appeals. The Governor will soon fill the vacancies.

Mr. Whitman received a message yesterday saying that his plurality in New York State will be 50,000 in excess of that of Charles E. Hughes. The Governor will remain in New York to review the Seventh Regiment, expected from the border to-day, and will begin work on his annual message to the Legislature as soon as he returns to Albany.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Biltmore—H. I. Young St. Louis; L. J. and Mrs. Plummer, Los Angeles; O. W. Brewer, Chicago; A. B. Newell and wife, Toledo.

Belmont—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Darlow, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Grasselli, Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Livingston, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Taylor, Watertown.

Vanderbilt—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Goodyear, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Jackson, Buffalo; W. J. Crittenden, Shields, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Buck, Watertown, N. Y.

Manhattan—George W. Ewing, Baltimore; Robert Crosby, Providence; E. Buckmaster, George H. Conant, Boston; R. W. Sears 2d, Chicago; R. L. C. Keyser, Pensacola; P. F. Petty, Detroit.

Claridge—G. S. Edwards, St. Louis; W. C. Hogg, Texas; H. O. Davis, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Eldridge, Boston.

McAlpin—Edgar George, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rodney D. Wiley, Columbus, Ohio; C. O. Bitter, Indianapolis; L. A. Watkins, Denver; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long, Oil City, Pa.

Ansonia—Arthur H. Schwartz and wife, Detroit; Robert Videl, Birmingham, England; C. B. Williamson, Harrisbury, Va.; George S. Peck, Jr., Chicago.

Plaza—Lord A. Innes Ker, Ottawa; W. B. Thompson, Chicago; George B. Secor, Toledo; Miles W. and Mrs. Weeks, Boston.

Netherland—Sig. Rheinstrom, Cincinnati; Mrs. Bert J. Hirsch, St. Louis; Blair McK. Brooks, New Haven; W. N. Morice, Philadelphia; Charles Cadman, Boston.

Ritz-Carlton—Wm. and Mrs. Stern, Cincinnati; A. H. Niblack and wife, Chicago; David M. and Mrs. Osborn, New Haven; H. L. Stuart, Cleveland.

Murray Hill—W. E. Baker, London; H. E. Passmore, Cleveland; F. A. Augsburg, Antwerp; Elisha B. Powell, Jr., Oswego; J. E. and Mrs. Miller, Rochester; Amasa J. Parker, Albany.

Park Avenue—Ellis H. Thayer, Norwich, Conn.; William Bodson, Indianapolis; C. W. Fulton, Oxford; N. S. and E. C. Hendrickson, Dayton; E. G. Phinney, Chicago; T. D. Ross, Prescott, Ariz.; C. T. Turner, Baltimore.

Stratford—C. H. and Mrs. Whitney, Philadelphia; Miss Ruth Rea, Bryn Mawr. Wolcott—L. R. Plunkett and wife, Winnipeg; E. D. and Mrs. Grimes, Dayton; D. W. Howland, Charles E. Hodges, Boston.

Grand—Albert J. Miller, Baltimore; Henry B. Parker, Washington; H. B. Thompson and wife, Richmond; William W. Kennedy, Detroit; C. H. Thompson and wife, Chicago.

Imperial—J. Allan Barry, St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gibson, Buffalo; Capt. W. C. Knight, U. S. A.; John C. Sayre, Toronto; C. H. Harmon, Boston.

AGED PAWNBROKER IN GOLDEN DELUGE

Aaron Wollheim and Wife, 50 Years Wed, Celebrate Their Nuptials.

GIFTS FILL MODEST FLAT

Jam in Street Prevents Three Balls Association From Parading.

Aaron Wollheim, whose activities as a pawnbroker have gone on in Manhattan uninterrupted almost since the days of Aaron Burr, celebrated a golden wedding all day yesterday and last night, which went far to prove that the financial sharps are right—the world's supply of gold is right here.

This morning as Aaron Wollheim, his white haired "bride," his four daughters and four sons, his thirteen grandchildren and his great-grandson look over the array of golden wedding presents stacked up in Aaron's flat at 175 East Seventy-ninth street the House of Wollheim may safely bet eight to five that if American strong boxes now hold, roughly speaking, about one-third of the gold of the world Aaron and Mrs. Aaron now may speak just as roughly about owning the other two-thirds.

Word had reached as far south as City Hall Park yesterday afternoon that the Yorkville branch of the benevolent organization known as the Three Balls Association was going to parade in a body to Aaron's home, headed by a band playing guitars, clarionets, cornets, accordions and the other musical instruments whose usual habitat is the windows under the three ball sign.

Flood of Gifts Chokes Street.

Then, according to the East Side Wireless News Association bulletins, the Three Balls Association and its band was to lead the way to Tuxedo Hall, Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue, for the dinner and dance which were to make the evening and morning one day.

But the East Side Wireless News Association was, as usual, absolutely wrong. The Three Balls Association did not turn out, at least not in its official capacity, and if it had its parade never could have got into Seventy-ninth street owing to the clutter of ten ton trucks and safe hoisting apparatus unloading gold presents at Aaron's second story flat.

Aaron Wollheim admits that throughout the years he has handled between two and three million pledges in his pawnery at 1483 First avenue, but handling these was a light task compared to receiving and arranging the gold platters, gold vases, gold fruit dishes and all the rest of the gleaming flood that debouched into the Wollheim flat yesterday.

Everybody Was Kept Busy.

It took all the time of all Aaron's daughters—Mrs. Sam Greenwald, who had come all the way from Hammond, Ind., to help handle the gold; Mrs. Abe Joseph, Mrs. Nathan Katzenberg and Mrs. Sam Henschell—and all the sons—Sam, Dr. Jacob, Isadore and Sol—not to mention the thirteen grandchildren and Great-grandson Gilbert Hyman, to open and display so many gold presents that Aaron's front parlor long before dusk had begun to make the Philadelphia Mint look positively laughable.

Standing down at the street floor of the flathouse in front of the establishment of Donovan Bros. stood James J. Donovan, head of his firm, looking envious and dour as the world's visible supply of gold continued to pour toward the Wollheim flat. Jay Jay Donovan and his brother are merely prosperous plumbers.

But let the gold flow inward incessantly—what cared Aaron and Sam and Isadore and the rest of the House of Wollheim. The sun was setting, also enviously, and so it was time to don the soup and fish clothes and hurry away to Tuxedo Hall.

Ceremony at Tuxedo Hall.

In the hall at 6 o'clock Aaron and his silvery haired wife went through a golden wedding marriage service conducted by the Rev. Dr. Eiseman and Cantor Solomon Baum, with descendants and relatives of the House of Wollheim to the number of 125 looking on reverently.

Aaron kissed his "bride" then and Mrs. Aaron cried happily amid congratulations and lights and splendors that Aaron and his blushing Bertha little had dreamed when they were children a long time back in Ostrowo, Prussia, some day would be theirs. There was a feast then, and much dancing afterward, and no thought at all for even the unguarded gold at home.

JEWS PUSH $2,000,000 PLAN.

Will Start Federation Week Work by Inspirational Meeting.

An inspirational meeting will be held in the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre Sunday evening, December 3, to open the Federation Week drive of the campaign for $2,000,000 conducted by the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. All but $500,000 of the required amount has been raised. Prominent Jews will deliver addresses, and a musical programme is being arranged.

The campaign will end the following Sunday night. The use of the theatre, newspaper, billboard, street car, subway and elevated station and Long Island Railroad station advertising has been donated to the campaigners, according to an announcement made last night by Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the Federation. Headquarters during the Federation Week will be maintained in the Hotel Biltmore. The publicity and press committee will meet at a luncheon to-day at the Advertising Club to perfect its plans for the last week.

NORTON TAKES OFFICE TO-DAY.

Hudson's New Surrogate Led the Entire Democratic Ticket.

James F. Norton of Jersey City, who was elected Surrogate of Hudson county by a plurality of 17,000, the largest received by any candidate on the successful Democratic ticket, will enter to-day upon the duties of his office. The oath will be administered by County Judge Sullivan. The term is five years.

Mr. Norton is a newspaper reporter. He captured the party nomination for Surrogate at the primaries in a hot factional fight, although the big bosses of the county organization backed the other fellows. Thousands of Republicans voted for him on election day. For the past three and a half years Mr. Norton has been Deputy Director of Public Safety of Jersey City.

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SOCIETY OF ARTISTS FORMED.

Aim Is to Develop Talent in Dancing, Music, Drama.

The Society of American Artists, a new organization whose purpose is to develop American talent, in dancing, drama and music, held its first meeting yesterday at 8 East Thirty-sixth street.

Mrs. Clarence Burns is chairman of the organization committee and Mrs. Hattie Darling secretary pro tem. The names of the other officers will be announced later.

It is planned by the society to give hearings to would-be singers, dancers, musicians and actors who have been unable to reach theatrical managers. A number of committees on the various types of dancing, acting, &c., will be formed and at the head of each of the will be some successful exponent of the art. It was announced yesterday that Hans Kronold, the cellist, would be the chairman of the committee on stringed instruments.

After the young artists have given an exhibition of their talent on Sunday afternoons they may appear at a series of matinees which are being planned for some theatre.

Interpretive dancing, pantomines, ballet dancing, in fact every branch of dancing save the modern steps, will be viewed by the committee of artists.

Yesterday an exhibition dance, "The Waltz of the Flowers," was given by Miss Margaret Crawford and Harry Summers. Another number was Guy de Hardelot's Fan Song, sung in costume by Miss Dorothy Doty.

Other young artists will appear before the society, which has 150 members, next Sunday at 4 o'clock.

"PASTOR" RUSSEL'S WORK WILL GO ON

10,000 Watch Tower "Shareholders" Expected to Carry Out His Last Wish.

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Brooklyn and Pittsburg, though largely a one man organization as regards its inception, creation and renown, will nevertheless continue, it is said, notwithstanding the death on October 31 of its creator and president, Pastor Russell. In all likelihood Pastor Russell's successor will be A. I. Ritchie, vice-president of the society.

Succession however, depends on more than 10,000 "shareholders" scattered throughout the United States and is by no means certain, the society having long since outgrown the paternal form of government, when Pastor Russell exercised complete control by virtue of his personal contributions. These contributions exceeded $300,000, according to A. M. MacMillan, the Pastor's confidential assistant.

Under the by-laws each contribution of $10 entitles the contributor to a vote in the officering and running of the society. Constant increase in the number of outside contributions finally took the balance of power from Pastor Russell in so far as actual voting strength was concerned, but never threatened his control during the thirty years of incumbency as president. It now remains to be seen whether the Pastor's influence and authority is to be extended after death.

The probability is, according to Watch Tower officials, that the "shareholders" will indorse the ante-mortem selections made by Pastor Russell, but whether the Pastor's will, when filed, will suggest changes in organization not indicated during his lifetime is uncertain. Officials do state, however, that it calls for the appointment of an editorial staff to continue the publication of the *Watch Tower*, one of the Russell publications. In this connection it is said that Pastor Russell left enough manuscript to fill the publication for several years.

The personnel of the editorial staff is not mentioned. In fact it is uncertain whether Pastor Russell made any suggestion as to individuals. At the Watch Tower executive offices, 122 to 124 Columbia Heights, there was a marked disinclination to discuss the will. In deference to the expressed wish of Pastor Russell, it is not to be filed until "some time" after his death; whether in Pittsburg or Brooklyn could not be learned. The size of the estate is also in doubt.

The Watch Tower society is a Pittsburg corporation, but for a number of years Pastor Russell had made his home in Brooklyn and had conducted his campaign for a "Christianity without a hell" from the Columbia Heights address. His genius for organization was such, according to Mr. MacMillan, that the society, through subordinate officers, had run itself for years before his death, while he devoted all his time to the lecture platform. The organization and impetus given by him will continue to run it, according to the man who was nearest to him in a business way during the latter years of his life.

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WILSON ELECTION BILL IS GOING UP

Wilbur W. Marsh Estimates That the Deficit Is Now Upward of $300,000.

TOTAL GIVEN $1,584,548

170,000 Persons Are Listed as Contributors to the Campaign Fund.

The cost of reelecting President Wilson is mounting. Two days after the election on November 7, Henry Morgenthau, who had charge of the finances of the Democratic campaign, announced that the National Committee was about $275,000 short of the amount needed to meet the expenses of the campaign. A little later this was revised to "about $300,000."

Yesterday Wilbur W. Marsh of the Democratic National Committee estimated that in spite of post-election contributions, the deficit now is "upward of $300,000."

In an official statement of campaign contributions and disbursements to be filed to-day in Albany in compliance with the State law, he itemized liabilities of more than $100,000. There also are claims for $83,493.21 which have not been audited, and to be added are numerous printing and advertising bills which have not been rendered.

Mr. Marsh's statement is largely duplication of that he filed recently at Washington, but it contains an additional list of contributors of $100 or more up to November 24 and also an itemized statement of disbursements made through the New York headquarters.

The total contributed to the Democratic campaign fund, according to Mr. Marsh, was $1,584,548.05. Of this amount, $465,558.95 was received in contributions of less than $100. The contributions of $100 or more made through the New York headquarters amounted to $1,079,319.06. The National Committee disbursed $1,493,312.84 from the New York headquarters. Mr. Marsh's statement did not include receipts or disbursements from Western headquarters. These will be filed in Washington thirty days after the election.

Mr. Marsh regarded as significant the fact that 170,000 persons contributed to the fund.

"The number and character of contributions," he said, "has demonstrated in a striking manner the tremendous power of the great body of the voting public as contrasted with the wealth of politically ambitious individuals or groups of individuals banded together with the undisguised intention of dominating our national election."

He said every town of more than 500 population in Vermont had contributed, as well as many of the smaller towns. The same ratio carried through all the States of the Union would have made a campaign fund of $14,000,000, he estimated. New York State was the heaviest contributor, followed by Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas. The New York State committee received $166,000 of the money raised in this State.

ROUGH RIDERS TO AID NORWICH

Will Raise $150,000 for New Buildings at Old University.

Capt. Arthur F. Cosby, secretary of the Rough Riders Association, an organization of the members of Col. Roosevelt's famous regiment, announced last night that the association has made plans to raise $150,000 for Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., the oldest military college in America except West Point, and the only strictly cavalry school in America.

The school is greatly in need of new buildings and the $150,000 will be used to erect a "Commons Hall" to include a gymnasium, dining hall and quarters for bachelor members of the faculty and the cadet officers. The association, which has its offices at 1 Madison avenue, has been encouraged by letters from Col. Roosevelt and Major-Gen. Leonard Wood approving the action.

A luncheon will be given to-morrow by the association at the Bankers Club, 120 Broadway, at which the details of the enlargement will be made public. Addresses will be made by Gen. Wood, Col. Ira L. Reeves, president of Norwich University, and by the present commandant, Major Frank Tompkins, who led one of the early forays after Villa after the Columbus massacre last March.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

Archbishop Bonzano and Cardinal Farley Open Jesuit Church Ceremony.

VAST THRONG AT MASSES

Papal Blessing Bestowed on Worshippers at Park Avenue and 84th Street.

Roman Catholic clergymen of every order joined yesterday in the opening of the golden jubilee of the Jesuit Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, at Park avenue and Eighty-fourth street. The ceremony, which lasts throughout this week, began with a solemn pontifical mass sung by Archbishop John Bonzano of Washington, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

A vast throng of worshippers who had been present at earlier masses, and many who had not been able to attend any morning service because of the crowd were gathered outside of the church at 11 o'clock. Admission was by ticket only and a cordon of police saw to it that none except possessors of the much sought pasteboards got inside. Hundreds were left outside. Houses for blocks around the neighborhood were decorated with banners in honor of the event.

Impressive Church Service.

Within the church the service was an impressive and dramatic one. On specially erected thrones at either side of the altar Archbishop Bonzano and Cardinal Farley sat, centred among groups of acolytes in varicolored cassocks, and red robed dignitaries of the church. The priests who assisted in the mass wore brilliant yellow and gold vestments, the garb of the celebrant Archbishop. Two boys in white silk caped costumes were train bearers for Archbishop Bonzano.

Following the mass Dr. Bonzano imparted not only his own blessing but the papal blessing, which carries with it a plenary indulgence. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, prior of the Dominican Order of Preachers, who delivered it from the altar itself instead of speaking from the pulpit. He paid tribute to the memory of the late Archbishop Corrigan and Cardinal McCloskey of New York, as well as the present Cardinal and priests of the diocese.

Spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola.

"Self-mastery," he declared, "is paramount in the Jesuit ritual, and the priests have kept alive the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola, on whose teachings the ritual is based, by leading the people in this virtue."

Assisting Cardinal Farley in presiding at the mass was Mgr. Joseph Mooney, vicar-general. The Cardinal's deacons of honor were Mgr. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Mgr. John Edwards. Father White was assistant priest to Archbishop Bonzano, while Father Ahearn and Father McCarthy were deacons of honor. Father Southwell, O. C. C., was deacon of the mass, with Father Kilroy sub-deacon. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Carroll, secretary to the Cardinal, was master of ceremonies.

Among those who attended were the Very Rev. John Hughes, provincial of all the Paulists; Mgr. Thomas McCracken, Mgr. John J. Dunn, Mgr. Bruder, Father Barni of the Salesin Fathers, and a number of prominent Benedictine, Franciscan and other order priests and seculars.

Among the laity were Dr. T. F. McParlan and Dr. Edmund L. Keyes, Knights of St. Gregory, in regalia; John D. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady, the Countess Anna Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ehret, Judge Joseph Mulqueen, Judge Delehanty and Bourke Cockran.

The jubilee goes on to-day with mass for the deceased clergy and parishioners of the church. To-morrow's mass will be for living past and present parishioners. Wednesday will be devoted to the women's sodalities and Thursday for those of the men. Friday's celebration will be for the League of the Sacred Heart and Saturday the children will celebrate.

GARMENT MAKERS' ASSOCIATION SPLIT

Leading Officers Resign as Result of Dissension Over Protocol With Workers.

A serious split in the Dress and Waist Manufacturers Association, which may result in much labor trouble in the industry, took place several days ago, it became known yesterday.

The split, which resulted in the resignation of the president and several officers and members of the executive committee, was due to a disagreement among the manufacturers in the association concerning the value of the protocol in dealing with their employees.

Those who resigned from the association, who were the more progressive members, favored this collective method of handling labor, while those who remain are for the most part desirous of dealing alone with their employees.

The first to resign from the association was Mrs. Henry Moskowitz, wife of the chairman of the Municipal Civil Service Commission. The resignation of Mrs. Moskowitz, who was manager of the advisory department of the association, was followed by that of Julius Henry Cohen, counsel; J. J. Goldman, president; Samuel Floersheimer, first vice-president; E. A. Jackson, treasurer; H. S. Benedict, secretary, and members of the executive committee. Most of these are dress manufacturers, while those who remain are for the most part waist men.

It was said yesterday by a man well acquainted with all phases of the controversy that serious labor trouble will follow any attempt on the part of those remaining inside the association to change any of the agreements made with labor. The resignation of the progressives from the association is not likely to cause any labor trouble, as the leaders of the union probably will await events before acting. It is probable that those who resigned from the association will make their own agreement, similar to that embodied in the protocol, with the union heads.

GUN RATINGS ANGER GUARDSMEN OF N. Y.

Blue Ribbon Battery Is Only Thirteenth on War Department's List.

Indignant protests were made yesterday by National Guardsmen against the War Department's ratings on the field artillery units of this State. Washington despatches showed that eighty-five batteries were inspected in all parts of the country, most of them when on duty in State camps or on the Mexican border. The best of the New York gunners were placed thirteenth on the official list.

The former commander of a field artillery regiment in this State, whose attention was called to the complaints made by various artillerymen before they left New York for the border to the effect that they did not get sufficient practice at Tobyhanna, Pa., and in some cases did not fire their pieces for a year at a time, commenting on these gradings, said:

Criticises Marking Method.

"That is true to a certain extent, but the point by point marking adopted by the War Department is not the correct method to be pursued. I took this up with Washington, but could not get them to change their method.

"In the first place, the number of years that a man spends in the organization is made to count high. There is nothing in that system. You could take a country battery, with headquarters in some small Massachusetts town, and find plenty of men who have been hanging around for a long time. Artillerymen ought to be graded according to their efficiency and discipline, and not by the length of their service."

Several Massachusetts contingents were rated above the New York batteries. This led the retired commander to say that he had served for years with men who knew how to handle their guns better and knew more about practical mechanics than any of the New England militiamen. The Boston batteries, manned largely by college students and graduates, were placed ahead of New York city's.

His Challenge Not Accepted.

"When I was down at the border," he continued, "I told them that I would be perfectly willing to take any of my batteries and would prove that I could outfight, outshoot and outman all the Massachusetts organizations, but my challenge was not accepted. The oBston batteries are made up of college men, who passed gunner's examinations easily, but there are plenty of men who could get away with that test without being able to handle a gun properly in the field. The gradings announced yesterday were partly on the basis of the number of men who passed paper tests.

"And that's the whole explanation of the Massachusetts batteries being ahead."

Battery A of the First New York Regiment, which has headquarters in Syracuse, was No. 13 on the list and thus was credited with being the blue ribbon battery of this State. Next comes Battery F of the same regiment, which is quartered in this city.

The First Regiment is commanded by Lieut.-Col. Merritt H. Smith, who is chief engineer in the Bureau of Water Supply. It has not been decided yet whether he or Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt will have the permanent appointment.

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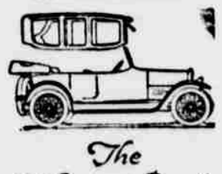

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