

VERMONT NEWS.

Harold and Roy Farnsworth appeared in Montpelier yesterday morning, pleading guilty to allowing a horse's body to remain in a river over 48 hours and were fined \$25 and costs.

A unanimous call has been extended to Rev. Dr. Francis A. Poole, pastor of the South Congregational church at St. Johnsbury to become the pastor of the Old South Union church at Weymouth, Mass. Dr. Poole will announce his decision at an early date.

A conference of great importance to the Methodists of Vermont and New Hampshire opened at Grace Methodist church at St. Johnsbury yesterday. Three bishops are in attendance, Bishop Smith, recently returned from India; Bishop Blake, who for some time past has been actively engaged in France; and Bishop Hughes of Boston, resident bishop of the St. Johnsbury area.

About 120 motor vehicles have been received by the state highway department at Montpelier from the government, which is distributing its excess war-time supplies. These include Dodge and Ford touring cars and trucks of other makes. Spare parts are also being supplied. The state is receiving its full share of cars and parts, J. W. Dix, commissioner of highways, stated Monday.

Thomas Lozo of Burlington, baggage-master on a north bound Central Vermont passenger train, was injured when the train stopped at Randolph yesterday morning. He was helping to put baggage in his car when his foot slipped and he fell out of the car door striking his head against the baggage and inflicting a scalp wound. He was left at Randolph and taken to the hospital to have the wound dressed. Five stitches were taken to close the wound.

AID FOR AMERICAN SHIPS.

President to Ask "Remuneration" in Forthcoming Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Within a short time President Harding is going to deliver to congress a message covering the present status of government shipping after six months of control by his appointees. At the same time he will lay

down a policy for the future of the shipping board and of American shipping generally. As one detail of this policy he is going to recommend government aid for the maintenance of shipping under private American ownership. President Harding is going to call this aid by the name of "remuneration," but that isn't going to prevent many Democrats, and many Republicans as well, from calling it by the old name of "subsidy" and hurling bricks at it. President Harding's new name is not a mere verbal device to escape the odium attaching to an old name. He has some reason for his choice of words.

WOULD CANCEL WAR DEBTS.

Lloyd George Would Waive England's Claim on Other Nations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Some of the foreign diplomats in attendance at the arms conference have received word which they interpret as indicating that David Lloyd George, British premier, is preparing to take the initiative in world economic matters.

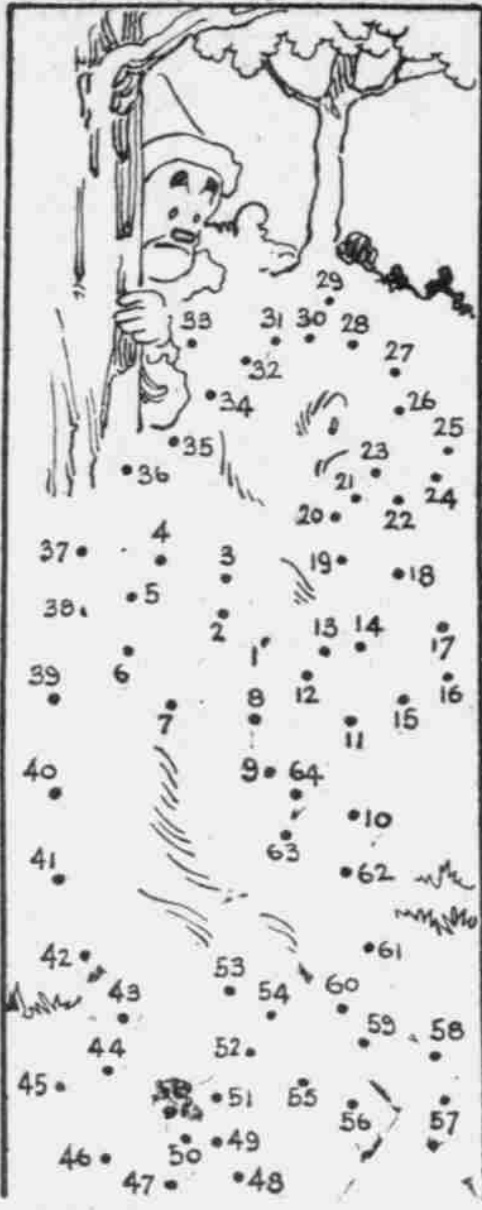
He has become convinced from the results of inquiries made here that the American government does not intend to call an international economic meeting, at least not in the near future.

The prime minister's plan, according to the information in the hands of these diplomats, contemplates the cancellation of all war debts owing to Great Britain by Italy, France, Belgium, Russia and the smaller Balkan allies, amounting to with interest upward of two billions sterling.

Premier Lloyd George, it is recalled, proposed to President Wilson that all interrelated debts, including those owed to the United States, should be cancelled, but his present design, according to the understanding, does not include the renewal of that suggestion to the United States.

Friendly Advice.

When the gentleman who is next on the program says: "I want to add just a word to what has been said," make up your mind to be patient for three-quarters of an hour, or hustle out while he is taking his first glass of water.



Bring a rope, ten feet or more. Catch the one at sixty-four. Draw from one to two and so on to the end.

WEST BRATTLEBORO

Miss Eva Tidd, nurse, has begun work this week at the Melrose hospital. Dr. William Chamberlain and brother, George Chamberlain, are spending several days in Springfield, Mass.

The executive committee of the Philanthropic class of the Baptist church held a meeting last evening in the home of Miss Eva Briggs.

Miss Florence Warriner of Northfield, Mass., came yesterday to remain at her home here until today, when she returned to Northfield.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will be held tomorrow with Mrs. B. S. Miller. There will be election of officers.

Merle Fuller of Elliot street, who underwent an operation Saturday in the Melrose hospital, is comfortable and his condition is good. Miss McKinnon, nurse, is caring for him.

The West Brattleboro and Centerville Parent-Teacher association will hold a meeting Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Academy hall. The pupils of the academy and Centerville schools will present a Christmas program. All are cordially invited.

D. A. R. CHAPTER MEETING.

Mrs. John E. Gale Gives Paper on Pilgrim Tercentenary Celebration.

Brattleboro chapter, D. A. R., held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon in the Unitarian parish house. There was a large attendance. Mrs. Frank E. Barber rendered two Christmas songs in a pleasing way.

The chapter voted to appropriate \$10 for the Christmas at the American International college in Springfield, Mass., also voted its annual appropriation of \$20 toward the same school at the American International college.

The paper of the afternoon, entitled The Pilgrim Tercentenary Celebration, was given by Mrs. John E. Gale. It was entertainingly written and was illustrated by a radiotelegram.

Mrs. Lyman E. Holden, vice president general of the National society for Vermont, gave an interesting account of her visit to the disassembly conference at Washington, the open sessions of which are held in Memorial Continental hall. Mrs. Holden was especially favored in being present at the session during which Premier Briand delivered his forceful address.

805,228 IMMIGRANTS COME.

Secretary Davis Thinks Only 350,000 Will Come This Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The tide of immigration which was approaching its flood when the restriction laws went into effect brought 805,228 aliens into the United States in the fiscal year ended last June 30, according to the annual report yesterday of Secretary Davis of the department of labor. This number compared with 430,000 in the previous fiscal year and is more than twice the estimate of 350,000 which Mr. Davis makes for this fiscal year under the operation of the restriction act.

More than one-fourth of the aliens admitted last year were Italians, the number being 222,200 as compared with 95,115 in the fiscal year of 1920. Numbered by race, apart from nationality, the report says, the Jews arriving numbered 119,036.

It cost nearly \$4,000,000 to pass upon and admit the immigrant tide for the last fiscal year, Mr. Davis says. To enforce the laws against alien anarchists cost an additional \$300,000, while the deportation of undesirable added \$127,000 to the total.

MOONSHINE IN HOT DOGS.

New Yorkers Had Big Sale at 30 Cents Each.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The secret of what makes the hot-dog wild is out. New York's frankfurter taste always had been strong, but recently police on duty at Madison Square Garden during the six-day bicycle race were unable to understand why certain vendors had no trouble in disposing of their entire kettles at 30 cents a dog, without even serving the conventional mustard.

The authorities were considering some means of stamping out this profiteering when one bluecoat purchased a hound and punctured it. Pure moonshine.

Now the coppers are casting a mean eye on every hot-dog in town.

The Soya Bean.

The soya bean is largely used by the Chinese. The white cheeses you see at Chinese stores are made of soya bean curd. In France, a liquid made from the soya bean has been used as a milk substitute. It is not good for that purpose, because, like all beans, it is largely starch. The soya bean is a valuable food, but it is inferior to peanuts. They contain much fat, which beans lack.

NOW THE "DIRIGIBLE" BOMB

Steered by Wireless, Its Possibilities for Deadly Work Are Almost Beyond Calculation.

A "dirigible bomb," that can be steered toward the target by wireless after being let fall from an airplane, is the novel invention of Elmer A. Sperry of Brooklyn.

Ordinarily, when bombs are dropped from aircraft, the chances of a miss are great. The speed and altitude of the plane, or balloon, have to be taken into account, and the wind, also. Obviously it would be of utmost advantage if the path of descent of the gravity projectile could be changed at will while it was falling.

The Sperry dirigible bomb carries a parachute, which, unfolding as it starts to drop, not only slows the rate of its descent, but incidentally serves as a "drag-rudder." By tilting this drag-rudder in one direction or another the bomb's path of descent is controlled.

As the projectile starts to fall, a second and very tiny parachute is liberated from the top of the bomb to support vertically a wire that serves the purpose of an antenna. It is by the help of this antenna that the man in the airplane is enabled so to operate the radio apparatus carried in his machine as to alter at will the angle of the drag-rudder.

While the bomb is going down he circles about and steers it by radio. All he has to do to make the bomb turn this way or that is to turn a handle connected with his radio sender in the desired direction. Thus the bomb is made to land exactly where it will do the most good—meaning, of course, the most mischief.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL

Thirteen candidates were initiated in the meeting of Dennis Rebeckah lodge last evening, when Mrs. Adelle Wallace of Wakefield, assembly president, Miss Emma Gates of Ludlow, assembly secretary, and Mrs. Musa Darling of South Londonderry, deputy president of district No. 10, were present and made remarks. Mrs. Eric Landry, a past assembly president, also made remarks and presented each of the visiting officers a bouquet of pink carnations, with green, the lodge colors. Officers for the coming year also were nominated. During intermission an opportunity was given for the members to meet the guests. Refreshments of ice-cream and wafers were served.

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WESTMINSTER.

Frank Harlow is in Boston. Willis Farr of Burlington was in town recently.

The social Bible class met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Almira Bond. The village schools will close Dec. 16 to reopen Jan. 3 for the Christmas recess.

Miss Marion Nutting is expected Friday from Ludlow for a two-weeks' vacation.

Miss Helen Hall is home for the holidays from her work with the Redpath Lyceum.

Miss Lillian Richmond is home from Barnardston, Mass., as her school has been closed.

The funeral of Miss Eva Larkin will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Converse are attending the meeting of the State Grange in Rutland this week.

Mrs. Carrie Nutting spent a few days last week in Boston with her daughter, Miss Harriette Nutting.

Miss Doris Richmond has fully recovered from her recent illness and has returned to Leyden, Mass.

Fay Partridge and family will spend the winter in Franconston, N. H., with Mrs. Partridge's father.

Miss Amy Partridge has secured the position as assistant superintendent in the Carrie Wright hospital of Newport, N. H.

Monday night a big owl entered William Rowley's hen house and killed a large rooster. Mr. Rowley was unable to capture the bird.

John Wiley has returned to his home in Detroit, Mich., after spending several months with his sisters, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Holton.

When Hubby Eats Lunch.

The wise husband—especially the newlywed—when he draws a wife in the marriage lottery who cannot cook, manages to eat a hearty lunch down town at noon. This keeps him going so that if the evening meal is below par he can retain his health and not regard his wife's feelings by telling her what a poor cook she is.

The above are the philosophic reflections of a waiter in a popular restaurant. He says when he sees a man order a hearty meal at noon the indications are that his home food is not prepared properly.

"It's odd about the food game," said this waiter. "Once upon a day the business man ate a much heavier meal than he now does. The American business man has come to a realization of the fact that he cannot load his stomach with food at noon and then do a good afternoon's work. Too much food in the middle of the day makes him laggard and sleepy. Also the quick lunch places have been greatly modified. The business man has become educated to what he should eat. Since prohibition he will drink a glass of milk and eat a sandwich for lunch—and he will eat slowly. That is, if he gets good food and plenty of it at home, he eats as he should at noon. Of course, if he doesn't, he eats hearty at lunch and doesn't need food at home in the evening."

TERM OF ARABIAN ORIGIN?

As the Story Goes, the Expression, "Better Half" Comes to Us From the East.

Strictly scientific searchers for the origin of the expression "better half," denoting one's wife, have decided that it was coined by Sidney in his "Arcadia." "Arcadia" was written in 1580.

However, those less concerned with scientific accuracy claim that an ancient Arabian tale contains the real origin of the expression. This old story tells of a bedouin who was sentenced because in the course of a blasphemous oath he had insulted the name or the honor of his chief.

The Arab's wife pleaded for clemency, declaring that not her whole husband had committed the offense.

"Not your whole husband?" asked the sheik.

"Nay," she replied. "It was but the half of him." For am I not his other half, and I who have never offended thee should not be made to suffer for the sins of the other half, and the guilty half places itself under the protection of the better half."

The sheik, so the story runs, thereupon pardoned the husband, being greatly pleased by the ingenuity of the wife.

Bride's Thrift Wasted Dowry.

Two daughters of a distinguished Vienna family married in 1912. The younger girl wedded an officer and had to have the "caution money" compulsory to brides in the Austrian army. The mother gave her 100,000 crowns, which included the expense of her outfit.

The elder sister only needed her outfit, for which she got 20,000 crowns while the rest of her dowry—80,000 crowns—was left with the mother, as was also the whole portion of the son, who had settled in Switzerland.

Recently, says the New York World, the mother, a widow, wished to pay in full the portion of the two children to whom she still owed money. She sent 100,000 crowns to the son in Switzerland, who received 800 francs from the postoffice for the total amount. His sister got 646 francs for the 80,000 crowns due her. The younger girl's 100,000 crowns would have been worth 105,000 francs in 1912.

A Nose for Trade.

An Auburn (Mo.) merchant named Myers decided to quit business and offered to sell his stock to a born trader of the neighborhood named Merriweather at what it invoiced, \$1,900. "I won't take it at that," said Merriweather. "I'll give you 25 cents for every article and package in the store." Myers thought of his big line of slate and lead pencils worth a cent apiece and agreed. Two men were hired to help check up. Slate pencils, clothespins, packages of chewing gum and papers of pins were listed at 25 cents each, so were automobile tires, barrels of sugar and coffee. An egg was worth as much as a 50-yard bolt of cotton. The result was that Merriweather bought the stock for \$1,806.25, or just \$33.75 less than it invoiced.—Capper's Weekly.

Made Quite Sure.

An enterprising company in the Sudan had decided to lay a railway into the wilds, and many blacks were employed in its construction.

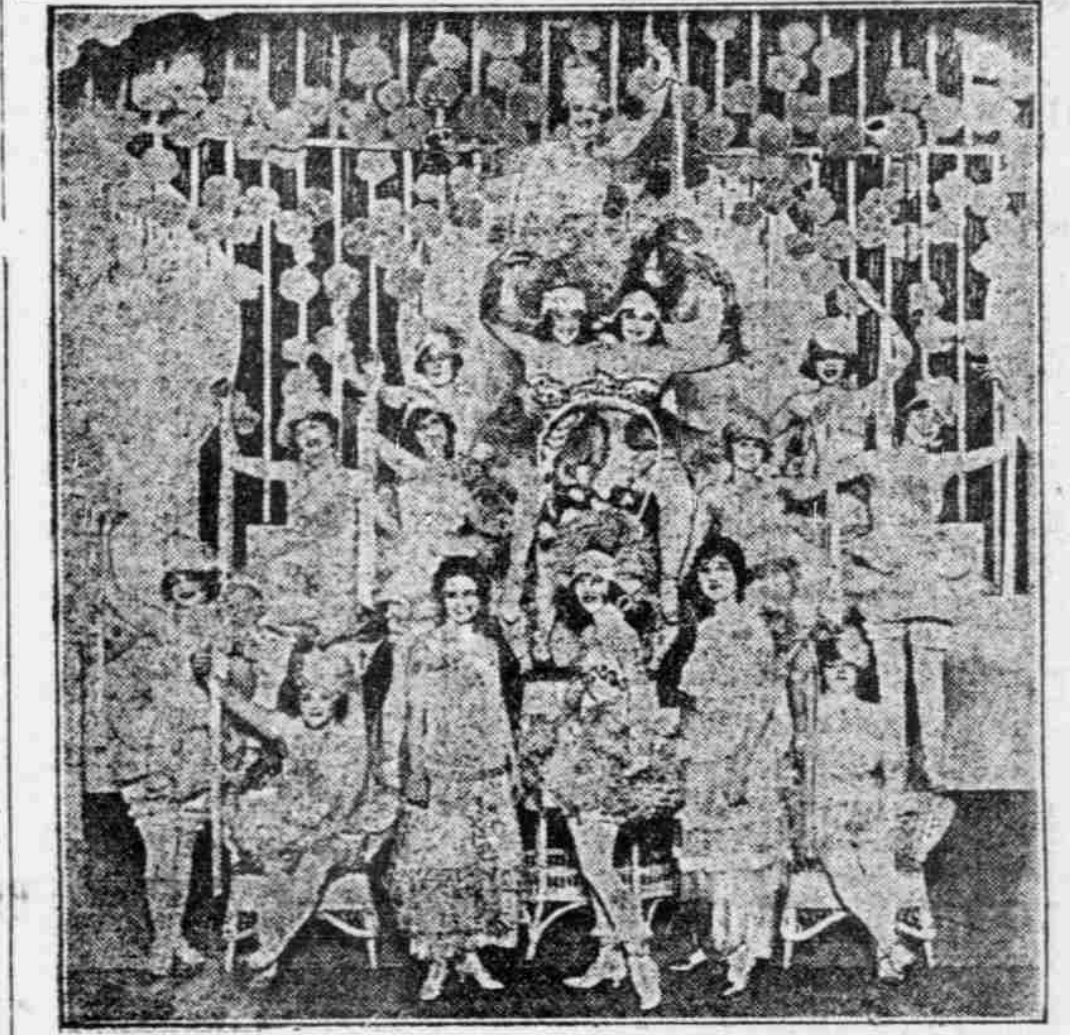
One day the telegraph clerk at the nearest civilized spot received a telegram from the negro foreman of the railway constructors: "White boss dead. Shall I bury him?"

"Yes," wired back the clerk. "But first make sure that he is quite dead. Will send another white boss tomorrow."

A few hours later another telegram came from the foreman: "Buried boss. Made sure he was quite dead. Hit him on the head with a shovel."

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