

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**THE BARCELONA MASSACRE**  
Barcelona, Spain, March 16th, 1815. We had the day before yesterday a dreadful day. The annals of this city will preserve the horrible remembrance of it. Early in the morning the streets were thronged with the streetswearing savages. Very soon pillage and assassination commenced. At 11, in pursuance of orders from the government, the French troops entered the city. The populace massacred about thirty victims. The number of houses pillaged is not known. Several priests were arrested and massacred. The Kings Lieutenant Col. Valverde, was slain, and was thus caught in the snare that he himself had laid, for it is impossible not to perceive the hand of the Spanish government.

## AWFUL MASSACRE IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, April 8, 1815. The village of Cote Sans Dessein, in the Missouri Territory, and its inhabitants were massacred here last night from the above mentioned place, and state, that for some time they have been apprehensive of a visit from the Indians, that they had seen the black-horned warriors in the night, and that on the third inst. they had sent out 13 men as spies, a few miles from the village, where they observed the signs of a camp, and that they had seen the first house of the bodies of old Laurot and his son, their heads nearly cut off. All the houses were in flames, the place full of Indians, butchering all the inhabitants, whose shrieks could be heard amidst the horrid yells of the savages. The village of Cote Sans Dessein contained about 200 souls. We have been informed that the Indians were at proper distances on the Missouri and Mississippi, but nothing has yet been done. All is in decision in this quarter.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

**CLARK THE HATTER SELLS**  
David Clark, the hatter and fur dealer, has sold his establishment in this city, and will give his attention in future, wholly to his business in New York. His successors are Henry Clark and E. R. Wilson, who have purchased his stock and will continue the business at the old stand, under the firm name of Clark and Wilson.

## LECTURE TO THE FENIAN BROTHERHOOD

Wm. Delaney, Esq., of Hartford, will deliver a lecture in Franklin Hall on Friday evening, May 28th. Subject will be "Irish Nationality or the objects and principles of the Fenian Brotherhood." Mr. Delaney is reported to be an eloquent lecturer on this subject and desires a full attendance of his countrymen to hear him. The wrongs inflicted by the cruel Briton upon the people of the Emerald Isle, are an exhaustless subject for the orator and the poet.

## GOOD CARRIAGE WORK

The new carriage manufactory, (Tomlinson, Minor & Co.) are turning out some fine work these days. We noticed an elegant broughie in their finishing room this morning and a new style of buggy wagon, both excellent specimens of ingenuity and skill, in that branch of business.

## SOUTHPORT ROBBERY

Mrs. Buckley, who keeps a millinery store in Southport, was robbed of \$115, in money on Sunday afternoon last. While lying on a sofa in her home, some thief entered another room, took from a pocket book lying on the bureau, the key to the drawers, appropriated the money, chiefly in greenbacks and decamped. No arrest has as yet been made.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

### ACORN'S WIN.

The second game in the City League series was played yesterday afternoon at Athletic Park between the St. Florian's and Acorn's clubs. The Acorn's won by the score of 18 to 5. Pitcher Dore, of the winners, did very effective work, striking out 13 men, holding the opposition down to four hits. The Acorn made 17 hits off Howe. About 300 spectators saw the game.

### BRIDGEPORT'S BALL PLAYERS

Shannon outshone all the other cracks in the Eastern League yesterday, his work both at the bat and in the field being phenomenal. He went to the bat five times, had a safety every time, made four runs himself and drove in six others, and accepted every chance offered him which consisted of three put outs and three assists without an error. Lush out of five times at the bat, for Rochester, drew two passes and was hit once. He scored three runs but got no hits. Rogers, of Providence, made three runs, one hit, and three stolen bases. McDonald's fielding was a little off color, he being credited with two errors.

### DAN DONAHUE INJURED.

This forenoon Daniel Donahue, an employe of the Consolidated road, got the big toe on his left foot crushed by an iron rail, falling on it. At the time he was lifting rails from a car at the Consolidated street crossing.

Mr. Edward Freyler's valuable cocker spaniel "Gerry" had to be chloroformed yesterday afternoon. The animal was bitten by a setter belonging to H. R. Farrott.

### AN ALLEGED IMPOSTER.

At Long Island City, yesterday, an aged man in clerical attire, who was holding prayer books, was arrested. Rev. Father John McGuire, pastor of St. Mary's church (in that place),

charged the prisoner with vagrancy. The man said that he was "Brother Day" and that he was connected with the Franciscan Missionary Brothers. He had in his possession two papers, one of which was the address of Frederick C. Mullins, City Clerk of Bridgeport, and Patrick Cashman, of 507 Water street. He also had a typewritten letter from Archbishop Connolly, stating that he was authorized to collect donations. Father McGuire said that he had known the imposter for years.

"Brother" Day, as he termed himself, was well known in this city where he had a little circle of friends whom he was in the habit of visiting. He obtained Fred Mullins' address through dealings he had with the boxes and the address of Frederick C. Mullins, leaving \$600 and claiming to have no relative "Brother" Day appeared and claimed to be the only surviving relative of the deceased, Charles Mullins. He endeavored to prove his relationship. The "Brother" then grew indignant and went away promising to return in a few days with the necessary documents. He left his address as being connected with the Franciscan order of Christian Brothers of which he claimed to be a member.

Mr. Mullins was in New York a few days ago and called at the address and found that no such order was located there. When "Brother" Day returned to this city later, the City Clerk politely informed him that he was in no way connected with the Christian Brothers, neither was he a relative of the deceased and that he may as well go his way.

"Brother" Day received assistance from several local clergy when in this city as well as from several prominent Catholic business men. On the strength of his alleged connection with the Christian Brothers he received several loans from John C. Ford. He has been visiting this city for almost a dozen years.

### AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Careful preparations have been made for the exercises which constitute the programme at the Training School Tuesday afternoon of next week.

The program will embrace the following readings and will be under the personal supervision of Miss E. G. Olinstead, the principal:

- Miss Brown, kindergarten and number; Miss Noonan, science and reading; Miss Ogden, phonics and numbers; Miss Hughes, music and language; Miss Devitt, phonics and kindergarten; Misses McGrath and King, physical culture and science; Miss LaField, number and reading; Misses Sullivan and Fitzhugh, music and geography; Misses Hinderer and Sturdevant, science and drawing; Misses O'Brien and Burns, geography and language; Miss Hoagland, geography; Miss Dowling, language; Miss Pratt, science; Miss Youngs, science.
- The exercises will commence promptly at 2 p. m., and continue until 4. The rooms will be in charge of Miss Quigg, Mrs. Lathrop, Mrs. Davis, Miss Stapleton and Miss Clarke.

### PINERO, 60 TODAY, SAYS WAR WILL INSPIRE ARTISTS.

Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, who ranks among the greatest of twentieth century dramatists, was born in London sixty years ago today, his natal day being the same as that of Queen Victoria. He began his stage connection as an actor, and at the age of nineteen was employed in minor roles at the Theatre Royal in Edinburgh, his weekly pay envelope at that period containing the magnificent sum of five dollars. Pinero had previously studied law, at the insistence of his father, who was a member of the legal profession, but he had a liking for law books and abandoned them at the first opportunity. He was twenty-one when he first essayed the role of a dramatic author by writing a playlet "Two Hundred Pounds a Year," which was produced at the Globe theatre in London, where young Pinero was then employed. He continued on the stage until 1881, when he definitely abandoned playing for writing. Since then some of the greatest dramatic successes of the English-speaking stage have come from his pen. The honor of citizenship was conferred upon him in 1899.

In an interview a few months ago Sir Arthur expressed the opinion that the war would prove an inspiration to artists of all kinds. "I am firmly convinced," he said, "that German culture—not the Prussian variety, of course, will be benefited through this war and so will the equally important culture of the rest of the civilized world. The culture of the Germans for many years past has led them nowhere because of the overwhelming military ambitions that have clogged its progress. Freed from these false gods, the Germans may eventually really find their place in the intellectual sun at last. I believe that the arts in general will emerge from the vicissitudes under which they must suffer a temporary eclipse strengthened, purified, and more inspired. I think this vast war will do great good to the arts of all the countries affected. We shall have less cynicism, larger admiration and appreciation of what is sound and good in life, a clearer, more direct vision of what life really is. Look at the inspiration of the American civil war upon poets, writers and painters. One might almost say that it created American art as it is today."

### POINTS OF INTEREST

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## MAKING MUNITIONS OF WAR.

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Contracts — Plants Being Guarded Night and Day — Nations Paying for New Buildings in New Haven and Bridgeport, Which Have Enormous Contracts.

(Hartford Courant)  
Munitions of war, thousands of dollars' worth every week, are being turned out in Hartford factories for the warring nations of Europe. In half a dozen closely-guarded plants, where watch night and day to prevent disaster and into which it is all but impossible for a person not an employe to enter, great machines are turning out guns, shrapnel bullets, devices which explode shrapnel shells, machinery for manufacturing war products and other materials for Europe's battlefields.

Concerns that were suffering from the general business depression a year ago are now busy to the limit of their capacity, and war orders are responsible for the boom.

**Coit Stock Goes Skyward.**  
The factory of the Colt Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company is turning out Benet-Mercier guns for Great Britain in vast numbers. These are the rapid-fire guns which are mounted on tripods and which fire great numbers of bullets in a single session. The guns are being shipped to Montreal, by way of Springfield. The Colt company has contracts sufficient to keep the plant busy for a year, and the concern could not take an order at the present time for delivery in less than ten months.

The Pratt & Whitney Company, situated with the Niles-Bement-Pond Company, is actively engaged in filling war orders. Aside from its \$2,000,000 contract for a complete arsenal for the republic of China, this concern has more than \$5,000,000 in contracts, some of which it is filling in its own plant and some of which it has sublet.

This company is now in the market for 500 machinists. A week ago, the Pratt & Whitney Company lost 100 machinists, who went to the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Company in Bridgeport, which has a large order for the use of war orders. The same week the company took on 110 machinists and it is now seeking 500.

The Pratt & Whitney Company is making time-fuses on shrapnel shells. This is the device which explodes the shrapnel shell at a given time. Shrapnel bullets, made of lead and antimony, also are being made by the Pratt & Whitney Company. From the war contracts with the nations of Europe, this company is turning out machinery for the use of other concerns in manufacturing war supplies.

The Hartford Machine Screw Company is turning out shrapnel bullets in large numbers, the contract for which is said to be a very profitable one for the company. The growth of its business has made a large addition necessary for this company, and work on the addition is being pushed forward rapidly. The addition, it is said, will cost about \$80,000.

**Grinders for DuPont Powder.**  
The National Machine Company has shipped eleven 1,500 pound surface-grinders by express to the DuPont Powder Company of Delaware and New Jersey. These grinders are used to sharpen the knives which cut the powder in the DuPont plants, which are employing 15,000 people to turn out powder for European battlefields.

Six more of the surface-grinders are now in the process of construction and the National Machine Company officials have just decided to work the plant ten hours overtime weekly.

The Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven has an order for 500,000 rifles of a new pattern for the British government. When the representative of Great Britain called at the Winchester factory to make the contract, officials of the New Haven plant said that it would be impossible to turn out the order without a new factory.

"All right," said the representative of Great Britain, "include the price of the factory with the cost of the rifles."  
Work was begun at once on a new factory building, 500 feet long. The concern will not be able to begin turning out rifles in this new factory for a year, for the building must be finished and all new machinery installed. Secrecy is maintained as to the construction of the new rifle.

**Bridgeport Most Active.**  
The busiest city in Connecticut, probably in the United States, so far as war orders are concerned, is Bridgeport. In nearly all cases where war orders have been given and the concerns taking them have been unable to turn the products out in their existing plants, the representatives of the foreign powers have ordered that new factories be built and have guaranteed the payment for them by their governments. Thus, when the orders are finished, the concern not only will have made a big profit on the orders, but will have factory buildings that have cost them nothing. This is true of new plants for the American Locomotive Company of Providence, R. I., the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven and the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Company of Bridgeport. It is also said to be true of the new \$80,000 plant of the Hartford Machine Screw Company.

**In Waterbury.**  
Practically every mill and factory in Waterbury is turning down orders, and many of them are turning them down today. They simply have not the capacity to fill them. What some of the Waterbury concerns are making are the time fuses for shells and the pockets into which the bullets are placed.

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# HUMAN INTEREST NOTES

FOUND IN THE LATEST WAR BULLETINS

### Miss Addams Goes to Vienna.

Amsterdam, May 25.—Miss Jane Addams and the other members of the committee appointed by the Women's Peace Conference at The Hague to visit the countries at war in connection with the movement for peace called upon Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg yesterday, according to a despatch received here from Berlin. The despatch adds that the Chancellor said he has sympathy with the object the women have in view. Later in the day the delegates left for Vienna, where an audience with the Emperor Francis Joseph has been assured to them.

### Americans to See Action.

Paris, May 25.—The correspondent of The Sun with the Foreign Legion, writing under date of May 20, says: "We are off to the northwards tonight with us luck. We are all delighted that the opportunity for which we have been awaiting for half a year has come at last."

Presumably the announcement of the correspondent that the legion is going northward is not to be taken literally, but the censorship does not allow him to go into details. Evidently the legion's long inactivity is over. Either the troops are advancing or have been ordered to some centre of the fighting.

### 50 Italians Shot as Spies.

Geneva, May 25.—It is reported here that more than fifty Italians living in the Trentino were shot yesterday as spies.

This action followed the blowing up of the railroad bridge at Meran.

### Would Die Singing of Italy.

Rome, May 25.—The poet D'Annunzio's ambition to view a naval engagement from an Italian warship may go unrewarded. He has had long interviews with the Ministers of War and Marine, but it is doubtful whether even the influence of the poet is sufficient to so far relax the stern rules of naval discipline as to admit of his presence.

The poet says the happiest hour of his life would come if he could die singing the glories of his Fatherland. This, he declares, would be a thrillingly enviable fate.

### Germans Chained to Guns?

Northern France, May 25.—The Germans early this morning made three massed attacks on the British line north of La Bassée. Each attack was repulsed and under a hot screen of machine gun fire the infantry charged and drove the Germans back into their second line of trenches, which were heavily barricaded and cemented.

The British took two trench heads and captured several guns. Two of the machine guns taken were found to have two German artillerymen chained to each. The chains were fastened to their waists and doubly fastened by padlocks.

### Rush to Join the Colors.

London, May 25.—Italian reservists in London are awaiting word to re-

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There is much enthusiasm in the Italian colony in the Soho district. Flags are flying and in restaurants and clubs patriotic gatherings are being held.

### Germans Accuse Belgians.

Berlin, May 25.—The Overseas News Agency announced yesterday that the German Government has published a White Book regarding alleged German atrocities in Belgium. The Overseas despatch is as follows: "The German Government has published a White Book concerning the warfare of the civilian population of Belgium, hostilities which included the shooting of troops, the throwing of boiling water, the maiming of the wounded and the assassination of officers in their quarters at night. The time of these occurrences and the names of witnesses are given. All classes of the population, including clergymen, women and children, participated in this aggression. The signal for the beginning often was given by church bells. All the German measures at Louvain and other Belgian towns were only for the purpose of suppressing these attacks." "The White Book declares that the Belgian official report on the so-called German atrocities is untrustworthy, because the Government of Belgium was unable to examine the evidence."

### The Dacia Goes to Havre.

Brest, France, May 25.—The American cotton steamer Dacia, seized with her cargo bound for Germany by France, has sailed for Havre to discharge her cargo, which has been taken over by the republic.

Her commander, Capt. MacDonald, sailed for the United States from Bordeaux for his home, Bloomfield, N. J.

### Lieut. John N. Bigge Killed.

London, May 25.—It is officially announced that Lieutenant the Hon. John Neville Bigge, heir to Baron Stamfordham, private secretary to the King, has been killed.

He was an officer of the King's Rifle Corps, serving in France, and was 28 years old.

### Germans Take Holiday.

Berlin via London, May 25.—The observance of Whit Sunday, or the festival of Pfingst Mntag, caused a suspension of business here yesterday. The whole city joined in a demonstration of thanksgiving. Thousands of soldiers from the training camps were allowed to go home for a short furlough.

The Kaiser issued a short proclamation expressing his gratitude to the millions of Germans in foreign lands for their moral and financial assistance to the fatherland. Army headquarters announced the promotion of a long list of officers and the press declared that Germany, grateful for her success so far, must push right ahead.

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