

GERMANY TRIUMPHED IN UPPER SILESIA'S VOTE AS TO NATIONAL STATUS

Vote Was More Than Two to One in Favor of Adherence to Germany, According to Official Returns of Yesterday's Voting, As Received in Berlin.

ALLIED TROOPS POLICED THE VOTING AREA Control of Upper Silesia Was Contested By Germany and Poland Because of the Vast Mineral Resources of the Region Involved—Count of Ballots Not Complete.

Berlin, March 21 (By the Associated Press).—Germany won an overwhelming victory in the plebiscite held in Upper Silesia yesterday to determine the future national status of that region, according to official returns received here. With two districts missing the count showed that 876,000 votes have been cast for Germany to 389,000 for Poland.

Provisional returns published in newspapers here show that in Oppeln, Germany received 20,000 votes to 11,000 for Poland. In Tarnowitz the Germans cast 85 per cent of the ballots and in the town of Beuthen they cast 78 per cent. In the Beuthen country districts the vote was split, with 52,000 for Germany and 26,000 for Poland.

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MONTPELIER

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Roadmaster Austin of this division of the Central Vermont railway states that the road along the line is in better shape this spring than usual. It has been an exceptional season for the company. Only once has the snow plow been operated over this division and then only between Montpelier and Williamstown and Montpelier and White River Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Casey of Waterbury visited in the city Saturday. Miss Anna Glynn and her mother have gone to Norfolk, Va., for a visit with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perkins.

Miss Nora Murphy, who has been visiting with Mrs. M. Kelleher, her aunt, has gone to Fair Haven to visit Mrs. John Durkee before going back to Boston.

Governor Hartness has appointed as justice of peace, Charles G. Braley of St. Johnsbury, vice, B. A. Farnham, resigned, and Charles C. Parker of Cavendish in place of Fred C. Shadd, resigned. Governor Hartness and Secretary J. A. Willard were in New York Saturday attending the annual meeting of the Vermont Society of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Roach arrived home Saturday evening. Mrs. Roach has been with her husband in Toronto for a week. Mr. Roach will remain with his family for a week and then go to New York to continue his acting in vaudeville.

W. G. Hastings has returned from Boston, where he was last week. Mr. Hastings will remain until her mother is better.

The Frontier Lumber corporation has filed an amendment to its articles of association, changing the place of business from Derby to St. Johnsbury. The Davis-Nichols-Lawton corporation of Windsor has filed a certificate that the \$50,000 capital stock, \$48,000 of which has been paid up.

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Probably Was Not Intended for Dr. J. E. H. Smith of Bridgeport, Conn.

PART OF HIS HOUSE WAS WRECKED

Job Was Plainly the Work of a Person Skilled In Its Use

Bridgeport, Conn., March 21.—Occupants of a roominghouse were questioned by the police to-day in connection with the explosion of a bomb shortly after midnight, which wrecked the front part of the Lafayette street residence of Dr. J. E. H. Smith and broke windows within a radius of half a mile.

The lodging house adjoins the Smith home and police officials acted on the theory that the bomb, probably containing dynamite, had been set under the Smith front porch by mistake. Each lodger was asked if he had a personal enemy of radical tendencies.

"The job was plainly the work of someone skilled in the use of high explosives," Police Superintendent Flanagan declared after examining the scene of the explosion. "We have no idea why the bomb was placed."

Dr. Smith said he knew of no enemies who would attempt to take his life or damage his property.

RANDOLPH

Mrs. F. B. Catlin Died Saturday.—Discharge Called Pellagra.

Mrs. F. B. Catlin, who has been ill for several months, passed away at the sanatorium on Saturday morning. Mrs. Catlin had been ill since last November, first being troubled with her knees, which obliged her to use crutches for a long time, and in February she was attacked with a cold, which finally troubled her throat and mouth, causing her intense suffering. Her disease has been diagnosed as pellagra, and the case is quite uncommon in this vicinity.

Mrs. Mattie Copeland left Saturday for Boston where she expects a position in a home, if conditions are favorable.

The annual meeting of the ladies' aid of the Cooper Memorial M. E. church was held Thursday, March 10, with Mrs. H. H. Slack. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. H. H. Slack; vice-president, Mrs. C. J. Stockwell; secretary, Mrs. H. J. Smithers; treasurer, Mrs. E. K. Maxham; solicitor, Mrs. Albert Morse; Mrs. Frank Copeland, Mrs. Elmer Washburn; flower committee, Mrs. H. J. Smithers. Delicous refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The last year was very successful. About \$265 has been raised and all bills have been paid; with a good prospect for the future.

Mrs. Blanche McGowan of Rochester has rented a room in the Strickland block and with her two children will occupy the same in the near future.

Mrs. C. J. Stockwell has been quite ill with an attack of the grip for several days, from which she seems to be improving. Her daughter, Miss M. B. Stockwell, is also recovering from the grip. Mrs. Stockwell is very well physically and mentally for those of their years, their ages being 86 and 88 years. They are both active and interested in all the general topics of the day. Their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Thompson of Montpelier, also visits them here, but they still conduct their own home.

Rev. F. S. Tolman was in Boston last week to attend for three days, a conference held at the Newton Theological seminary. He returned for his service on Sunday.

Miss Edith Rose, who is employed in Barre, spent the week end at her home in Rutland. She returned for two weeks' vacation. Miss Vera Lathrop, the only out-of-town teacher, is spending the vacation with her parents.

Bishop Bliss of Burlington was in town Sunday evening and confirmed a class at the Episcopal church. His address was enjoyed by a large congregation.

SAFE CARTED OFF AND FORCED

Burglars' Truck Breaking Down, They Then Used Horse and Wagon

TWO ARRESTS MADE AT CHELSEA, MASS.

Safe Was Said to Contain \$1,000 In Cash and Jewelry

Chelsea, Mass., March 21.—Burglars stole a safe containing \$1,000 in cash and jewelry in Lynn early to-day and instead of cracking it on the ground, loaded it on a motor truck to open it at leisure but encountered trouble when the truck broke down here. Impressing a horse and wagon they transferred the safe and carted it away. They must have forced it as they went because when it was recovered shortly afterward at a barn on Blossom street the contents were gone.

Harry Ruckman of this city, driver of the truck, was arrested while he was trying to repair the machine. He said his only part in the same robbery was under hire on what he thought was a simple trucking job, but with James Franklin, who was arrested later, he was charged with breaking and entering. Other men were sought also.

The safe was taken from the jewelry store of Louis Cantler on Neptune street, Lynn. Cantler said it contained \$300 in cash and \$700 worth of jewelry.

BETHEL

A temperature of 63 degrees yesterday probably is a record in this latitude for the last day of winter.

Arthur R. Newell and John E. Bush have moved from the village of Tenney house near the quarries.

Paul Marisigi is making extensive improvement and enlargement of his brick store, and will add an ice cream parlor this season.

Miss Beatrice Sweeney of Montpelier has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Howard Myott.

A large class of applicants will be initiated at the next meeting of Bethel lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F.

So satisfactory have been the services of the teachers in the village schools during the present year that all have been asked to continue in their present positions, during the year, beginning in September.

Mrs. William Crochetter and her three children are here from Fitchburg, Mass., for a visit at Henry D. Davis. Mrs. Davis is in quite poor health and her daughter came to assist in the house work.

The usual Wednesday evening Lenten services have been held at Christ church and the usual holy week and Easter services will be held.

Three carloads of hides arrived at the tannery last week, but operations at the tannery were not resumed and many of the men and women are out of work. Work is expected to be resumed in the near future.

J. A. Graham's maple sugar equipment demand has been working overtime several days. In some cases pans have been brought for urgent and hasty repairs and there has been a demand for new goods manufacturing here.

During the absence of Representative H. P. Perkins in Montpelier since early in January with the exception of parts of Saturdays and Mondays when Mr. Perkins was here, the National White River bank has been under the efficient supervision of Assistant Cashier Christopher S. Arnold, whose long service as assistant postmaster proved the best kind of training for his new task. Needless to say, he has been well supported by an adequate clerical force.

Mrs. Julia Whitcomb and Miss Abbie Whitcomb have returned from the Boston millinery market and from visiting at R. J. Whitcomb's in South White, Mass. Miss Whitcomb announces an Easter millinery opening for Thursday, March 24.

Selva A. White, an active elder of the First Fruit Harvesters' religious organization, died of pneumonia at his home in Rumney, N. H., last Tuesday. He was a younger son of the late Franklin White of Barnard and a brother of Frank White and Florus White of that town. He attended the local high school in 1888-89.

ACQUITTAL GRANTED 16

In the Matewan Battle Trial Conducted at Williams, W. Va.

TRIAL LASTED FOR 46 DAYS

The Sixteen Were Charged With Killing Albert C. Fells, Detective

Williams, W. Va., March 21.—The 16 defendants in the Matewan battle trial were acquitted to-day.

The acquittal was on the charge of killing Albert C. Fells, a detective, and the defendants were remanded to jail pending bond arrangements on six other indictments charging them with having been implicated in the death of six detectives killed with Fells.

The trial consumed 45 days.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Luther and William Jennings of Spaulding street left this noon for Rye-gate, where they will spend the Easter vacation.

A daughter, weighing seven pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blosson of East Barre at their home Friday afternoon.

Leo Plafied returned this morning from Plainfield, where he visited with friends and assisted in sugarmaking during the past week.

James Fraser of Merchant street went to Haverhill, Mass., last night upon assurance that employment in the granite industry, letter cutting, awaited him.

Dr. H. A. Donahue returned to Barre last evening, after attending the Vermont State dental society's annual convention in Rutland the latter part of last week.

Howard Marr is taking a week's vacation from his duties at the Adams C. Co. store, and meanwhile his position is being filled by Mitchell Murry of Bassett street.

Attorney S. Hollister Jackson returned this morning from New York City, accompanied by Mrs. Jackson, who for the past three weeks has been there on pneumonia at the Roosevelt hospital.

Miss Madeline Sullivan of Averill street, a clerk at the E. A. Brown drug store during the winter months, began study of commercial work at the Richardson Commercial school in Montpelier this morning, though she continues employment with the same firm.

Four of the young men to make the trip to Medford, Mass., as representatives of Spaulding high school in the basketball tournament for the championship of New England, returned to their homes in Barre last evening, they being Paul Tierney, Foster Slayton, Manager Wayne Perry and Captain Winston Brown. George Douglas accompanied Louis O'Leary and John O'Leary to Winchendon, Mass., for a brief visit with friends, while Charles Brown, who accompanied Mr. O'Leary, returned to Barre yesterday. While in Medford the members of the basketball team were shown great courtesy as guests of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

The Porter wreck. "Man Failure," with Defects of Construction as Contributory Causes.

Analyzing the conditions, three factors are seen to enter into the cause of the accident, (1) a "man failure" on the part of the engineer and fireman on the Michigan (Central train); (2) a derail located too near the crossing; and (3) a train order signal so located with respect to the home signal that there was a possibility of its light being confused with a clear home signal indication.

Treating each in order: The engine crew failed to see the red light on the home signal and may have mistaken the green light on the train order signal for the home signal indication, as the smoke of a train standing on a siding near the home signal may have obscured its light momentarily. No one will question the fact that the engine crew believed they had a clear signal as it would be suicidal on their part to pass a signal at red light. The high rate of speed knowing that there was an open derail ahead.

The derail, which was of the split point type, was 211 feet from the nearest crossing, with a trailing point switch located about midway between the derail and the crossing. Here then, the effective distance of the derail might be only about 165 feet as the trailing switch would have a tendency to derail an engine or cars. As a result of this accident it is evident that many derails in high speed routes should be moved back to meet present operating conditions.

ARRANGE STATE TITLE SERIES

Spaulding and Springfield High Schools Meet in Barre Thursday

AND IN SPRINGFIELD NEXT SATURDAY

In Case of Tie Third Game Will Be Arranged for Championship

The high school basketball championship of Vermont will be held following a telephonic communication between Principal Lyman C. Hunt of Spaulding high school and Principal R. N. Millet of Springfield high school to-day, announcement was made that a series of games has been arranged between the two teams, the first match to be played in the Spaulding gymnasium in Barre on Thursday evening of this week and the second to be played in Springfield on the following Saturday evening. In case of a tie after those games a third game will be arranged to make it two out of three.

These two teams were the Vermont contenders in the New England high school championship, which was played off at Medford, Mass., last week, when Commercial high school of New Haven, Conn., won the title. Both the Vermont teams were not out in the first round, Spaulding by Duffer high school of Fall River, Mass., by the score of 27 to 12, and Springfield high school by Morse high school of Bath, Me., by the score of 26 to 15. Efforts were made to get the two Vermont teams together on Tufts college gymnasium floor Saturday morning to play off for the Vermont title, but the negotiations failed.

Principal Hunt of Spaulding high school soon took up negotiations with Principal Millet of Springfield, and the arrangements were completed this forenoon, as both schools were anxious to have the matter settled.

The Spaulding team won the title of champion of the Northern Vermont Basketball league, winning eight out of ten games. There is no high school league in southern Vermont; but Springfield, by virtue of her victories, was accorded the right to represent that section of Vermont in the Tufts college tournament. So it is assured that there will be a battle royal when these two teams get together Thursday night.

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GREAT CRUSH AT BANK OPENING.

More Than 5,000 People Saw Peoples National's New Quarters.

It is estimated that more than 5,000 people took advantage of the invitation of the Peoples National bank to inspect the bank's new quarters in the Aldrich building Saturday afternoon and evening. The bank opened for business in its new quarters in the morning and from 9 to 12 noon, the regular hour for Saturday closing, there was a constant stream of people coming and going, some of them customers and others of them business men and bankers from Montpelier.

When the bank doors were reopened at 2 in the afternoon for the formal opening there was such a crush of people that it was impossible to maintain any semblance of order; about all the bank officials could do was to open the back door and let the crowd pass through after making but a cursory examination of the quarters. For three hours in the afternoon there was a continuous stream of people going through. When evening came it was found necessary to place two policemen at the front entrance, as well as bank attaches at the rear door, in order to keep the crowd entering and leaving in quiet numbers and to prevent injury to many of the crowd. The crush kept up until the closing hour of the reception at 9 o'clock.

The bank officials had anticipated a good response to the invitation but were scarcely prepared for such a large attendance. Their supplies of food and their quill pens were soon exhausted, as well as a consignment of nearly 1,500 carnations and a good-sized number of cigars, so that a large number of people could not be supplied. White's orchestra played during the afternoon and evening and the music added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Bank officials, directors and attaches did what they could to show the bank's quarters under the serious handicap of a huge crowd; and the comments heard on all sides regarding the bank's new facilities were very favorable.

Barre Man and Montpelier Woman United in Marriage.

At the parsonage of the Hedding Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 Rev. B. G. Lipsky united in marriage Leo B. Parker of 134 Seminary street, Barre, and Miss Beatrice Sweeney, daughter of Mrs. Mary Sweeney of Montpelier. The wedding was a quiet affair and attended only by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller of Barre, Mr. Parker, son of Nelson Parker, is well known in this city, and a very popular young man among his acquaintances. This morning he assumed duties as a baker at the Holmes bakery on North Main street, the couple having returned early this morning from a week-end trip in Burlington.

Mrs. Parker was formerly employed as a parker in the United States Clothing Co. factory in Montpelier. They will make their home at 134 Seminary street.

WELL-KNOWN TRAVELING MAN.

F. W. Stevens, Died Friday.—Represented Soap Co. 40 Years.

Burlington, March 21.—Frank W. Stevens, who for 40 years had represented the B. T. Babbitt Soap Co. as traveling salesman throughout New England, died at his home here Friday from a complication of diseases. He had resided here five years and before that for 10 years lived in Rutland.

Mr. Stevens was born in Pittsfield, Mass., on Feb. 29, 1860, the son of Liberty and Mary Arnold Stevens. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. C. Douglas Woodhouse of Burlington, a daughter, Rose Stevens of Burlington, and a sister, Mrs. P. F. Van Deusen of Westfield, Mass.

He was a member of Burlington council, U. C. T. The funeral was held in Burlington Sunday afternoon.

FUNERAL OF MRS. OLIVE PERRY

Was Held at First Baptist Church on Sunday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Olive Perry, widow of William A. Perry, was held yesterday, a prayer service being held at the house at 2 o'clock and followed by the service at the First Baptist church. Rev. B. J. Lehigh, pastor of the church, of which Mrs. Perry was a charter member, spoke at both services, speaking of the enthusiastic support which she had given to the work of the denomination and to music circles.

Music was rendered on the pipe organ by Miss Ethel Inglis, and two solos, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and "The Christian's Good Night" were feelingly sung by Fred Inglis. A large number of floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

The bereaved ones are Clayton V. Perry, Glen E. Perry, J. Frank Perry, Dan A. Perry, Byron A. Wright and Earl Batchelder. Interment was in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

J. HOZ' FUNERAL.

Held Sunday Afternoon and Burial Was at Hope Cemetery.

LIGHTNING SET STOWE FIRE

Howard Shaw's Butter Box Factory, Grist Mill and Two Houses Burned

ENTIRE VILLAGE WAS PLACED IN DANGER

Morrisville and Waterbury Sent Assistance—Flames Fought All Day

Stowe, March 21.—Lightning started a fire which threatened to destroy the entire village of Stowe yesterday and which was stopped after the butter box factory, gristmill and two dwelling houses of Howard Shaw on lower Main street had been wiped out, causing a loss of \$25,000. Local firemen, aided by volunteer workers and by firemen from Morrisville and Waterbury, worked all day in extinguishing the flames. It was Stowe's worst fire since 1880 when the Mr. Mansfield house was burned. Mr. Shaw's loss is well covered by insurance.

In addition to the buildings burned, there was a large quantity of lumber, grain, farming implements, machinery, hay and other property, all the property of Mr. Shaw, which was destroyed.

The fire broke out at 4 o'clock Sunday morning during the second of two electrical storms. A bolt of lightning was seen to strike near the mill only a few minutes before the flames broke out. The fire made rapid headway, and in a short time the country for miles around was lighted up by the glare.

The Stowe fire company responded to the alarm, as did many men who were reached by telephone. The high wind made the work of fighting the fire difficult, and for a time the safety of the entire village was feared. Fortunately, however, helped to avert the greater disaster.

When the fire was at its height a truck came from Morrisville with 25 fire fighters and a trolley car was sent to Waterbury for more firemen to cope with the flames. It was necessary to pour water on the fire throughout the entire day and last night three shifts of firemen were placed in charge of the ruins to prevent further outbreak.

Elmer E. Shaw and family, who occupied one of the tenements in the "mill house" were able to save most of their furniture. Mrs. Shaw, who is an invalid, was assisted to a place of safety with considerable difficulty. She was placed in a wheel chair and then the chair was set in a lumber wagon, after which the wagon was drawn through the field to reach the street.

Bert Wedge occupied the brick dwelling house. Mrs. Wedge is as well as possible. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Horner, were with Mr. Wedge and they and the latter's children were able to save most of the furniture in their house.

Preparations were made to clear other houses, especially that of Mrs. Margaretta, who lives in a place of safety from the burning lumber piles, but it was not necessary to carry out the plans, although the heat was so intense that for hours the street was not passable. The barn belonging to the "brick house" and also a storehouse, where crates, butter packages and hay were stored, were also saved.

There were no services at the Community church during the day, and the pastor, Rev. C. E. Hayward, took an active part in helping to put out the fire and in rescuing the occupants of