

A Lot of Men Get the Reputation of Being Liars Because They Are So Shiftless That They Rather Guess Than Look Up the Facts

SUBMARINE GAVE STEAMER CYMRIC NO WARNING

Seven Members of Crew Killed By Explosion

OTHERS HAD LIMBS BROKEN

Vessel Remained Afloat for Several Hours After Torpedo Was Fired.

Bantry, May 9, via London, May 10.—One hundred and seven members of the crew of the Cymric arrived at Bantry this evening, several, suffering from broken limbs, were sent to the hospital.

Officers of the Cymric declare the vessel was torpedoed without warning. A submarine was seen, but it disappeared immediately after firing the torpedo.

The Cymric, although badly damaged, proceeded for some hours but finally sank.

Many of the crew, on their arrival here, were bare footed and only partly clad.

BOY PITCHER'S RECORD

Has 24 Strike-Outs in a Nine Inning Game to His Record.

The record of 24 strike-outs in a nine inning game, credited to Pitcher Davis of Killean, Texas, high school team in the contest against the Belton H. S. nine, appears to rank with any pitching feat now recorded in the annals of baseball.

So far as the records show it is the best strike-out performance for a nine inning game to be found among the available data in existence today.

Pitcher Dailey struck out 19 in a Union association game between Chicago and Boston on July 7, 1884; Tom Ramsey turned 17 batters back to the bench in an American association contest between Louisville and Cleveland on June 2, 1887 and this was a remarkable performance as at that time the four strike rule was in existence.

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE Estate of GEORGE L. RUGG The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the district of Bennington, COMMISSIONER, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of GEORGE L. RUGG late of Bennington in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in or of or to, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the office of Collins M. Graves to the town of Bennington in said District, on the 15th day of October, next, from 2 o'clock P. M. until 4 o'clock P. M., on said day and that six months from the 15th day of April A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Sixth Annual Meeting at Brandon Friday May 19

The annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club of Vermont will be held at the Inn on Friday, May 19, with the section of the club.

There will be a meeting of the council at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, the general business meeting comes at 11 and will be continued at the afternoon session. Several proposed amendments to the constitution are to be acted upon.

Notification of attendance should be made to E. S. Marsh, president of the Brandon section.

With the notices announcing the annual meeting the following circular letter describing the work of the club during the year was inclosed:

The Johnson section, which has done such splendid work in building a trail over Sterling mountain, continued their good work toward Sterling Pond. Much trail over Sterling mountain was destroyed by lumbering operations, and in the summer of 1915 Mr. F. W. Mould of Morrisville spent one day in about every two weeks personally working with an axe on Sterling mountain trails, and also put up many arrows of his own manufacture, for which the special thanks of the club are due him.

Barnes' Camp in Smugglers Notch, beloved by every hiker who was ever welcomed there by its former genial host, Willis M. Barnes (now engaged in lumbering operations a few miles distant) was managed very successfully from July 13 to September 21st by three students from the University of Vermont, Roderick M. Olzendorf, Percy H. Slatton, Leroy M. Anderson, who furnished meals, lodging, and guides at reasonable rates. Their cooking, courtesy and especially their immaculate house-keeping were praised without stint by all house-wives and prospective house-wives who were so fortunate as to be entertained by them.

It is expected that this camp will be conducted by university students this coming summer.

The Camels Hump club of Waterbury kept their building near the summit of the Hump open from July until the middle of November. Louis A. Babcock, an experienced traveler, was in charge and rendered himself most agreeable to the guests.

About one mile of the new trail from Callahan's to the summit was relocated on higher and dryer ground. The State forestry department built a new trail up the Hump from Jonesville, via Honey Hollow and the slide on the west side of the mountain intersecting the Huntington trail 3.4 mile west of the summit.

Many parties visited the Hump during the summer and on February 22 a party of seven women and seven men from Burlington made the ascent on snowshoes from North Duxbury. Other smaller snowshoe parties also made the ascent.

The Bennington section have the Long Trail completed from the Massachusetts line to the summit of Stratton Mountain, a distance of 36 miles from the Massachusetts line, and by July 1st will have the trail extended 6 miles further north to Prospect Rock, about two miles east of Manchester.

The state forestry department have built a very comfortable shelter camp a short distance below the summit of Stratton mountain. The Stratton mountain club and the state forestry department erected a steel observation tower in 1914 on the summit of Stratton mountain.

Prof. Will S. Monroe of the State Normal school at Montclair, N. J., a very extensive traveler and the author of several books, was a teacher at the summer school at the University of Vermont in the summer of 1915, and made many week end excursions into the Green mountains. During the holidays he joined a large party of the Appalachian club people from New York and Boston who spent several days snowshoeing, skiing and skating and coasting at Manchester, and secured ten of their members as members of our club. This summer he plans to come to Vermont June 20th and spend two weeks before the University Summer school opens in cutting new trail for the club in company with three other club members himself furnishing the tent and equipment needed.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Tuesday Evening at Apollo Hall at 8 O'clock.

By direction of the Republican state committee, the republican voters of the town of Bennington, and all persons intending to vote and act with the Republican party at the approaching November election, are hereby notified, warned and invited to attend and participate in a caucus or convention of the Republican party of the town of Bennington, to be held in Apollo hall, so-called, on South street, in the village of Bennington, Tuesday evening, May 16th, at eight o'clock, for the following purposes:

1st. To elect ten delegates and ten alternates to represent the Republican party of the town of Bennington at the Republican state convention to be held at Montpelier, Vermont, Friday, May 26th, 1916.

2nd. To elect a Republican town committee for the ensuing two years.

3rd. To transact any other business found necessary when met. Bennington, Vermont, May 10th, 1916. Republican Town Committee. By Walter H. Berry, For the Committee.

OBREGON TRYING TO OUST TROOPS FROM MEXICO

Wants Definite Date Set for Their Withdrawal

REQUEST NOT CONSIDERED

Protocol Halted for Another Conference Which is Probably Being Held Today.

El Paso, Texas, May 9.—Fear of a break between the United States and Mexico over American troop dispositions in Mexico was allayed tonight when, after a three and a half hours' discussion, Generals Scott and Obregon, the American and Mexican conferees, agreed to hold another conference, probably tomorrow.

The conference today began shortly after 5 o'clock, with Generals Scott, Emstun, and General Alvaro Obregon and Juan Amador, Mexican sub-secretary of foreign affairs, taking part. A. J. McQuatters, mining man, who has participated in three other conferences, was present at the beginning, but withdrew on complaint of the Mexican representatives that his business connections rendered his presence undesirable.

It is understood that General Obregon again brought up the subject of a definite date for American troop withdrawal from Mexico. He again was informed, it was said, that the American government was firm in its refusal to make this concession. It was suggested to him that in view of the Big Bend raid, under the nose of Carranza troops, the United States scarcely could consider the de facto Government fully capable of coping with the bandits.

In the face of this statement General Obregon is understood to have asked for more time to consult with General Carranza.

FOREST FIRES LAST YEAR

Unusually Exposed Season but Damage Less Than Usual.

Forest fires burned over not quite 300,000 acres of national forest land in 1915, according to official reports just compiled, or less than two acres per thousand. Out of a total of 6,324 fires, 346 or 5.2 per cent, did damage to the amount of \$109 or more.

The timber loss was 156,000,000 board feet, valued at \$190,000. Although the season was regarded as one of unusual exposure, owing to delayed fall rains, the loss was materially below the average of the last five years. Over 87 per cent of this loss occurred in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, while more than 72 per cent was in Oregon alone. Besides the timber loss, fire destroyed reproduction, or young tree growth, of an estimated value of \$160,000, and \$3,407 worth of forests. The loss per fire in 1915 was \$69.41, which is \$14.96 less than the five-year average, while the cost of fighting each fire was \$20.83 less.

Lightning figures as the chief cause of forest fires in 1915, as it does in the average year. Twenty-eight, and a half per cent of the fires, were due to this cause. Campers caused 18 per cent, which is 2.12 per cent higher than the average. Eleven per cent were caused by brush burning. Nearly 11 per cent were of incendiary origin. Railroads were responsible for nearly 9 per cent of the fires of 1915, against 14.12 per cent due to this cause in the average year. The causes of over 15 per cent were unknown. Lumbering operations caused less than 3 per cent.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

At Room in Front of Apollo Hall Friday Evening, May 16.

By direction of the Democratic State Committee and the Democratic Committee of the First Congressional District, of the State of Vermont, the Democratic voters of the Town of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet in caucus at rooms in front of Apollo Hall, on South street in said Bennington, Tuesday evening, May 16, 1916 at eight o'clock for the following purposes:

First.—To choose eleven delegates and eleven alternates to attend the Democratic State Convention to be held at Burlington, Vermont May 25th, 1916.

Second.—To choose eleven delegates and eleven alternates to attend the Democratic District Convention to be held at Burlington, Vermont, May 25th, 1916.

Third.—To elect a Democratic Town Committee for the ensuing two years.

Fourth.—To transact any other business found proper when met. E. J. Tiffany, Wm. Gibney, John Scarey, John Scarey, W. P. Hogan, H. D. Fillmore, D. E. Enright, John P. Mulligan May 10, 1916.

EXPLAINS PRIMARY LAW

Republican Committee Urges Voters To Turn Out.

Chelsea, May 9.—That the value of "any nominating or election machinery depends upon the actual use made of it by the voters themselves" is the declaration of the republican state committee in an announcement dealing with the application of the new primary law, signed by Stanley C. Wilson, of this place, chairman, and J. Rolfe Searles, of St. Johnsbury, secretary, and addressed to the Republicans of Vermont. The state committee announces its desire to do anything it may, "consistent with an impartial attitude, to assist the Republican voters and Republican committees to further the true intent of the primary law by securing as full a vote with as fair an expression of preference for president as possible on May 16." The committee urges members of the party to attend the polls on that day. The statement of the committee reads as follows:

"There appears to be so much misunderstanding with reference to the application of the new primary law and the relation between the primaries, caucuses, and conventions to be held next month that the state committee deem advisable a few suggestions which are in effect answers to questions that have already been raised.

"The primaries to be held on May 16 are unlike the primaries to be held in September. The presidential primaries to be held in May are preferential only, thus giving the voters an opportunity to express their preference for a candidate for president but not doing away with the customary caucuses and conventions. Caucuses will be held as usual at which delegates will be elected to attend the state convention, where delegates to the national convention will be elected. One change, however, should be noted, viz, that all of the delegates from Vermont to the national convention will be elected at the state convention instead of there being four elected at district conventions and two each at district caucuses in the respective congressional districts, as heretofore.

"The primaries to be held on May 16 will be under the state law and in charge of election officers the same as at a regular election. The caucuses are purely a party affair and held exactly as in former years.

"The state primaries to be held in September will be direct primaries and the voters at those primaries will nominate their candidates for state and county officers and town representative. There will be no caucuses called for in September, as the state convention for the formation of a platform will be then made up of the nominees of the party for state and county officers and town representatives throughout the state. Town committees should therefore, be elected at the caucuses in May.

"The value of any nominating or election machinery depends upon the actual use made of it by the voters themselves. The state committee stands ready to do anything it may, consistent with an impartial attitude, to assist the Republican voters and Republican committees to further the true intent of the primary law by securing as full a vote with as fair an expression of preference for president as possible on May 16. This committee urges that local committees use their efforts to get out the Republican voters both to the primaries and to the caucuses which will be held on the same day, there to record their real wishes. The state committee expects later to issue a pamphlet briefly summarizing the law which will bear on the September nominations and November elections. Meanwhile we hope local committees will examine published copies of the law and familiarize themselves with this provision so far as they can."

POWNAW CENTER

Mrs. Herbert Amadon was the guest Thursday of Mrs. Herbert Morgan.

Mrs. C. E. Hyler of Asbury Park, N. J., has opened her summer home here.

Byron Barber recently purchased a new Ford touring car of the Pownaw Center garage.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and son Floyd of North Adams will spend the summer at camp "Way Up."

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brown and Mrs. Harriet R. Patterson of North Adams were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Lampman, Mrs. Mary F. Lampman and Mrs. Inez Thompson were guests Monday of Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Dean of Shaftsbury.

Miss Grace B. Holt of Bennington, who is well known here entered the training class for nurses at the House of Mercy hospital at Pittsfield May 1, 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gale of Keene, N. H., who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peckham, returned home today. Mr. G. G. Pike, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peckham for several weeks, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barber and son Francis of Brookfield, Mo., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Amadon. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have several relatives in town. Mrs. Baker and son will be guests here until about June 1. Mr. Baker is a delegate to the Methodist General Conference being held at Saratoga and spends Sunday with his family here.

GERMANY ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY IN SUSSEX CASE

Official Acknowledgement in Hands of Ambassador Gerard

REPARATION WILL BE MADE

Sinking of Channel Steamer Will Be Disavowed and Submarine Commander Will Be Punished.

Washington, May 10.—Ambassador Gerard called the state department today that he had received the statement of the imperial government admitting culpability in the sinking by a German submarine of the channel steamer Sussex and that the statement was being forwarded to reach America on Wednesday.

In its acknowledgement the German government makes a disavowal of the sinking of the channel steamer, makes assurances of reparation for the loss of American lives and promises that the commander of the submarine which sunk the Sussex will be punished.

PRIZE-SPEAKING PROGRAM

Exercises Will Be Held at High School Hall Friday Evening.

The annual prize speaking contest will be held at the hall of the new high school building Friday evening with Edward B. Jenney, president of the graduating class, presiding. The program follows:

The Aide de Camp Laurendeau High School Orchestra Essay—What Four Letters are Accom Essay—What Four Letters are Accomplishing Josephine S. Elwell

Oration The Maple Sugar Industry of Vermont William Armstrong

Essay An Appreciation of Rupert Brooke Ruth M. Godfrey

Oration—Hobbies Raymond F. Percey

Violin Solo—Berceuse Godard Harry Murray

Essay Advertising; its Use and Abuse Esther L. Thompson

Oration—Co-operation Wilbur C. Lambert

Essay—Shakespeare's Old Men Dorothy L. Patchin

Music—Anchored Watson High School Chorus

Judges:—H. H. Webster, Mrs. Henry W. Terrill, Rev. W. G. Towart. Admission 10 cents.

GAME WARDEN 15 YEARS

Arthur M. Nichols Has Seen Long Term of Service in Berkshire.

Arthur M. Nichols of North Adams, who is well known in this village, recently completed his 15th year as deputy game warden for northern Berkshire and a part of Franklin counties, Mass. As a recognition of his long service in the fish and game department he was given a surprise party at his home by a number of his friends who presented him a handsome gold game warden's badge.

Writing of Mr. Nichols' unusual term of service in Massachusetts fish and game department, the editor of the North Adams Transcript says: "For fifteen years, Arthur M. Nichols has held the office of deputy game warden for northern Berkshire and a part of Franklin counties. The first paid deputy warden in the state, he has 'grown up' with the service."

Starting at a time when there were few if any game laws, he has seen the service grow to its present state of efficiency. He has aided very materially in the framing of some of the better laws for the protection of fish and game by his timely suggestions. He has enforced the law without fear or favor, and yet, withal, fewer men in the state can boast of more friends than Arthur M. Nichols.

"Fifteen years of service in a position like this means a lot to any community and northern Berkshire sports men are indeed fortunate in having Mr. Nichols to protect their interests and to enforce those laws which make for better sportsmanship, better hunting and fishing and better conditions for the birds and game and fish that have no other protector.

"Mr. Nichols has time and again proven that he is the right man in the right place. He knows the laws, having grown with them in their making, and he enforces them as they should be enforced.

"Northern Berkshire is properly protected and always will be properly protected as long as Arthur M. Nichols is game warden."

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SILVER KING CAPTURED

Long Sought Leader of Wild Horse Herd in Idaho

The New York Herald of Sunday contained the following: "Pancho Villa is still free, but Silver King, long sought leader of the great herd of wild horses of Idaho, has been captured. The fact was announced yesterday by W. E. Hawks, owner of the Two Bar 70 Ranch, on Snake River, Idaho. Silver King's stock by some persons is said to date back to the days of the Spanish conquest and Pizarro's flight from Mexico. His cunning, speed and endurance have made him as famous in the Southwest as Villa is in Mexico.

"The reason for this interest in Silver King is that Mr. Hawks was commissioned several years ago by Guy Wendick, director general of the Stampede, a big cowboy and festival contest for the world's championships which will be held in Sheephead Bay next August, to get the stallion. This affair will be held under the patronage of wealthy sportsmen. Silver King was discovered with several other fine horses and was caught by Indians led by Chief High Moon. Silver King will be shipped to this city with three hundred other horses."

"IN OLD VERMONT" REPEATED

Second Performance of Local Play Repeated Last Evening

The second performance of Dorothy Canfield Fisher's local play "In Old Vermont" was put on in Library hall last evening to an audience which once more filled the house. The cast was practically the same as the first production with the exception of the part played by Paul C. Howe, who was unable to give the recitation "Ho To the Borders" on account of illness.

The second rendition passed off smoother than the first because the notable actors and actresses present had become acclimated to the flash of foot-lights.

Among the good work done by individual members of the cast was that of Judge Bennett and Mrs. L. H. Ross; Laurence Griswold's description of the battle of Bennington; Dean Martin as a soloist rendering the stirring strains of Yankee Doodle; G. Phil Endress, Mrs. W. H. Willis; E. E. Bottum and other.

A good-sized sum considerable over \$50 was netted from the second performance.

INCORPORATION FAILED

Electric Light Proposal for Village of South Shaftsbury Rejected.

The proposal to incorporate the village of South Shaftsbury for the purpose of installing electric lights was lost at a meeting held in that village Tuesday evening by the close vote of 47 to 44.

There were not many arguments advanced on either side and the meeting was harmonious from start to finish. W. J. Cole presided with satisfaction to all in attendance.

CANAL UNDER MOUNTAIN

New Waterbury Links Marseilles with Interior of France

The canal under the mountain between Marseilles and the River Rhone, constituting one of the most notable engineering achievements of modern times, was officially opened Sunday in the presence of a distinguished gathering of members of the cabinet and other officials, including Marcel Sembat, minister of public works; Etienne Clementel, minister of commerce, and Joseph Thierry, under secretary of war.

Hitherto Marseilles, although a great port of entry for the Mediterranean, has been walled in from Central France by a mountainous ridge that sweeps around the northern side of the city. The canal is chiefly remarkable in that it pierces this barrier, the waterway running for five miles in a tunnel under a mountain. It thus has the effect of linking Marseilles with inland cities such as Lyons, Avignon, and Valence, and putting it in touch with the extensive inland commerce along the River Rhone. It will also give Marseilles a direct water connection with Harve and the North Sea.

That an engineering work of such magnitude should have been carried to completion when France is in the throes of a war is considered a tribute to the stability of her enterprise.

The canal and its tunnel have been under discussion for nearly 100 years, but actual work on them was not begun until 1904. The length of the canal is sixty miles, and the five-mile section under the mountain is seventy-five feet wide and seventy feet high, constituting what is declared to be the largest tunnel interior in the world. Barges and vessels up to 600 tons can navigate the canal, which, like the Kiel canal, it is believed, will have strategic value in permitting the movement of destroyers and small warcraft between the Mediterranean and the North Sea. The cost of the work has been about 100,000,000 francs.

NORTH RUPERT

Guy Towsley has moved his family here from East Westmoreland.

A number from this place attended the May ball in Pawlet Friday night.

Vegetation is looking fine and the farmers have their oats nearly all in.

Mrs. Simeon Adams has been passing several weeks with relatives in Bennington.

LESS NOISE BY BIG GUNS ON VERDUN FRONT TODAY

Paris Says German Bombardment is Slackening

FRENCH TRENCHES CAPTURED

German Headquarters States Attempts to Retake Lost Ground Were Repulsed with Heavy Loss.

Paris, May 10.—A slackening of the German bombardment northwest of Verdun is reported by the war office today. The French are reported to have halted a German attack on Hill 304. There were no assaults on the trenches during the night.

Berlin, May 9, (by Wireless to Sayville).—The German Army Headquarters statement today says:

In connection with our successes at Hill 304 we took, south of Termiten Hill, to the south of Haucourt, several trenches by storm. Attempts by the enemy to recapture with strong forces the terrain lost on Hill 304 failed. The enemy's losses were heavy.

Other attacks by the French on the east bank of the Meuse, in the district of Thiaumont farm, were equally unsuccessful. The number of French taken prisoner there increased to 2 officers and 375 men, besides 16 wounded. Nine machine guns also were taken.

On other parts of the western front there were only a few patrol enterprises which proved successful for the Germans.

Paris, May 9.—Four attacks in force by the Germans, three of them of a very violent character, were made in the region of Hill 304 at Verdun last night and today, but all were beaten off by the French, according to the night bulletin of the French War Office.

In addition to this furious fighting on the west bank of the Meuse, the French troops have been continuing their counter-offensive on the east bank of the river, and it is officially stated, have won back more of the trenches which were captured by the Germans northwest of Thiaumont on Sunday.

Three of the German attacks near Hill 304 were made during the night. One of these was started at 3 o'clock in the morning, great masses of men assailing Hill 287, west of Hill 304. The second aimed at the trenches northeast of Hill 304. In the third the Germans struck at the wood to the west of the Hill. Heavy losses were suffered in the repulses, according to the War Office report.

Today the Crown Prince's forces, moving to attack a trench, west of Hill 304, were stopped by the French curtain of fire.

FAY GETS EIGHT YEARS

Former German Lieutenant Convicted of Bomb Plotting.

New York, May 9.—Robert Fay, the former German lieutenant who was convicted yesterday of conspiracy to destroy munition ships, was today sentenced by Judge Harlan B. Howe to eight years imprisonment.

New York, May 9.—Robert Fay, the self-styled German Army lieutenant, who came here from the western front to undertake the stoppage of munition shipments to the Allies; Walter Schois, his brother-in-law, who is a skilled mechanic, and who assisted him, and Paul Daeche, a young German, who went to Bridgeport for Fay to purchase trinitrotoluol, were convicted last night by a jury in the Federal District Court on two indictments charging them with conspiring to sink freighters carrying munitions to the Allies by attaching bombs to them. It took the jury just five hours to find the defendants guilty.

The three have been found guilty of conspiring to destroy vessels with intent to cause loss to those who had underwritten the cargo or ships, and on this indictment they may receive a maximum sentence of ten years. The penalty for conspiring to attack vessels within the navigable waters of the United States with intent to destroy the vessel or cause loss to the owner of the wares on board is from one to two years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

Robert Fay and Walter Schois were arrested in the woods at Grantwood, N. J., on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 24, where they had gone to test some trinitrotoluol that they had just purchased from Carl Wettig, an importer and the man who became suspicious and put the police on the trail.

WEATHER

For Eastern New York and Western Vermont cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably showers. Warmer tonight.