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BRYAN AND BORAH HOLD CONFERENCE

Nothing Said Afterward Reveals That Either Gentleman Has Changed His Mind on Subject of World Peace

Washington, Dec. 22. (By the Associated Press).—William J. Bryan, who visited President-elect Harding at Marion recently, held a lengthy conference to-day with Senator Borah of Idaho, a leader among Republican opponents of the League of Nations.

The purpose of Mr. Bryan's visit here, it was stated reliably was to discuss possibilities of securing an agreement or reaching some common ground in the movement toward a concord for maintenance of world peace. From what could be learned of his conference with Senator Borah, it was said that the views of Mr. Bryan and the Idaho senator both were unchanged. It was indicated that Senator Borah remained implacable toward any arrangement involving any international alliance.

Significance was given Mr. Bryan's call upon Senator Borah because of the former's very recent talk with Senator Harding and the former cabinet premier's expressions, after his Marion visit, of hopefulness for a solution of the world peace problem. Senator Borah also discussed the subject with Senator Harding for an hour during the latter's stop over here early this month.

Information obtained here from senators and others who have conferred with the President-elect is that Senator Harding has formulated in his mind only the broad, general outline of effecting an arrangement for peace and has not yet come to a consideration of details of any plan. Some who have visited the President-elect, however, state that he apparently does not contemplate absolute discard of the treaty of Versailles, but is considering incorporation of certain features, at least, in developing his peace policy. Among the expedients said to be under consideration at Marion is adoption of a new set of reservations removing all question of American obligation and expressing merely American adherence to principles believed helpful toward preventing war.

Establishing of a world court and development of a new code of international law and procedure are other features of Senator Harding's thought, according to word brought here from the Marion conferences. Difficulties of establishing a world court or substituting some such plan for the the League of Nations, however, are being discussed privately among senators.

"A judicial league is no more feasible than a political league," was the statement to-day of Senator Reed, of Missouri, prominent Democratic "irreconcilable," who had a long talk with Senator Harding last week.

"It is the accepted rule," said Senator Reed, "that no judge shall sit in any case in which he has any interest; also that the litigants themselves should not participate in the judgment.

"Take the case of the Panama canal tolls question. If submitted to an international court the American justice would be bound, under the accepted practice, to retire. If Great Britain raised the question of tolls, it might be that the British justice also would retire, but this would leave settlement of the question to judges representing nations which would have interests identical with Great Britain's in seeing that American vessels should not have free tolls through the canal."

Senator Reed's statement was advanced to illustrate trials facing actual development and drafting of agreements for a world court plan.

CANDIDATE FOR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Joseph Wills Has Been Chaplain of House of Representatives

Montpelier, Dec. 22.—The Rev. Joseph Wills, who was chaplain of the last House of Representatives, is said to be a candidate seeking the position the coming session, Mr. Wills has been chaplain two sessions and has made a good impression by his short prayer and other services in connection with that body. Among other candidates mentioned for different appointments are: For second assistant clerk, John H. Stone of Montpelier, Oliver Cameron of Island Pond, L. H. Edgerton of Springfield and Ray Twitchell of Bellows Falls; official reporters, L. A. Kelty of Montpelier, Roy Johnson of Randolph, Charles Walters of St. Johnsbury.

The Rev. Joseph Hamilton of Randolph, who was chaplain of the Senate in the last session is a candidate for re-appointment in the same capacity and as far as can be learned here there is no opposition to him.

WAR DEPT. DEFICIENCY ESTIMATES $76,278,127

Washington, Dec. 22.—Deficiency estimates aggregating $76,278,127 will be submitted by the war department for the present fiscal year, Secretary Baker announced to-day. The figures were made public, he said, in reply to statements that the department deficiency would amount to as much as $150,000,000.

Of the amount to be asked, $42,573,000 represents pay, subsistence and similar expenses for the army of 175,000 men which Congress appropriated for. Mr. Baker said, as current appropriations were that much short on that basis. The remaining $34,000,000 deficiency was due to recruiting to a strength of more than 175,000 men, he added.

VOTE AGAINST GAS CO.'S SERVICE CHARGE

Montpelier, Dec. 22.—The city council to-night voted three to two against granting the Capital City Gas company a 50-cent service charge, in connection with the service to patrons in this city. Those voting against the service charge were Aldermen Bowers, Kelty and Maroni; those voting for were Aldermen Yett and Stratton. Mayor Shurtleff also cast a vote which tied the situation, but which did not affect the motion.

Deer Slaughter Mounting

Montpelier, Dec. 22.—The total number of deer killed during the open season in the state has now reached 4,387 against 4,156 killed in the same period last year. Grand Isle county thus far has not reported a single deer killed. There seldom is one killed in that county, although one year recently one was reported. Of the 93 reports last night, 37 were from Bennington county; 11 from Windham and 30 from Windsor counties.

KU KLUX KLAN PARADES STREETS

Peculiar Demonstration at Jacksonville, Fla.—No Explanation Is Given

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—More than 200 members of a branch of the Ku Klux Klan silently paraded the streets of South Jacksonville last night, completely disguised in white caps, masks and gowns and headed by a herald bearing a flaming cross. No explanation of the display was given.

In a recent similar parade in Jacksonville, one of the advance riders announced that "A band of solemn, determined men" would pass and wanted "no one to follow them." When the Klansmen reached the trees of the city park, every light in the business district snapped out. They were switched or again a few minutes later and the riders had vanished.

W. J. Simmons, of Alanta, imperial wizard of the Klan, recently announced that one of its purposes was to maintain "white supremacy" but that it would support constituted authority and not tolerate lawlessness.

High School Burns; Two Students Lose Lives

Christmas Decorations Catch Fire from Cigarette Stub in Waste Basket

Lyons, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Two students, members of a party rehearsing a Christmas entertainment, are believed to have lost their lives late to-day, when fire destroyed the Lyons High School, a $200,000 structure.

A cigarette stub, carelessly thrown into a waste basket set fire to Yule-tide decorations and threw the rehearsal into a panic.

Many other students, playing basketball on an upper floor hurried from the building on fire escapes. The Christmas rehearsal was held on the first floor. All students were accounted for to-night with the exception of the two, who may have been trampled in the rush for safety.

Sparks, carried by the wind, set fire to nearby buildings. The Newark fire department was called but a heavy rain began falling after darkness, which smothered the flames.

HARDING AND WILSON TO DINE AT WHITE HOUSE

Usual Formalities of Inauguration Day to Be Observed

Washingon, Dec. 22.—President Wilson plans to accompany President-elect Harding from the White House to the Capitol on March 4 and back again to the White House for luncheon as is the usual custom when a new chief executive is inaugurated.

Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President said to-day that Mr. Wilson had outlined to him yesterday his plans with regard to Inauguration Day. As is the custom, Mr. Harding will call at the White House just before noon and will be received by the retiring executive. They then, under present plans, will ride down Pennsylvania avenue to the Capitol, where the President-elect will take the oath of office and deliver his inaugural address.

The new and retiring president will lead the usual parade up the avenue to the White House where Mr. Wilson will entertain Mr. Harding at luncheon. Immediately afterward, President Wilson will retire to his new home on S street to take up his life as a private citizen after eight years in the White House.

The continued steady improvement in the President's health according to Secretary Tumulty, will make the contemplated visit of the President with President-elect Harding to the capitol possible even in the event of the most intemperate weather.

Mr. Tumulty said to-day that when he visited the President yesterday he found him in better spirits than at any time since he was taken ill more than a year ago. They discussed a variety of topics but Mr. Tumulty said the President did not bring up the subject of the Treaty of Versailles and did no indicate in any way what disposition he was prepared to make of it.

The President, Mr. Tumulty said stated that he was not greatly interested in the writing of memoirs for an autobiography as it was a form of literature which had never greatly appealed to him. It has been generally understood that when Mr. Wilson retires from office he will take up the preparation of a history of the World War.

HALIFAX MEN FINED $100 FOR VIOLATING DEER LAW

Hearing of the Case Not Without Its Humorous Incidents

Brattleboro, Dec. 22.—Arthur Tower of Halifax and Walter L. Stetson of the same town by whom Tower is employed and at whose home Tower lives, were fined $100 and costs each by Judge A. E. Cudworth in the Brattleboro municipal court this afternoon in a deer shooting case. They were placed on probation until further order of court.

Tower pleaded guilty to shooting a deer last Sunday, and when asked why he shot the animal, he replied that he guessed the "Old Nick" was in him which led State's Attorney E. W. Gibson to remark that from the number of cases on the criminal docket he should think the devil had taken up his permanent residence in Windham county.

Stetson pleaded guilty to the charge of having in his possession the meat of the deer shot illegally. The two men were arrested by Constable Harry A. Leonard of Halifax following a raid at Stetson's house by County Fish and Game Warden E. H. Metcalf of this place. At first the men denied that they had a deer, but the officer found evidence to the contrary and they finally confessed. Stetson produced the meat from the attic. The officers were escorted to where the pelt had been hidden by Stetson. It was brought out that Tower was cutting pulp wood for $1 a day and his board which caused Judge Cudworth to remark that Tower must be in need of a guardian.

FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 22.—Four men were killed and two injured in an explosion today in the pressing and packing mill of the Du Pont Powder company at Berlin Village, near Moosic, seven miles from here. The property damage amounted to about $10,000. The plant handles commercial powder largely for the anthracite industry.

Good money is often obtained for used articles. The buyer is found through the classified ads.

NEW LIGHT ON COAL SALES TO GOVT.

National Coal Ass'n. President Says War Dept. Insisted on Buying Over Protest 150,000 Tons at $11.50 in Sept.

Washington Dec. 22.—How the National Coal association, an organization of coal operators, dealt with the government and coped with the fuel shortage last summer, were fields in which a Senate investigating committee to-day spent ten hours.

J. D. A. Morrow, a vice-president of the organization, told how the association drafted orders for the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue on transportation matters, paid the expenses of the United States Geological Survey in collecting official figures on coal production, kept Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, informed of all steps, and successfully fought proposals to establish a fuel administration although coal prices continued to mount.

D. W. Wentz, the association's president, testified to purchasing for the war department at the height of the shortage 150,000 tons of coal, for which the government paid $11.50 a ton, while another corporation which he controlled was mining and selling contract coal for $3.20 and $3.87 a ton.

The examination of the two officials of the association was enlivened from time to time as senators produced correspondence taken from the organizations files during an unannounced search of its offices in Washington last Saturday and Sunday, and questioned sharply the purpose and public interest of the steps taken by the association and government agencies alike.

Mr. Wentz declared that his purchase of coal for the war department had been made over protest, and agreed to a suggestion of Senator Calder, Republican, New York, that "it was bad business for the 'government and increased the difficulty for the public."

"A representative of the war department came to me and said that the department had ordered all its coal for the winter bought immediately, during September," Mr. Wentz said. "I said that the department should buy a little then, a little later on, and not go into the market for the full amount, because it could all be obtained later for much less money, but I was informed that the order was to buy immediately. The story I got was that the secretary of war felt the step necessary."

Mr. Wentz said he received commissions amounting to $75,000 on the purchases. Senator Calder, producing a sheet of figures, said that "millions of tons" had been obtained for the army by other buyers during September and October, at prices ranging from $6.90 to $16. Another report, from the Shipping Board saying that bunker coal at Hampton Roads during the summer and fall had cost the Shipping Board $16.50 a ton, in quantities, Mr. Morrow treated by saying that it "was as inexcusable an example of government inefficiency as I ever saw."

Chiefly the examination touched the actions relative to coal shortage taken by the government agencies, presumably in the interest of consumers at large. Senator Kenyon, Republican, Iowa, armed with minutes of the association's executive committee meetings read resolutions which authorized the "drafting of an Interstate Commerce Commission order to make mines immune from damages" for failing to fulfill contracts to furnish coal.

"You did draft that order?" Senator Kenyon asked Mr. Morrow.

"We did and the commission issued it with some changes," the witness told him. "And its general effect was to free mines from their liability to furnish coal they had contracted to deliver?" Senator Kenyon continued.

"Only insofar as the release was in public interest and necessary to get supplies to keep people in the northwest and New England from freezing this winter," Mr. Morrow returned. He added that the contract breaking allowed the coal to move to the Great Lakes during the summer. Senator Kenyon developed that the National association had agreed to "go into the courts and defend the order" in case any operators brought injunction proceedings against it that a number of the association members dissented from the policy and that a Colorado local association withdrew as a body because of it.

"CHRISTMAS BURGLAR WITH A HEART" FOUND

Chicago, Dec. 22.—A "Christmas burglar with a heart" heeded the pleas of Ruth Mailey, aged 10, not to take her Christmas when she found him in her home yesterday on her return from school for lunch.

The burglar was eating her lunch, which had been left by her mother before going down town shopping. He took her to the parlor and played little jingles and Christmas songs on the piano for her.

"Tell your mother I'll return some day and steal everything in the house," but he left without taking anything.

DUXBURY LUMBER CO.

Formed to Take Over Elliott Lumber Interests—Capitalized at $200,000

Montpelier, Dec. 22.—The Duxbury Lumber company of Burlington has filed articles of association in the office of the secretary of State for the purpose of taking over the Elliot lumber interests in Duxbury, it is understood, from the papers. The capital stock is $200,000 while the papers are signed by W. B. Howe, J. S. Flint, H. T. Rutter, H. S. Weed, A. W. Young, F. H. Shepardson, J. F. Whalen and G. F. Black of Burlington.

LEFT OUT PITTSFORD

Belief That Census Bureau at Washington Mixed Up Proctor and Pittsfield

Montpelier, Dec. 22.—Rawson Myrick, deputy secretary of State, is corresponding with the census bureau at Washington, D. C., to ascertain what happened to the census taken in the town of Pittsford. In the official list that came to the secretary's office, Pittsford was left entirely out of the Vermont towns, while the population of Pittsfield was materially increased over the number of residents in that town. In fact, it looks as though the population credited to Pittsfield belongs in Proctor and that another error in figures was made in the copying of the records.

DE VALERA SAFE IF IN IRELAND

No Attempt Would Be Made to Arrest Him There Says Dublin Dispatch

London, Dec. 22.—The Central News in a dispatch from Dublin says that should Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic" arrive in Ireland, no attempt will be made to arrest him. This statement is attributed to officials in Dublin. The dispatch adds that conversations regarding possible peace in Ireland continue and that new developments in the situation are expected.

New York, Dec. 22.—Money raised in this country on "Irish republic" bonds is in the control and at the disposal of the minister of finance of the "Irish parliament," Harry Boland, secretary to Eamonn De Valera, stated here to-night.

The statement was in reply to a demand on De Valera made by the local council of the Friends of Irish Freedom that the money be forwarded immediately to Ireland "to relieve distress and aid in the work of restoration and reconstruction."

Harding's World Peace Plan Taking Form

Contemplates U. S.-British-French-Italian-Japanese Exchange First

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Although many important decisions remain to be made, it became known to-night that President-elect Harding's series of conferences here have brought him much nearer to the solution of the big problems of his administration. A world peace plan based on the united moral influence of the great powers is taking more or less concrete form in his mind as he gathers advice on the subject from every viewpoint.

Available material for the cabinet has been sorted painstakingly and although no appointments have been offered the field of possibilities has been narrowed sharply. Definite announcement of selections for two or three of the most important portfolios may be made early in the new year.

On the problem of reorganizing the elaborate executive machinery at Washington the plans of the President-elect are less complete, but he at least has gathered much information and advice and has settled upon a central scheme of procedure. He proposed to build his cabinet from the very beginning about the idea of readjusted jurisdiction among the respective executive departments.

These are the outstanding accomplishments of the deliberations about Mr. Harding's council board here, but the discussions also have developed many policies of lesser prominence. He is keeping an ear to the ground for information on the labor situation and on financial conditions. He has inquired into the question of agricultural relief and has sought for the real story of the nation's military and naval status.

So far as the world peace plan is concerned, Mr. Harding still remains free from final committal to any definite and detailed program. During his conferences here, however, he has placed upon the table an outline of procedure which he formulated long before the campaign was over. In an avowed spirit to give and take he has filled in a feature here and there and has erased others at the suggestion of his conferees. Much still is to be done, but the President-elect views the progress already made as insuring success.

Roughly, the plan as it now shapes up is understood to contemplate a diplomatic exchange with Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan soon after the new administration begins on March 4, asking that they consider the possibilities of an agreement between them and the United States to exert a united moral force for world peace. It is not expected that the proposal will suggest in any respect a political alliance though it may reiterate the faith of the United States in a world court in which all nations might voluntarily become litigants.

NO FINDING IN GARROW CASE

Authorities Not Ready to Announce Whether Franklin Woman Committed Suicide or Was Murdered

Enosburg Falls, Dec. 22.—No information has been forthcoming from the inquest into the death of Mrs. Edward Garrow of Franklin, which has been conducted here yesterday and to-day. State's Attorney A. B. Rowley of Richford said to-day that he was not yet ready to drop the case nor make any announcement. Several lines of investigation in the death of Mrs Garrow, who was supposed to have shot herself November 30, will be followed up, Mr. Rowley said.

A rigid investigation has been going on with the hope of running down the rumors of foul play and establishing the guilt of, or exonerating, the persons connected with the reports. After following to an end certain phases of the case Mr. Rowley said he would be ready to make a definite statement as to what manner Mrs. Garrow met her death.

CALEDONIA COUNTY COURT RECESSES UNTIL JANUARY

Three Men Sentenced for Stealing Commercial Traveler's Samples

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 22.—Caledonia county court presided over by Judge Harrie B. Chase of Brattleboro has taken a recess from Thursday until the second week in January. On Tuesday, Honore Demers, Antonine Bordeau, Alfred Desrochers and Walter Coburn who claim Montreal as their residence, were arraigned before Judge Chase. The quartet was charged with stealing clothing samples from a commercial traveler whose car was stored in a Lyndonville garage last September. The first three pleaded guilty, while the fourth, Coburn, pleaded not guilty. Demers was sentenced to not less than two and a half years nor more than six years at Windsor, Bordeau to not less than two nor more than five years, Desrochers to not less than three nor more than seven years. Coburn was placed under $500 bail, but being unable to raise it was returned to the custody of the sheriff. The jury business of the term has resulted in three plaintiff's verdicts carrying a total of $70.01 out of 31 divorce cases, four have been discontinued and the others heard. Eight new petitions have also been entered.

Do you realize that there is news value in advertisements?

NEW TARIFF BILL PASSES IN HOUSE

Fordney Measure Supported by 154 Republicans, 41 Democrats and 1 Prohibitionist—Bitter Protests by Minority

Washington, Dec. 22.—Over the protests of a defiant minority the House to night adopted the Fordney emergency tariff bill by a vote of 196 to 86. The vote was taken at 8:45 o'clock after eight hours of debate.

Political lines were swept aside on the final vote, 41 Democrats and one Prohibitionist combining with 154 Republicans in supporting the measure, while 14 Republicans lined up with 72 Democrats against the bill.

It was evident long before the vote was taken that supporters of the measure, designed to protect some twenty odd farm products for a ten months' period, had the situation well in hand. But Representative Henry T. Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, leading the opposition, opened a bitter attack which increased in intensity as the debate wore on.

Paragraph by paragraph he assailed the measure, while the Republicans with loud roars of "Noes" sent his proposed amendments down to defeat. A few Republicans supported him in his attack, but a score of his own party turned from their traditional stand against a high tariff to join the majority.

Opposition speakers charged that the measure would send the cost of living higher, and branded it as class legislation. Defenders of the bill on the other hand, said it would save the agricultural industry.

Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, which reported the measure, in opening the debate, declared the measure was not scientific and admitted it was hastily drawn, but asserted that it was the best that could be had at this time.

Representative Garner, Democrat, Texas, speaking in support of the bill, said he felt it was the only way in which Congress could extend the relief so urgently needed by the farmers.

Representative Madden, Republican Illinois, however, assailed his colleagues for "opening the way to a renewal of prohibitive living costs." Pointing his finger at the majority leader's desk, he said:

"You men will make two lamb chops cost $1.20 again and you will make our suits of clothes cost 100 per cent more."

Representative Garrett of Tennessee said he saw "in this bill a determined effort to divide the Democratic party, to make members of that party turn their backs on every principle of taxation for which the party had stood in its whole history."

"I cannot believe the Republican leaders seriously hope to get this bill passed," he added. "I am convinced it is a fine piece of political strategy."

During the day a number of senators entered the House chamber and their presence led to reports that they were prepared to talk the bill to death in the Senate. Many Republicans said to-night they were almost convinced that the bill would not be passed by the Senate.

Mr. Fordney said in the course of the debate, however, that he hoped to see Congress at the extra session substitute for this bill a relief measure which would remain in effect until a scientific tariff schedule could be worked out.

"I expected," he continued, "to see Congress enact either the Dingley or the Payne-Aldrich schedules."

YEAR'S PENSION BILL CARRIES $265,500,000

Washington, Dec. 22.—Carrying $14,000,000 less than was appropriated for this year, the anual pension bill was reported out to-day by the House appropriations committee. The total in the bill is $265,500,000. House leaders have agreed to consider the measure to-morrow with the expectation that it will be passed before adjournment to-morrow evening for the Christmas recess.

The bill was drafted by a sub-committee headed by Representative Cannon of Illinois. The estimated pension disbursements in the bill as given by the committee follow:

Civil War $251,612,192; War of 1812, $21,145; Mexican War, $840,439; Indian wars, $2,168,915; Spanish-American War, $5,844,360; World War, $36,734; regular establishment, $4,476,215.

During the year the number of pensioners decreased 52,237.

The sub-committee estimated that in addition to the $265,500,000 carried in the pension bill, the government during the next fiscal year would expend $590,895,490 in war risk compensation, maintenance of soldiers' homes, medical and hospital treatment for war veterans and vocational training. It also estimated that by the end of the coming fiscal year the government would have paid out $5,826,815,717.02 in pensions since 1790.

CHECK UP XMAS TREES

Much More Than the 300,000 Shipped That Dealers Reported

Montpelier, [illegible]—The dealers in Christmas trees [illegible] in claiming to the forestry departme[illegible] that they bought only 300,000 trees for [illegible]pment this year. W. G. Hastings, the State forester, has been checking up and finds that the shipments by dealers from Central Vermont railway stations alone amount to over the 300,000, while there are all of the other railroads in the State to make a report. Therefore the shipment of Christmas trees bids fair to be much larger than the dealers claimed.

WOULD INCREASE PRICE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Because bridegrooms are so full of joy and hope they won't object, Robert M. Sweitzer, county clerk, proposed to the finance committee today that the price of marriage licenses be raised to the same scale as dog licenses.

A marriage permit costs $1.50 and a dog license $3.

"I don't see why the fee for a marriage license should not be raised to the dignity of that for a dog license," Mr. Sweitzer said. "A young man about to be married is so full of joy and hope that I am sure few, if any would object."

PRESENTS CHURCH WITH ORGAN

The Congregational Church at Lyndonville has been presented an Estey organ by Ray Newell of Duluth, Minn., as a **memorial to his father, Oliver Newell.**

HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT, THE NEWS BY COUNTI

Addison County

MIDDLEBURY

The Addison county court Thursday was reduced to divorce cases to keep at work and was not able to keep busy all the time at that. Two cases were heard during the day. The first of these was the case of Maude E. Perry vs. Eugene H. Perry. The plaintiff lives with relatives in Ripton, where she was married 12 years ago to the defendant, who now resides in St. Johnsbury and has charge of the Standard Oil company's business for that section, as he previously had had at Bethel. Four years ago the woman left her husband and has not since been living with him and the petition was brought on the grounds of intolerable severity. Ira H. LaFleur of Middlebury represented the petitioner and James B. Donoway of Middlebury looked after the financial interest of the husband, who is understood to have valuable property and from whom the petitioner asks alimony. There are no children. Decision was reserved in this case. At the afternoon session was heard the case of Minnie Hill vs. Charles H. Hill. They lived together as man and wife in Lincoln, and the man, who had carried on farms there, left the town and State last spring and is now supposed to be in Springfield, Mass. This petition was brought on the ground of intolerable severity. Allen R. Sturtevant was the attorney for the petitioner and there was no appearance in behalf of the husband. There are no children and nothing from which to get alimony. The bill was granted after the completion of the testimony on the ground of intolerable severity as set up in the petition.

German Hope, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hope of East Middlebury, had the index finger of his left hand amputated at the first joint Sunday evening by Doctors R. W. Prentiss and Jacob J. Ross. The young man was hitching a horse to a wagon and as he attempted to hook the cockeye of one of the tugs to the hook on the whiffletree the horse suddenly started, crushing his finger and making it necessary to amputate it.—Allan Calhoun, who has been confined to the house for a week, has so far recovered as to be able to be at his store again.—Judge and Mrs. John E. Weeks will leave this week for Montpelier, where they intend to spend the winter.—Mrs. Henry Pigeon has returned from a two weeks' stay in Rutland at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rupert Taylor.—Miss Reba Maxfield has gone to Brandon for a two weeks' visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira H. Maxfield.—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Moore of Fair Haven are spending a few days in Middlebury on their wedding trip.—The Misses Dorothy Newton and Evelyn Houghton have gone for a Christmas visit at their respective homes in Wallingford.—Charles Howard has gone to Ludlow to spend the holiday season at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Howard.—Miss Alice Pierre and Miss Mary Button have gone to Brandon to spend the holidays at their respective homes.—Miss Alice Halpin and Miss Marion Bliss, department teachers in the West Rutland high school, are at their homes here for a two weeks' vacation.—Reed Kendall and Milton L. Barnes have gone to Pittsford to spend the holidays with their people.—Miss Sylvia Lyon is visiting in Manchester until after the holidays.—Miss Frances Bolger has gone to Fair Haven to spend Christmas and New Year's at her home.—Extensive repairs are being made on the Myrick house on Franklin street.—Miss Olive Waters has gone to West Rutland to spend the Christmas season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie W. Waters.—Harry E. Brown is in Rutland to spend Christmas at his home in that city.—Miss Angeline Simpson has gone to Rutland for two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Simpson.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell of Bridport are here for a Christmas visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Lee Palmer.

The need of the starving children of Armenia is to have the attention of the Protestant Sunday schools of Middlebury on Sunday evening, December 26. A program and pageant will be put on by the four schools. The program will include Christmas songs and recitations by individuals and groups from each of the four schools. Also, the pageant will celebrate the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims, and their influence on American life. Their influence on the world at large is to be presented by the "coming of the nations" by persons costumed appropriately, with expressions of gratitude and requests for more light. Among the nations is Armenia, who tells of her tragic need and appeals for America's help. A collection will be taken which will go to the Near East relief treasury. This is separate from the "Hoover drive." That is to support the starving children of Central Europe; this goes to Armenian children.

In county court Friday morning, the divorce case of Christie M. Morgan vs. Paul C. Morgan was taken up. They were married at East Middlebury by the Rev. E. B. Holmes in October, 1917. The husband soon entered the naval service of the United States and his present whereabouts is unknown and the wife has continued to live for the most of the time with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Ross of Middlebury. The divorce was immediately granted at the conclusion of the testimony on the ground set up in the petition, which was adultery. There is one child and its custody was granted to the mother. Charles I. Button of Middlebury was the attorney for the petitioner. The husband had no representation. The case on the jury calender of Arthur P. Sorrell vs. Oliver E. Garrow and Benjamin W. Fisher and trustee, the National Bank of Vergennes, was entered settled and discontinued. The case of Emily Wyman appellant vs. Truman J. Newton's estate was entered continued. Argument was resumed in the motion to set aside the verdict in the case of E. P. Emerson vs. J. F. Moody. Allen R. Sturtevant argued at some length in favor of the motion which was as strongly opposed by Leroy C. Russell in behalf of the plaintiff. At noon, in consequence of the funeral of John A. James of Weybridge, the court took a recess until three o'clock in order that all interested parties might have an opportunity to attend the services.

Miss Teresa Ellis, daughter of Thomas Ellis of Seymour street, landed from France a few days ago in New York. She is at present in Burlington confined to the house by sickness at the home of relatives. Her father has not seen her since she was two years old. He recognized her, though she is now 19, by the means of pictures he had received from year to year. As soon as she gets well she will come to Middlebury and keep house for him.—The funeral of Josiah S. Chandler, who died at the Soldiers' Home December 15 and whose remains were brought to Ripton Thursday afternoon, was held in the Methodist Church of that town Friday morning at nine o'clock and was well attended. The Rev. William Merrier, pastor of the church officiated. There were many flowers. The bearers were John Gordon, George Fart, Chauncey Beeman and Clayton Boynton. The interment was in the family lot in the Cook district cemetery.

The stores in town are generally handsomely decorated for the Christmas season trade. For several days past business in many of the stores, particularly those making a specialty of holiday goods, has been quite heavy. The people from the country towns have been coming in large numbers, although there is quite a [illegible] and the roads generally are in a very poor condition. The postoffice people are also busy.—Miss Emily Cass and Miss Velma Gates of Pasadena, Calif., who are attending Middlebury College, have gone to Castleton to spend the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. John J. Jones.—Julian Clock has gone to Wallingford to spend the Christmas holiday season at the home of his father, the Rev. F. J. Clock.—Paul M. Ross has gone to Pomfret for two weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Ross.—Frank R. Stone, long-time porter at the Addison House, is able to be about again after being ill most of the time for two weeks with rheumatism.—Miss Ruth Nelson has gone to Granville, N. Y., where she will pass the next two weeks at the home of her parents.—Karen Carlson has gone to West Rutland for two weeks at the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas A. Carlson.—There will be a Christmas festival of song at the Memorial Baptist Church this evening.—Lorimer H. Brown has gone to Manchester Depot to spend the holiday season at the home of his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Brown.—There will be a mid-night mass at St. Mary's Church for Christmas beginning at 12 o'clock Friday night and will be masses on Christmas day at 8:30 and 10 o'clock.—Miss Cecilia McDonough has gone to West Rutland to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. McDonough.—A number of carloads of coal of the various sizes have been received here at the coal yards, within the past few days so that the coal shortage here has ceased to exist for the present time at least.—Mrs. Page S. Ufford has gone to Westford to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gale.

There will be a special meeting of Middlebury Grange, No. 315, next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Third and fourth degrees will be conferred on a large class. The lady officers' team will do the work made up as follows: Master, Mrs. Emma Bain; overseer, Mrs. Anna Keese; lecturer, Miss Mary Cady; chaplain, Mrs. Alice Seymour; secretary, Miss Mildred Hunt; treasurer, Mrs. Flora Abbey; steward, Mrs. Aileen Rose; assistant steward, Mrs. Jennie Hammond; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Hester Fasbit; Ceres, Mrs. Alice Hubbard; Flora, Mrs. Mary Biscette; Pomona, Mrs. Ethel Burton; pianist, Mrs. May Russell. After the degree work, there will be a Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ryder, followed by refreshments.—Miss Bertha Farrell, teacher in the high school at Waterbury, is in town on a two weeks' vacation visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Farrell, Sr.—Russell Duncan of Chicago is in town for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Duncan.—Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Crane and daughter have gone to Suncook, N. H., to visit her mother, Mrs. George Munsey.—Mrs. Harriet (Grandy) Stage, widow of Josiah Stage died at her home in Panton Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. She was 83 years old and is survived by one, Elbert Stage of Panton, with whom she lived; also two brothers, William Grandy of Pittsburg, Pa., and Charles Grandy of Middlebury. The funeral services will be held at her late home Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Burial will be in the Adams Ferry cemetery in Panton. Mrs. Stage was born in Panton July 11, 1837, and was the daughter of Truman and Polly (Myrick) Grandy, and always lived in Panton.—Francis J. Donahue is back from Berlin, N. H., where he has been for several weeks engaged in making insurance maps. He will remain with his family here on Franklin street until after New Year's.—County Clerk Rufus Wainwright has returned from Montpelier, where he has been to attend a meeting of the various county clerks in the State.—Miss Hazel Proctor has gone to Fair Haven for a couple of weeks at the home of her parents.—Henry Prescott has returned from a few days' visit at the home of Mrs. Julia Conkey in Orwell. He was accompanied there by his son, Charles Prescott, of Proctor.—Hebert Leach has gone to North Rupert to spend the holiday vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Leach.—Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Holcomb of Chicago are in town and will remain until after New Year's day.—Mr. and Mrs. James T. Percival of Rutherford, N. J., are in town for a Christmas visit with relatives.—Miss Minnie McDonald will spend Christmas in Rutland with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Keith.—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howard of Cambridge, Mass., are here for a couple of weeks' holiday visit.—Miss Lila Winchester has gone to Rupert to spend the holiday vacation at the home of her parents.—Mrs. John Lowell has returned from the Fanny Allen hospital, where she recently underwent an operation and is greatly improved.—Charles Grandy is in Panton, having been called there by the death of his sister, Mrs. Harriet Stage.—Dr. William H. Kingsley has gone to Rutland to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson.—Mrs. G. W. Mead is at Suxtons River, where she has been for several days, called there by the illness of an uncle.

VERGENNES

Midnight mass will be celebrated Friday night at St. Peter's Church. On Christmas Day masses will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m.—Arthur Daniels of Burlington spent the week-end with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. M. H. Daniels.—Miss Marjorie Grinnell of Colebrook, N. H., is passing the week with her sister, Mrs. Mathew Daniels.—Richard and Albert Cole, students at Dartmouth College, are spending the holiday vacation with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cole.—Miss Marcella Radigan, a teacher in the Vergennes school, is passing the vacation with her parents in Castleton.—Miss Mildred Wyman and friend, Miss Flore Ladabouch, of Burlington, spent the week-end with Miss Wyman's mother, Mrs. C. Wyman.—The Misses Ada and Jennie Bristol of Middlebury spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. H. C. Hendrick.—Buena Vista Camp, No. 895, Modern Woodmen of America, will have a card party this evening in its hall.—A steel fire escape is being put up in the rear of the Franklin House block

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