

COAST SHIP BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE; DEATHS UNCERTAIN

The Virginia of the Old Bay Line Sailed from Baltimore Last Night With Over 150 Passengers, and Officials Say Large Numbers Were Rescued.

BEING TAKEN ABOARD RESCUE STEAMERS

It Is Said That the Loss of Human Life, if Any, Was "Very Slight"—Steamer Was Valued at \$700,000—Carried Full Load of Miscellaneous Freight.

Norfolk, Va., May 24.—The steamer Virginia of the Old Bay line, Baltimore to Norfolk, burned to the water's edge off Smith's Point, Chesapeake Bay, at 12:45 this morning.

Three negro firemen are believed to have gone down with the blazing hull of the Virginia. They were seen at portholes in the lower section of the superstructure a minute before the vessel sank.

Baltimore, Md., May 24.—No definite information regarding the burning of the Old Bay line steamer Virginia in lower Chesapeake Bay last night was obtainable at the executive offices of the line here up to 10 o'clock this morning.

The steamer City of Annapolis, also of the Chesapeake line, arrived here this morning with four of the passengers of the Virginia. Among them was John M. Warden of Harrisburg, Pa.

Captain Dougherty of the City of Annapolis said that his ship was about 25 miles away, when the burning Virginia was noticed. He proceeded to the spot at full speed as did also the masters of the ship Florida, City of Baltimore and Southland (running from Washington to Norfolk) and City of Norfolk.

The steamer City of Baltimore, with about 160 passengers and a full load of miscellaneous freight aboard. The steamer was valued at about \$700,000.

VON BERNSTORFF GETS INTO LIMELIGHT Former German Ambassador to the United States Was Among Those Who Conferred with Brockdorff-Rantzau.

Paris, May 24 (Havas).—Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace mission, and his colleagues conferred yesterday at Spa with Philip Scheidemann, Matthias Erzberger, Bernhard Dernburg and Count Von Bernstorff.

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JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO LEAVE WASHINGTON

It Is Understood That the Reason Is Misunderstanding Over Appointment of Japanese Financial Advisor to Chinese Government.

Tokio, May 23 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—It is understood that the forthcoming return of Viscount Ishii, the Japanese ambassador to Washington, is connected with a misunderstanding concerning the appointment of a financial advisor to China.

The Japanese government appointed Baron Sakatani financial advisor to the Peking government. Before taking this step, however, the Washington government was "sounded" on the question.

Viscount Ishii, who had the contrary impression, was much embarrassed and requested a leave of absence. The entire question may be explained as due to language difficulty.

Viscount Ishii is regarded here as a very able diplomat and efforts will be made to induce him to remain in the service as Japan's representative at Washington.

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SAILS FOR HOME.

M. J. Ryan of United States, Who Went to Aid Sinn Feiners.

Paris, May 24 (By the Associated Press).—Michael J. Ryan, one of the representatives of Irish societies in the United States who have been here in connection with the efforts to secure a hearing for the Irish Sinn Fein delegates before the peace conference, left to-day for America.

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AUSTRIA'S ARMY CUT TO 15,000

By Terms of Treaty to Be Offered by Allies Next Wednesday

MILITARY PROTECTION MUST BE ABOLISHED

Austria's Position as a Naval Power Must Be Terminated

Paris, Friday, May 23 (By the Associated Press).—It was announced to-night that the treaty to be presented to Austria would be considered at a plenary session next Tuesday and would be laid before the Austrian delegation probably on Wednesday.

The council of four to-day considered the military terms as framed by Marshal Foch, commander-in-chief of the allied armies; General Diaz, supreme commander of the Italian army, and other military leaders.

The naval terms are similarly sweeping, all warships being surrendered and Austria's position as a naval power terminated.

AMERICAN DELEGATION EXPECTS LONG SERVICE

A Vast Amount of Business Remains to Be Disposed Of, Besides Turkish and Bulgarian Treaties.

Paris, Friday, May 23 (By the Associated Press).—The American delegation has prepared a memorandum showing the status of affairs before the peace conference on the conclusion of the Austrian treaty.

This discloses that a formidable amount of business is still to be transacted, besides the Turkish and Bulgarian treaties, covering the whole range of international subjects.

BIG SHRINE CEREMONIAL

And 44 Candidates Were Initiated at Montpelier Last Evening.

The annual spring ceremonial of Mt. Sinai temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, took place in city hall in Montpelier last evening and in spite of the rainy weather there was a large class of candidates.

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OVER 200 ATHLETES COMPETE

For the Briggs Trophy in New England Intercollegiate Meet.

Cambridge, Mass., May 24.—Track and field athletes of 15 New England colleges struggle on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology field to-day to obtain the Briggs trophy in the New England intercollegiate track and field championship. More than 200 athletes competed. Both the trial and final events were contested to-day.

SELLER OF BEVERAGE THAT KILLED 15 PEOPLE HAS BEEN PARDONED

Dr. Don A. Bisbee, By Mistake, Sold Wood Alcohol for Drinking Purposes and Was Sentenced to 12 Years for Manslaughter.

Bristol, May 24.—Dr. Don A. Bisbee, who, by mistake, sold wood alcohol for beverage purposes while in the drug business in this town in the fall of 1914, 15 persons dying as a result of drinking the poisonous beverage, arrived in this town yesterday afternoon, having been pardoned by Governor Clement after he had served four years and four months of his 12-year term in the state prison at Windsor. He was found guilty of manslaughter.

Dr. Bisbee, who is about 70 years old, was in a cheerful mood when seen at the hotel here. He appears to be in much better health than when committed to the prison. His plans for the future, he stated, were indefinite but that for obvious reasons he probably would not remain in this vicinity.

At the time of his trial, which began in December, 1914, the respondent claimed that he ordered from a Troy, N. Y., firm a quantity of alcohol which he intended to sell illegally as a beverage and that the shipment came labeled "cologne spirits." This he sold to his customers, who, after drinking the stuff, immediately became ill, 13 dying within a short time and two others succumbing later.

Dr. Bisbee later brought a legal action against the firm which shipped him the poisonous beverage without the proper labels and within the last year the firm settled with him for \$1,700, thus accepting the responsibility for the error.

This fact did more than anything else to help Dr. Bisbee to gain his freedom, as it released him from all blame except that of selling intoxicating liquor contrary to the law.

TOO MANY OFFICERS IN NAVY AND MARINES

Difficult Task of Reducing to Conform with Size Desired by Congress Is Being Met.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—Ways and means for getting the navy and marine corps strength down to a peace time basis has been the subject of several conferences between Secretary Daniels and his bureau chiefs during the last few days. The problem is regarded as one of the knottiest post-war puzzles now confronting the department.

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CHECK FORGERY ALLEGED.

Earl Raymond Arrested at Woodstock for Barre Officers.

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Chief of Police Mitchell left to-day by automobile for Woodstock to bring the young man, with two aliases of Carl Stone and Earl Rogers, back to Barre. Judge E. L. Scott, having left to-day for a business trip to Boston, which will detain him a week, no court proceedings will probably take place until his return.

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GERMANS BACK IN GOOD SPIRITS

All Members Were Smiling as They Reached Versailles To-day

HAD INTERVIEW WITH COUNTRYMEN AT SPA

Financial Expert Melchior Was Not in the Returning Party

Versailles, May 24.—Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau and the other members of the German peace delegation who went to Spa on Thursday returned here this morning, with the exception of Dr. Theodor Melchior, the financial expert.

The delegation alighted from the train at the Noisy-le-Roi station and took automobiles thence to Versailles.

BARRE MAN TOUCHED 33,000-VOLT WIRE

E. A. Young Was Badly Burned at Bolton Falls Power Plant But Is Expected to Recover.

E. A. Young of Barre, who is employed at the power plant of the Montpelier and Barre Light & Power company at Bolton Falls, was severely burned this forenoon when he came in contact with a 33,000-volt wire at that place.

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INVESTIGATORS FOLLOW TRAILS IN BROADWELL CASE

Several of These Recently Discovered Trails Are Promising Toward the Development of Important Facts.

Three weeks ago to-night Mrs. Lucina C. Broadwell, wife of Harry E. Broadwell, went to her tryst with death—and never returned. Three weeks ago to-morrow morning her unclashed body was found in the Wheelock garden off North Main street. Three weeks of investigation have unfolded fact after fact in connection with her death by strangulation; and yet the investigation continues over a wide field.

In fact, it may be said that the investigation will be unceasing until the Washington county grand jury is called together and the persons indicated, if any there be, are brought to trial in Washington county court. In the meantime two persons, George A. Long, or Rath, a roving woodsman, ice cutter, etc., and Mrs. Isabel Parker of Barre remain in county jail at Montpelier on the charge of murder, having been arrested more than a week ago.

There are several trails of evidence which the prosecuting officers are following at the present time, some of which are promising toward producing more evidence in connection with the death of Mrs. Broadwell.

BARRE TO ENTERTAIN

Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs Meets Here June 3, 4 and 5.

The 24th annual convention of the Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in this city June 3, 4 and 5. Those desiring entertainment should communicate with Mrs. Frank J. Martin of 24 Richardson street on or before Saturday, June 1.

The program for the week is as follows: Tuesday evening, June 3—Greetings from city and local club officials; address by Mrs. Walter W. Slack; address, "Americanization," John F. Scully, a noted Boston educator; address, "The League of Nations," Dr. William F. Slocum of New York.

Wednesday morning, June 4—Reports of officers, departments, war victory commission, council meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Ashville, N. C., May 27-30; address, "War Savings," Mrs. H. Parker Whittington of the first federal reserve district; 12:15 to 1:15, luncheon, 75 cents; after-luncheon speaker, Prof. Bertha M. Terrell.

Wednesday afternoon—1:30 to 4:30, motor trip to the great Barre quarries, guests of the Barre Board of Trade; 4:30 to 5:30, afternoon session, address, "The Y. W. C. A. in Vermont," Miss Marion Gary, field secretary; department reports.

Wednesday evening—Organ recital; address, "Bolshevism vs. Democracy," John Spargo.

Thursday morning, June 5—President's conference; resume of the Vermont division women's committee, council of national defense, Mrs. Anna Hawkes Putnam, state chairman; address, "The Vermont Conference of Social Work," Prof. K. E. B. Flint; 12:15 to 1:15, luncheon, 75 cents.

Thursday afternoon—Final reports; business; 4:30 to 6, the film, "How Life Begins," especially recommended by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be shown at the Park theatre through the courtesy of the manager, John B. Eames; address, "Social Hygiene Problems of the Reconstruction Period," Mrs. Woodallen Chapman of the public health department, General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Thursday evening, June 5—Reception at the residence of Mrs. Guy Varnum, 6 North street. Presentation of distinguished guests. Installation of officers. The convention will be held in the auditorium of the Congregational church and the credential committee, Miss Blanche J. Tilden, chairman, will meet delegates at the Congregational vestry Tuesday, June 3, 5 to 8 p. m., Wednesday and Thursday, 8 to 10 a. m. Delegates are requested to report to this committee as soon as possible after arrival.

LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF QUOTA SUBSCRIBED

Ward Captains and Other Canvassers in Salvation Army Drive in Barre Report Total of \$1,536.28 Thus Far Raised.

Barre is far behind in its quota in the drive for the Salvation Army home service fund. Figures of the amounts subscribed as reported by team leaders last evening show a total to date of only \$1,536.28, or a little less than one-third of the \$5,000 for Barre City. To bring the subscriptions up to these figures there will have to be some generous donations between now and Monday night, when the drive closes. Some further returns are expected from ward teams and quite a few of the manufacturing plants have not yet reported.

The subscriptions reported by ward teams up to last evening are as follows: Ward 1..... \$123.80 Ward 2..... 281.45 Ward 3..... 390.55 Ward 4..... 18.27 Ward 5..... 17.11 Ward 6..... 267.50

Granite manufacturers and employees..... \$392.00 Miscellaneous..... 10.00 \$1,536.28

CONTRIBUTIONS URGED FOR SALVATION ARMY FUND

H. A. Phelps, chairman of the soliciting workers for the Salvation Army home service fund, wishes to announce that owing to circumstances it has been impossible to reach all those who may wish to contribute to this fund. This applies particularly to the immediate surrounding territory of Barre, East Barre, South Barre, West Barre and Graniteville.

Those who have not been called upon and who wish to make a contribution to this worthy cause will find C. M. Willey, treasurer, at the Quarry Savings Bank & Trust company.

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Was Fittingly Observed Honor Was Done to Men in Service

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An honor roll that has come in for much praise and commendation bearing 80 names of clansmen, also the name of Miss Marguerite Sheriffs, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and who is doing Red Cross work abroad was unveiled. While the audience stood and sang "The Star Spangled Banner," Violet Milne, in the garb of a Red Cross nurse, drew aside the Stars and Stripes, while Dorothy Barclay in Highland costume, withdrew the Union Jack, both of which were used to veil the roll.

William Duff, a local designer, is responsible for the decorative work and the placing of the names to the approval of the order. Many viewed at close range during the evening an everlasting tribute to men in uniform. There are seven names on the roll, opposite which are gold stars, denoting that the supreme price had been paid. They are: John Coburn, Arthur Manson, William J. McDonald, Ronald McMillan, Walter S. Milne, Walter S. Milne, and Robert Webster.

A musical program that found ready favor with the audience consisted of a piano solo by Gilbert Robertson, a vocal solo by Miss Leona Lamb, selections on stringed instruments by Lovietto and LaBell, vocal solo by Douglas Inglis and an exhibition in Highland dancing by Marie and Rosie Clubb, Frances Ritchie and Dorothy Barclay, accompanied on the bagpipes by Forsythe Ritchie. Accompanists, who added to the program, were Ruth Nelson, Ethel Inglis and Hazel Mackay.

The most interesting and enjoyable part of the evening's entertainment was the address by William Barclay, son of the first chief of Clan Gordon. In an informal and reminiscent way he related incident after incident which took place during the early days and which are remembered only by the older clansmen. Mr. Barclay places all credit for the organizing of Clan Gordon on the late John Dowers, who was working here at the time, and who, being a member of Clan McGregor of Quincy, Mass., interested enough Scotchmen to secure a charter and later transferred to the newly organized branch. The following first 18 names appear on the official charter, although the list was kept open several nights, as the roll of the 32 really constituted the number of charter members: William Barclay, sr., Alex. Asher, James Ewen, Thomas Marr, John Leslie, William Emslie, James Duncan (1st), Donald McLeod, Robert P. Cordner, James Inlaid, William P. Mortimer, Alex. Buchan, John R. McKenzie, James H. Cordner, John Park, Alex. Murray, George McLeod, Alex. Connon, John Connon, Thomas Able, William Dunbar, Charles Young, James Duncan (2d), Rev. Peter McMillan, Alex. E. Bruce, Malcolm Gamble, John Scott, Alex. Ross, William Paul, James Chalmers, James Glennie and James K. Pirie.

Mr. Barclay communicated with many of the surviving charter members and received replies from seven, all sending best wishes and expressing their desire, if possible, to attend the gathering. The first officers, and who are much credit for furthering the project, in spite of opposition and reverses, were: William Barclay, chief; James Duncan (1st), Janist; Alex. Asher, corresponding secretary; Donald McLeod, financial secretary; Alex. Connon, treasurer. Messrs. Farquharson, Grant and Terry of Clan Farquharson, South Ryegate, conducted the first initiation here.

A coincidence of last night's celebration was that it fell on a Friday, the same night of the original meeting, and the third time of such an occurrence during the 35 years. Another peculiar feature was that Chief Sister Cecelia Dowers, daughter of the instigator of Clan Gordon, and William Barclay, son of the first chief, took part last evening.

Mr. Barclay had with him a program of the first concert ever given by the clan, dated Oct. 30, 1884. Local talent, well known in those days, contributed heartily. Among some of the artists were: Mrs. B. W. Bratley, Florence Howard, Miss Beckley and Miss Batcherfield. It was also recalled that the first bagpipe was heard at that time, the piper spending much of his spare time off in the woods rehearsing for the concert. Many humorous anecdotes of this concert were told by Mr. Barclay. The first picnic was held in 1886 at the trotting park. They soon became an annual fixture and to this day are observed.

Second Largest Clan in Country. Under the leadership of wise and energetic chieftains the clan has gradually and steadily increased in membership until to-day there are nearly 650 members, easily holding second place as the largest clan in the country. During the 35 years, \$233,000 have been disbursed through the local organization for benevolent claims and sick benefits, a sum that perhaps would not have otherwise been saved or used for such a noble purpose. The speaker strongly urged taking the limit in insurance.

In closing the speaker emphasized those 81 honor roll members as combining the finest characteristics of the clansmen of old, with devotion and loyalty to our

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