

EGYPT IS NOW ENDANGERED

Railway Line for Transporting Invaders Nearly Completed

300,000 OTTOMAN TROOPS GATHERED

Pipes Being Laid to Carry Drinking Water Across the Desert

Rome, Dec. 16.—The Turco-German threat against Egypt is becoming more grave daily in the belief of military men here.

This railway, which has double tracks, is considered by military men to permit of the concentration of 500,000 men in one month, together with the necessary supplies and ammunition at the Egyptian frontier.

NEW ZEPPELIN EXPLODED

Nearly All of Crew of 40 Killed or Were Wounded

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 16.—A report of the destruction of the super-Zeppelin L-23 was received from Schleswig yesterday by a Copenhagen newspaper.

GRANTED "SAFE CONDUCT"

Boy-ed and Von Papen Will Not Be Molested by Two of Allies

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, personally informed Secretary Lansing yesterday that he was authorized to say for the governments of France and Great Britain that the allied naval forces would not molest Capt. Boy-ed and Von Papen, the recalled German naval and military attaches, on their homeward voyage from the United States.

FOUND DEAD ON FLOOR

Judson A. Cull, Veteran Railroad Employee, Died at Rutland

Rutland, Dec. 16.—Judson A. Cull, for 40 years an employe of the Delaware and Hudson railroad and 37 years acting as a conductor for this road, was found dead on the floor of his room at the Hotel Elmore on West street yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by Mrs. M. E. Cook's daughter, who opened the room preparatory to cleaning it and putting it in order for the day.

OVER THREE YEARS' TERM

Imposed on Emeline McNulty in Burlington Court

Burlington, Dec. 16.—Emeline McNulty was taken yesterday to Rutland, where she will serve not less than three years and six months nor more than three years and eight months at the house of correction, that period of time including the sentence imposed on her at the last session of Childrens county court following a conviction by jury trial for keeping a house of ill-fame on Battery street, and also the sentence imposed by city court yesterday, she having pleaded guilty to the same charge.

Nina Ferrari, who was arrested a short time ago on the charge of open and gross lewdness, pleaded guilty to the charge yesterday and was committed to the house of correction at Rutland for a term of not less than two nor more than two and one-half years.

NEW COMMANDER OF BRITISH IN WEST IS GENERAL HAIG

Succeeds Field Marshall Sir John French, Who Has Had Charge of British Expeditionary Forces There Since the War Started

London, Dec. 16.—General Sir Douglas Haig, who in November, 1914, was raised from the rank of lieutenant-general to that of general, has been appointed to succeed Field Marshall Sir John French, who has headed the expeditionary forces on the continent since the war began.

That there might be a change in the supreme British command on the western front had been hinted for some time. These hints increased with the recent appointment of General Joffre as commander-in-chief of the French army.

That the elevation of General Joffre had no bearing on the substitution of General Haig for Field Marshall French, however, was announced yesterday in the House of Commons by Premier Asquith. Last Monday Sir Edward Andrew Cornwallis asked the government during the session of the House for information as to whether General Joffre's appointment would necessitate any important changes in the higher commands of the British forces.

"Some changes are in the course of being made and will be announced almost immediately. They have no connection of any kind with the changes made by the French government with regard to General Joffre's functions."

Field Marshall French was at his own request relieved of the command of the British forces in France and Flanders. He becomes commander-in-chief of the armies of the United Kingdom, and for his 16 months' service at the front has been created viscount of the United Kingdom, the king conferring this honor.

Although many names had been mentioned as the possible successor of Field Marshall French, including that of the duke of Connaught, the appointment, it is said, was anticipated in the best informed circles.

200 TOOK SIXTH DEGREE

At State Grange Meeting at Burlington Last Evening

Burlington, Dec. 16.—The second day's meetings of the 44th annual session of the Vermont state grange, Patrons of Husbandry, were held with a large attendance at the armory yesterday. The most important business was the election of two members to the executive committee, this not being the year for the general election of officers.

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FEARS FOR GAGNON

Hardwick Man Had Gone to Boston with Considerable Money

Clarendon, N. H., Dec. 16.—The failure of F. G. Gagnon of Hardwick, Vt., to return and open the bar theatre is surrounded by mystery, and his wife, who has been taken care of by friends, is prosecuted by his continued absence. Chief of Police Elmer Cole was notified yesterday afternoon, and will begin an investigation.

NEAR BREAK WITH AUSTRIA OVER ANCONA

Reported Reply to United States Note Is Declared to Be Unsatisfactory and the Washington Government Will Not Enter into a Discussion

AUSTRIA QUIBBLES AND ASKS PARLEY

Text of Vienna's Rejoinder Had Not Been Received This Morning, Although It Was Reported to Have Been Delivered to Penfield Tuesday

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Early today the state department had no official word from Vienna whatever on Austria's reply to the Ancona note. Secretary Lansing read the news dispatches containing excerpts of the Austrian rejoinder but reserved comment until the full official text is received.

It was made clear authoritatively, however, that if the whole text of the reply was in the same tone as the cabled extract it would be regarded by the United States as unsatisfactory. It was made plain that the United States will not accept the suggestion of entering into diplomatic correspondence which may be prolonged.

One official of the state department, who spoke with full knowledge, said the United States would not enter into any exchange of opinion as the reply suggests and would absolutely refuse to enter into any discussion of the facts. President Wilson read the news dispatches but there was no indication how he regarded the situation.

London, Dec. 16.—The Austro-Hungarian reply to the United States note relative to the sinking of the steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine was handed to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna on Tuesday, according to an Amsterdam dispatch.

The note claims the American government is not clear as to the actual circumstances on which it relies. It also contains statements which apparently believe more trustworthy than the commander of the submarine. No explanation is given as to the number, the names and the details concerning the fate of the American citizens on board.

The Austrian government is prepared to enter into an exchange of opinion but Washington must draw up an individual legal declaration which the commander of the submarine is alleged to have violated when sinking the Ancona.

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The admiralty stated its case and the attitude of the naval authorities as follows: "It is a submarine commander's duty to make a report to a designated base as soon as possible, and the commander who sank the Ancona did this as soon as he was within wireless distance of land. He made a supplementary report at Pola, and accompanied it with his log. No examination of the crew was held, because the commander's report was considered complete and there was no reason to suppose that the crew could add anything thereto."

"So far as the commander is concerned, his course is clear. The admiralty has received his report and sees no reason to find any fault with his course of action. If any such reason existed, that is, if the admiralty had found that the commander had done anything contrary to his instructions, it would spontaneously institute an investigation against him without waiting for any demand to come from some foreign government. It can be seen that a commander in heat of battle does not contravene instructions, but nothing of the kind has occurred in this case."

"It appears clearly from his report that his ship was in danger indeed, in double danger, first from the fact that an enemy boat was approaching on a line that threatened to cut off his retreat, and the enemy ship and the Ancona could have established her radius of action on him, and second, there was danger of the Ancona escaping, which according to his instructions, was to be prevented in all circumstances. Hence, the conduct of the commander, such as the loss of the Ancona, was to be expected and deplored, but not to be censured."

ARM BROKEN IN SHAFING

James Daniels Injured at Marr & Gordon Plant

James Daniels, aged 19, son of Alexander Daniels of 379 North Main street sustained painful injuries at the Granite street plant of Marr & Gordon late yesterday afternoon, when his clothing became caught in a shafting. The mechanism was in motion and had it not been for prompt action on the part of William Ensie and other men employed in that section of the shed, the young fellow's injuries would have been much more serious.

Dr. J. A. Wark, who was summoned to the shed, found that Daniels had suffered a fracture of the right arm. There were lacerations about the same limb. Daniels was taken to his home, where the fracture was reduced. It is thought that he will recover completely from the effects of the accident, although it will take many weeks for the arm bone to mend.

WOMAN FINED \$350

Her Attorney Then Gave Notice Case Would Be Fought Further

A fine of \$350 and costs, with an alternative sentence in the house of correction in Rutland not to exceed three years, was imposed by Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court Wednesday afternoon on Mrs. Mary John, convicted at a jury trial in the forenoon of selling liquor illegally. The passing of sentence followed the motion of R. A. Hoar, attorney for the respondent, for an arrest judgment, which was taken and the length by Mr. Hoar and Grand Juror William Wishart, who conducted the prosecution.

Judge Scott overruled the motion and when counsel for the defense announced his decision to argue exceptions taken during the trial in supreme court, the respondent was admitted to bail of \$500 with \$50 additional on the liquor seized when officers raided her premises on Prospect street last week. Bail for Mrs. John was furnished and she was released.

GODDARD SCHOLARSHIP HONORS

Miss Frances McWilliams of Graniteville Led the School

The rank list for the fall term at Goddard seminary shows Miss Frances McWilliams of Graniteville leading with a percentage of 97.5, while Miss Esther Bianchi of Barre leads the commercial department with 96.8 per cent. The list for the two departments is as follows: Frances McWilliams, Graniteville, 95.5; Lydia Bisebe, Moretown, 97.1; Harold Clark, Rochester, 96.8; George McCarty, East Montpelier, 96.6; Rachel Hollister, Barre, 96.5; Berton Tiltonson, Middlesex, 95.8; Annie Sargent, Warren, 95.8; Evelyn Eaton, Rochester, 95.8; Ruth Slocum, Washington, 95.4; Elsie Welch, East Corinth, 94.8; Marie Hubbard, Hancock, 94.7; Clara Boyard, Graniteville, 93.8; Gladys Haysam, East Hardwick, 93.8. Rank list for Commercial Department: Esther Bianchi, Barre, 96.6; Mary R. Rizzi, Barre, 96.2; Silvia Rizzi, Barre, 95.3; Olive Smith, Barre, 95.2; Marion Martin, Marshfield, 95.1; Vivian Baker, Barre, 94.7; Mary Merriam, Waterbury Center, 94.6; Ethel Duke, Marshfield, 94.4; Christina Pirie, Williamstown, 94.1; Katherine Reid, Barre, 93.5.

CLANSMEN AS BEARERS

At Funeral of James D. Grant, Which Was Held in Barre

Prayer services over the remains of James D. Grant, a former resident of Barre, whose death occurred in Wells River Sunday, were held in R. W. Hooker & Co.'s mortuary chapel in the Blanchard block Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services of Clara Gordon, No. 12, D. S. C., to which Mr. Grant belonged, were used and the officiating clergyman was Rev. S. A. Jackson of Lowell, Mass., a long-time friend of the deceased. Four Barre clansmen, J. P. Corski, James S. Milne, William McDonald, and Donald McLeod, acted as bearers and the remains were taken to Hope cemetery for interment in the family lot.

The remains were brought to Barre over the M. & W. R. railroad from Wells River at 11:55 o'clock in the forenoon. In the funeral party were: Mrs. Grant, Rev. Mr. Jackson, who officiated at funeral services held at Wells River earlier in the day, Mrs. Milne and son, George, of Toronto, Ont., Dr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Wells River, Mrs. Mary Cull of Montpelier, R. Farquarson and W. Terry of South Ryegate.

THRIFT CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE CHECKS

Year Depositors at Quarry Savings Bank Accumulated About \$25,000 Which Was Distributed to Them Yesterday

Signally successful was the first of the Christmas Thrift club at the Quarry Savings bank as indicated by the distribution late yesterday of upwards of \$25,000, the deposits made by approximately 1,500 members since the club was started in December, 1914. Attractively designed checks naturally found instantaneous favor with a large number of depositors, but in a very encouraging number of instances, the bank officials say, the members elected to leave their savings on deposit. There were four classes of deposits, the largest to be issued being \$101, while the smallest was \$12.81. In their first year's experience with the Thrift club the bank officials have made many interesting observations.

One little fellow, who made a business of collecting the weekly payments in his neighborhood, had the privilege of drawing his check yesterday, but carefully declared that he would like to have it in the bank. The 1916 club has opened and the boy mentioned in one of its most enthusiastic members.

ARRESTED FOR PUOR CHECK

A. F. Cummings to Be Brought Back to Vermont

Manchester, Dec. 16.—The arrest of A. F. Cummings, who is alleged to have passed a worthless check for \$125 here about three weeks ago, was reported to the authorities yesterday afternoon by the Bureau Detective agency, who had been on the trail ever since the crime was committed. It is believed that Cummings was about to depart for New York, N. Y., where he was arrested, and had recently sent goods here from New York. It was such shipments that led to his being traced.

BAR MEMBER FOR 46 YEARS

Charles P. Hogan of St. Albans Had Also Been Prominent in State

CIVIL WAR VETERAN AND STATE SENATOR

He Was Born in Ireland but Came to the United States as a Boy

St. Albans, Dec. 16.—Charles P. Hogan, aged 72 years, died this morning about 5:30 o'clock after a lingering illness. Charles P. Hogan was born in county Tyrone, north of Ireland, Aug. 27, 1843, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hogan. Until he was 13 years old his education was received under an English tutor. In 1856, with his mother, brothers and sisters, he came to America. He continued his studies in the public schools of Franklin and Lamoille counties, in this state.

In 1861 he was a student at People's academy in Morrisville, and that same year he enlisted in Co. E, seventh regiment, Vermont volunteer infantry, and served in the Civil war for three years. He was stationed mainly in Louisiana and Florida in the department of the Gulf. He took part in the capture of New Orleans by Admiral Farragut and later in the battle of Baton Rouge, La. At one time he had charge of the body guard of Gen. Asboth. In the fall of 1864, after the St. Albans raid, he was appointed and served as first lieutenant in a regiment organized in Vermont for local home protection.

After he had been mustered out he studied at Johnson and Morrisville and afterward taught in Wolcott six months. Later he studied law in the office of Powers & Gled at Morrisville and was admitted to the bar at the May term in 1868 at Hyde Park. Before practicing his profession he took a full course of law at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated in 1869. He also took a special literary course at that university.

He began the practice of law in Shelton in January, 1870, and continued there until the fall of 1880, when he moved to St. Albans, where he had resided and continued in active practice until his last illness. In 1892 he formed a partnership with H. Charles Royce, now deceased, under the firm name of Hogan & Royce. Mr. Royce retired from the firm in 1900 and Mr. Hogan's son, George M. Hogan, was admitted in his place.

Since he became of age Mr. Hogan had been a Republican. In 1878 and 1880 he was state's attorney of Franklin county and he represented Franklin county in the state Senate in 1882-4, serving on the judiciary committee, the committee on banks and as chairman of the general committee. Under a special act of the legislature he was appointed by the late ex-Gov. E. J. Ormsbee, together with the late ex-Gov. Roswell Farnham of Bradford and Dr. Jaynes of Waterbury, commissioners to investigate conditions of the convict and criminal insane at Brattleboro, and the report of the commission led the legislature subsequently to authorize the erection of the state hospital for the insane at Waterbury.

Mr. Hogan represented the Vermont Bar association at the annual meeting of the National Bar association at Washington, D. C., in 1892. He was president of the Vermont Bar association in 1897-8. He was a member of A. R. Hurbut post, No. 60, G. A. R., of which he was commander two years. He was a Royal Arch Mason and at one time master of Harvard lodge, No. 39, E. A. M., at Shelton. He was a deacon of the First Congregational church in this city.

On Oct. 12, 1870, Mr. Hogan married Miss Thirza Joanna Maynard of Enosburg, who survives, together with a daughter, Miss Minnie Hogan and a son, George M. Hogan of this city. Three sisters survive also, viz. Mrs. Edgar Pratt of Jeffersonville, Mrs. Elmer Douglas of South Albany and Mrs. Charles Gregg of New London, Conn.

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It was a large and very representative gathering of the laboring men and women in Barre, Graniteville, Westburyville and other nearby towns. Thomas H. Nichols, president of the Barre Central Labor union, was the presiding officer and it was he who introduced Mother Jones. Fred J. Kierulff of Boston, the president of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association, was there and spoke handsomely. If the meeting had any one definite purpose, more specifically than to emphasize the fact that it was boosting organized labor along broad, general lines, it was brought to focus on the clerks' strike, started in this city last April. So it happened that Mrs. W. H. Eager of the Barre clerks' local was called upon to read the agreement advocated by the clerks. Mrs. Kierulff spoke very eloquently on the need of solidarity in the present situation and Mother Jones, in the course of her address, declared herself clearly and defined the united stand which labor unions in this vicinity should take in supporting the clerks.

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VETERAN MURDERED

Lafayette Battle Probably Slain with a Club

Great Barrington, Mass., Dec. 16.—Lafayette Battle, an aged Civil War veteran, who lived in a small farmhouse on the road to Montgomery, was found dead in his bed yesterday, a victim of murder. The body was found in a room at the house of Mrs. Battle, who lives on the road to Montgomery. The body was found in a room at the house of Mrs. Battle, who lives on the road to Montgomery. The body was found in a room at the house of Mrs. Battle, who lives on the road to Montgomery.

VETERAN AND WIFE HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rowell Have Been Married 50 Years

Fifty years of wedded life were celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rowell in a very happy manner at their home, 195 Summer street, last evening when their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered, unbeknown to the couple, and took the Rowell home by storm. It was a complete surprise, but Mr. and Mrs. Rowell were able to rise to the occasion, and the evening that followed was one of much merriment. A delightful graphophone program was one of the interesting features, but perhaps the most enjoyable part of the get-together was concerned with the exchange of reminiscences, which properly forms a part and parcel of any family reunion.

Gathered about the couple were their children, Mrs. F. C. Ordway, Fred G. Rowell and C. H. Rowell; their grandchildren, Carroll Ordway, Mrs. William Mahoney, Murley Ordway and Miss Mildred Ordway; the great-grandson, William Mahoney, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Mahoney. After the entertainment refreshments were served, the visitors leaving at a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowell were married in Wolcott Dec. 15, 1865, the ceremony being performed by Justice of the Peace Parker. The bride's name was Miss Adelia Scott and the wedding followed immediately the groom's return from the Civil war, where he served three years with the 11th Vermont infantry. For a time the couple resided in Wolcott, moving afterward to Washington, where Mr. Rowell conducted a farm for more than 10 years. They have resided in Barre for the past 21 years, during which period they have always been held in high esteem. Mr. Rowell is a member of R. B. Crandall post, G. A. R., and his wife is a member of the Woman's Relief corps in Washington.

EPISCOPAL LADIES HOSTESSES

At Entertainment and Christmas Sale Which Opened Last Evening

The ladies of the Church of the Good Shepherd opened their annual Christmas sale and fair last evening in the church vestry. The room was decorated with red and green crepe paper. Booths from which the various articles were sold were arranged along two sides of the hall, a third side being taken up with a stage. A well-arranged program was carried out last evening under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Allen. The program was as follows: Selection, male quintet, composed of Messrs. Reid, Mitchell, Marsh, Pierce and Kidder; a Yankee character sketch, Miss Mary Allen; song, Lyndon Lebourveau; a Dutch character sketch, Miss Lucy Wells; selection, male quintet.

The decorations were arranged by Misses Ruth Parker and Martha Smith. Mrs. F. W. Robinson, Mrs. S. N. Parker, Mrs. William Robins, Mrs. Nicholas Veale and Mrs. A. L. Bullock had charge of the apron table. The domestic table was presided over by Mrs. Harry Dale and Mrs. Frank Howland. The candy table was in charge of Mrs. William Estlie, Mrs. William Lillie and Mrs. Charles Brown. The food store was looked after by Mrs. William Given, Mrs. James Peet, Mrs. James Long, Mrs. A. E. Bruce and Miss Nellie Warley. The fancy work table was in charge of Mrs. William Gilbertson, Mrs. William Wood, Mrs. E. P. Carter, Mrs. B. W. Goodfellow, and Mrs. N. J. Roberts. The refreshment committee was made up of Mrs. Frank Howland, Mrs. James Corlier, Jr., Mrs. William Given, Mrs. L. R. Rickert, Mrs. J. W. Vaughan and Mrs. Waldron Shield. The junior auxiliary was in charge of Mrs. J. W. Vaughan and Mrs. Waldron Shield.

This evening a farce put on under the direction of Mrs. Snyder of the teachers' training course at Spaulding is to be the feature of the entertainment.

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WESTFORD POSTOFFICE AND STORE BURNED WITH \$12,000 LOSS

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Westford, Dec. 16.—Fire early today totally destroyed a building on Main street occupied as a postoffice and general merchandise store of E. B. Dominique, with an estimated loss of \$12,000. The entire contents of the building, together with a large, well-filled storehouse on the premises, was burned. Another storehouse nearby, owned by F. L. Hopkins, containing a quantity of screen doors and other material, was destroyed. There is ample insurance, and the store will be re-built.

The fire was discovered at about 6 o'clock this morning. It evidently started in the basement and it burned rapidly. Water from the river and from available wells, carried by volunteer bucket brigades, was used effectively in saving the surrounding buildings. The home of H. M. Macomber next to the Dominique store was in imminent danger. This structure was fortunately used as a hotel. The store of the Westford Trading Co. also nearby escaped being consumed by the flames.

Postmaster Dominique had taken the supply of stamps, money and records home with him when he closed the office last night, as these were saved. Everything else, including the current mail and office fixtures, was lost. The west end of the store, which was formerly used during its previous use, thereby much property was saved.

FOUGHT FIRE FOUR HOURS

Montpelier Firemen Had a Hard Time in Business District of Capital City

OLD ELLIS BLOCK BADLY DAMAGED

Loss to Building and Occupants This Morning Was \$10,000

Fire which broke out shortly after midnight in the Orin H. Hills real estate studio in the Ellis block in the State street, Montpelier, on the new Union block, gutted the top floors of the building a damage estimated in round figures at \$10,000. The loss is almost wholly covered by insurance carried in the J. G. Brown and Arthur G. Eaton agencies.

The loss is divided among the tenants and the owner as follows, according to rough estimates made this morning: Frank M. Corry, \$4,000, with insurance of \$5,000 carried through Arthur G. Eaton; Lawson Cummings, \$2,000, no insurance; Orin H. Hills, \$3,500, with \$1,500 insurance; S. Gordon, taylor, \$300, with insurance of \$700; Mrs. Lucy Kelleher, \$200, covered.

Mrs. Kelleher discovered the fire, which broke out in the woodshed of the Hills studio on the second floor, being awakened by her sleeping room becoming filled with smoke. She hurried to the woodshed, and seeing the good-sized blaze there, returned to her rooms and, donning an overcoat over her night clothes, made a hasty exit from the building. She succeeded in carrying some personal effects with her and her rooms were damaged only by smoke and water.

The alarm was rung in from box 15 at the corner of Main and State streets at 11:40 o'clock and two lines of hose were laid quickly, one being played from the State street side of the structure and the other from the rear on Langdon street.

The flames made rapid headway and the Cummings apartment on the third floor, occupied by Mr. Cummings for the past 20 years, was soon ablaze from end to end. The occupant, who is well advanced in years, was cut off from the stairway leading directly from his room but succeeded in reaching the further end of the building and climbed out on the two-story porch and shouted for assistance. Someone ran up another staircase and unlocked a door, allowing Mr. Cummings to make his way to the street with two treasured violins, all the effects he saved.

Mrs. Hills resides near the three-mile bridge on the Middlesex road and he arrived too late to carry any of his furnishings from the studio. It was not until 3 o'clock that the firemen had the fire entirely under control and it was nearly an hour later that the smell subsided. The absence of any wind aided the firemen materially in gaining control of the flames. The alarm, in the center of the business district, brought several hundred citizens to the scene. The building is a landmark, having been erected in 1836 by C. Watrous Bancroft.

The occupants of the lower floor of the building, G. W. Lane, barber, Mrs. Bailey, millinery establishment, and S. Gordon, ladies' tailor and furrier, escaped with but slight losses, the latter suffering the most from the water which poured through from the top floors. Almost all of Mrs. Bailey's stock was carried to a place of safety at the outbreak of the fire and her damage is negligible.

Mr. Corry stated this morning that the upper floors would be repaired and work would probably be commenced at once.

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