

RESCUED FROM THUGS

Four Delegates to New York Democratic Convention

IN MELEE EARLY TO-DAY

Several Shots Were Fired in a New York City Saloon—One Man Arrested For Trying to Shoot a Delegate.

New York, April 14.—If it had not been for the police, four of the up-state delegates to the Democratic state convention which is in session here this afternoon probably would not occupy their seats. A squad of reserves rescued them early today in a fight with a gang which resented their refusal to treat a certain member after they had set up the drinks to every one else in a Broadway saloon where they were spending the early morning hours drinking champagne.

200 CHILDREN LOST THEIR PARENTS

They Are Now in Charge of Police Until the Parents Are Located in Chelsea, Mass.

Boston, April 14.—The arrest of two negro firebugs, said to have been caught red-handed, today lends strength to the theory of Mayor Beck that the big Chelsea fire was the work of incendiaries. Daniel Ross is under arrest for attempting to fire the lumber yard in Chelsea near where the conflagration started Sunday morning. Manuel Oliver was arrested this morning by the East Cambridge police for attempting to fire a tenement house in that section about midnight. Nearly 200 children are in charge of the authorities in Boston, Chelsea and Revere, who have lost their parents. Some babies are unable to walk.

Revised figures obtained today indicated that the losses were divided according to the various classes of property destroyed, as follows: Churches and school houses, \$325,000; public buildings, \$475,000; factories, business blocks and contents, \$25,000; dwelling houses, \$3,750,000. Total, \$5,575,000. A insurance of \$3,500,000 is divided among about eighty companies.

Money in Banks Safe. Persons who had money and securities in the three Chelsea banks which were burned were much relieved yesterday to learn that nothing in the safety deposit boxes or vaults had been lost. The three banks burned were the Chelsea trust company, the Chelsea savings bank and the County savings bank.

The vaults of the trust company were opened by a safe expert John J. Hogan at 11:15 and \$40,000 in cash and many thousand dollars' worth of securities were taken from them. From there the valuables were taken in an automobile to the U. S. Trust company in Boston.

While the money was being transferred to the automobile a detail of militia in charge of Capt. Frank Wilson surrounded the bank, and the crowd was kept back by another detail to a distance of 50 feet. The vault in this bank containing some of the bank's books and papers was burned, but the vault containing the money and the two vaults containing the safety deposit boxes were untouched.

HER SHAWL FOUND AT BEACH.

Fears That Miss Virginia Hopkins Has Met a Suicide's Fate.

Vinalhaven, Me., April 14.—Miss Virginia Hopkins, who has made her home here for several years, has been missing since Sunday morning, and it is feared that she has met a suicide's fate. A shawl which she wore upon leaving the house was found on a boulder at Clayton's Beach yesterday.

Miss Hopkins, who is about 35, has been in ill health and somewhat eccentric for some time, and her friends fear that despondency has led her to take her own life. Her father, who was a wealthy Philadelphia banker, committed suicide by shooting some years ago.

Otis Paper Mill Strike Settled.

Livermore Falls, Me., April 14.—Work which was partially suspended last Monday in the Otis mills of the International paper company at Chisholm, on account of a strike of Bremen, was resumed last night. Three hundred employees were idle during the week. Nearly all the strikers accepted an offer to return to their positions. The cause of the strike was a request that each man feed four doors, instead of three.

WASHINGTON.

All members of Court Onawannah, No. 4,619, J. O. P. meeting be present at the regular meeting Friday evening, April 17. More candidates to initiate and other important business to come before the meeting. Per order of the secretary.

GOVERNOR PARRIED THE INTERVIEWER

Wouldn't Bite Any Bait Which Was Intended to Draw Him Out on a Statement Credited to Him.

Governor Proctor, who was in Montpelier to-day to attend the quarterly meeting of the directors of the National Life Insurance company, daintly parried all attempts of interviewers to connect him with a dispatch sent from Washington to the Boston Transcript, the gist of which was that President Roosevelt ought not to be a candidate for the presidency again, should not be mentioned for the place, as the third-term idea was distasteful to many people and that there is a strong sentiment against him. "Did you see it?" asked the interviewer. "The governor smiled and replied: 'Oh, yes, I saw it.' 'Well, what have you got to say about it?' queried the reporter. 'I don't care to vouch for its authenticity.' 'Didn't you say it?' 'I don't care to say anything about it.' The interview ended.

VERMONTERS CELEBRATED.

Manchester Association Gave Annual Sugar Party.

Manchester, N. H., April 14.—The Vermont association, Capt. Wesley M. Rockwell president, last night gave its annual sugar party and dance in Mechanics hall and so great was the reputation earned by the organization by its past triumphs along this line that more than 1,000 patrons crowded about the supper tables.

It required 210 pounds of maple sugar and 25 gallons of maple syrup to provide for the 1,000 appetites. Among the rumber was a delegation of 50 from the association of Sons and Daughters of Maine in Nashua.

O. D. Carpenter and E. J. Bixby were in charge of the arrangements for the supper and Mrs. W. M. Rockwell, Mrs. C. G. Skinner, Mrs. Austin W. Jones, Mrs. Richard Wilder, Mrs. A. E. Dodge, Mrs. Mary Kraba, Mrs. Ira Jenkins and Mrs. Mary V. Tobie were in charge of the ice servers. Dancing continued until midnight. The opening march was led by Pres. Rockwell and wife, and more than 300 couples were in line. The floor was in charge of Pres. Rockwell, Fred J. Bixby, E. H. Weston, A. D. Bixby, G. G. Skinner, Walter A. Foot and Frank H. Challis.

PROBABLY FATALLY HURT.

Penny's Groundkeeper Struck in the Head by a Hammer.

Philadelphia, April 14.—William Benwick, popularly known as "Scotty," the ground keeper at the university of Pennsylvania, was struck on the head by a 16 pound hammer at Franklin field yesterday and probably fatally injured. Daniel P. Luby of Peabody, Mass., threw the hammer down the field toward "Scotty," who either did not see the throw or lost sight of the weight in the sun. The heavy iron struck him on the side of the head, knocking him several feet. He was picked up unconscious and removed to the hospital, where it was found he was suffering from a severe fracture of the skull. He was operated on last night, and it is said that his condition is critical.

WOMAN FOUND MURDERED.

Husband Arrested Pending Investigation—Was Seen With a Bloody Knife.

New York, April 14.—Mrs. Liberman, the wife of a shirt waist manufacturer in the Bronx, was found murdered in her apartments on Courtland avenue yesterday. Her husband was taken into custody pending an investigation by the coroner. Mrs. Liberman's throat was cut. The janitor found Liberman in the hall with blood-stained knife in his hand. Saturday Liberman applied to a lawyer to secure a summons for his wife accusing her of infidelity, but the summons was refused because of Liberman's condition.

COMING UP HARBOR IN FINE ARRAY

Admiral Evans' Fleet Promises to Reach San Diego Exactly on Schedule Time.

San Diego, Calif., April 14.—A wireless from Admiral Evans' fleet today gives assurance that the vessels will arrive off the harbor on exactly schedule time at 2 this afternoon. The fleet is coming up the coast in second formation, which it has sailed for the last 24 hours. Governor Gillett arrived last night and with a committee representing the state will be in charge of the official reception.

UNCLE SAM'S EMPLOYEES.

New York Ranks First in Representatives in Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 14.—Of the more than 195,544 persons in Uncle Sam's employ, exclusive of postmasters, their clerks and mechanics, nearly 14,000 are women and 8,352 are negroes. About half are under 35 years of age and 137 are over 50. This was shown in a census bulletin issued today. New York ranks first in the number of employees, Pennsylvania second, Illinois third and Massachusetts fourth. The average yearly salary paid the men is \$353, women, \$269.

CHANGED DATE.

Of Sons of Veterans Encampment—Commander Sheldon to Speak.

Burlington, April 14.—The date of the annual encampment of the Vermont division of the Sons of Veterans of America will be changed from June 10-11 to June 9-10. Commander Ralph Sheldon of Albany will be present and vice commander Spink and Dustin.

LETTER HAS DISAPPEARED

It's Value is Great in Breach of Promise Suit

SAYS THE DEFENDANT

Who Has Brought Action Against Katherine G. Dunlevy Who Sued Him for \$15,000, Claiming Broken Promise.

Brattleboro, April 14.—A new feature was introduced into the breach of promise suit of Miss Katherine G. Dunlevy against Edward J. Fenton yesterday, when Miss Dunlevy was enjoined from proceeding further with the case until she and her brother, Joseph, have divulged what they know about the disappearance of letters, receipts and photographs from a desk in Mr. Fenton's store. The injunction was issued by Superior Judge William H. Kyler upon a bill of discovery brought by Mr. Fenton's counsel, Ernest W. Gibson. Miss Dunlevy brought suit for \$15,000 a year and a half ago.

Mr. Fenton says in his petition for an injunction that for five years previous to the bringing of the suit Miss Dunlevy frequented his store and knew the contents of his desk, and that Joseph Dunlevy worked in the store up to the time of the suit, and afterward was twice seen sitting at the desk.

He alleges that Miss Dunlevy wrote him a letter intending to divorce him before the suit was brought, which letter was placed with other letters, receipts and photographs in his desk. This letter, he says, is material to him in his suit.

Mr. Fenton states that after the suit was brought Miss Dunlevy, at her request, met him in his store one night to talk about the suit; that the desk was open, and that suddenly she claimed to be faint and sick and requested him to get her some water, which he procured from the basement. After that the letters, receipts and photographs were missed.

He says he believes letters and photographs will be used to harass him by raising false issues. The Dunlevys will be examined by the court of chancery at Newfane in September.

LEAVES A FATHER IN POST MILLS

Clement G. Sargent Committed Suicide at Derry, N. H., Yesterday, Using a Revolver.

Derry, N. H., April 14.—Clement G. Sargent committed suicide yesterday at his home on Martin street, by shooting himself in the right temple with a 32-calibre revolver. He had suffered some four years from locomotor ataxia. He was born in Claremont 33 years ago. He came here four years ago, and he and his wife and only daughter, Beatrice, aged 12 years, lived in the house with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, and contracted the disease there.

Besides the wife and daughter, he is survived by a father, Henry W. Sargent of Post Mills, Vt., three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Griffin of South Natick, Mass., Mrs. Albert Edmonds of Allston, Mass., and Mrs. Sidney Whittemore of Newport, also a half-brother, Clinton Sargent of Post Mills, Vt.

MULLINS CASE SUSPECT IS HELD ON BOAT

St. Johns, N. F., Police Notified to Be on Guard for Man on the Steamer Rosalind.

St. Johns, N. F., April 14.—The police here have been notified that the steamer Rosalind has a man on board who is said to be a suspect in the Arlington, Mass., murder case. It was reported that Chief Uruhart of the Arlington police would be here when the boat arrives, but he has not put in an appearance. It is supposed that the chief is detaining the steamer, which is in the ice blockade. The mail steamer is caught in the ice floes and the chief is unlikely to get here before Wednesday.

A JEFFERSON NIGHT.

Observed by 400 Democrats at a Banquet in New York.

New York, April 14.—Democrats prominent in the state and nation to the number of 400 gathered last night to toast the 167th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson was celebrated at dinner by the national Democratic club. Judge Warren W. Foster of the court of general sessions presided and the principal speakers were United States Senators Owen of Oklahoma and Simmons of North Carolina, and President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university.

APPOINTS ADVISORS.

Gov. Names Three Vermonters to go to Washington With Him.

Burlington, April 14.—Governor Proctor today appointed Joseph A. DeBoer of Montpelier, J. L. Southwick of Burlington and W. N. Cady of Middlebury as advisors to join him in the conference of governors with President Roosevelt at the White House on May 14.

MANY REQUESTS MADE

By Mrs. Nancy R. Chase to Congressional Societies.

Burlington, April 14.—By the terms of the will of Mrs. Nancy R. Chase, whose will was proved in probate court yesterday, bequests are left to a number of bodies connected with the Congregational church. Mrs. Chase was the widow of the Rev. Henry L. Chase and formerly resided in Minneapolis. The estate is thought to be worth about \$29,000.

The bequests are as follows: To the Woman's Christian association of Minneapolis, the testatrix's wearing apparel; to the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, with headquarters in Chicago, \$300.

The residue is to be divided as follows: To the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, one-fifth; to the Congregational Home Missionary association, one-fifth; to the Congregational Church Building society, one-tenth; to the Congregational Education society, one-tenth; to the Congregational School and Publishing society, one-tenth; to the National Council's Ministerial relief fund, one-twentieth; to the Plymouth Church-Kindergarten association of Minneapolis, one-twentieth.

C. W. Brownell was appointed administrator with the will annexed, with J. H. Macomber and E. W. J. Hawkins commissioners and appraisers.

QUIET VILLAGE MEETING.

Morrisville Officers Elected for Ensuing Year.

Morrisville, April 14.—The village meeting last evening passed off quietly, these officers being elected: President, T. C. Cheney; clerk and treasurer, A. A. Niles; collector, H. B. Bryant; village trustee for five years, George W. Doty, re-elected; water and light commissioner for five years, C. H. Slayton; re-elected; chief engineer fire department, W. H. Towser; first assistant engineer, A. J. Smith; second assistant, J. R. Parker; auditors, H. A. Slayton, C. H. Raymond, D. H. Lambertson; tax, 80 cents. It was voted to pay \$1,050 for street lighting and \$300 for hydrants. The new lake, formed by the damming of the Lamelle river at Cady's Falls, was officially named Lake Lamelle by the adoption of a resolution introduced by W. T. Lambertson. Hunting, fishing and trapping in its waters will be controlled by the trustees, on motion of Dr. W. T. Slayton, and the bed of the lake will be kept free from sawdust and refuse, as expressed in a resolution introduced by C. A. Slayton and readily carried.

RUTLAND HAS AERO FEVER.

Vermonters Begin Inquiry Into Advantages of Organizing Club.

Rutland, April 14.—The advisability of organizing an Aero club in this city was discussed at a meeting held last night in the office of F. A. Field, which was attended by 10 citizens. It was voted to authorize C. T. Fairfield to write to A. Leo Stevens of New York and Henry Arnold of North Adams, Mass., and ascertain what they would charge to make two aeroplanes from this city, in order to get a line on the benefit of such events to the city.

The question of whether balloon ascensions or league baseball games would draw the largest number of people to Rutland was considered, and it was generally conceded that the former would draw many more.

TEMPORARY OBJECTION.

Offered to Private Sale of M. J. McGowan's Stock at 75 Per Cent.

When the proposition to sell the property of Martin J. McGowan, a Barre merchant, at 75 per cent of the inventory list was brought up in bankruptcy court before W. N. Theriault at Montpelier yesterday there was objection to such sale by some creditors who were represented by Attorney L. A. Sargent, and the matter was continued to Thursday. It is stated that the objection was presented in order to permit these creditors a chance to further look into the situation and the objection should not be construed as expressing the disfavor of the creditors with the proposed plan. It is thought likely that all the creditors will agree to such sale at the next hearing.

A Montpelier Sem. Crisis.

It was at this conference that the affairs of Montpelier seminary reached one of its crises, and the institution was under certain terms, was principal J. B. Southworth. At this session, Hon. Paul Dillingham, father of Senator W. P. Dillingham, and an ex-congressman and ex-governor, made an address, this being one of his last appearances before the public in a similar capacity. The writer well remembers his address, and the deference paid him by the bishop, as he introduced him to the conference, and later insisted that he should occupy a seat on the platform with himself.

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The reason for two being held at this point so near together was that there was no place offering free entertainment in 1897, and the holding church made an offer of paid entertainment, which was accepted by the presiding elders in behalf of the conference. At the session of 1896, the most marked features were the addresses, lectures and sermon by Bishop Fowler. The lecture was given in the old opera house, which was given a larger crowd than had ever before thronged its aisles. Every seat was occupied, and more tickets would have been sold had there been accommodations. For two hours and three-quarters, the bishop held that great audience spellbound by his matchless description of the life and labors of that new-born American—Abraham Lincoln. Probably that was as fine a specimen of forensic oratory as was ever given in Barre.

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Keene, N. H., April 14.—The following assignments were made yesterday at the Methodist Episcopal conference to the churches where changes are made: Concord district: Concord First church, C. R. Bair; Haverhill, G. G. Williams; Laconia, Trinity church, H. H. Reed; Pierpont, P. C. Radostlavoff; Whitefield, L. C. Brown. Dover district: East Kingston, Otis Cole; Milton Mills, W. A. Hudson; Newmarket, B. P. Wilkins; Oakland, J. N. Bradford. Manchester district, Chesterfield, Geo. A. Smith; Derry Village, H. B. Cope; Enfield and West Canaan, E. J. Canfield; Greenacre and Goffstown, C. W. Bookrell; Manchester, J. H. Veneau; Nashua, Arlington street church, J. E. Montgomery; Salem, Pleasant street church, William Ramsden; West Rindge, D. W. Downs. The conference adopted a resolution declaring that "the one thing most needed this year in New Hampshire is the repeal of the license law."

SHOWS INCREASE.

New England Conference Has Membership of 40,989.

Worcester, Mass., April 14.—At last night's meeting of the New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal church the statistical secretary, Rev. W. N. Cassidy, presented his report. It gave the full membership as 40,989, an increase of 381 during the year. The total number of probationers is 4,008, an increase of 331. There are 246 churches, valued at \$5,146,709. The present indebtedness on church property amounts to \$385,000. The 254 Sunday schools have 41,800 members, an increase of 197 during the year. Rev. George H. Clark reported a total of \$112,463 given for benevolence by the churches of the conference.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Of Directors of National Life Insurance Company Today.

The quarterly meeting of the directors of the National Life Insurance company was held at the home office in Montpelier today, all the directors being present except Senator W. P. Dillingham who could not get away from pressing duties in Washington, and Charles P. Smith of Burlington who is taking a trip abroad. The net assets of the company were reported to be \$39,851,689.31, with the quarterly income of \$1,810,361.54.

METHODISTS TAKE BARRE

Annual Vermont Conference is Being Held Here

THE OPENING TO-MORROW

This Afternoon Examinations Were Held and To-night a Reception Will Be Given to Bishop Cranston, Presiding.

The session which opens in the Hedding church to-morrow is the eighth time that a Methodist conference has met in Barre. The first was in 1823, 85 years ago, when the New England conference held its annual session in the village of Barre. As small as was the village at that time, it was ample for the entertainment of all the Methodist preachers in New England. This may furnish some idea of the growth of the denomination in this section of the country since that time.

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Seven years later New England Methodism had two conferences, the New England and the New Hampshire. And the members of the latter held their annual session in Barre. The New Hampshire conference then included the two states of New Hampshire and Vermont. Later on, in 1844, the Vermont conference was organized. This conference does not include the whole of the state, as it should, as the Burlington district, containing the entire area from Burlington to Massachusetts on the west side of the Green Mountain range, belongs to the Troy conference. Hence it is that the conference session which officially begins in Hedding church to-morrow morning will represent not quite three-fourths of the Methodists of the Green Mountain state.

The first session of the Vermont conference held in Barre was in 1848, when the conference was but three years old. Thus early in the history of the conference was the Barre church recognized as one of the principal societies, a prominence which it has ever since maintained. This session of the conference was under the presidency of Bishop Elijah Hedding, who was 43 years previous the pastor of this church. The present church edifice was named after the bishop, who was one of the stalwart figures in early Methodism in America. It is an honor to this church to be able to number him among its pastors.

CONFERENCE DURING CIVIL WAR.

The next session of the Vermont conference held in Barre was in 1861, under the presidency of Bishop Scott, and was a time when the land was in the throes of the great Civil war. The session in 1877 was presided over by Bishop Potter, who address to the class joining conference at that time will long be remembered for its high standard of ministerial life and achievement, and for the fact that the Lord was just as apt to call men "out" of the ministry, as well as into the ministry. His auditors had no doubt whatever as to the good bishop's opinion that the Lord would speedily call "out" of the ministry every man who failed to show both "gifts" and "graces" in such a manner as to effect a large degree of "usefulness" in the charges assigned.

THE AFFAIRS OF MONTPELIER SEMINARY REACHED ONE OF ITS CRISES, AND THE INSTITUTION WAS UNDER CERTAIN TERMS, WAS PRINCIPAL J. B. SOUTHWORTH.

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