

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

### FRANCE'S CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIES.

(From a London Paper of July 26th, 1815.)

By a letter from the neighborhood of Paris, dated the 5th instant, stating that the property of mayors who have been active for Bonaparte is to be sequestered, and also that of all the inhabitants who do not return in eight days to their habitations; the sequestration property to form a military fund, and to indemnify other inhabitants for sacrifices and requisitions. The Allied armies are to be maintained, clothed, paid, and armed at the expense of the French; and following articles required from the occupied provinces:

- 150,000 pair of shoes.
- 150,000 coats.
- 40,000 pair of boots.
- 150,000 pair of breeches.
- 150,000 pair of gaiters.
- 150,000 stocks.
- 150,000 leather caps.
- 100,000 kettles and drinking vessels.
- 100,000 horse shoes.
- 3,000 horses.
- 4,000,000 francs, to make good the arrears of taxes.

The Allies appear to have adopted the manner and style of the requisitions which French generals levied in foreign countries in former days. Even in Swedish Pomerania, when friendly the French Emperor, the king of the country must provide for the Gallic troops—that it was the French maxim that where the army was it must be supported.

Private letters from Paris state how true we know not, that the French have agreed to a contribution to pay the expenses sustained by the Allies during the late war, to be levied in four years.

Other letters state, and we think this exceedingly probable, that the proceedings of the Allies have been not a little embarrassed by the circumstance of the King having so soon made his appearance in Paris. Less difficulty, it is said, would have been experienced in settling the government even for the King's ultimate personal interests, if he had remained at Ghent.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

### BALL OF THE MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

The ball of the Mutual Aid Association at Staple's hall, in East Bridgeport, last evening, was a great success, both socially and financially. There was a large party present, the arrangements on the floor and in the hall were excellent and the music first-rate, for the "Old Genie" were assisted by the "City of Comfort" and they made the fiddle-strings ache with harmony. A large number of visitors and lookers-on were present—among the number we noticed Mayor Morford, Aldermen Wheeler, Bishop and Alvord, Councilmen Hurd and Conrad and ex-Chief Peniston.

But the great event of the evening was the flag presentation. Between 11 and 12 o'clock the flag was brought up by ten young ladies dressed in white—Misses Helena Winghoff, Sophia Heid, Ida Gayler, Harriett Braitting, Eliza Bickel, Theresa Latch, Katie Hummel, Hedwig Heizer, Cecelia Brand and Misses Reibel—followed by the society in regular. After marching around the hall, the procession reached the platform, when Miss Winghoff made the presentation to the society, the president, Samuel Brand, receiving it in their behalf. Frederick Fiebel, one of the committee of arrangements, also made a few appropriate remarks.

The flag is of blue silk, trimmed with gold fringe and four feet by five in size. On the face of it, is a fine painting representing a death-bed scene. Grouped about the dying man are his wife and children and members of the society. Above this picture are the words "Fatherly Comfort" and "Unterstützung Vereinen" (Mechanic's Mutual Aid Association); below it "Founded Oct. 29, 1856." On the reverse side of the banner is a wreath, enclosing two clasped hands and the words "Gemidma von den Damen, dem 25th of September, 1856." The whole decorations of the flag are in exquisite needle-work, the product of the artistic hands of Mrs. Francesca Kline, of New York city. The staff upholding the banner was surmounted by a gilt eagle and a beautiful wreath of evergreens.

The society consists of about 70 members, possessing a fund of about \$2,500, which sum was greatly increased as the result of last evening's entertainment. Two gentlemen in the hall donated the society the sum of \$30, which was thankfully received. Dancing was kept up with vigor until an early hour this morning and all declared that the Mutual Aid Gentlemen know how to conduct such an entertainment.

## UPSET.

The Palladium says a young couple, Mr. Hammond and Miss Johnson, from Bridgeport, while rounding the corner near the Methodist church in Birmingham, Sunday morning (Sept. 24) on a fast sail, upset the horse and carriage turning almost a complete somersault. Both driver and lady were thrown violently to the ground. The latter was picked up and carried into a house nearby in an unconscious condition. She soon recovered, however.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO.

### WALSH-HULTON.

William E. Walsh and Mary E. Hulton were united in marriage at the church of the Sacred Heart, yesterday morning. A solemn nuptial mass was celebrated, with Father O'Brien as celebrant, Father Burto as deacon, and Seminarian Augustus Jordan as sub-deacon. Father Harry was master of ceremonies.

The bridesmaid was Miss Kitty McCormack, of New Milford, and the best man was the groom's brother, John T. Walsh, of Riverhead, L. I.; the ushers were Robert T. Walsh, Hubert Hulton and Dennis Carten. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's

## 1895 AUGUST FIRE RECORD.

The following is Chief Boardlee's record of fires occurring in this city during the month of August, together with a statement of losses and insurance.

Aug. 1, box 332, saloon and dwelling; Mrs. Suter, 558 Main street; Aug. 6, still alarm, John Anspach's paint store, Main and Congress streets; Aug. 6, still alarm, dwelling of Mrs. Suter, 558 Main street; Aug. 13, still, dwelling of John Nugent, 77 Hurd avenue; Aug. 18, box 316, grocery store of W. B. Strong, 476 Main street; Aug. 15, box 228, barn of Thomas Walls, Benham avenue; Aug. 18, box 117, Dominion Lumber Yard, Knowlton street; Aug. 21, box 31, E. S. Eames store, Water street; Aug. 24, box 417, brick shop, Knowlton street and Crescent avenue; Aug. 24, still alarm, store of Robert Carter, State street; Aug. 24, dwelling of James Burnes, State street and Colorado avenue; Aug. 29, box 64, at Church and Hallett streets, dwelling of Michael Cayro, 11 Church street. Value of buildings, \$17,350; value of contents, \$44,900; total value, \$217,250; loss on same, \$11,635; insurance, \$107,500; insurance above loss, \$89,865.

## PEOPLE AND THEIR DOINGS.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Alice, daughter of Mr. John H. Neff of 42 Main street, to Mr. Peter W. Pulver, a member of the Farmer's composing room staff. The ceremony will occur Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, at 7 p. m., at the home of the bride's parents.

## MCARTHY-FLYNN.

In St. Mary's church, yesterday morning Rev. Father Carroll united in marriage Daniel McCarthy and Mary G. Flynn. A number of invited guests witnessed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Ellie McDonald, and John Flynn, the bride's brother, acted as best man. After a brief honeymoon the couple will reside in East Bridgeport.

## FATHER LEDDY COMES HERE.

Bishop Tierney has transferred Rev. Charles A. Leddy, first assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church, Hartford, to the Sacred Heart church in this city. This is the creation of another curate in this parish and it does not mean that any of the present curates are due to be transferred. Since the addition of St. Michael's chapel, the work and duties of the parish priests have increased so that another assistant was necessary. Father Leddy is a nephew of Father O'Brien, the rector.

## ILL WITH DIPHTHERIA.

Herbert Sealey, a grandson of the late P. T. Barnum, is dangerously ill at Chicago with diphtheria. He was taken ill out there a week ago. His brother, C. Barnum Sealey, who has been abroad for some time, was notified of his illness upon his arrival on the steamer last Wednesday and went at once to Chicago to his brother. A telegram was received this morning by Benjamin Fish stating that Herbert Sealey was better today than ever since his illness.

## NEW COAST SURVEY VESSEL TO BE BUILT.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Secretary Redfield to-day announced the awarding of a contract for the construction of a new United States coast and geodetic survey vessel to be called the Surveyor, to the Manitowish Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, at Manitowish, Wis., at a cost of \$189,000. When fully equipped, the vessel will cost \$220,000. The contract calls for completion within a year. The new vessel will be used in surveying and charting the dangerous waters of Alaska and the Bering Sea and the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California. The Surveyor will be of steel construction, of about 1,000 tons displacement, with triple expansion engines and will use crude oil as fuel. She will accommodate 66 officers and men and will carry enough food and stores for about three months' cruising.

## HAD THAT VACATION YET?

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About 1,000 troops, more than half the standing army of the United States, are distributed along the Mexican border.

Following the death of her daughter, Mrs. Irving Stewart, one week ago, Mrs. W. Rockwell of Plainfield, N. J., died after a long illness. She had not been informed of her daughter's death.

A protest against the exportation of war munitions to Europe was sent to President Wilson by the Atlantic Conference of German Baptist Churches at the 18th annual meeting at Newark, N. J.

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# Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Right and Left.  
Start right, be strong,  
Avoid all theft,  
And don't go wrong  
Or you'll get left.

Betcha!  
"Is tobacco harmful to a man?" asked the old fogey.  
"It is, when your wife catches you smoking in the house after she has put up new lace curtains," replied the wretch.

Wuff!  
The man is mad. He will not stop.  
His flow of words that burn,  
For one mutt in the barber shop  
Got shaved before his turn.

The Point of View.  
"Every cloud has its silver lining," sang the optimist.  
"Every silver lining has its cloud," growled the pessimist.

You Know Her.  
We all avoid this Mrs. Cunt;  
Her tongue is always on the awing,  
And she's so busy talking that  
She hasn't a time to say a thing.

Maw Knows a Few Things Too.  
Willie—Paw, are girls given away in marriage?  
Maw—No, my son; most of them throw themselves away on worthless, good for nothing young men when they get married.  
Paw—Young man, you get to bed.

Ho, Hum!  
Sometimes I'd could see more  
Methinks I'd see it all,  
And sometimes when the sun shines  
I don't see much A-tall.  
—Joe W. Smith.

Ouch.  
Dear Luke—Buzehard & Mixer do not run a saloon. They have a drug store in Muskegon, Mich.—Lake Harbor, Michigan.

Advice.  
My son, you should not use big words;  
You'll find this is no joke,  
For if you have to swallow them  
You're liable to choke.  
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Another thing: Reluctant be  
To spring the words unpleasant  
Which make you look around to see  
If there are ladies present.  
—Houston Post.

## See America First.

Dear Luke—An old cracker lady, living on the edge of a swamp on the east coast, who had stepped out into the back yard to whirl a pint cup about her head and catch a quart of mosquitoes for her pet woodpecker, went back into the house and told her husband that she had seen a fat porcupine sitting on a dead live oak, eating green red blackberries. —Howard Matthews, Smyrna, Fla.

## Giddap!

Dear Luke—Sammy Cleener, Charley Ader and Fritz Greeter live at Middletown, O., and John Custer lives at Marion, O.—P. J. W.

Which Allies?  
State of New York, County of New York, United States of America, s.: My sympathies are with the allies, wishing them quick and decided victory.—Morris Weingarten.

Sworn to before me this 5th day of August, 1915, Irving Fish, Notary Public, New York County, No. 73, New York Register No. 7,125.

## Names Is Names.

Ike Hackle lives at Middletown, O.

## Things to Worry About.

A Georgia man has invented a squeakless hammock hook.

## Our Daily Special.

One way to be popular is to keep your troubles to yourself.

## Luke McLuke Says:

Every now and then you meet a poor boob who really believes that if he wanted to turn himself loose among the women he could make Don Juan look like a piker.

You never saw a man holding down a big executive position who was so proud of his complexion that he let it keep him awake at night.

If you own a car a pedestrian is an ivory domed, slow footed boob who hasn't sense enough to get out of his own way. But if you are a pedestrian a car owner is a swagging, headed, arrogant idiot who belongs in an insane asylum.

There are some 100,000 words in the English language. But when a man stabs his toe or mauls a finger the only word he can think of is one that begins with D and rhymes with lamb.

He often expresses his willingness to die for her before she often wishes he had.

Some men get a lot of comfort out of the reflection that there are worse people in the world than they are.

When a man goes into a kaff to get a beer costing 5 cents he will meet six acquaintances who are drinking fifteen cent drinks. So he has to ask them what they will have. And instead of paying a nickel the man pays \$1 for his beer. But the man doesn't mind it so much because he thinks he is a sport. But he isn't a sport. He is a coward and a sucker.

A bird on the plate is worth 2,000,000 in the bush.

## SPANISH PACKET SEIZED.

Genoa, Sept. 27.—The Spanish packet Luivencia, whose port of registry is Valencia, has been seized by the police, who discovered aboard her 100,000 lire (\$2,000) in gold, which, it was said, was destined for Germany. Captain Lloro was arrested.

All Greek residents in Italy were called to the colors.

## Few Prize Ring Champions Have Retired Undeclared

To know when to quit, when the quitting is good, is a species of wisdom vouchsafed to few fighting men. The great majority of the champions of prize ring history have carried their pitchers to the well once or twice, and, as a result, have heard the populace acclaim a new champion. One of the most illustrious of the champions to retire from the ring undeclared was Mike Donovan—good old "Professor Mike," the grand old man of the squared circle. The "Perfessor" held the middleweight title from 1874 until 1882, when he voluntarily resigned his honors and became boxing instructor of the New York Athletic Club, a job he held until he was pensioned last year. Prof. Mike was born sixty-eight years ago today, Sept. 27, 1847, and was only a lad in his teens when he shouldered a gun and joined the Union army. After the war he entered the ring in St. Louis and continued in the game, fighting mostly with the raw 'uns, until 1882. Years afterward, when he was past forty, Donovan returned to the arena for one night only, and fought a draw with Jack Dempsey, then middleweight titleholder. Dempsey's defeat at the hands of the old-timer—for Donovan really had the shade, although it was called a draw—was perhaps the bitterest pill the Irish Notary ever had to swallow. Donovan was the only middleweight champion in the annals of pugilism to retire undeclared, with the exception of Jack Randall, the original "Nongarell," who fought nearly a century ago and who was never licked. Bob Fitzsimmons was never whipped as a middleweight, but he

went into the heavyweight class and fought once too often. Jimmy Barry, the old bantam champion, went through his career without taking a beating. Abe Hicken, the first American lightweight champion, also retired undeclared, and Arthur Chambers also retired voluntarily. Jack McAuliffe, although he had some narrow escapes, relinquished his honors without a defeat being registered against him. Tom Hyer, the first American heavyweight champion, quit the game with nothing but victories in his record. John Morrissey, although he won his title by a fluke, also belongs in the same category. Jim Dunn quit the ring after winning the title by defeating Bill Davis. Jeffries retired undeclared ten years ago, and would have belonged in this list except for his unfortunate attempt to "come back" against Jack Johnson. Few of the early English champions retired undeclared. Ben Brann was champion at the time of his death in 1794. "Gentleman" John Jackson quit the ring after holding the title three years. John Gully relinquished the title as soon as he had won it, and was afterward a member of Parliament and a millionaire. Tom Cribb held the title over a dozen years and retired undeclared, and his successor and prizefighter, Tom Spring, also quit before he was whipped. In 1853 Harry Broome forfeited the belt and retired. Tom Sayers gave up his honors after fighting Heenan, the American, Jim Joyce was never beaten in his later career, and held his laurels to the end of his remarkable fighting career. Carrying 600 passengers and 2,750 sacks of mail, the American liner Philadelphia sailed from New York for Liverpool.

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