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FIGURE LOSS AT A BILLION

Largely in Destruction of Ships by Tidal Wave

SICK POURING INTO ROME

King Is to Sell His Sicilian Estates to Give to the Relief Work—His Personal Work in the Ruins.

Rome, Jan. 2.—Naples, Catania, Palermo and other cities having more sick people than they can accommodatt, thousands of the earthquake victims are being brought to this city, where hospitals have been established in the quirinal, Vatican gardens.

Vessels loaded with refugees contiue to stream into Naples and Palmero, and each day sees the arrival of additional steamers in the Strait of Messina. The big emigrant steamer Nord Amerika arrived there yesterday. She can accommodate 1,500 persons and for other vessels which are following her 6,000 more.

The property loss by the earthquake is estimated to be $1,000,000,000 by actual destruction. A big item of the loss is contained in the destruction of 4,200 ships. The government's estimate of deaths is "somewhere between 120,000 and 150,000." It is thought that the catastrophe rivals in deaths the destruction of Jeddo, now Tokio.

King Emmanuel will sell his Sicilian estates worth millions of dollars, for relief purposes. King Emmanuel has supervised the entire work in the fallen city of Messina and has infused new courage and energy into the rescuers. Often he is surrounded by a crowd of victims, who cheer him enthusiastically and shout: "We have a King; We have a protector."

A large number of soldiers have been landed from the steamers arriving at Messina and other stricken places, and all efforts are being directed towards embarking the wounded refugees who are crowding all available places. Some of these will be sent as far as Genoa.

A touching feature of the material aid offered by all classes of people in Rome is the donation of clothing and bedding which workmen are freely giving to collecting students. Reports from all parts of Italy indicate the same generous spirit. The King has placed the royal palaces at Naples and Caserta at the disposition of the injured. [illegible] seven-year-old [illegible] ving had the [illegible] sence explain- [illegible] a contribution [illegible] ends at a party [illegible] the Quirinal yes- [illegible] herself put in the [illegible] gold ring, given to [illegible] by her grandmother, Dowager Queen Margherita; her younger sister Princess Mafalda, gave a gold chain, while Prince Umberto, the heir apparent, who is now four years old, contributed a headless doll.

Use Quicklime on Bodies.

As an instance of his quick grasp of the situation, King Victor Emmanuel soon after his arrival at Messina, wired to Premier Gielitti: "Send ships and men; above all, send ships loaded with quicklime."

So far as has been possible quicklime has been used on the dead; many bodies have been burned and others buried. In the relief work the officers and men of the foreign warships have been untiring, and their courage is beyond words. The crew of the British cruiser Drake gave up everything they possessed for the benefit of the refugees, and practically forgot rest and sleep for more than thirty-six hours in their devotion to duty.

LIPARI ISLANDS SAFE.

Government Torpedo Boat Returns With Glad News.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The Lipari islands have not been destroyed, nor has there been any loss of life there.

This news, received with prayers of gratitude throughout Italy, has just been brought in by the torpedo boat sent out by the government to investigate.

A telegram from the commander of the vessel informs the minister of marine that a strong earthquake was experienced through the islands December 28. Some buildings were damaged but there were no fatalities.

MAY ASK $2,000,000.

As National Contribution to Relief of the Sufferers.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—It is declared that President Roosevelt in a special message on Monday will ask $2,000,000 for a relief fund. He received to-day a cable from President Massiglia of the Italy relief fund, voicing that nation's thanks.

ADDS TO HIS AMOUNT.

Pope Gives $200,000 to the Italian Relief Fund.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The pope has given another $200,000 to the relief fund. In all, he has given $400,000, the same amount as the king.

DEATHS CONFIRMED.

It Will Be Impossible to Recover the Bodies of the Cheneys at Present.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Caspar Crowninshield, consul at Naples, has sent a cablegram to the state department stating that a messenger from the the Messina consulate has arrived at Naples, wounded. He reports that Consul Cheney and family and Pierce Lupton are dead, and the recovery of their bodies is at present impossible.

A FIREMAN'S NERVE SAVED GREAT PANIC

Flames Broke Out in Erie, Pa., Theatre Last Night as Company Was Playing "In The Nick of Time," Audience Left Building.

Erie, Pa., Jan. 2.—A horror was narrowly averted here last night when fire broke out in the Park theatre during a performance. The house was crowded to its capacity. A dozen or more women fainted and had to be carried from the building but so far as learned no one was seriously hurt owing to the ease and rapidity with which the audience was dismissed and the theatre emptied. The building was partially destroyed.

"In the Nick of Time" was being produced by a stock company, and the title of the piece very fittingly describes the discovery of the fire and dramatic scenes which followed, of which Abraham Loud, a fireman attached to the theatre, was the hero. Everyone of the 1,500 seats was filled when at 10:15 p. m., he saw smoke issuing from the floor of the gallery. Concealing his surprise he quietly hurried to the stage and whispered to the actors: "Keep the show going for God's sake." He then stepped to the front and coolly asked the audience to file out in orderly fashion giving them to understand that there was a fire in the adjoining building and the show would therefore be cut short.

His cool head probably averted a repetition of Chicago's Iroquois theatre horror for before the big audience realized the situation the house had been almost emptied. Although there were manny narrow escapes and a dozen women fainted and had to be carried out no one was seriously injured and much of the building was saved from destruction.

The fire department saved scores from jumping from the third story fire escapes by getting ladders up in the front seats of the balcony were many women and children several, overcome by fright, fainted and were carried out. Of a dozen women carried into a nearby drug store all had fainted but one, but they were soon revived. Mrs. Wm. F. Schafer fell in an aisle overcome by smoke, but was near the end of the line and was not trampled. While she is suffering from shock she is expected to recover.

Chief McMahon expressed amazement that the house was emptied without fatality in view of the fact that standing room tickets had been sold.

The fire is believed to have originated from defective electrical wiring.

CHELSEA.

Mrs. George E. Lake left the first of the week for New York to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Dewey were called to East Barre Monday to attend the funeral of a relative, S. J. Carnes.

Mrs. William P. Hood left the first of the week for Nyack, N. Y. to visit her daughter, Mrs. George J. Helmer.

A son was born Monday, December 28th to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Menard who reside on the Hyde Cabot farm on the west hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunram of Lisbon, N. H., were in town recently to visit Mr. Dunham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perley W. Rogers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hoskins and her grand daughter, Miss Alma Putnam, of Claremont, N. H., are guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. David S. Adams.

Fred Boardway and lady, Miss Rhodes of Claremont, N. H., were in town to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dustin A. Boardway.

Thomas Grant died at the town farm Sunday and the funeral was held from the house Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Geo. E. Lake officiating. Mr. Grant was about 75 years old.

Miss Grace G. Bacon, who is teaching in the graded school at Washington has been spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erdix N. Bacon on the west hill.

Miss Eva Jackson, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Sprague, for the past two weeks, went to Brookfield Thursday to spend a few days before returning to her school work in Barre City.

The following officers of the Congregational Sunday school were elected Sunday the 27th of December, supt. John M. Comstock; assistant supt. Oliver Burgess; treasurer, Joseph A. Tracy; chorister, Mrs. A. W. Whitney.

The annual meeting of the Orange County Telephone company will be held here at the town hall, January 5th when it is expected there will be a large attendance and 'something doing.' Ample preparations are being made by Landlord Barnes to feed the multitude as are also the ladies of the Methodist church who will serve a dinner in Grange hall.

Leander F. Buzzell one of our most highly respected citizens of the old standard type, died Thursday, December 24th at the home of his son, Clinton L. Buzzell on the east hill after a decline of over two years and the funeral was held from the home Sunday at one o'clock p. m., the Rev. Fred Daniels officiating, and interment was in the Buzzell family lot in Tunbridge. Mr. Buzzell was 65 years old and is survived by a son and an aged widow, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

Fred Pease of Randolph was committed to the county jail the first of the week by Constable Dan D. Howe of Randolph, to serve a term of thirty days for the first offense of intoxication. This makes twelve inmates in the jail which has accommodations for only eight. The necessity of a new jail or an addition to the present structure is not only becoming more apparent but the absolute necessity is right here now and under the new law making all commitments for the minor crimes and misdemeanors which are less than one year to the county, some immediate action will have to be taken to relieve the situation, which confronts the residents of this county.

Correct Answer.

Teacher—What do you understand by the word "Self-denial?"

Pupil—It is when some one comes to borrow money from father and he says he is not at home.—Fliegende Blatter.

HITCHED ROPE AROUND NECK

And Then Blew Off Top of His Head

A SUICIDE AT SUDBURY

Fred Burditt Had Written to a Friend to Call and Latter Made a Ghastly Find Yesterday.

Sudbury, Jan. 2.—After having written to a friend to call at his house, Fred Burditt, a carpenter and farmer, committed suicide yesterday by shooting his head off with a double-barreled shotgun. David Hart, to whom the letter was written, called at the Burditt house and found the body. Despondency was the cause of the man's act.

The suicide was peculiar in that Burditt had tied a rope around his neck so that the body remained standing upright after the head had been almost completely driven off with the charge. Burditt had succeeded in discharging the weapon by using a yardstick, with which he punched the trigger.

The letter to Hart had been written on Thursday and requested Hart to call Friday morning. On arrival at the Burditt house yesterday morning, according to the request, Hart found the house locked and apparently deserted. On going to the barn he found that the stock had been fed in the morning. Then, fearing that something was wrong and knowing that Burditt had been despondent, Hart secured the assistance of Frank Sawyer, a neighbor, and they forced their way into the house. In the kitchen they found the remains of a breakfast on the table and a fire blazing cheerily in the range.

Going then to the woodshed, they discovered Burditt's body hanging near a stairway. A shotgun, with one barrel discharged, lay near by. The charge had penetrated the head back of the left ear, blowing off the top of the head and leaving only the lower part of the face.

A few years ago, Burditt and his wife had separated and Mrs. Burditt had since died. He is survived by an 11-year-old daughter, who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Angeline Burditt, in Pittsford. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Benjamin Gilmore of Pittsford and Mrs. Bissett of Fair Haven.

Of late, Burditt had lived alone on a small farm at the top of Sudbury hill, on one side of which, about [illegible] the reins were twisted so as to stop the horse which was quickly seized.

The horse had been frightened by a boy who was sliding on West street. The horse was taken from the Bardwell stables yesterday afternoon. Miss Brothers having been for a drive with her cousin, Mrs. M. S. Bayliss.

SEVERAL FOUND GUILTY

In New Year's Day Session of Addison County Court.

Middlebury, Jan. 2.—It took a jury in Addison county court yesterday 20 minutes to arrive at a verdict of guilty in the case of States vs. Mrs. Carrie Rogers of Whiting, who was charged with committing adultery with Frank Trudo. Judge Stanton did not pass sentence yesterday afternoon and Mrs. Rogers was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. The bail in the companion case of State vs. Frank Trudo was raised to $1,000 which was at once furnished.

Frank Forest of Middlebury was brought into court yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty to an information charging him with committing adultery with Mrs. Nettie Lavalley, December 11. Mrs. Lavalley also pleaded guilty. Sentence was not pronounced and both respondents were returned to county jail.

DIES AT AGE OF 94 YEARS.

Mrs. Clarissa B. Stone Was St. Johnsbury's Oldest Inhabitant.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Clarissa B. Stone, St. Johnsbury's oldest inhabitant, died early yesterday morning. She was born in this town December 14, 1814, and had just passed her 94th birthday. She attended school at the old Newbury seminary, taught school in this vicinity for 16 terms and about 1845 married Calvin Stone, also a native of this town. She was a member of the Seventy club, that unique organization of old ladies, and a faithful member of the North Congregational church. For the past 40 years she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. William H. Ward, and she also leaves a granddaughter, Mabel A. Ward, a teacher in the St. Johnsbury public schools.

FROM UNKNOWN DONOR.

Bowdoin College in Maine Gets $300,000 in Securities.

Brunswick, Me., Jan. 2.—President Hyde of Bowdoin college announced today that some unknown donor has given $300,000 to the college. The gift is in securities, the equal value of which is considerably more.

KING IN JAIL.

Boston Financier Couldn't Raise $35,000 Bail Today.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Unable to raise $35,000 bail demanded by Judge Schofield, Cardenio F. King, the financial agent who was convicted of larceny in misapplying funds of his clients, today was sent to jail to stay until he raises the amount.

Members of the Rutland Gun club plan to improve the hunting, in their own vicinity at least, by introducing Hungarian partridges and mallard and black ducks. The Hungarian partridge resembles the partridge of this state but is a heavier and more hardy bird.

AN UNUSUAL CURE.

Man in Advanced Case of Lock-jaw Saved From Death.

Burlington, Jan. 2.—A remarkable cure in an advanced case of tetanus has just been effected at the Mary Fletcher hospital. This disease was in former days always fatal in its termination but improved scientific research now makes a cure possible.

The patient is Leo M. Baker of Hyde Park, a man 27 years old. On Nov. 21, Mr. Baker caught three fingers in a tinshop machine mangle. It became necessary to amputate two of the fingers. In nine days the first symptoms of tetanus or lock-jaw appeared and two days later, Dec. 12, the man was brought to the hospital. He was received in the evening and anti-toxin was immediately administered.

On Dec. 3, the attending surgeon amputated three other fingers above the disease so as to eliminate any of the tetanus germs which might be in the lacerated wound. From 10 o'clock p. m. of Dec. 3 he was given anti-toxin in 8,000 unit doses at intervals of four hours night and day until all symptoms of the disease disappeared. During his stay in the hospital he received all told 109,000 units of anti-toxin, costing about $163.50. The patient had convulsions on the sixth and seventh days of the disease and for a period of about 24 hours he was in a partial comatose condition and did not recognize his friends or attendants. The jaws were set upon arrival at the hospital, the mouth could not be opened only about a quarter of an inch and it was very difficult for the patient to swallow. The contraction began to give way in about five or six days and on the 12th day the disease began to improve. He was sent home cured about the 24th day after the disease had developed.

The attending surgeon and hospital staff feel that the man's life was saved by amputating the fingers so as to eliminate the spread of the germs and by the heroic use of anti-toxin, cheerfully furnished by the hospital.

SHRIEKED FOR HELP BUT CLUNG TO REINS

Perilous Trip By Rutland Young Woman Behind a Runaway Horse Last Evening.

Rutland, Jan. 2.—Shrieking for help, but still maintaining her presence of mind and keeping a firm hold on the reins, Miss Marie Brothers was whirled through the principal streets here last evening by a frightened horse, finally bringing up on the Union station platform and escaping with a few scratches. The sleigh was whirled from Merchants row into the narrow path leading to the platform, where there was hardly room for the rig to pass.

As the horse reached the lawn in front of the station the sleigh tipped and Miss Brothers was thrown out, but kept her grip on the reins. She landed on her feet and was able to stop the horse which was quickly seized.

The horse had been frightened by a boy who was sliding on West street. The horse was taken from the Bardwell stables yesterday afternoon. Miss Brothers having been for a drive with her cousin, Mrs. M. S. Bayliss.

AN ABRUPT HALT IN LILLEY CASE

Judges Decide They Have No Jurisdiction and Also That The Corrupt Practices Act Is Unconstitutional.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2.—The proceedings against Governor-elect Lilley for a violation of the corrupt practices law came to an abrupt halt today when Judges Bennett and Robinson, who were appointed to hear the charges of George L. Fox decided that they had no jurisdiction to sit as a tribunal in an election case and that the "act in unconstitutional." As a result the charges were brown out of court until the constitutionality of the act is decided by a higher court.

ACCUSE EX-POLICEMAN.

Of Big Robbing in The New York Police Station.

New York, Jan. 2.—With the arrest last night of William Delaney, a former patrolman, the police believe they have not only captured the man who Thursday night broke into and looted the police station in the criminal courts building but have under lock and key the "scar-faced-man" they have been seeking for nearly a month on the charges of impersonating an officer and making unauthorized arrests.

On December 8 a prisoner was unlawfully lodged in a station house by an impersonating detective. The impersonator had a scar on the right cheek and nearly 200 police officers with scars on their faces have appeared at headquarters for scrutiny recently in an effort to identify him. When arrested last night Delaney, a scar-faced man, had in his possession, the police say, badge number 3,604, which was the number of the shield lost by a patrolman on December 5 and of that displayed by the impersonator of December 8.

Thursday night the officers' revolvers and all their personal effects of value were stolen. Delaney's captors report that they found upon him one of the stolen revolvers. Headquarters detectives assert that Delaney has served terms in Elmira and Sing Sing for impersonating an officer and larceny.

VENTURED ON THE ICE.

Young Man Drowned in The Hudson Near Catskill, N. Y.

Catskill, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Venturing on thin ice in the Hudson river channel off Catskill point last night Dominic Sebatini, aged 20 with a companion, Tony Fina, aged 18, broke through and Sabatini was swept under the ice, perishing in spite of determined efforts put forth by the crew of a ferryboat and members of a skating party. Fina was hauled out in an exhausted condition by the young son of Dr. W. L. Hill of this place, who attached a rope to his person and pluckily crawled out on the thin ice. Sebatini was employed at the Franciscan seminary on the river bluff here.

CALL PASTOR FROM FAR WEST

Barre Universalists Get Rev. Edward C. Downey

WHO BEGINS TO-MORROW

Various Barre Churches Held Annual Dinners Yesterday, and Some of Them Elected Their Officers.

A call to the Rev. Edward C. Downey of Spokane, Wash., to become pastor of the Universalist church to succeed the Rev. C. C. Conner, has been accepted, and the Rev. Mr. Downey will preach the first sermon under the new relationship to-morrow morning. The members of the church feel quite well pleased that their call has been accepted, as they feel that he is the right man for the place. He preached here last Sunday, also last October.

This will be his third regular pastorate, following his graduation from the theological department of St. Lawrence university at Canton, N. Y., although several years have been spent meantime building up the denomination on the Pacific coast, where he is said to have been very successful. His first pastorate was with the Universalist church at Northfield, where he remained two years, going then to Spencer, Mass. While at Spencer, the general convention of the Universalist church chose him to go to the Pacific coast to help build churches. He was located at Spokane, Wash., for several years, and aided materially in constructing three edifices for the Universalist church in coast towns. His work of missionary there being completed, he decided to come East again, and he has now accepted the call to the Barre church.

The Rev. Mr. Downey will arrive in town to-night with his family, and they will soon occupy the church parsonage on Church street. There are two children, a boy aged four years and a boy aged five months. The Rev. Mr. Downey is 37 years of age, a forceful speaker and a man who is popular wherever he has been located. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, and is a 32d degree member of that organization.

The annual parish meeting of the Congregational church was held in the morning and afternoon at the church, when reports of the officers and various organizations in the church were heard and the business transacted. The report of the business committee showed that the receipts for the year just about met the expenses, while a note for $812.70, given in 1905, had been taken up by the Ladies' Aid society, leaving the society several hundred dollars better off financially than a year ago. The reports of the pastor and superintendent of Sunday school showed a slight falling off in the membership of the church and attendance on the Sunday school for the year, but the pastor stated that the new members coming in at to-morrow's communion would make it the largest in the history of the church.

These officers were elected: moderator, Wm. Marr; clerk, C. S. Wallace; deacon for six years, J. P. Corskie; treasurer, Frank McWhorter; superintendent of Sunday school, W. G. Woodruff; member of business committee, for three years, G. H. Pape; auditors, John McDonald and George L. Linekin; collector, J. C. Griggs; assistant, Jas. Adie.

Dinner was served in the dining-room at 12 o'clock, to which nearly 200 sat down.

About 150 members of Hedding Methodist Episcopal church gathered in that church yesterday and the annual dinner was held and the usual social time enjoyed. The dinner, served by the ladies, was one of the best ever given at the church and was much enjoyed. After the dinner a good portion of the people remained to a religious service which was held, at which prayers were offered for the success of the new year.

All present took some part, either with personal testimony or with the quoting of scripture. Four letters were read from absent members of the congregation who were unable to be present and who extended their felicitations over the success of the year, just closed, and extended their good wishes for the one which is just beginning.

No business was transacted at yesterday's meeting, as is customary at this time of the year in many of the other churches. The business of the Methodist church is transacted during the conference, which meets this year the latter part of March.

Fully 150 of the members of the Church of the Good Shepherd enjoyed the first annual New Year's supper, which was held at the church last evening. The supper, which was prepared by the ladies of the church, was an excellent one. At the conclusion of the supper remarks were given by various laymen of the church, and the pastor, Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, gave a talk, taking for his subject "Individual Responsibility."

This is the first New Year's gathering ever held by this church, and the success of last evening's gathering will probably establish such an affair as an annual event in the church.

The eleventh annual roll-call and business meeting of the First Baptist church was held at the church yesterday afternoon and evening. Between the afternoon and evening sessions supper was served in the dining hall, which was enjoyed by 150 people. The meeting was called at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. W. E. Braisted, the pastor, presiding. Reports were heard from all of the societies and committees, and the societies were shown to be in a good condition and with money in the treasury.

The past year has been a most successful one for the church, as the records show that the church was never in a better condition financially than now, and the benevolences more than double what they had ever been in any year before. The spirit of harmony that prevailed throughout the meeting was very marked and the members take up the work of the new year with renewed energy and hopefulness. There were taken into the church during the year 25 by baptism and 11 by letter.

The officers elected were as follows: clerk, Mrs. F. G. Rogers; collector, James Grearson; treasurer, C. W. Perry; finance committee, W. N. Grearson, William McDonald, W. A. Perry, E. M. Taynter, Fred Perrin and W. V. Sutton; auditors, Carl Rollins and Ernest J. Batchelder; advisory committee, Mrs. Annie Inglis, Mrs. Margaret Watt, Freeman Cilley, John Wilson; baptismal committee, J. M. Nason, Mrs. Lena Cragg, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bradley; Sunday school superintendent, L. E. Plaisted; first assistant, Alden Grearson; second assistant, Carl Erickson; librarian, Mrs. L. C. Plaisted; assistant, Fred Inglis.

The question of covering of the outside walls of the church was discussed and an effort will be made to have the work done this year. The material will probably be of brick. The meeting closed after remarks by the Rev. Ariel Bellondi and the pastor.

During the evening service the officers of the Ladies' Aid society were elected Taynter; first vice-president, Mrs. E. L. Reynolds; second vice president, Mrs. F. A. Hutchinson; secretary, Mrs. H. H. Spencer; treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Kidder; flower committee, Mrs. Carl Rollins, Miss Pansy Lewis; relief committee, Mrs. W. E. Braisted, Mrs. Annie Inglis, Mrs. J. M. Nason.

TOOK A PILGRIMAGE.

Votaries of Suadah Temple Went to St. Johnsbury Yesterday.

Over 50 of the members of Suadah emple, Dramatic Order Knights of Korbasan, embarked in special coaches attached to the 12:30 train yesterday afternoon and made a New Year's pilgrimage to the oasis of St. Johnsbury, desert of Caledonia, plain of Vermont. Beside the votaries, there were tyros in plenty, who sat with fear and trembling in dread of the things which should befall them when they reached their destination.

The intention was to exhibit the tyros in parade at seven o'clock, after the arrival of the Dokkies in the "lily white town," but for some reason the parade was omitted and the poor tyros were spared the ordeal of parading for the amusement of the spectators. The votaries and tyros began to gather at Armory hall shortly after seven o'clock and the tyros were then washed and robbled and made ready for the ordeal.

There were tyros of all degrees and descriptions, some from St. Johnsbury, some from Barton, Lyndonville, Hardwick and Danville, the whole making a total of over 50. At the conclusion of the nightmares experienced by the newly made votaries of the order, the faithful Fallahcen fetched in food and sem zem and all did eats nd drink and were merry.

The great men of the order did make [illegible] of hands which followed the flow of their wisdom was mighty; and also was there stamping of feet. The dokkies waxed merry, and yet more merry, and did become weary; and when the time reached two hours after midnight, the votaries [illegible] ble themselves to the place of transportation, and the caravan did start on its return journey, arriving at the oasis of Barre at five and one-half hours after midnight.

BARRE TOWN SCHOOLS.

Will Reopen Monday with Slight Change in Teachers.

The winter term of the Barre Town schools will begin Monday, January 4. But few changes have been made in the teachers. J. R. Hartley of Lawrence, Mass., will take the grammar room at Websterville, and R. G. Fuller of Montpelier the grammar room at Upper Graniteville. During the fall term, the weekly attendance reports were made with the following results for the twenty-seven schools: Highest average attendance, first week, 96.8 per cent.; lowest average attendance, fourteenth week, 88.75 per cent; general average attendance for term, 92.98 per cent.; Beckley Hill had perfect attendance five weeks, South Barre primary schools had perfect attendance two weeks, eight other schools had perfect attendance one week; lowest attendance for term, Spring House; highest attendance for term, South Barre primary; enrollment, 353 boys, 372 girls, total 725.

Early in the winter a letter will be sent to parents, [illegible] ing better co-operation in this ma[illegible] of attendance and outlining the tr[illegible] laws. A report of the results will be made at the end of the winter term.

MONTPELIER RECORDS.

Less Marriages and More Cases in City Court.

In common with Barre, Rutland and other places, Montpelier shows that leap year was not taken advantage of as much as was expected. There were only 61 marriage licenses issued by City Clerk Merrill, against 74 in the year preceding.

Montpelier's city court record was 153 greater last year than it was in 1907. The biggest single month's business was 43 cases, which came in the month of May. The next highest record was in August, when there were 30 cases.

STUBBORN FIRE.

Destroyed Two Residences in Hingham, Me., Today.

Hingham, Me., Jan. 2.—Fire today destroyed the residences of Frank Camp bell and Representative H. E. Sprague. The former losses $4,700 and the latter $10,000. There was a hard time to subdue the flames, as no apparatus was available.

Red Cross Society, Relief Specialist.

The great state of New York, under the direction of Governor Hughes, will make its contribution for Italian relief through the New York branch of the American Red Cross. This is an age of specialists, and the recognized specialists of the world in administering relief is the Red Cross. No contribution, however, is likely to go amiss, whatever the trustworthy source through which it is transmitted.—Boston Transcript.

CATCH ONE, TRACK OTHERS

Fugitives From County Jail at Berlin, N. H.

WHO ESCAPED LAST NIGHT

Two of the Convicts Saved Their Way Out of Cells and Then Released a Third Man Who Was Awaiting Sentence.

Berlin, N. H., Jan. 2.—Paul Murtha, one of three men who broke out of the Coos county jail last night, was captured at Randolph today, and the other jail-breakers, Fred Forbes and Dan Ferrari, are located. Posses are watching and expect to capture them before the day is out. It was at first thought that the men had taken for the Canadian line, but it seems that they headed southward.

Forbes and Murtha sawed the bars of their cell doors and while the sheriff was at supper they left their cells and freed Ferrari who was confined in an adjoining cell. Forbes and Murtha had been sentenced only yesterday to not less than four years and not more than seven years for forging American Express company money orders, and Ferrari was awaiting sentence, having been convicted of assault with intent to kill. Forbes is thought to have served a five years' sentence in New York on a similar charge of forgery.

A posse of fifty men started out last night as soon as the break was discovered. They learned that three men answering the description of the fugitives had been seen walking along the tracks of the Grand Trunk railroad, and it was supposed that the men intended to board a freight train. The trail was followed until today when Murtha was captured, and the posse got track of the other two.

MANY MATCHES ROLLED ON BURLINGTON ALLEYS

Barre Teams Played Well on the Academy Alleys, But Calumets Lost on Ethan Allen Club Alleys.

Burlington, Jan. 2.—Twenty bowling games were played on the alleys yesterday [illegible] in the state to[illegible] the Calumets [illegible] and the Cresc[illegible] won seven [illegible] City's bridge [illegible] housekeeping, [illegible] tral location, Also [illegible] floor, unfurnis[illegible] rent. Inquire of [illegible] ency, Barre, Vt.

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evening the Ethans won three of five games played with the Calumets of Barre, the leaders in the state bowling league, and lost another game by only two pins. In fact, all of the games ran close.

The scores of this match were:

Calumets.						
Averill	156	133	144	188	173	794
Alexander	159	189	181	179	176	884
Walsh	104	149	176	166	136	730
Totals	419	471	501	533	484	2408

Ethans.						
Garvey	134	130	190	184	167	805
Stearns	132	169	191	176	171	839
Barrows	158	149	177	185	144	813
Totals	424	448	558	545	482	2457

TOO STRONG FOR I. A. C.

Vulcans Came Back Strong in Last Period and Won Out, 28 to 16.

More people were present at the basket ball game at Hale's Pavilion last evening between the Vulcans and the Italian Athletic club team than have attended a game before this season. The Vulcans proved too strong for the Italians, and the latter team was defeated by the score of 28 to 16.

The Italians took the lead in the first period and scored a total of four points to the Vulcans's three. In the second period the Italians made another gain and scored 11 points to the Vulcans's seven. In the final period the Vulcans got busy and registered a total of 18 points, while the Italians made only one.

A portion of the crowd remained for the dance, which was held at the conclusion of the game.

The line-up:

Vulvans.		Italian A. C.
Knapp, l f	r g	Scampini
Alexander, c f	l g	F. Calcagni
Smith, c	c	Nicora
Bell, l g	r f	Comolli
Clark, r g	l f	H. Calcagni

Summary: Score, Vulvans 28, Italians 16; referee, Mariani; umpire, Rust; time, three 15-minute periods.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Will the lady who by mistake took the long silk scarf from the Scotch masquerade please return it to Mr. Thompson of Long street, or to the Scotch dance on Saturday evening, Jan. 9th, at Miles hall?

Probably one of the most realistic railroad films ever made is the one shown to-day at the Bijou theatre. The picture is clear and plainly shows how a train is wrecked, the engine used by the robbers to escape and the vivid race between them and another engine with detectives abroad. The other two pictures are of interest generally, and well worth witnessing. The song is new to-day. "A Night, A Girl A Moon," is the name of it. Mr. Lawford says it is the best he has ever sung here.