

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

One Hundred Years Ago.

AN EXTRACT.
On the Instability of National and Individual Fortune.

"The recent fall of Napoleon and the humiliation of France, presents a picture equally interesting to the moralist, the philosopher and the politician. It teaches us another lesson on the instability of national as well as individual fortune—Who can persevere the page of antiquity and contemplate the fall of empires and the ruin of splendid cities, without feeling his senses arrested?"

Does not every mouldering column, every venerable pile of ruins, and the melancholy reflection of the many thousands that sleep beneath the earth, witness the arts, which graced the triumph of the weak, the vanity and the instability of every thing human? Does it not imprint upon the tablets of our hearts, what shadows we are and what shadows we pursue.

Jerusalem, once the prodigy of an admiring world, is laid desolate and the splendid temple, into dust, Babylon with her towering walls, and her hanging gardens, is laid prostrate, and her site has become the den of serpents, and the habitation of the son of man. Thebes and Palmyra with all their grandeur have crumbled into dust, and Troy once so admired, has been sacked and desolated by her implacable enemies.

Neither the silver hairs of the aged, the passionate entreaties of distressed beauty or alluring softness of infantile innocence, could save her inhabitants from the devouring sword. The city of Athens, once the seat of science, of civilization and art, and Sparta, before whose warriors nations have trembled, have fallen in their turn, the cities of the immortal Solon and the invincible Lycurgus have yielded to their foes.

Carthage, that once contended for the empire of the world, and wanted in her grandeur, has long since been buried beneath her own ruins—The city of Queen Dido, is no more, "nothing but the solitary arch, a few ruined vestiges remain to speak her ancient grandeur." Rome, at whose name once all Europe trembled, and to whose sceptre western Asia and northern Africa were compelled to bow, was compelled in her turn to yield to northern barbarians. Where now is her ancient grandeur; her splendid temples, her magnificent palaces, her majestic monuments, her skillful artists, her profound scholars, her eloquent orators, her invincible warriors, and her wide extended dominions! Where is the ancient glory of her name?

All that all are vanished like the vision of a dream, and modern nations wake to see her degraded to dust! Such were the revolutions of former ages. No wonder then, that in modern times, France powerful as she was, should be humbled—no wonder Napoleon, at whose voice Europe but lately trembled, should be banished to St. Helena, as a splendid witness of the instability of fortune and the uncertainty of human greatness.

Fifty Years Ago.

THE GREAT FENIAN RAID.

Fighting and Bloodshed.
New York, June 3, 1866—All the United States troops in Gen. Mead's department are said to be under arms for fear in case of an emergency. Gen. Sweeney was here yesterday, but probably left in the afternoon for the frontier. Over a thousand Fenians are said to have left New York within two days. A Buffalo dispatch says that 1,500 British regulars with artillery have arrived at Suspension Bridge, whose aim was to attack the Fenian forces, who have now vacated the encampment.

Toronto, Canada, June 2, 1866—This morning a force of volunteers came up with a body of Fenians encamped near Ridgeway. An attack immediately began, and fighting became general. A number were killed, but the result of the engagement is not yet known.

Washington, June 3, 1866—Hundreds of Fenians left Washington this week for the scene of the war, and additional numbers are prepared to follow.

Buffalo, June 3, 1866—Lieutenant General U. S. Grant passed here last night to-day. He sent the following telegram to General Meade:

Buffalo, June 3, 1866.
To Major-General Meade, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa.

Gen. Barry is here. Assign him to general command from Buffalo to the mouth of the Niagara river. The State authorities should call out the militia on the frontier to prevent hostile expeditions leaving the United States, and to save private property from destruction from mobs.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT, Lieut.-Gen.

ANOTHER BASEBALL CLUB.

One more baseball club has been formed in this city, by a number of young men residing in the "Old Gibraltar," the Second Ward. They style themselves the "Arctics," and have elected the following officers:

President, William Hunter; vice-president, John Hubbell; secretary, Robert McConnell; treasurer, Alexander Burgess. May success attend the efforts of the "Arctics."

A ROBBERY COMMITTED.

A German named Christopher Otis states that he was knocked down in State street, Saturday night, about 10 o'clock, nearly in front of Wallace's Bread and Cake store, and robbed of all the money in his purse. The outrage, he says, was perpetrated by some eight or ten persons. This is a very high-handed piece of rascality, and no pains should be spared by the authorities to track out and punish the robbers.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

We understand that Justice Lord was surprised this morning by the arrival at his office of a wedding party, but the Justice was equal to the emergency, and performed the ceremony in a becoming manner. The happy parties were Albert Porter Riker, President, George E. Winton, vice-president, and May Ann Wells, of Fairfield. No Cards.

Twenty Years Ago.

JUNE WEDDINGS.
Lewis-Thompson.

At noon yesterday Miss Edith R., daughter of Mrs. Mary Thompson, of 9 Beach street, was married to Arthur Franklin Lewis at St. Paul's church. Two clergy were officiated for the betrothal, Rev. H. N. Sherman and the minister for the marriage, Rev. C. W. Boylston, of Long Hill. The bride is a member of the Author's club, members of which were present.

Nodyne-Mather.
Cards are out for the marriage of Charles Nodyne, formerly of this city but now of Lee, Mass., to Miss Evelyn Mather of Howard avenue. Mr. Nodyne formerly kept a feed store at State street, but now is the owner of a large farm in Lee. The ceremony will take place next Wednesday, at St. John's church at 3 p. m.

BRIDGEPORT CHESSMEN WIN

The Norwalk Chess club, which at one time threatened to "do" the Bridgeport players, have been defeated three times out of four. The last time was last evening, the score being 5-1-2 to 3-1-2 in favor of the Bridgeport players. The record: Gotthardt lost to A. Baldwin; Lynn Wilson won from Crawford; Emery lost to Moran; Rogers drew with Hein; Beach won from Church; Cogswell won from W. Baldwin; Norton won from Adams; and Norton won from Furlbutt. As there will be no more games until September, Bridgeport will hold the silver cup.

THE LATE CARLOS CURTIS.

The funeral services yesterday afternoon over the body of ex-Mayor Carlos Curtis were largely attended. The services were held at the home of the deceased in State street, and Rev. Mr. Baldwin officiated. The pallbearers were Thomas B. DeForest, F. N. Benham, John M. Wheeler, Hon. M. B. Beardsley, D. C. Peck and Mark Mallory. Interment was at Mountain Grove cemetery.

MORE JUNE BRIDES.

The first of the fashionable June weddings in this city will occur this evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hall, of 607 Fairfield avenue, when their daughter, Louise Newell, will be united in marriage to John T. Schneider of Chicago, Ill. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. William H. Lewis, rector of St. John's. The bridesmaids will be Mrs. L. C. Keifer of Chicago, and Mrs. F. C. Gernert of this city, both sisters of the bride. The best man will be Frank C. Gernert of this city.

Wilkinson-Sanford.

The second of the large weddings will take place at St. John's church to-morrow evening, when Miss Bertha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanford, will be married to Henry Lawrence Wilkinson, of Providence.

Mead-Parker.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ruth Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parker, of John Studwell Mead, of the firm of Anderson & Mead, real estate dealers.

HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED.

James H. Emmons, of the local force of postmen, yesterday received notice of his appointment to the railway postal service and with it came the compliment that he stood second in the list of 50 men who took the examination. He will make some experimental trips before deciding whether or not he will accept the appointment. He has been a member of the local force for the last four years.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH ROBBERY.

Capt. Arnold and Detective Cronan this morning visited St. Mary's church and made a thorough investigation of the robbery of the two chalices from that edifice Tuesday. They are satisfied that the crime was committed by a professional and that the job was done between 3 and 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

DRUG STORE BURGLARIZED.

The police this morning were notified that burglars last evening effected an entrance into the pharmacy of Geo. Malone, at Hill street and Pequot street. Postage stamps and some small change was taken. This is the third time this place has been entered inside of a year.

THE OWLS' BICYCLE CLUB.

The Owls Bicycle club is the name adopted by a number of local wheelmen who have organized with the following officers: Edward Bolger, president; T. Carmody, secretary; M. McKenna, treasurer; Simon DeVorcken, counselor, and John Seery, captain.

MANFIELD TO NEWARK?

Manager Burns of Newark yesterday telegraphed Dick Mansfield of the Bridgeport team to name his own terms and place his signature on a Newark contract. Mansfield has not yet decided what he will do. Without Dick the Victors would be a sorry lot, as Foster, excellent pitcher that he is, could not do all the work.

WARNER BROS.' FIREMEN.

At the annual meeting of the Warner Bros. Co. Fire department held last evening the following officers were elected: Chief, Thomas Coombes; foreman, L. C. Taylor; assistant foreman, Harry Weir; secretary and treasurer, C. W. Weckworth; steward, Geo. Stagg. They will give their sixth annual "good time" at Avon Park, July 11.

THE NASSAU FISH AND GAME CLUB.

The Nassau Fish and Game club held their annual meeting last evening, and elected the following officers: President, George E. Winton; vice-president, S. B. Strong of Setauket, L. I.; secretary and treasurer, George A.

Ferris, of Stamford; executive committee, John McElroy, E. B. Lawton, W. W. Avery, A. J. Cable and S. C. Patterson. A clamor was made at the meeting and followed the election. The club now owns or has leases of several thousands acres of land between Beardsley park and Nichols and bounded on the east by the Stratford ridge. In this territory there are three large ponds for fish, fed by never failing streams. Along streams are four large pools stocked with 30,000 small trout, and when they are big enough to take care of themselves they will be turned into the ponds. Upon lake will be stocked with pike. The territory is alive with game birds, woodcock, partridge and quail and a contract has been made to stock the land with English pheasants.

This hunting club is the largest in Connecticut. The club house will be built on the site overlooking Beach's pond. Andrew Peterson is the janitor and he with E. Thompson, with two special officers, will protect the territory from poachers. (These were the halcyon days on the grounds of the defunct Nassau Fish and Game club. The club is no more. No more will the creek of the hunter's rifle ring through the woods north of the poorhouse. No more will the patient fisherman dip his rod into the placid streams that empty into what was once Stillman's pond. The territory is now the property of the Remington-U. M. C. corporation. Here are stocked tons of explosives and the hunter is kept off the property by means of a six-foot iron fence which surrounds the territory for miles. It is said that inside the iron fence there are enough wild animals, especially deer, to fill a menagerie.—Eds.)

Chicago Has To Have Two Parades To Care for the Marchers

Chicago, June 3.—So great was the enthusiasm with which Chicago rose to the spirit of the preparedness demonstration that two parades were necessary, one in the day and one at night.

More than 150,000 men and women took part in the parade to-day, having pledged themselves to do so, rain or shine. The women said that if it rained they would wear their old clothes and would not let their enthusiasm be quenched by fear of a drenching.

The men and women that took part in the day parade came from nearly all trades and professions. The middle-aged and gray-headed walked briskly along with strapping youngsters, all inspired by the general enthusiasm, the crashing sound of drum and horn and the waving of thousands of flags.

"Safety First" played an important part in the arrangements for the parade. A large ambulance corps, in charge of Red Cross officials and nurses, was divided into great units and stationed approximately along each 1,000 feet of the line of march. The city health department and the ambulance staffs of many hospitals co-operated in supplying the ambulance corps.

More Art Treasures Coming To America

Berlin, June 3.—The war probably will lead to the further transfer of Europe's art treasures to the United States, in the opinion of Prof. Wilhelm von Bode, general director of the Royal Museums in Berlin. Prof. von Bode gives several reasons; that the war is making a great increase in the wealth of many Americans; and that the making up of several of the great private collections in America, including that of the late J. P. Morgan, and the acquisition of many of their choicest pictures by public art museums, will tend strongly to develop the demand for good art works. Prof. Bode declares that in this way the public collections of New York, Boston, Washington, and Chicago, together with dozens of cities not yet identified with art in an international sense, will become fully equal to those of European cities.

This fresh demand for art works in the United States, Prof. Bode says, will strike Europe at a time when people on this side will be forced to sell in order to get money to pay their debts. Many fine old pictures now owned by private collectors in Europe, and particularly in England, will in this way find their way across the Atlantic, he thinks.

ATHENS HAS THIRD FRENCH NEWSPAPER

Athens, June 3.—A third daily newspaper in French has been launched in Athens, devoting itself largely to the Serbian interests. It is called "The Flag" and appears in the evening, in competition with Baron Schenck's German propaganda newspaper, also in French, "The Athens Gazette." The French morning paper is regarded as one of the best in Greece—The Athens Messenger. It is edited by a woman, Miss Jeanne A. Z. Stephanopolis, daughter of A. Zannetaki-Stephanopolis, who founded the paper in 1875.

KAISER STARTS FOR THE EASTERN FRONT

Berlin, June 3.—Emperor William is on a tour of the eastern front, it was officially announced yesterday. The statement says: "The Emperor has left the army groups on the eastern front. He arrived on May 31 at the army group of Prince Leopold, of Bavaria."

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STORE 30 YEARS IN WEST END TO CLOSE ITS DOORS

Vincent Bros. Grocery, First Cash Emporium, Will Be Discontinued.

Within a few weeks Vincent Bros.' retail grocery and meat business, conducted in the West End for 30 years, will be closed out and August 1 the store at 1370 State street, will be occupied by a clothing firm. The closing of this store will mark the passing of a business landmark of the city as well as of the West End. The business was established in 1886 by the late Samuel E. Vincent. It was the first large grocery store in the West End and the first cash store there. It was also the first store in which both groceries and meats were retailed. The first location was across the street from the present building which is part of the S. E. Vincent estate.

Eventually the firm established a chain of similar stores about the city and then branched into the coal business and later into wholesale grain and feed business. The retail stores were then gradually abandoned but as a matter of sentiment, Mr. Vincent retained the West End store where he began business. Allen Vincent, executor of the estate of his brother, Samuel E. Vincent, said today that the firm no longer had need for the store and he had so many applications for it that he decided to close out the business and rent the store. It is understood the clothing firm will take a long term lease. There are residents of the West End who have been customers of this firm for years and who will scarcely know where to trade when the store is closed. It was because of these customers that the elder member of the firm insisted on keeping the store open.

American Motors Are Plentiful in Russia

Headquarters of the Russian Seventh Army, June 3.—American automobiles, auto-trucks and motorcycles are being found in great numbers all along the Russian front. At an aviation camp are stored dozens of motors and spare parts for aeroplanes—all American. Similarly at every point behind the front a profusion of products of various sorts testify to the activity of American manufacturers in grasping trade opportunities opened to them by the war.

Bulgarians Thanked For Kind Treatment

Sofia, June 3.—The latest number of the official bulletin of the Bulgarian Red Cross published a statement signed by Lady Paget, who, with fifty-two members of her hospital mission, fell into the hands of the Bulgarians with the capture of Uskub, expressing the warmest gratitude to the Bulgarian officials for the courteous treatment of the mission and its head have received since the removal of the mission from Serbia.

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FREIGHT TRAIN EMPLOYEES' LIFE FULL OF PERIL

A statement issued to-day by the Railroad Transportation Brotherhoods, shows that freight train employees have one of the most hazardous of all occupations.

The last annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that a train man is killed on an average of every 4 hours and forty minutes, and is maimed every 30 minutes and 30 seconds. And this does not tell all the story, because if a man does not die from his injuries within 24 hours, he is not reported to the Commission as killed and unless the injury disables him for three days he is not counted as injured.

Of every 100 men who start work as firemen, only 17 ever become engineers, out of every 100 men who do become engineers, only 6 become passenger engineers.

The average length of service is eleven and a half years. Few realize the rigid physical examination they are required to pass and which is more severe than the United States government requires for enlistment in the army or navy.

Physical examinations are repeated every two or three years. Every year, a hearing, color perception, heart action and blood pressure are all scrutinized closely.

Although the U. S. Government prohibits by law the continuous employment of a train employe more than 15 hours, it is worth noting that in 1915 there were 78,940 violations reported by the railroads themselves. Under the rates of pay now received by the men, they must work from 12 to 20 hours in order to earn enough to be on a par with the wage earners in other trades.

What a man receives per hour is the only proper basis for discussing wages. The following table shows the prevailing wages received per hour by freight crews as compared to other trades.

- Locomotive engineers, 48 1/2c
- Bricklayers, plasterers, etc., 75c
- Locomotive firemen 31c
- Carpenters, painters, etc., 70c
- Freight conductors 40c
- Laborers in tunnels, wells, etc. 57 1/2c
- Freight brakemen 26.7c
- Excavating laborers 40c

Are these high wages when you consider the responsibility and skill required of freight train men?

Excessive hours and the terrific strain shatters the health and shortens the lives of these men. The employe is not asking for more pay, only that their working hours be made less.

They desire relief from the present arduous working conditions so that their time at home will be lengthened and their chance of relaxation improved.

England Must Raise 1,323,105,000 Pounds To Make Up Deficits

London, June 3.—According to an official statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna, the deficit for 1916-17 will be made good by borrowing an amount estimated at 1,323,105,000 pounds. This will involve raising by loans on the average more than 3,600,000 pounds daily.

There is a general demand that new manufacturing industries be secured, from people who wouldn't take a \$5 share of the most promising proposition that could possibly be started.

TO-NIGHT
GROCERY BULLETIN.

Grape Juice, pint bottle	22c, large	38c
Queen Olives	8c bottle	
Manz Olives	8c bottle	
Stuffed Olives	8c bottle	
Walnut Meats, pieces		31c lb.
Halves		39c lb.
3 Bottles Ketchup		25c
Horse Radish, bottle		8c
Milk Jar Mustard, Bottle		8c
Quaker Oats, package		8c
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STEPNEY

Mrs. Phoebe Middlebrooks of Bridgeport is a guest at the home of her brother, Dr. P. J. Wales. Mrs. George Clingan entertained relatives from Bridgeport as guests last Tuesday.

John Klein was arrested last Sunday night for shooting robins. Mr. Klein was brought before Attorney Arthur J. Hull, and pleaded ignorance to the law. He said the robins had damaged his plants. He was fined \$1 and costs.

A very enjoyable whist was held at the town hall Thursday evening for the benefit of Harmony grange. Nine tables of progressive whist were played at the close of which ice cream and cake were served. As this was a donation whist a fine selection of prizes was displayed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols of Danbury, spent Memorial Day at the guest of relatives in town. Mr. Arthur Sherman has purchased a new auto.

Clayton Hawley, who has been attending business college in Bridgeport will discontinue his studies for the summer months.

Mrs. Davis of Setauket, L. I., is spending a few days as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. George Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Platt, who have been stopping at C. E. Osborne's for several weeks, have left for Twin Lakes.

The interior of Wood Crest, the East Side Settlement House is being decorated. The home will open soon with a large number of guests from New York.

BROWN COMPENSATED.
Elmer E. Brown of 1259 Stratford avenue, who lost the sight of his right eye while in the employ of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., has been allowed two years' compensation at \$10 per week. The compensation was made by Compensation Commissioner E. T. Buckingham, after a hearing held yesterday in his office. Mr. Brown was represented by Attorney Walter F. Foley.