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Skittish times for fire insurance companies down in Pennsylvania.

High bail is going to keep some of the big city's wrong-doers out of mischief.

The lumbermen ought to be just about satisfied with the conditions in Vermont.

There won't be so much swearing off the coming Jan. 1 because there won't be so much need of it. Volstead et al have seen to that.

Those 8,192 ex-soldiers who have accepted the Canadian government's offer of a land grant are going to better themselves and their country quite materially.

Caruso, the singer, gathered five physicians about his bedside when he was attacked with illness of the nature of pleurisy. When Caruso becomes real sick the doctors will be stepping all over each other, there will be so many of them.

That Vermont is behaving herself rather well these days of widespread crime is indicated by the fact that the Franklin county jail at St. Albans did not have one occupant over Christmas day. Not all the county jails had such good record as that but none of them filled to the extent of former years.

The man who found out Ponz's scheme has just died at Medford, Mass. There is great need of more men of the acumen of Hal B. Mosby, chief postoffice inspector for New England; people are so childlike and trusting in matters of business that they need protection.

It requires strenuous work on the part of newspapers not to be compelled to run "Merry Christmas" advertisements on Dec. 27. Which calls to the minds of newspaper workers on evening shifts that few events hit an evening newspaper as hard as a Christmas holiday followed by a Sunday. The merchants have been running their "Merry Christmas" advertising, and they are anxious to get the advertisements changed to conform with the passing of the holiday. And the newspaper workers, by the way, are just as anxious to get the advertisements changed. That makes strenuous times at the "back office." Then, too, the news of the home town and of the surrounding territory has been piling up the two days' suspension of publication, which necessitates rapid work on the part of the reporters, typesetters, proof-readers and editors if there is to be anywhere near complete chronicle of the chief events occurring since the most recent issue of the paper. And never knew a holiday to pass without the multiplication of events which demanded consideration on the part of news writers. All this, mind you, in addition to the general routine of news gathering and the other details going into the building of a newspaper one day to day. There is the added possibility also of various members of the working force being off duty temporarily because of vacations or sickness or some other thing which seems to require their staying away from work. With all these handicaps it is a wonder that the evening newspapers make as good a showing as they do following a holiday and a Sunday. We are not surprised that now and then a newspaper comes out on Dec. 27 carrying "Merry Christmas" advertising and giving other evidences of general raggedness.

CURRENT COMMENT

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THE "LINE HOUSES"

Announcement is made that reduced efforts are to be put forth shortly to prevent run-running between the province of Quebec and states bordering the province. When they are doing that work, the federal government ought to begin negotiations with either the Dominion government or the province of Quebec government in relation to the abolishment of the so-called "line houses" on the border. These "line houses" are called hotels but they are nothing less than saloons, some of them saloons of the most questionable nature. The so-called hotels are built so that part of the structure is in Canada and the other part in the United States, the purpose of the international location being to protect the sellers of liquor in case of raid under former laws, it being quite convenient for the hotel-keeper to step over into Canada if the American officers raided, and equally easy to step into the United States if the Canadian officers raided. To insure immunity from arrest it was necessary simply to take a few steps inside of one's own domicile. So the "line houses" flourished. A number of them straddled the border between Vermont and Canada, and some of them still remain, doing business on the Canadian side of the border if not on the Amer-



THIS IS OVERCOAT WEEK

Come and storm our portals if you want the best storm overcoat for man or boy.

You know there's been a mild hurricane among the clothing manufacturers.

High prices have taken a tumble.

Every Overcoat now 33 1-3 off regular price.

A few Boys' Overcoats, just seven left, at the same reductions.

Mackinaws, too, for men and boys.



F. H. Rogers & Company

ican side. These rum holes are a menace to the public for they are breeding-places of crime.

Testimony of those living in Vermont near one of these "line houses" is to the effect that on a single day as many as nine men were counted lying beside the road, and "dead to the world," within a distance of a mile or so, while only recently the body of a man was found on the railroad track nearby, with many indications that the man had been beaten to death before his body was placed in the path of a train. Residents of Vermont and neighboring states are among the best customers of these resorts, and the evil effects of the Province of Quebec saloons are thus forced upon the United States. If the Province of Quebec continues to maintain the legality of the sale of liquor, some arrangements should be made through international negotiations whereby these "line houses" shall be wiped out of existence. Possibly a Quebec law prohibiting the sale of liquor within a definite number of miles of the border would have a tendency to solve the serious situation.

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"Right Makes Might."

This strong national bank is closing another fiscal year of service and as we look back upon the days that are past, we are gratified in the thought that the safe and conservative policy adopted by those in charge of this bank has enabled us to give a maximum of service through good times and bad.

We can give assurance to all that the same policy which has brought such a large increase of business to us during the past year will be continued through the next.

When you think of your bank, you should have the feeling that you are doing business with a strong, clean, dependable institution, an institution with a feeling of responsibility to those whom it serves.

There never was a time in the history of this bank when this feeling of responsibility was so keenly felt as it is to-day.

This bank is not conducted in the interests of those on the board of directors, it is not conducted in the interests of any particular customer or group of customers, but it is conducted in the interests of all the people.

Whether you do business with this bank or with some other bank, you may feel free at all times to come to us for any legitimate banking service or for advice regarding your financial affairs. We shall approach your problems only in the spirit of co-operation and you may rest assured that whatever you confide to us will be held in the strictest confidence.

With us, business is business, and the correct way is the only way. Those immortal words of Lincoln never had a truer or more fitting application than they present to the conduct of our financial institutions to-day.

"Right makes might"; this is the motto of the Peoples National Bank for the year 1921.

The Peoples National Bank OFFICERS: F. D. LADD, President; W. C. JOHNSON, JR., Cashier; W. M. HOLDEN, Vice-President; F. K. BEARD, Asst. Cashier. DIRECTORS: F. D. Ladd, W. M. Holden, W. D. Smith, A. J. Young, C. W. Averill, F. L. Sargent, W. C. Johnson, Jr. Deposits made on or before January 13 will draw interest from January 1 at 4 per cent.

know for the banks to hold their own is to advertise. Christmas clubs, dividends, advertising features and straight "plugging" for a share of the Christmas "trade" are some of the things we notice in progressive bank advertising, and, so far as trade goes, why shouldn't the gift of a savings bank book with a comfortable "nest-egg" deposit be acceptable and appropriate? One way and another, Christmas shoppers have considerable to do with banks and banks are naturally interested in Christmas shoppers. Hence the advertising—and mighty good copy most of it is, too.—Rutland Herald.

Underpaid Public Servants.

One of the most glaring examples of underpaid officials, considering ability, is that of the members of our supreme court. Vermont, with but two exceptions, pays less to its supreme court judges than any of the other states in the union. If this court were mediocre in character, there might be the excuse that its members received all they earned, although in that event good business would dictate a change both as to the incumbents and salaries, for the better; but as a matter of fact the supreme court of Vermont is considered one of the strong courts of the country, whose decisions are cited as authority with no little frequency, and all Vermonters entertain a highly justifiable pride in the ability and integrity of the present members of the supreme court. That it is highly essential to the welfare of the people of this state that men of this high character should continue to occupy these offices, no one will dispute.

Not only does Vermont pay less to its supreme court judges than any other state except Arkansas and South Dakota, where constitutional limitations prevent an increase, but compared with the other New England states, we pay the least. Thus, we pay \$1900 less per judge each year, than in either New Hampshire or Maine, and it is understood that in both of these states increases will be proposed at the next legislature; \$4,000 less per judge than Rhode Island; \$5,000 less to each judge than Connecticut, and \$8,000 less than Massachusetts. Thus the judges of that state whose decisions rank no higher than those of our own court, receive three times as much salary, and the chief justice \$500 additional.

If any day-laborer were paid to-day the same salary he received in 1908, he would consider himself grossly underpaid and fully justified in becoming a bolshevik, and the justices of our supreme court, who in 1908 were thought worthy to receive \$4,000 each per annum, receive the same compensation to-day as then. In the meantime living costs have doubled, so that as a reward for their faithful service, these men, any one of whom in private practice could double his present income, by reason of the purchasing power of a dollar to-day as compared with 1908 have in effect had their income cut in two.

Have You Joined Our 1921 Christmas-Thrift Club?

IF NOT, JOIN TO-DAY

Are you one of the hundreds of happy people whose names are enrolled in our

Christmas-Thrift Club

Don't let this golden opportunity pass by but MAKE YOUR START NOW.

Deposit something, even though it be a small beginning, and your first step will be taken on the ladder of SUCCESS.

Joining is very simple, just bring or send the first week's payment, either twenty-five cents, fifty cents, one dollar, two dollars or five dollars. Your messenger will be given an account deposit book in your name showing the amount paid. Anyone can join by mail, and your membership book will be sent by return mail.

QUARRY SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST CO.

Barre, Vermont. BEN A. EASTMAN, President; H. J. M. JONES Vice-President; C. M. WILLEY, Treasurer. DIRECTORS: Ben A. Eastman, James M. Boutwell, W. G. Reynolds, H. F. Cutler, E. L. Scott, H. J. M. Jones, B. W. Hooker, H. H. Jackson.

Missing No Chances. "Does Ethel do her Christmas shopping early?" "No, but she hangs up her mistletoe about a week ahead of time."—Boston Transcript. The Whole Story. "She wanted to marry him for his money." "Did she fall?" "No; he failed and she married some one else."—Boston Transcript.

Capital Savings Bank and Trust Co. Montpelier, Vt. To Depositors: Safety of principal is more to be desired than high rates of interest. Some of our investments: \$440,000 U. S. Liberty and Victory Bonds; \$30,000 State of Vermont Bonds; \$75,000 City of Montpelier Notes. 4 Per Cent Paid on Savings Deposits. Banking by Mail Safe and Satisfactory. GEO. L. BLANCHARD, Pres. FRANK N. SMITH, Treasurer.

They'll Give You Real Wear

Both these "Ball-Band" Rubber Shoes have leather tops. The ribbed foot of the smaller shoe is heavy gum. The rubber foot of the higher shoe is reinforced with heavy duck.

Come in and let us show you these strongly made, long-wearing shoes. You'll find any other Rubber Footwear you may need in our complete "Ball-Band" stock.



Rogers' Walk-Over Boot Shop

The Red Ball Trade Mark is on all "Ball-Band" Footwear.

The House of Your Best Friend

The best friend a man can have is his own money that he has earned and saved. This is the one friend indeed for it is a friend in need. It aids him and does not take away his self-respect.

This bank is the house of your best friend. The First National Bank of Montpelier. Established in 1865. Member Federal Reserve System.

A. W. Badger & Co. Undertakers and Licensed Embalmers: Personal Attention to This Work—Tel. 447-W. A NEW AND UP-TO-DATE AUTO AMBULANCE

Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company

of Montpelier, Vt. NINETY-THIRD YEAR

Premium Notes in Force .. \$11,911,788.00 Cash Assets .. \$260,835.00 Insurance in Force .. \$119,521,431.00 Policies written under Mutual or Paid-Up Plan at actual cost—no profit. Consider this fact when placing your Automobile Fire Insurance. If you are seeking Insurance, see our Local Agent McAllister & Kent Agents for Barre, Berlin and Orange.