

## NEW HIGH SCHOOL READY AT COST OF MORE THAN HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Transfer of Classes From Old Structure to New Building on Golden Hill Will Begin Feb. 14—Work Now Virtually Complete.

Board of Education Will Have Something Over \$4,000 to Return to Treasury From Sale of Building Bonds.

The new high school building on Golden Hill, begun two years ago is practically completed today, and will be occupied Feb. 21. Classes will be transferred between that date and Feb. 14, when the sessions will begin.

The building which is of brick and stone will have cost with equipment, \$525,000, minus \$4,600 which the board expects to have left over unless additional equipment is contracted for.

It is three stories in height with a well lighted and comfortable basement. A large gymnasium and assembly hall is in the form of an addition on the west side.

The total cost of the building is within the aggregate of bond issues, \$525,000. The original bond issue was \$400,000. Another issue of \$80,000 was made for the construction of wings, and a third one was made for equipment.

The cost of the site, including condemnation proceedings, was \$64,833.18. The contract with Durkin & Lass was \$310,650. There were contracts for electrical work, \$10,376.45; heating, \$42,444; plumbing, \$30,028.67; architects' fees of six per cent upon an estimate of \$422,000; installation of book cases costing about \$11,000, and furnishings which bring the total expense to just about \$520,400.

Throughout the most modern devices for heating, ventilation, hygiene, refreshment and physical exercise have been installed. Fire protection is attained through the medium of brick, iron, stone and fire-hose.

The building fronting on Lyons Place is arranged with central corridors running north and south, with a central staircase, supplemented by one at each end with high iron lattice work to prevent accident. Lighting facilities are opened at every available point and electric pendant lights illuminate the various rooms and hallways for night service.

The new high school will contain many features not heretofore seen in Bridgeport, among which will be a modern lunch room, domestic science room, hospital, telephonic communication with every room from the main office, general and individual fire alarms, strained air apparatus, wireless telegraphy instruction, carpentry and machine shops, and physical and chemical laboratories that are unique in their design and apparatus.

The basement will be devoted to class rooms and lecture rooms, domestic science apparatus, roller and ventilating rooms and gymnasium. Eventually it will be fully equipped with carpentry and machine equipment.

The main or entrance floor has a handsome vestibule in the center, finished in white and gold, facing the assembly hall, and stage two stories high in which has been placed a handsome bronze and marble staircase. The board of education, architect, etc. To the left is the principal's suite of offices, the master-clock regulating the odd clocks throughout the building and the master keys for classes which are so arranged as to strike automatically at any times designated. Class and lecture rooms complete the floor.

The second floor is devoted to class and lecture rooms with a gallery entrance to the assembly hall, and emergency hospital. The third floor is utilized for class and lecture rooms, physics and chemistry laboratories, special electrical, compressed air and other apparatus needed in such experimental work.

The top floor or attic is fitted with high powered exhaust dynamo driven fans and storage rooms. Throughout the building, even to the top floors are of terrazzo tiling with alabaster stone trimmings. The walls are of glazed buff brick with sand-plaster finish, white and tinted. Staircases are of metal and alabaster stone. Woodwork throughout is oak.

Probably the most conspicuous feature of the building is the handsome assembly hall, which is two stories in height and patterned upon the old Colonial hall. In pressed metal seats with Spanish leather backs, 1,500 students may be seated facing a stage upon which 36 high powered footlights and an equal number of border lights cast their glow. The rear of the stage is elliptical in shape and discloses through the entrances right and left, four dressing rooms in two tiers, each fitted with lavatory facilities, handsome red velvet

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## OSBORNE TRUSTY HELD FOR TRIAL IN UPPER COURT

Judge F. L. Wilder Binds Over George Faber After Hearing Today.

Accused of being an idle person and reputed to be a professional window-breaker and thief, George Faber, of Brooklyn, and a former inmate of Sing Sing prison under the regime of Warden Thomas Mott Osborne, was held over to the superior court of the superior court this morning by Judge Frank L. Wilder in city court.

Marie Reiss of 256 White avenue, Brooklyn, an alleged accomplice, was also bound over to the superior court, charged with living on money earned illicitly. In the case of Faber, bonds were set at \$2,000, and in the woman's case bonds were fixed at \$500. Neither was able to furnish bonds and they were taken to the county jail.

The arrest of both was the result of a crusade begun by Capt. John H. Egan to rid the city of bad characters. Faber was in this city only a few days when the police were notified of his presence.

Faber had been a trusty at Sing Sing under Warden Osborne and was afforded many privileges. He says he saved the life of a small boy and a girl bathing in the lake outside the prison walls. For this act he was pardoned a few weeks before his sentence would expire, he said. This was reported to the Society for the Welfare of Prisoners, affiliated with Sing Sing prison.

Faber says that he came to this city at the instigation of a member of the society, who is the wife of the president of the factory in which he was at first employed in this city. He worked there only two weeks and is said to have been discharged.

Peter Hall disclosed the fact that Miss Reiss was employed as a cigarmaker for seven years, earning \$11 a week, and that she was the sole support of her mother and two sisters for a long time. Her right name is Mary Lapsinsky and she is of Polish descent.

Miss Reiss admits knowing Smith-Kins, alias William Lewis, convicted of robbing the jewelry store of D. A. Parker in the Arcade recently. The Reiss family lived in the north side of Brooklyn, a neighborhood where murders are frequent, according to Faber.

A week ago two young men from (Continued on Page 2.)

## P. H. MURPHY SELECTED OWN PALL BEARERS

Trainman, With Premonition of Death, Designated Soloist For Mass.

That Patrick H. Murphy, who was killed by a train on Friday had premonition of his death, became known today when six men whom only a week ago he told his wife that he would like to have as pallbearers should he die, acted in that capacity at the funeral this morning. Murphy, whose father and brother were also victims of the railroad, often mentioned that he would like to die suddenly and once expressed a wish that William Clampett sing "Face to Face" at his funeral.

Years ago he had been down for one of the large gatherings of brother railroad men and other friends today when Mr. Clampett, as requested, sang that hymn at the conclusion of the solemn requiem mass.

The funeral cortege moved from Mr. Murphy's late home, 355 Bishop avenue at 9 o'clock this morning and the service at St. Charles church were celebrated at 8:30. Rev. James V. Hussion sang the mass assisted by Rev. Patrick J. McGivney as deacon and Rev. Stephen Panik as sub-deacon. The choir composed of Jessie Murray, Lillian Sullivan, Joseph Clabby and William Clampett sang Schmidt's mass. As the body was being borne from the church Mr. Clabby sang the "Beautiful Land on High." The numerous floral tributes occupied several coaches. A large delegation was present from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and from the Loyal Order of Moose. The six bearers, whom Mr. Murphy himself selected were Joseph Sinclair, William Sullivan, Martin van, Joseph Keating, William Monahan and Charles Dennis. Two other close friends John Russell and James Mulvaney were added to this number. Rev. Father Hussion read the committal service at St. Michael's cemetery.

Street Is Plaintiff In Suit For \$3,200

You wouldn't think that a lawsuit could be brought by 131-135 E. 68th street; but that is the name of the plaintiff in an action brought against Elizabeth Gowdy Baker of Greenwich.

The plaintiff is a corporation having charge of an apartment house in New York and it is claimed that the defendant rented an apartment in 1913 at an annual rent of \$3,200. Three months' rent is alleged to be due. Papers in the case were filed today in the common pleas court.

## GERMAN REPORT TELLS OF JAPS' 'PREPAREDNESS'

Pamphlet Widely Distributed Abroad Tells of Proposed American War.

FRONTISPIECE SHOWS SINKING U. S. SHIP

Dr. Carl Duesing Says High Official of Japan Sponsor Publication.

The Farmer is in receipt of a communication from Dr. Carl Duesing, formerly professor of mathematics at Kiel, Germany, where the Royal Naval College is located, and now a university professor in Magdeburg.

Prof. Duesing's letter contains a revelation that has been made to him, concerning plans of certain Japanese in regard to America.

The revelation was made in a translation of a book published by the Japanese League for National Defense. It contains startlingly frank assertions about what Japanese officials would have done to the United States and its possessions. The book has created a stir among German officials.

Outside of the United States Secret Service, possibly, no Americans are familiar with the threats conveyed in the publication, which purports to have been sponsored by such persons of high standing as Prime Minister Okuma, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Kato and Count Yamamoto.

A synopsis of the translation is given in the Farmer by Prof. Duesing, who is admirably informed of German affairs. His letters have appeared in the Farmer from time to time, and have served to present the German viewpoint on war happenings.

By Dr. Carl Duesing. I am writing something today that will be of special interest to readers of The Farmer. It is about Japan.

Ten months ago my letter about "The Next War" was printed in The Farmer. Then I predicted that the next great struggle would be between Japan and the United States. I made the statement that some of the bullets that are made today in Bridgeport for the Allies will later be shot by the Japanese in California, against the American soldiers. So eager are the Americans for the profits arising from war business that they do not realize the great danger that is arising in the Far East.

The Japanese League for National Defense lately has published a little book, which carries the title, "The War Between Japan and America." More than 1,000,000 copies of this book have been sold and distributed broadcast throughout Japan.

On the front page you see the picture of a victorious Japanese battleship, in front of which the Stars and Stripes are fast sinking to disappear in the waters.

The highest officials of this Japanese League for National Defense are the prime minister, Count Okuma, Count Yamamoto and the secretary for foreign affairs, Kato. These names should suffice to show the importance of this book.

How aggressive the book is shows very plainly in the first sentence on the first page: "The hearts of sixty millions of Japanese, all loyal subjects of the Mikado, are inflamed with courage, and are stormy like the strong winds of the heavens, insisting that a war be begun against the United States, which will prove to the blinding Americans, that the Japanese people do not know defeat, and that her soldiers cannot be beaten."

The chief causes for this proposed war are given as "the inhuman treatment of the Japanese immigrants and the hostile legislation of the United States." Japan ought to occupy California, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands, according to the book.

"In all these places, we have countless spies to get information of military importance for the great day. Eighty thousand Japanese in the Hawaiian Islands, all trained reservists, each with his special instruction and all know their duty.

"The Panama canal could be rendered useless for months with one single ship full of explosives. After that, our troops would have taken the Philippine Islands and Hawaii long before the American fleet would be able to arrive in the waters of the Pacific Ocean. From these islands it is not far to California. We could also count on the aid and assistance of Mexico."

The United States army is called a "joke" by this book. Japan has 2,000,000 soldiers to the front, all trained military-wise, Japan prepares incessantly for the war," it says.

In many public meetings in Japan have been preached hate and war, against the Americans, in the strongest expressions. Especially is the statement made, that the god of the Americans is the dollar, and that they are not capable to sacrifice themselves for their ideas; that America wants to dominate the whole world "with money and corruption"; and that "all nations would be grateful to Japan if she succeeds."

Col. Thomas B. Dunlap, Commander of Volunteer Conn. Regiment, Dead

## NEUPORT CATHEDRAL, 500 YEARS OLD, IS DESTROYED BY GERMANS; BOTH SIDES MAKE AERO ATTACKS

Structure Built in Fifteenth Century is Razed By Gunfire Because Germans Says Allies Have Used Tower For Observation Post—Serbian Towns Raided By French Aeros, While Enemy Craft Battle in Clouds Over Dunkirk—Nancy Again Raked By Gunfire and Aerial Attacks.

Berlin, Jan. 25—"The cathedral at Nieupoort," says the German official statement issued this afternoon, "has been destroyed by our artillery fire as it was offering an excellent observation post."

Nieupoort is a town of Belgium 10 miles southwest of Ostend. The cathedral at Nieupoort was built in the 15th century and restored in 1903. The church had a massive baroque tower.

Serbian Towns Again Shelled. Paris, Jan. 25—The Serbian towns of Monastir and Gievgeli have again been attacked by a squadron of French aeroplanes, sixteen in number, the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency telegraphs. It is estimated one hundred persons were killed or wounded at Gievgeli.

All the French aeroplanes returned in safety. In some cases they covered a distance of 190 miles.

Dunkirk Target of Aeroplanes. London, Jan. 25—A British official report from Dunkirk states that two aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk about 6 o'clock this morning. It is added that a German seaplane was forced to the water by a British machine northeast of Nieupoort about 8 o'clock this morning.

Nancy Raked by Aero Shells. Paris, Jan. 25—The city of Nancy was again bombarded this morning by long range German guns and this afternoon a number of bombs were dropped from the German aeroplanes.

The damage from the bombardment was considerable and only two persons were wounded while the aeroplane attack is reported to have been without result.

It was announced from Paris on Jan. 8 that during the three preceding days six persons had been killed and 30 wounded in Nancy as the result of a bombardment of the city by German 15-inch guns. Alarming rumors having circulated as to inhabitants, the prefect of the department in which Nancy is situated, issued a circular discrediting the rumors.

On the day mentioned President Poincaré went to Nancy and passed the day there. As a precautionary measure the art works in the galleries of the city were removed to Triaux. Safe conducts were issued to 30,000 persons to leave the city on the occasion of three days' bombardment.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN BELGIUM. Paris, Jan. 25—The French war office statement on the progress of hostilities, given out this afternoon says that last night there was continued artillery activity in the vicinity of Nieupoort in Belgium. The result of this fire are described as favorable to the French.

German troops at one point penetrated the first line of French trenches but they were at once driven out after a very spirited fight.

In the Artois yesterday evening, German forces attacked the French lines over a distance of 1,500 yards. The preparatory work consisted in the explosion of a number of mines, followed by a very violent bombardment.

The Germans were driven back to their lines by the French fire, according to the official statement. They were successful in occupying some craters, however, but from these they were later expelled.

WASHINGTON'S ONLY COMMENT TODAY ON THE PUBLISHED DESCRIPTION OF GERMANY'S LATEST LUSITANIA PROPOSAL WAS THAT IT WAS "SPECULATION NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE FACTS."

Mr. Lansing went early to cabinet meeting and it was said he would have a separate conference with President Wilson on the latest turn in the negotiations.

SOLDIERS' HOME SUPERINTENDENT QUILTS HIS POST

Hartford, Jan. 25—George F. Smith resigned today to the executive committee of the Soldiers' Home at Norton his position as superintendent. His place will not be filled.

There were present at the meeting Gov. Holcomb, Adjutant General G. M. Cole, Surgeon General P. H. Inkaills and Major John H. Thatcher. The business of the meeting was practically confined to the action taken on the resignation of the superintendent. It was decided not to appoint a successor to Colonel Smith but to transfer the duties of superintendent to Captain Edward E. Pelton, the adjutant. By this arrangement the board saves \$100 a month, the amount of salary paid the superintendent.

BLOCKADE WOULD HURT SPAIN. Madrid, Jan. 25.—Count Romanones, the Spanish premier, declared at a meeting of the cabinet last night that if Great Britain reached a decision to increase the stringency of the blockade against Germany, it would injure the Spanish export trade.

## DANBURY FIRM FAILS, LEAVING BIG LABOR BILL

More Than 100 Roads Unfinished As Result of Contractors' Bankruptcy.

One of the largest contracting failures in this county is recorded today in the bankruptcy court where schedules of creditors have been filed for reference by Kellogg & Gregory, doing business in Danbury, Bethel, Newtown and Bridgewater. The liabilities are listed as \$51,388.88 with assets of \$2,976.50. A list of creditors mostly in the district, in which the roadmaking was being done, shows 125, with unpaid bills for labor amounting to \$3,190.95.

The concern was a partnership existing between Frederick J. Kellogg of Danbury and William A. Gregory of the same city, each of which file schedules of individual liability.

It is stated that the Newtown school was estimated to amount to \$8,000 from which Kellogg & Gregory have received \$1,950, leaving a balance amounting to \$6,050 to be completed.

Bethel contract estimated to amount to \$6,000 has been completed to the extent of \$6,750 payment with a balance of \$1,250 to be completed. A Bridgewater contract estimated at \$30,000 has been completed to the extent of \$26,200 payments with a balance of \$3,800 to be completed.

A hearing before Judge John W. Banks is set for Feb. 4.

WASHERWOMAN LEAVES ESTATE OF OVER \$1,000

Lived in Squalor and Did Laundry Work For Others at Age of 94.

Alice Leonard, a washerwoman, who formerly lived in Gilbert street, died in Middletown recently and left \$1,524.93 in cash according to a return filed in the probate court today. Mrs. Leonard, who was 94 years of age at death, was found some time ago living in squalor and an apparently supporting herself by doing washing for others. On Feb. 23, 1915, she was sent by the charities department to Lakeview home and on July 6, 1915, she was adjudged insane and committed to Middletown hospital.

Later it was found she had \$1,005 on deposit in the City Savings bank; \$49.33 with James Staples & Co. and \$500 with the Bridgeport Savings bank. Her heirs are a son, Lawrence Leonard of Gloucester, Mass., and two children of a deceased brother.

NIGHT-RIDERS PLEAD GUILTY

On New Note in LUSITANIA CASE

YALE SELECTS TAD JONES TO COACH ELEVEN

Prof. Corwin of Athletic Committee Admits There Is Truth in Report.

New Haven, Jan. 25—T. A. D. Jones, former Yale quarterback and member of the All-American football team has been decided upon as head coach for the Yale eleven. It is understood here, although official confirmation is lacking pending formal action by the committee having the matter in charge.

This announcement, it is understood will come within a few days. Prof. Robert N. Corwin, chairman of the Yale Athletic Commission, when asked if there was any truth in the reports that Jones had been agreed upon and that soon he was coming to Yale, said:

"I don't know—officially. I suppose there is."

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THE WEATHER

Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight. Moderate south winds.