

YALE CASHIER SHOT HIMSELF

Died One Hour After Firing Bullet.

WILL EXAMINE ACCOUNTS

No Cause is Known Why the Man Should Have Wanted to Kill Himself.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 15.—Asa C. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National Bank, shot himself in the bank this morning. He was taken to the hospital in a dying condition. The bank officials are mystified at his action and the reason for it is not known. His accounts are being examined. Bushnell died one hour after the shooting.

WILL CUT WAGES.

United States Steel Corporation Will Make Move January 1.

New York, Dec. 14.—The statement was made today by a leading official of the United States Steel corporation, that beginning January 1, 1904, about 90 per cent of the employees of the corporation will suffer wage reduction ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. This reduction will affect about 150,000 workmen. The remaining 10 per cent of employees are working under a wage agreement.

The finance committee of the steel corporation has, it is understood, under consideration the dismissal of many high salaried employees in addition to those already discharged. It was asserted that, barring some unforeseen technicalities, employees of the corporation who participated in the profit sharing plan will in the coming month receive a 45 dividend on the preferred stock to which they subscribed at \$82.50.

DOUR ON UNITED STATES.

Spaniard Offers Big Reward to Avenge Spanish Wrongs.

London, Dec. 15.—A telegram from Madrid states that Cardinal Sebastian Herrero y Espinosa, archbishop of Valencia, who died a few days ago, left a legacy of fifty thousand pesetas as a reward for the first Spanish general who will disembark a large army in the United States and avenge the wrongs of Spain in Cuba and the Philippines. The heirs of the cardinal expect to have the will, which directs such an extravagant legacy, annulled.

BEING RAPIDLY FORTIFIED.

British Naval Station at Esquimaux Gets New Guns and Mines.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Consul Smith at Vancouver, has notified the state department that the British naval station at Esquimaux is being rapidly fortified with new guns and mines.

SIGNED TREATY BROUGHT BACK.

Canal Treaty from Colon Reached New York Today.

Quarantine, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The steamer, City of Washington, arrived this morning from Colon, bringing the signed canal treaty. The officers reported no news of importance.

The Deadliest Poison.

According to the Mohammedans of southern India pulverized diamond is the least painful, the most active and the most certain of all poisons. Wealthy Mohammedans always keep a supply for use as a last resource. A belief in the poisonous character of the diamond also existed in Italy in the sixteenth century.

RANDOLPH.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Lamb of West Somerville, Mass., who were called here to attend the funeral of Mr. Lamb's sister, Mrs. Henry Vinton, returned to their home Saturday.

Misses Fannie and Carrie Draper returned Saturday from Barre, where they teach in the graded schools of that city. They will spend a three weeks vacation with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Draper.

Mrs. Wadsworth, lecturer of the Rising Star Grange of Bethel has extended an invitation to the members of West Randolph grange to a meeting of the Rising Star Grange to be held next Saturday evening at their hall in Bethel. Quite a number from here will attend.

At the meeting of the West Randolph Grange held Saturday evening the following officers were elected for the year ending: Master, Harry M. Totman; overseer, W. W. Jones; lecturer, Mrs. D. H. Morse; chaplain, Mrs. A. B. Manchester; secretary, Miss Alice Herrick; treasurer, Lyman Hutchinson; steward, Fay Burnett; assistant steward, Homer Clough; lady assistant steward, Miss Maude Stepper; gate-keeper, George H. II Slack; Ceres, Miss Eva Snow; Pomona, Miss Faye Brewster; Flora, Miss Elizabeth Campbell. Lyman Hutchinson has held the office of treasurer since his grange was organized, about fifteen years ago. The installation of officers will occur the second meeting in January and A. A. Priest, secretary of the state grange will act as installing officer.

FOUND DEAD IN ROAD.

Peculiar Death of Ulysses Smith of Brookfield Center

Randolph, Dec. 15.—Ulysses Smith, a resident of Brookfield Center, visited his brother, William Smith, who lives in the Hibbard hill neighborhood Sunday afternoon and left there about five o'clock in the evening for his home. About an hour and a half later he was found dead in the road not far from his brother's home.

Mr. Smith, when found was supposed to be unconscious and after being carried to the house, medical aid was immediately summoned but the doctors think he had been dead for some time. His face and part of his body was frozen quite badly.

Mr. Smith was a man under forty years of age and the exact cause of his death may always be a mystery though most of the neighbors think he must have had heart trouble. Mr. Smith leaves a wife and one son, who have the sympathy of the community. The funeral was held this afternoon at his late home in Brookfield Center.

REV. MCINTYRE ACQUITTED.

No Evidence to Show That He Abused Child in His Charge.

West Pawlet, Dec. 14.—The Rev. Daniel McIntyre of Pawlet was given a hearing today here before Justice M. Costello of Poulinoy on the charge of abusing a three year old girl that had been cared for in his family and after a full hearing was acquitted. The state failed to show that the child had received any abuse while in Mr. McIntyre's charge. On the contrary it was shown that real affection was shown the child by the minister and his family. The name of the child was given as Mary Frances Hunter of Boston and she has been given to a family named Rose in Springfield, Mass.

The Rev. Mr. McIntyre has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Congregational church at Pawlet but the members of the church have voted to request him to withdraw it. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre in the loss of their own child from scarlet fever since this suit was brought.

CAUGHT BETWEEN BUMPERS.

Burlington Man Had Narrow Escape From Death.

Burlington, Dec. 15.—John Keefe, a brakeman in the Central Vermont railroad yards here met with a painful accident while coupling cars yesterday afternoon. He was assisting to make up the Burlington & Lamotte train which leaves at 4:30 and while adjusting the knuckle of the coupler between the baggage car and the smoker did not step out of the way in time and was caught between the bumpers and crushed. A fellow trainman was near and unoccupied the cars, when the injured man was taken out.

Dr. W. R. Johnson was sent for and after an examination found no bones broken but it is not known whether the man received internal injuries. He was taken to his home on South Champlain street.

MILLION DOLLAR FUND.

University of Vermont Is Raising Money For Endowment.

Burlington, Dec. 14.—The University of Vermont has just started the collection of a fund of \$1,000,000 toward the endowment of the institution. It is expected to raise this among the alumni and friends of the college in large and small contributions. Already two alumni have given \$50,000 each, and the fund is growing constantly. The associate alumni are back of the enterprise, but Prof. George E. Howes of Burlington is the man in charge of the details of the undertaking. Vermonters and ex-Vermonters are asked to be generous and help this cause.

TRAIN BEATS HORSE.

Horse Killed After Seven Mile Run from Waterbury to Middlesex.

Waterbury, Dec. 14.—While George Cutler was driving a horse belonging to David Harvey, a liveryman of Waterbury, the sleigh collided with a milk team on Winoski street. The sleigh in which Cutler was riding was overturned and the horse ran away. Clearing itself from the sleigh it took the railroad track ahead of a fast freight, keeping ahead of the train until Middlesex was passed when it was struck by the engine and killed.

WILL BE MARRIED IN LONDON.

Miss Margaret Henry of Waterbury, to Wed Albert Spencer, of Paris.

Waterbury, Dec. 14.—The marriage of Miss Margaret Annette Henry, of this place, daughter of the late Sylvester Henry, to Albert Spencer of Paris, will take place in London in January.

Miss Henry with her brothers, Frank S. Henry of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry of Saratoga, N. Y., are booked to sail on the steamer Minnehaha of the Atlantic transport line, January 2.

FIRE AT POWNAL CENTER.

House of Ward Niles Burned While Occupants Were at Church.

Bennington, Dec. 14.—The house of Ward Niles, at Pownal Center, adjoining the Myers store, was burned yesterday. The fire broke out while the two families occupying it were at church. Nearly all the furniture was lost. The insurance on the building was \$2,500. The amount on the furniture is not known.

A stiff wind was blowing but the adjoining building was saved.

DR. H. D. HOLTON AT BRISTOL.

Investigating Small Pox Situation—Two New Cases Found.

Bristol, Dec. 15.—Dr. H. D. Holton, of Brattleboro, secretary of the state board of health, is here investigating the small-pox situation. He found two new cases here, five in Lincoln and one in Monkton. The Monkton case is the only one at all serious. The new cases here are in a house already quarantined for the disease.

THEY DRANK TO DEATH

Peculiar Scheme Tried in New York.

TWO MEN ALREADY DEAD

Third is Dying and Fourth is Missing. They Were Out of Work.

New York, Dec. 15.—Two men dead, one dying and a fourth missing is the result of a drinking bout that the quartet started Sunday afternoon. They mixed six quarts of whiskey with a pint of wood alcohol. The dead are William Reilly, aged 32 of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and a man named Gray of New Britain, Conn. The dying man is Daniel McCarthy, 30, of Springfield, and the missing man is McKenna, who it is believed will be found dead in the streets or in a vacant lot.

After a mere barroom acquaintance, and being out of work they decided to get drunk. They hired a basement room in Harlem and took to their bottles. The police today found three of them in the condition stated.

DIED FROM ALCOHOLISM.

Burlington Woman Who Was Found Dead Sunday.

Burlington, Dec. 15.—John O'Brien, the man who was arrested Sunday morning in an intoxicated condition at a house on South Champlain street, just after the lifeless body of Mrs. Peter Mercler was found, came to his senses yesterday in Chittenden county jail. He was a very sick man and shows plainly the result of a protracted debauch. O'Brien had \$31.03 in his pocket. No autopsy will be held on the body of the dead woman, the evidence pointing strongly to the fact that she died of alcohol poisoning.

Small Pox at South Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—All the Bristol and local doctors, in company with a member of the state board of health, visited the families of Lewis Jackson and Mason Bradley in South Lincoln Sunday and pronounced the disease that they have to be small pox and ordered them quarantined. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have nearly recovered but Mrs. Bradley and daughter have come down within a short time. They ordered that the schools be closed and there be no more public gatherings for two weeks.

Found Dead in Bed.

Bennington, Dec. 14.—Frederick Eddy, aged 76, was found dead in bed yesterday. He took dinner and later went to his room to lie down. His son found him dead at supper time. For fifty years he had resided in Woodford, where he held many town offices. He was interested in the lumber business. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

Vermont Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The President today sent to the senate the following nominations: Postmasters, Vermont, Martha W. Arnold, Bethel; Henry G. Blanchard, Newport.

EAST MONTPELIER.

Miss Jennie Whitehill of Groton is visiting at W. M. Clark's.

Mrs. Edith Willard who has pneumonia was doing well at last accounts.

Mrs. C. C. Willard has been ill the past week with a cold and throat trouble.

Judson Parker who was recently so seriously injured, is reported to be getting along much better than expected.

V. W. Jewett moved last week from the farm he lately sold to a house in the village belonging to M. D. Willard.

The item last week about the new telephone at the station was a little in advance, though one is expected to be put in very soon.

Those from other towns who attended the McKnight reception Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Page, parents of the bride, and Mrs. Kidder and daughter Blanche of Plainfield, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Page and Charles McDonald of Barre, Miss Inez Cameron of Calais and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelton of Montpelier.

The Grange gave a very enjoyable reception at the hall Saturday evening to Secretary Charles McKnight and wife who returned from their wedding tour Tuesday evening. Eighty or more grangers and invited friends were present. H. M. Farnham, master of the grange, presented the young couple a handsome sideboard for which Mr. McKnight very heartily thanked the grange. Tables were set in the dining room and a variety of nice refreshments were served late in the evening.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend to the many friends and neighbors our hearty thanks for their services and assistance during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. Also to all those who sent flowers, especially to Burke Bros. and employees, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fontana.

Mrs. Ovide Desseau, Mitchell Desseau, Theodore Desseau, Philip Desseau, Henry Desseau.

BIG BUILDING THREATENED

Y. M. C. A. Building in Burlington Damaged.

LOSS WILL BE HEAVY

Fire Caught in Basement of F. E. Perkins' Grocery Store From Overturned Oil Tank.

Burlington, Dec. 15.—The fine Y. M. C. A. building on the corner of College and Church streets was seriously threatened by fire this forenoon, and before the flames were under control a large amount of damage was done to the lower part of the structure and the stores on the ground floor. The loss is well covered by insurance.

The principal losers are F. E. Perkins, grocery store, Brewer's department store, Bailey's Music store. The loss to the first named was about complete, and it was in the basement of the Perkins' store that the fire originated. An oil tank of 200 gallons capacity was overturned and the oil ran to the furnace and ignited in a few minutes the basement was a mass of flames and smoke. One of the fire stations is next door to the Y. M. C. A. building and the firemen and apparatus were soon at work.

But the nature of the fire made work extremely difficult, as the smoke poured out in immense volumes. All the apparatus with the exception of the steamer was brought into use. It was not until three hours after the fire was discovered that the flames were under control. Much of the goods in the Brewer and Bailey stores were removed, but the stocks were considerably damaged by fire. The Stanley book store which is on the same floor was saved by a fire wall, and the stock was not damaged. The offices above the burned section were filled with smoke.

IMMENSE FIRE LOSS IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Several Factories Were Destroyed By Fire Last Night and This Morning.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Property loss of over \$350,000 resulted from serious fires in Rochester's factory district last night and this morning, the Wendell-Marshall piano factory, the Foster-Armstrong piano factory and the F. A. Sherwood's wholesale leather house being destroyed. Other sufferers were the Linen Thread company, the Brown Rubber and Cement company, R. L. Whalen & Co. and the Kidd estate.

Indications point strongly to incendiaryism, and an investigation is being made by the police.

REDUCED RATES FOR HOLIDAYS.

Central Vermont Railroad Special for Christmas and New Years.

The Central Vermont railway will sell round trip excursion tickets at two cents per mile each way between all stations from New London to South Londonderry, inclusive. Between all stations on the Central Vermont railway north of Windsor, inclusive, except in Canada at fare and one third for the round trip.

From all stations in Vermont north of Windsor, inclusive, to all points on Central Vermont railway in Canada, also to Montreal and to Ottawa, via Montreal or Swanton, on the basis of fare and one third to St. Armand, added to fare one way beyond.

Children, between 5 and 12 years of age, one-half the excursion rate.

Christmas holiday tickets goods going December 24 and 25, 1903; good returning until January 4, inclusive, 1904.

New Year's holiday tickets good going December 31, 1903, and January 1, 1904, inclusive; good to return until January 4, 1904, inclusive.

Graniteville Church Fair.

Next Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 17th and 18th, there will be a "fair" held in the hall under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church. Supper will be served both evenings from 6 o'clock until 8. After supper there will be an entertainment and sale of articles both useful and ornamental. This is just the time and place to buy your Christmas presents. The program Thursday evening will consist of dialogues: "A Scene in a Railway Station" and "Pantaloons Flight." Reading by Dr. Hayes. Wand drill by ten little girls.

Friday evening, "The Spinners Return" will be given. These spinners have been to Alaska and secured husbands. Do not miss hearing their experiences.

Prof. Dinkenspiel the renowned hypnotist recently of Germany, will be there to give an exhibition. All are cordially invited. Don't forget your pocketbooks and be assured you will not go home empty handed.

Admission 25 and 15 cents, including supper and entertainment.

Order a barrel today of those red, juicy Baldwin's at \$2.00 or you will get left. Nearly gone. H. L. Averill & Co.

IS THE MAIN STREET PAVING A BENEFIT?

And Has the Adjoining Property Been Enhanced By It?—Some Suggestions By a Correspondent.

Mr. Editor: As a taxpayer I was interested in noting that the abutters on Main street, or a considerable number of them, have had a meeting, the purpose of which is apparently to organize in order to contest the paving of the street. If their properties are not increased by the improvement, then they are justified in this organized resistance, but on the other hand if it does enhance the value of the respective properties they ought to step up and pay like progressive citizens, and be proud of the fact that they are fortunate enough to be placed amongst such a hustling community, which have made, in a quarter of a century, the name of Barre famous from end to end of the country, and which is the primary cause of the necessity of the paving of Main street.

I should like to know of a class in the community that has been more benefited by the progress of our city than these abutters on Main street, and there are many of them indifferent to every other aspect of the situation except the increased value of their holdings, caused by the push and progress for which they are entirely irresponsible. I wish you would look and see how many of those names will appear among the subscribers for the St. Louis Exposition exhibit scheme, the purpose and importance of which we are all aware.

Water finds its own level. When the time comes that man does we will be sure to find a majority of those non-progressive mortals stranded near the tops of some of our beautiful mountains, in some such retired community as the village of Waahington where progress is unheard of and where they will be perpetually exempt from taxation for city improvements. Such a state of matters would be a blessing alike to those who push and struggle, and those who grasp and hold.

"Justice."

VIEWS OF BARRE.

Handsome Book Just Published by Henry R. Hay on Sale.

Henry R. Hay, who is so well and favorably known in Barre for his excellent photographic work, has just issued a book of 40 pages giving some of his best known views of Barre and vicinity. These include a great variety, ranging all the way from landscape to local buildings, and including quarries, stone shed interiors, public buildings and churches, views of the city and places near Barre. The book is handsomely printed and is from the press of N. J. Roberts. It is something everyone will want a copy of, either to keep or send to friends as a memento. The Barre book store and O. J. Dodge have it on sale.

F. A. BAILEY'S FUNERAL

Will Be Held From Church of the Messiah Tomorrow Forenoon.

Montpelier, Dec. 15.—Luther J. Bailey arrived here last evening with the body of his brother, State's Attorney Frank A. Bailey, who died at Colorado Springs last week.

The funeral will be held tomorrow forenoon. A prayer service will be held from the house, 75 Berlin street, at 10:30 o'clock, and the service proper will be held from the Church of the Messiah. Rev. J. Edward Wright will officiate. The county bar will attend.

GOT WHAT HE WANTED.

William Geary Will Inspect Interior of Jail for Ten Days.

Montpelier, Dec. 14.—William Geary who said he was from Waterbury got what he wanted today. That was a glimpse of the interior of the county jail. He will be given ten days in which to inspect the same. Geary called at the jail and said he wanted to look over the interior, refusing to get out, however, when the deputy asked him to do so. He was forcibly ejected, and it was not much over two hours later when he was brought back by Deputy Docherty for being intoxicated. He will inspect the jail at his leisure.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Next Regular Meeting Occurs Dec. 18th. One Week Earlier Than Usual.

The 5th regular meeting of the Central Labor Union of Barre and Vicinity will be held in Sharpers' hall, Quinlan building, next Friday evening, Dec. 18th, at 7:30 o'clock. This date has been fixed upon in order that all may enjoy Christmas. It is hoped that every delegate will be present at this meeting. Come if you can.

B. F. Henney, President.
C. C. Ramsdell, Secretary.

MONTPELIER.

Mrs. A. H. Temple and Miss Katherine Gilbert were the soloists at the meeting of the Saturday Afternoon club last evening.

Another batch of special and regular city officers were before the license commission before the police station last evening to tell what they knew about the working of the license law. The hearing was not public.

A pleasing feature of the dance, held last evening in Army hall in honor of W. A. Patee, the retiring captain of Company H, V. N. G., was the presentation to Captain Patee of a beautiful diamond ring from the members of the company.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

A son was born Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McDermont.

Henry Wood was called to Randolph Sunday by the death of his aunt.

The Thomas Concert Co. gave their entertainment at town hall Saturday evening to a well filled house.

Royal Cheney went to Northfield Friday night to spend Saturday and Sunday with his father who is working there.

Silas S. Briggs who has been ill at Jason Jeffords' for several weeks, died Sunday morning. Mr. Briggs was over 80 years of age.

FIRST WITNESS WAS CALLED

Garetto Murder Trial On in Earnest.

DR. F. C. LIGOURI ON STAND

State Has Called 35 Witnesses—Both Mrs. Corti and Mrs. Garetto in Court.

Montpelier, Dec. 15.—With the completion of the drawing of the jury this morning, the trial of Alexander Garetto, charged with the murder of Eli Corti in Barre on the night of October 3, was well under way. The first witness for the state was put on this forenoon, it being Dr. F. C. Ligouri, the physician who was first called to attend the wounded man. Both Mrs. Corti, wife of the man who was shot, and Mrs. Garetto, wife of the man who is charged with doing the shooting, were in court.

When the jury panel was completed this morning but four names remained in the list of jurors. The jury drawn is as follows: Abijah Bemis, Marshfield; E. W. Cate, Calais; M. M. Corry, Middlesex; P. W. Currier, Berlin; P. M. Devine, Waterbury; Ephraim J. Hill, Middlesex; P. F. Marra, Waterbury; Waldo Perkins, Plainfield; Herbert Willey, Berlin; Herbert E. Hills, Middlesex; John Ryan, Waterbury; C. D. Ashley, Moretown.

At the opening of court John H. Senter announced the death of State's Attorney Frank A. Bailey, and the court announced its willingness to adjourn during the funeral tomorrow.

The state has summoned 35 witnesses, of which number 27 were in court this morning. These took the oath, ten in English and seventeen with the aid of the interpreter, Nicholas Ghilarducci of Boston who was also sworn in. Mrs. Corti is among the state's witnesses.

Dr. F. C. Ligouri took the stand this forenoon and was still testifying when an adjournment was taken this noon. He called at the house of Mrs. Merro where the wounded man was at 7:30 o'clock. Corti had a wound in the abdomen near the navel. Later Dr. McSweeney arrived, and then the man was taken to A. W. Badger & Co.'s ambulance to the Heaton Hospital. Dr. Ligouri saw the patient Sunday, and was also present at the autopsy, as were Drs. Chandler and Lindsay. The cause of death was the shock.

Cross-examined by Fred L. Laird, the witness said that the wound had nearly healed, but there was a slight inflammation where the bullet stopped.

The court room was crowded with people, mostly men, the witnesses and jury men. But among the number was Mrs. Eli Corti, the wife of the man who was shot. She occupied a seat in the side of the room and was accompanied by Mrs. Rizzi. Mrs. Corti kept her composure until Garetto, the man who is charged with the murder of her husband was brought in. Then she began to cry, and for several minutes she continued weeping. She refused to leave the court room at the solicitation of her friends, and in a short time she was calm again.

State's Attorney Senter asked the court to assign R. A. Hoar of Barre and C. H. Senter of this city, to assist the state in the case, both to serve without expense to the state.

Attorney W. A. Lord called the court's attention to the fact that Mr. Hoar was hired by outside parties. Mr. Senter said it was true and he wished to be fair in the matter. Mr. Hoar was engaged by Mrs. Corti and Mr. Corti, wife and brother of the dead man.

IT WAS PRETTY COLD.

Thermometer Here Ranged From Ten to Eighteen Below.

The coldest snap of the season thus far was ushered in this morning, and it is probable that the weather will not be much colder during the winter. The temperature varied according to the locality and freakiness of the thermometers. The range of weather was anywhere from ten degrees below to eighteen degrees below zero, and the reports which came in were about as varied as the opinions of Barre citizens on the purchase of the fire horses.

In the valley the thermometers ran many degrees below those on the hills, and one citizen asserts that there was six degree difference between Church street and the business section, a distance of a little more than 100 yards. The same thermometer was not used to determine the state of weather in two the places. The standard was about 15 degrees below zero.

SHE WAS OUT OF SORTS.

Williamstown "Cannon Ball" Train Shows Up Worse Than Usual.

Whooping and puffing as it inflated with an asthmatic attack, the Williamstown "cannon ball" train crawled into the local Central Vermont yard two hours late this forenoon, drawing several passengers who were not in the seventh heaven of delight over having been forced to miss the morning trains from this city. The trainmen declared that "she" (the engine) was out of sorts. "It is no secret that 'she' has been out of sorts for some time, and all the doctoring that has been given her has failed to reanimate the antiquated thing into a semblance of her former self. Some things grow old with age, and an engine is one of them.