

REAR ADMIRAL CONVERSE DEAD

Although Retired Years Ago He Remained in Active Service Till Death.

WAS NATIVE OF VERMONT

Was President of the Board of Construction of the Navy—Was Largely Identified with Development of Torpedoes and Torpedo Boats—Sick Few Days.

Washington, March 28.—Rear Admiral George A. Converse died at his home here to-night, of uraemic poisoning. Although placed on the retired list several years ago, he was in active service at the time of his death, being president of the board of construction of the navy. He was confined to his home only a few days before his death.

It was under him as chief of the bureau of navigation, that the battleship fleet of sixteen vessels which recently circled the globe, was assembled. Previous to this he was head of the bureau of ordnance. His service to the navy was largely identified with torpedoes and torpedo boats. While he was inspector of ordnance at the naval torpedo station, Newport, R. I., smokeless powder was introduced into the navy.

His wife who was Miss Blood of New York and his two unmarried daughters, were with him when he died. Two married daughters survive.

George Albert Converse was born in Norwich on May 13, 1844, the son of Shubal and Lavinia (Morrill) Converse. He attended the Norwich public schools from 1853 to 1859 and was graduated from Norwich University in 1861. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1865 and was promoted to lieutenant on December 31, 1867. He served on the steam ship Canandaigua of the European squadron, 1867-71; was promoted ensign on December 1, 1869; master on March 12, 1870; lieutenant on March 28, 1870; lieutenant commander on July 12, 1875; commander on March 23, 1882; captain on March 2, 1884; and rear admiral on November 8, 1894. He was in the torpedo service from 1867-72; on Asiatic station 1874-7; served on U. S. S. Marion, 1877-8; Lancaster, 1882-4; commander of the torpedo boat Albatross in 1884; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1884-5; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1885-6; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1886-7; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1887-8; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1888-9; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1889-90; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1890-1; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1891-2; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1892-3; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1893-4; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1894-5; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1895-6; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1896-7; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1897-8; on the torpedo boat Albatross, 1898-9.

FOR BETTER ENGLISH NAVY

Admiral Herford May Take a Hand in English Politics.

London, March 30.—There is strong prospect that the distinguished and popular figure of Admiral Lord Charles Herford will be seen immediately in the thick of the political struggle throwing fresh fuel on the naval agitation. England's foremost admiral has always been out spoken concerning his views and desires, and, since his return to London after having been relieved of the command of the channel fleet, he has talked freely with his friends, declaring that he would do all in his power to stir up the country to insist upon a large, and particularly a more efficient navy.

Lord Charles had a long discussion on naval affairs with Premier Asquith to-day, the result of which will largely determine his course. He regards the shortage of reserve stores as the chief present weakness of the navy although the state of repair of the smaller craft is most unsatisfactory to him, while, on the other hand, he considers the fighting efficiency of the big ships splendid.

For the defects, Lord Charles blames the economical policy of the cabinet ministers, particularly the chancellor of the exchequer, David Lloyd George, whom he designates as a "little navy" man, and whose interests he declares "are chiefly old age pensions and other domestic projects."

NIGHT RIDERS' THREATS.

Threaten Prosecuting Attorney in Kentucky with Death.

Paducah, Ky., March 30.—County Attorney Krone of Lyon county, who dismissed last week the militia doing duty around Eddyville, was visited Saturday night by a delegation representing the night riders, who informed Mr. Krone that unless he recommended a dismissal of the prosecution and the settlement of damage suits in different courts, his life would pay the forfeit.

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MADE RECORD ON TO CHICAGO

Frank L. Vanderlip of New York Tried to Reach His Mother before She Died.

15 HOURS AND 58 MINUTES

Special Train Had Planned to Cover the Distance in 18 Hours—The Banker Reached Chicago 28 Minutes after His Mother Had Passed Away.

Chicago, March 28.—Frank L. Vanderlip, president of the National City bank of New York, broke all American railroad records to-day, according to the statement made by New York Central railroad officials, in an effort to reach the bedside of his dying mother. He lost the race with death by 28 minutes. Mr. Vanderlip in a special train covered the distance from New York to Englewood station, Chicago, in 15 hours and 58 minutes and when he leaped from the train he was met with the announcement that his mother, Mrs. Charlotte L. Vanderlip, had died at 2:30. Shortly before last midnight, Mr. Vanderlip in New York received word from Chicago that his mother was near death. He immediately ordered the New York Central lines to supply him with the fastest special train at his command. The company had a train ready to leave New York at midnight, eastern time. The train consisted of four coaches and a powerful locomotive. The trainmen were the only persons carried besides Mr. Vanderlip but it was necessary to add the extra coach in order to give the train the proper weight for high speed. Mr. Vanderlip's train was given the right of way over all other trains.

The trainmen expected to cover the distance in 18 hours. The special left New York at midnight. The run to Buffalo, 410 miles, was covered in 339 minutes, which included a three-minute stop for a change of locomotives. The time of arriving at Buffalo was 6:25 a. m. This was a wonderful performance, but Mr. Vanderlip was crying for more speed, as he had received the following word from the bedside of his mother.

The run from Buffalo to Cleveland, 152 miles, was covered in 165 minutes. Elkhart, Ind., was reached at 1:23 p. m., making the 152 miles from Toledo in 120 minutes. Englewood was reached at 2:58, the last 55 miles being run in 92 minutes. After Mr. Vanderlip left the train at Englewood, which was the nearest station to his mother's home, the train continued on to the LaSalle street station, and arrived there at 3:07, making the total time 15 hours and seven minutes. Mrs. Vanderlip was 83 years old. She had been ill for some time, but it was not thought she was in any danger of death until last night.

Roosevelt Not Attacked

Rumor Positively Denied—Steamer Touched at Ponta Delgada Tuesday and Roosevelt Given an Ovation.

Ponta Delgada, Island of Sao Miguel, the Azores, March 29.—The steamship Hamburg with ex-President Theodore Roosevelt aboard, arrived here unexpectedly at 8 o'clock this morning. The vessel stopped briefly to give Mr. Roosevelt an opportunity to see the scenery of the island with its pine and oak groves. There was great excitement among the people all of whom were eager to obtain a glimpse of Mr. Roosevelt.

While the Hamburg was at Ponta a sensational rumor to the effect that a steamer passenger had attempted to assault Mr. Roosevelt was circulated. Your correspondent was to state positively that no such incident occurred.

Mr. Roosevelt came ashore at 10 o'clock in the morning. A large crowd assembled at the dock and gave him an ovation. He was greeted by Edward A. Greevey and William W. Nicholls, respectively the American consul and vice consul at Sao Miguel, with whom he drove through Ponta Delgada in an automobile. In this trip Mr. Roosevelt was accompanied by the members of his party.

The Hamburg steamed out of Ponta Delgada at half past eleven this morning. Her next stopping place is Gibraltar, where she is due Thursday.

In his drive around Ponta yesterday Mr. Roosevelt was accompanied by Messrs. Benarus, the American consul, a large crowd had assembled at the wharf while Mr. Roosevelt was viewing the city and when he returned to the docks to go out to the Hamburg he was given an enthusiastic send off by the English, German and Portuguese residents of Ponta. He returned to the steamer in the consul's boat.

TO PROSECUTE STANDARD.

Government Not Discouraged by Decisions of Judge Anderson.

Chicago, Ill., March 30.—Wade H. Ellis, assistant to the attorney general of the United States, who is here to confer with District Attorney Sims in regard to pending federal prosecutions, to-night said that the government would go ahead with that prosecution of every industry against the Standard Oil company. "Judge Anderson's decision in the case against the Standard Oil company of Indiana will have no bearing on the other cases," said he, "except as it may have established precedents to cover cases that may come up."

JOSEPH RIVERS CAUGHT.

Wanted in Windsor on Charge of Kidnapping Young Girl.

Montreal, March 30.—Joseph Rivers of Windsor, Vt., was arrested to-day at Chamblay Canton, Que., on a charge of kidnaping. With him was Daisy Reed, aged 11 years old, whom Rivers is charged with having taken from her home in Windsor last May. Rivers advised extradition and will be taken to Windsor in the morning.

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VERMONT NOTES.

Windham county hunters and trappers are hustling after fox skins which now sell readily for \$5.00 each. Brattleboro real estate agents note a marked increase in the demand for tenements, the supply of which is limited.

Prominent visitors in Havana, says the Daily Post of that city, are former Gov. John G. McCullough, Mrs. McCullough and Miss McCullough.

Washington county farmers are complaining that there is so much snow in the sugar woods that they have to gather sap on snow shoes.

A schedule of 13 games has been arranged for the St. Johnsbury Academy base ball team. Prep schools in New Hampshire and northeastern Vermont will be played.

In recognition of the generosity to Smith College of Mrs. Ephraim Morris, whose funeral was held at Hartford Saturday afternoon, one of the dormitories at the college bears the name of Morris house.

Carl C. Collins, formerly a White River Junction bank clerk, took an overdose of medicine at the home of his mother in West Topsham Sunday and died in a few minutes. He had received the Brattleboro retreat.

They are still changing names around Barton. Monday the Boston & Maine Railroad decrees that South Newbury shall be Conicut; Stanstead Junction, Beebe Junction; Beebe Plain, Beebe. It takes a level headed traveler to arrive where he is going.

Members of the faculty of Middlebury College have announced that Dr. John A. Mead of Rutland has given \$1,000 to the college to assist in the erection of a woman's college. This will reduce the amount to be raised to \$2,000.

It looks good to Ludlow to see eight or 10 cars arrive for freight, at the request for more speed, as he had received the following word from the bedside of his mother.

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West Dummerston's Grange hall is practically completed and East Dummerston will begin building a similar structure right away. The store formerly standing on the latter lot was occupied years ago by the Birchard brothers, uncles of President Rutherford B. Hayes.

A record herd of deer was seen last week on Daniel M. Barber's farm in the north part of Brattleboro. It consisted of 24 bucks, does and fawns, all browsing contentedly in the sugar orchard. Large herds are seen with increasing frequency in the southern part of the State.

Neighbors thought they had saved the farm buildings of Joseph Williamson in South Rescote from being destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. Three men remained through the night to watch the property but early Sunday morning the flames broke out anew and it was burned. The stock was saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance of \$10,000.

The 10 prisoners taken to the Rutland county jail from Chittenden county will be obliged to work in the shops at the House of Correction just the same as would be the case with the Rutland county convicts. The number in both institutions is unusually small. With Chittenden's 10, there are only 60 in the county jail and 63 in the House of Correction compared with 140 to 165 up to this winter.

The championship of Brattleboro in spelling has been won by the woman's club team captained by Mrs. C. C. Ellis, wife of Vermont's first attorney-general. Clarence N. H., is expected to challenge Brattleboro to a spelling match for interstate honors. The Brattleboro spellers are practicing regularly and are reported very fast and exceptionally accurate on the longest and hardest words.

One Vermont girl is among the 21 elected from a senior class of 470 at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the national society to which only college students of the highest standing are eligible. She is Florence Eva Paine of White River Junction. Election to the society is made on a basis of scholarship throughout the entire college course.

Somebody was careless the other night in Montpelier and left the front door unlocked at Woolworth's 5 and 10-cent store. The policemen were unable to locate the thief, manager, but after trying for an hour and a half they were successful in locking the door by placing a plank against it on the inside and pulling it together. In the morning the manager had to break in through the cellar.

A. W. Carey, a noted Middlebury blacksmith, some time ago sent an embossed horseshoe of his own design and make to former President Roosevelt. He has received an acknowledgment from Mr. Roosevelt dated at the Outlook office in New York, March 19, 1909, which reads as follows: "My Dear Sir—I thank you for the handsomely made horseshoe with Masonic emblems. I have presented it to our lodge. Sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt."

In Vermont department of the Grand Army of the Republic, deaths have been more numerous than additions since 1899 and the organization reached its highest enrollment with 112 posts and a membership of 5,473. December 31, 1907, it had 2,707 members in 92 posts. In 1875 there were 661 comrades in 13 posts. A steady growth was noted until 1882 when the posts numbered 67. The following year 27 new posts were formed, the next year nine and after that several a year was the record.

Barre's board of school commissioners has adopted a standard of salaries for that city's public school teachers whereby an increase is assured nearly every faithful teacher of the young idea. The new plan is a sliding scale, dependent on the length of service. For the first year teachers will receive \$75, for the second \$80, for the third \$85, for the fourth \$90 and for the fifth and all the years thereafter \$75. As good salaries are intended as are paid elsewhere to teachers

COMMITTS SUICIDE IN TOMBS PRISON

James Vango, Colored, and a Confessed Murderer, Strangled Himself.

KILLED NIGHT HOTEL CLERK

His Method of Death Required Spartan Courage—Twisted a Handkerchief about His Neck until It Closed His Windpipe—Left Note for His Wife.

New York, March 28.—James Vango, a young negro, who after his arrest in Chicago confessed that he had murdered Isadore De Vallant, night clerk in the Eastern Hotel here, for the purpose of robbery, strangled himself in his cell in the Tombs prison early to-day. When found life was almost extinct and despite heroic treatment by the prison doctors he died within 15 minutes.

Vango used a unique method to compass his death and one that required almost Spartan courage. He twisted a handkerchief around his neck, after tying it securely tightened it with a small piece of lead pencil which he used as a tourniquet until it closed his wind pipe. He then threw himself on his cot, placed his face in the pillow and waited for death.

With the same pencil he had previously written two notes of farewell, one to his wife and the other to Detective James Murphy, who captured him in Chicago. To his wife he wrote this brief note: "Dear Wife—Death is but eternal sleep; why should I stay and suffer? Forgive me."

His note to Detective Murphy was a practical admission of the crime of which he is charged.

"Say Jim," he wrote, "you was on the job all right but I think I will take this way out for me. "This is no coward's act; I am only tired of life."

Night Clerk De Vallant was murdered early in the morning of March 15. His head had been crushed in, his throat cut and there were four stab wounds in the back. The hotel bill had been tilled of \$75 in cash, the clerk's watch and money were gone and the safe had been tampered with.

Vango, who had been a porter in the hotel, disappeared about the time of the crime and was suspected. Detective Murphy traced him to Chicago and arrested him there. When brought back to New York Vango confessed that he had planned the murder but that the actual killing was done by two accomplices.

ELEPHANT RECAPTURED.

Had Kept People of San Bernardino in Terror for Hours.

San Bernardino, Cal., March 28.—A large elephant that escaped last night was captured by the showmen to-day in the open country and led to his car. The elephant had been at large seven hours, breaking down fences, tearing up sidewalks and thoroughly scaring many persons.

WILL NOT GO TO SHARON.

Mrs. Boyle to Waive a Hearing in Jail—She Will Not Be Eliminated from the Case.

Norwich, March 28.—Mrs. James H. Boyle will not be taken to Sharon for a hearing on the charge of kidnaping Willie Whittia. Attorney Cochran, counsel for Whittia, arrived here to-day from Sharon and stated it had been arranged to give the woman an opportunity to waive a hearing in the jail, here by her signing the papers to the effect she desired to waive a hearing without going to Sharon.

Attorney Cochran said every effort would be made to obtain conviction in the woman's case but if it failed she would be turned over to the Cleveland authorities. She has been indicted in that city on the charge of kidnaping. He further asserted there was no intention of eliminating the woman from the case.

"The woman is as much a mystery now as any time since she was arrested," declared Cochran. "Absolutely nothing has been learned concerning her identity."

He says the detectives have run down the McDermott theory and found she was not connected with the Chicago family nor does the family, he says, know her. With regard to the man to be a brother of the woman who mysteriously visited Mrs. Boyle yesterday, Cochran said he had no idea who the man was, his name possibly being a brother, but is sure his name is not McDermott.

A MYSTERIOUS VISIT.

Merced, Pa., March 29.—Although efforts have been made to conceal the fact it was learned to-day that Mrs. Boyle received a visit from a man at the Merced jail yesterday morning who is supposed to have been her brother.

The visit was carefully planned and was made when all the authorities and newspaper men were en route to Sharon for the hearing of the woman's husband, James H. Boyle.

Mrs. Boyle, wife of the Merced county sheriff, admitted the man to Mrs. Boyle's presence after Attorney Stranahan, Boyle's counsel, told her that the man was Mrs. Boyle's brother.

NO REMEDY AT LAW.

Interesting Decision by Federal Court Regarding a Labor Agreement.

New York, March 29.—A decision of interest regarding a labor agreement was handed down here to-day by the United States court of appeals in the suit of the National Fireproofing company against the Master Builders association and the bricklayers union. The decision disclosed a novel situation. It is held by the court that while the plaintiff has cause for complaint against an agreement between the builders association and bricklayers unions, which it prevents the National Fireproofing company from doing business in the way it wants, there is no remedy in law or equity on the evidence submitted. In the opinion of the court, written by Judge Noyes, the proposition is stated that when equal rights under the law clash, there is no remedy for an injured party.

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TOBACCO USERS SWINDLED

Have Been Paying War Tax on Tobacco Ever since the Tax Was Repealed.

Washington, March 29.—What is designated as a "joker" that cost the consumers of tobacco in this country nearly \$45,000,000 was found to-day in the existing revenue laws of the United States by Representative Dawson of Iowa, who at once introduced a bill to correct the error.

Under the Dingley tariff law the two ounce packages of tobacco sell to the consumer at five cents each and the four ounce packages for ten cents. In 1908 a war revenue tax of six cents a pound additional was levied on tobacco. At the same time in order to serve the convenience of the trade, authorization was given for the reduction of the size of the packages from 2, 3 and 4 ounces, to 1 1/2, 2 and 3 1/2 ounces, thus enabling the smoker to procure five cent and ten cent packages.

In due time, the war revenue tax was repealed, hence ever since 1902 the consumer of tobacco has been paying the equivalent of the war revenue tax to the manufacturers of tobacco.

According to figures obtained from the commissioner of internal revenue over \$1 billion 1-2-3 ounce packages have been sold during the past six years and over 12 billion packages of the 2-3 ounce size. Representative Dawson figures out that the purchaser of each small package has been mulcted out of one cent and the purchaser of the larger 2 ounce and 4 ounce packages has cost the consumer almost \$45,000,000.

Mr. Dawson's bill proposes to restore the packages to the original sizes.

TO LIVE WITH LEPER SON.

Upton Woman Will Accompany Him to Penitentiary Island.

Upton, March 29.—Braving the perils of contagion, Mrs. Emma Brown will take up her residence this week with the leper on Penitentiary Island, where her husband, Archibald Thomas, 37 years old, was taken last week, having contracted the disease at the Barbours.

Mrs. Thomas was not only greatly attached to her son, but felt that the young man was dependent upon her for many of his necessities and comforts. She began her arrangements to-day to sell all of her personal property, her husband having died a year ago at the Barbours. As soon as she has settled her affairs here she will go to Penitentiary, the State authorities having granted her permission to make her home on the little island in Buzzard's bay.

Under the present law lepers are supported by the cities and towns in which they reside, but if a bill now before the Legislature become a law, the colony will become a State institution. There is no provision in either the present or the proposed law for the support of non-leperous people, who voluntarily become members of the colony in order to be with their relatives.

WOMAN BLACKMAILER SHOT

Had Demanded That a Banker Deposit \$20,000 near a School.

Washington, Ind., March 29.—A woman was shot last night as she picked up a decoy prepared after Banker M. G. Reed had received a letter demanding that he deposit \$20,000 at designated spot. A man accompanying the woman escaped unhurt and the police are looking for him. The woman was peppered with bird shot. The woman, besmeared with blood was

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taken to jail. She was identified at Miss Zella Clark and has been employed as a domestic.

Read is president of the First National bank of this city. The letter he received demanded that he place the money in a box to be left at the east gate of a school building at 9 p. m. He was given instructions to give the box and run for his life. Upon receiving the threatening communications Mr. Read laid the matter before the police and at the appointed hour officers were secreted in neighboring houses.

The bank president made his way to the gate, placed the decoy box and ran as instructed. A few minutes later the man and the woman in the case appeared at the gate, the woman running to the box and picking it up. Some one fired from the school building, the woman gave a cry of pain and fell to the pavement. Her companion es. apd.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED. Camden, Ark., March 29.—It is reported here that two negroes, the Pickett brothers, who killed Charles Abbott, white, and wounded his brother, F. M. Abbott, were taken from the county jail at Eldorado and lynched.

WILL NOT INVITE FORAKER.

The Toledo G. A. R. Did Not Want Him for Memorial Day Speaker.

Toledo Ohio, March 30.—A proposal to invite former Senator Foraker to deliver the Memorial day address in Toledo this year was defeated to-night at a meeting of the general G. A. R. committee on Memorial day arrangements.

The first ballot was a tie between Senator Foraker and the Rev. Orville S. Reed, department chaplain of Ohio. On the second ballot it was decided to extend the invitation to Chaplain Reed.

PLAY BALL.

Office Boy—I want to go to my grand-mother's funeral. Employer—I can't let you go, and I don't think you will be missed anyway, as the last time she had a funeral there were 15,000 people there.—Harper's Week