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STUBBORN DEFENSE IN WESTERN FORTRESS

Ancient Fortress of Belgrade Reduced by Austrian Shelling. British Legation in Capital City Struck by Austrian Shell.

London, July 30.—The Austrian troops first encountered a body of Servians at Zemendria on the Servian side of the Danube. The Servians held their grounds until nightfall and then retired. Both sides sustained heavy losses, several hundred Serbs being killed in the engagement yesterday.

On the western side of Servia an Austrian column met a Servian force which put up a stubborn defense and held the fort until dark, inflicting heavy losses on the Austrians.

The ancient fortress of Belgrade was reduced by the Austrian cavalry. The British legation was struck by an Austrian shell. During the bombardment the Servian sharpshooters greatly harassed the Austrian artillerymen.

A telegram received by the Servian legation says that the Austrians in attempting to cross the Danube twenty miles east of Belgrade were repulsed by the Servians and that a big artillery engagement is in progress.

London, July 30.—Preparations for a possible general European war went on steadily today. Every country is likely to be involved and the complications of the situation were augmented by the rumor that Japan might also join in the conflict. A Tokio paper expresses the view that in case of a general European war participation of Japan as an ally of Great Britain is possible.

Following the partial mobilization of the Russian army, it was officially announced to Germany and Austria-Hungary that an order was issued by Germany today to all officers and men of the reserve forces to hold themselves in readiness for a call to arms, and a report reaching here by the way of Paris says the Berlin war office already has ordered a partial mobilization in the eastern provinces of Prussia.

England's fleet is kept on a war footing and scattered vessels of the navy are being brought back to their bases. The Mediterranean fleet, which reached Malta today, found a lighter waiting, loaded with coal, which immediately was taken aboard.

All members of the metropolitan police, which is a government force, have been recalled from leave and ordered to return to duty immediately as men are required to guard the government dockyards and magazines in the event that the regular guards should have to join their regiments.

The stock markets not already closed showed utter stagnation. The rate of discount at the Bank of England today was raised from three to four per cent.

Strict censorship prevents news from the fighting zone coming through. Various reports are in circulation, stating that a battle had occurred on Austrian territory in Bosnia between the Austrians and Servians and that it resulted in great slaughter, while another reported the fall of the Servian capital and still another an Austrian attack on the Montenegrins at Mount Lovchen.

A despatch from Rome says sharp resistance is being offered to the Austrians' advance from the northwest by small detachments of Servian troops.

ARTILLERY DUEL IS IN PROGRESS

At Point 20 Miles South of Belgrade, Where Austrian Troops Had Advanced.

Nish, Servia, July 30.—Invading Austrian troops advanced to-day some 20 miles to the southward of Belgrade, and an artillery duel was in progress this morning near Kiczney and Zemendria.

AUSTRIANS WILD OVER EMPEROR

Veteran Monarch's Return to Vienna Greeted by Great Din from Huge Crowd.

Vienna, July 30.—Scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm accompanied Emperor Franz Joseph's return to the Austrian capital to-day. Enormous crowds, carrying banners and led by semi-military bands, formed into procession behind the veteran monarch and escorted him to the castle amid a continuous roar of cheering from the populace in the streets.

SITUATION WORSE, BERLIN REPORTS

France as Well as Russia Reported to Be Preparing to Assist the Servians.

Berlin, Germany, July 30.—Representa-

tives and officials of the foreign office declared to-day that the situation had grown worse, instead of better, and pointed out that the mobilization of the Russian army when Austria had not moved a man toward the Russian frontier could only be interpreted as evidence that Russia was determined to support Servia. They added that France is also known to be making secret preparations. Germany has not yet ordered a mobilization of her forces.

FRANCE RAISES DISCOUNT

Bank Increased Money Rate to Four and One-Half To-day.

Paris, July 30.—The Bank of France has raised its discount rate from three and one-half to four and one-half.

HELD ON UNUSUAL CHARGE

Of Aiding Girls to Escape from Vermont Industrial School.

Vergennes, July 30.—John W. Otis of Addison, charged with aiding and abetting four girls to escape from the state industrial school, has been bound over for trial at the December term of Addison county court in the sum of \$1,000. Bail was furnished by Charles Otis of Cornwall. Otis waived examination. All the girls who lately escaped from the industrial school have been returned through the efforts of Superintendent Bars. It is said that there has been a disposition on the part of some people in this vicinity to aid inmates to escape from the institution. The authorities of the school are determined to put a stop to the practice and the present case will be vigorously prosecuted.

PROHIBITIONISTS NAME C. F. SMITH

Morrisville Man Nominated for Governor of Vermont at Convention in St. Johnsbury. Charles A. Prouty Endorsed for Senator.

St. Johnsbury, July 30.—The Prohibition party of Vermont held their state convention here yesterday, about 20 representatives of the party being in attendance. The spellbinder of Boston, a representative of the national Prohibition party, who is spending a week in the state in the interests of national Prohibition, Mr. Kershner addressed the convention in the morning and was the principal speaker at the rally last evening. The following state ticket was placed in nomination: Governor—Charles F. Smith of Morrisville. Lieut.-Gov.—Clarence J. Ferguson of Burlington. Secretary of State—A. S. Gallup of Burlington. Treasurer—Frank Gibson of Groton. Auditor—F. A. Collins of St. Albans. The convention also endorsed Hon. Charles A. Prouty for senator and Prof. McFarland of Middlebury for congressman in the first district.

The platform declared for submission by Congress to the several states of an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; the presidential primary; the creation of a permanent tariff commission; the extension of the postal savings system; the passage of the rural credits bill; the conservation of our natural resources; liberal appropriations for our agricultural schools; uniform marriage and divorce laws, educational test for suffrage.

On state issues the platform declared for the initiative and referendum; the passage of a bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, the same to become a law if ratified by a majority of the votes cast; a salary of \$300 for members of the legislature and \$150 for helpers; the abolishment of the office of attorney-general; the direct primary with the red tape cut out; the continuance of our present efficient highway improvements; the simplification of our judicial system to provide for more speedy justice; a revision of our curriculum in rural schools; state aid for high schools and colleges; passage of a workman's compensation act; conservation of our forest lands and state control of our water power; curtailment of state commissions.

BRISTOL FACTORY BURNED; LOSS, \$15,000

There Was Insurance of \$5,000 and It Is Not Likely That the Structure Will Be Replaced—Cause of Fire Unknown.

Bristol, July 30.—Hewitt & Wright's turning factory at this place was burned this morning with a loss of \$15,000, on which there was an insurance of \$5,000. The factory probably will not be rebuilt. The cause of the fire is not known.

MAN JUMPED AS AUTO SKIDDED

He Was Only Member of Party Injured as Auto Righted Itself.

Cambridge, July 30.—An automobile accident, which narrowly escaped being very serious, occurred near here yesterday when a car owned and driven by R. H. Fuller of Cambridge Junction skidded and went in a ditch.

MOREHOUSE RESIDENCE BURNED

Fire Started While the Family Were Away.

The house and small barn of George Morehouse located on the East Montpelier road just outside the city limits were burned this afternoon, the fire starting in the house while the family were all away. Mr. Morehouse being at his work in the stonemason of McDunnell & Sons in this city and Mrs. Morehouse being away berrying. The cause of the fire is not known.

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VERMONT SCHOOLS ARE INADEQUATE

Says Vermont Educational Commission in Reporting Along Lines Quite Closely Following Carnegie Foundation Findings.

The findings and recommendations of the Vermont educational commission as to the educational system in Vermont, just submitted to Governor Fletcher, follows quite closely the findings and recommendations made to the commission by the Carnegie Foundation investigators several months ago.

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NEW TO REPLACE THE ANCIENT

Barre Opera House Stage Scenery to Change Its Spots.

Next time Sir Toby Belch or any other tipping idler of his ilk struts across the boards at the Barre opera house and orders his leg o' mutton an' ale in the courtyard outside Olivia's home castle, it will be in scenes so far removed from the present environment that even Sir Toby, if he happens to be an S. T. who ever played in our opera house before, will look twice to see whether he is in the right neighborhood. Turning to the less legitimate, the six-more-redskins in "The Durango Dozen" will bite the dust in completely changed surroundings when "The Dozen" comes to town again. Yes, the old order is to be altered for the antiquated scenery that has formed a background for the attractions of 15 years is to shine forth in a new refutation, thanks to the city fathers.

FAILURE HITS WHOLE TOWN

Willis H. Taft, Big Lumber Dealer of Southern Vermont, in Bankruptcy

Brattleboro, July 30.—The largest failure in Windham county was announced this forenoon when Willis H. Taft of West Townshend was adjudged in bankruptcy by United States Judge James L. Martin. Mr. Taft, who was widely known in this section of the state and who represented the town in the legislature of 1912, was a manufacturer of chair stock and an extensive dealer in lumber. His liabilities are set up as \$48,509 and his assets as \$43,047.

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The real estate is heavily mortgaged and the stocks are of doubtful value, so that the actual value of the assets is thought to be considerably less than appears in the list.

In the obligations are \$257 due in wages, \$21,184 in secured claims, \$14,553 in unsecured claims and \$12,515 in notes bearing Mr. Taft's name as surety. The assets consist of the following: Real estate, \$19,165; personal property, \$17,800; accounts receivable, \$2,360; stocks, \$3,782; exemption claims, \$970.

Judge Martin to-day appointed Judge Fred E. Pier of Brattleboro as receiver of the Taft mill property because it was thought that the continued operation would be of benefit to the estate. Mr. Taft operated a chair stock mill for many years and the community relied on him a great deal. A year and a half ago Mr. Taft and C. H. Willard, who owned a mill at Townshend, formed a partnership independent of their two mills and bought large timber tracts in Wardsboro and they now have 1,000,000 feet of lumber stacked there. The market was such that this lumber could not be disposed of and this, with the large interest obligations, caused the failure of Mr. Taft. Mr. Willard does not expect to be seriously crippled.

Charles H. Groat of West Townshend is on Mr. Taft's paper to a large amount.

VERMONT BUSINESS TROUBLES

Involuntary Petition Against the Cutler, Storer & Fay Co.

Rutland, July 30.—The granite firm, Cutler, Storer & Fay Co., Inc., of Barre, has been petitioned into involuntary bankruptcy by the firms N. D. Phelps Co., the Consolidated Quarry Co., and the Barre Medium Granite Co., of Barre. The petition was filed yesterday at the office in this city of Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court and no figures were given.

PEDESTRIAN DRAGGED BY SKIDDING AUTO

Carroll Dobby's Clothing Caught on Machine Which Had Mounted Sidewalk in Montpelier—Another Auto Skidded.

Two automobile accidents due to slippery streets occurred in Montpelier yesterday afternoon and last evening, in one of which the machine ran on the sidewalk and struck two pedestrians on a main street. Carroll Dobby and Edward Gardner were the two pedestrians and, in addition to being struck, Dobby was dragged several feet, as his clothing caught on the machine. He was taken to Heaton hospital for treatment, although early examination failed to show that any bones were broken or that he was seriously injured.

The car was No. 2478 of the Vermont registry, a Buick, which is licensed to George Gauthier of Barre. It was being driven by Gertrude Morten, who was accompanied by Mr. Gauthier, and was being turned around on Main street near the intersection of Langdon street, where the street was slippery. The auto was not equipped with chains and it started to skid on the muddy thoroughfare, running on the sidewalk in front of the Farwell store, where Dobby and Gardner were walking. Both the pedestrians were thrown to the ground and Gardner was scratched and his clothing torn. A large crowd was attracted to the scene.

The previous accident occurred in front of the Montpelier city hall, where a Buick car No. 037 of Vermont registry (the number of Connors & Green of Bennington, dealers) skidded into the curb after making the turn from State street. The rear axle was broken and the self-starting apparatus was put out of commission. Three young men, who were occupants of the car, were given a hard job but were not injured, as the auto remained upright. The collision with the curb caused a loud noise and attracted many people who considered the three young men fortunate that the results were no worse.

DIED AT AGE OF 69

Carlo Maffini Had Been in Declining Health for Some Time.

Carlo Maffini, aged 69, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. Albisetti, at 20 Foster street, last evening at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Maffini had been in declining health for some time and his last illness covered a period of five months. He leaves a number of near relatives in Barre as well as in Italy, his native land. His mother, Mrs. Mary Maffini, has attained the ripe age of 101 years in Angara, Italy. It has been a good many years since she has seen her son. Surviving also in Italy are his two sisters and a brother. Here in Barre Mr. Maffini leaves two daughters, Mrs. Albisetti and Mrs. Lucy Calderara. A third sister, Mrs. Mary Galli, resides in California, and a son, Joseph Maffini, lives in Virginia.

The deceased was born in Angara in 1845. He was married in his native town around 38 years ago and when he came to Barre in 1890 his wife accompanied him. Mrs. Maffini's death occurred 10 years ago. Mr. Maffini was a stonecutter by trade and was employed by a number of local manufacturing concerns until his advancing years compelled him to retire. He belonged to the granitecutters union and was a member of the Italian Old Men's society.

Funeral services will be held from the home Saturday afternoon and the interment will be in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

FUNERAL OF CLINTON WARD

Large Number of Friends and Relatives from Distance Attended.

Moravtown, July 30.—The funeral of Clinton H. Ward was held from his late home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. Mandigo of the Methodist church in Moravtown, Mr. Ward's pastor, was the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. Frank Ward of Chicago and Rev. O. H. Gates of Cambridge, Mass., cousins of the deceased. A cousin and uncle also assisted in the services at the cemetery. Rev. C. M. Gates of Wellesley Hills, Mass., and Rev. Earl Ward of Meriden, N. H. The bearers were Lucius Flint, Frank Johnson, Sidney Atkins and Will Clark of Moravtown, M. H. McAllister of Barre and C. W. Guyette of Burlington. Burial was in the South Duxbury cemetery beside the body of his late father. The hymns, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Abide With Me," were used for congregational singing, led by the choir of the Methodist church, with Mrs. Haylett at the piano. The Lord's prayer was repeated in unison. The Lord's prayer was those present from out of town were Mr. Ward's brother, Clair Ward of Los Angeles, Rev. Frank Ward of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis of St. Louis, Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Gates and M. Gates of Wellesley Hills, Mass., Rev. H. P. Munson and Levi Munson of Morrisville, Mr. and Mrs. William Ward and two daughters of Burlington, Rev. Earl Ward and Jay Ward of Meriden, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Joslyn and family of Rev. W. Remond of Waitsfield, Rev. O. R. Wells of Rochester, M. H. McAllister and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Griggs of Barre, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hart, Judge E. W. Huntley, Mrs. E. F. Palmer, Jr., Miss Annie Dorothy Palmer and B. E. make good.

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Barre is making a strong bid for the 1916 convention of the National Association of Cemetery Superintendents. This announcement was made to-day by a joint committee which are close to the joint committee which represented the granite manufacturers, the quarry owners, the Merchants' association and the Barre Board of Trade when the New England cemetery superintendents held their summer outing in this city last June. It's a far look ahead, but things are expected to shape themselves up by the time the national association meets for its annual convention in St. Louis this summer.

On the surface it looks like a heavy undertaking, but there are many factors which will make for the success of a nation-wide convention here in 1916. Barre's fond dreams of a new hotel have been realized, settling partially the problem of caring for a large number of delegates. And anything that Barre has to offer to-day in the way of natural attractions, industrial sights at the quarries and in the cutting plants which are intact in 1916. Already a quiet campaign to have the superintendents convene in Barre for a convention city has been started and the movement toward the Granite City is receiving impetus from a host of cemetery superintendents whose good will the city gained when the New England association came here this summer. It is a foregone conclusion that the 1915 convention will be held in Portland, Ore. The fact that middle west and western cities were chosen in 1914 and 1915 will weigh in favor of an eastern city in '16. It is known that at least two cities have their eyes on the convention year after next.

DIED ON EVE OF BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Julia A. Harris Was a Native of Cabot.

On the eve of her 73d birthday, Mrs. Julia A. Harris, wife of the late Charles E. Harris, passed away at her home, 11 Brook street, Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, death following a shock which she suffered three weeks ago last Monday. Mrs. Harris had been in failing health for a number of months and the shock served only to increase the gravity of her condition. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Carrie Dike of Barre, a daughter, Miss Jennie Lovell, and a son, E. L. Ward of this city. Surviving also are two foster children, Miss Edith Harris of Worcester, and Lester Harris of this city, as well as a niece, Miss Maude Dike, also of Barre.

Julia Anne (Morris) Harris was born in Cabot July 30, 1841. Her first husband, George Lovell, to whom she was wedded in Cabot, died three years after the marriage. The death of Charles E. Harris, her second husband, occurred in this city in December, 1906. Mrs. Harris came to Barre with her family to reside in 1889 and had been a resident here since. She was a member of the Healing Methodist church.

The funeral will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. F. Newell, pastor of the Hedding church, officiating. Interment will be in the family lot at Elmwood cemetery.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE W. DODGE

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon from His Home on Montpelier Road.

Funeral services for George Wesley Dodge, whose death at his home on the Montpelier road Monday removed one of the best known residents of Barre, were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The officiating clergyman was Rev. E. F. Newell, pastor of the Hedding Methodist church. The bearers were: Leon B. Dodge, Clarence A. Dodge and Harvey Dodge, sons of the deceased, and Wallace Marvin. The interment was made in Elmwood cemetery. Mr. Dodge was born Jan. 12, 1833, in the house where he lived for more than 51 years. When he was 23 years old his father died and he assumed the management of the farm. During his occupancy of the place he made a number of sizeable additions. Possessing excellent judgment and financial ability, he was a successful farmer. In his native town he served as selectman and to the last he retained an active interest in town affairs, attending every town meeting but two from the time he reached the age of 21.

He leaves his wife, four sons, one of whom resides in Leadville, Col., and one daughter. A brother, William Taylor Dodge, died last October at the age of 84.

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It also finds that the college of medicine in the University of Vermont does not perform a public service sufficient to warrant its receiving a state appropriation, calling attention to the entering class of 18 in 1913, only eight of whom were from Vermont.

The commission lays great stress on Vermont as an agricultural rather than an industrial state and quotes liberally from United States census reports, which show that although there are more persons engaged in manufacturing, more capital is invested in farms and more

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