

VIRTUAL DECLARATION OF WAR ON FRANCE MADE BY GERMANY

Ambassador of Latter in Washington Serves Official Notice on United States Government that State of War Exists Between His Country and French.

ACTUAL DECLARATION ON BELGIUM RUMORED

And German Troops Have Crossed the the Belgian Line—No Americans May Leave Germany for the Present, the United States is Informed.

Washington, D. C., Aug 4.—The German embassy served notice on the United States to-day that a state of war existed between France and Germany. It is tantamount to a declaration of war, but technically is different.

Brussels, Aug. 4.—Rumors were in circulation to-day that Germany had actually declared war on Belgium. German troops crossed the frontier at Gemmenieh, near the junction of Dutch, Belgium and German frontiers.

GREAT BRITAIN MAKES DEMAND ON GERMANY

Regarding Belgian Neutrality—King's Proclamation for Mobilization Was Read To-day.

London, Aug. 4.—Great Britain to-day sent a practical ultimatum to Germany, demanding a satisfactory reply by midnight on the subject of Belgian neutrality. A proclamation by King George commanding the mobilization of the British army was read to-day.

GERMANY TO USE FORCE ON BELGIUM

Second Ultimatum Says Germany Is Prepared to Enforce Any Measure She Deems Essential.

London, Aug. 4.—The second ultimatum sent by Germany to Belgium to-day declared that Germany was prepared to carry through by force arms, if necessary, any measure she considers essential.

German troops to-day made a further invasion into Belgium territory near Verrieres, east of Liege, according to a dispatch to the French embassy here from the French legation at Brussels.

GERMAN TROOPS ON FRENCH SOIL

Cross Into Territory Near Mars La Tour To-day.

Paris, Aug. 4.—German troops to-day crossed into French territory near Mars La Tour, where one of the most important battles of the France-Prussian war was fought on August 16, 1870.

A German army aeroplane last night dropped three bombs on the French fortified town of Lunville, southeast of Nancy. Some damage was caused but no casualties.

DEFEATED WITH HEAVY LOSS.

Austrians Suffered Severely in Battle at Semendria.

Paris, Aug. 4.—A dispatch from Nish says the Austrian troops were defeated with heavy loss in a battle against the Servians on Sunday at Semendria.

FRENCH COMMANDER TO FRONT.

General Joseph Joffre Left Paris to Take Command.

Paris, Aug. 4.—General Joseph Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army, left to-day for the frontier.

GERMANS BOMBARD FRENCH NAVAL BASE

Afterwards the Attacking German Cruiser Steamed at Full Speed in Westerly Direction.

London, Aug. 4.—The German cruiser Breslau bombarded the French naval station at Bera, Algeria, this morning, afterward steaming at full speed in a westerly direction.

ABSENT FROM CABINET COUNCIL.

Viscount Morley of Blackburn May Have Vacated Place.

London, Aug. 4.—Viscount Morley of Blackburn did not attend to-day's meeting of the British cabinet council and

this is taken as an indication that he has resigned his office as lord president of the council.

BRITISH VESSELS HELD BY GERMANY

Boats in German Ports Are Being Detained, According to Announcement by Earl Grey.

Philadelphia, Aug. 4.—The British consul general here, Sir Wilfred Powell, to-day received from Sir Edward Grey of London the following cablegram: "It is urgent that you should warn British merchant shipping not to proceed or to enter German ports until further notice. British ships are being detained which were already in German ports."

JAPAN MAY PARTICIPATE.

If War Extends to Far East and England Is Involved.

Tokio, Aug. 4.—The Japanese foreign office to-day issued a statement that if the war extends to the far east and England is involved, Japan may find it necessary to participate in fulfillment of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

Russian Warship Aground.

Copenhagen, Aug. 4.—A Russian warship is aground at Aland islands where the Russian fleet is believed to have been defeated Sunday.

Military Censorship Imposed.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—A ukase imposing military censorship was published to-day.

AMERICANS HELD IN GERMANY

May Not Leave the Country During Mobilization of Troops. Congress Plans to Send \$2,000,000 to Their Relief.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—No Americans can leave Germany for the present. Through the German embassy at Newport, the state department has been informed that during the progress of mobilization no foreigners will be permitted to depart.

Congress is to be asked immediately to appropriate \$2,000,000 to the relief of Americans in Europe. Either the armored cruiser Tennessee or the North Carolina will be used for sending the gold to Europe, in accordance with the plan announced to-day at the White House. The nations involved in the war will be informed of the purpose for which the gold is being sent to Europe in order that no complications may follow.

CARRY TREASURES TO ANTWERP.

Special Train Left Brussels This Morning.

Brussels, Belgium, Aug. 4.—A special train, carrying all the securities of the National Bank of Belgium, left here for Antwerp during the night.

Part of Montreal Closed.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 4.—The port of Montreal was virtually closed last night for the first time in its history. Yesterday a tug fleet patrolled the lower harbor. Five million dollars worth of grain in the elevators has been placed under special guard.

LIMBURG, HOLLAND, INVADED.

Germans Enter Province and Martial Law Is Declared.

Brussels, Aug. 4.—The burgomaster of Antwerp announced last night that the

U. S. NEUTRAL.

Proclamation Was Issued by President Wilson Today. Washington, Aug. 4.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation of neutrality.

Germans had invaded Limburg, Holland, and that the province had been placed under martial law. Limburg has a population of nearly a quarter of a million.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK

By Part of German Garrison at Memelau Yesterday.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—A body of Russian frontier guards was driven back yesterday by a part of the garrison of the German seaport Memelau.

BELGIUM'S APPEAL

To Great Britain for Assistance Against Invasion.

London, Aug. 4.—The entire communication made by the British foreign secretary to the House of Commons on his second appearance there yesterday follows:

"A message has been received from the Belgian legation stating that Germany sent to Belgium at 7 o'clock last evening a note proposing to Belgium friendly neutrality coupled with the free passage through Belgian territory of German troops, promising the maintenance of Belgian independence at the conclusion of peace and threatening in case of refusal to treat Belgium as an enemy. The time limit of 12 hours was fixed for the reply."

"Belgium answered that an attack on her neutrality would be a flagrant violation of the rights of nations, to accept the German proposal would be to sacrifice her honor, and being conscious of her duty, Belgium was firmly resolved to repel aggression by all possible means."

"The Belgian reply was received with loud cheers by the members and Sir Edward Grey made the declaration that the information received into grave consideration and that he would make no further comment."

"The text of the Belgian king's telegram to King George follows: "Remembering the numerous proofs of your majesty's friendship and that of your predecessor, of the friendly attitude of England in 1870 and the proof of friendship which she has just given us again, I make a supreme appeal to the diplomatic intervention of your majesty's government to safeguard the integrity of Belgium."

OFFERED A PLACE ON FEDERAL BOARD

Frederick A. Delano of Chicago Is Expected to Accept in Time for Name to Go to Senate To-day.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Frederick A. Delano of Chicago has been offered a place on the federal reserve board. His acceptance was expected in time to send his nomination to the Senate to-day.

RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR.

In Equity Suit Brought Against New Haven Railroad.

New York, Aug. 4.—A receiver is asked for in an equity suit against the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company, brought yesterday in the federal district court against the company, its officers and directors and the estate of J. P. Morgan by Tala D. Clark, a resident of New Jersey and holder of 20 shares of stock.

The suit involves no personal damages and is chiefly confined to a complaint on the personal losses alleged to have been incurred by the stockholders through the actions of the road's directors.

Mr. Clark states in the complaint that the 20 shares he owns came to him by inheritance, and that the suit is not a conclusive one, brought to confer only the federal court jurisdiction in a case of which it would not otherwise have cognizance.

It is sought to recover by this suit, from the individual defendants as present and former directors, large sums which it is alleged, were withdrawn and misappropriated after Charles S. Mellett's election as president in 1903, by a "triumvirate" composed of J. P. Morgan, William Rockefeller and Mr. Mellett.

WELL KNOWN MUSICIAN.

Henri G. Blaisdell of Concord Died at Laconia, N. H.

Laconia, N. H., Aug. 4.—Henri G. Blaisdell of Concord, one of the best-known musicians in the state, died suddenly of heart failure last night while visiting at the home of Everett E. Adling on Mechanic street. He had a summer residence in Melvin village. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Carlyle and Victor.

Mr. Blaisdell was an accomplished violinist and had won an enviable reputation as a director of operas and music festivals.

GRANITEVILLE.

A square dance will be held in the gymnasium at Graniteville Thursday evening, Aug. 6. Dancing from 5 to 12. Admission, 35c. Ladies, free.

CECILIE AND GOLD ARE SAFE

Steamer With \$10,000,000 in Gold On Board, Made Escape When Capture Seemed Imminent—Captain Intercepted Wireless.

PUT INTO BAR HARBOR THIS MORNING

With Lights Extinguished Vessel Made Mad Race Through Fog At Full Speed and Without Sounding Fog Horn

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 4.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie, carrying more than \$10,000,000 in gold and whose whereabouts had been a mystery since she sailed from New York last Tuesday, arrived here at 6 o'clock this morning, after a forced run, as her officers feared capture.

The gold was consigned to French and English bankers. The ship was valued at \$5,000,000 and with the gold cargo constituted the finest sea prize ever open to capture. As she crept along the Maine coast, every deck and porthole was blanketed with canvas, so that not a gleam of light betrayed her whereabouts. Her four stacks were tipped with black paint to resemble an English ship.

On Sunday her capture seemed imminent, when her captain intercepted a wireless between French vessels, giving a warning of the Cecilie's proximity, but a providential fog enabled the liner to escape. Her course was changed for a return Friday, when two days from Plymouth.

A group of financiers on board offered to buy the ship and sail her under the American flag, but the captain refused. For two nights, with her head and side lights extinguished, the steamer plunged through the fog full speed, and without sounding her fog horn.

LUCILE SPIER STEPS MILE IN 2:07 1/2

She Wins Race at Detroit, Mich.—Time Is Near Record for Three-Year-Old.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 4.—In the opening of the day's grand circuit program here there were spirited contests, especially in the 2:15 trot in which the winner, Lucile Spier, was forced to step a mile in 2:07 1/2 to capture the second heat. This is close to the record for a three-year-old mare.

Napoleon Direct in the 2:17 pace; Betty in the 2:18 trot, and Frank Patch in the 2:12 pace were the other winners.

WAITSFIELD.

Mrs. Niell and daughters, Gertrude and Mildred, of Lynn, Mass., were at Miss Abbie Minor's on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. George Fred and Mrs. Augusta Spaulding of Warren visited relatives in town Monday. Miss Alberta Ellis of Richmond is the guest of her brother, Henry Ellis. Mrs. Ned Newcomb is at C. H. Newcomb's.

Albert Barnard was in Burlington on Sunday and reports Vail Tucker to be doing splendidly.

MORETOWN.

The piano pupils of Mrs. W. A. Remond will give a recital in the Moretown M. E. church Thursday, Aug. 6, at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all parents and friends who are interested in the pupils' work.

Resolute Wins Another Race. Newport, R. I., Aug. 4.—The Resolute won the 40-mile race from New London to this port sailed yesterday against the Cochran ship Vanitie. It was a close and sensational finish with the Resolute only 11 seconds ahead when they crossed the finish line at Brenton's reef light vessel.

VETERANS IN REUNION

Annual Gathering at Dewey Park Attended by About 300

DEATH HAS TAKEN 27 IN PAST YEAR

Forenoon Given Over to Informal Exchange of Reminiscences by Veterans

Two hundred Civil war veterans, members of the Washington County Veterans' association, together with the usual complement from the Woman's Relief corps and the Sons of Veterans, gathered at Dewey park this morning for their annual reunion. Clear skies and a bracing atmosphere contributed to the general enjoyment of the get-together and as the forenoon wore on the customary preliminaries of registration were carried along with celerity. Every trolley car, automobiles and teams helped to swell the attendance and it was confidently anticipated that no fewer than 300 people would be at the park for the first campfire this afternoon. In the spacious pavilion at noon the women served a bountiful dinner to veterans whose appetites were on edge.

For the evening there is an elaborate program in prospect. A huge campfire will be the occasion for speaking by representatives of the state Grand Army department, the Vermont encampment of Sons of Veterans, the regular United States army, militia and the veterans themselves. It is to contribute one of the speakers in the person of G. Herbert Page.

The forenoon was given over mostly to an informal exchange of reminiscences between the veterans. "Old boys" of 70 and more who had not met since the streets in their home towns rang to the martial tread of sturdy northern soldiers marching to the front these 50 years ago came together in a number of instances. What the emotional effect of such meetings must have been one who knows nothing of long separation between comrades can only conjecture. But the scenes that accompanied the first clasp of hands over a gulf of 50 years will not soon be forgotten by those who assembled at the park. Often it so happened that veterans who came from distant states to participate in the reunion glimpsed each other for the first time since the grand review that Washington witnessed in '65. And so it seemed fit that any attempt to order a program for the morning's doings should be abandoned. In one corner of the pavilion Secretary John R. Wilson of Worcester rigged out a temporary office and for the better part of four hours he was busy registering the veterans, their wives and other honorary members of the association. Dr. E. J. Foster of Waterbury Center, the president, was at the desk to greet the newcomers. Wherever men gathered about the park, the conversation concerned itself with a revival of the old days in the South, or drifted into speculation as to how many of the "vets." will be traveling toward Detroit for the national encampment a few weeks hence. It is interesting to note that the greater share of the Washington county veterans are planning to go to Randolph to-morrow afternoon to participate in the reunion of old soldiers from Orange, Windsor and Washington counties. The reunion is to be held Thursday. At Dewey park there will be something attractive for the veterans to-morrow forenoon and in the afternoon, too. At 10 o'clock in the morning the annual business meeting will be held, with a campfire to follow. It is understood that Dr. Foster and Secretary Wilson will be returned to the offices they have held so long. That is the prediction, if the sentiment found at the park to-day rings true to the feeling of the majority.

Enough of music and to spare there will be at the grounds to-night and to-morrow. Plenty of vocal talent from Barre and Montpelier will be on hand to sing the old martial strains that stirred men's hearts in the dark days of 1861. A piano has been stationed in the pavilion and the singers will not lack for accompaniment. Then, too, the Barre Citizens' band has been engaged for this evening. A detachment from the band journeyed to the park this afternoon and played at the campfire. In this connection, the passing of the famous Getchell drum corps should be mentioned because of the prominent part which the drummers and fifers from Calais have played at the reunions of other years. The death of Andrew Getchell last spring removed the leading spirit in the corps organization and at the park to-day there was not a veteran on the grounds who did not miss the familiar figure of the little old drummer boy.

Death has laid a heavy hand on the association in the past year. Time has had its way with no less than 27 members, all but four of whom were veterans. Last year the necrology roll was around 20 and with but a single exception in the history of the organization this year's record is the largest. A list of those who have been mustered out on the rolls of the secretary since the last reunion as given below contains the names, ages, regimental connections and date of death:

Henry J. Anthony, 72, Co. 6th Vt., Pittsfield, May 15, 1912; Moses Laboll, 80, Co. E, 11th Vt., Waterbury, Sept. 27, 1913; George P. Holmes, 74, Co. A, 8th Vt., Waterbury, Sept. 2, 1913; Orlando Turner, 74, Co. D, 2d Vt., Tallapoosa, Ga., Oct. 17, 1913; Sylvester Cameron, 78, Co. F, 6th Vt., Barre, Oct. 17, 1913; Luman M. Grant, 91, major 8th Vt., and veteran of the Mexican war, 1847, Waterbury, Dec. 9, 1913; Jesse Gaynor, 68, 3d Vt. battery, Barre, Dec. 12, 1913; J. W. Hattery, 72, Co. D, 2d Vt., Almas, Ia., Dec. 28, 1913; Charles E. White, 70, 184.

Samuel Brenton Whitney of Boston Died at Woodstock.

Woodstock, Aug. 4.—Samuel Brenton Whitney of Boston, one of the foremost organists of the country, and widely known as a composer of sacred music, died shortly after noon yesterday at the home of his sister, Mrs. James B. Jones of this town.

Mr. Whitney, who lived on Walnut street in Boston, had been in failing health for a year. Last Christmas he came to Woodstock for his annual visit and was taken worse, being unable to return to Boston. Since that time he had failed steadily.

(Continued on eighth page.)

OFFICERS GET BIG HAUL.

Paid House on Webster Avenue a Visit and Get Beer and Whiskey.

A raiding squad from police headquarters made a heavy haul of alleged contraband goods when they visited the house at 12 Webster avenue last night and surprised a group of three men who sat around a table drinking. While the search was in progress, the tenant of the house, Angelo Tomasini, was arrested on a charge of selling illegally. A close search of the premises disclosed a barrel of bottled beer, a barrel of draught beer only recently tapped, several loose bottles of beer and flacons of whiskey. It was one of the biggest seizures of the year. The warrant issued at the request of Grand Juror William Wisbart was in the hands of Officer David Henderson and he was assisted in the search by Chief Sinclair and Officer Harry M. Gamble. The goods were loaded into a wagon and Tomasini was taken to police headquarters. Later he was arraigned before Judge H. W. Scott and bail was fixed at \$500, which the respondent furnished for his appearance at a hearing this forenoon.

To-day the respondent appeared before the magistrate for the second time, waived examination and furnished a \$500 bond for his appearance at the September term of Washington county court.

DOZEN ARRESTS IN MONTEPELLIER.

Most of the Number Appeared in Court To-day.

During the past 24 hours the Montpelier police and the sheriff's department have arrested a dozen men, 10 of whom appeared in Montpelier city court to-day. Some of the men were taken off trains at Montpelier Junction, others were captured in a raid on a camp on Nicholas hill opposite the Central Vermont station and still others were picked up individually.

James Mone was fined \$15 and costs; William Larkin was given two months in jail, as was Daniel Kennedy; Mike Haley was given a few minutes to get out of town, and he went; Joseph Bennett was too sick to appear to-day; Daniel Smith was fined \$5 with costs; James Clark got \$15 and costs; Thomas Kelly and William McCarthy received the minimum fine of \$5 with costs; Charles Lull was assessed \$15 and costs, and Edward Norton got a fine of \$5 with costs.

AGAINST SPECIAL SESSION.

Washington County Republicans Would Wait for Regular Assembly.

With 12 out of 20 towns of Washington county represented at yesterday's meeting at Montpelier of the Republican committee of Washington county, the meeting went on record against calling a special session and the one party informal primary. The meeting favored the present caucus and convention system until the regular general assembly passes a direct primary law.

COMPOSER OF CHURCH MUSIC.

Samuel Brenton Whitney of Boston Died at Woodstock.

Woodstock, Aug. 4.—Samuel Brenton Whitney of Boston, one of the foremost organists of the country, and widely known as a composer of sacred music, died shortly after noon yesterday at the home of his sister, Mrs. James B. Jones of this town.

Mr. Whitney, who lived on Walnut street in Boston, had been in failing health for a year. Last Christmas he came to Woodstock for his annual visit and was taken worse, being unable to return to Boston. Since that time he had failed steadily.

Samuel Brenton Whitney was born in Woodstock, June 4, 1842, the son of Samuel and Amelia (Hyde) Whitney. After attending the public schools there and the Vermont Episcopal institute at Burlington, he began the study of music, receiving his entire musical education in this country.

He was organist first in Christ church, Montpelier, for four years, later playing at St. Peter's church in Albany, and St. Paul's in Burlington, before going to Cambridge to study under Prof. John K. Paine, whom he assisted as organist of Appleton chapel.

In 1871 Mr. Whitney was appointed organist of the Church of the Advent on Brimmer street, where he remained for nearly 27 years, resigning in November, 1898. After his resignation, Mr. Whitney continued as "director emeritus" of the Advent choir. Under his direction, the choir of the Church of the Advent became famous throughout New England, acquiring the reputation of being the leading male choir in this part of the country. His success as a trainer of boys' voices made the Church of the Advent the mecca for thousands of music lovers on festival days.

Mr. Whitney was frequently engaged as festival conductor in New England cities and towns. He had been professor of the organ and lecturer at Boston university and an examiner in the American College of Musicians.

FLAMES TOOK POSTOFFICE

And Campbell's Store in Village of Adamant, Calais

NEARBY RESIDENCE SAVED BY NEIGHBORS

Government Safe About the Only Property Saved in Store

Calais, Aug. 4.—The village of Adamant in the southern part of this town sustained a serious fire loss this forenoon when Campbell's store building, containing a general store, the postoffice and a tenement in the second story, was destroyed, the loss being \$4,000, on which an insurance of \$3,000 was carried. The residence of Leander Parker was saved after much effort, although slightly scorched, and Mr. Campbell's barn on the opposite side of the store caught fire several times but was saved. About the only thing saved in the store was the safe containing government property largely, and it will not be known whether the contents are spoiled until the safe cools enough to permit of being opened.

Mrs. Campbell and two children were in the building at the time the fire broke out at 2:30 o'clock, the boy, Roscoe, aged 11, being in bed, while the baby girl was playing about. The latter first noticed the flames in the storage room back of the store and she called her mother's attention by her cries. By that time the fire had made great headway in the inflammable material in the rear of the store and Mrs. Campbell had little more than time to seize the boy out of bed and grasp the baby and place them in a safe place before the exit was cut off.

Shortly after the neighbors arrived the whole building was enveloped in smoke and flames and little could be done to save the structure or its contents. Efforts were then turned to saving the Parker house a few feet away. The bucket brigade was driven from between the buildings and mounting ladders on the opposite side of the house, they went to the roof and threw water over the side, in that way preventing the flames from being communicated to it.

Meanwhile the flames were being driven to the opposite side of the store and they caught on the Campbell barn several times but were each time extinguished. So the barn still stands.

The store had been conducted by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Campbell for about two years and a half, during which time the postoffice had been conducted by them also. Mr. Campbell was not at home when the fire broke out, having gone to the granite quarries nearby to work. Neither he nor Mrs. Campbell can account for the outbreak of the fire unless possibly that it may have been caused by a spark which fell through the stovepipe hole from the kitchen stove into highly inflammable material in the storeroom just beneath the kitchen. The building was burned flat to the ground and probably will not be rebuilt, at least by Mr. Campbell. The store was formerly known as Sloan's and also as Day's.

HOME DESTROYED IN MONTEPELLIER

Gasoline Stove in Home of Otis J. Gross Explodes and Burns Building and Contents.

Fire destroyed the home of Otis J. Gross at 120 College street, Montpelier, this forenoon, the fire starting from an explosion of a gasoline stove. Mr. Gross, who was alone in the house, his wife and children being on a visit in Richmond, lighted the gasoline stove a little after 8 o'clock, and an explosion followed almost immediately. He procured some fire extinguishers but they failed to stay the blaze and he ran to box 55 to turn in an alarm, but the key broke in the lock and prevented this. Finally the fire department was reached by telephone, but the fire had made such headway that efforts to save it were fruitless. The house and contents are almost a total loss.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Smith Bros. Granite Co. Owes \$39,415.79—Assets \$31,365.28.

Rutland, Aug. 4.—Four petitions in bankruptcy were yesterday filed in the office of Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court as follows:

Smith Bros. Granite Co., Barre; composed of James A. Long and Henry J. Smith; liabilities, \$39,415.79; assets, \$31,365.28; H. William Scott, attorney for bankrupt.

John W. Gabree, Montpelier, painter; liabilities, \$389.04; assets, \$117.30; \$100 claimed exempt; Burton O. Bailey attorney.

The largest creditors in the Smith Bros. case are: Consolidated Quarry Co., Barre, \$5,988.82; Quinary Savings bank, Barre, \$7,423.20; Barre Savings bank, \$6,142.80; E. L. Smith, Barre, \$7,725; J. K. Frie, Graniteville, \$5,936.

Patrick Hurley, a hawker of this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday claiming debts of \$486.21 and assets of \$220, all of which is claimed exempt.

John A. Moore of Newport, occupation not given, has liabilities of \$464.26 and assets of \$200, all claimed exempt.

SCUFFLED OVER REVOLVER.

Now One Is Dead and the Other Lives to Regret It.

North Belgrade, Me., Aug. 4.—George M. Hutchins, aged 18, was shot and killed by his friend, Wilbur Judkins, aged 18, while they were scuffling over a revolver yesterday afternoon. After an investigation the coroner decided there was no malicious intent and that an inquest was not necessary.