

DOUBLE-DECKED BEDS VOGUE IN PARK CITY SOON

Room House Congestion Expected to Be Relieved by Dormitory Device.

Bridgeport is becoming a "double-decked" city. Not only are there swiftings of the two-family type, but now comes the double-decked bed, as heretofore exclusively used in college dormitories.

George H. Milligan, secretary of the Lee Brothers Co., when questioned about the use to which these strange devices will be put, said: "Bridgeport must expand its accommodations to care for the hundreds of families, whose heads are now here. There are not enough rooms in Bridgeport and the process of 'doubling-up,' which in some cases has been tripled and even quadrupled, is common.

"The great number of beds in one room became obnoxious to many lodging-house keepers with the result that demand has been made for the tier-bed as used extensively in college dormitories. Numbers are being sold in this city."

SENATE ADOPTS NEW BILL FOR LARGER ARMY

Washington, May 18.—Only approval by the House of the conference report on the army reorganization bill was necessary today to complete the legislation. The Senate completed its part in the legislative process last night when it adopted the conference report on the measure.

Son Administrator of Beardslee Estate

(Special to The Farmer.) Stratford, May 18.—Oliver Beardslee, son of the late Samuel W. Beardslee, former selectman and postmaster of the town, was appointed administrator of the estate of his father by Judge Charles H. Peck. Application was made by Mrs. S. W. Beardslee.

Mr. Beardslee was one of the wealthiest residents of the town. It was reported that his estate, consisting of both real and personal property, was listed at about \$75,000. Before his death he assigned the estate to his widow and son, Mr. Beardslee, \$2,100 in the bank, which will be probated.

Dr. Alfred C. Pines of Bridgeport will be the speaker this evening at the parish house of the Congregational church. The lecture will be on "Japan" and will be illustrated. The lecture is under the auspices of the Mission League of the church. The ushers will be Miss Elsie Hubbard, Miss Dorothy Silliman, Miss Esther Wilson and Miss Inez Casey. The proceeds of the lecture will go towards the work in the missionary field.

The Asala chapter will hold a whist this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Schnell, Freeman avenue.

Mrs. Harold C. Lovell of King street left today for Norfolk, Conn., where she will remain a month. Mrs. Lovell will register at the Norfolk Inn.

The Parochial society of Christ church will hold a basket picnic at the home of Mrs. Herbert Booth tomorrow. The members will take the Derby car leaving the center at 19:55 a. m.

Body of Drowned Sailor Is Buried In Obscure Grave

(Special to The Farmer.) Stratford, May 18.—The body of the man believed to be a sailor who was found on the shore of the Housatonic river, Monday noon, was buried today at Potter's field, Union cemetery, by Undertaker Frank L. Curtis. No one appeared to identify the man.

SUFFRAGISTS PLAN PARADE FOR G. O. P.

Chicago, May 18.—The difference between the 12 states where suffrage has been granted to women and the 36 others will be illustrated in a parade on June 9 when it is expected 46,000 women will march for the purpose of inducing the Republican national convention to incorporate a suffrage plank in the party platform. Plans adopted by the committee today call for a division in the parade in which 12 young women dressed in white and bearing the names of the states where suffrage has been granted will lead a detachment of 36 other girls dressed in grey, with their hands manacled and a ball and chain in the shape of a toy balloon attached to their ankles by a cord, symbolizing the states where women do not have the right to vote.

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HERBERT—In this city, May 17, 1916, Mary, widow of James Herbert.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral Tuesday evening when the casket will be in the care of her daughter, Mrs. John Donahue, 519 Myrtle avenue on Friday, May 19th, at 8:30 a. m., and from Sacred Heart church at 8:30 a. m., with solemn high mass being celebrated at Interment Springdale cemetery, Stamford, Conn.

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CONSULS TO TELL MEXICANS' VIEW OF U. S. ACTIONS

Washington, May 18.—The state department is determined to secure at first hand information on the attitude of Mexican citizens toward the American punitive expedition and other conditions in northern Mexico, it became evident today. Consul Letcher, stationed at Chihuahua, arrived at El Paso today on orders to discuss with General Funston conditions in the state of Chihuahua and to make a similar report by telegraph to Washington.

The department announced that other consuls would be detached from their posts temporarily for similar conferences during the next few weeks. Consul Letcher and other consuls may be called to Washington if the telegraphic reports prove inadequate. It was explained that means of communication in Mexico are unsatisfactory and that was the sole reason for the action planned.

Secretary Baker was in New York attending a meeting of officers of the National Consumers' league, of which he is president. The Mexican situation was reported as improving.

AUSTRIANS BEGIN HEAVY DRIVE ON ITALIAN FRONTIER

Paris, May 18.—The attack launched by the Austrians against the Italian front in the southern Tyrol and which has gradually extended to the entire Austro-Italian front is being followed here with close attention. It is generally believed in military circles that the great Austrian offensive, which has been expected for some time past, has at last begun.

No importance is attached to the falling back of the Italian advance lines which is considered an obvious move as they were not sufficiently strong to resist an attack on a large scale. Although the Italian central position on the Lavarone plateau is not yet involved it is thought probable that the principal effort of the Austrians will be made in that direction. It seems evident that the Austrian generals intend to try and carry out their former plan of smashing a way through to the Vicenza plain. The fact that heavy reinforcements have been moved up under cover of the formidable series of forts stretching from Folgaria and Lavarone favors the belief that Vicenza is the real objective of the offensive.

The French military authorities are satisfied that the Austrians are doomed to failure regardless of what efforts they may make. It is pointed out that the Italians have made every possible preparation for just such an attack as the present and that the most powerful defenses that engineering skill could devise have been prepared on the Asiago plateau and in the mountains northwest of Arsiero. It is on this line that the Italians are expected to make their real stand in the event the Austrians continue to push their defenses.

Official views of World's War FRENCH

Paris, May 18.—Several attacks were made by German troops all along the Verdun front last night in an effort to capture a redoubt at Aprecourt. The official statement of today says the Germans were repulsed each time and that they lost heavily.

French troops, after severe fighting, captured a German fort on the north slope of Hill 304.

Three German trenches north of Hill 287 were raided by French forces which killed or captured the occupants of these positions.

On the Verdun front east of the Meuse the artillery on both sides was active during the night.

Two French aeroplanes dropped 99 more shells on the railway station at Metz on the night of May 16.

AUSTRIAN

Berlin, May 18.—Artillery engagements are in progress all along the Austro-Italian front, on which the Austrians began an offensive movement several days ago. The official Austrian statement of May 17 reports the capture of new positions on the Dobordo Plateau.

GERMANY APOLOGIZES TO SWITZERLAND FOR ATTACK ON SUSSEX

Berne, Switzerland, May 18.—The federal department announced today that the German government has expressed its regret through the Swiss minister at Berlin that two Swiss citizens lost their lives when the British steamer Sussex was torpedoed by a German submarine. The German government has promised to indemnify the families of the victims.

Fairfield's Park To Be Ready In Summer

(Special to The Farmer.) Fairfield, May 18.—Fairfield's new park on Spring street will be opened to the public early this summer. Improvements have been completed on the tract of ground recently purchased by D. H. Warner, and the park will be ready as soon as the grass grows.

Benches have been placed and the park has been roped off. A fence has been erected between the holdings of the railroad and the park property.

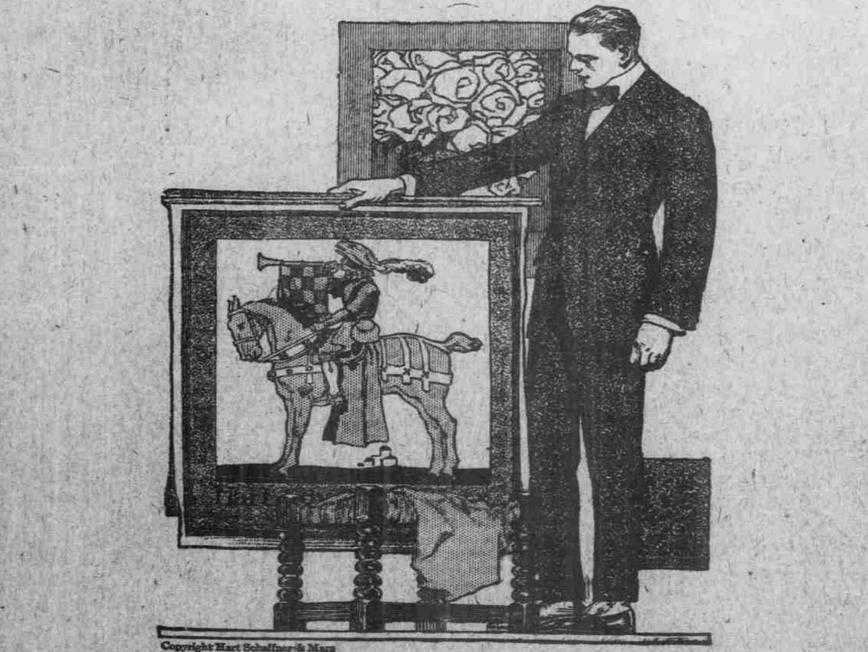
"Fire Prevention" will be the topic Thursday evening when the Bridgeport Business Men's association will banquet at The Stratfield. J. Stebbins Clynne will direct the association chorus in singing.

Entrances in Main street, Fairfield avenue and Cannon street

Bridgeport, Conn. Thursday, May 18

Forecast: Generally fair tonight and Friday.

Personal-choice suits from Hart Schaffner & Marx, a bargain—\$23.



Our clothing-chief went to Chicago and personally picked these from the Hart Schaffner & Marx stock.

They were the suits left when all early orders had been shipped. In the lot were some of the best suits these splendid tailors had made. They were the ones he picked.

Now they are here; and ready; and to be bought for \$23 dollars instead of usual price of 25 to 32 1/2 dollars!

All the new rich and clever materials are among them; stripes, checks overlaid and mixtures in tweed homespun cassimere and worsted.

All the excellent styles are among them; 1 or 2 or 3 button fronts, link-button fronts, patched or welt or flap pockets, young styles and cut styles.

Many are silk-lined; a good number are made with the cutout linings that are insurance policy of summer coolness and comfort.

A suit for every man—tall or short, large or small, slender or portly!

Lots of new handsome fabric! Always the excellent through tailoring that Hart Schaffner & Marx insist upon! With each suit the regular broad guarantee of satisfaction—for every suit must live up to every promise in fit and color and tailoring and quality of cloth!

This is one great big opportunity for men who know and appreciate good clothes. Just a few of the suits would sell here regularly at 25 dollars. A few would be 32 dollars and a half. The great majority would sell at 30 dollars. But they all go in at the one price and beginning Friday that **\$23** price is

We want to make it as plain as a pikestaff:—Our regular guarantee and the maker's too with each suit.

Main floor, rear.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

St. Joseph's Church Minstrels Applauded

More than 1,500 persons witnessed the annual minstrel given by the members of St. Joseph's German church last evening at Eagles' hall. The minstrel was a grand success. The solos, the jokes by the end men and the perfect harmony of the chorus all received their share of applause from the appreciative audience. Much of the success of the minstrel was due to the efforts of Lester Burdick, who acted as director. Miss Teresa Polke was the interlocutor. The minstrel was given for the benefit of St. Joseph's church.

Complaints of Dust Continue To Be Made

Dust in the streets of Bridgeport is causing loud roars from the visitors here as well as the residents. Passengers discharged from accommodation trains here this morning got eye full of Fairfield avenue real estate, despite the rain of last night and were very wroth.

North avenue residents are complaining that the street hasn't been swept in so long they can't remember the date of the last cleaning.

ARMY SURGEON IS HELD

Washington, May 18.—Dr. Frank Luve, first lieutenant in the United States army medical corps, today awaited hearing on a charge of possessing illegally a large quantity of narcotic drugs belonging to the government. He was arrested at his home near Hyattsville, Md., last night.

German pig iron production during April was 1,073,706 tons, against 1,114,194 tons in March.

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street

An unusual gathering of special-value merchandise makes the store fairly sparkle.

Charming underwear of extra worth.

All the pretty new styles that make this season's underwear so delightful! Made up in soft nainsook, and pretty batiste, and fine crepe de chine, and excellent muslin or cambric.

Many many models in each type of garment from covers to combinations and envelope chemise or night-gown.

Trimmings are tasteful laces and embroideries—with handsome ribbons used effectively.

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| Corset-covers— | 25c to 89c |
| Nightgowns | 48c to \$3 |
| Princess slips— | 89c to \$2.75 |
| Envelope chemises— | 89c to \$2 |
| Combinations | 89c to \$1.10 |
| Petticoats— | 25c to \$2 |
| Drawers— | 25c to 69c |

Great big lot of unusual hats— 95c.

Hats that may be trimmed quickly, easily, and at small outlay.

A number need only band of colored ribbon or one of those special bands in two or three colors!

Among them, several varieties of straw—and every color including big supply of the most-wanted of all: WHITE.

Whether their regular price is \$1.50 or \$2.50, the choice of the entire lot is— **95c.**

Silk suits and cloth underprice.

A splendid fresh lot of silk suits—\$21.

A clearing of handsome cloth suits—\$19.50 \$29.50 \$45.

Silk suits are taffeta or silk poplin, in black and rich blues and handsome green.

With short coats or long, plain or with handsome contrasting trimming.

Among them Featherweight suits that are so light they seem to have almost no weight. These, entirely in black,—and in four models!

Cloth suits include those that were formerly \$22.50 to \$85; among them finest that the season brought!

Novelty checks and weaves, plain fine serges and gabardines, beautiful fabrics and excellent tailoring.

Prices drop simply because it is our clearing time.

Skirts made— \$1.

Any woman may have a skirt made just now for \$1. Added to the attractive price at which skirtings may be bought, this secures a skirt of sure fit and satisfaction at small cost.

These very styles we've been making all season at \$1.25 and \$1.50. The new price is simply to enlighten things and keep our tailors busy.

Good skirting woolsens and mohairs, black and blue and white and many colors—75c to \$2 a yard.

Right aisle, rear.

Aluminum is cheap.

and with it a hundred-and-one utensils for the home are cheap too! There is almost everything required for housekeeping now at special price. But those prices only hold good for a little while—supply is fast getting small!

Fourth floor.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

AUTO BODY BUILDERS ENLARGE PLANT HERE

War orders received by large munition companies throughout New England, as well as the increasing tendency of local buyers to purchase motor trucks without bodies, has caused the Metropolitan Auto & Carriage Co. on Grand street to double their factory space.

With acquisition of the Clampt property on Goodsell street, the company is now completing a three-story "L" addition of brick and glass.

"The truck business has had a material impetus through European war," said Harry Romm, secretary of the company yesterday. "Nearly every large manufacturer of automobiles has been able to dispose of some

type of chassis and have been compelled to furnish bodies of special design. These are nearly all built outside the automobile factory."

Besides building many bodies for the Locomobile Company of America in this city the Metropolitan company is engaged in completing an order for 400 one-ton hand trucks for the Scovill Manufacturing Co. of Waterbury.

TO UNVEIL STATUE

West Point, May 18.—An equestrian statue of George Washington, the gift of an anonymous "patriotic citizen and veteran of the Civil War," will be unveiled tomorrow on the West Point Plain. All that is known of the donor is that he is a New Englander and well known nationally.