

SAD ENDING OF EXCURSION

Member of Sherman Band Was Drowned

GOVERNOR'S WIFE RESCUED

Mrs. Proctor Was Thrown Into Water of Lake Champlain During Trip of the Vermont Association of Boston Yesterday.

Burlington, Aug. 17.—George Couture, a member of the Sherman band, was drowned and Mrs. Fletcher D. Proctor, wife of the governor of Vermont, had a narrow escape from drowning, when the capsizing of the naphtha launch which was conveying the members of the Vermont association of Boston from the Chateaugay to Keeler's bay yesterday.

The water was so rough that it was deemed unwise to try to make a landing with her, so naphtha launches were brought into use.

In response to a request, Henry Martin, who was at the camp in company with Victor Hurlbut, started out in Mr. Martin's launch to help remove the passengers. While going around the boat a passenger signalled them to come up on the opposite side of the Chateaugay from which the crew was stationed and helping the passengers into the small boats.

Mrs. Proctor, who was in the launch with her husband, was thrown into the water and this tipped the launch partly over and the paddle wheels created a big suction. Seeing her danger Mrs. Proctor cried to Mr. Hurlbut to save her, and he held her up until she was rescued.

It is alleged that the parent company controls practically all of the big reaper and mower and thrasher plants in the country and that an appointment of the country is made among the various concerns in such a way that no one of them will come into business conflict with any other.

It is further alleged that prices of the farm machinery manufactured by the International Harvester company are fixed by the concern and from those prices dealers are not permitted to vary.

In this way and through its control of the many plants the company, it is averred, is able to dictate the output of such machinery, the parts of the country into which it shall go, and the prices at which it shall be sold.

These conditions apply, it is said, not only to America, but to foreign countries as well.

HARRIMAN SEEKS TO CONTROL ALL RAILROADS

Time for Supervision by the Government Not Yet Here, He Says, in an Interview Outlining His Policy.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 17.—"All the railroads in the country would be mine if I could get control of them," said Edward H. Harriman to a reporter on his arrival at Sparks, Nev., the division terminal, in the course of an interview during which he discussed his work and his ambitions.

The time has not come for federal ownership. Personally, with all the lines in my possession, I would be better satisfied.

The reporter then asked: "What is your policy concerning the management of the railroads that are now yours?"

"It is to pay dividends," came the decisive answer. "Since 1898 we have spent \$300,000,000 for improvements. We now want some returns. Don't you think we are entitled to returns from such an expenditure?"

"Why did you not answer the questions put to you by the interstate commerce commission, and will you answer them when the proceedings brought by the department of justice force you to appear the second time?" the reporter asked.

"I refused to tell what I knew about the Chicago & Alton purchase because the questions put to me dealt with matters in my possession, I would be better satisfied."

"But, now that the proceedings have been started to get these replies, I will probably not refuse again."

WILL PROSECUTE HARVESTER MEN

Government Preparing to Sue the International Company for Sherman Law Violations.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Suit is soon to be instituted by the government against the International Harvester company for alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust act.

The papers in the proposed action are now being drawn by the department of justice and the indications are that the company will be brought into court in the immediate future. Proceedings will probably be begun in Chicago.

A year or more ago complaints of the operation of the company reached the department and since then its agents and those of the bureau of corporations have accumulated a mass of information on the subject.

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TAXES ALL TOWN'S BACHELORS \$100.

Assessor of Absecon, N. J., Gives the Wealthy Frank Hamill a Surprise.

Atlantic City, Aug. 17.—Assessor Henry Alexander of the town of Absecon, has taken it upon himself to impose a tax of \$100 on each bachelor in his jurisdiction. The assessor declares that bachelors should not protest over a paltry sum like that "when they escape the cares and expenses of raising families."

THE STRIKE SITUATION.

All the Companies Claim to Be Running Well.

New York, Aug. 17.—Interest in the telegraph strike centered yesterday in the probable effect of the general strike order issued by President Small of the national union, and which called upon all operators employed by the commercial telegraph companies and those working private and leased wires, not under private contracts, to go out.

DEATH AT SOUTH RYEGATE.

Mrs. E. G. Lind Passed Away Last Night After Year's Illness.

South Ryegate, Aug. 17.—The death of Mrs. E. G. Lind occurred last night at eight o'clock after a year's illness. She was 73 years of age and leaves besides her husband, three nieces. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at one o'clock.

Shaw Swept Out to Sea.

London, Aug. 17.—George Bernard Shaw has had a narrow escape from drowning. He was swimming off Llanbedr, Merionethshire, with a friend when the current carried them away and prevented them from returning to the shore.

"THE OUTLAW" WAS FIRST

In the 2.40 Class at St. Albans Yesterday

IS PAGEBROS. FAST RACER

The 2:30 Class Race Was Captured by Queen Alexandra, and the Best Time Was 2:19 1/4—Good Crowd Present Yesterday.

St. Albans, Aug. 17.—At Blue Bonnet park yesterday afternoon there was an attendance of 1200 people to witness the opening day's events of the annual race meet. There were two events on the card, the 2:40, which was won by "The Outlaw," of Page Bros. of Barre, and the 2:30 won by "Queen Alexandra" of W. N. Phelps, South Hero. The races were both taken in straight heats.

Chester Pike was starter, and the judges were J. M. Hill of Morse's Lane, J. C. Parker of St. Albans, E. G. Bliss of West Newton, Mass., and A. J. Pomeroy of East Fairfield. The results were as follows:

2:40 Pace and 2:36 Trot. The Outlaw, Page Bros., Barre, 1 1 1 Logan, Jr., J. P. Livingston, So. Hero, 2 2 2 Argot Lad, J. P. Brennan, Medford, 3 3 3 Prince Archer, Porter, Middlebury, 3 3 9 Anselm, Davis, East Somerville, Mass., 4 4 4

Starlight, Archambault, Cambridge, 4 4 4 Bert R., Riddell, Rutland, 5 5 8 Belltime, Utton & Son, Morrisville, 9 9 8 Independence, Jenkins, Chateaugay, 7 9 5 Time, 2:24 1/4, 2:23 1/4, 2:23 1/4.

2:30 Pace and 2:16 Trot. Queen Alexandra, Phelps, So. Hero, 1 1 1 Oradell, Utton & Son, Morrisville, 2 2 4 Dolly C., Wallace & Hardy, So. Hero, 4 3 2 Blue Ribbon, Allen, Middlebury, 3 4 3 Dorothy Dix, Mason, Rutland, 5 5 5 Rosamond, Beck, Medford, 6 6 0 Time, 2:19 1/4, 2:19 1/4, 2:23 1/4.

During the day two stallions were exhibited on the track, C. H. Place's Morgan "Silver Allen," and a three-year-old stallion, "Generalissimo," owned by L. B. Jenkins of Chateaugay, N. Y.

FRISCO BRIBERY.

Boxton Admits Taking Money in Skating Ring Deal.

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—At the conclusion of the Glass bribery trial yesterday Dr. Charles Boxton, former supervisor admitted under cross-examination that he had accepted a bribe and that it was paid in marked bills. Boxton was asked by Attorney Delmas, counsel for Glass:

"Did you accept the \$500 offered you as a bribe in the matter of your vote in the skating rink ordinance?"

Dr. Boxton replied: "I don't see what that's got to do with this case."

Then District Attorney Heney took up Delmas's question:

"Yes," replied the witness. "I accepted it; and I tell you, I never told me Rudolph Spreckle, gave that money to Roy and caused the bills to be marked."

BOERS' GIFT TO KING.

King Edward May Get the World's Largest Diamond.

Pretoria, Transvaal Colony, Aug. 17.—Premier Botha yesterday announced that he would introduce a resolution in Parliament providing for the purchase by the government of the Transvaal of the Cullinan diamond, the largest in the world, as a present to King Edward in token of the loyalty and appreciation of the people of the Transvaal of the bestowal of a constitution on the colony.

LIGHTHOUSE MAN SEES A BIG COMET

Watched It for Hours Early Yesterday from His Post Off Nantucket.

Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 17.—Keeper Joseph G. Remsen of the Nantucket lighthouse says he saw a comet early yesterday. He says he watched its progress from 2 o'clock until daylight, when it disappeared. Its tail, he said, rose from the eastward and swept gracefully to the southward. Keeper Remsen says it was the most beautiful sight he ever witnessed.

AMERICAN BOATS OUT.

The Fourth Race Resulted in Their Elimination.

Kiel, Germany, Aug. 17.—Wannsee yesterday's race of the Sommerklasse yachts for Emperor William's cup, defeating Wittelsbach by eight minutes twenty-four seconds, and Spokane I, which was third, by eight minutes forty-nine seconds.

MANY LEAVE MINERS' UNION.

Mitchell Meets District Heads to Find Ways and Means.

LOST \$5,000 EACH.

A. D. Morse and E. L. Smith in the Old Orchard Fire.

E. L. Smith and A. D. Morse of this city sustained losses of \$5,000 each in the fire at Old Orchard, Maine, Thursday night. The Vesper house which was being conducted by Charles H. Campbell of this city lost \$7,000. The hotel was owned by the Morrillville Hotel company.

Miss Skayton, in telling of the stirring events of the night before said she had had only one cracker to eat from the time of the fire until she landed in Barre last evening. When the fire started at Old Orchard Thursday evening, all hands at "The Vesper" went down to the beach to watch it when the wind began to freshen and the sparks flew. Mrs. Campbell suggested they had better be looking to the safety of their own property and return was made to the house.

They began moving out at once and most of the personal belongings of those in the house were saved. Mr. Campbell saved most of his linen and silverware. These were piled on the beach and the party camped there until morning. The party was practically without sleep from Wednesday morning until last night. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell remained at Old Orchard to shapen out and close up his affairs.

GUESTS ARE LEAVING.

Old Orchard Gay Season Comes to an End.

Old Orchard, Me., Aug. 17.—Every train out of Old Orchard last night carried away hundreds of summer guests, made shelterless by last night's fire, and last night the greater number had departed for their homes.

The number of deaths caused by the soda tank explosion during the fire, was increased to two last night, when Philip Perault of Hildesford died in that city.

The condition of the Rev. Rufus P. Jones, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, whose skull was fractured by a flying fragment of the exploded tank, was critical last night.

The body of the man whose head was blown off by the explosion was identified last night as that of Dominick Lebrun, 32 years old, a clerk in a Portland store.

WILL HOLD AN INQUEST.

Atty-Gen. Fitts Wants Facts of Brooks Shooting on Record.

Brattleboro, Aug. 17.—State Attorney Robert C. Fitts, of Brattleboro, today held an inquest over the shooting which took place in that town Wednesday, when William Brooks, about 40 years old, was killed by a bullet from a rifle in the hands of his brother, Eugene Brooks, of South Vermont.

The two men were on the beach at the time of the shooting. A shadow of suspicion exists that the shooting was anything more than purely accidental, but Atty-Gen. C. Fitts wishes to have the facts relating to the shooting placed on record. Eugene Brooks was in a serious mental condition for a time following the accident and he was watched to prevent him from doing himself harm. His mind is normal now, however, but he is in a weakened condition.

TWO CASES IN COURT.

One Man Retracted Old Plea of Not Guilty and Paid Up.

Judge Scott of the city court disposed of two cases of intoxication last evening and this morning. Dennis Carey, who was in court August 9 when he entered a plea of not guilty of a first offense of intoxication, went into court last evening and retracted his plea. He was then fined \$5, and was also charged the costs, amounting to \$3.04. James Milne, who was arrested last night by Chief Faulkner pleaded guilty today to a second offense. He was busy looking up the money to pay the fine.

DIGS THROUGH WALL TO FREEDOM

Man Held on a Murder Charge Makes Third Escape.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 17.—Frank Weeden, who has been confined to the state asylum for several years for the murder of Daisy Conites and the attempted murder of her fiancé, has again escaped, this time by digging through an eight-foot wall. This makes his third escape in almost as many weeks.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Times and Places of Worship and Subjects of Sermons.

The twelfth Sunday after Trinity Church of the Good Shepherd, holy communion at 9:45; morning prayer and sermon, 10:30. Sunday school at 12. Evening prayer and sermon at 7 o'clock.

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; antiphon, 3 p. m.; and benedictions 4 p. m., baptisms at 4 p. m.

At the Baptist church, Mr. Bellond will supply the pulpit this morning. There will be preaching in the evening. At six o'clock there will be a young people's meeting, subject: "Decision." Mr. Gallison will be the leader. Miss Lewis will give a solo.

The Universalist church is not quite ready for reopening. The new windows are expected next week, and they will be placed as soon as they come. Services will be held Sunday, August 18. The week following is that of the Universalist state convocations.

Adding Methodist Episcopal church, Edward O. Thayer, pastor. The subject of the pastor's sermon at the morning service will be "Victorious Faith." The children's sermon, "How to Grow." Bible school at noon. Evening service at 7 o'clock, conducted by the Epworth League, topic: Sunday School Interests. God's Care for the Young.

PROTESTED ON TAXATION

Sixty People Think Assessment too High

MOSTLY ON DOUBLED POLLS

Civil Authority Board Met Last Evening and Heard Grievances of Citizens—Unfamiliarity With New Law Was Chief Cause of Trouble.

The city court room was packed full last evening at the first meeting of the board of civil authority for the abatement of taxes. Forty men appeared personally to state their reasons why their taxes in whole or part should be abated, and after these had been disposed of, the board listened to the reading of about twenty more who had sent letters to the city clerk. The clerk also notified the board of several instances where taxes had been duplicated.

Unfamiliarity with the new law passed last year that voters must go to the office of the assessors and file an inventory of their tax was the cause of many of the kicks registered last evening by people whose taxes had been doubled on account of not filing an inventory with the assessors.

C. H. Sawyer told the board that his tax had been doubled on account of his not filling out an inventory, and asked to have it reduced to the single tax, as he said he had been ill and out of town during the time in which he could have filed with the assessors.

Mrs. Agnes Williams said she had made a mistake in filling out her inventory in telling the assessors that she had \$1,000 in money that was taxable, and also she thought that some of the machinery in her store plant had been included in the appraisal that was not taxable.

Bernard Craddock, poll tax doubled, asked to have it reduced to single tax as he had intended to sign an inventory but was sick and did not get his notice until the evening of the last day he could sign.

W. V. Gordon appeared for the Standard Oil company in regard to their tanks in this city. Mr. Gordon read the company's figures to show that the total cost of the company's three tanks and the lot on which they are situated and foundations had cost \$1,563.93 and had been assessed at \$3,000. The company further claimed that in the 11 years since the first tank was built and the five and three years since the other two were built there had been a total depreciation in their value of \$150. He said the company would not have objected to assessment amounting to the actual cost, but thought \$3,000 was excessive.

Joseph Dombrowski asked to have his taxes abated on account of physical inability to work. Patrick Peuder, poll tax doubled, asked for rebate of one-half, as he came here only last May from Maryland, where no poll tax is paid, and knew nothing about the laws of Vermont.

Alec Corey & Co. claimed that their tax was too high and Assessor A. G. Fay stated that through an error in computation there was an item of \$1,900 that should have been taken out of the list.

Sidney Wheeler asked to have his tax abated as he claimed he paid taxes and voted in Groton, N. H., and also wanted last year's tax abated, but the board voted to consider only this year's taxes at this meeting. Wheeler said he came here about April 1st. Assessor Martin Riley stated that Wheeler had told him that he was here during this March, and that he saw him here during March a year ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth LePerre wanted to know why her tax was doubled over what it was last year, and was told that at the last quadrennial appraisal her property had been raised from \$300 to \$600.

D. M. Green, poll tax doubled, was exempt last year on account of having only one arm. Would like to have as much of tax abated as possible.

Frank Cassolini, poll tax doubled, no inventory. Didn't know he had to come to assessors' office. Willing to pay one tax. G. Mumfoll asked to have poll tax abated; ever to Italy last October, came back last May. Carlo Milani, poll tax doubled; had signed lists' book and thought that was all that was necessary. Never got any notice to come to the assessors' office.

John Shaw wanted a tax abated on account of physical inability to work. Tullio Lafrancesco, poll tax doubled. Went to Switzerland last August and returned on May 2 this spring.

Andrew Taey, poll tax doubled. He claimed he was working in Graniteville and didn't give in any list. Admitted he had a room which he rented in this city. Was not assessed in the town. Willing to pay one tax.

Joseph R. Woodruff had been assessed for a poll tax and brought papers to show that he was not yet 21. Enrico Gioffi, tax doubled. Had not signed inventory on account of being sick and could not get to the office. Willing to pay single tax. G. Tosco claimed tax too high. His grocery business was assessed at \$400, and he claimed he owed over that amount. G. Marastoni, poll tax doubled. Returned from Italy last May 23, but did not intend to come back until he went away.

Alex. Barry, poll tax doubled, no inventory. Willing to pay one tax. Assessor Riley stated that Barry had told him he was not of age and wouldn't sign an inventory. Barry admitted he was of age last evening, but said he had made that statement to the assessor because he did not see his way clear at that time to be able to pay a tax.

P. Portatuppi, tax doubled. Didn't get notice in time to come to the assessors' office to sign for tax.

W. H. Clough claimed his tax was double what it ought to be. Said there was an offset of \$700 on his personal property that had not been taken out on account of illness. W. H. Murphy appeared for his brother, G. Tedeschi, to have the latter's tax abated, as he had gone to Italy last March on account of ill health. Jerry McCarthy, personal and poll taxes doubled, no inventory. Said he had been so busy he was unable to get to the assessors' office before the time of signing had expired.

Clarence H. Senter appeared for the Consolidated Lighting company in regard to some offsets that had been filed with the listers in Montpelier, who had agreed to forward them to the assessors, but did not do so until about a week ago. Assessor Fay stated that the fault had been entirely with the Montpelier listers.

Arthur Casellini, tax doubled. Was unable to get to the assessors' office on account of illness. W. H. Murphy had paid his tax under protest, but that his property had been assessed for its full value, \$1,000. Joseph A. Gauthier claimed Newport as his home and had paid taxes there. Been taxed here.

James Grogan paid tax under protest, as he claimed his two houses had been assessed for \$2,700 or within \$25 of their cost. John McCall had been taxed \$368. Thought there must have been some mistake in filling out his inventory as there was an offset of money he owed that should have come out. Samuel J. Segel, poll tax doubled. Had signed inventory of his business, but said he was not asked to sign for poll tax and didn't know he had to.

Jesse Fuzetti, poll tax doubled. Always been exempt on account of physical inability to work. C. L. Spear said his tax had been more than trebled. Had neglected to tell of offsets of \$250. Zoll Casavant said he had paid taxes on a piece of land in Plainfield and had sold it for \$1,000, giving a bond for a deed. He claimed he had made the mistake of putting that \$1,000 in his list here as money owed him.

Almon Keith said he had been taxed in both Randolph and Barre, and claimed he should not have been taxed in Barre, as he went to Randolph last January and returned in June. W. R. Durkee wanted the abatement of the tax on \$600 that should not have gone into his inventory.

William H. Palmer asked to have his poll tax abated on account of having Rheumatism so badly he could not work. Jesse Cayhne said that he had been taxed on \$1,000 that the National bank should pay the taxes on, as it was drawing interest there. Arthur Campbell spoke for Mrs. Helen G. Wood, who had been taxed here and doubled. Had always paid her taxes in Berlin, but was willing to pay a single tax here this year.

NOW TOO LATE FOR BIG DAY

Barre Central Labor Union Drops Elaborate Plans

FOR LABOR CELEBRATION

May Engage Speaker for the Afternoon—At Special Meeting of That Body Last Evening This Vote Was Taken.

A special meeting of the Central Labor Union was held last evening to hear the report of the committee which was appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Labor day. The committee reported in full, the action which it had taken and the manner in which it recommended that the day be celebrated.

Among the recommendations of the committee were a parade in the forenoon in which would be represented the various unions of the city and floats, a base ball game, sports, games and a speech in the afternoon; music to be furnished by the Montpelier band.

The mind of the meeting seemed to be, however, that the time was too short in which to make preparations for a celebration on this extensive scale and as some of the nearby towns are contemplating celebrations it was thought best not to have the celebration this year but wait until next year and get an early start and make the affair a success.

The idea of the general celebration was therefore dropped in favor of lesser observance, a speech in the afternoon and possibly a band concert in the evening, the preparations for which were left in the hands of a committee composed of John H. Carson of the granite cutters, Edward L. Knowlton of the barbers, and David Gilley of the polishers unions.

ENJOYABLE PICNIC AT CALEDONIA PARK

Employees of Marr & Gordon Made Merry Yesterday Returning Home Late in the Evening.

The annual picnic of the employees of the Marr & Gordon granite plant was held at Caledonia park yesterday, and was largely attended. The weather god was kind and furnished an exceptional day for the occasion, so that from morning till evening the happy picnickers indulged in games, dancing and feasting to their hearts content. At the pavilion an orchestra furnished music for the dancers and was well patronized, while the athletic field was always busy.

A base ball game was played between the married and single men with Anderson and Duncan as battery for the former and Lille and Cruikshank for the latter. After six innings of exciting play the game was called by Umpire McDonald with the score 5-5.

After an intermission during which refreshments were served, the games were resumed, the hammer throw resulting as follows, 1st W. Morgan, 75.8, 2nd G. Dinnie, 70.2, 3rd T. McDonald 66.8. Then followed the shot put which W. Morgan also won with a distance of 11.9, 2nd A. Allen 27.7, 3rd A. M. McDonald 27.5.

The races were then pulled off by Mr. Over 12, 1st Josephine Restelli, 2nd May Restelli, 3rd Ethel Ingalls. Girls under 12, 1st Natalie Phillips, 2nd Nellie Scott, 3rd Edith Gordon. In the married ladies races only two were entered, 1st Mrs. Booth, 2nd Mrs. Stuart. James Duguid won the hop, step, and jump, distance, 31.5, 2nd W. Morgan 31.4, 3rd T. M. McDonald, 29.9.

The last event of the afternoon was the football game between the married and single men, in which after twenty minutes of fast play, the single men were victorious by a score of 4 to 1.

During the afternoon the Italians played at Bocce. After the games, the picnickers went to the pavilion where they danced and sang until dark. James Fraser favored the company with songs in the Scotch dialect, and Charles Busca sang Italian songs. Much credit for the success of the picnic is due to the committee, which was James McDonald, James Booth, Alexander Milne, Thomas McDonald, Joseph Will, A. Rusca, C. Caviari, S. Sinclair, and G. Dinnie.

NO OBJECTIONS OFFERED

To Macadamizing Upper South Main Street to Quarry Street.

The street commissioners of the city held a meeting at the City Hall yesterday afternoon to hear the objections of the abutters to the improvement of the Upper South Main street between the Norris property and Quarry street. Some of the abutters appeared and after waiting for them for over an hour the commission adjourned. It is proposed to grade, macadamize and curb this portion of the street. Accordingly the work of improving the street will be begun as soon as other work on hand is completed.

During the meeting yesterday a permit was granted G. H. Anker to dig up Hill street for the purpose of laying gas pipes.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

William Baskley visited friends in Williams town yesterday.

Frank J. Dunbar goes tonight to Newport and Claremont, N. H., for a week's visit.

Jack Cayhne, Ed. Ritchie and Andy Guthrie took a trolley ride through the state yesterday.

Miss Lottie Merrill of South Royalton is visiting at the home of her brother, Guy Merrill of Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Oreste Boffino and A. Frisolia returned last night from a vacation spent at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. R. H. Aiken returned to her home in Marshfield yesterday after a few days' visit at the home of her son, M. Lee Aiken.

Among arrivals at the Northern hotel yesterday were H. G. Burns, Boston; Theodore St. Antoine, Burlington; B. O. Ryan, Bethel; J. Williams, New York; L. O. Pierce, South Royalton; Charles Tierney, Burlington; Daniel J. Sullivan, Woodbury.

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