

NEW VESSEL TO BE FAST

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Perkins Launched Today

WILL REACH 30 KNOTS

The Newest United States War Vessel Was Put into the Water at Quincy with Mrs. Lars Anderson as Sponsor.

Quincy, Mass., April 9.—The torpedo boat destroyer Perkins was launched at the Fore River shipbuilding yards here this forenoon at an o'clock. The sponsor was Mrs. Lars Anderson, in honor of whose father, Commodore Perkins, the vessel was named.

The Perkins is due for delivery to the government on Sept. 1, 1910. She is a torpedo boat destroyer of a new type and one of three similar vessels now under construction at the Fore River yards.

The Perkins and her sisters are notable in being the pioneers of a new enlarged type of ocean-going destroyer capable of keeping to sea with the battle fleet.

The vessel is flush-decked fore and aft with a topgallant forecastle, giving a high platform for the forward gun, with a good height for conning tower and steering stations, while contributing to the seagoing qualities of the ship.

DREADNOUGHT LAUNCHED.

Colossus the Largest Dreadnought, with 22,000 Tonnage.

Greenock, Scotland, April 9.—The Colossus was the first English dreadnought to be launched into the Clyde river, and the launching took place to-day before an enthusiastic crowd of 200,000.

SLAYER OF WIFE ADMITS HIS CRIME

Doss Tells Police He Put Poison in His Wife's Beer and Asks to Be Placed Under Arrest.

Chicago, April 9.—A man giving his name as Matthew D. Doss, walked into the police station here yesterday and calmly remarked "Say, I killed my wife; she did not commit suicide. You'd better look me up."

Doss said that he placed carbolic acid in her wife's drink a year ago in Washington, but that coroner's jury brought in a verdict of suicide.

Doss gave his Washington address as 482 Twelfth street, Northwest. His wife's name was Lillian. Doss related "On January 12, 1909, we had a quarrel and I put the poison in her beer. I attended the inquest, but no one seemed to suspect me."

"My act preyed on my mind all the time. At the end of seven months I was arrested, charged with deserting from the navy, and was kept in custody for eight months. Then I came directly to Chicago, earning a living as a waiter. But I couldn't fight my conscience any longer, and so I gave myself up."

Washington, April 9.—Matthew Doss, who confessed yesterday in Chicago, to killing his wife, Lillian, in this city in January, 1909, told the police the night his wife was taken to the hospital here that he had found her unconscious, and that she had taken carbolic acid, although he did not know her reason.

MURDERER HAD NERVE.

Followed Victim to the Hospital and Threatened Him Again.

New York, April 9.—A savage audacity that shocked even old timers, hardened to gang warfare on the East Side, marked a fatal stabbing affray last night. The aggressor, only half satisfied, followed the hospital aide to a hospital and stooping over him where he lay dying, whispered: "If you don't die, I'll get you yet." Before the horrified attendants could catch their breath he had fled.

"Angel" Miller, known to the police as a member of the Corleone hook gang, was taken dying to a hospital by four young men, who said they had seen him attacked in the street. As Miller lay in the reception room, the man afterwards described by the witnesses as his assailant, entered hurriedly and made his threat. Miller died a few minutes later, but not until he had given the name of his murderer, who is now being sought. The police withheld the name, but say the man is a member of the same gang as Miller. The four witnesses were held.

VISITED ART GALLERIES.

Cassell Smith Accompanied Roosevelt. On to Porto Maurice.

Genoa, April 9.—The Roosevelts, with Cassell Smith, visited the art galleries in a sleigh auto and this afternoon started by train for Porto Maurice, after lunching with Cassell Smith at noon.

MILLIONAIRE WALSH, MINE OWNER, DEAD

Thomas F. Walsh Made Most of His Money in Colorado, Where He Went Directly on Arrival from Ireland.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Thomas F. Walsh, the millionaire mine owner, died at his home here last night at 11:30 o'clock. Death was due to a growth in the lungs, the result of a factory received years ago when Mr. Walsh was a miner in the West. Although the "Silver Mining King" as Mr. Walsh was known, had been sick for the past three months, the end came suddenly and peacefully.

He will be buried in Rock Creek cemetery here by the side of his only son, who lost his life in an automobile accident in New England several years ago. At his own request the funeral ceremonies will be simple. They will be conducted by the Masons on Sunday afternoon.

Thomas F. Walsh was born in Ireland in 1861. He was educated in the public schools and early in life was apprenticed to a wheelwright. When he was 19 years old he came to the United States, going almost directly to Colorado, where he made his fortune in the development of mines. In 1879, he married Miss Carrie B. Reed. He was one of the commissioners to the Paris exposition in 1905.

Mr. Walsh belonged to several scientific societies. In the immediate past he developed a keen interest in aviation and was the leading figure in the effort to have the international aviation meet held in the national capital.

The tragic death of his only son some years ago, was a most severe shock to Mr. Walsh, and one from which he never fully recovered. The boy was killed in an automobile accident, which injured his sister, now Mrs. Edward McLean.

PANIC QUELLED BY PROMPT ACTION

Asbestos Curtains Dropped in Theatre, Orchestra Played Furiously and Firemen Fought Flames, People Finally Quieted.

New York, April 9.—Panic broke out among 1,000 spectators at the Alhambra theatre in Harlem last night when the gasolene tank of a motor cycle, ridden by a young woman on the stage, exploded and sheets of flames curtains the cage around the tank.

Agnes Hatfield of Newark, N. J., known on the stage as Celora, had reached a speed of 45 miles an hour around the small electric track when her motor cycle collapsed. Its fall smashed the gasolene tank, scattering gasolene over the floor. An explosion followed, and the cage was a mass of flames.

Instantly the spectators rushed shrieking to the doors. The firemen on duty in the theatre ordered the asbestos curtains run down, and with the first shot from view, the audience grew more reasonable and the police in the house were able to control the pressure at the exits. Loud playing by the orchestra which drowned out shouts from the spectators, calmed the panic and the theatre was emptied with only minor injuries to any one.

Many women who fainted were revived in the fresh air. Mrs. Hatfield was bruised and shocked but attendants beat out the flames before she was seriously burned.

BETWEEN POLICE AND FIRE

New York Pool Room Players Had a Hard Time Yesterday.

New York, April 9.—Two hundred pool room players were nearly suffocated in a house on City Hall place by the efforts of the room keepers to destroy racing sheets and other evidences of play. When the place was raided by the police yesterday.

As soon as the proprietors heard the sound of axes at the doors they threw all papers into a big sheet iron can, kept ready for emergencies, poured kerosene over the heap and threw a lighted match atop. The bonfire, partly hidden by the players by a low wooden partition, blazed fiercely, emitting volumes of smoke.

Terrified at the thought of being trapped in a fire, the crowd fought and hammered at the door, while plain clothes men, among them to get evidence, tried in vain to restore order by a display of revolvers. A rush of fresh air from the street, when the door was broken down, quieted the panic. Six men, said to be proprietors and employees, were arrested. The others went free.

STRIKE QUESTION UNSETTLED.

Railway Employees Willing to Take Offered Advance Under Conditions.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 9.—Preparations for the strike of trainmen and conductors are progressing here by the New York Central officials, who opened offices, where men are being hired as police for use if needed. On Monday, the heads of the trainmen and conductors will meet General Manager Smith in New York for a decisive close. The men are said to be willing to take the offered advance, if the branch line workmen are placed on the same terms as the main line men.

DEAD NUMBER 1100.

Fighting in Albania Amounts to Butchery and Includes Women and Children.

Constantinople, via Philippopolis, Bulgaria, April 9.—Ten thousand Turkish troops are mobilizing to reinforce the soldiers, who are attempting to quell the Albanian revolt. The government will also bombard the Albanian coast. The estimate of dead in the week's fighting is set at 600 of the rebels and 500 of the government troops, beside many wounded. The fighting is hand to hand with knives and bayonets, and the butchery is the most barbaric in years. Women and children are freely numbered with the dead.

TAFT DENIES HE SAID "HELL"

It Was "Hello! Have Any of You Fellows Resigned?"

IN GREETING CABINET

Certain Cabinet Minister and Newspaper Reporter Got Him into Trouble in Quoting Him—Taft to Talk as Republican.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—President Taft's friends were jarred to-day when they read in a New York paper that he greeted the cabinet members, arriving at the White House yesterday, with "Hell! Have any of you fellows resigned to-day?" Inquiries at the White House brought out the information that President Taft did not say "Hell!" but "Hello!"

The cabinet minister who told the dispatch are both busy to-day explaining all about it. The president will to-night open the Republican congressional campaign by a speech at the dinner of the League of Republican Clubs on "The Significance of Republicanism." It is expected that he will define his stand on the insurgents, Secretary Nagel, Senator Lodge, Representative McKinley, Representative E. J. Connelley, Representative Longworth and John Hays Hammond will be at the speakers' table. The insurgents will be conspicuous by their absence.

NO SHORTAGE OF COAL.

Mineralogist Says We Have Enough to Last 4,913 Years.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Further testimony on the Alaskan coal fields to-day occupied the Ballinger investigating committee. Alfred H. Brooks, a geological survey mineralogist, said that Alaskan coal, exclusive of that in Alaska, would last 4,913 years.

DEMANDS ACCOUNTING, RECEIVES A THREAT

Dr. Coate, Active in Demanding Accounting from Officers of Investment Company, Tames Threats Over to Police.

Salem, Mass., April 9.—Dr. Candell Coate, who has been active in demanding an accounting from the officers who failed the New England Investment company of Manchester, N. H., has turned over to the police inspectors letters threatening to trail him unless he stops his efforts.

BUGGER GEMS RECOVERED.

Stolen Diamonds Found Under Rock at Foot of Palisades.

New York, April 9.—The search for the Bugger diamonds is over. The eight missing from a set valued at \$25,000, were recovered yesterday, five of them under a boulder at the foot of the New Jersey Palisades, one of them under the corner of a bedroom carpet in the Hotel Lincoln, and two others in small jewelry shops, where they had been pledged as security for small loans.

The others were surrendered when Clarence Howlett, who confesses he stole them, was arrested Thursday in Baltimore in a jewelry shop, where he was trying to make a sale.

The diamonds were stolen on March 28, from the home, in Washington, of Mrs. Ludlow, wife of Rear-Admiral Ludlow and mother of Frederick Bugher, first deputy police commissioner of New York, where Mrs. Bugher, his wife, was visiting. Howlett was the Ludlow's butler.

DEAD MEN ON PAYROLLS.

Tammany Man Accused of Engineering One of the Frauds.

New York, April 9.—Dead men are still on the city payrolls, so Commissioner Fosdyck of the department of accounts reported to the mayor yesterday. In one instance, he said, the man who is filling a dead man's shoes is also drawing pay in his own name. The commissioner believes the two instances he has uncovered are part of an extensive system, and he accuses a Tammany district leader of engineering one of the frauds. Evidence has been placed in the hands of the district attorney. The positions involved are minor ones.

WALKER BACK IN ASYLUM.

Ferguson Charges Against Minister Not Pushed in Providence Court.

Providence, R. I., April 9.—The Rev. Raymond E. Walker, who escaped from the state hospital for the insane, and who was later found in Boston and returned to the Rhode Island authorities, yesterday appeared before Judge Brock in the superior court for arraignment under an indictment, charging him with forging and uttering a bad check. Because of his mental condition Walker was returned to the Rhode Island state hospital for the insane.

GRANITE OFFICES ROBBED.

Small Loot Secured in Montpelier Burglaries Last Night.

A series of burglaries was committed in Montpelier granite plants last night, those of Jelliman & Jones, National Granite company, Sweeney Bros. and the office of D. K. Lillis being entered. The most of the burglars got at Jelliman & Jones', where they secured \$8 in money. At the National plant they secured 79 cents in stamps, and nothing at Sweeney Bros. and D. K. Lillis' office.

BARRRE DRILL ENJOYED

Macabees Ladies in Burlington Last Evening.

Burlington, April 9.—A large number attended the public meeting, held last evening in the Barrows block, under the auspices of the Ladies of the Macabees of the World. The meeting was held for the purpose of giving the public at large an idea of the work and scope of the order, and in this it was eminently successful. The Barre hire was present to the number of 20 and their drills were an object of admiration.

An attractive program had been prepared and with the numbers by the high school orchestra was thoroughly enjoyed.

The program follows: Prayer, Rev. F. D. Penney; address of welcome, Miss Iva Smith; response, Mrs. Bertha McNeil, on behalf of Harmon Hive of Barre; welcome to the city, Mayor J. E. Burke; vocal solo, Miss Mammie Holmes; Ladies of the Macabees, Mrs. Cora Finn, state commander of St. Johnsbury; remarks, Mrs. E. Watkins, deputy state commander of Rutland; remarks, Miss Margaret Smith of Barre; history of the Macabees, Rev. C. J. Staples; exemplification of initiatory and public drills, Harmon Hive of Barre.

WILL FIGHT VERDICT.

Benware Case to Be Taken to Supreme Court.

Burlington, April 9.—The case of state vs. William Henry Benware, charged with manslaughter, which was tried in Chittenden county court last week, will be appealed to the supreme court. R. E. Brown, attorney for Mr. Benware, made a motion yesterday afternoon to set aside the verdict of assault and battery on the grounds that no evidence of such a nature had been introduced in the case and that it was illegal in consequence. The court overruled the motion.

Mr. Brown then took exceptions and the case will be appealed. Bail of \$5,000 was fixed, which was furnished by Walter U. Woodbury and E. F. Woodbury. The bail is the same amount as was fixed in the manslaughter case. Benware, while a chauffeur for Gov. G. H. Prouty, was charged with running an automobile in such a negligent manner that he ran into and killed Hector Mongeon of St. Hyacinthe, Que., in this city on the night of July 6, 1909.

WILL BUILD TRACK.

Boston & Maine Propose to Cut Central Vermont Connection.

Brattleboro, April 9.—J. W. Tompson of Boston, a consulting engineer for the Boston & Maine railroad, left yesterday for Windsor. Mr. Norton has been here with a party of engineers planning a proposed railroad between Brattleboro and Hinsdale, N. H., to connect the Connecticut Passumpsic division with the Ashuelot branch of the Central Vermont and Grand Trunk railroads, insofar as it covers the Boston & Maine interests.

As soon as the Brattleboro work is completed, the force will go to Windsor, where they will locate a line from Windsor to West Lebanon, N. H., doing away with the tracks of the Central Vermont between Windsor and White River Junction.

GET VERMONT MAN.

Thomas to Coach New Hampshire State College.

Durham, N. H., April 9.—The executive committee of the New Hampshire College Athletic association has engaged Ray H. Thomas of Burlington, Vt., who coached the university of Vermont football team last season and who graduates from the Vermont medical college in June, as football coach for next fall.

The new coach first began playing football at Burlington high school, where he was on the team for four years. He entered Brown, playing guard the seasons of '04 and '05, on two of the best teams ever produced at that college. It was here in the freshman year that Thomas made a big reputation by playing a star game against four men, who were afterwards, or who had already been chosen by Walter Camp, as members of his all-American eleven.

During the fall of 1906, Thomas, as end, halfback and tackle, was one of the mainstays of the Rutgers college team. He entered the Vermont medical college in '08, but was barred from the university of Vermont football team on account of the one-year rule. However, he played center on the '08 team, and it was said that he outplayed every man whom he met during the season.

Last fall he coached Vermont and had a very successful season. He was well liked by the student body, both as a coach and as a man.

VERMONTNER SCALPED.

Lost to Fordham College, 13 to 5, Yesterday.

New York, April 9.—Fordham continued her winning streak by scalping the university of Vermont nine in a long-drawn-out hitting game, played on Fordham field yesterday, by a score of 13 to 5. The green and white boys could not connect with the batters, served by McKeown, Fordham's southpaw.

Hanson Throws Fighting Bear.

Burlington, April 9.—Fritz Hanson won a catch-as-catch-can match from Fighting Bear, an Indian from Mobile, Ala., at the armory last night. The first fall came in 35 minutes and the second in 30 minutes.

HIT BY FALLING VASE.

Worcester Man Struck by Flower Pot from Hotel Belmont.

New York, April 9.—John Mayhew, an advertising agent of Worcester, Mass., was badly hurt yesterday, when a flower pot, which fell from the 10th floor of the Hotel Belmont, struck him squarely on the head as he was pacing the sidewalk in front of the hotel.

He was carried to Bellevue hospital in a taxicab, badly gashed and with a possible fracture of the skull.

FITZGERALD PAYS HIBBARD

Boston's Mayor Appoints Him to \$5,000 Job

AS COLLECTOR IN BOSTON

Hibbard's Persistency in Staying in the Last Mayorality Fight Is Believed to Have Elected Fitzgerald.

Boston, April 9.—Mayor John F. Fitzgerald is reputed to have paid a political debt of the last municipal campaign when he to-day appointed ex-Mayor George A. Hibbard as collector of an annual salary of \$5,000. Hibbard's persistency in staying in the last mayorality race is believed to have enabled Fitzgerald to beat James J. Storrow, the last leading candidate. Although Hibbard polled but a comparatively small vote, the number was greater than the difference between Fitzgerald's and Storrow's vote.

Hibbard was a "reform mayor," who held office just before Fitzgerald's present term. Prior to that he was postmaster of this city for eight years, and in 1894 and 1896 he was a member of the Massachusetts legislature. He is treasurer of Hibbard & Mason corporation, failors.

All his official performances were secured as a Republican, and in 1896 he was a delegate to the national Republican convention in St. Louis. Mayor Fitzgerald is a Democrat.

NEW ORDER AFFECTS VERMONT BORDER

Only \$10 Worth of Clothing Can Be Brought Across, Instead of \$100, as Formerly.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—The Treasury department to-day issued orders to collectors of customs along the Canadian and Mexican borders of the country that persons coming to the United States will no longer be allowed to bring in one hundred dollars in clothing without duty. Hereafter only ten dollars in clothing will be allowed, and this must be declared. The cause of the order is the practice of persons along the Canadian border making frequent trips into this country and bringing in woollens, and other articles.

SIX WOMEN CORRESPONDENTS.

Mrs. Hein Gets Divorce; Husband Drops Charges Against Her.

New York, April 9.—Six women correspondents beat five men similarly classified in a divorce suit decided in New York yesterday, when a jury in the suit of Mrs. Klara Valentine Hein against her husband, returned a verdict finding the husband guilty on seven of the 14 charges made against him.

The case attracted attention because of the unusual number of correspondents involved—11. Mrs. Hein named some women, than her husband named men, and won.

SOUTHERIDGE BANK RUMORS.

Said That More Warrants Are to Be Served.

Boston, April 9.—When the special committee investigating the Southbridge bank case concluded its executive session at the State House yesterday afternoon, Chairman White stated that the evidence submitted at the public hearing had been carefully gone over. He also stated that so far as he was aware, no additional arrests were likely to result from anything that had been brought out in the testimony to date. Rumors that the state police had been stirred to renewed action by disclosures made to the committee, and that warrants would be served on others in connection with the bank shortage, were thick at the State House yesterday.

STOLE WIFE'S CLOTHES.

Husband of Six Wives Held for Larceny.

Pitchburg, Mass., April 9.—Charles W. Doss, six times married, is held for the larceny of the last victim's clothing, valued at \$700. Two wives hailed him in court. A bigamy charge is pending.

The Passing of the Metal Bed.

The fad for metal beds is passing, according to a writer in Suburban Life for April, who says: "We are told that metal beds are more sanitary, and so they probably are, especially for hospitals, where the simplest white-painted frames are used. But the fashion for 'brass beds' ran into such fabulous shapes and such tawdry elaboration that the pendulum has swung the other way now, and the wooden beds have come into vogue again. Properly handled, they should be as easy to care for as the brass bed, and they are far prettier. However, there is no doubt that a good metal bed can be bought for a much smaller price than a good wooden one. Choose the simplest—the hospital cut—with no ornaments at all, or the all-brass bed, the white beds with 'brass cups and vases' do not wear so well. The brass ornament coming off and denting easily."

The Lively Squirrel.

An old negro who lives in the country came into town and saw an electric fan for the first time in his life. The whirling object at once attracted his attention, and after gazing at it for several minutes with the greatest astonishment and curiosity he turned to the proprietor of the shop and said: "Say, boss, did autently is a lively squirrel you got in dis vash cage, but he's shobly gone to bne' his heart if he been in makin' dem resolution so fast!"

HOUSEKEEPER.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 9.—Unusual stipulations in a marriage proposal were cited in the supreme court here yesterday when the \$50,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Mary Horner against Henry Webendorfer was called for trial.

Miss Horner is 48 years old and a country housekeeper. Mr. Webendorfer is a wealthy resident of this city, who is a manufacturer in New York City. Miss Horner accepted Webendorfer's terms of marriage last September, and the following month Webendorfer broke off his engagement, writing "the honest has you rejected discouraging me to continue my suit for your affections."

According to a letter written to Miss Horner by Webendorfer, which was read in court to-day, a part of the marriage proposal read: "I will pay you monthly payments of \$300 a year and \$250 on Christmas. If you are good to me, at my death I will deed you my property at Washington and Mill streets (Poughkeepsie) and the stables, yielding you an income of \$1,000.

"This is void, though, if you and I don't get along. In this case, I will pay you \$5,000 at the end of the first year if you and I do decide, and if we live together at the end of three years I will pay you \$10,000, and if at the end of five years or any time after I will pay you \$15,000. At our separation I will secure you by a mortgage of \$25,000 on an \$80,000 clear New York property. On your side you will have to treat me kindly and will have to keep a good table for me."

WARM WORDS OF PRAISE

For Dr. J. W. Barnett by Diminishing Council at Recent Pastorate.

At the council to dismiss Rev. J. W. Barnett from the Marblehead, Mass., Congregational church, held March 23, the following resolutions were adopted: "In commencing with the action of this church and parish in accepting the resignation of Rev. John W. Barnett, D. D., the council bears witness to their high regard for his service during the two and a half years of his pastorate in this ancient and important church. He has proved himself a wise, inspiring and helpful preacher; a faithful, discreet and willing minister in this large parish. His ability to interest and lead both old and young; his devoted attention to the sick, the poor and the afflicted; his interest in the social development of his people; his love and respect for the moral uplift has been constant and genuine. While we do not doubt his sincerity and singleness of heart in listening to the summons of another church, we yet deplore his removal from our midst, where he has been a valuable adviser and sharer in our common labors. We wish his god-speed in his new relationship and commend him to the ministers and churches of this new field as worthy of their fullest confidence."

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OLD CASE HEADS DOCKET.

Van Dyke vs. Grand Trunk E. R. at May Term of Supreme Court.

The docket for the May term of supreme court, which convenes at Montpelier, Tuesday, May 3, will be out in a few days. The first case for argument at this term is the celebrated case of George Van Dyke against the Grand Trunk railroad, from Caledonia county.

This case was in the hands of F. S. Platt, Horace F. Graham and W. H. Taylor as masters for nearly four years, and a vast amount of testimony was taken. The matter found in their report for the plaintiff. Mr. Van Dyke, a resident of the Grand Trunk railroad, from Caledonia county.

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HIS SATURDAY BATH.

Thomas Cotter Took It in the River After 15-foot Plunge.

The truth of the saying that an intoxicated person rarely gets into a fall was substantiated again at an early hour this morning when Thomas Cotter fell off the bank into the river in the rear of the Miles block, a distance of 15 feet, and was pulled out a few minutes later, and was taken to the skin but uninjured.

It seems that Cotter had been out calling during the night and had left about 4 o'clock this morning to go to his room in the Tomasi block. He was taking down the Montpelier & Wells River tracks, and as he reached the bridge in the rear of the Miles block he tumbled too much to the westward and went over the bank into the river. The drop in at least 15 feet, but fortunately for Cotter, his head did not strike on any of the stones in the bed of the river, and he was able to crawl out