

WERE CRUSHED LIKE ANTS

Five Story Brick Wall Fell On Minneapolis Hotel

KILLING MANY PEOPLE

Wall Was Part of the Building Which Was Burned in the Big Fire Last Week - Twelve People Reported Missing.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20.—The east wall of the Peck building on Fifth street in South Minneapolis, which was destroyed by fire last week, collapsed at one o'clock this morning and smashed Crocker's Hotel, a two-story lodging house east of the ruins of the Peck building.

A high wind arose about midnight and caught the tottering remnants of the Peck building, and before warning could be given the five story pile of brick fell.

TOTALLY DESTROYED.

Eagle Hotel in Charlestown, N. H., Has Burned - Loss \$20,000.

Charlestown, N. H., Dec. 20.—The Eagle Hotel was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday afternoon. The cause of the fire is said to have been from an overheated stove. The loss is estimated at about \$20,000.

The town is practically without water because of the drought and has no organized fire department. A chemical was brought to the scene from Springfield, but this was soon disabled.

NUNS OVERCOME

Were Carried from Burning Hotel Dieu in Chicago Today.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Ten nuns were overcome by smoke in a fire which wrecked Hotel Dieu in Harvard avenue early this morning. They were carried from the burning building by policemen and firemen, assisted by several priests. The financial loss is small.

NEARLY 5000 CHARTERS

Have Been Granted in the State of Vermont Says Tax Commissioner.

Burlington, Dec. 20.—The office of State Commissioner J. E. Cushman is and will be a busy place in consequence of the act relating to corporations and charters passed by the recent legislature. This law requires that all charters under which no organization has been perfected shall pay an annual tax to the state, equivalent to one-half of the annual license tax from the corporation, if organized. All corporations organized before February 1, 1906, which do not pay an annual license tax, due therefrom, on or before April 1, 1906, shall cease to exist as corporations and all charters for which no tax has been paid by the last named date shall on that date become null and void.

When this scheme is completed there will be available a complete list of all charters heretofore granted by special act or taken out under the general law. If the annual license or charter tax has not been paid on or before April 1, 1906, that fact will be noted and the charter will become void. There have been granted in the state between 4,000 and 5,000 charters and when the work, which has been begun, is completed, it will constitute a complete bureau of corporations showing all organizations, whether in operation or defunct. The card index system will be used.

TRYING TO BRIBE FISHERMEN.

Russian Agents Offer One Fisherman 250 Pounds.

Hull, Eng., Dec. 20.—Mr. Boeching, owner of the vessels in the traveling fleet which was bombarded by the Russian Baltic squadron confirms the report that the Russian agents are trying to bribe the fishermen when the bombardment occurred. He says one of the fishermen was offered 250 pounds preliminary payment and was promised more if he would go to Paris and testify for the Russians before the international commission. He adds that he knows of several fishermen who have accepted the bribes and have signed papers falsely confessing to the presence of torpedo boats among the fleet.

SUPPORTED BY YOUNG.

Nan Patterson Admits It on the Stand This Forenoon.

New York, Dec. 20.—The cross examination of Nan Patterson was begun this morning. The court room was crowded to its full capacity. Every nook and cranny was filled with interested spectators. Miss Patterson admitted that Young had supported her since her theatrical engagement and that he gave her large sums of money.

DENY IMPUTATION OF LAWLESSNESS

St. Albans License Commissioners Will Hold a Public Meeting December 27 to Ferret Statement of Fr. O'Sullivan.

St. Albans, Dec. 20.—The St. Albans license commissioners have called the Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan to task for the statement which he reported to have made on the floor of the House of Representatives regarding the habitual purchase of liquor on Sunday by one of the license commissioners of St. Albans. The three commissioners, W. S. Soule, J. J. Finn and H. A. Dunbar wrote to Representative O'Sullivan declaring that the charge was false and asking him for information. The letter was sent December 13 and the commissioners getting no satisfactory response, have issued a call for a public meeting to be held Tuesday, December 27, to investigate the charge.

The statement was alleged to have been made during the progress of a debate on the license-local option law and the report referred to, as printed in the Burlington Free Press, said:

"In answer to the query as to whether the St. Albans commissioners are good men or not, he would say that very recently one of the licensees had reported to him that a commissioner was in the habit of coming to his place Sunday to secure liquor, and that he had complained thereof to the state's attorney."

Regarding the charge the license commissioners said in their letter to Fr. O'Sullivan:

"This false charge and aspersion upon our characters as men and officials, led us to call upon you, and, while you denied the language as reported, you admitted in substance that you stated that a member of one of the licensees' families had recently reported that one of the commissioners had been to the place of one of the licensees on Sunday and got liquor."

"While you gave the name of your informant, you claimed to be unable to state definitely which commissioner was implicated, and as we then understood, you was to see your informant and notify us."

"Today you have informed one of our members that you have learned nothing further."

"Meanwhile we all stand charged with a violation of law and our duty as commissioners."

They closed by declaring: "If any member of our board is guilty he should be punished. If innocent, the wrong done should be at once righted."

They have asked the state's attorney, the city attorney, police officers, the Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan and all persons having any knowledge or information touching said charge and all who are interested to know the truth or falsity of it to be present at the meeting December 27. Meanwhile they each "most emphatically deny the charge or imputation against any member of the commission."

NINETY-SIX TODAY.

John C. Hildreth of New Ipswich, N. H., to Observe Birthday Anniversary.

New Ipswich, N. H., Dec. 19.—Deacon John Caldwell Hildreth will observe his 90th birthday anniversary tomorrow. His father was Elijah J. Hildreth and he was born in Topsham, Vt., Dec. 20, 1813. When he was 7 years old his father moved to Dracont, Mass. In those two towns he secured his elementary education, but completed his course in Westford academy, Westford, Mass. He belonged to a family of eleven children, two of whom survive. His father died when 37 years of age, but his mother was 101 years, 1 1/2 days old at the time of her death.

His grandfather was in the Revolutionary War. His father resided in Concord, N. H., at one time. He himself was in the employ of ex-Governor Bell of Chester. From the last named town he sought employment in Boston, and was occupied in a grocery store on Hanover street. At this time the population of the city was less than 100,000. Only one building was standing in East Boston, and only one church in Chelsea.

Later on he returned to the Granite state and entered the employ of a blacksmith in Merrimack, where he worked two years as apprentice. Then he went to Derry and followed the same vocation with increased wages. Later he worked in Nashua when its population was less than 1,000. He ironed the first freight car on the road between Nashua and Lowell. He marched in the procession in honor of President Jackson, who visited that town.

On Sept. 29, 1836, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet M. Blanchard of New Ipswich. About 1838 they took up their residence in New Ipswich. He has been deacon of the Baptist church for over forty years. Six children comprised his family: Dr. J. L. Hildreth, Cambridge, Mass.; Harry L. Hildreth, Auburn, Me.; Mrs. August H. Tenney, New Ipswich; Dr. William H. Hildreth, now dead; Charles W. Hildreth, Westford, Mass.; Mrs. Ella H. Frost, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. Harriet M. Hildreth, his wife, died Sept. 7, 1900, aged 86. In 1903 Richard Hildreth, the progenitor, was born in the north of England; about 1635 he and his family came to New England and settled. In 1805 the first two Hildreths graduated at Harvard College.

PROCTORS IN ST. LOUIS.

Gave Political Pointers to Col. R. C. Kereus of Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 10.—United States Senator Proctor of Vermont, who is staying at the Planters Hotel with his son, F. D. Proctor, and F. W. Morse, today called upon his old friend, Col. R. C. Kereus, candidate for Senator from Missouri, at Kereus' headquarters in the hotel and the two were closeted together a long while. The Chronicle says the Vermonters gave the Missourian "more points on gaining legislative votes than would fill a book."

CAPTURED ANOTHER FORT

Japanese Have Secured One More Stronghold

AFTER A FIERCE FIGHT

Hand Grenades Used in the Battle - Enemy Exploded Four Mines Before Retiring - Took Eleven Guns from Russians.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Confirmation has been received here of the report that the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur has stormed and captured the north fort, on East Kekwan mountain, after exploding a mine under the fortifications and occupied the fort with a heavy force.

The following report of the capture was telegraphed from General Nogai's headquarters today:

"On December 18 at 2:15 p. m., part of our army blew up the parapets of the north fort of East Kekwan mountain and then charged."

"A fierce battle with hand grenades ensued."

"Owing to the stubborn resistance of the enemy with machine guns, our operations were temporarily suspended."

"Subsequently at 4 p. m. General Semamian, commanding the supports, advanced in to the casemates, and, encouraging his men, threw his supports into the fighting line in a last brave charge."

"At 11:50 p. m. we completely occupied the fort and immediately began defensive work. Our occupation became firmly assured today."

"Before retiring, the enemy employed four mines in the neighborhood of the neck of the fort."

"We captured five nine centimeter field guns and two machine guns, as well as plenty of ammunition."

"The enemy left 40 or 50 dead. Our casualties are not heavy."

MARY ROGERS' CONDITION.

Eats, Sleeps and Feels Well and Doesn't Ask for Favors.

Bennington, Dec. 20.—A letter from Windsor in which references to Mrs. Rogers are made said that the condemned woman has been told that there is no hope of saving her life, and that she showed no more emotion or concern than she would had she been told she was going to attend a birthday party. She eats well and sleeps well, and it is stated that she has not asked a favor of any kind from an officer of the prison. It is understood that Attorney General Fitts has informed Gov. Bell in answer to a query if the governor of the state had any power to relieve condemned murderers, that he finds nothing in the constitution of the state giving the governor any such power.

Chapdelaine Discharged.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 20.—Ovid Chapdelaine, accused of the murder of Mrs. Emma Brigham at Leicester Nov. 25, was discharged in court today.

MORE BARRE STORES READY FOR HOLIDAYS

All Are Making Great Efforts to Show Up Their Wares for the Christmas Shoppers and Are Successful.

The shoe stores of the city have arranged very attractive windows and are displaying their various articles of best footwear. At the Barre Shoe Company's store is shown an excellent lot of fancy slippers and leggins for men, women, and children, in each of their show windows, which have been trimmed in an attractive style. Any of these slippers would make a handsome present and can be purchased at moderate prices.

In the show window of the shoe department of Perry & Camp's store are to be seen the famous La France shoes for women and the King Quality shoes for men, also a fine lot of slippers, leggins, overshoes and an excellent sample of snow shoes.

At W. J. McLean's new store, the well known Curtis shoes for men and the Dorothy Dood for ladies are displayed as standards, also slippers of all kinds from baby sizes to men's. The window is trimmed in green and white crepe paper.

B. W. Hooker & Co. at their new store in the Blanchard block have two fine displays in their show windows which are attracting much attention. In one half of the window is a room arranged to represent a Dutchman's home, with a fire place and furnished in the handsome mission furniture. The other part of the window contains beautiful quartered oak chairs, dining table and china cabinets.

Davis, "The Druggist," has a very unique window design which was cleverly made by Robert Briggs. It is a miniature old fashioned saw mill with water running over the wheel and the saw buzzing at full speed, sawing a log on the carriage.

In one of Tilden & Willey's windows are two dolls having a teeter and beneath them are the words in yellow letters, "Xmas Greeting." The window

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A HOSPITAL FOR BARRE

Organization Was Completed Last Evening

BY PROMINENT CITIZENS

Dr. J. E. McSweeney Is President of the Association - No Active Steps Will Be Taken at Present.

The Barre City Hospital Association, which was incorporated April 7 last, was formally organized at a meeting held in the city court room in the city hall last evening, at which time the following incorporators were present: W. A. Boyce, M. L. Chandler, J. E. McSweeney, V. C. Goodrich, W. E. Lazelle, F. C. Ligouri, E. B. Whitaker, C. G. Stiekney and J. W. Jackson, all but the first named being physicians of this city. The other members of the corporation previous to the election last evening were: W. D. Reid, R. W. Newton, J. H. Jackson, E. C. Sprague, W. J. Tindall of Williamstown, C. F. Camp, J. S. Daniel, B. W. Bralley, E. H. Bailey of Grantville, D. M. Miles, J. E. Smith and J. M. Perry.

Dr. McSweeney called the meeting to order, with Dr. J. W. Jackson acting as temporary clerk and reading the call. Officers were elected for the corporation as follows: President, Dr. McSweeney, vice president, Dr. C. G. Stiekney; clerk, Dr. J. W. Jackson. Twelve trustees were chosen, the names being presented by the president, vice president and clerk: For one year, B. W. Bralley; F. E. Langley, J. E. McSweeney and A. G. Fay; for two years, W. A. Boyce, M. L. Chandler, O. G. Stiekney and E. L. Smith; for three years, D. M. Miles, J. E. Smith, T. H. Mitchell and J. Henry Jackson.

These trustees will meet later to organize. New members were voted into the corporation last evening as follows: James Mackay, Frank McWhorter, F. E. Langley, Homer Fitts, A. G. Fay, T. H. Mitchell, F. A. Foote, E. L. Smith and William Marr.

A statement was made by W. A. Boyce that he knew two or three parties who wished to make a Barre hospital the beneficiary of their wills, but up to the present time did not know to whom to make the provision. The organization of this corporation composed of business and medical men of Barre and vicinity will place a worthy project before the public. It is not expected that steps will be taken at once to erect the hospital.

By-Laws of Corporation. The by-laws which govern the corporation, as adopted last evening, are as follows:

Article 1.—The Corporation shall be composed of the persons named in the act of incorporation and of such persons as may, from time to time, be elected by ballot at any legal meeting of the corporation, and of such persons as shall give to the corporation, at any time, fifty dollars or upwards, or any article of property of the value of fifty dollars or upwards. The treasurer shall certify to the clerk the names of such donors. At any meeting each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Article 2.—The officers of the corporation shall be president, vice president and clerk. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the third Monday of December in each year to be called by notice given by clerk by mail to each member at least seven days prior thereto. Seven members of corporation shall constitute a quorum. The officers of the corporation shall be chosen by ballot, and annual reports read by the clerk.

Article 3.—At the first meeting there shall be elected, by ballot, twelve trustees in groups of four each, for one, two and three years respectively; and thereafter, at each annual meeting, four trustees for three years. The fiscal year of the hospital shall begin with the first day of December in each year.

Article 4.—The president of the corporation shall preside at all meetings thereof, and may call special meetings whenever he may deem them necessary or expedient, by notice given by the secretary in the manner prescribed for regular meetings; or in like manner, any three members of the corporation may call a special meeting when they consider it necessary or expedient. The clerk of the corporation shall attend all meetings, and shall keep a record of the same. He shall notify each member, by mail, of all regular meetings.

Article 5.—The board of trustees shall elect from their number, by ballot, a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and collector, and shall have the entire control and management of the affairs of the hospital, and make such appointments as they shall deem necessary. They shall fill all vacancies among their own officers or members of their own body, for periods during the intervals between the annual meetings of the corporation. They shall cause a record of all their doings to be kept and laid before the corporation at any meeting thereof; and at every annual meeting of the corporation they shall make a written report on the treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the hospital. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Article 6.—The president of the board of trustees shall preside at all meetings of the board, and may call special meetings whenever he may deem them necessary or expedient, by notice given by the secretary, by mail, to each member at least one day previous thereto; or, in like manner, any three members of the

board of trustees may call a special meeting when they deem it necessary or expedient.

Article 7.—The secretary of the trustees shall attend and keep a record of all meetings. He shall notify, by mail, each member of all regular or special meetings. He shall keep a book in which shall be entered all donations and such extracts from all wills devising or bequeathing property as affect the hospital.

Article 8.—The treasurer shall receive and keep all money belonging to the corporation, from whatever source derived, and shall pay over the same only upon the order of the trustees. He shall keep a regular and correct account of all receipts and disbursements, and make a detailed report of the same at each annual meeting, and also at any other time when the trustees shall direct. He shall give bonds for the security of all money coming into his possession whenever required by the trustees so to do, in such sum as they shall name.

Article 9.—The collector shall assist the treasurer in collecting contributions and any sums due the corporation, and forthwith pay over the same to the treasurer.

Article 10.—These articles may be altered or amended by the corporation at any legal meeting held by them.

WERE NEARLY SWAMPED.

Odd Fellows Cribbage Team Won At Only One Table.

The O. O. F. cribbage team defeated the I. O. O. F. team in the cribbage league contest last evening at seven tables to one. The result by tables was as follows: Gallagher and McNulty, C. O. F., defeated Bligh and Melver, I. O. O. F.; LeClair and Nelson, C. O. F., defeated Bellville and Nichols, I. O. O. F.; Loranger and Premier, C. O. F., defeated Malden and Arey, I. O. O. F.; Tierney and Nelson, C. O. F., defeated Willey and Stowe, I. O. O. F.; McNulty and White, C. O. F., defeated Beck and Brew, I. O. O. F.; Burke and Braut, C. O. F., defeated Goides and Stone, I. O. O. F.; Kelly and McHenry, C. O. F., defeated Webster and Robbins, I. O. O. F.

Smith and Mackie, I. O. O. F., defeated Gooch and Booth, C. O. F.

The F. of A. and M. U. teams play Wednesday evening.

The cribbage league standing:

Table with 4 columns: Name, P., W., L., Pct.

F. of A. 48 28 20 .583

C. O. F. 48 27 21 .563

C. O. F. 56 30 26 .536

R. M. 48 25 23 .520

M. U. 48 23 25 .471

I. O. O. F. 56 19 37 .375

BARRE TOWN LEADS STATE.

In Number of Deer Reported Killed During Last Open Season.

According to the corrected list of deer killed in Vermont during the past open season Washington county reported the largest number which was 61, and Barre town reported more than any other town, the number being 16. No other town in the state reported as many deer slaughtered, the next being Rutland town with 15 and Montgomery third with 14. The Washington county list is as follows: Barre town 16, Cabot 1, Calais 2, Duxbury 5, East Montpelier 2, Fayston 5, Marshfield 1, Middlesex 4, Montpelier 5, Northfield 1, Roxbury 2, Waitsfield 5, Warren 4, Waterbury 3, Woodbury 3, Worcester 2, total 61.

SUFFERED A SHOCK.

Prof. S. Avery of Jefferson Street Is Now Critically Ill.

Prof. Stephen Avery suffered a shock of paralysis at his home on Jefferson street at 2 o'clock this morning and is now in a critical condition. Prof. Avery was sitting in a chair and in his usual health when stricken. Dr. M. L. Chandler is attending him.

HURT IN RUNAWAY, DIED FROM INJURIES

Robert Bancroft, a Calais Boy, Survives Accident But Twenty-Four Hours.

Montpelier, Dec. 20.—Robert Bancroft, the boy who was injured in Calais on Sunday afternoon, died from his injuries yesterday afternoon.

The accident occurred while the three children of Nathan Bancroft were driving down the hill near their home, when a holdback broke and let the sleigh on to the horse. The frightened animal started to run and threw the children out, Robert striking on the back of his head, fracturing his skull. He was carried to his home and medical aid summoned, but he was pronounced to be in a critical condition. He lived only until shortly after noon yesterday.

HEIRS MAY FIGHT.

Will Contest Waiver Filed by Burlington Man.

Burlington, Dec. 20.—Papers involving an estate valued at over \$155,000 were filed yesterday, in the probate court, when Edward W. Peck filed a waiver of his rights under the will of Harriet C. Peck, his wife, and said he would take what the law allows him, which is \$2,000 and one-half of the estate.

The filing of this waiver affects a large number of heirs and legatees and means litigation, as some of the heirs propose to fight the waiver in the courts.

By the terms of Mrs. Peck's will a bequest of \$10,000 is made to the Home for Aged Women, located in Burlington. There are no other public bequests but there are many bequests to relatives, varying from \$100 to \$2,000.

SETTLEMENT IS PROBABLE

Expected Manufacturers Will Open Up Tomorrow

COMMITTEES IN SESSION

Barre Branch of Granite Cutters Union Met Last Evening and Adopted a Resolution Calling for Resumption of Work.

The differences in the granite industry of Barre and vicinity will most likely be settled up as the result of the conference between the committees of the manufacturers and the stone cutters' union, which commenced this morning at nine o'clock and continued into this afternoon, at which the various details of the situation were gone over minutely.

The cutters, at their meeting in the opera house last evening, appointed a committee to wait upon the manufacturers and ask them to open the stone-sheds tomorrow morning. This committee was made up of the following: James McAdam, Philip Halvosa, William Duthie, Louis Cassi and A. Bondi. The manufacturers were communicated with last night, and a conference was set for this forenoon at nine o'clock. The manufacturers appointed the following committee to wait upon the cutters' representatives: William Barclay, J. W. McDonald, Hugh J. M. Jones, William Alexander and Dennis Ryle. The two committees met in the manufacturers' rooms in the Prindle & Averill block this forenoon. The middle of the forenoon recess was taken so that the union men might confer with Secretary Duncan of the national committee.

The conference was soon resumed, and after a discussion of details an adjournment was taken during the noon hour. This afternoon at two o'clock the conference was again started. The simple proposition is that the manufacturers remove the lockout order and that they open the sheds tomorrow morning, that the Ellis sheds be opened at Northfield same as the others. The manufacturers wanted surety from the national union that the agreement recently entered upon be binding on Barre and vicinity, including Northfield, until its expiration in 1905.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, no word having been received from Secretary Duncan, another recess was taken. A Times reporter interviewed members of each committee. Said the union man, "We still have hopes of a settlement."

"Pretty bright hope, isn't it?" asked the reporter.

"Yes, perhaps so," was the response. "The manufacturer declared that things looked favorable, saying there was no change since noon, that they were waiting to hear from Secretary Duncan."

If the manufacturers should refuse to remove the lockout order by tomorrow morning then the union would not consider the present agreement binding. This would, of course, lead to a real difficulty.

TWO BANKS CLOSE.

Ohio Institutions Were Not Connected With Chadwick Concern.

Connecticut, Dec. 20.—The First National Bank here and Marine Bank at Connecticut Harbor have closed their doors owing to the recent runs. The banks held none of the Chadwick paper but there was a general feeling of unrest on the part of the depositors.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

The Barre Rangers foot ball team will meet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in Miles' hall.

Charles Barrett, employed at Prindle & Averill's store, is confined to the house with illness.

W. T. Trenoweth who resides in the Morse building who has been quite ill, was much improved today.

Miss Tessa Warrant of Railroad street was taken to the Heaton hospital yesterday in A. W. Badger's ambulance for treatment for spinal trouble.

Antonio Gasparello pleaded guilty to breach of the peace in city court this morning, for striking one G. Campagnolo. He was fined \$5 with costs amounting to \$12.29, which he paid.

Lost—A trunk was taken from the Central Vermont station last Wednesday between 11 and 1 o'clock. The name M. C. Taylor was on a card on the trunk. Any information will be received at this office or address Miss Taylor, Washington, Vt.

The body of Miss Mamie Lockin, who died Sunday in Hardwick, was brought to this city this afternoon on the 1:15 train and interred in the Catholic cemetery. Many of her friends in this city escorted the body to the cemetery in teams.

The Montpelier branch of the carpenters union held their annual meeting and election of officers last evening. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, H. E. Morse; vice president, E. E. Jacobs; financial secretary, W. B. Worthington; general secretary, J. F. Collins; treasurer, H. C. Bolles.