

## BRIDGEPORT BOUND SCHOONER IS LOST; ALL OF CREW SAFE

Wireless Despatch From Clyde Liner Brings News of Fate of Belated Vessel Bringing Huge Cargo of Lumber to Local Yard.

Crew Makes Desperate Struggle to Save Storm Swept Schooner Robert Graham Dun But Is Forced to Abandon Craft.

Tossed and buffeted in the recent storm that wreaked havoc from Florida to Maine, the schooner Robert Graham Dun, bound for Bridgeport with a cargo of lumber for the Frank Miller Lumber Co., was abandoned late last week and the members of her crew were picked up by the Clyde Liner, Seminole.

The big schooner, carrying 600,000 feet of lumber for this city was caught in the gale that ravaged the Virginia coast and although Captain Allen and the crew of five fought for hours, the battle against the storm had to be given up.

Small boats were resorted to after an all night struggle. The Clyde Liner bound from New York to Sanchez sighted the boat and wreck after the crew had been adrift a few hours and rescued them. The abandoned schooner with her cargo was left to the mercy of the winds and waves.

News of the battle of sea was flashed to New York today by the captain of the Seminole. He described the terrible buffeting the schooner had undergone before her crew gave up the fight.

The Robert Graham Dun was bound from Sabine, Florida, to Bridgeport. She left there March 17 and was overdue. During the last two days the Frank Miller Co., has attempted to locate her. A few hours ago it was reported that some accident had happened to the schooner.

The Farmer notified the company today of the abandonment of the ship. No loss will be made by the Frank Miller Co., because the cargo is owned by the consignee until delivered. The lumber is worth \$15,000, which amount will be lost by Luthis & Moore Co., of Florida.

The cargo of 600,000 feet is one of (Continued on Page 1)

## SUE SALESMAN ON HIS EXPENSE ACCOUNT

On the ground that one of their salesmen misappropriated money given for expenses, Currier Bros., the Rochester, N. Y. Jan. makers, have brought suit for \$200 against George F. White of this city. They claim he put in an account for \$115.76 from January 22 to July 31, 1913, when he really was entitled to \$14.58. The action is returnable to the common pleas court, April term.

## GIRL BURGLARS CAUGHT AFTER ROBBERING WOMEN IN SOCIETY

Thirteen and Twelve-Year-Old Maidens Have a Wardrobe That Would Make Debutantes Sigh With Envy—Caught By Detectives After Investigation.

In one of the most astounding arrests of shoplifters and burglars made in this city in many months the police today held two girls, Bertha Flynn, aged 13, and Elizabeth Kaufman, aged 12, as principals in the crimes, while nearly \$1,000 worth of the most valuable ball gowns, dresses, shoes and articles of women's apparel belonging to Howland's dry goods store, members of Miss Bertha Flynn's fashionable dancing school, and society persons of Bridgeport fairly fill one of the detective rooms at police headquarters. The full extent of the robberies and ownership is not yet disclosed as the police are tracing clues that promise to bring another police wagonload of loot to headquarters before nightfall.

Bertha Flynn, who lives with her widowed mother, Mary Flynn and several grown sisters at 173 Nicholas street, and Elizabeth Kaufman, daughter of Henry Kaufman, a painter, 218 Center street, had been trailed by Detectives George Fox and George Simon since last night when information concerning a small robbery at the Blooom dancing school Good Friday night was placed in their hands. Upon questioning the Kaufman girl this morning as she was going to school it was decided to search the Flynn household. The result was surprising for from closets and other places the detectives pulled forth the most gorgeous raiment entirely foreign to the general atmosphere of the place. Silk petticoats, valued at from \$25 to \$50, of the finest quality and of the kind reserved only to the wealthy were unfolded, hats with gorgeous plumage, much ruffled by be-

## COLGAN LIKELY TO TAKE APPEAL ON CONSERVATOR

Lawyers Confer and Notice of New Legal Steps Is Expected Soon.

An appeal will probably be taken from the decision of Judge Miller in naming the American Bank & Trust Co. as conservator for William C. Colgan.

Judge Thomas C. Coughlin and Judge Elmore S. Banks, who were counsel for Colgan, were in consultation today and it is believed they will decide to appeal from Judge Miller's decision. Counsel for Colgan hold that it has cost him more for conservators than any part of his estate which he is alleged to have wasted and for this reason and also holding that he is perfectly able to manage his own affairs it is likely they will appeal to the superior court.

Neither Judge Coughlin nor Judge Banks would discuss the matter today but they met for conference in Judge Coughlin's office.

Notice of their intention to appeal it is expected will be filed in the probate court tomorrow.

## ARRAIGN BOY FORGER IN SUPERIOR COURT ON FRAUD CHARGES

Henry McMahon, the 14-year-old boy charged with defrauding A. W. Shaw, an East Main street jeweler, by presenting a forged check, was arraigned before Judge John J. Walsh in the criminal common pleas court this afternoon.

Assistant Prosecutor John P. Gray told the court about the boy whose skill as a forger astounded the police at the time of his arrest. He said the boy had shown no consideration for his mother at the time of his arrest and had declared he would prefer Reform School to returning to his mother. The assistant prosecutor said he did not want to send the boy to the reformatory and would recommend that he be placed on probation. He had spent a few days at the reformatory but his parents later obtained a release.

Former City Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan represented McMahon, who declared Dr. Elmer F. Blank had examined the younger and pronounced him below normal in mentality. Judge Walsh said he thought the parents had been too lenient with the boy. The court decided to continue the case until Attorney Cullinan conferred with the parents and decided what was the best course to be followed to save Henry. He may be sent to a private institution.

The discharged Western Union telegraphers at St. Louis were reinstated and the strike settled.

## DISSENSION RIFE WHEN CHARITIES BOARD GATHERS

Get Into Difficulties Over Secrecy Involving Purchase of Automobile.

## FATHER JUDGE ISSUES HEATED ULTIMATUM

Declares He Won't Stand for Transaction of Public Business Under Cover

Dissension is rife in the charities board, following the recent purchase of a Buick car and the proposal to repurchase the old Ford car for the use of Dr. J. J. MacDonald at Lakeview home. Rev. Matthew Judge, Democratic member of the board, has come out flatly with the statement that he will not stand for further action upon the part of his fellow members of which he knows nothing about and which calls denunciation of the department from members of the board of appointment.

At a meeting held yesterday, knowledge of which the utmost effort was made to keep from the public on the part of Superintendent of Charities Spencer Gordon and the board, connected with his department, recrimination was rampant.

Not only was the matter of car purchase brought openly into the limelight, but the practical abandonment of the contemplated purchase of the old Ford car, but other matters of darker significance were hinted at in vigorous language.

The trouble arose primarily over the purchase of an automobile for charities investigator. An appropriation of \$500 had been made by the board of appointment. Instead of buying a Ford car the committee in charge, consisting of Commissioners Harris and Behrens, had arranged for the purchase of a Buick car, that concern taking the old Ford in exchange for \$750, whereas the Ford agents would allow but \$200. It had later been offered to the committee for \$300 for the use of Dr. MacDonald. It has now been decided after much discussion that the Lakeview committee will try to procure another car if a better bargain can be had.

Incidentally the question of following up on the resignation of Dr. MacDonald and it was disclosed by Father Judge that Superintendent MacDonald had not received the \$1,500 salary agreed to by the board. It was the consensus of opinion that this salary was intended to commence only upon the opening of the new almshouse.

The discussion, which is said at times to have become warm, resulted in explanations upon the part of Rev. John MacLaren Richardson and Commissioner Harris in reference to their part in the car deals.

It is said today that the friction underlying yesterday's meeting extends to an estimate of the matter has already reached the mayor's ears. It was stated that the mayor's office is taking an interest in the matter being discussed on matters taken up by other members of the board.

## PNEUMONIA FATAL TO CURTIS GUILD, FORMER GOVERNOR

Boston, April 6.—Curtis Guild, former governor and former minister for Russia, died at 2:30 a. m. The end was peaceful. Mr. Guild's illness began in a cold contracted after a trip to Sao Paulo April 1 and which rapidly developed into pneumonia.

It was his second attack from the disease from which he had made a remarkable recovery in 1908 after the physician had almost abandoned him. He had been in bed for several months in 1908 and underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Guild was unconscious for half an hour before his death. At his bedside were Mrs. Guild, Dr. William B. Robbins, who had attended him throughout his illness, and a nurse.

Among his callers after he was stricken was former President Taft, an intimate friend of long standing, who appointed Mr. Guild special minister to Mexico on the occasion of the centennial celebration of that republic in 1910, and a year later sent him as ambassador to Russia. Mr. Guild was ambassador to Russia for two years during President Taft's administration and was three times governor of Massachusetts. He attained unusual distinction as a publicist.

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## Coroner Holds Father For Investigation in Death of Young Girl

New Haven, April 6.—William Bush, colored, was detained by Coroner E. H. Mix today pending investigation of the death of Bush's daughter, Elizabeth, 17 years old, whose body was found in a vacant lot this morning, a few steps from her home at West Haven. Marks on the body, it is said, indicated that the girl may have been beaten and the coroner, besides ordering an autopsy had notified the state police.

Bush's wife and young son were examined by the coroner today as to what had taken place at the Bush home last night. Bush is about 45 years old.

Curtis Guild, former governor of Massachusetts, and at one time ambassador to Russia, is seriously ill of pneumonia in Boston.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy tonight, Wednesday fair, fresh south to west winds.

## Lighter and Cheaper Uniforms For Mail Men This Summer

This summer will be one of the pleasantest ever spent by the Bridgeport mail carriers, according to an order issued by Postmaster General Burleson. He has given permission for them to wear cooler uniforms, which may be obtained at less cost than the ones formerly used in summertime.

One of the disadvantages of the letter carrier's job, in summer is the weight of the uniform. Another disagreeable matter is the cost. These will be alleviated. The order provides that the uniforms shall be of light-weight bluish-gray, worsted or serge, composed wholly or in part of wool or cotton. No change is made in the cut or design.

The order applies only to city carriers. Postmaster Charles F. Greene will notify his carriers of the ruling.

## THREE DROWNED AS AUTO JUMPS OFF DRAWBRIDGE

Newark, April 6.—Three young men, members of the Montclair Academy Athletic Association, were drowned early today when an automobile in which they were riding with four others plunged through an open draw bridge into the Passaic river.

Gordon Knapp, of East Orange, was first identified. The others, it was believed, were held submerged by the car. Later they were identified as Clarence Stanton and Eugene Stephens, both of Newark.

The men were returning home from a dinner in New York and were given a ride in the automobile by William J. Bittles, Jr., who was saved with three others. A gateman at the draw bridge was knocked into the water. He was rescued but suffered severe injuries.

## LARGE CORDAGE COMPANY SEEKS TO LOCATE HERE

Old Chemical Plant To Be Overhauled and Occupied By Another Firm.

More prosperity for Bridgeport in addition to the tremendous building operations that have already been contracted for, is promised as a result of activities of local bankers and other persons inclined to better Bridgeport financially.

The Continental Cordage Co., one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country, may be brought here from New York as a result of negotiations that are being made. It is said the proprietors of the immense concern are favorably considering the plan to buy land and build here.

The Continental Cordage Co. will manufacture rope, twine and string. During the next few weeks it is probable the plant of the Gold General Chemical Co., in Fairfield, will be overhauled and such parts of it as can be used will be used for manufacturing purposes. Joseph A. Taylor, proprietor of a large foundry in Port Chester, will erect a plant there for the manufacture of iron pipe. The General Chemical Co. has gone out of business and Taylor has purchased the property formerly used by that firm.

As an evidence of returning good times here, the Birdseye-Somers Co. have indicated that there is room for 500 more hands in their factories.

The Bridgeport Projectile Co., which was recently organized, filed further outline of their incorporation this morning in the office of the town clerk. The papers specify that the company shall make and manufacture articles of steel and other metals.

## GERMANY PROTESTS DETAINING OF LINER ODENWALD BY U. S.

Washington, April 6.—Germany has protested to the United States against the detention of the Hamburg-American liner Odenwald at San Juan, Porto Rico, under the neutrality regulations.

## Wants \$10,000 From Employer For Loss of Leg Through Runaway

Seeking to recover \$10,000 damages for the loss of a leg injured in a run away, Charles E. Bounty of Stamford appeared before Judge Williams and a jury in the superior court this morning to testify in his suit against Wilbur L. Crabb of Stamford.

He told the jury that on March 19, 1912, he was driving a wagon for Crabb, by whom he was employed. The horse ran away and Bounty was thrown out. One leg was so seriously injured that it had to be amputated. Bounty claimed the horses were vicious and that he was without negligence. The trial had not been finished at press hour.

## BRIDGEPORT CHARTER AMENDMENT IS PASSED

(Special to The Farmer)

Hartford, April 6.—The House today, concurring with recent action by the Senate, passed the Bridgeport charter amendment which transfers to the director of public works power heretofore held by the city engineer with regard to the layout of sidewalks and gutters.

## VERDICT AGAINST 27 OFFICIALS IN ELECTION FRAUDS

Mayor Roberts and Others in Terre Haute Found Guilty by Jury.

## PRISONERS TO GET SENTENCES MONDAY

Defendants, Their Families in Court, Take Verdict in Calm Manner.

Indianapolis, April 6.—All of the 27 defendants, including Mayor Donn M. Roberts, in the Terre Haute elections fraud case, were found guilty by a jury today.

Judge Anderson announced that sentence would be passed on the 27 who were found guilty and the eighty-nine who have pleaded guilty next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. In the meantime, he permitted all the defendants, with the exception of Alexander Aczel, alias Steel, to remain at liberty under their bonds. Steel has been in jail for some time unable to give bond of \$5,000 for alleged attempt to influence government witnesses.

All of the defendants, many of whom were accompanied by relatives, took the verdict calmly and there was no demonstration of any sort. Those found guilty are as follows:

Mayor Roberts of Terre Haute, Ell H. Redman, declared elected Vigo county circuit judge by ten votes; Elmer E. Tabbot, controller of Terre Haute, until his resignation because of the trial here; Dennis Shea, sheriff of Vigo county; Maurice Walsh, county seal of weights and measures and assessor of campaltery funds; S. Montgomery, president of the board of public works; John M. Maselink, city inspector of weights and measures and a member of the state general assembly in 1911; Thomas C. Smith, city judge; George Ehrenhardt, member of the board of public works; Edward R. Driscoll, secretary of the Vigo county Democratic committee; Hilton Redman, son of Ell Redman; Charles Houghton, assistant custodian of the city hall; Lewis Nunley, assistant city engineer; Joseph O'Mara, street commissioner; William S. Crockett, superintendent of city property; Richard Kneuey, cemetery clerk and Roberts' messenger; Alexander Aczel, alias Steel, inspector of street paving; Arthur Gill, undertaker, Progressive election official; John E. Grege, merchant; William Doyle, gambler; Peary McKay, gambler; George Sovern, gambler; Timothy (Bull) Conway, former pugilist, bartender; Andrew O'Brien, bartender; Joseph Stross, liquor salesman; George Woodall, saloon keeper; William P. O'Donnell, saloon keeper.

Judge Anderson gave his instructions late yesterday. The federal government placed its claim to jurisdiction in the fact that a United States Senator and a member of Congress were being voted for in the election. The indictment, which is in four counts, charges conspiracy to injure persons in their civic rights, conspiracy to defraud the United States by corrupting the election and misuse of the mails.

The federal grand jury began its investigation about two weeks after the election of November 2, 1914, and returned the indictment December 24, naming 124 men, all but 10 of these indicted were arrested.

Eighty-nine of those arrested pleaded guilty.

## DELLACA RELEASED WHEN \$1,500 BOND IS GIVEN BY FRIEND

Last of Three Bold Young Men To Procure Liberty After Sensational Arrest.

Harry Dellaca, one of the three young men held on the charge of burglarizing local merchants, was released in bonds of \$1,500 today. He was the last of the trio to obtain bail. Joseph J. Musante appeared at the office of the clerk of the superior court this morning in company with Attorney George F. Mara and arranged matters with Assistant Clerk Tracy. Property on Middle street was given as security.

Dellaca was arrested as a member of the gang whose activities had terrorized merchants and mystified the police for several months. He, in company with Anthony Aurilio and Walter Gaffney was taken into custody for breaking into the Brunswick pool parlors in Fairfield avenue.

When arraigned in the city court probable cause was found and the three were bound over to the criminal superior court.

It was charged that the gang had broken into Harry Quinn's cafe, and H. S. Challenger's newsroom in addition to the Brunswick. Gaffney was held on only one count and his bonds were fixed at \$500, which he obtained. Dellaca and Aurilio were held on three counts and their bonds were \$1,500 each.

Aurilio is also held in \$1,000 in New York state, awaiting the action of the grand jury. It is charged that he took stolen goods to New York city and sold them.

## The Central Railroad of New Jersey Was Fined \$200,000 in the United States District Court at Trenton, N. J., for Repeating to the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.

Louis Gambo of New York, aged three, was scalded to death when he tripped a pan of boiling water over.

## BRITISH STEAMER SENT TO BOTTOM BY A SUBMARINE

## NOT BANKRUPT ANSWERS ASCH IN U. S. COURT

Owner of Triangle Fire Building Admits \$200,000 Liabilities.

Joseph G. Asch, of Westport, owner of the big block in Washington Square, N. Y., in a lot of which was housed the Triangle Shirt Waist Co., where occurred a terribly fatal fire March 25, 1911, has filed an answer to the involuntary bankruptcy proceedings instituted against him in the U. S. District court on petition of Henry Lane Eno, also of Westport. Asch claims that he is not a bankrupt, though he admits that his debts aggregate over \$200,000. He maintains that these liabilities are not due.

While he has more than a dozen unsecured creditors he denies that Henry Lane Eno is one who can properly petition him into bankruptcy and he denies that the \$187,000 second mortgage on the New York building was assigned by the city. He has transferred property to his wife to hinder and delay his creditors and he asks for a trial by jury to determine the facts.

## DEATH PENALTY AND DEER HOLD LEGISLATORS

Extended Debates on Two Measures Keep Solons Busy

Hartford, April 6.—Two subjects loomed big legislative debate today. The Senate had before it an unfavorable report on the proposition to abolish capital punishment in Connecticut. The judiciary committee was supported after a very lively debate on a roll call 25 to 2. Senators Tuttle, Barnes and Hewitt being recorded in favor of abolition of the death penalty.

A peculiar parliamentary situation was developed. The committee bill which came from the committee provided for abolition of capital punishment on persons convicted of murder, committed outside of prison walls. The unfavorable report on the bill was accepted.

Senator Tuttle then offered a substitute bill providing for the abolition of all capital punishment. The question then came up on the passage of the substitute bill and that was lost 25 to 2.

Senator Tuttle then offered another bill providing that the judge be empowered in murder trials to be court and take a vote as to whether or not such clemency shall be recommended, such recommendation to result in imprisonment for life.

Senator Tuttle said he offered the latter bill to stimulate some action in the way of a substitute for capital punishment but he was satisfied that the majority of the Senate did not intend to allow any action on this matter and he would withdraw the bill.

The Senate then voted to reject the bill unfavorably reported by the committee.

## All Witnesses Dead, Judge Delays Will In Admission to Probate

All witnesses being dead, there is some question about the admission of the will of Albert Furniss to probate. The will of Mr. Furniss, a die stinker who lived at 145 Grove street, was filed for probate today. It disposed of three houses in Meriden and leave them without reserve to his widow, Ellen Furniss.

The will was drawn in 1887. In 1892 Mr. Furniss attempted to add a codicil disposing of the property to charity in case that his wife died before him. There were no witnesses to the codicil and it was not properly made out, so Judge Miller in the probate court today refused to consider it.

He also has postponed the probating of the will to obtain affidavits as to the signature of the testator and of the witnesses.

## "SUSPENDER DAY" IN HOUSE

(Special to The Farmer)

Hartford, April 6.—Members of the House today found Easter presents on their desks. The presents were suspenders, the gift of Representative Russell, of Middletown.

## Northlands, With a Big Cargo of Iron Ore, Latest Victim of Germany's War on Merchant Ships—Crew Is Saved as Vessel Sinks Rapidly.

Trawler Aganthe, Hit by Torpedo, and Crew Is Picked Up By Passing Ship—German Submarine In Net.

London, April 6.—The British steamer Northlands, of 2,000 tons, with a cargo of iron ore, was sent to the bottom by a German submarine in the English Channel off Beachy Head on Monday morning.

The Northlands, sank in 10 minutes. Her crew of 24 men were picked up later by the Belgian steamer Topali.

The Northlands was built at West Hartlepool in 1900 and was owned by the Northlands Steamship Company (Ltd.) of Cardiff.

## Trawler Is Sunk Blyth, Eng., April 6—The trawler Aganthe was attacked by a German submarine yesterday off Longstone and sent to the bottom.

The crew of 13 men were rescued by the Swedish steamer Tord and landed here today.

## Submarine In Net

Paris, April 6.—A German submarine has become securely entangled in a net specially designed for that purpose and placed off Dover, according to the Petit Journal's Dunkirk correspondent, who adds that the French naval authorities expect to capture the submersible when it comes to the surface.

## U. S. Shipping Note

Interests All London

London, April 6.—What has been called the Easter lull in the fighting is marked these days along both battle lines except in the Carpathians, where the struggle for success to the Hungarian plains is still going on. This relative quiet has given ample opportunity for the dispatches by the British press and the American note in reply to the British order in council. The comment on this communication has been widespread. Most of it expresses gratification with the sense of the communication although there is great difference of opinion as to the possible results.

Newspapers which from the first have advocated a formal blockade of Germany, see a loophole in the net for action on the part of the British government leading to this end, while others express the feeling that a fuller understanding by the United States of the British position will lead to acquiescence in the present order in council.

Official Austrian news reaching London by way of Paris declares that Austro-German forces in the vicinity of the Lupkow Pass are in full retreat, but all the other reports from this section of the eastern line indicate that the opposing armies are still locked in a deadly grapple.

Russia reports fighting within the boundaries of Hungary north of Czernowicz. The Austrians are described as retreating after a stubborn fight.

## Painting Eitel Friedrich

Newport News, Va., April 6.—The German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich remained at her wharf this forenoon, a plume of smoke floating lazily from one funnel. Painters were at work on her hull, scraping off the red rust accumulation of seven months of sea service and working coming of the ship reported that 17 floor plates in the engine room had been removed, ostensibly for repairs. These circumstances strengthened the belief along the waterfront that intervention until the end of the war and not a dash to sea will be the closing chapter to the Eitel's war record.

## ANOTHER BURR & KNAPP

NOTE FIGURES IN SUE

Another of Burr & Knapp's pictures in litigation today when figures were filed in the superior court in foreclosure proceedings brought by the Bellows Falls, Vt., Trust Co., against Lina Russo and others of this city. It was claimed that Mrs. Russo so gave a note for \$3,400 to Burr & Knapp in 1911 and this was afterward assigned to the plaintiff. Property in the Davonport Park section was given as security.