

BLOWN TO BITS BY EXPLOSION OF AN ENGINE

Seven Members of Crew of Steamer Valdiva, Bound From Kingston to New York, Lost Their Lives And Three Others Hurt.

PANIC FOLLOWED AMONG PASSENGERS

Upper Structure of Vessel Was Badly Damaged, But Machinery Was Not Damaged --- Valdiva Reached New York This Forenoon.

New York, Feb. 16.—The steamer Valdiva, while passing quarantine this morning reported that on February 13 a donkey engine exploded, killing seven men and injuring three.

The following were blown to atoms by the explosion. Second engineer Steinhagen, O. Zehow, an oiler, J. Salinger, a trimmer, W. Hanna, a trimmer, P. Dybo, a storekeeper, W. Simon, a messman, W. Ditrich, steward.

MANY WERE BURNED BY LAMP EXPLOSION

Two of Six Injured at Jersey City, N. J., Last Night Will Probably Die—All of One Family.

Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 16.—Two persons were so badly burned that they will probably die and four others were seriously burned in a fire which followed the explosion of a kerosene lamp at the home of Albert Osborne in this city last night.

Loss seriously burned: Mrs. Lillian Osborne, Harold Osborne, six years old; Albert Osborne, J., three years old; Ida Wauters, 11 years old.

WAS BITING HER PLUMES.

He Objected to Having "Fodder" Into His Face.

New York, Feb. 16.—D. H. T. Miles, a student at Columbia, last night came down town in a crowded subway express. Next to him was Miss Beatrice D'Osey of 14 East Ninth street.

A SHORT CAUCUS.

At Which R. L. Richmond Was Nominated for Mayor.

Rutland, Feb. 16.—At a Republican caucus which lasted seven minutes here last night, Rollin L. Richmond, an insurance man, was nominated for mayor.

GOT 13 PINTS AND EVIDENCE

Raiding Officers Witness an Unexpected Side-show

MRS. NEVERETT ARRESTED

Barre Officers State That They Saw Her Pass Over a Liquor Bottle to One of Two Men Who Have Since Been Subpoenaed.

A liquor raid with unusual features was made this forenoon, during which the officers not only got thirteen pints of liquor for their search, but also witnessed an absorbing scene while the unsuspecting actors in it were unaware of their presence.

OLD MERCHANT TO RETIRE.

J. G. Sargent of Bethel Conducted One Store Since 1877.

Bethel, Feb. 16.—J. G. Sargent, for many years a prominent merchant in this village, has sold out his stock of general merchandise to F. C. Luce of Waterbury and will retire from business March 1.

CHELSEA.

G. Fay Allen and wife were in Barre Friday.

Charles Howe of Tunbridge was in town on Friday.

A son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dickenson.

Dr. E. J. Taylor, optician, from Barre, is in town to do optical work.

Charles R. Corwin of Boston is in town this week, the guest of his father, J. A. R. Corwin.

Miss Bessie McConnell has gone to Williamstown to work in the family of Thomas C. Waldo.

Mrs. T. G. Dearborn returned the first of the week from South Royalton, where she had been to visit relatives.

W. W. Dewey, who has been confined to the house with the grippe, is able to resume his labor again at the bobbin shop.

Mrs. Charles A. Densmore was in Randolph the first of the week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powers, formerly of Chelsea.

The Epworth league will hold a social at the home of Percy J. Heath on Wednesday evening, February 20. The invitation to attend is general.

Horace Moxley, overseer of the poor, went to Elmore the first of the week to bring back with him Thaddeus L. Pettee, who has become a town charge.

Robert B. Smith of Boston, formerly of Tunbridge, who was in town recently, has accepted the position of manager of a mining company.

Sheriff W. H. Sprague attended the meeting of the members of the prison boards from Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Orange and Washington counties, which was held at the county clerk's office in Burlington on Tuesday. Mrs. Smith was in attendance.

Mr. W. Vogel formerly a resident of Chelsea and at one time in partnership with Byron B. Berry in the harness business, has lately purchased a photographic studio at Bow Lake, Minn., where he is said to be doing a lucrative business.

After leaving Chelsea Mr. Vogel went to Chicago where he took a course at a business college, and later went to Los Angeles, Cal., where he had been in business prior to locating in Minnesota.

The first anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Bradshaw of the West Hill was held at their home on Monday evening, February 11, when about 30 of their friends and neighbors assembled at their home to help them celebrate the event, which was a complete surprise to them.

Among the gifts presented them by their friends were chairs, table linen, toilet set and a set of crockery. The presentation speech was made by the Rev. L. N. Moody, and Mr. Bradshaw responded in a fitting manner, after which refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

Among those present from out of town were Mrs. R. H. Wheeler of Montpelier, Mrs. L. F. Edwards of Barre, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Trask and Mr. and Mrs. Van R. Carpenter of Brookfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. C. Waldo of Williamstown.

W. I. Jones has sold from his farm in Gayville, five large pine trees, the largest of which had three ten-foot cuts, the butt log measuring forty-nine inches at the top inside the bark. The other four trees were nearly as large. They are to be sawed by the J. E. Sanford Lumber Co., into two-inch plank and shipped to the E. F. Emerson Co., of Randolph.

C. L. Wyman, of Vergennes, has in his possession a well preserved copy of "The New England Primer or an Easy and Pleasant Guide to the Art of Reading" which has the cachet of the printer in the back. It was printed in 1814 by I. Thomas, of Walpole, N. H.

Vermont is to be represented at the sportsmen's show in Boston by trout taken from Crystal and Willoughby lakes by C. W. Tenney, of Barton. State Fish and Game Commissioner H. G. Thomas, of Skowhegan, has given permission that this be done.

WITHOUT FOOD OR COAL.

Family Quarantined at Rutland Were in Need of Both.

Rutland, Feb. 16.—The fact that an entire family had been quarantined and left without food or heat for two days, following the discovery of two cases of scarlet fever, was brought to light yesterday when it was announced that Mayor C. E. Page and the Rutland missionary society had taken measures toward relief.

Edward Cooper's wife and 3-year-old son are the patients, and Mr. Cooper, a 2-year-old daughter and a baby have been confined in the house since last Friday.

They are in poor circumstances, and overseer of the poor Peter Brousseau, it is said, was notified at once to provide for their support. Nothing was done until Monday, when provisions and coal were sent to the house. The missionary society employed a nurse for the patients.

VERMONT VETERANS.

Governors Guild and Proctor Their Guests in Boston.

Boston, Feb. 16.—The Vermont Veterans' association of this city, composed of men who fought as natives of Vermont in the Civil war, held its reunion in Young's hotel last night with Gov. F. D. Proctor of Vermont and Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., of Massachusetts as its guests.

OPEN SEVEN BIDS FOR STATE PRINTING

Lowest Estimate on Printing Public Statutes of Vermont Was by Opinion Company of Bradford.

Bids for printing the public statutes of Vermont were opened by the committee on printing at the State House in Montpelier, seven bids were received from the Burlington Free Press, the Tuttle company of Bradford, the Opinion Publishing company of Bradford, the St. Albans Messenger, the J. B. Lyon company of Albany, N. Y., the T. H. Know company of Troy, N. Y., and the Rumford Press of Concord, N. H.

The bid by the latter company on the entire contract was \$200 less than its nearest competitor, the Rumford Press of Concord, and \$300 less than that of the Free Press.

No announcement was made by the committee that these printers, Mr. H. E. Parker of the Opinion company, W. B. Howe of the Free Press, and E. C. Tuttle of the Tuttle company.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Victim Was Aged Swede and Clarence Crosby's Host.

Brattleboro, Feb. 16.—A writ was issued yesterday to be served upon Clarence Crosby of Dummerston, charging assault upon Sven Johnson, an aged Swede, at whose house a dance was held last Tuesday evening, during the course of which Crosby became intoxicated and is said to have assaulted his host. When Deputy Sheriff Myron P. Davis went to serve the writ he found that Crosby had left. Crosby has a bad reputation.

SUTTON FARM HAND ACCUSED OF FORGERY

Guinan McClair Said to Have Uttered Forged Notes to the Amount of \$800—Has Not Secured Bail.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 16.—M. LeClair, a Sutton farm laborer, was arrested yesterday on the charge of forgery. At a preliminary hearing her last evening he was found over to county court. Bail was fixed at \$200, which he has not yet been able to furnish. He is charged with forging four notes amounting to \$600. The names used in the forgery are A. D. Foggs, Joseph P. Masure and S. R. White, the three well known residents of Sutton. It is understood that LeClair admits the forgery, but thinks that he will be able to settle the matter.

SPAULDING WON AGAIN.

Defeated Lamolite Central Academy For The Second Time.

The Spaulding high school basketball team continued its victories last night by winning over the Lamolite Central academy on its own floor in Hyde Park, the score being 19 to 12. The game was a consequence. Tonight the Spaulding boys play the third and last game of this trip in Richmond, meeting the high school of that place.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiggins of West Corinth visited friends in the city yesterday.

In the summary of the Spaulding girls basketball game last night it should read, goals from the floor were made by Bradford and Even instead of Gladding.

Among arrivals at the City Hotel today are W. H. McCabe, Boston; A. B. Moore, Philadelphia; A. S. Peace, Prov. Dence, R. I., and ten members of the "In the Bishop's Carriage" company.

JOHN ROBINS FOR MAYOR

The Nominee of the Citizens' Caucus

HAD MAJORITY OF 134

His Vote Was 240 to 208 for J. J. Mackenzie—James Mackay for City Clerk and Treasurer, A. G. Fay and Wm. Donald, Assessors.

The city caucus in the City Hall last evening was surprisingly large in view of the quiet campaign that preceded it. The result was the selection of John Robins as the citizens' candidate for mayor by a vote of 340 to 208 for his opponent, John J. Mackenzie.

The caucus was called to order by Donald Smith of the city committee, F. G. Howland was made chairman and H. G. Woodruff clerk. On motion of

James P. Marr, it was voted that in case of more than two candidates for any one nomination, a plurality decide. Nominations for mayor were then called for and Alexander Gordon presented the name of John Robins in a brief speech. He was seconded by John E. Smith and Donald McLeod. James P. Marr presented the name of John J. Mackenzie, in doing so enumerating his many excellent qualifications for the position. He was seconded by J. F. Sadler. These being the only names brought before the caucus, a ballot was taken, with this result:

Total vote cast 548
John J. Mackenzie had 208
John Robins had 340
Mr. Robins was declared the caucus nominee.

CITIZENS' CAUCUS NOMINEE FOR MAYOR.

For city clerk E. L. Smith, seconded by Abram Mann, presented the name of James Mackay, and he was nominated by acclamation. For city treasurer, Robert Troup, seconded by Perley Carr, named James Mackay, and the nomination was made by unanimous vote.

For first constable Mark B. Nichols was nominated by acclamation, and for second constable James F. Smith was likewise chosen. Both the renominations were made by unanimous vote.

The name of A. G. Fay was presented for the position of assessor for one year, but on a viva voce vote it could not be determined whether he was chosen or rejected, and a standing vote was ordered. This vote was 136 for his nomination and 103 against it.

The names of William Donald and F. B. Cate were presented for the position of assessor for three years, but Mr. Cate refused to allow his name to be considered, and he was excused. Mr. Donald was nominated by acclamation.

Trustees for the French Barre library were nominated as follows: F. G. Howland, John W. Gordon and R. S. Currier.

For auditors the present board was re-nominated, as follows: O. J. L. Matthews, James F. Higgins and A. B. Lane. At 8:45 the caucus adjourned, being held in recent years.

John Robins.

John Robins is a member of the firm of Robins Brothers, granite manufacturers. Before entering the firm he was employed by C. E. Tayntor & Co. Mr. Robins served the city as alderman from 1901 for six years, and has a good acquaintance with city affairs.

MACKENZIE'S LETTER.

Extends Hearty Congratulations to the Caucus Nominee.

Editor, Barre Daily Times: Would you please allow me space to tender my thanks to all those who in any way supported my candidacy at last evening's caucus? I congratulate Mr. Robins on his splendid majority, and knowing him as I do, having worked on the council with him for three years, his knowledge of the city's needs and the state of its finances cannot be questioned, and I therefore wish him unequalled success in his administration. Very respectfully, Mackenzie.

Barre, Vt., February 16, 1907.

An Appeal for H. C. Ladd.

To the voters of ward 1: Homer C. Ladd is a candidate for the nomination for alderman in this ward. If you believe he would make a good alderman, attend the caucus at the Church street school house at 7:30 tonight, and vote for him.

Vote.

A. A. Smith for Assessor.

Abram Mann is circulating nomination papers today for A. A. Smith for as-

DID NOT HEED OWN WARNING

Hermon Bulls Killed at Granite Quarry

STRUCK BY TON WEIGHT

Told Other Men to Get Out of the Way of Rapidly Moving Derrick Boom, and Was Himself Crushed.

Hermon M. Bulls, head derrickman at the quarry of Boutwell, Milne & Varnum, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon; his head being crushed by two granite blocks which were being loaded on a car in the company's quarry at Graniteville. The accident seems to have been due to a miscalculation by him of the speed with which the derrick boom was moving. Death ensued about an hour after the accident.

Bulls gave the signal to Albert Davis, who was running the derrick, to "turn and lower" the weight, and then warned two other workmen to "look out," meanwhile scrambling to mount the car so as to guide the ton of granite which was suspended from the chain. He failed to make accurate calculation of the movement of the derrick and just as he had his hands and one knee on the car to climb up, the granite, moving rapidly and lowering at the same time, struck his head and squeezed it against the floor of the car and then moved along. There was just enough pressure to fracture and crush the top of the skull. The operator of the derrick knew nothing of what was happening, as the car was just out of his sight.

When picked up, the upper part of the body was resting on the car and the feet on the ground. Dr. R. H. Bailey and G. L. T. Hayes were summoned, but they could do nothing, the injured man breathing his last about an hour after the accident. An examination of the skull showed the only injury to have been confined to the top of the head, the bones being broken and softened. The only mark on the surface was an abrasion on the forehead. Otherwise the head was, to the eye, in normal condition. The doctor's certificate gives the "fracture of the skull by accident" as the cause of death.

The deceased was born in Canada and was 34 years of age. He leaves a widow and two children. He had lived in Graniteville during the past six years, having been employed by Boutwell, Milne & Varnum during the greater part of that time. Mr. Bulls was a member of Court Rob Roy, Foresters of America. The funeral will be held Monday. The remains will be taken to Canada for interment.

MUTCH MADE SECRETARY.

Barre Man Succeeds Ira E. Stafford, ceased, in State Branch, A. F. of L.

President James Cruikshank of the State Branch, American Federation of Labor, has appointed James Mutch of Barre as secretary of the state organization to fill out the unexpired term of Ira E. Stafford, deceased. The appointment is thus commended by the Vermont Union Signal:

"Mr. Mutch is a good clean-cut trades unionist, a tool sharper by trade, and prominent in the union movement of this city. He is secretary of Tool Sharpens' No. 3, a position he has filled acceptably for years past. He is secretary of the Central Labor Union of this city and, having attended the last State Branch as a delegate from his local, is thoroughly qualified to fill the responsible position to which he has been appointed. Pres. Cruikshank's selection is thought to be a wise one, for 'Jim' is a level headed union man and will undoubtedly prove to be the right man for the place."

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Universalist church, Rev. Frances A. Kumball of Richmond will preach morning and evening in exchange with the pastor.

Preaching at 24 Elm street tomorrow at 2:30 and 7 p. m., by the Rev. John G. Nickerson of Providence, R. I. All invited.

Christian Science services tomorrow at 10:45 a. m.; Wednesday evening at 7:30; reading room open Tuesday, and Friday from 2 to 4 o'clock, at 7 Summer street.

The Salvation Army, Salvation meeting tonight at 7:30. Tomorrow, Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.; Christians' praise service at 3 p. m.; special salvation meeting at 7:30 p. m.

1st Sunday in Lent, Church of the Good Shepherd, Holy communion, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7 p. m.

At St. Monica's church: Children's mass at 9 o'clock, celebrant, Rev. P. M. McKenna; parish mass at 10:30 o'clock, celebrant, Rev. E. F. Gray; catechism, 3 p. m.; rosary and benedictions 4 p. m.; baptisms at 4 p. m.

Congregational church. The pastor will conduct the morning service. There will be a concert in the evening, which promises to be of unusual interest. The children will participate and the pastor will give a short address.

Swedish service will be held in the vestry of the Congregational church on Sunday, at 3:30 p. m. and Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, of the following week, at 7:30. Rev. L. Akesson of Worcester, Mass., will preach at the meetings. All cordially invited.

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MONTPELIER AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Sinking Fund, \$40,946.93, Largely Used For Retiring Bonds.

The auditors of the city of Montpelier have reported that at the close of the five fiscal years on January 31, 1907, the sinking fund accumulated \$40,946.93. Of this amount there has been invested in the bonds of this city, and the same have been cancelled by order of the city council, \$33,500; leaving a balance of \$7,446.93 yet to be applied upon the bonded indebtedness.

The auditors further report that the net debt of the city as shown by the books is \$112,426.47.

The chief items of the debt of the city are these: \$40,000 refunding bonds (M. & W. 3 per cent, due April 1, 1919); \$20,000 school building bonds, 3 1/2 per cent, due November, 1920; \$15,000 Granite street bridge bonds, 3 1/2 per cent, due November 1, 1920; \$12,500 refunding bonds, optional August 1, 1907.

At The Opera House Tonight.

In selecting Miss Jessie Busley for the principal part in the play, "In The Bishop's Carriage" which will be seen at the opera house tonight, Mr. George C. Tyler, the executive head of Lieber & Co., was guided as much by the young actress' experience in various strong and dramatic roles as anything else. When he first made the announcement that he had signed Miss Busley to the effect that in his opinion she should have occupied that position five years ago. That his judgment was excellent those who have seen the play have no hesitation in saying. For Miss Busley has achieved a veritable triumph in the portrayal of the character of "Nance O'Brien, the girl thief."