

GOVT. TO GIVE UP WIRES AND CABLES

Will Relinquish Control of Cables Not Later Than May 10 and Wires as Soon as Congress Passes Necessary Act

BURLESON'S STATEMENT

Postmaster-General Makes Recommendation to President, Who Sends Approval Immediately—Traffic Borne by Cables is Now Lessening

Washington, April 25.—The government is preparing to relinquish control next month of American cable lines and to restore the telegraph and telephone systems to private ownership immediately after enactment by Congress of laws necessary to safeguard the properties.

Postmaster-General Burleson, as directing head of the extensive wire communication service taken over as a war measure, announced today he had sent to President Wilson his recommendation that the cables be turned back forthwith probably not later than May 10. An hour later the postmaster-general gave out a statement saying he would recommend that the telegraph and telephone service be turned to private ownership immediately, however, upon financial protection to be obtained from Congress.

It was explained by Mr. Burleson that no legislation was necessary in the case of the cable company properties. Turning of the traffic borne by the cables and telegraph lines from government to private ownership, Mr. Burleson said, had resulted in his recommendation to the President that the lines be no longer operated by the government. His announcement follows:

"The postmaster-general has recommended to the President that the government return the cable lines to their respective owners. This action is made possible by the fact that the congestion resulting from war conditions has largely passed. The enemy commercial blacklist has been abolished and the tremendous volume of government cable messages from and to the War Trade Administration have ceased. The bar to commercial messages has been removed, thus materially lessening the cable loads. The use of the cables in connection with the peace conference have been greatly diminished.

The postmaster-general hopes that the return of the cables may be effective not later than May 10th. In the matter of land service, however, the solution of the problem will be put squarely up to Congress. Coming so soon after the recommendation in his annual report that the telephone and telegraph lines be returned to private ownership, the postmaster-general's statement created unusual interest in some quarters. The statement follows:

"The postmaster-general will recommend that the telegraph and telephone lines be restored to their respective owners as soon as legislation can be secured from Congress safeguarding the interests of the owners in every way that it is possible to safeguard them.

"The information of the postmaster-general as to the condition of the wire communication system is that it is imperative that such legislative action be had before the various telephone and telegraph lines are returned.

"This is not true as to the cable lines, which are in a condition to be returned at once. Postoffice department officials who have aided in control of telegraph and telephone companies expressed the belief that few of the companies could weather the financial storm if the properties were turned back without remedial legislation. Some officials said that while the properties must be returned in the hands of private owners, it is imperative that such legislative action be had before the various telephone and telegraph lines are returned.

Officials responsible for the actual management of the properties under government control, however, to suggest exactly what sort of legislation would be necessary. Republicans in Congress have made no secret of their intention at the forthcoming extra session to press for the immediate return of the service to private management.

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Further controversy involved the Postal Telegraph company, when officials of that company objected to the postmaster-general's plan to amalgamate the Postal company with the Western Union. As a result of the controversy Mr. Burleson was dismissed from government service. Edward Reynolds, vice president and general manager of the Postal company, and A. B. Richards, general superintendent of the Postal company's Pacific coast division.

Orders issued by the postmaster-general providing for a nation-wide increase in telephone and telegraph rates resulted in additional controversies and legal action in a number of States, from some of which suits have been appealed to the United States Supreme Court. The postoffice department recently was called upon to settle a strike of telephone operators in New England and members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America yesterday completed the canvass of a strike vote.

The land wire systems under government control were under the direction of Reading, who was chairman of the House Judiciary committee in the last session and one of the leading members of that branch of the General Assembly. Death was due to pneumonia. A daughter of Mr. Austin is now dangerously ill with the same disease. The funeral will take place from the South Reading Church at two o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Austin was a member of the House from Reading for the past three sessions and his intimate knowledge of educational matters made his services especially valuable. He was born in Marlton, N. Y., 45 years ago, was educated in the Marlton Collegiate Institute and Rochester, N. Y., University, class of 1896. He located in Reading in 1908 and his occupation was a farmer. He had been superintendent of the Reading and school director. He leaves a wife and ten children. Mr. Austin was a college classmate of Dr. M. B. Hilleas, commissioner of education, at Rochester University.

CENTENARIAN DIES

Mrs. Ella Thompson, 100 Years Old on April 13, Had Lived in Town of Washington Since Girlhood

Barre, April 27.—Mrs. Ella Thompson, who reached the age of 100 years on April 13, died Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Downing of Washington of a general breakdown, the result of old age.

About seven years ago Mr. and Mrs. Downing moved to the Thompson farm to care for her during the remainder of her life. Mrs. Thompson was born in Massachusetts and came to Vermont at the age of 20 years, having lived in Washington ever since. Although failing in health and strength for a long time, it was not until last fall that she began to fail more rapidly and for the last six weeks she had been confined to the bed.

The only near relative surviving is a son, John C. Thompson of South Newbury, N. H.

FALL CAUSES DEATH OF BRATTLEBORO MAN

Brattleboro, April 28.—A cerebral hemorrhage caused by a fall resulted in the death of Kenneth E. Mosher, a widely known automobile dealer, in his home on Oak Street Sunday. Mr. Mosher started to go to the bathroom before daylight and fell down an unguarded stairway near the bathroom door receiving a compound fracture of his left arm and injuries to his head. Two physicians were summoned and when they left there was no thought but that he would recover. He went to sleep and about two hours later Mrs. Mosher went to his room, and found that he was dead. He came here in 1910 and was in the lively business six years, then selling his stable to devote his time to his automobile business, which grew to large proportions.

Resume Warm Trial

St. Albans, April 28.—The trial of Robert Warm for alleged murder of 14-year-old Jennie Hemmingway on the night of August 13, 1917, was resumed when the Franklin county court convened this afternoon after the week-end recess. Miss Mabel Spencer, court reporter at the former trial, called the witness stand by the State and identified her stenographic notes of the testimony of the case. These notes she had transcribed at the request of the court Judge Wilson ruled that the testimony of Robert Warm and Andrew they (the latter deceased) be received as true. The State made the motion last week that the testimony be entered as evidence, but the defense objected. The afternoon was occupied with the reading of the testimony of they and Warm.

SUPREME COURT'S MAY TERM

Convenes Next Week Tuesday—Chittenden County Has Nine Cases in the Docket

Montpelier, April 28.—The May term of the Supreme Court will convene Tuesday, May 6. The docket is not a very large one this term. It includes the following number of cases: Bennington county, five; Rutland, three; Chittenden, nine; LaRolle, two; Washington, 11; Essex, six; Orleans, six; Caledonia, three; Orange, five; Windham, five; Windsor, six; total, 63.

The following cases are set in Chittenden county: Auclair vs. Bushy; Weston Telephone company vs. LaValle; Latulip vs. Burlington; Labarge vs. Leddy; Burlington vs. Burlington; Wallingford Cash Store company; Jarvis vs. Military Post Railway company; Gratton vs. Benjamin Gates, auditor; Elise vs. Fayette; Clarke vs. Travelers' Insurance company.

DR. CHARLOTTE FAIRBANKS MADE "CITIZEN OF FRANCE"

Distinguished Honor Conferred upon St. Johnsbury Woman, a War Surgeon

St. Johnsbury, April 28.—The distinguished honor of being made a "citizen of France" has come to Dr. Charlotte Fairbanks in recognition of her charitable services as surgeon in the medical unit of the American woman's hospital at Lunenburg where she has been for the last seven months. At the same time this honor was conferred upon her by the mayor of the city she received a large gold medal. The ceremonies took place on a recent Sunday at a special meeting of the municipal council which was attended by Mayor Charles W. Lacey, the mayors of the adjacent cities, the sous-prefect and the deputy of Meaux.

The medal is 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches in diameter and was struck especially for this occasion from a design made by the artist Hubert van den Eynde is a girl bringing palms and offering flowers in gratitude. The reverse shows a girl wearing a laurel crown at the top of the design, while below is a girl kneeling and drinking from the waters of consolation. The name "Charlotte Fairbanks" was engraved on the obverse, while on the reverse are these words, "Citizen of France, in appreciation of the suffering people."

Other features of the interesting ceremony was the presentation to the unit of a beautiful oil painting by Masse, a noted painter who was present on this occasion and the platform speaker, Dr. Fairbanks is a daughter of the late Prof. Henry Fairbanks and granddaughter of Sir Theodosius Fairbanks, inventor of the platform scales. She later received his title from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria after Fairbanks scales were exhibited at the Vienna exposition. She was graduated from Smith College in 1894, received the degree of Ph. D. from Yale two years later and completed her education at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN OF READING DIES

Montpelier, April 26.—Word was received at the State House today of the death of Representative Walter S. Austin of Reading, who was chairman of the House Judiciary committee in the last session and one of the leading members of that branch of the General Assembly. Death was due to pneumonia. A daughter of Mr. Austin is now dangerously ill with the same disease. The funeral will take place from the South Reading Church at two o'clock Saturday afternoon.

BURLINGTON WRESTLER GETS DECISION

Arthur Gereaux Defeats Bernard Pembroke in Straight Falls

Montpelier, April 26.—Arthur Gereaux of Burlington defeated Bernard Pembroke of Montpelier in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match here to-night, winning the first fall with a scissors hold in 32 minutes and the second in 15 minutes with a scissors and body hold. The crowd erupted the referee's decision on the second fall.

VERMONT DEFEATS HARVARD, 1 TO 0

Kibbe, the Freshman Twirler, Holds the Crimson Hitters to Four Scattered Hits—Receives Grand Support

LONE TALLY MADE IN IST

Hamilton Hits to Center, Advances to Second on Marsh's Sacrifice, Third on Berry's Bunt and Scores on Bowman's Drive Along Third

Cambridge, Mass., April 28.—One of the greatest games witnessed on Soldiers' Field this spring was seen to-day when the speedy University of Harvard nine came and conquered the Vermont varsity team, 1 to 0. From the opening until the closing stanza the game was hotly contested and the visitors tucked the game away safely in the opening stanza when they obtained the only tally of the game.

Incidentally the game marked the opening of the season for Vermont who had previously had about three days' outside practice. Coach Engle's outfit played snappy ball and gave Kibbe, the freshman slab artist, excellent support. Not a single mistake being made behind him. He pitched high grade ball, although at times showed signs of being a trifle wild but, thanks to his team mates, they usually spared everything that came in sight.

The game developed into a pitching duel between young Kibbe, one Vermont boy, and Red Bigelow of Harvard and honors were about even. Only four scattered hits were made off Kibbe. He struck out nine and issued eight passes, which, under ordinary circumstances, might have resulted disastrously. Bigelow, on the other hand, was touched up for seven hits, striking out five and walking four.

Harvard had two chances to tally, but high grade fielding and air-tight pitching by Kibbe, when it looked bad for the Vermonters, saved him from coming out on the short end of the score. In the third with the bases cleared and one down, Perkins was called out on strikes and McLeod fled out to center field, thus shutting off any chance to tally. In the ninth frame Kibbe retired Dick Hallowell and Gammack, but the next three batters drew passes. Bobby Gross then hit the bare ball pitched at Kibbe who tossed him out.

Palmer, Hamilton, Bowman and Tryon did the best all around work for Vermont, while Bigelow secured two of the four hits off the Vermont yearling. Vermont put the game on ice in the initial stanza when she struck out with a single to center; Marsh sacrificed him to second, went to third on Berry's bunt and scored on Bowman's drive along third base.

VERMONT

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Hamilton, S., 3 1 1 1; Kibbe, 2 0 1 1; Berry, 2 0 0 0; Bowman, 1 0 0 0; Smith, 2 0 0 0; Palmer, 1 0 0 0; Burns, 1 0 0 0; Tryon, 1 0 0 0; Kibbe, 1 0 0 0; Totals, 20 7 27 10.

HARVARD

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Evans, 1 0 0 0; Ellis, 1 0 0 0; Emmons, 3 0 0 0; Gross, 1 1 1 0; Perkins, 3 0 0 0; McLeod, 2 0 0 0; Frothingham, 1 0 0 0; Hallowell, 1 0 0 0; Gammack, 2 0 0 0; Bigelow, 3 2 1 3; Jones, 0 0 0 0; Baldwin, 0 0 0 0; King, 0 0 0 0; Totals, 20 47 18.

Run made by Hamilton; stolen bases, Burns 2, Hallowell 1, sacrifice hits, Marsh 2, Evans 3; base on balls, Kibbe 8, Bigelow 4; struck out by Kibbe 9, Bigelow 5; wild pitch, Bigelow; two hours, 10 minutes; umpire, White.

GRANTS NO LICENSES

Strong Opposition against Liquid Goods in Town of Hartford

White River Junction, April 27.—A public hearing on applications for licenses to sell spirituous liquors in the town of Hartford was held yesterday by the Windsor county board of commissioners. The hearing was attended by a large number of opponents to the granting of licenses was very large and represented every section of the town. Raymond Trainor, Taylor of Windsor and Edwin A. Davis of Bethel, the three commissioners, were present and the board president, William H. Stokes and H. M. Bain of Parties representing both sides of the question were heard and during the progress of the meeting Chairman Trainor, in behalf of the commission, stated that the board already had decided not to grant any second-class licenses, for which there had been three applications. The decisions of the board respecting other applications, it was said, would be announced later. The meeting closed at four o'clock and there is a strong public opinion that no licenses will be granted in the town.

Hartford is the only town in Windsor county having applications for licenses, the two in Windsor already having been turned down by the commission.

SEEK NEW BANK

Petition for Middlebury Savings Bank and Trust Company

Middlebury, April 24.—The following men have petitioned the State bank commissioners for the establishment here of the Middlebury Savings Bank & Trust Co., under Act 150 of 1915: Ira H. LaPlante, William H. Stokes and C. M. Baker of Weybridge; S. E. Noonan and B. S. Martin of North Ferrisburgh; Paul F. Field and F. P. Nelson of Salisbury; Arthur G. Clark and John C. Thomas of Addison; C. S. Dana of New Haven; John W. Ryan, Dr. E. C. Phelps and Fred P. Grandey of Vergennes; and W. H. Jackson of Waltham. State Bank Commissioner George P. Carpenter has set June 5 as the hearing for the petition.

STATE SPRINGS SURPRISE

Offers Defendant Warm's Testimony at His First Trial in Franklin County Murder Case

St. Albans, April 25.—Good progress was made to-day, as yesterday, in the trial in Franklin county court of the case against Robert Warm, for alleged murder.

Court took a recess at four o'clock after the State had offered in evidence the testimony of Robert Warm given at the former trial, the defense objecting. Evidently this was a complete surprise to the defense and the matter was threshed out after court adjournment. Ruling by Judge Wilson is expected to-morrow morning. It is understood that Miss Mabel Spencer of St. Johnsbury, the court reporter at the former trial, has been summoned to appear at this trial. Miss Spencer is reporting the Essex county court at Guilford. Important witnesses this afternoon were Dr. H. Stone, State pathologist and director of the State Laboratory of Hygiene at Burlington, Dr. C. F. Whitney, chemist at the laboratory, and Dr. W. B. Arnold, city health officer of St. Albans. All testified that the death of Jennie Hemmingway was due to a gunshot wound of the head caused in their opinion by external pressure. The black and white striped dress which has been in court during the trial and around which much of the evidence has hinged was identified to-day by Dr. Stone as the one worn by the girl when he was to the undertaking parlors to perform the autopsy. The dress was received this afternoon as an exhibit in the case. Other witnesses this afternoon were Paul Ayer of Brainerd street, Maurice C. Garey of Lincoln avenue and Edward J. Ayer of State street.

Three witnesses were examined this morning, viz., Mrs. James O'Connell of North Elm street, Postmaster William H. Finn of Newton street and Miss Jessie Loomis of North Elm street. Joseph Willey, cousin of Jennie Hemmingway, was on the stand for the cross-examination, and told her that the girl's body was found, the position in which it was lying, of Warm's apparent desire to be near her as soon as she was found and that he seemed to feel badly when she was taken to the Finn home on the Sunday afternoon, and in the evening until about 9:45 o'clock, before the girl's body was found, testified to seeing a soldier and a girl pass the house that evening, the girl in a striped dress and bareheaded and the soldier in uniform and wearing a cap.

They passed directly under the electric light in front of the Finn house. Mr. Finn did not remember seeing a soldier and a girl that night. Sometime after he had gone to bed he was awakened by the barking of his watch dog, but the girl quieted down after Mr. Finn went to bed on the Sunday afternoon, and Mr. Finn said he did not notice anything unusual or hear any other disturbance at that time. Miss Loomis said she was well acquainted with Robert Warm at the time of Jennie Hemmingway's death and she testified to seeing him go down the street on the Sunday afternoon with a girl wearing a black and white striped dress and no hat. Warm was in uniform, and carried his coat over his right arm. This was soon after nine o'clock and Miss Loomis sat on the steps leading from the house to the sidewalk and spoke to him and another soldier and girl pass the house about 8:25 o'clock.

The witnesses yesterday afternoon were Verne Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Donnelly, Mrs. Ida Sheltra, Smith A. Brooks, Mrs. Lottie Brooks, M. C. Finn and Joseph Willey.

The food relief authorities are doing their best to control the effect of the large demands on the American market. In connection with this, Mr. Hoover mentioned a statement of his on the possible price of wheat had been interpreted in some quarters. In his earlier statement Mr. Hoover had said that in view of the demands of the world for the removal of price control with regard to wheat, sugar and pork products and cottonseed products would be extremely dangerous to the American consumer. The control of the pork was removed and Mr. Hoover said, has proved to be a disadvantage to the consumer.

MISS DYER GETS \$20,000 VERDICT

Rutland Music Teacher Awarded Big Damages in Breach of Promise Suit

Rutland, April 25.—Miss Anna C. Dyer of this city, formerly a music teacher, was awarded \$20,000 damages to-day from Charles H. Lator, a former student, for breach of a contract to marry her. After they had listened to evidence for two days the jurors required only an hour and a half to arrive at this decision. Miss Dyer is 23 years old and Mr. Lator is 20. It was shown by his own testimony that he was worth over \$57,000.

REV. CARSON RESIGNS

Montpelier Pastor Accepts Call to First Unitarian Church at Albany, N. Y.

Montpelier, April 27.—The Rev. L. C. Carson, who has been pastor of the Unitarian Church here for almost four years, read his letter of resignation to the church this morning, which was less than a week ago. Mr. Carson has accepted the pastorate of the First Unitarian Church at Albany, N. Y., where he will commence his duties August 1.

CELEBRATES 1030 BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Marianne Gibson of Hyde Park Is Well-Born in Killeen, Ireland

Hyde Park, April 24.—Mrs. Marianne Gibson reached her 103rd birthday Tuesday. Considering her great age she is quite well. She was born in Killeen, Ireland, April 22, 1816, and had lived in this country about 40 years, the last 13 in this town. She has several children, grand children and great-grandchildren. She received many callers on her birthday and was the recipient of several gifts.

PAYING DRAFTEES

State Treasurer Carrying out Provisions of the Recent Legislature

Montpelier, April 27.—The State treasurer's office has commenced paying the drafted men as provided under the law enacted in the last session of the Legislature. The first draft call was made on the 20th of this month, when the men were paid. Those who volunteered, had been paid for some time. This payment under the new law, also provides that women who have been in service shall be entitled to receive State pay of \$10 a month for the length of time they were in service not to exceed 12 months, so that the nurses, yeomen, women in the army ordnance department will receive State pay. There are quite a large number of these.

PIG CONTEST INTERESTS BOYS AND GIRLS

St. Johnsbury, April 24.—The boys and girls are taking much interest in the Caledonia County pig club contest and plans were well organized to make this attractive. W. J. Ricker, the well-known breeder, has contributed \$10 for the contest and offered to pay one-half cent a pound above the market price at the round-up next September. Willis Conner, manager of the Lyndonville creamery, has also contributed \$10 in prize money and offered to furnish the prizes to the boys and girls for their personal notes. Others will be asked to contribute cash for the prizes and when round-up day comes there will be some surprises for the Caledonia county farmers.

This is only one of the activities of the aggressive Caledonia County Farm League, through the National Farm Loan association nearly \$50,000 has been loaned to the farmers of the county on a 5% per cent basis, and since last fall the members of the Caledonia Farm Bureau Exchange have bought nearly \$100,000 worth of merchandise. This included binder twine, feed, chemicals and seeds. Orders for lime and spraying material are now being secured by the manager.

29,000,000 TONS OF FOOD FOR EUROPE

That Amount Must Be Imported by War Stricken Countries up to August, 1919—35,000,000 Tons Available

STATEMENT BY HOOVER

American Surplus Has Proved to Be the Salvation of Europe—Supply of Foodstuffs Is Sufficient but Shipping Conditions Are Unsatisfactory

Paris, April 27.—In the harvest year from August, 1918, to August, 1919, Europe must import 29,000,000 tons of foodstuffs from overseas and to meet this there is available a total of about 35,000,000 tons, Herbert C. Hoover, permanent chairman of the food section of the supreme economic council, said to-day in reviewing the present world food situation. The available supply is sufficient to meet the needs of Europe, but shipping conditions are not satisfactory on account of strikes in many countries and, as a result, there is no question that the entire American surplus will be absorbed.

"We are now at the worst phase of the European famine that was inevitable after this world war," Mr. Hoover added. "With some 50,000,000 men in Europe out of production and turned to work of destruction, there could be no other ending. We have opened up all that enormous food vacuum which was Germany's surplus, and which, with the close of the war was added to the great demands on the allies. We have had time to investigate and determine fairly closely what is needed, not to restore the normal, but to keep the body and soul together until next summer's harvest."

The economic food council is now on top in the fight against famine and food distribution is fully organized in supplying the most affected areas in Europe outside of Russia. The American relief administration has organized as a free gift systematic feeding of the undernourished children, numbering between 600,000 and 1,000,000. Various organizations of the American government are co-operating to meet the situation and the work is proceeding smoothly.

The United States Mr. Hoover continued, will supply Europe during the year ending next August. Foodstuffs valued roughly at \$2,500,000,000. Enemy countries and neutrals will pay cash for what they receive, while the allied countries are being aided by funds appropriated by Congress. Mr. Hoover said he estimated that the United States would be placing in Europe about \$2,900,000,000.

WOMAN KILLED BY MAN'S BODY FALLING FROM ROOF

New York, April 25.—Falling from the roof of Delmonico's on Fifth avenue to-day, the body of a water employee in the restaurant struck an elderly woman and killed her instantly.

The woman, who was passing by the 16th Infantry, which was marching in the parade, was struck by the body of a water employee who fell from the roof of Delmonico's, was for many years a leader in Chicago society. She was widely known for her philanthropic activities.

DELAY GRAHAM CASE

Former Governor and Purchasing Agent Hanley Not to Be Tried at Present Term of Washington Co. Court

Montpelier, April 21.—The discharge of the jurors in Washington county court means that the trial of the cases of State vs. ex-Gov. Horace E. Graham and former Purchasing Agent Dewey T. Hanley will not be tried at the present term. No entry has been made in the cases, but it is understood that the continuance was made because the attorney general was unable to try the cases just yet.

MANY WITNESSES ON STAND IN WARM TRIAL

St. Albans, April 24.—Six witnesses were on the stand in Franklin county court this morning and seven this afternoon in the trial of the case of State vs. Robert Warm, for the alleged murder of Jennie Hemmingway the night of August 12. Mrs. Henry Hemmingway, step-mother of the dead girl, was on the stand at the opening of court this morning for cross-examination. The witnesses this morning were Miss Ella Noel, a girl about Jennie's age and an intimate friend; Miss Nellie Robinson of Boston, who in the summer of 1917 lived with the Hemmingways home on Catherine street; E. T. Buck, chief train dispatcher for the Central Vermont railway; Chief of Police J. F. Mahoney; and Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Ferry. The examination of Mrs. Hemmingway was completed last night and court adjourned at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. Another witness of yesterday afternoon was F. H. Dewart of Burlington, civil engineer, who made a survey of the points of interest in the case and whose map is in the case used in the trial. The direct examination to-day was conducted by W. R. McPeeters and the cross-examination by Roswell M. Austin. There were only a few spectators this morning but the room was filled this afternoon with the women in the majority.

OBSESSION OF I. O. O. F. CENTENNIAL

Celebration by Caledonia Lodge of St. Johnsbury

St. Johnsbury, April 24.—Caledonia Lodge has been celebrating through the week the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Odd Fellows order. Friday night Moose River Encampment will observe old members' night. Three St. Johnsbury citizens have been associated with the order for practically half a century. Carlton Fitch has been a member for 50 years while Charles Green and T. H. Underwood have been associated with the order for 49 years each.

DEATH OF L. G. BOWKER

Lunenburg, April 23.—The body of L. G. Bowker will be brought home from New York Friday, where Mr. Bowker died quite suddenly of pneumonia while visiting in the city with his wife and daughter. He was the junior member of the mercantile firm of M. D. Bowker & Son, had represented this town in the Legislature and was one of the town's most active young men.

Lucius Webb Dies

Randolph, April 23.—Lucius Webb, a prominent business man in this vicinity, died at his home in East Granville this morning after months of suffering. He was 72 years of age and is survived by his second wife, two sons and a daughter. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon.

TO OPEN NEW WAIST INDUSTRY AT RUTLAND

Rutland, April 27.—A new industry will open to-morrow in this city when the Marble City Manufacturing company of Brooklyn, N. Y., will begin making ladies' silk waists. They have leased the second floor of the Vermont School Seat company building which gives floor space to accommodate about 100 hands. They have agreed to give employment to five times this force if the local business men can find them suitable quarters. The manager of the plant is C. H. Bhistol, formerly of Glens Falls, N. Y. The company has a branch at Bangor, Pa.

SPAUDLING GETS TITLE

Wins Championship of Northern New England League by Defeating Montpelier, 23 to 18

Morrisville, April 27.—All doubt as to the title holder in the Northern New England basketball championship was erased Friday night at the People's Academy gymnasium, when Spaulding high of Barre, in one of the cleanest and swiftest played games ever witnessed between two high school teams defeated Montpelier high, with 23 to 18 as the final tally after 40 minutes of strenuous playing.

YOUTH GIVES HIMSELF UP

Immediately after the Shooting He Calls Constable J. P. Flynn to His Mother's Home—Parties Concerned Have Lived in Essex Junction Three Weeks

Essex Junction, April 25.—A family quarrel this evening about six o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mary Sherman on East street resulted in the shooting and death of Charles H. Clifford, aged 55, who lived at the Sherman residence. The shooting was done by Mrs. Sherman's son, Daniel Farnham, aged 19. Two shots were fired with a 32-caliber revolver. One passed through the head under the left eye and the other through the heart. Death was instantaneous.

After the young man had accomplished the deed he walked across the street and looked up Constable J. P. Flynn, who happened to be standing in W. S. Fletcher's store. He asked the constable to accompany him to his home, where his mother wanted to see him. Upon their arrival at the Sherman house, Mrs. Sherman told her tale of what had happened and showed Mr. Flynn the dead man's body in an adjoining room.

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COL. T. B. THOMAS BACK

Took the 57th Pioneer Regiment to France—Was Transferred to the Custer Division

Montpelier, April 27.—Col. F. B. Thomas of Montpelier, who was the commanding officer of the 1st Vermont regiment when the war broke out in 1862, returned today morning. He is looking fine and wears a blue stripe on his arm showing he experienced almost six months service in France. Colonel Thomas took the 57th Pioneer (Vermont) regiment to France last September, but when he reached there the national service was over and soldiers who went over to France in placement so that the regiment was sent into the front the most of it going into the 20th division.

GEORGE N. ROBERTS DIES

Prominent Shelburne Man Found Dying by Wife—Represented Town

Shelburne, April 27.—George Nelson Robert's death 74 years of age, was the result of this town, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home in this village. He had been in poor health for some time. About eight o'clock he went to the barn to feed the chickens and being gone longer than usual, Mrs. Roberts went to look for him. She found him sitting in a chair in an unconscious condition. Life was extinct before Dr. J. S. Norton or neighbors got to him.

CAPTURE "TRUSTY"

St. Albans, April 27.—Arthur Barton, a trusty at the State reformatory at Waterbury, who escaped from the institution about three weeks