

WILD RUMORS ARE AFLOAT

Concerning Recent Death of Cardinal Rampolla in Rome

VATICAN OFFICIALS DENY THE STORIES

One of Which Hinted That Cardinal's Death Was from Unnatural Cause

Rome, Dec. 27.—Many wild rumors are in circulation to-day concerning the recent death of Cardinal Rampolla. One hinted that his demise was brought about by unnatural causes and there was a possibility of his body being exhumed for a post-mortem examination.

It was declared by the officials to-day that there was no intention of exhuming the body. The rumors are supposed to have been founded on the disappearance of the small box supposed to contain private papers.

WILL NOT PERMIT FITZSIMMONS TO BOX

New York Boxing Commission Declares That the Former Champion Is Too Old.

New York, Dec. 27.—Bob Fitzsimmons, former heavyweight champion fighter of the world, is too old again to enter the ring, even in a 10-round bout, in the opinion of the state boxing commission.

COBB HELD FOR TRIAL

Negro Porter Accused of Importing a Chinaman Illegally.

St. Albans, Dec. 27.—The case of United States vs. W. B. Cobb, charged with illegally importing a Chinaman into this country, was heard yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner Warren R. Austin. T. W. G. Wallace of Montreal acted as interpreter.

BIG WATER MAIN BROKE

And Part of Montreal Is Cut Off from City Supply.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—With a private concern supplying half the city's demand for water, water carts delivering the supply to hospitals and private citizens carrying pails to fire hydrants on some streets, Montreal is saving a forest of conditions which will probably prevail for 10 days. It is estimated that it will take that time to make repairs to a 60-foot break in the main water supply conduit.

WOUND PROVES FATAL

Buxton, Me., Man Was Shot by Son in Defending Mother.

Portland, Me., Dec. 27.—Norris W. Rowe, the Buxton blacksmith who was shot Wednesday night by his 12-year-old son, Leon, according to the boy's statement, in defense of his mother, died at the Maine General Hospital at 4 o'clock last night. The boy was placed under detention by Sheriff Homer Marj in the day following the shooting but has not been formally arrested.

APPEALS FOR BOSWORTH

Attorney Asks Judge Watson for Habeas Corpus Writ.

EIGHT SAILORS LOST THEIR LIVES

In Wrecking of Two Barges During a Storm off the New Jersey Coast Yesterday.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 27.—The two barges wrecked on the New Jersey coast yesterday's storm were the Undaunted and the A. G. Ropes, both bound to this port. Advice received here indicated that eight men had lost their lives, including Capt. William B. Fickett of Chelsea, Mass., who commanded the Undaunted, and Capt. O. Olson of Providence, in charge of the A. G. Ropes.

\$7,700 IN MONEY STOLEN LAST NIGHT

Two Registered Packages Removed from Postoffice at Kearney, Nebraska—Bloodhounds Put on Trail of Robbers.

Kearney, Nebraska, Dec. 27.—Two registered packages containing \$7,700 were stolen from the postoffice here last night. The packages were in transit from a bank at Omaha to the local national bank. Bloodhounds are being employed in an effort to trace the robbers.

WAS FAMOUS COLLEGE PITCHER

Dr. Frank H. O'Connor Died Suddenly at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Dec. 27.—Dr. Frank H. O'Connor, aged 43, a prominent surgeon of southern Vermont, one of the best known residents of Brattleboro and in his college days a star baseball pitcher, died suddenly of heart disease while seated at the desk in his office on Main street yesterday afternoon shortly after three o'clock.

RECKLESS YOUTHS STARTED A PANIC

Cried "Fire" as They Were Being Ejected From the Theatre for Throwing Peanuts from a Balcony.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Four young men, who were ejected from a West Side theatre last night, retaliated with a false cry of fire, and precipitated a panic that might have re-enacted the scene in which 73 persons were killed in Calumet, Mich., on Christmas eve.

MANY CALLS FOR AID

And Burlington Poor Department Is Helping Many People.

Burlington, Dec. 27.—A. A. Delany, overseer of the poor, is receiving a large number of requests for aid since the arrival of snow and cold weather, and the city is now helping between 125 and 150 people in addition to those at the poor farm.

CANDIDATES APPOINTED

C. Haywood Styles to Enter Annapolis and Fred A. Platte to West Point.

United States Senator W. P. Dillingham has announced the following appointments of candidates to enter the Annapolis Naval academy and the West Point Military academy, as the result of the examination held at Montpelier on Dec. 20: Principal to Naval academy, C. Haywood Styles; first alternate, Philip S. Hayden of Montpelier. There was no second alternative. Styles is a sophomore in the University of Vermont.

SECOND TIME A VICTIM

North Adams Boy Has Been Shot Twice by Accident.

MOYER SENT OUT OF TOWN

Western Miners' President Deported from Calumet, Mich.

PLACED ON TRAIN BY AN ESCORT

Citizens' Alliance and Miners Are More Embittered Than Ever

Green Bay, Wisconsin, Dec. 27.—Lying in a berth with his head bound with a bloodstained bandage, Charles H. Moyer, president of the western federation of miners, passed through here early today on a Chicago train, on which he claims he was forcibly placed and guarded by two thugs until the train reached Chicago, Michigan, at two o'clock this morning.

"I was assaulted at a hotel in Hancock by members of the citizens' alliance and a gunman," said Moyer; "I was terribly beaten and shot at in the dark, dragged through the streets, threatened with death by hanging and finally placed on this train about nine o'clock under guard of thugs."

EXPECT 1,300 ENTRIES

For Vermont Poultry Association's Annual Exhibition.

Announcement was made to-day of the eighth annual exhibition of the Vermont Poultry Association, which will be held in Armory hall, Montpelier, Jan. 20, 21, and 22, 1914. It was also made known to-day that the judges are to be W. H. Card of Manchester, Conn., and Henry R. Ingalls of Greenville, N. Y.

IT WASN'T DIPHTHERIA

Which Rutland High School Girl Had, Though Treated for It.

Rutland, Dec. 27.—Miss Abbie Whitmore, aged 17 years, a pupil at the Rutland high school, died at her home on Christmas night. She had been a sufferer for some years from asthma. A few days ago she was seized with a violent attack. It was thought that she had diphtheria and anti-toxin was administered. The girl lived only a few hours after the treatment. A report from the state laboratory of hygiene at Burlington shows that she did not have diphtheria.

POISON NEEDLE IN COURT

New York Woman Found It After a Shopping Trip.

New York, Dec. 27.—Alois P. Kerken, treasurer of a chemical company, reported to the police last night what he declared was an unsuccessful attempt to make his sister, Margaret, 23 years old, a poison needle victim. He gave to the police the needle of a hypodermic syringe which he said his sister had found caught in the sleeve of her coat when she was removing the garment in her home after returning from a shopping trip down town.

BACK IN CHARGE

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young Likely to Keep Her Place.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young resumed her desk to-day as superintendent of schools. Her return as the active head is believed to mark the close of a heated campaign against her by several members of the board of education, whose resignations have since been accepted.

PROMINENT WILLIAMSTOWN MAN

George Beckett Died Last Night at Age of 80 Years.

Williamstown, Dec. 27.—George Beckett, a native of Williamstown and for many years one of its leading citizens, died at 10 o'clock last night after several years of failing health and following a serious decline that began on Christmas morning. Six years ago he had an attack of pneumonia, and he never regained his full health after that. Lately his eyesight had been failing, and at the time of his death he was almost totally blind. One of the contributing causes of death was hardening of the arteries.

Mr. Beckett was the son of William S. and Polly (Paul) Beckett and was born on May 14, 1833, thus having reached the age of 80 years when called by death. His father was one of the prominent citizens in the early history of the town, having been a justice of the peace for 30 years, captain of the local militia company and town representative four times.

And the son, George, followed in the footsteps of his father in his devotion to public affairs. After gaining his education in the public schools and supplementing it with extensive reading, the young man entered business as a harness-maker, gathering considerable property and making other investments in real estate and was largely interested in starting a granite industry in the village, having founded the old Williamstown Granite Co. He also was interested in banking and was one of the incorporators of the Barre Savings Bank & Trust company in Barre.

Mr. Beckett was town clerk and treasurer for 27 years, relinquishing those duties six years ago, when he was taken seriously ill. He represented the town in the legislature in 1900 and was a member of the Vermont Historical society. He also was interested in the old Williamstown Social Library and was once a librarian. In politics he was a Democrat; in religious preference a member of the Congregational church and for some time pastor of the local organization, in fraternal life a Mason.

He was married on June 21, 1855, to Belle R. Flint, daughter of Calvin and Dolly (Delano) Flint, and she died three years ago. Mr. Beckett leaves one son, Charles Henry Beckett, a lawyer in New York City, who was telegraphed last night. The funeral probably will be held on Monday, although the final arrangements will not be made until the arrival of the son.

CHRISTMAS VISITOR SUFFOCATED

Warner, R. I., Woman Was a Guest in New York House.

New York, Dec. 27.—Miss Lilla D. Sandford of Warner, R. I., spending the Christmas holidays with a friend in this city, was suffocated last night when the apartment house in which she was living was swept by a fire. Miss Sandford was found on the floor of her friend's apartment, a few feet from an open window, which she had failed to reach in an effort to save herself. She was taken out of the house by a fireman, unconscious. Physicians applied the pulmonary in the hope of saving her life, but without success.

TWO IN COURT TO-DAY

Amos Matott and John Kesson Were the Respondents.

Amos Matott and John Kesson pleaded guilty to holiday celebrations in city court this forenoon before Judge H. W. Scott. Kesson was arrested last night by Officer Ed. L. McLeod. Only within a few days he completed a sentence imposed on him in municipal court last fall for a breach of peace allegation. He paid a fine and costs amounting to \$4.10 for a subsequent offense.

STOLEN HORSE FOUND

It Had Been Driven from Lebanon, N. H., to Quebec, Vt.

Lebanon, N. H., Dec. 27.—A horse and sleigh owned by Peter Lemay and valued at \$200, was stolen Thursday night while Mr. Lemay was attending service at the Sacred Heart church. The horse was hitched near the rectory on School street, which is one of the main thoroughfares of the town, but the thief got away without being noticed. The team was driven to Quebec, Vt., 20 miles away, and left at a stable, where it was located yesterday morning by Deputy George H. Stearns. No trace of the parties who took the team has been found.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair to-night and Sunday; colder on the coast to-day; rising temperature Sunday; brisk northwest winds, diminishing.

FIREMEN HURT BY EMBERS

Which Fell When Walls and Roof Collapsed

DURING \$250,000 FIRE IN ST. LOUIS

A Five-Story Building in Heart of the City Ruined

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Fire ruined a five-story building in the heart of the business section early to-day, with a loss of \$250,000. One hundred and fifty guests out in their nightgowns in the flames, which leaped across an alley and threatened to attack the hotel. Six firemen were injured, but not fatally, by a shower of burning embers, caused by the collapse of walls and roof.

\$8,000 FIRE AT FAIR HAVEN

Breaks Out When Party of Dancers Are Having Refreshments.

Fair Haven, Dec. 27.—Damage to the extent of about \$8,000 was done to the Crippen block on the north side of Liberty street yesterday morning by a fire which started in Albert Williams' restaurant on the second floor about 2:25 o'clock. The photographic studio of E. E. Reynolds on the same floor was gutted and the laundry of John H. Merchant, bakery of William H. Holloway, and fruit store of Augustus Duri on the floor below were greatly damaged by water.

SANTA CLAUS CAME LATE

But He Was None the Less Welcome at Episcopal Church.

The last of the Christmas celebrations was held in the vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd Friday evening, when more than 200 children and grown-ups came together for the annual Sunday school Christmas tree. There was the usual abundance of Christmas cheer and gladness filled the hearts of many youngsters as they beheld a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree that fairly glowed under the influence of many gifts. It was an evening of merriment to the oldsters, too, and not the least notable part of the celebration which pleased them was the program in which every child in the school participated. The exercises were carried through without a hitch and the youthful performers gained a good deal of applause.

Among those who took part in the program and their contributions were the following: Bertha and Gertrude Dale, piano duo; chorus, "Sweet Christmas Bells"; school; Isabel Beattie, piano solo; Gracelyn Robinson, recitation, "Why Do Bells at Christmas Ring?"; Helen Cook, recitation, "Christmas Morning"; Evelyn song, recitation, "A Good Plan"; Lillian piano solo; "The Goodly Tree" recitation, "Dreams of Santa Claus"; Harry Young, recitation; Maxine Emerson, recitation, "Why Not?"; Gertrude Dale, vocal solo; Edward Carter, recitation; school, song, "Ring Ye Christmas Bells"; Jennie Greig, recitation, "Christmas Message"; Katherine McLeod, recitation, "Greetings from New York"; recitation; Ethel Loughheed, piano solo; Lucy Wells, recitation, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"; Muriel Beattie, recitation; Francis Young, recitation; Mildred Peer, reading; Sadie Halsall, piano solo; school, song, "Hail Merry, Merry Christmas."

While the presents were being distributed, a number of the ladies served ice cream, cake, and wafers. There was an ample supply of pop-corn and candy for the children. The program was in charge of Miss Maude Coburn, to whom great credit is due for the successful manner in which it was carried out. She was assisted in training the youngsters by teachers of the Sunday school, who also had charge of the refreshments. The trimming was done by the girls' society of the church.

CLARK—MOORE

Former Barre People Married at Bride's Home in Island Pond.

Cards have been received, in which Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Moore of Island Pond announce the marriage of their daughter, Melissa, to Merl Bennett Clark of Essex Junction, the wedding having taken place in Island Pond on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Both the bride and the groom are known to many people in Barre, where they formerly lived. Mrs. Clark will be recalled as a teacher in the public schools a few years ago, since which time she has been in St. Johnsbury. She is a graduate of Johnson Normal school. The groom is the son of George H. Clark of East Montpelier and is a graduate of Goddard seminary in the class of 1904. After attending the University of Vermont one year he entered the employ of the Barre Savings Bank & Trust company, remaining there until the new Essex Trust Co., which began business at Essex Junction on July 1, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will make their home in that village.

JUDGE SENDS CASE HIGHER

Refused to Free Norcross in Alleged False Pretense Action

HEARING ENDED IN CITY COURT

Defer. No Testimony in the Hearing

Following the examination of 13 more witnesses in city court yesterday afternoon, Irvine A. Norcross of Hardwick, who was arrested last week on a charge of obtaining property by false pretenses, was held for county court in bonds of \$1,000, which he furnished. At the March term of court, the respondent will be tried on an allegation which specifies that he falsely swore to the possession of two black horses and 10 cows in purchasing a "Little Six" automobile last July. Norcross was arrested in Manchester, N. H., by Deputy Sheriff W. E. Bixby on a complaint made by State's Attorney J. Ward Carver. A hearing started before Judge H. W. Scott was continued to yesterday, after a half-dozen witnesses for the state had been heard.

State's Attorney Carver and S. Hollister Jackson, who represented the state in the absence of the former last Monday, conducted the prosecution and the respondent was represented by E. R. Davis. The defense put in no testimony, but contented itself with attacking the structure of the negative evidence introduced by the state. In holding Norcross for county court, Judge Scott stated that plainly fraud had been practiced by the defendant, according to the several witnesses produced by the prosecution. The hearing did not lack for frequent legal sparring between the attorneys and sharp cross-examination of the witnesses. The court room was filled with spectators.

Dr. G. A. Carter, a Hardwick practitioner, testified to acquaintance with Norcross, although he knew little about his property. L. M. Hobbogom, a farmer from the same town, said that Norcross owed him money last summer. With the idea of starting attachment proceedings, he wrote the respondent and received a reply stating that he hadn't any property to attach. R. J. Valdon said that Norcross had had occasion to look up the property status of Norcross last July. The property wasn't there and he had been watching, futilely, he added, for signs of property ever since.

J. A. Noble said his home was located 40 rods distant from Norcross' barn in Hardwick. He had never seen any cows or horses there, although he admitted on cross-examination that he had never searched the barn for stock. J. J. Gallagher, also of Hardwick, testified to living near Norcross. He had seen the respondent on the street with two horses. The respondent told him they were his. Witness further testified to seeing five or six cows in Norcross' barn. C. J. Ball, a Hardwick livestock man, said he hadn't known of any property of the kind mentioned in the mortgage belonging to Norcross. Selectman C. A. Stamford of the same town told of looking over the Norcross barn. He had seen no horses or cows within. The witness was closely cross-examined as to his scrutiny of the stable. E. E. Foss, who said he was a small trader and a livestock man, told the court that Norcross didn't own the property, so far as he could learn. Cross-examined, he said he based his statement on circumstances. He denied having driven with Deputy Bixby in search of witnesses. Asked if he had had any trouble with the respondent, witness replied, "There are few who haven't had trouble with him." He gave a negative rejoinder to the leading question.

Constable A. C. Chase of Greensboro Bend had served a writ on Norcross Aug. 19. At that time the respondent said he possessed no property. E. M. Hall, a neighbor of the defendant, said he had been in the man's barn. He had seen the cows or horses there mentioned in the mortgage. Miss Edie L. Waldron, town clerk of Hardwick, produced Norcross' inventory as presented to her for filing April 19. It was admitted as exhibit three in the case, the defense's objection being overruled. The inventory was valued at \$150, a cow worth \$25 and a horse worth at \$125. Miss Waldron said the town records contained no reference to the transfer of two horses and 10 cows belonging to Norcross. Cross-examined, she said the records showed the mortgage given to H. F. Cutler.

Fred Eastman, another neighbor of the defendant, said he had never seen 10 cows or two horses in Norcross' barn. Deputy Bixby, the last witness, told of making an exhaustive search for signs of property belonging to Norcross. He had consulted some 25 persons, each of whom had the same story to tell regarding the probabilities of Norcross having property.

After a recess of 15 minutes at 3 o'clock, the state rested its case and the defense announced its decision not to introduce any evidence. The state's attorney gave a summary of the evidence and asked that the respondent be held. Attorney Davis declared that much of the state's case rested on hearsay evidence and asked to have his client discharged. Mr. Jackson closed the case for the state.

HAD 22 MILEAGE BOOKS

George S. Burns, Held at Manchester—Arrested Yesterday.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 27.—George S. Burns was arrested yesterday on the charge of robbing several rail-roads. In his pocket were 22 mileage books stamped at the Bath station of the Boston & Maine.

It is thought Burns had a part in several robberies on the Maine Central, the Bangor & Aroostook and New Hampshire branches. Madison and Conway stations have been robbed recently.