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## BRIDGEPORT PROJECTILE CO. BUYS UNION AVENUE TRACT FOR FACTORIES

Six Acre Plot Adjoining the East End Freight Yards Will Be Home of New Corporation's Ammunition Works—Work to Begin At Once.

Spur Tracks From Freight Yards Run Into Property Where Six Million Dollars Worth of War Orders Will Be Filled.

The Bridgeport Projectile Co., the mysterious corporation whose financial strength is a matter of the utmost secrecy and whose half million dollar order for machinery and equipment was disclosed through The Farmer of yesterday, today has closed a deal for its site.

The plant will be located on a six acre tract of land just south of the East End freight yards, bounded on the west by Union avenue and east by Hollister avenue.

This is the property bought several years ago by the Bullard Machine Tool Co., when that corporation proposed to erect an additional plant, and sold, in 1912, to Attorney Seney Plummer of New York city. Today Mr. Plummer sold the tract to the new corporation. The price was about \$40,000.

From the railroad a number of spur tracks are already laid into the property and these spur tracks were used by the Warren Spun Co. of Boston as sidings from which to load material when they laid Warrenton roadways here several years ago. Across the street on Union avenue and facing the property, is the plant of the Bridgeport Screw Co.

The tract is irregular in shape, bounded north on the railroad 316 feet, south in part on the land of Bradley Nichols & Sons, 601 feet east on Hollister avenue, 493 feet west in Union avenue, 457 feet.

Much secrecy is being maintained as to the real men behind the new concern. The company has opened an office on the top floor of the Security building where James C. Knight of New York is in charge. Plans for factory buildings are now being prepared in New York and it is thought factory buildings will be placed on the site with the same rapidity that the Bridgeport Arms Co. is building on its newly acquired property in the East End.

The purchase of this site in the East End sets at rest the rumor that the factory of the new concern would locate in the West End. The concern is reported to have orders for projectiles and millions of war ammunition to \$5,000,000.

## JUDGE NOT READY TO SAY WHETHER THAW IS INSANE

New York, April 22.—The question as to whether Harry K. Thaw is entitled to have a jury determine his sanity remained undecided today in the mind of Supreme Court Justice Hendricks. When attorneys for Thaw and the state of New York appeared in court to hear his decision, Justice Hendricks announced that he had not had time to complete his study of the authorities but hoped to be able to return a decision by to-morrow morning. The proceedings, which are based on a writ of habeas corpus, were adjourned until that time.

## ELEVEN CRIPPLE CHILDREN HURT AS TROLLEY HITS BUS

Cleveland, April 22.—Eleven deformed children, on their way to school for cripples, were injured, three of them fatally, when the bus in which they were riding was struck by a street car here today. The fatally hurt are Philip Carpell, 8; Theresa Berislavich, 15; Frances Quinlan, 10.

The attendant to the driver of the rig, Mitchell Finn, was badly injured and may die.

The wagon was thrown 30 feet by the car. A Sutton, the driver, said he saw the car coming but was unable to stop his wagon, because a crippled child had his foot on the brake and it was impossible to reach the brake without pushing the child off the wagon.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight; Friday probably showery. Moderate southeast winds.

## PILLARS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL ARE REJECTED AT SITE.

Six massive limestone pillars for use at the entrances of the new high school building were rejected this morning at the site of the structure.

President Elmer H. Havens of the board of education said this afternoon that they were broken while on the way here on flat cars. The pillars were to be put in place as soon as they arrived because the entrances to the school are now ready. A delay will be caused however, by their rejection.

## DENY MOTION TO SET ASIDE VERDICT IN HATTERS' CASE

Danbury Judge Rules That the Jury Was Justified in Its Finding.

A decision denying the motion to set aside the jury's verdict in conspiracy suit brought by Dominick Connors of Danbury against State Labor Commissioner P. H. Connelley and Emil Ness, former officials of the Danbury Hatters' union, was handed down today by Judge Curtis in the superior court. The motion was filed by Attorney Howard W. Taylor of Danbury, representing Connelley and Ness. He claimed the jury in awarding Connors \$1,100 damages, acted contrary to the weight of evidence. Judge Curtis in his decision said: "I am satisfied there was sufficient evidence to justify the jury in rendering the verdict given. The motion is denied."

Connors brought suit for \$5,000, alleging the union officials had conspired to have him discharged from the Hawes, von Gal factory in Danbury. The suit was tried only before in the superior court when a jury found for Connelley and Ness but the supreme court ordered a new trial.

## BITTEN WHEN SHE PROTECTS HER PET FROM DOG'S TEETH

East Main Street Woman Is Attacked By Rabid Animal In Her Home.

A dog in the big tenement house at 2136 East Main street, has run amok for several days and although muzzled, has already bitten two persons living in the house, Annie Boddington, aged 26, is the latest victim. Annie was descending the stair-case yesterday with her dog, as the vicious animal owned by another family made an attack. The plucky woman thrust her dog behind her and received the fangs of the rushing brute in her hand. The muzzle, although attached to the animal's neck, had been displaced. Charles Boddington, aged 53, was bitten in a similar manner April 16. The police authorities will investigate with a view to having the dog properly segregated. Treatment was given to Annie Boddington at the emergency hospital.

## Ask Receiver For City Must Construct Five New Sewers To Meet Order of Court

City Engineer Terry has notified the city clerk that new sewers will be required in the following streets to carry out the decision of the superior court in the suit of F. L. Bradbury vs. the City of Bridgeport: Housatonic avenue, East Washington avenue to Housatonic avenue; to river; Grand street from Housatonic avenue to river; Estella street from Housatonic avenue to river. The city engineer requests that this matter be brought to the attention of the sewers committee of the common council and that public hearings be called as soon as possible so that contracts may be let and the work done this summer.

## Miss Hard And Fiance Get Marriage License

A marriage license was issued to William Gerald Lineburgh, 27, of 328 Laurel avenue and Dorothy B. Hard, 21, of 104 Fremont street. Mr. Lineburgh is a member of the firm of Lineburgh & Beers, proprietors of the Standard Signal Lamp Co. Miss Hard is the daughter of Mrs. R. B. Hard, who is prominent in musical circles.

## ARRESTED FOR TRESPASS ON TRACKS OF RAILROAD

William Doehle, born in Boston, but lately living in Cincinnati and St. Louis, was arraigned in the city court today upon charges of train riding. The prisoner said that he was attempting to get back home to Boston, where he had not been in 19 years. He will make a further attempt after he has spent two days in jail.

## WOMAN STILL IS MISSING IN HOTEL TRAGEDY

Clues Point To Waterbury As Residence of Victim of Shooting.

## VISITOR SAYS MAN WAS "JIMMIE" MINOR

Note Found in Pocket Indicates That Death Was Suicidal.

Partial identification of the victim of the Hotel Astor tragedy has been made today at the local morgue, by Daniel Quill, formerly of Waterbury, Conn., who asserts that he believes the dead man to be "Jimmie" Minor, formerly of Waterbury, and brother of Joseph and Michael Minor of that city. Quill, who was found today by Detective Sergeant Peter Hall, says he is not only sure of the identity but is also sure that the man was practically assured to have been suicide, but says he remembers having met "Jimmie" Minor in this city as late as last week.

Accompanied to the morgue by Detective Quill, at once said, "I know him. He is 'Jimmie' Minor of Waterbury. He has a brother Michael, now in Waterbury, and another brother, 'Joe', ran a road-house at Cotton Hollow, between Boston Falls and Naugatuck for a number of years. I saw 'Jimmie' in this city last week. That is he."

Search, however, in Waterbury, yesterday, for Mike Minor or "Minor" was unsuccessful though wide publicity had been given the affair in the Waterbury papers. Further inquiry is being prosecuted by the police of that city in response to inquiries made by the local police authorities.

Though this note was found in the man's coat at the hospital late yesterday afternoon, no name was appended and from the appearance of the clothing and register at the Hotel Astor it would appear that every effort had been made to conceal Minor's identity.

"Turn me over to a Catholic (or Jesuit) undertaker and see that I pay the mortuary. Buy me a grave and bring me to church. I ain't got home and been sick. I got money or check to pay all bills."

This note, which had been written upon a coarse quality of paper, in all but illegible pencil scrawl, was folded over twice and appeared to have been in the victim's pocket for some time. It is believed from its appearance that he had premeditated the act several days and had postponed it, though a pencil found in the effects might have been used for writing it.

The victim is five feet six inches in height and is estimated to weigh between 160 and 180 pounds. His features, though somewhat distorted in death, are those of a man who has been ailing during life. His chin is fat and the face probably was oval in shape. The chin is the most noticeable feature of the face, for this was extremely small and somewhat receding. At one time the victim had lost both upper and lower sets of teeth which though these have not as yet been found by the detectives and form one of the mysteries of the case.

## Ask Receiver For Engine Cassidy's Broad Street Lunch

Tax Collector Howard F. Smith has filed a petition in the superior court asking that a temporary receiver be appointed to take charge of the business which he and Eugene L. Cassidy have been conducting as partners at 1131 Broad street.

Smith says the business is under the control of Cassidy and the assets will be allowed to go to waste unless they are sold. He declares Cassidy won't sell them. Smith also claims the books of the firm are in Cassidy's hands and it is said that the defendant won't settle affairs. The tax collector asks the court to order the receiver to sell the business and have the proceeds divided between the partners. Attorney E. J. McManus represents Smith.

The partnership was formed in 1909 Smith paying \$200 for one-half interest in the business. He was to get one half the profits. Cassidy's lunch room, where many business men eat, is a red brick structure on Broad street between Fairfield avenue and Cannon street.

**DIETRICH WAS PALL BEARER**  
The name of William C. Dietrich, assistant superintendent of mails, was inadvertently omitted in Tuesday's Farmer in the list of honorary delegates from the local post office who attended the funeral of Gordon B. Haggerty yesterday morning.

## BATTLE FOR HELL COSTS THOUSANDS

Severe Engagement With Heavy Casualties Reported Near Ypres—Both Sides in Many Counter-Attacks and Each Claims to Be Holding Advantage.

French Continue Drive Against St. Mihiel—Floods in Eastern Area of War Halt Big Moves of Campaign—Weather Aids Western Fighting.

London, April 22.—Hill No. 60, dominating an area to the southeast of Ypres, continues to be the storm center of the western front with the allies clinging tenaciously to the German position.

Counter-attack after counter-attack has been so far successfully repulsed but the British hold is still disputed by the Germans and the end of the fighting is not yet in sight.

The British press have not been announced but they are estimated at well over 2,000. The Germans are believed to have lost more than 4,000 men.

The French drive in the direction of St. Mihiel is about the only other significant move in the west.

The condition of the ground both in the east and west is now being directly reflected in the local operations. The situation in Poland, on the other hand, fine weather has prevailed in the west for some days and, barring a heavy storm, the ground will become harder daily, a condition which should cause increased activity on each side.

The British press is largely a local matter but it considers this engagement an important step forward and a great relief to the town of Ypres, so long under bombardment. The Germans, in possession of this hill, were not only above the town but they threatened the British lines in the vicinity of St. Eloi.

The taking of this hill, therefore, reduces the situation in the Ypres district, strengthens their lines to the south and gives an advantageous position for further efforts and renders the German offensive in this quarter difficult.

## ITALIAN MINISTERS HOLD MEETING ON WAR OUTLOOK

Rome, April 22.—A conference lasting three hours was held yesterday before Premier Salandra, Foreign Minister Sonnino and Minister of War Zupelli, presumably to discuss measures relating to the defense of the country. Following the conference of ministers the meeting of the office is considered of great importance.

## TWO NATIONS RECALL SWITZERLAND SUBJECTS

Geneva, April 22.—All German and Austrian subjects in Switzerland, even those who never did military service, were recalled yesterday by their respective governments.

News reached Lugano this morning that the Italian government had stopped the trans-Atlantic service with the United States. Passengers who have days not as yet been accurately determined by the Italian government, the report says, requires all the steamships.

## HUGE WALL TOPPLES; 12 ARE KILLED

Birmingham, Ala., April 22.—At least 12 persons, it was believed today, were killed here late yesterday when two retail stores, crowded with shoppers were crushed by a five story wall blown down in a whirlwind.

More than 20 persons were more or less seriously injured. The store buildings, occupied by the Hann Shoe Company and the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, were completely wrecked by the wall which was left standing after a recent fire.

Five bodies have been recovered and seven other persons believed to have been in the crowd at the buildings when the crash occurred were reported missing.

Five of the injured were said today to be in serious condition.

## ROOSEVELT ADMITS HIS ELECTION AS GOVERNOR AGAINST LAW OF STATE

## SCHOOL BOARD TO CREATE POSITIONS FOR SUPERVISORS

One or more new supervising positions will be created in the public school system of Bridgeport next autumn, according to plans known to a few members of the board of education. When the superintendent of schools to succeed Charles W. Deane takes office, it is expected many changes will be made.

Miss Frances A. Hurley, whose position is grade supervisor, according to her title, but who in reality is assistant superintendent of schools, will probably be given the latter title in the autumn and somebody will take her place as supervisor. She has been combining the two positions, but it is expected she will be given an office as assistant superintendent.

Although President Elmer H. Havens, head of the board of education, and members of the committee on schools of the board, says he doesn't know anything about it, it is known that four teachers from this city are now inspecting schools other cities.

It is said that Miss Frances Hurley, Miss Mary Stapleton, a principal, Miss Florence Blackman, an assistant principal, and Miss Lucy Blood, a teacher, are spending a week in Boston, Springfield and cities of that vicinity studying the system of schools there. They are said to have been sent for the purpose of acquiring ideas that may be adopted here, but President Havens says he doesn't know anything about it.

## BRIDGEPORT FOUNDRIES TO HELP FILL BIG ORDER FOR SHRAPNEL SHELL FOR RUSSIA

A. T. & S. Co.'s Sub Contract on Monster War Contract is For \$67,000—Many Other Connecticut Firms To Turn Out Munitions For Canadian Corporation.

The American Tube & Stamping Co. and other Bridgeport enterprises will participate in filling an \$82,000,000 order for shrapnel and howitzer shells for the Russian government.

The Canadian Car & Foundry Co. has sublet contracts for 5,000,000 shells to the Bridgeport concern, after having received the order from Russia. The A. T. & S. Co. will receive \$67,500.

The Canadian concern has closed negotiations with Russia by receiving one of the largest orders ever given for shrapnel and howitzer shells. So great was the project that the company had to sublet many parts of the job in order to turn it out. The average cost price of the shells is to be \$17.35.

Many Connecticut firms have received sub-contracts. The list given out by manufacturing interests follows: American Tube & Stamping Co., Bridgeport, \$57,500; Wallace Barnes Co., Bristol, \$35,900; Pope Manufacturing Co., Westfield, Mass., \$42,000; Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., Stamford, \$71,000; Bridgeport White Metals Casting Co., Bridgeport, \$269,000; Curtis Screw Corporation, New Britain, two contracts, \$52,000 and \$100,000. Besides these, the American Brass Co. has a sub-contract for its plant at Kenosha, Wis., for \$375,000. These contracts look good for a large number of Connecticut workmen and Connecticut investors.

The Bridgeport Metal Goods Co. is busy on war orders. There is no Bridgeport White Metals Casting Co. in this city.

The balance of the order to be manufactured by the Canadian company in its plants in Canada amounts to \$31,171,270.

Other details of the shrapnel and howitzer contract have also been learned. They show that the total profit to the Canadian company will be approximately \$20,000,000. The profits to the American manufacturer have not as yet been accurately computed, according to American participants in the contracts.

The Canadian Car & Foundry Co., it is understood, in taking over the contract from the Russian government, assumed an option on all future orders of that government for war materials to be made up on this continent. The terms of the agreement provide that Russia is to make advances to the Canadian company in cash, from time to time, of sums ranging from \$750,000 to \$4,000,000, and these may be as much as \$10,000,000 in one or two instances. The funds are to be used in part for "extending the company's plants and purchasing special machinery for the manufacture of the products."

The stipulation has been made, it is said, that all of the cash advances must be deposited in a special banking account by the Canadian Government; and in case the contract should be abrogated, in the event of the early termination of the war, all such funds that have not been expended in increasing plant facilities will be returned to the Russian Government.

## ROOSEVELT ADMITS HIS ELECTION AS GOVERNOR AGAINST LAW OF STATE

Knew of Provision Requiring Five Years' Residence When He Ran For Governor—Had Made Affidavit a Year Previous, That His Home Was in Washington—Cross-Examination Is Severe.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 22.—That he was elected governor of New York, in violation of constitutional qualification as to length of residence in the state, was the admission drawn from former President Theodore Roosevelt, under cross-examination today in the \$50,000 libel suit brought against him by William Barnes, Jr.

The Colonel admitted that he knew the state constitution provides that no man is eligible to the office of governor unless he has been a resident of the state for five years prior to his election.

Under questioning by William Ivins, chief counsel for Mr. Barnes, the former president admitted that he made an affidavit, the year previous to his election as governor, that he was then and for some time had been a resident of Washington.

Sensation in Courtroom  
Mr. Ivins' question and the Colonel's answers provoked a sensation in the crowded courtroom. Speaking in a voice that was scarcely audible, Mr. Ivins relentlessly plied the Colonel with questions.

Several times the witness started to make explanatory statements. His was cut short by Mr. Ivins, who informed him that answers, not suggestions, were desired.

The former President's counsel made no objection to Mr. Roosevelt's election as governor, and his knowledge of the constitutional qualifications as to residence. Mr. Roosevelt answered the "libel" questions with apparent deliberation.

There was delay in opening court today because of a conference between attorneys and Justice Andrews in the latter's chambers. When the court was opened a copy of the Bayne report insofar as it related to state printing, was admitted to the record.

This had to do with contracts let to the Albany Journal. The Bayne report was made in 1911 by a legislative committee appointed to investigate alleged corruption in the city and county of Albany.

The first part of the report read had to do with gambling, disorderly houses and the payment of money to various officials for doing various things.

The majority of the stock of the Journal company, the report stated, was owned by William Barnes; that the contracts let to the Journal company were farmed out to the Argus company and that the Argus company paid the Journal company 15 per cent. for the contracts.

The report stated that William Barnes controlled printing in Albany, practically was owner of one company and owned one-fourth of another company and collected tribute from a third company. The report declares that an employee of the Argus company testified before the committee that the company gave up 15 per cent. in order to secure printing business. It is also pointed out in the report that the Journal company has the equipment for printing many of the contracts let to it by contract.

It was stated that the Argus company bid lower than other competitors for state work but was unable to get the business because it was "outside the ring."

"Reckless and mischievous" extravagance; "padding of public printing for the benefit of the Journal company" and "duplication of payments for public printing to the Journal company" were alleged by the report.

One excerpt the jury heard read was as follows: "The most conspicuous beneficiary of graft, public extravagance and raiding of the municipal treasury was found from the evidence to be William Barnes, himself. The majority of the stock of the Journal company was owned by him." (Continued on Page 2.)