

TODAY

Princess Theatre

PRESENTS

Pauline Frederick

— IN —

THE PARAMOUNT FEATURE PRODUCTION

The Moment Before

A thrilling picturization of Israel Zangwill's powerful drama. Abundance of action, and the all-star cast gives a most finished performance.

— ALSO —

BILLIE BURKE

— IN —

THE EIGHTH CHAPTER OF

Gloria's Romance

The Mesh of Mystery

Matinee 2.30 Evening 7.15-8.45

ADMISSION

Adults 10c Children 5c

TOMORROW

TRIANGLE DAY

— IN —

John Emerson

— IN —

THE TRIANGLE DRAMA

The Flying Torpedo

A timely and spectacular presentation of fine military ensembles and great ingenuity. An elaborate costly production. It's a war story of the year 1921.

— ALSO —

Mark Swain

The Triangle Comedy Feature

By Stork Delivery

Special Music in the Evening by Leitinger's Orchestra

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

The Harris store on Central street will be closed from Friday night to Tuesday morning.

The members of the parish of St. Michael's Episcopal church and their friends are invited to meet the rector Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. G. W. Tyler of 9 Tyler street.

The trucks for the electric car bought by the Twin State Gas & Electric Co. for service on the local street railway this fall and winter have arrived, but the body of the car has not arrived.

Mary L. Peete, infant daughter of Louis and Mary (Wojehick) Peete of 205 South Main street, died last evening of cholera infantum. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

An illuminated globe street sign has been erected by W. F. Root in front of the Root pharmacy on Main street. The globe is of opaque glass with the word "Drugs" on two sides, and it is not only an attractive advertising medium but also helps illuminate the street.

A woman with a canary bird and cage attracted much attention on the railroad station platform this afternoon. The bird escaped from the cage and in a short time the woman had all the bystanders engaged trying to capture the pet. When the Reformer went to press the bird was winking at its would-be captors from the roof of the old station.

PERSONAL.

Miss Hattie Stearns went yesterday to Worcester to visit her sister, Mrs. C. L. Moore, two weeks.

Royal March of Brookline, former representative from his town, returned after several days spent at the Melrose hotel.

Rev. Roy M. Houghton was in town last night and today, being on his return from a vacation spent in Michigan at New Haven, Conn.

Clyde Adams of Providence, R. I., who had been in town on business and a guest in the home of his brother, K. D. Adams, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Chase and son, Paul, who had been on an extended automobile tour through the Middle West, returned to town last evening.

Chief Engineer J. M. Morrison of the Central Vermont Railway Co., was in town this morning. He said that nothing of an especial nature brought him here.

BROOKLINE.

Mrs. G. W. Carlow of Bradford has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. G. E. Ware.

A. A. Austin went to Montpelier to attend the special session of the legislature.

Mrs. D. E. Perry and daughter, Anna, are visiting her cousin in Springfield, Vt.

The state board of health has postponed the opening of all schools because of infantile paralysis.

Rev. F. N. Thomas of Loughome, Pa., will occupy the pulpit in the Baptist church next Sunday, Sept. 3, at 11 o'clock.

MEXICO PUTS NEW BAN ON CATHOLICS

Old Decree Revived by Carranza, Putting Church Property Under Federal Control.

MEXICO CITY, August 31.—Gen. Carranza, in a decree made public yesterday, announces the nationalization of property of the Catholic church in Mexico.

The church will be nominally controlled by the clergy. The government, however, reserves the right to police them and prevent them from being used for any purposes other than prescribed by law.

The government also reserves the right to discontinue their use as a place of worship after one year's service.

In taking this step the First Chief declared he was only reviving the decree promulgated in 1859. The new order provides all property nationalized under the Juarez "Laws of Reform" and loaned to the Catholic church or other religious bodies or ceded after the promulgation of the decree.

The department of finance will take charge of the property and see that it is cared for. The department of the interior will control the opening of new churches.

Only the chief executive of the republic is empowered by the decree to decree the use of Catholic property for any public service. This provision was made to prevent local municipal officers from invading church property. The local municipal authorities are specifically warned not to transgress.

In the event that any place of worship is legally closed, the treasury department and department of the interior will take an inventory of the ornaments, images, etc., delivering to the clergy all articles except those belonging to the church prior to the law of 1859. These being of artistic and historic value must be ceded to the department of public instruction for exhibition in museums, libraries and other institutions of learning.

Have Not Voted to Join in Strike — Grand Trunk Employees Responsible to Canadian Brotherhood.

The Central Vermont railway in the event of a strike will treat with its men independently, according to a high official of the road. President Edward C. Smith has notified the Association of Railroad Presidents that he will not act in concert with them. In so doing he has not been alone. Several presidents of the smaller railroads, East and West, have done the same.

The men themselves, this same official said, have not voted with their fellows on the big four brotherhoods to go on strike. Like thousands of employees of the Pennsylvania and one or two other smaller systems, they have taken no positive action. So far as known they have signed no petitions against a strike, but have kept out of it as far as possible.

President E. J. Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk system says: "The Grand Trunk train service employees in the United States are responsible to a Canadian brotherhood and the railroad's relations with those organizations are amicable. There is no cause for apprehension that sympathetic sentiment with men on strike would crystallize into action among the men working under the Canadian government."

MRS. FRANCENA W. KELLOGG.

Former West Brattleboro Woman Died in Shelburne Falls.

Mrs. Francena (Wilson) Kellogg, 82, widow of Josiah Kellogg of Shelburne, Mass., died Monday in Shelburne Falls, Mass., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Austin of River street. She had been in failing health since September, 1914, when she was knocked down by a frightened horse. At that time one hip was fractured and she was otherwise injured.

Mrs. Kellogg had lived in Greenfield, Mass., and in West Brattleboro since the death of Mr. Kellogg several years ago. She moved from West Brattleboro to Shelburne Falls about six years ago. She was a woman of exceptional ability and one who won a wide circle of friends wherever she made her home. She was a member of the Baptist church. She leaves one nephew, two nieces, also a cousin, Mrs. Mary Lawton, of New Bedford, Mass.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. Austin and she was buried beside her husband in Shelburne, Mass.

CONGRESS AT WORK.

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according to packers, and in many instances the price of meat has already gone up.

It is understood that at El Paso, Texas, in the event of a strike, the military authorities plan to run supply trains between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific coast in order that troops along the border may be furnished with all necessities.

Many guardsmen on the frontier are experienced engineers and have expressed a willingness to operate supply trains if the railroads are unable to furnish men.

CENTRAL VERMONT MEN NOT AFFECTED

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ONE STRIKE AVERTED.

Railroads Agree to Meet Demands of 6,000 Freight Handlers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—A general strike of 6,000 freight handlers set for 1 p. m., yesterday, affecting practically every railroad in Chicago, has been averted. It was announced here late yesterday. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad agreed to the demands of the union for permission to collect dues on company property and 100 strikers returned to work at the Rock Island freight house. There are, however, 1,500 men employed by five railroads still on strike, according to union officials.

LIES IN DITCH FOR HOURS.

Alfred Bouvier of Middlebury Breaks Leg While Walking in Country.

MIDDLEBURY, Aug. 31.—Alfred Bouvier, 60, left his home in this village about 7 o'clock Tuesday evening on a fishing trip and when he reached a point on the highway some distance from town he stepped into a hole and fell, breaking both bones of the leg below the knee.

About 1 o'clock Arthur Kenworthy of this town, who was passing in an automobile heard the cries of the injured man and went to his assistance. He brought Bouvier to the latter's father's home on Court street where he was attended by Dr. P. L. Dorey.

The injured man was moved in an automobile ambulance to the Fanny Allen hospital at Burlington.

NOTE FROM GERMANY.

Disavows Unfriendly Intention in Submarine's Attack.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Germany, in a note received at the state department today, practically disavows any unfriendly intention in the submarine attack on the American steamer Owego several weeks ago and submits a statement of fact which is expected to close the case. The Owego was fired upon in the fog, but not damaged.

JOHNSON CLAIMS VICTORY.

California Governor Places His Plurality at 15,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—"We have done the impossible politically," said a statement issued here yesterday by Gov. Hiram W. Johnson, claiming victory over Willis H. Booth of Los Angeles for the Republican nomination for United States senator. The governor's supporters estimated his plurality at 15,000.

SURPRISE FOR FAIRBANKS.

Notified Today of His Nomination for Vice Presidency.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31.—Charles Warren Fairbanks will be notified late today by United States Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman of Illinois of his nomination for vice president on the Republican ticket and will deliver a short address accepting the nomination.

QUICKLY EJECTED.

Counter Attack Drove Germans from French Trenches.

PARIS, August 31.—German troops penetrated the French trenches in the Parroy forest in Lorraine last night, but were immediately ejected by a counter attack, says today's announcement of the war office.

WEST CHESTERFIELD, N. H.

Wayne Rice and family are visiting his father, Sherman Rice.

Birthday night in the Grange brought over 36 members and visitors from Spofford, Dummerston and Greenfield.

HENRY D. HOLTON, President

CHAS. G. STAPLES, Cashier

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Brattleboro, Vt., August 31, 1916.

To the Readers of the Brattleboro Reformer:

With this letter, THE VERMONT NATIONAL BANK begins a series of articles dealing with different phases of the banking business. But this itself is no part of the series. It is just what it appears to be on the face—an open letter from the officers of THE VERMONT NATIONAL BANK, written because we have a message to communicate and because the only practicable way in which to reach those whom we wish to reach seems to be through the pages of a newspaper. That is why we have had it printed under a facsimile of our letterhead.

Before we begin this series, we want to tell the people of Brattleboro and vicinity some of our reasons for doing so. We have a great many. Some, of course, are selfish. We would not have you think they weren't. Very naturally we expect to derive some advertising advantage. But we have other motives than mere financial advantage or we wouldn't be planning this series as we are.

We who are responsible for this bank's success or failure are all residents of Brattleboro or of the towns which surround it. We believe in Brattleboro, in Windham County, in Vermont, and in New England. And because we believe in them, we want to do our part in making them greater, and to return full measure to our community for what it gives to us.

Perhaps you don't think there are many things that a bank can do. But we propose in this series to tell you a few of the things which we KNOW we can do. Whether or not our articles result in more business for THE VERMONT NATIONAL, if they make known to the people of our community a few new uses for a bank, they will have served their purpose. We realize that the average man or woman and in many cases those even who use a bank to some extent, have only the vaguest conception of what a bank is, of what it does and how it does it. They certainly do not realize how much a bank like THE VERMONT NATIONAL can do if you give it the chance. There is really no reason why they should. It has taken years for the men who run this bank to find out these things. They haven't learned the whole lesson yet. But they are learning. There is no smug self satisfaction in this bank. We are glad to receive suggestions or criticism from any quarter whatsoever. We are proud of THE VERMONT NATIONAL, proud to be a part of it, proud of the community which supports it. We are proud to pass in our statement to the biggest banks in Boston and be told that it is better accordingly than theirs. But we're not so proud but what we want to make it better. And we think we are making a big step forward when we take the public into our confidence and stop hiding our light under a bushel.

And so it is that on Tuesday we start this series to tell as many people as we can reach with our articles just what a bank is, why it is, what it does, and how it does it. These are things that everyone ought to know. And our aim will be to tell them in such fashion that everyone can understand. We plan the series as a sort of elementary course in the economics and practice of banking. Along with the rest we shall tell you some things about THE VERMONT NATIONAL, what it has been in the past, what it is in the present, and what we want it to be in the future. We aim, too, to tell you a few things about this community (or perhaps we ought to say "these communities") that THE VERMONT NATIONAL serves, and a few of the things THE VERMONT NATIONAL BANK can do for you—will do if you ask it.

Yours truly,

Chas G Staples

Cashier.

Henry D. Holton
James M. Tyler
P. F. Amidon
S. E. Lawton
John T. Moore
Hermon E. Eddy
A. A. Dunklee

Directors.

HOOVER OPPOSES TRAVIS.

Former Brattleboro Candidate for Comptroller in New York.

NEW YORK, August 31.—James F. Hooker of Schenectady, who has entered the Republican primaries against Comptroller Travis, has opened headquarters in this city. He announced yesterday he purposed to tear the office of the state comptroller wide open before he got through.

Yesterday Hooker sent a letter to Comptroller Travis demanding that he make public all the vouchers in connection with the San Francisco fair trip, and asking if the expenses of the members of Mr. Travis's family on the journey had not been charged to the state. In a statement announcing his plans Hooker said:

"I ask the support of Republican voters on the ground that the present incumbent of the office of state comptroller in the last twenty months has brought upon the party a degree of criticism which makes it evident his candidacy is a menace to the entire Republican ticket should he be nominated."

Hooker says he has assurances of support from many up-state Republicans.

UNIVERSALIST OFFICERS.

O. K. Hollister President of the State Organization.

ST. JOHNSBURY, Aug. 31.—The 84th annual session of the Universalist convention of Vermont and the Province of Quebec elected officers as follows yesterday afternoon. H. O. Hollister of Barre, president; George C. Felch of St. Johnsbury, vice president; Rev. George F. Fortier of St. Albans, secretary; S. C. Greene of St. Albans, treasurer; S. C. Greene of St. Albans, trustee of three years; Rev. J. B. Parkhurst of Springfield, Rev. J. B. Reardon of Barre, Rev. H. L. Canfield of Woodstock, A. L. Cady, W. H. Gladding of Randolph, fellowship committee; Rev. Clarence L. Eaton of St. Johnsbury, preacher of occasional sermons. The convention will meet next year in Barre.

The Woman's Missionary association elected officers as follows: Mrs. Alice J. Allen of Waterloo, P. Q., president; Mrs. Carrie M. Wheelock of Barre, vice president; Mrs. Thomas Stratton of Richmond, P. Q., secretary; Mrs. Alvin H. Smith, Williamstown, treasurer; Mrs. Julia Pierce, Rochester, Mrs. George F. Fortier, St. Albans and Miss Martha Jenness, St. Johnsbury, trustees.

SOUTH WARDSBORO.

Howard Gibson has returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cobb of Bondville are visiting their son, Fred Cobb.

Miss Ethel Gould has returned home from her work in Millers Falls.

BIRTHS.

In Tilton, N. H., Aug. 28, a son, Lewis Daniel, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Read, Mr. Read formerly of West Wardsboro.

MARRIAGES.

In Brattleboro, Aug. 30, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., Charles Henry Morton and Emma (Jackson) Morton, both of Hartford, Conn.

In Brattleboro, Aug. 30, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., John B. Walker of Boston and Miss Emily I. Kramer of Baltimore, Md.

DEATHS.

In Shelburne Falls, Mass., Aug. 28, Mrs. Francena E. Kellogg, 82, formerly of Greenfield, Mass., and West Brattleboro.

In Brattleboro, Aug. 30, Mary L. Peete, 1 month and 23 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peete.

ISLAND PARK

BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT.

THE HOME OF CLEAN AMUSEMENT.

Saturday, Sept. 2 — Sunday, Sept. 3

BASE BALL

GREENFIELD vs. BRATTLEBORO

Same clubs that gave such a fine exhibition of the national game one week ago. Greenfield believes she can win the next two games. Perhaps she can and then again perhaps she can't. Anyhow, 'twill be a hot contest worth watching.

Saturday Night, 7.15 and 8.45

JESSE L. LASKY

PRESENTS

The Romantic Actor

ROBERT EDESON

In the Thrilling Play of the

Trackless Woods

The Call of the North

From the Book

"THE CONJUROR'S HOUSE"

By Stewart Edward White

SATURDAY NIGHT — DANCING BEGINS AT 8.15 O'CLOCK

Sunday Night at 7.15 and 8.45

"The Green Cloak"