

Old Bill Small Declares That Hereafter He Will Never Work More Than Eight Hours a Day. Neighbors Say Bill Never Did Work Over Four

FLETCHER WRITES OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR PAGE

Answers the Attacks Made By Senator

THEN GETS AFTER MR. PAGE

Tells Him That His Public Career Has Been Used To Help His Business.

Hon. C. S. Page, Hyde Park, Vt.

Dear sir:—My attention has been called to your public challenge, "Had you been a Senator of the United States, would you have voted for the Rural Credits Bill?" Yes, Senator Page, I would have voted for the bill, because I believe in such a law.

I am not now and do not expect in the future to be engaged in any business which would be affected by such a law; because I am not seeking to obtain control of the savings of widows, orphans and dependents for the purpose of my own personal gain.

Were I so engaged, I should have voted for the law, because I believe the Rural Credits Law will benefit and help to develop portions of the country which need such development, that the people of Vermont will not in any way be injured, and that, on the contrary, such a law will be of distinct benefit to our agricultural interests, and moreover because it is legislation in the interest of the many rather than for the few, a principle which is steadily borne in mind. Your record in the Senate does not justify a similar statement.

I might go further and state for your information that I believe present conditions in Mexico are a menace to the best interests of our country, and should be definitely changed now and for all time. I believe in the proper regulation of Public Service corporations and in the condition of preparedness which will command respect of all nations. I believe in constructive legislation for the protection of the interests of the common people against the few, and my voice would have been heard in the Senate during this crisis in our Country's history, and I would have been found standing for something and somewhere.

You, Senator, would have had no doubt where and for what I stood. When I entered this campaign I stated that "I am more ready to take this step because it will enable me to emphasize various issues and public policies for which I have always stood and still stand. I am influenced in reaching this decision by my belief that such decision will not meet the approval of paid lobbyists, big interests or such newspapers as may sustain them. These elements have persistently conducted a campaign of misrepresentation against the constructive legislation enacted by the General Assembly of 1912, and my administration as Governor, and for reasons which appeal to them, stand today energetically and vociferously demanding the re-election of the junior senator."

In view of the alignment and character of your supporters, I was most

certainly justified in making the statement which I did. Why is it that the St. Albans Messenger, which is owned by Governor Smith, the President of the Central Vermont Railway, is vigorously supporting you against the candidate from its own county whose honesty in dealing with his fellow men I have not yet heard questioned? Is it not true that when you were Governor, you called a special session of the Legislature for a specific purpose and then permitted this session to be used for the passage of measures favorable to the railroads and express companies, which you signed?

Within the last few weeks on several occasions, Senator, you have seen fit to publicly use my name without license and without truth. You have stated that you have received offers "of facts concerning both the public and private record of the Governor which are claimed to be damaging in the extreme." What are these alleged facts, Senator Page? or is your method of insinuation and innuendo used solely for the purpose of harm? You are at liberty to publish any statement of fact or facts offered you in relation to my public or private life, the truth of which you stand ready to personally avouch, affirm, and be held responsible for, otherwise I brand your effort as malicious character assassination.

You have seen fit, through your knowledge of your own fortune and your estimate of mine, to make certain comparisons which you know to be incorrect, and certain statements may be some embarrassment for you relative to the payment of taxes by both of us. I can appreciate that there in squaring your sworn statement made for taxation purposes with the facts as they exist, are found and have been exposed by Mr. Williams and others, but your embarrassment is not to be excused or measured by any act of mine. I have at all times paid my taxes as provided by laws of the State, and on all my property taxable under the laws of the State, and I have never sworn to a false statement relative thereto or bribed any of my associates or family to violate the law.

I trust I make myself sufficiently clear. Obediently yours, (Signed) Allen M. Fletcher, Proctorsville, Vt., Sept. 4, 1916.

RAN OFF WITH AUTO TRUCK

Truck Taken from the Bennington Garage Wednesday Evening.

The automobile truck owned by the Bennington Garage was taken sometime between the hours of 12 and one the night Wednesday. The loss was discovered shortly after by two employees of the garage who were returning from Brattleboro and the machine soon located.

The car had evidently collided with something soon after its departure from the garage and got as far as Washington avenue and there the engine stalled and was unable to proceed farther. He attempted to obtain aid in starting the machine, but disappeared as soon as he learned the police were on his track.

Galen Miller was arrested this morning by Officer Hurley charged with the offense. He is a rattle brained boy and his friends think he was merely with the one's chiefly responsible.

SANTE FE REFUSES

Will Not Obey New Law Until Compelled.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 6.—E. P. Ripley, President of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, declared in a formal statement tonight that the Santa Fe did not intend to comply with the Adamson eight-hour law, recently enacted by Congress to avert a threatened railroad strike, until ordered so to do by the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Ripley's statement says: "Congress, hastily acting under a threat of four leaders of labor organizations, enacted a so-called eight-hour law, which is nothing more nor less than an advance of 20 to 25 per cent. in the wages of the best-paid men in railway service. It is only fair to the public and to our employees to say that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company does not intend to comply with the law until ordered to do so by the court of last resort."

GERMANS CONFIDENT

Claim That Their Military Situation is Good.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—At last evening's important conference Dr. Bethmann Hollweg told the Reichstag party leaders that Hindenburg and Ludendorff had both stated that the general military situation was good and gave no cause for alarm; that, naturally, it was not to be denied that Rumania's entry made the situation more difficult but that the final favorable outcome of the war was in no way influenced thereby. Further, he said, the extension of the age limit for military service from 45 to 50 years was not even being considered, which should be construed as a favorable sign.

Professor Otto Hoetzsch, the Kreuz Zeitung's foreign political expert, explains the appointment of Hindenburg and Ludendorff to the supreme command as due to the fact that the war now has entered a new phase of pure defense for the Central Powers.

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Occupants of Car Owned by J. P. Kelley Escape—Baby Rescued.

St. Albans, Sept. 6.—Although the automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kelley, son, Donald, and Miss Mary Delligan of Swanton were coming from the Sheldon fair overturned this afternoon when it collided with a car owned and driven by John Rashaw, containing a party of young men from this city going to the fair, and went in to the brook beside the road, the members of the party were not hurt. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley went into the water and would have drowned but for the prompt action of his father.

NEW YORK STRIKE FAILS TO STOP CAR LINES

Most of the Cars are Running as Usual

STRIKE ORDER NOT OBEYED

Subway Motemen Refused to Quit But Some of the Elevated Trains Are Not Running.

New York, Sept. 7.—The big strike of the employees of the subway and elevated lines called last night is so far a good deal of a fizzle. Cars are running about the same as usual manned largely by the regular employees who refused to obey the orders of the strike leaders.

W. B. Fitzgerald the strike leader says that the subway motemen have failed in their duty, but that the men will persist in their demand that individual contracts with the men be abolished.

The employers declare that they will not arbitrate. They have thousands of strike breakers on hand but only a few of them are needed so far. The surface car men on several lines have also voted to quit, but except on one line the cars are still running.

New York, Sept. 7.—A strike was declared at 9:30 o'clock last night by unionized employees of the subway and elevated railway lines operated by the Interborough rapid transit company. About 1500 of the 11,700 carmen in the company's pay voted at a mass-meeting to quit work immediately.

Officials of the union asserted that, with the possible exception of the lines in Brooklyn, New York's electric transportation facilities would be completely paralyzed by morning. They were confident, they said, that the motemen and conductors on the surface lines in Manhattan, Harlem and the Bronx also would strike through sympathy.

Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough, declared that with adequate police protection the company would be able to cope successfully with the situation and "guarantee transportation to the public." He said that only a small number of the company's employees had become unionized.

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TO VISIT VERMONT REGIMENT

Gen. Tillotson Has No Idea When Boys Will Return.

St. Albans, Sept. 6.—Adj. Gen. Lee S. Tillotson expects to leave tomorrow night for Eagle Pass, Tex., where he will visit the camp of the 1st Vermont regiment. Gen. Tillotson has no definite plans but now expects to return to Vermont within a month. He says he is unable to express any opinion as to the probabilities of the return of the Vermont guardsmen to their home station. No word has been received that they will be sent north at an early date. Maj. S. S. Watson and Capt. Leroy A. Hall have returned to homes in this city from state camp where they have been since June.

WILSON PAYS HIS RENT

Owner Declined So Money Goes to Hospitals.

Congressman Thomas J. Scully of the 3d New Jersey district announced at Long Branch, N. J., yesterday the receipt of a check for \$2500 from President Wilson to be divided among Monmouth county hospitals. When a committee of Monmouth county citizens, headed by Congressman Scully, made arrangement for the engagement of Shadow Lawn as the president's summer home, Col. Greenhut, the owner, refused to accept rental. The president, however, insisted on contributing the sum required to charity and refused the tender of the place under any other conditions.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League Boston 5, Philadelphia 2. Detroit 4, St. Louis 3. Chicago 4, Cleveland 3. New York-Washington, rain.

Table with columns: Standing of the Clubs, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows include Boston, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia.

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BOLT-ELWELL

Bennington Young Couple Married at Manchester

A quiet home wedding took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. George H. Long at Manchester Depot Wednesday, September 6th when Miss Winnie Elwell became the wife of Reginald T. Bolt. The double ring ceremony was used. Rev. W. G. Toward officiating. The bride wore a dress of Alice blue silk crepe de chine and bridal veil. She was attended by her sister, who was dressed in white. The groom was attended by Mr. Long.

After a brief wedding trip of ten days, Mr. and Mrs. Bolt will be at the home of the bride on the Woodford road. Mr. Bolt is employed on the Colgate farm. He was born in Milton Albas, England.

NO REASON FOR IT

When Bennington Citizens Show a Way.

There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the words of a neighbor who has found relief. Read what a Bennington citizen says: "Mrs. Celia Lamoureux, 222 Division St., Bennington, says: 'For four years, I was so bad from kidney complaint that I could hardly do my household work. I had a terrible backache and headaches and sometimes became so dizzy that I was nearly blinded. The kidney secretions were unnatural and caused annoyance. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills recommended for such troubles, I went to Cole's Drug Store and got a box. They were just what was needed. The backache that had clung to me so long left and I felt better and stronger. After taking two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, all symptoms of the trouble were removed.'"

The above statement was given December 19, 1905 and after OVER FIVE YEARS LATER, Mrs. Lamoureux said: "Time only increases my confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills. I still use them occasionally, but never have any serious kidney trouble, for they keep me free from it."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Lamoureux has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

GASOLINE DOWN A CENT

Standard Oil Co. Announces Second Cut—Price Now 22 Cents.

A reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline has been announced by the Standard Oil Company of New York. This makes the wholesale price 22 cents a gallon. It is the second cut in the price of gasoline this year. The other was on August 7. The reason given for the decline is the heavy increase in the production of crude oil.

RUSSIANS GAIN IN FRESH ADVANCE ON HALICZ

Took 4,500 Prisoners and Forced Austrians Back

HARD BATTLE ALONG SOMME

French and British Force Wedge Into German Line and Take Batch of Prisoners.

Petrograd, Sept. 6.—Russian troops yesterday captured a Teutonic fortified position in the region of the Lower Gorodenka, in the direction of Halicz Galicia, and drove the Austro-Germans toward the northwest, says the Russian official statement issued today. Prisoners taken so far number 4,500, including about 2,000 Germans. The statement is appended:

In the direction of Halicz, in the region of the Lower Gorodenka, a left tributary of the Dniester, our troops captured a fortified position of the enemy and drove him to the northwest. The number of prisoners taken here so far amounts to 4,500 men, among whom were about 2,000 Germans.

In the wooded Carpathians our advance continues. Our troops have captured a series of heights and have repelled all repeated enemy counterattacks.

London, Sept. 6.—While their compatriots were busy Wednesday north of the Somme mainly in warding off German counterattacks or engaged in artillery duels, the French south of the river drove their men farther into the German lines and made additional noteworthy gains.

In stubborn fighting over a front of four miles between Verdun and Chilly the Germans have been forced to give up the northern portion of Verdun, while the French have occupied the outskirts of the railway junction town of Chaumes and thrown their forces along the railway running from Chaumes to Roye between Chaumes and Chilly.

To the north the operations by the French which have Barleux and ultimately Peronne as their objective also met with success. Southeast of Belloy-en-Santerre further German trenches were captured and the greater portion of the village of Herly-en-Santerre fell into the hands of the French. During the day's fighting, according to Paris the number of prisoners taken apparently was large.

Berlin admits the loss of the town of Clercy which lies a short distance northwest of Peronne.

In Galicia on the front of the Zlota Liza and Dniester rivers the Russians have driven out the Teutonic allies from fortified positions and taken 4500 prisoners among them about 2000 Germans.

Berlin concedes a victory to the Russians in this region. Violent fighting is still going on around Brzezany, southeast of Lemberg, but here Berlin says the Russians have suffered heavy losses and made no advance. Similarly Russian attacks near Zborov, northern Galicia, and in Volhynia failed, according to Berlin. Fighting is still going on in the Carpathians where the Russians claim the capture of additional heights.

London, Aug. 25. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Casualty lists for the first two weeks of August show that the British Army lost 609 officers killed, 1,792 wounded, and 204 missing, a total of 2,500.

This brings up the losses since the beginning of the war to 38,922 officers, of whom 11,442 have been killed or died of wounds, 24,689 wounded, and 2,809 missing.

In the fortnight six Lieutenant Colonels were killed.

GOV. HOLCOMB RENAMED

Named by Connecticut Republican Convention on the Fifth Ballot.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 6.—Gov. orator Marcus H. Holcomb was renominated for Governor at the Republican State Convention late today, defeating four other candidates after five roll calls. The remainder of the ticket was nominated by acclamation, as follows: United States Senator, George P. McLean; Lieutenant Governor, Clifford B. Wilson; Secretary of State, Frederick L. Perry; New Haven; Controller, Morris C. Webster; and Treasurer, Frederick S. Chamberlain.

ARLINGTON BOARD OF TRADE

New Organization to Elect Officers Sept. 14.

Arlington, Sept. 7.—The Arlington Board of Trade held a regular meeting Tuesday night in the town hall, about 30 members being present, but as it was a rainy night it was thought best to postpone the election of officers until Thursday evening, Sept. 14, when it is hoped that every one of the 70 charter members will be present.

The Arlington Light and Power Co., incorporated under the state laws of Vermont has been granted a charter, by the Public Service Commission, after a public hearing held in the town hall on May 12, to buy land for a power station, put up poles, wires and sell electricity. Arrangements will be made to set aside an evening soon and a representative will make an address and outline the intentions of their company in regard to expenses, etc.

It is hoped that this improvement will be successful as it will help to make our town attractive.

This is one of the many improvements that Arlington needs and the Board of Trade is trying to make our town a bigger and better Arlington. Leslie Jones was elected temporary treasurer until the regular election of officers on Sept. 14th. The committee to solicit subscriptions for stock for the proposed Arlington Trust Co., report that favorable comment is heard wherever the subject is mentioned and everyone hopes it will be soon.

DORSET HOLLOW

Mrs. Hillings and son were callers at Glen Farm last week.

Mrs. John Paddock has been quite ill but is improving slowly.

Professor Parrot of Mt. Claire, N. J. is visiting his father, Col. Parrot. Mr. Farmer of Mt. Claire, N. J. is visiting his family at "Wabeka" cottage.

The Misses Pitts of "Owl's Head Farm" left last week for their home in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moon who spent a few days in Montreal last week returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davison of Brooklyn spent over Labor Day with his brother, Harold Davison.

Mrs. Henry Hulsberg and two children were guests of her father, Rollin Weeks, one day last week.

Mrs. William Kelley and daughter Elizabeth are spending a few days in Wallingford and Rutland.

Miss Ellen Miller of Deerfield, Mass. and Mrs. William Reeves of New York city are at Valley View farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison of Flatbush, L. I. spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davison.

Rev. Frank McDonald who has been spending the past month with his family, returned to Chester, Pa., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks have purchased the Hazelton place and are going to take possession of it soon.

Miss Kate E. Cone who spent the month of August at Valley View farm returned to her home in Boston on Friday.

Miss Helen Mears who has been spending the summer at Valley View farm, returned to Philadelphia, Pa., last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Force and family of Danby and Miss Mabel Force of West Rutland called at Valley View farm Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Ludd and family of Coxsack visited Dorset last week in their new Buick car and were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Sheldon.

The Misses Margaret Gooding and Cecile Moon who have been spending the past week in Orwell, Vt., the guests of relatives and friends, returned Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leven of Elizabeth, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Leven of Mt. Claire who have been guests at Valley View farm for the past two weeks, returned to their homes Sunday morning in their car.

Card of Thanks

We hereby wish to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during our recent bereavement also for the many beautiful floral tributes especially the employees of the E. Z. Walst Co. and the neighbors. Gardner Ruggles, Mrs. C. H. Wilson, Mrs. Merritt Moon, Mrs. Ernest Washington, Clarence Wilson.

PARACHUTE JUMP AT RUTLAND FAIR WAS FATAL

Second Fatality of the Kind at Rutland Fair

PARACHUTE DID NOT OPEN

Aeronaut Libby Took Bad Chance When Only Short Distance From the Ground.

Rutland, Sept. 7.—For the second time in the last four years, a man's life has been the toll exacted in the aeronautical exhibition in connection with the Rutland fair. Yesterday Samuel A. Libbey of Boston dropped 100 feet, when his fourth parachute failed to open, following the first ascension of the afternoon in a hot air balloon, the man being dashed to almost instant death on the stairs leading to the piazza at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Miner of No. 162 Phillips avenue, a few hundred feet north of the fair grounds.

Four years ago George Schmitt of this city was killed following the fall of his bi-plane while making an exhibition flight with J. Byer Spellman as a passenger. Mr. Libbey was 44 years old and is survived by two sisters. He was never married.

Although the accident was witnessed by a very few persons, those in a position to see the parachute jumper as he was descending could plainly see that the last parachute would not have time to open. Mr. Libbey went to the judges stand just before 3 o'clock and asked for assistance in keeping the balloon down while being filled.

The ascension started just about 3 o'clock and according to T. H. Flower, manager of the Boston painting and Decorating Balloon company of Boston, who was superintending the balloon act, Libbey was between 2500 and 3000 feet in the air when he cut loose from the big gas bag.

The first parachute dropped rapidly for fully 300 feet before it gracefully opened and the aviator floated for several seconds before cutting loose into the second parachute and then into the third. The fourth and last parachute was blue in color and Mr. Libbey was only about 150 feet from the ground when he cut loose for the final drop.

The parachute did not have time to open and the man dropped with a crash into the steps of the house on Phillips avenue. It is very evident that he saw his peril too late, for when the man was being dashed to certain death he was making a vain attempt to open the parachute which only could save his life. His speed however increased and Mr. Libbey came head foremost into the wooden steps.

He gasped but once or twice and before assistance arrived he was dead.

FRENCH RALLY HELD

French Voters Met Last Evening For Talk by Dr. J. D. Bachand.

A good attendance was present Wednesday evening at the French rally held in the rooms of the Young Woman's Club. A. C. LaMarr acted as chairman and the speakers of the evening were Dr. J. D. Bachand of St. Johnsbury and Rev. C. E. Prevost of the Sacred Heart church. The rally was in preparation for the primaries next Tuesday.

Dr. Bachand, who was the principal speaker spoke strongly in favor of Allen M. Fletcher for senator and in favor of his candidacy. Dr. Bachand is a good speaker and his remarks were cordially applauded. Father Prevost urged the voters to remember their duties as citizens and to vote according to their best judgment for the good of the state and nation.

MANCHESTER FAIR

Will be Held Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Manchester, Vt., Sept. 6.—A special meeting of the directors of the Manchester Valley Fair Association, held at the Fair Grounds yesterday to consider the question of abandoning the fair this year on account of the existence of infantile paralysis in the county and it was voted to hold the fair as planned on the 12th, 13th and 14th of this month. In compliance with the order of the State Board of Health, children under fifteen years of age will not be allowed to attend the fair.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont probably showers tonight and Friday. Friday cooler in north portion.

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