

A Child Creeps Before It Walks But This Truth Too Many Young Men Forget. The Fast Colt at the Start Is Distanced at the Finish

THAW GOES BACK TO NEW YORK TO STAND TRIAL

United States Supreme Court Rules Against Fugitive

IS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Decision of New Hampshire Federal Court Granting Habeas Corpus Is Overruled.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, who escaped from Matteawan insane asylum, must go back to New York and stand trial on the charge of conspiracy, according to a decision of the United States supreme court made today.

The decision reverses the ruling of the federal court of the state of New Hampshire which granted Thaw's application for habeas corpus.

LOCAL OVERFLOW

1915 diaries, line a day, address books, telephone directory's, engagements, etc. at Evans' Adv.

Bennington council Knights of Columbus, will hold a card party in their rooms Tuesday evening at 8.30 for members and their friends.

MRS. OTIS WARREN DEAD

Had Been Ill for Six Weeks at the Home of Daughter

Mrs. Otis Warren, aged 74, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emory S. Harris on Division street. She suffered a shock six weeks, has returned to her home. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of Mr. Harris, Rev. T. F. Turner of St. Peter's church and Rev. G. S. Mills of the Second Congregational church officiating.

Her maiden name was Sarah A. Rudd. She was born in the western part of the town and has always resided in Bennington. After the death of her husband about 11 years ago she came to the village to live with her daughter. She was married in December 1859.

She was a member of the Episcopal church and of the Relief Corps and had a wide circle of friends. She was very active up to her last illness and during the fall had visited in Pawlet, Cohoes and among her old neighbors in the west part of the town where she lived so long.

Besides her daughter one brother, Elmer H. Rudd of Bennington, survives.

TO THAW HYDRANTS

Charles H. Miller Gets Patent on Valuable Device

Charles H. Miller has been granted a patent on a hydrant thawing apparatus. This apparatus will be of great value in the winter time wherever the climate is so cold that fire fighting is often seriously interfered with by frozen hydrants. Mr. Miller will try to sell his patent to some manufacturer of fire department apparatus or engineering supplies. It works easily and quickly and is not expensive or cumbersome.

ANOTHER BRITISH DREADNAUGHT IS SUNK, MAYBE

Chicago Man Brings Story of British Disaster

THUNDERER IS REPORTED GONE

Small Swedish Boat Saw the Disaster and Picked Up Small Party of Survivors.

New York, Dec. 21.—A report that the dreadnought Thunderer was sunk in the North sea on November 7 by coming into contact with a mine or being hit by a torpedo, was brought to New York yesterday by George Rottweiler, of Chicago, a passenger on the steamship St. Louis, from Liverpool. According to Mr. Rottweiler, the sinking of the dreadnought, was witnessed by eight men, members of the crew of a small Swedish sailing ship called the Sereford, that put into Liverpool with survivors from the dreadnought on board.

"These men were taken in charge by British officers and were kept under surveillance as an out-of-the-way sailors' mission," said Mr. Rottweiler. "I heard of the report in a round about way and through a friend I managed to talk with one of the crew. He told me that the Thunderer blew up and sunk in full view of himself and his mates on the Sereford. The crew hastened to the scene and a dozen or so of men were picked up from the water."

The dreadnought Thunderer, completed in 1912, is of 22,500 tons and carries 10 13.5-inch guns. Her speed is 21 knots. She is a sister ship of the Orion, Monarch and Conqueror. With these vessels she was attached to the second squadron of the first home fleet at the beginning of the war.

MISS CARPENTER'S SCHOOL

Closes with Appropriate Exercises for Holiday Vacation.

Miss Carpenter's school closed Friday morning for the holiday vacation. This Christmas program was given:

- Song—School
- Recitation—Christmas Bells—Hamilton Shields
- Recitation—Christmas Wishes—Helen Cushman
- Recitation—Plea to Santa Claus—Howard Blackmer
- Recitation—What I Would Like to Be—Mary Louise Packard
- Recitation—An Old Favorite—VanVechten Graves
- Recitation—Original Poem—Charles Bennett
- Song—Santa Is Coming
- Recitation—Old Santa—Waldo Holden
- Recitation—Christmas March—Tirzah Ayres
- Recitation—Christmas Eve—Frances Holden
- Recitation—Messengers of Santa—Markee McAadoo
- Recitation—Piccola—William Graves
- Recitation—Two Secrets—John Mabrey
- Song—The crib in the Manger
- Recitation—A Greeting to a Little Boy—Richard Holden
- Recitation—My Little Brother—George Graves
- Recitation—A Christmas Hymn—Elizabeth Shields
- Recitation—Jack Horner's Brothers—Mac Turner
- Recitation—Ling Lim John Mabrey
- Song—Christmas Fables

FIGHTING IN FLANDERS

Allies Have Not Occupied Roulers—German Wounded at Bruges.

The Sluis, Netherlands, correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraph sends the following: "A dispatch says that violent fighting continues on the Yser. The fleet's guns are playing havoc in the German ranks. Trains filled with wounded are entering Bruges; most of these trains proceed eastward. The allies have not occupied Roulers, but the fighting is raging between there and Ypres and Dixmude."

VICTORY DUE TO DIVINE AID

Kaiser Ascribes von Hindenburg's Success to God.

Grand Duchess Louise of Baden has received the following telegram from Emperor William, says a dispatch from Karlsruhe, by way of Berlin to London, yesterday: "Field Marshall von Hindenburg has just reported that the Russian army, after desperate fighting, retreats and is being pursued along the entire front. It is evident that the Lord aided our heroic troops. To him alone is due the honors." Emperor William also thanked in a telegram the 14th army corps, which participated prominently in the fighting on the Russian center.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont partly cloudy tonight, probably snow flurries north portion. Tuesday fair and colder.

The Drysdale store will be open every night until Christmas.

HOME TALENT PLAY FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS

"The Colonel's Maid" Given Saturday Night

LADIES CLEARED ALMOST \$500

Profit is Partly From Play and Rest From Program Advertising and Candy Sale.

Five hundred dollars or just about that sum was cleared by the ladies of the Fortnightly from the play "The Colonel's Maid," given Saturday afternoon and evening at the opera house.

Part of the profits came from the play itself, part from the advertising on the program and part from the sale of candy, fancy goods and refreshments in the rooms of the Bennington club.

"The Colonel's Maid" is a rather ambitious comedy but the presentation by local talent, reinforced by Edward Donnelly, pleased a large audience Saturday evening and a smaller crowd at the matinee performance. Coming right in the holiday season it was not quite so thoroughly rehearsed as it might have been, but on the whole those who saw it got the worth of their money. The cast was as follows:

- Colonel Rudd, Widower, of North Carolina—Edward Donnelly
- Colonel Byrd, Widower, of South Carolina—Clarence L. Holden
- Rob Rudd—Donald Gensler
- Marjory Byrd—Marcia Carpenter
- Mrs. J. John Carroll—Jennette E. Perkins
- Julia Carroll—Fannie T. Sharpe
- Ned Graydon—Frederick S. Braley
- James Baskam—Howard A. Wilson
- Ching-ah-ling, the Chinese Cook—Dean I. Martin

Dean Martin had much the hardest part in the play and deserves credit for handling his difficult assignment so well. The other stars according to the general comment heard were Dr. Braley, Miss Marcia Carpenter, Miss Jennette Perkins and Mrs. Harry Sharpe.

One of the charming features of the affair were the young women ushers dressed as Red Cross nurses. These young women were: Mrs. William Wills, head usher; Mrs. R. D. Jenney, Miss Mary Root, Miss Kathryn Jenney, Miss Mary Shaw, Miss Josephine Keeler, Miss Dorothy Carter, Miss Tilly Marley, Miss Lois Stevens, Miss Esther Merrill, Miss Mathilde Vossler, Miss Martha Pratt, Miss Maud Galusha, Miss Katherine Huling, Miss Esther McCullough, Miss Beatrice Wellington, Miss Ma. the Wellington, Miss Ann Shields, Miss Edith VanSantvoord, Miss Elizabeth Jennings, Miss Margaret Outhwaite, Miss Elizabeth Keeler, Mrs. Harry Moses, Mrs. Marden Nichols, Miss Susan Rockwood, Miss Beulah Bates.

At the opening of the performance Dr. Ross in making an announcement remarked that most any man would be willing to go to war and get wounded if he could be sure of being cared for by such attractive nurses.

After the play a large crowd gathered at the rooms of the Bennington club for the sale and refreshments.

The money raised goes to the American Red Cross society for use in caring for the wounded in the great European war. The Red Cross society takes no sides except that of the suffering and aids the wounded of all nations at war.

GEN. VILLA MOVES TROOPS BACK 12 MILES

Now Where Shots Will Not Go Over Border

SITUATION AT NACO BETTER

Gen. Bliss Has Concentrated Sufficient Force to Enforce the American Demand.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Consular Agent Carothers telegraphed the state department yesterday that Gov. Maytorena, commanding the Villa forces besieging Gen Hill's garrison at Naco, Sonora, was 12 miles from the border to eliminate the possibility of further firing into American territory. This move has been awaited by officials since Provisional President Gutierrez announced that he had directed Maytorena to abandon the attack upon Naco, unless the operations could be carried on without sending bullets across the international line.

Brig-Gen Bliss, in command of the artillery, infantry and cavalry concentrated about Naco Ariz., to enforce the American government's demand that firing across the line cease, reported earlier in the day that Maytorena apparently had withdrawn. This has not been verified, but it was confidently hoped that a final clearing up of this troublesome situation was in sight. Mr. Carothers conferred with Maytorena Friday and it is understood to have been given a complete outline of the Villa leaders' plans.

Eurico Lorente, representative of Provisional President Gutierrez, made public last night a telegram from his chief quoting a message which the latter had received from Gov. Maytorena Saturday announcing that the force besieging Naco had been ordered withdrawn to a "convenient distance." In obedience to instructions from the capital, Maytorena reported, his troops did not fire a shot at Naco Saturday, although several casualties in their ranks were caused by fire from the Hill garrison.

BRUCE COLE BURNED

Severely But Not Seriously Injured by Exploding Gasoline.

Bruce Cole, who has been employed for a number of years at the different machine shops in Bennington, is at the home of his brother, W. J. Cole, in South Shaftsbury, recovering from severe burns caused by an explosion of gasoline while he was at work in his garage Thursday forenoon. Both hands, the right more severely, are burned and the blazing fluid also reached his face. A portion of his clothing was also completely destroyed by the fire.

A can of gasoline which had been placed too near the fire exploded while the man was at work overhauling an automobile. His clothing caught fire when the can blew up and the man was in danger of being fatally burned. He had sufficient presence of mind to hurry from the building.

A Hard Cold

due to a sudden change in the weather, exposure or any cause, if neglected, may lead to serious lung troubles. Keep Down's Elixir in the medicine cupboard, and take before the cold develops into pneumonia, or consumption becomes seated. Sold

Millinery

AND

Porto Rican Goods.

I am showing a consignment of High Class Millinery at wholesale prices. Now is the time to select your dress hat at a fraction of original cost. I also have a choice line of baskets, towels, handkerchiefs, collars and many pretty hand made novelties. You are cordially invited to call.

Mrs. S. S. Pike

THE PORTO RICAN SHOP 314 Main Street

The Drysdale store will be open every night until Christmas.



At Von Dett's

Von Dett's New Store, opposite the Methodist church is the place to buy Christmas goods.

Here is where you get beauty and value combined. Gifts that your friends would be glad to get, from 25 cents to \$250.

- Rings
- Umbrellas
- Watches
- Persian Ivory Ware
- Cut Glass
- Rosaries
- Pins
- Prayer Books (French and English)
- Jewelry
- Toilet Articles
- Leather Goods
- China
- Bracelets

No end of pretty and useful goods. Come in and look at the attractive things we have.

Von Dett's, 447 Main St.
OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS

ing to a heap of damp straw just outside the door. With handful of the straw he finally succeeded in beating out the flames. He then returned to the garage and put out the fire in the building. He walked to the office of a Main street physician who recommended that he be taken to the home of his brother. Some time will elapse before he will be able to return to work, but the attending physician is of the opinion that the injuries are not of a permanent nature.

Special Notice!

At the request of members of our 1914 Club we have decided to start our Club for 1915 on Friday, December 18th. The first payment is not due until December 28th but those wishing to do so will have the opportunity of making their first payment before that time and thereby avoid the rush during the opening week.

We introduced the system to Bennington and we invite the cordial co-operation of the people of this section.

You Will Need Money for Christmas

Here is an Easy Way to Get It — A Sure Way to Have It

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CLUB Which Starts December 28, 1914

FOR THE CLUB YEAR OF 1915

In Class 2, pay 2c the 1st week, 4c the 2d week, 6c the 3d week, and so on for 50 weeks, and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$25.00, with interest at 2 per cent.

Or in Class 5, pay 5c the 1st week, 10c the 2d week, 15c the 3d week, and so on, and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$63.75, with interest at 2 per cent.

You May Reverse the Order of Payment If You Wish to Do So

In Class 2, you may start with \$1.00 the first week and pay 2c less every week until the last payment will be 2c.

In Class 5, you may start with \$2.50 the first week and pay 5c less every week until the last payment is 5c.

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE EVERY WEEK OR MAY BE MADE IN ADVANCE Should You Prefer to Pay an Equal Amount Each Week You Can Do So

By taking membership in one of the three Classes with regular payments of 50c; \$1.00 or \$2.00 each week.

In these Classes you would have at the end of fifty weeks, either \$25, \$50 or \$100, with interest at 2 per cent., depending on the which you joined.

We conduct this Christmas Club because we desire to promote Thrift and be HELPFUL to those who find it convenient to accumulate by the process of SMALL WEEKLY DEPOSITS

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO JOIN

The Christmas Club opens Monday, Dec. 28, 1914, and you can join any day between Dec. 28 and Jan. 9. Call and let us tell you about our plan to help make your Christmas a merry one.

Bennington County National Bank

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FOR YOUR SWEETHEART FOR YOUR WIFE

FOR YOUR DAUGHTER FOR YOUR SISTER

FOR YOUR LOVER FOR YOUR HUSBAND

FOR YOUR SON FOR YOUR BROTHER

An article of taste and beauty is the proper thing for a Christmas present. It gives lasting joy and pleasure and costs no more.

JEWELRY—WATCHES—BRACELETS—RINGS—PINS—CHINA—CUT GLASS and thousands of other articles.

Come in and see one of the largest displays of beautiful and useful holiday gifts ever seen in Bennington.

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TODAY

Extra--SPECIAL--Extra

2--Big Pictures for Today Only--2

7000 ft. of the very best in motion pictures.

The Better Man

In four gripping parts. Presented by Daniel Frohman through the famous Players Film Co., featuring the well known star *William Courtleigh*. A story of a tremendous struggle between two clergymen for the world's two greatest prizes. Author, Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady. And

The Senator's Brother

A three-reel special Vitagraph feature with *Leah Baird* in the lead.

There will be two full shows to accommodate all tonight.

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