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2. Residents of Winouski, St. Albans, Montpelier and Middlebury.
3. Residents of Essex Junction, Bristol, Vergennes, Swanton, Morrisville and Waterbury.
4. Residents of Chittenden and Addison Counties not included in groups above.
5. Residents of Vermont not included in first groups.

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WHAT TO DO FIRST

Notify your friends at once by telephone or by mail that you are to be a candidate and ask their help. Nominate someone whom you would like to help, using the special ballot good for 500 votes which appears in each issue of the Free Press.

If any organizations would like to work for the money prize, let a candidate be chosen who will agree to devote the prize money to a special object, then get after the votes.

Watch The Free Press and your Local Newspapers for continued information regarding the Contest.

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WERE THREE VICTIMS

Terrorist Slays in Penza, Russia

GOVERNOR DIES FIRST

Penza, Russia, Feb. 9.—S. A. Alexandrovsky, governor of Penza, was shot and killed as he was leaving the theatre Thursday night.

In a desperate attempt to escape, the assassin also killed the assistant chief of police and wounded the manager of the theatre. Before the terrorist could be captured, he shot himself and during the night died in a hospital.

The deceased governor was an ex-commissioner to the St. Louis exposition and later head of the Red Cross service in the field during the war between Russia and Japan.

The assassin was not identified. The bullets which he used were subsequently discovered to be poisoned.

M. Alexandrovsky had just stepped out of the door of the theatre when a youth pushed his way through the crowd and shot the governor in the neck. He fell dead on the spot. The assistant chief of police, who was standing near the door of the theatre, tried to draw his revolver, but was shot dead by the terrorist before he was able to do so.

Seeing that it was impossible to get through the crowd outside the building, the murderer dashed into the theatre, firing wildly. The manager attempted to grapple with the murderer, who fired at him but missed, and killed a policeman. In a second attempt to capture the assassin, the manager was severely wounded.

The terrorist fled through what he evidently believed to be one of the exits but found himself in the ladies' cloak-room. An attendant, realizing the situation, pointed to some stairs as a means of egress, and so soon as the assassin disappeared the attendant locked the door behind him. The stairs, however, only led to a loft, and the murderer, subsequently was found there unconscious from a bullet wound, from which he died later in the hospital.

RUSSIAN MOBS BEAT JEWS.

Reactionists Organize Riots During the Voting at Gornel.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—The elections at Gornel yesterday accompanied by general anti-Jewish excesses, organized by the local reactionists.

Jew beating began on the eve of the elections and continued the whole day. Bands of reactionists patrolled the streets in the vicinity of the polling places, clubbing the Jewish voters. The chief of the police refused to interfere, only led to a loft, and the murderer, subsequently was found there unconscious from a bullet wound, from which he died later in the hospital.

SCHOOL AND LABOR APART

Japanese Hostile to Restraint of Emigration

CONSIDERED A SACRIFICE

Or Honor Without Recompense—Tribute to Roosevelt by London Tribune—Schmitz Will Yield Stand Rather Than Injure the Country.

Tokio, Feb. 9.—While ignoring the anti-Japanese feeling in a portion of the American press, the Japanese public is almost unanimous in demanding that the solution of the San Francisco school question must not involve the labor question. A mutual treaty restricting the immigration of laborers is condemned here as a one-sided concession, sacrificing Japan's honor without any recompense whatever. It is felt that nothing derogatory to national honor, however slight, must be admitted in the diplomatic relations of the two nations.

TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT.

London Tribune Thinks President Can Handle "Defiant" State.

London, Feb. 9.—The Tribune publishes an editorial article on what it calls the "wicked scare," and reports words that President Roosevelt is said to have used about the Japanese ultimatum. The paper declares such wild talk never will be credited by responsible opinion in England, "and the denial of the president given by our Washington correspondent disposes absolutely of these mischievous and unintelligent rumors." No man could have argued more eloquently or acted more resolutely than the president, the Tribune continues, to insure that respect for Japanese immigrants to which their treaties entitle them. History shows that it is not an easy thing for a republic to coerce a defiant state, but America's credit as a power able to make its own pledges respected and above all President Roosevelt's reputation as a man of his word, are at stake in this question, and the president is not the man to hesitate.

FRANCE SKEPTICAL ON REPORTS FROM VATICAN.

Government Discredits Alleged Decision to Reject Bland Circular.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Government circles are not inclined to credit the reports from Rome that the Vatican authorities have decided not to reject absolutely Education Minister Briand's circular on the subject of contracts for the lease of the churches.

It is pointed out that the government could interpret such a rejection as conclusive proof that the Vatican is not sincere in the professed desire to reach an understanding with France on the question of the separation of church and state.

HIS FIRST LOVE GETS FORTUNE.

Will of Theodore H. Barker Leaves All to Mrs. F. P. Rowe.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 9.—The body of Theodore H. Barker, who was a former resident of Concord, and who died in Springfield last Saturday, was brought here for interment, but it could not be found that any of his relatives were living.

At the request of Mrs. Fanny P. Rowe of Ithaca, a search was made for Barker's will. It was found in a strong box stored in the First National bank. The will names Mrs. Rowe sole legatee of the dead man's property, and also names her as executrix.

Although the will did not state the amount of property which Mr. Barker leaves, the city marshal has conducted an investigation that leads him to believe it will be something over \$25,000. Mrs. Rowe thought that sum would be realized when everything is found.

More interesting, perhaps, than the amount Barker left is the story told by Mrs. Rowe to the undertakers and officials. She and Mr. Barker, she says, had known and cared for each other for years, but something happened to separate them when they were young and both married. They became friends again, after Mrs. Rowe's husband died, and Mr. Barker's wife had also passed away.

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GROTON.

J. R. Caldwell went to Montpelier on Tuesday.

Mrs. Isabel Frost is very ill with pneumonia at her home at Westville.

Mrs. F. D. McCrillis, who has been ill with grippe for a week, is recovering.

G. B. Pillsbury went to Montpelier Wednesday on business connected with the schools.

Burns Abbott of Peacham was in this town Thursday on his way to Middlesex on business.

Henry J. Kemp is in town from Waterbury, packing his household goods preparatory to moving there.

Mrs. William Gibson of Concord, N. H., arrived in town Monday and has been assisting in caring for her father, Daniel Wernwood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clark, who have been visiting at Horace Clark's for several weeks, returned last week to their home at Hardwick.

Mrs. James Buxton spent the day in Wells River Tuesday.

Miss Eva Parks, who has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Clara Parks, returned Monday to her work at St. Johnsbury.

Miss Elizabeth Jones closed a successful term of school on Granite street last week and will now take a much needed rest, having taught without any vacation since August.

Miss Grace Dennis closed her school in the Howe Welch district last week and went Wednesday to Tilton, N. H., where she expects to take a course in training for a nurse.

Station agent C. J. Bailey went to Montpelier Tuesday, where he is taking charge of the Montpelier office during a few days' absence of the station agent there. C. M. Libbey of South Ryegate is looking after the station here.

BITTER FIGHT AHEAD OVER FRANCE'S NEW INCOME BILL.

Socialist Praise and Royalists Hotly Denounce Measure.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The papers of the extreme socialist-republican group today hail the cabinet's income measure as a great reform and as justifying the democracy's confidence in the government.

The more moderate republican papers are less enthusiastic. The Republic Française thinks it is "quite as inequitable as the old royalist system, as it simply shifts the privileges formerly enjoyed by the richer to the poorer classes." The Echo believes the measure will drive French capital abroad, and that foreign bankers will be the gainers. The Gaulois charges Finance Minister Caillaux with hypocrisy and lack of courage in nominally exempting rents. The Figaro thinks parliament will assume a heavy responsibility in adopting the measure.

The royalists are extremely hostile to the new taxes, fearing that they will become an instrument for their oppression, as the local municipalities and communes where the republicans have a majority could assess the Catholics and conservatives at ruinous figures.

VERMONT VETERANS' BANQUET.

Will Be Held at Boston Feb. 15—Gov. Proctor and Guild Attend.

Boston, Feb. 9.—The Vermont Veterans' association of Boston and vicinity will observe its nineteenth annual banquet at Young's hotel Friday evening, February 15. A reception will be held from 6 to 7 o'clock followed by dinner at 7 o'clock.

Among the guests who have already accepted invitations to be present are: The Hon. Fletcher D. Proctor, governor of Vermont, the Hon. Curtis Guild, Jr., governor of Massachusetts, Gen. N. A. M. Dudley, of the United States army, Col. Kittredge Haskins, congressman from Vermont, the Hon. M. J. Murray, judge of the municipal court, of Boston, Col. J. Payson Bradley, commander, of the department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., Maj. D. H. Gleason, senior vice commander, department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., the Rev. G. Wolcott Brooks, of Durebester.

The price of the banquet tickets is \$2 each. Charles E. Merrill is president of the association, and D. W. Tuft is secretary and treasurer.

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CASH INCOME.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Premiums	\$ 5,690,276.28	Death Claims	\$ 1,405,476.31
Interest and Rents	1,616,153.37	Dividends and Annuities	439,677.48
Considerations for Annuities	473,162.87	Endowments and Surrender Values	1,155,172.85
		Taxes, Commissions and all other disbursements	1,537,876.77
Total	\$7,779,592.62	Income Saved,	3,151,389.51
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ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
(Paid for Basis.)		(Paid for Basis.)	
U. S., State and Municipal Bonds	\$14,739,346.00	Insurance Reserves	\$30,189,861.95
Mortgages, First Liens	15,945,779.99	Annuity Reserves	3,628,006.02
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	5,165,462.73	Extra Reserves	238,582.38
Real Estate, Book Value	652,600.00	Trust Fund Reserves	84,517.37
Cash in Banks and Office	673,232.88	Death Claims under adjustment	40,428.29
Interest and Rents due and accrued	668,075.08	All other Liabilities	205,690.02
Deferred and Unreported Premiums	563,716.25	Surplus,	4,224,287.21
Due from Agents	1,159.78	Total	\$37,511,373.24
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THE YEAR 1906 SHOWS:
(Paid for Basis)

Increase in Insurance	\$6,747,808
Increase in Assets	3,093,394
Increase in Income	337,896
Increase in Payments to Policy-holders	261,699
Increase in Surplus	420,278
New Insurance paid for	21,610,136
Insurance in Force	148,797,787

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