GOVERNOR GIVES DIPLOMAS TO 25

Exercises of 92nd Commencement at Norwich Are Held in the Open Air.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL RIPLEY

Honorary Degrees Conferred on Gen. Ripley and Dr. Mayo—Program Included Guard Mount and Drill.

Northfield, June 23.—Twenty-five young men received diplomas from Norwich University at the hands of Governor Prouty to-day.

The final day's exercises of the 92nd commencement began at 8:40 o'clock this morning with guard mounting. An hour later the cadet corps marched to the residence of President Spooner, from whence Governor Prouty and staff were escorted to the university, where the usual salute of 17 guns was fired under the direction of Sergeant Von Neyerhehn, U. S. A., retired, now stationed here.

The graduating exercises took place on the west side of Dewey hall, where seats had been erected. The Governor and staff, faculty and trustees of the university were seated upon the terrace, a background for the party being formed by an immense national flag suspended from the windows of the hall.

After the diplomas had been awarded a masterly address was delivered by Gen. E. H. Ripley, U. S. volunteers. Honorary degrees were conferred, among others, upon General Ripley and Dr. Mayo of Northfield, master of arts. Among those who received the degrees in course was Joseph Colombe, '95, inventor of the "gun silencer."

The afternoon program included a review of the cadet corps by the Governor and General Ripley, battalion drill, mounted drill, Butts rifle and calesthenic drill, cavalry drill battle exercise, escort of the color, commencement parade and final review, the graduating class receiving the review of the battalion. In the evening the senior hop was held in the armory.

DEATH OF GEORGE C. PEASE

End Comes Suddenly to Wealthy Panton Man—Had Fine Estate.

Vergennes, June 26.—George Carl Pease died suddenly at 5:30 o'clock this evening at his home in Panton.

Mr. Pease some years ago bought the estate known as the White farm, about six miles south of Basin Harbor on the shores of Lake Champlain, and he has expended a large amount of money in beautifying it. He was born in Ohio 42 years ago and has been associated with the New York Times and the New York World. Just before locating here he sold a large estate on Long Island and was reputed to be very wealthy. He is survived by a wife and one sister, who lives in New York.

DOCTOR FOUGHT THE SHERIFF

Drew Gun on Man Who Arrested Him for Criminal Practice—Has an Ugly Record.

White River Junction, June 26.—Charged with performing a criminal operation on a St. Johnsbury woman about two months ago, Dr. Samuel J. Allen is in the county jail at Woodstock awaiting trial at the session of county court which opens this week.

The arrest was made by Sheriff Eugene A. Thomas late Friday night and he had some difficulty with his man. Allen drew a 38-calibre revolver on the officer but before he could use it Thomas pinioned his arms and took the weapon away. After a hard fight the doctor was ironed and taken to jail by automobile.

It is said that Allen has served a five years' sentence for killing a man in a Boston saloon, at which time he was defended by General Butler, and that he killed a man while an army surgeon in the West. Twelve years ago while at target practice he shot H. M. Dufur of this place, a wrestler, shattering his jaw.

DEATH OF DANIEL SULLY.

Actor Noted for His Natural Portrayal of Clerical Roles.

Woodstock, N. Y., June 26.—Daniel Sully, the actor, the star of such productions as "The Parish Priest," "O'Brien, the Millionaire," "The Corner Grocers" and "Daddy Nolan," died at his farm home here yesterday, after an illness of two months, in his 54th year. He was born in Newport, R. I., and went on the stage when a young man. He is survived by a wife, two sisters and two brothers. The funeral will be held here to-morrow.

Mr. Sully was at his best as the actor of clerical roles. His Father Daly, in "The Matchmaker," and his playing of "The Parish Priest," especially exemplified his abilities in that direction.

THREE DIE IN HOTEL FIRE

Fatalities Occurred in Destruction of Seneca Falls House.

Seneca Falls, N. Y., June 26.—Three persons lost their lives and another had a narrow escape from serious injury in a fire that destroyed the new Seneca House here to-day. A building adjoining the hotel was also burned. The loss is estimated at $40,000.

The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White of Rochester and an unidentified man who did not register last night. His body was still in the ruins to-night. About twenty other persons were in the house but escaped.

White had been working here for two weeks and expected to return to Rochester to-morrow. His wife arrived last night to spend Sunday with him. They occupied a front room on the top floor of the hotel but evidently became confused and were separated when the alarm was sounded. Mrs. White's body was found on the ground floor partly burned, but death was due to suffocation. White's body was found hanging over the transom of a room on the third floor.

YEGGMEN MURDER TWO LYNN MEN

Bandits Caught after an Exciting Man Hunt—One Dead, Another Dying.

Lynn, Mass., June 26.—In the heart of the city and within sight and hearing of thousands of people, with at least three persons only a few yards away, three desperadoes yesterday morning held up and killed Thomas A. Landergan, a well-known shoe manufacturer, and Patrolman James H. Carroll, one of the most capable men on the local police force.

The two men were robbed of a bag containing $4,500, a large portion of which was in silver coin, as it was intended for the weekly payroll of the factory run by Mr. Landregan and his partner.

It was one of the most desperate and cold-blooded hold-ups in the history of New England, for the two men were robbed and done to death within 20 yards of the door of the factory and in view of the employes, while Central square, Lynn's busiest center, is only a short distance.

All three of the bandits were armed with the most powerful automatic magazine pistols ever seen in Lynn and carried about 100 rounds of ammunition each. They used their pistols freely in their flight and wounded Abraham Lyons, an employe of a shoe factory, who chanced to be near them, but was not even a pursurer, as he was merely walking through the woods in which they had taken shelter.

The police displayed splendid courage and efficiency in the hunt for the bandits, rounding up all three and recovering the stolen money within an hour and a half, and preventing the lynching of one yegg by the infuriated populace, who fought and begged the police to be allowed to get at the fellow. There probably has never been more excitement crowded into the same brief space of time in all the history of Lynn.

All the robbers were captured dead or alive as follows:

Yegg known only as "Joe" found dead by pursuers: whether killed by police or by his own hand is uncertain.

Yegg, said to be Andy Ipsen, fatally wounded by police in running fight.

Third yegg, Wasili Iwankowski, surrenders and confesses to plot to rob and kill Landregan.

LAKE COMO MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED BY HUSBAND'S ARREST

Young Charlton on Landing at Hoboken Ran into the Arms of His Wife's Brother.

TRIED IN VAIN TO CONCEAL HIS IDENTITY FROM POLICE

After Pitiable Collapse He Unflinchingly Signed Confession---Beat Woman with Mallet, Put Body in Trunk and Threw It in Water Unaided.

New York, June 23.—The Lake Como murder mystery is solved. Porter Charlton, an American youth of good family, sought by the police of two continents, was arrested in Hoboken, N. J., shortly before noon to-day as he stepped from the North German Lloyd liner Princess Irene. In less than an hour he had confessed without tremor that in a fit of temper he had beaten his wife into insensibility with a mallet, jammed her body into a trunk and sunk it in the lake.

She was Mary Scott Castle of San Francisco, a woman 15 years his senior, divorced wife of Neville H. Castle, a San Francisco lawyer.

Charlton is only 21 and a son of Judge Paul Charlton, law officer of the bureau of insular affairs at Washington and a classmate of President Taft at Yale. The boy married Mrs. Castle in Wilmington, Del., last spring over his parents' protests. Ill-mated and both of erratic temperament, they sailed for Italy for their honeymoon. Murder brought it to an end, and her body was found in the lake by fishermen on June 10.

MURDERER AFRAID OF SCOTT.

Fleeing from Italy under an assumed name, almost penniless and shabby of dress, Charlton on landing ran straight into the arms of Capt. Henry Harrison Scott, U. S. A., the murdered wife's brother. He was taken to police headquarters at Hoboken, where, after a pitiable collapse so spasmodic that it produced extreme nausea, he regained his composure and unflinchingly signed the confession. To-night he is in the Hoboken jail, pending settlement of the complicated problem of extradition brought about by his arrest.

Captain Scott's foresight resulted in Charlton's arrest. Stationed at Fort Wright, on Fisher's island, off New London, Conn., Captain Scott obtained hurried leave of absence at one o'clock this morning and went to Hoboken to scan the passengers of incoming liners. Three Hoboken detectives aided him.

He accompanied the prisoner to police court but did not hear the young man's confession. Charlton, whose collapse after arrest seemed due to fear of Captain Scott rather than to remorse over the crime, refused to make a statement in the army officer's presence and the latter left the room. Throughout the ordeal Captain Scott bore himself well, but at the request of detectives, who had noticed a bulge beneath his coat which proved to be a pistol, he surrendered the weapon without objection.

NO ONE HELPED HIM.

In his signed confession Charlton declared that no one else had a hand in the death of his wife. After he had told his story in a rambling way, Chief of Police Hayes condensed it into a typewritten statement which he asked the prisoner to sign. It was written on a regular court blank used for depositions. In filling out the form Charlton gave his age as 21, his birthplace Omaha, his occupation as bank clerk and his place of residence 204 West 57th street, New York.

Charlton, said in his confession that he and his wife had been having supper together at their villa on Lake Como and that they had engaged in a violent quarrel. Charlton said his wife, "who was one of the best women in the world but had an ungovernable temper," called him some vile names and that finally, when he could not stand her abuse any longer, he attacked her with a wooden mallet. The young man said that he struck her over the head three time, knocking her unconscious and killing her as far as he knew. Charlton told the police that he then stuck the body in a trunk and carried it down to the lake where he threw the trunk in the water.

As he appended his signature Charlton remarked, "There's a Russian, Ispolatoff. I see he has been under suspicion in connection with this affair and I want to clear him. He was the only man of intelligence in the neighborhood of our villa. The rest of those who came to see us were cattle."

"SHE MUST HAVE BEEN DEAD."

"Don't you know that the autopsy showed that your wife was not dead when she was put in the trunk?" one of the detectives asked the prisoner.

For the first time since Captain Scott left the room Charlton lost his self control: "O, my God, it couldn't be," he cried. "She must have been dead."

The youth showed a curious desire to protect the reputation of the woman he killed, and refused to answer questions bearing on her life abroad.

After Charlton was in his cell, Captain Scott told how, with three detectives, he went to the princess Irene's dock, just as the customs officers were examining the passengers' baggage.

"I saw a young fellow I thought answered to the description of Charlton" he said. "We went up to him and I asked: "Aren't you Porter Charlton?" He denied this emphatically and told us that his name was Jack Colman."

Captain Scott hesitated to order the man's arrest and forced Charlton to write his signature, which tallied so accurately with a sample in his possession that he felt sure that no mistake was being made. Charlton was then taken to headquarters, where he again signed his name. Again there was marked resemblance in the handwriting in Scott's possession but there was yet doubt in the minds of the police until they examined the inside of a small collar bag. There they found a tag lettered "P. Charlton."

When the youth saw this evidence he said to Chief Hayes:

"Yes, I'm Porter Charlton. I admit it."

Then he glanced fearfully at his brother-in-law.

"I won't make any statement in the presence of Captain Scott," he declared tremblingly. "I'll tell everything only get Captain Scott out of the room."

Scott withdrew and the boy then told his terrible story. Finishing, he added calmly: "I have no defense to make."

Charlton looked anything but capable of the deed to which he has confessed. He is slende and slender, under average height, with a face rather weak but by no means repulsive. He had a well worn suit of blue serge and appeared rather down at the heel. His entire baggage consisted of two leather suit cases.

Among verses found in his effects were some written when he was only 12 years old. One was in part as follows:

"The women whom I love, Indeed,
"None has the time to sing,
"Because they are a multitude,
"Greater than anything.
* * * * *
"The sweetest woman in the world
"Is one who did love me,
"But who she was or if she was
"Have claim of privacy."

WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION.

Charlton's father arrived in Hoboken to-night to look after his son's case. The young man will be arraigned to-morrow as a fugitive from justice and the disposition of his case from that time probably will rest with the federal authorities.

As soon as Gustave Di Rosa, the Italian consul at New York, learned of Charlton's arrest, he cabled his government for instructions. He believed to-night that he would be ordered to make application to-morrow for extradition for trial in Italy. While life imprisonment is the severest penalty Charlton could pay for his crime under the Italian law it is expected that his family will endeavor to keep him in this country. While the international law on the subject is not clearly defined, attorneys here and in Washington think that in this they have a good chance of success.

CHARLTON COLLAPSES.

Cell Mate in Terror Sent for Warden of County Jail.

New York, June 26—Porter Charlton had a nervous collapse in his cell at the Hudson county jail to-night. "Lillie" Burke, the safe robber, who is his cell mate, sent for the warden in fear.

"That fellow's sure crazy" said Burke. "He's moaning and going on like fits. I'm afraid to stay in here with him."

The warden found Charlton sitting on the edge of his pallet, his face in his hands, moaning and jabbering. A spasm seemed to seize him, and he shook as with the ague. The warden thought it high time to send for a physician and summoned Dr. Arthz, the city physician of Hoboken, who has been retained by the Charltons as an alienist.

"I found him in a terrible nervous condition," said the doctor after his visit. "He would close his hands with such force as to dig the nails into his flesh. Then he would laugh in a most manner and betray that he was holding himself in check with the greatest difficulty. He shows every evidence of not being in his right mind."

The doctor added that Charlton is undoubtedly tuberculous and that his lung seems to be badly affected already.

HORSE CASE FLOORED JURY.

Worked All Night and Part of Next Day only to Disagree.

Middlebury, June 26.—The jury in the case of H. C. Potter vs. I. N. Chase, in which the plaintiff claimed $600 damages for the fatal injury to his stallion, Kremlent, while in care of the defendant, were out all of Friday night wrestling with the case and came in at the opening of the court yesterday morning asking for further instructions. At 12:30 o'clock the jury again returned and announced a hopeless disagreement whereupon they were discharged. It is understood that the jury stood six for the plaintiff and six for the defendant.

Otherwise the afternoon session was taken up with the hearing of one divorce case and other court business and at eleven o'clock a recess was taken until 2:00 p. m. Monday.

BULLET STRUCK SHRINER.

Morrisville Man Had Close Call Returning from Clambake.

Morrisville, June 26.—C. B. Greene, one of the Shriners who went to Newport Friday to attend the summer meeting of that order, had an exciting experience. As the steamer Lady of the Lake was returning from Owl's Head where the clam bake had been held, and was near Georgeville, P. Q., Mr Greene, who was in conversation with friends, received what he supposed was a blow on the side of the head, but which proved to be a bullet from a rifle in the hands of some one on shore. The bullet struck Mr. Greene near the temple, on the bone of the eye socket and glanced doing no further damage than to make an ugly flesh wound. A variation of a small fraction of an inch would have killed him or have ruined his eye.

When the boat reached Georgeville officers were informed of the incident and they started to look for the guilty party.

THE GREAT BACK BAY.

An Ideal Resort for Rest and Recreation.

(From the Observer-Reflector.)

As a summer playground, no State in the Union offers more attractions than Vermont. Its green hills and fertile valleys, its well-tilled farms, its historic shrines, rich in romance and legend, and the magnificent lake which extends along its western boundary line, interest and charm us. Here in close companionship with nature, far removed from the noisy, crowded city, we can throw aside the cares of business and give ourselves up, without restraint, to the enjoyment of living in the open air.

To those in search of genuine rest and recreation, the Great Back Bay of Lake Champlain, with its broad expanse of water, numerous islands and marvelous panorama of beauty, is a constant source of delight.

The number of tourists spending their vacations here is steadily increasing and it is only a question of time when reservations will have to be made a long way ahead, to secure desirable accommodations, unless enterprising men, alive to their opportunities, provide a liberal supply of hotels, cottages and camps for those who are bound to visit their region as soon as they are aware of the advantages it offers as a summer resort.

Funds have recently been appropriated by Congress to widen the canal which connects Lake Champlain with the Hudson river, and the work is already in progress. In the near future, it will be possible to make the entire journey from New York to Montreal by water. Could any trip be more delightful? Just think of being able to board a palatial steamer in our great Metropolis and in absolute comfort proceed to one's destination without change, and through one of the most beautiful waterways in the world. Surely, the day is not far distant when Lake Champlain and the glorious country which surrounds it, will become a national playground. Even now the money which is spent by summer visitors each year runs up into the millions. Last season more than twenty thousand tourists visited the Green Mountain State; and if the influx this summer shows a proportionate increase, that number may be doubled.

Before closing this article, special attention should be made of black bass fishing in the Great Back Bay, for it is conceded by all who have tried it and are in a position to speak from actual experience, that there is no locality east of the Alleghanies where small mouthed bass are so plentiful and so gamy as they are here. Indeed, it may without exaggeration be called a "sportsman's paradise"

There are several ways of fishing for bass, for instance, in June when the water is high and the fish are scattered, you will have better luck if you troll with spoon or minnow along the shores; while later in the summer when little frogs, grasshoppers and crickets are to me had, you will find still fishing best.

It is always advisable to carry as many different kinds of bait as you can obtain, for bass are very peculiar and frequently will not eat the same food two days in succession; then again, they may not be hungry and it is necessary to tempt them with dainties.

As a rule, the best time for fishing is early in the morning and late in the afternoon and if you are wise you will take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the intervening hours on land. There are any number of charming coves and bays where a boat can be safely beached, no matter from which direction the wind blows. If you will carry with you a few simple cooking utensils, you can prepare your own midday meal. There is a lot of fun in this, and you should not miss it. Then, after the inner man is satisfied, and a drowsy feeling steals over you, you may, if you wish, lie in the shade of some beautiful tree, fanned by gentle breezes laden with pungent odor of pine and balsam, the stillness broken only by the rustling of the leaves and the low, sweet song of the meadow lark.

The busy world, so full of trials and vexations, is forgotten, and joy and peace reigns supreme.—Stewart L. Samson.

PRIZES OF $2,000.

Congressman Sibley a Generous Contributor to Yacht Club Regatta Fund.

Congressman J. C. Sibley of Pennsylvania, commodore of the Lake Champlain Yacht club, has contributed $500 to be given in prizes at the regatta August 2. To this sum the club will add $500, thus providing a purse that is calculated to be a drawing card which the fast fellows cannot resist.

Commodore Sibley's idea is to attract speed boats to the lake this summer. The club is in correspondence with Mayor Beauchemin of Sorel, P. Q., and other fast boat owners on the St. Lawrence, and the Hudson, and the indications are that a fleet equal, and perhaps superior, to that which appeared in the local harbor tercentenary week, will come for the regatta this summer.

The feature of this year's meet will be the free-for-all for speed boats. The first prize will probably be a cup valued at $750. The club is negotiating with R. M. Haddock of New York, an official measurer of the American Power Boat association, for his services during the regatta. Mr. Haddock was here during the tercentenary regatta and gave universal satisfaction. He is a yacht designer and an authority on yachting matters.

SEVENTY-SIXTH CLASS GRADUATES

Montpelier Seminary Gives Diplomas to 39 Young Men and Women—Prizes Awarded.

Montpelier, June 23.—In the presence of an audience that filled the chapel to overflowing the 76th commencement exercises at Montpelier Seminary occurred this morning. A class of 39 young men and women were awarded diplomas as follows:

College preparatory course, Viola Bessie Brown, Jessie Noble Gilbert, Ruth Noble Gilbert, Merle Thedora Plastridge, Grace Anna Smith, Rachel Marion Thacher, Charles Newton Crandall, Walter Hollis Gould, William Ray Taplin, Harold Franklin Taylor.

Modern course, Carrie Belle Downs, Glenn Eva Morse, Lucy Carolyn Parker, Delia Caroline Perkins, Lucy Gertrude Swift, Bessie Shorey, Madella Shorey, Avis Hooker Wheeler, Lucy Daisy Wyman, Charles Nelson Bemis, Donald Soule Fairchild, Perley Clarence Glidden, Mark Perkins Morse, George Durant Springer, John Howard Stone, Roland Chase Stahl, Herbert Van Wheelock.

Commercial high school course, Alice Mildred Booth, Grace Lou Newhall, Annie Bradshaw Wheelock.

Elocution course, Glenn Eva Morse.

Piano course, Freda May Crandall.

Art course, Georgia Winona Wells.

Business course, Henry Howard Hamel, Millard Fillmore Stranahan, Gleed Walter Lanphie, Perley Edward Witham.

Shorthand course, Alice Ruth Lougee.

The graduating program follows: Essay, "Reform, but How," Lucy C. Parker of Montgomery; essay, "Hull House," Viola B. Brown of Vershire; oration, "Truth Triumphant," Donald S. Fairchild of Fairfield; essay, "Musical Legends," Rachel N. Thatcher of North Pomfret; oration, "Edward, the Peacemaker," Charles N. Crandall of Berlin; essay, "Thought Training," Avis H. Wheeler of Barre; essay, "The Marble Waileth," Jessie N. Gilbert of East Franklin; oration, "The Call of To-day," Walter H. Gould of Worcester; essay, "Sunshine and Rain," Lucy C. Swift of Middlesex; oration, "Doors Outward," Charles N. Beaste of Topsham.

PRIZE SPEAKING AWARDS.

Mrs. O. H. Richardson and E. A. Nutt of Montpelier and Harry Bruce of Tufts College, the judges at the annual prize speaking contest Tuesday evening, awarded the prizes as follows: First prize for girls, $10, to Miss Lucy C. Swift of Middlesex, who recited "Joan Vallejan"; second prize for girls, $6, to Miss Carrie O. Sleeper of Chelsea, who recited "The Night Run of the Overland"; first prize for boys, $10, to William H. Niles of St. Albans, who gave "The Sign of the Cross," and second prize for boys, $5, to Brenner C. Niles of Bellows Falls, whose selection was "The Stranded Ship." By a curious coincidence the prize winners for boys are brothers, although this was not known by the judges when they made their decisions.

Other prizes awarded this morning were: scholarship, books, for scholarship and deportment during the year, divided between Miss Viola Brown of Vershire and Miss Jessie Gilbert of East Franklin; best thesis during the year, $5, George D. Springer of Evarts; greatest improvement in athletics, $5, George D. Springer of Evarts; prize debate last spring, first prize, $15, T. W. Marshall of Orleans; second, $10, Lester Stanton of New York; junior prize speaking last February, first for girls, $5, Miss Evelyn Benjamin of Woodpurn; second for girls, $3, Miss Carrie C. Sleeper of Chelsea; first for boys, $5, Otho Williams of Corinth; second for boys, 3, Amos Lord of Barre.

Diplomas to the graduates were presented by the Rev. Dr. E. A. Bishop, the principal and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. E. O. Thayer of Barre.

Because of the absence of W. P. Dillingham, the president, the trustees at their annual meeting Wednesday transacted only routine business. They looked over the plans for heating the seminary building and the plans for the new dormitories. Several important matters will be considered at an adjourned meeting to be held when Senator Dillingham can be in Montpelier.

The Alumni association elected the following officers for the year ensuing: President, the Rev. T. B. Blodgett of Essex Junction; vice-presidents, M. M. Gordon of Barre, W. B. Jones of Williamstown, Miss Lucy O. Parker of Montgomery; secretary, Miss Emily A. Glover of Montpelier; treasurer, L. J. Hathaway of Montpelier; executive committee, E. R. Davis of Barre, the Rev. Fred Daniels of Chelsea, F. H. Martin of Williamstown.

BRITISH PENSIONER IN OHIO.

(From the Columbus Despatch.)

G. A. Flagg, a British pensioner who has bought a farm of 120 acres at Dry Run, near Portsmouth, asks the State board of agriculture to certify as to its suitability for farming so that he can commute his pension to get money to operate the farm. The British government advances pension money in this way if proof is shown that it is to be properly used. A shilling for each day is retained out of the pension. Wilfred Powell, British consul at Philadelphia, wrote Flagg that he would be required to furnish information regarding the farm and whether it was intended to use the money for other purposes. The British government looks well after the interests of its pensioners.

BUSINESS GAINS MORE CONFIDENCE

Improved Crop Prospects, Legislation in Congress and Hot Weather All Help.

New York, June 24.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade to-morrow will say: Business confidence gains in strength as crop prospects improve and Congress enacts its important bills preparatory to adjournment. The advent of heat over a large section of the country has greatly stimulated retail trade, nearly all of the important trade centers making reports to that effect. In the dry goods markets, next to reductions in prices of cottons, the important development of the week is the growth of optimistic sentiment and this in spite of a volume of trade below normal and the curtailment of production in both cottons and woolens.

The iron and steel trade is practically unchanged with stocks of pig iron accumulating on the one hand and some signs of increasing demand for steel products on the other. The financial markets remain very quiet although looking considerably better. Railroads, in spite of the recent concessions in deferring action on the proposed general advance in freights, are greatly encouraged by their success in inducing the Chicago packing shippers to agree to an advance in their rates.

Commercial failures this week in the United States are 219 against 229 last week, 240 the preceding week and 217 the corresponding week last year.

ALL REPORTS ARE BETTER.

New York, June 24.—Bradstreet's state of trade to-morrow will say: Retail trade and most crop reports are on the whole better this week, the result mainly of the arrival of long delayed seasonable summer weather. Aiding the improvement in retail trade, which at best, however, is not up to expectations, has been the offering of concessions in many lines of dry goods and wearing apparel. Exceptions to the improvement exist in the Northwest, where the critical state of the spring wheat and other crops due to drought is noted, and also at many southern points where retail trade is still quiet.

There has been a little more confidence in ordering from jobbers and wholesalers for fall based upon the improved reports from the corn, cotton, oats and winter wheat crops but in the Northwest there is a disposition to await a clearer view of the crop outlook before adding to the already fairly good business booked for fall in dry goods and clothing. Warm weather has stimulated demand for seasonable goods in Canada and retail dealers except in the East have done a relatively brisk business.