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SIGNAL WIRES ON NEW HAVEN TO GO UNDERGROUND

Latest Blizzard Provides Object Lesson—System to Be Waterproof.

New York, Dec. 22.—Following the destruction of its signal system and the almost complete paralysis of its passenger and freight traffic by the sleet and snow storm of ten days ago, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad has arranged to put all of its signal telephone and telegraph wires under ground between New York and New Haven.

"Make the signal system weather-proof and fool-proof" is the order from headquarters.

The latest estimate of the loss to the railroad by the storm exceeded \$1,000,000. The blow fell when the road was gorged with the greatest volume of freight traffic in its history, and the paralysis of that traffic was even worse than that of the passenger traffic.

Work Already Under Way. Orders to the operating officials to put the phone, signal and telegraph wires under ground already have been given by the executive board of the road, and work to that end already has begun.

The propulsion wires will not be disturbed. They stood the sleet and sleet practically intact.

Owing to the difficulty of opening the ground for such long distance in winter, the wires will be built up temporarily in the form of four cables, and these, containing 25 wires each, will be strung during January and February on the iron poles at the side of the track supporting the trolley wires.

As soon as the ground is breakable, about March 1 next, the actual work of digging the conduits will commence. All the wires will be underground at the end of next summer, it is expected.

Will Cost \$1,125,000. The cost of the conduit is estimated at about \$15,000 a mile, or not less than \$1,125,000 for the completed undertaking. The conduit will be of concrete in some places and in others of vitrified brick or creosoted wood.

Meantime, the New Haven has laid its telephone and telegraph wires along the ground in a temporary way. They are not to go up on the poles again.

Meantime, also, the signal wires have been temporarily repaired, and the regular traffic, both freight and passenger.

COMPENSATION CASES MAY BE TAKEN TO COURT

New Haven, Dec. 22.—A definite ruling on requests for re-opening compensation awards was made public by Commissioner Beers of the third district today. He holds that every man "shall have his say in court," and having had it he cannot expect to have his case on an adverse decision reopened as an accommodation.

In cases at question the commissioner's award to the claimant for compensation had been executed by the superior court and a sheriff was about to collect judgment. The respondent sent his wife to a friend who called up the commissioner's office on the telephone to try and have the case reopened. He was told that the office was too busy to receive the message.

No further effort was made to get the case opened until the sheriff appeared.

Commissioner Beers says that to open a case even if he had the power, would put a claimant to unreasonable expense and trouble and would be to endorse a course of procedure in a case where the respondent simply ignored the whole matter until he found the sheriff at his door.

GARY SCHOOL PLAN IS LIKELY TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE

Because of the crowded conditions in the Bridgeport schools, it is likely that the Gary system may be introduced here. Enthusiasm of the board of education have visited cities where the plan is in use and have reported on its workings.

Superintendent J. Slavson is in favor of the plan. So is President Elmer Havens of the board of education.

The Gary plan provides for lengthening the school periods to eight hours a day. In most cases the plan consists of a system of relays whereby a class occupies a room for an hour or so, and then it is taken to a church, factory, school, or other institution for observation purposes. When the class is through, it is supplanted by the returning class, and so on.

President Havens says he fears building schools that may not be needed later.

Tashua Girl, Riding On Sled, Crashes Into Wall at Foot of Hill

(Special to The Farmer.) Tashua, Dec. 22.—The first coasting accident of the season in this vicinity occurred yesterday when Miss Theresa Schmidt, sledging on Tashua hill, was thrown from the sled on which she was riding into a stone wall. Miss Schmidt's face struck against the wall with such force that several upper front teeth were broken off. She was also bruised about the head and shoulders. Dr. George Smith of Stepany is attending her.

President Rea of the Pennsylvania Railroad returned to active duty at his office in Philadelphia.

The University School 836 FAIRFIELD AVE. Next session, January 3, 1916. College preparatory, elementary and advanced subjects, upper grammar school and high school grades. Individual instruction. Students entering now may save a year's work.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made by the war office today that 1,300 Germans had been captured in the operations at Hartmanns-Werkkopf, which have enlarged the French positions to an appreciable extent. The

statement follows: "There were few events of importance last night. In the Vosges the attack delivered yesterday by our troops made it possible for us to enlarge appreciably our positions on the east slope of Hartmanns-Werkkopf. The number of Germans made prisoners is now 1,300, of whom 21 are officers. They belong to six different regiments."

Roller Crushes Foot. A check for \$29.95 "expenses" for the vice commission was given W. Seymour Lacey, secretary of the commission by the city auditor today. Mr. Lacey said the expenses were occasioned by some investigations the committee has made. He said another meeting of the commission would probably be called after Jan. 1. As to vice conditions at present in Bridgeport he would make no comment.

Falls Off Trolley. John Donnelly, aged 50, of 148 Golden Hill street, fell from a moving trolley car at Main street and Fairfield avenue at 7:30 this morning and suffered painful contusions to the left leg. He was removed to St. Vincent's hospital in the emergency hospital ambulance. Ciglar is married and lives at 15 Middle street.

Weather Forecast. New Haven, Dec. 22.—Forecast: Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

Connecticut: Cloudy weather with rising temperature tonight and Thursday. Moderate variable winds, becoming south.

The Pacific disturbance which has been moving slowly eastward for two or three days is now central over North Dakota. It is causing considerable cloudiness with hurries of snow along the northern border from Montana to New York. Pleasant weather prevails in other districts east of the Rocky Mountains. The temperature continues low in the southern districts. Killing frosts were reported on the Atlantic coast as far south as Jacksonville, Fla., and heavy frosts on the Gulf coast as far south as Tampa, Fla. The temperatures are rising slowly in the central and western districts.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word

There Should Be No Empty Stockings This Christmas

In Bridgeport. The prosperity of the city is the best assurance that there will be none. And additional assurance is gained by the comfort, convenience and economy with which things to give may be secured at Bridgeport's newest and best store—at Dorsen's.

That Bridgeport people appreciate all this is patent to anyone who visits the store these busy days. The months of preparation given to meeting all demands of Christmas shoppers has found a wonderful response among buyers. The aisles are crowded with men and women filled with the spirit of the season, who are in quest of all sorts of things that will add to the sum total of happiness on Christmas morn. Santa in all his history never glimpsed the real Christmas spirit as we are seeing it these days.

Many of them are here, we confess, for the first time. We know them by their outspoken appreciation of the new store, the freshness of the goods, the convenience of the service, the willingness and courtesy of the force of salespeople. We have done everything possible to make the store measure up to the severe tests of the Holiday rush—and take pride in what it is doing to meet these requirements.

The Store Remains Open Every Evening to 9 O'clock Until Christmas

That helps mightily with all who cannot come in the morning or afternoon—and the numbers who take advantage of it are quite as large as those who come in the afternoon. The morning hours however—from 8:30 to 12—is still the ideal time for buying if you wish to avoid the rush.

Please Take Home Small Packages, When Possible

The stress of Holiday business is a good test of any auto delivery system, and we are glad that our autos are meeting it splendidly. It will help greatly—help both you and us—if you will take the small packages home with you during these last days.

The Kids Kristmas Kontest Closes Thursday Evening

with the close of the store. That the school girls and boys of this city and vicinity have entered heartily into the spirit of the contest is proven by the number of votes cast. The standing today will be found in another column of this paper. The final standing will be announced on Friday, and the awards of prizes.

Official Views of World's War

TURKISH. Constantinople, Dec. 22.—The Turkish war office has given out the following statement: "There was local fighting on the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) at Kut-el-Amara."

A hostile attack against the tenth sector on the Caucasus front was repulsed.

"On the Dardanelles front hostile ships violently bombarded until late in the evening different camps in order to destroy the booty abandoned by the enemy. The bombardment failed to achieve its purpose. Hostile attacks at Seddul Bahr repeatedly were repulsed."

The "booty abandoned by the enemy" referred to in the above statement is the war material which the Turks claim the British forces left behind in their withdrawal from the northern coast of the Gallipoli peninsula.

GERMAN. Berlin, Dec. 22.—A part of the German position on the summit of Hartmanns-Werkkopf, in the Vosges, that was captured by the French yesterday, has been recaptured by German troops. It was officially announced by German army headquarters today.

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URGE FRENCHMEN TO KEEP SILENCE TO BAFFLE SPIES

Paris, Dec. 22.—The French expression "Taisez-vous" which is nearly equivalent to "shut your mouth," though less impolite and familiar, has now become classic through the posters distributed throughout France by Monsieur Millerand, former minister of war, just before he retired from that post, to caution people against revealing military information.

"Taisez-vous! Taisez-vous! Les ennemis vous écoutent." In English it means: "Shut up, or keep silent! Be mistrustful! Enemy's ears are listening to you!"

Hundreds of thousands of these posters have been hung in public places, and the warning they carry has given rise to any number of curious incidents. They have served to increase the suspicion of espionage that is everywhere rife and both civilian and soldiers are led into unnecessary alarm by the presence of German-looking persons in public places.

If a man talks freely he is often suspected of seeking to draw information from other people and if he is dumb he is thought to be a listening spy. Such was the case of a Royal Frenchman who happens to be blind and corpulent. There were four women in the compartment of a railroad carriage with him. He lay back in the corner with eyes closed, though he was asleep.

"He's too blond to be a Frenchman," one woman whispered. "Too stout," suggested another. "A counterfeit Swiss or Dutchman," a third believed. "And why is he so silent," added another. "He pretends to be sleeping, but he is only listening." Deceived by the military commissary at the next station, the blond gentleman showed his safe-conduct as a member of the French Chamber of Deputies.

CONGRESS STREET BRIDGE DRAW FALLS BELOW NORMAL LEVEL

A few minutes' danger to traffic, which might have resulted in a serious accident, was averted Monday evening when the draw at the Congress street bridge dropped about six inches below the level of the road.

Alderman A. K. Roswell, driving his automobile toward the west side, rode onto the fallen draw but his car was undamaged. He was proceeding slowly.

Members of the fire department notified the bridgewarder of the matter, and the trouble was remedied.

WELCOME SON. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Champagne of 32 Grand street are the happy parents of a baby son who was born Monday.

ORATORIO SOCIETY EXPECTS NO LOSS ON ITS TWO ENTERPRISES

According to the statement of Thomas Fish, chairman of the press committee of the Oratorio society, the recent concert netted \$775. "It," said Mr. Fish, "the spring concert is as good as the standard, the society will break even for the year. That is all we can expect." According to the figures given by Mr. Fish, the receipts of the society were \$900 from subscribers, \$615 from active members, \$765 from associate members, \$767 from sale of tickets, and the remainder of \$3,000 in incidentals.

The disbursements were \$2,039 to the concert committee, \$193 to the press committee, \$49 to the subscription committee, \$136 for rehearsals, and the rest of the \$2,844 outlay in special expenditures. This leaves \$575 for the coming spring concert.

N. Y. POLICE TO STUDY MENTAL DEFECTIVES

New York, Dec. 22.—Police Commissioner Woods today announced that he has established a police headquarters laboratory for the discovery of mental defectives among prisoners. This move is the result of experiments which have been conducted in the police department for two months and of a visit by Dr. E. E. Bish and Police Inspector J. J. O'Connell to the psychopathic laboratories of the Chicago police. Dr. Bish is associate professor in psychology at Columbia University, and will have charge of the laboratory which will contain scientific equipment and appliances for the detection of the feeble-minded and insane among the prisoners.

Reports from the laboratory will be sent to the city magistrates who have been requested to co-operate with the police. The police commissioner announced that the department of correction will segregate and give the special care to prisoners who are feeble-minded and will endeavor to treat their cases so as to decrease the menace to the public which has resulted from former methods.

DUKE, TOBACCO KING, AIDS AGED MINISTERS. Durham, N. C., Dec. 22.—Checks in the sum of \$10,000, the gift of James Duke, multi-millionaire tobacco manufacturer of New York, are being mailed today from the office of Trinity College, for the superannuated preachers of North Carolina. The college is making the distribution. The Duke fund matches dollar for dollar the fund appropriated by the churches for like purpose.

BLACKSNAKE TRIBE ENTERTAINS FRIENDS. An entertainment and social were held last evening at the Trinity church parish hall by the members of the Blacksnake tribe of Woodcraft Indiana. Friends were present.

William Cody and Martin Anderson were the principal entertainers. Dancing and games were enjoyed.

SUN ALIVE, LETTER TO MRS. THOMAS HUNTER OF BRIDGEPORT, SAYS

Mrs. Thomas Hunter, residing at 110 Merriam street, received a letter from her soldier son in service with the British in Egypt. She had thought him dead from accounts previously received, but a letter dated in September informs her that her wounded boy is convalescing at Cairo.

BIG SHOW TO HAVE NEW TENT NEXT SEASON. Work is progressing at the Barnum & Bailey headquarters upon a new tent for the coming season. It is being made in Bridgeport for the second time, under direction of the new tent department.

She Is Just One in a Conquering Army Will YOU Help Win the Fight?

If YOU help—and you means everyone—the fight can be won everywhere in a few short years.

Every Red Cross Christmas Seal you buy means greater activity of visiting nurses, who teach healing to the sick and prevention to those who must live with them. The Red Cross Christmas Seals help to establish Tuberculosis Hospitals and Dispensaries. They carry your message of good cheer and your active help to some sufferer.

The Tuberculosis Death Rate decreased 50% in the last 25 years.

Who gives quickly gives doubly.

RED CROSS Christmas Seals

If you cannot buy Red Cross Seals in your town, write to the AMERICAN RED CROSS, Washington, D. C., for as many as you want at 1c each.

