THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Many Hearts Relieved

By the Safe Arrival of the French Steamer, La Gascogne, Eight Days Overdue.

La Gascogne, the French liner, eight days overdue, for whose safety there had been great anxiety, was sighted off Fire Island Monday afternoon and before midnight had anchored outside the bar. The steamer left Havre Jan. 26, and was due at New York, Saturday, Feb. 2. The third day out her piston-rod broke and 18 hours were spent in making repairs; the piston-rod sustained a more serious break on Feb. 2 and 41 hours were consumed in making repairs; on Feb. 4, the first severe weather was experienced and the ship was blown 150 miles to the northward of the regular track of transatlantic steamers; the machinery broke down for a third time on the 7th and the same day the heavy cyclone struck her and the ship lay with sea anchors out all day; on Saturday, Feb. 9 the fourth break occurred, but in spite of all these misadventures the ship made her port without assistance and landed her passengers in safety. There was great rejoicing in New York when her appearance was reported, and the good news was flashed all over the country.

La Gascogne seemed to have suffered less from the wintry gales than some of the other ocean liners which came in at the same time, completely encased in ice.

Canada's Finances

Are in a Deplorable Condition---a Deficit of $1,000,000 and an Increase of $8,000,000 in the Debt.

The Official Gazette published at Ottawa Saturday shows the deplorable condition the finances of the Dominion are in as compared with previous years. In place of a surplus of over $2,000,000 in the treasury, as there was at this time last year, there is a deficit of nearly $1,000,000, which at the end of the fiscal year, it is estimated, will reach $6,000,000; not alone that, for in the debt as compared with January of last year there is an increase of nearly $8,000,000.

In parliament last session the minister of finance stated that in view of the shrinkage in revenue with which he was faced, a policy of rigid economy would be followed. In place of that the expenditure has largely exceeded that of last year, while in revenue there has been a large decline. It is admitted on all sides that never in the history of the Dominion have the finances of the country been in as unsatisfactory condition as they are at present.

Robbed of $2000.

M. H. Spaulding, a young man employed at the Adams cotton mills in Shelton, Conn., was assaulted and robbed of $2000 Saturday. He obtained the money at the Birmingham national bank and started for the mills on foot. The funds were in a bag. Two men followed him in a sleigh and one on foot. The man on foot struck him with a billy and knocked him down. The assailant then seized the money, and, springing into the sleigh with the others, drove off. Four toughs have been arrested charged with the crime.

A Lumber Association With $75,000,000.

The Northeastern Lumbermen's association was organized at Boston Saturday by lumber manufacturers and forest owners who represent an investment of $75,000,000, embracing all the leading concerns in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and some in Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. E. J. Lawrence of Shawmut, Me., is president of the organization, and among the directors from Vermont are C. P. Stevens of Richford, G. H. Fitzgerald of Island Pond and C. H. Stevens of St. Johnsbury.

Flour May Be Sold at $3.00 a Barrel.

The three great flour mill companies of the Northwest have entered upon a war of prices that promises to bring the commodity down to a figure that, from the standpoint of the miller, will be ruinous. The Pillsbury-Washburn flour mill company announces a cut of 15 cents a barrel, to meet reductions by its competitors, the Washburn-Crosby company and the Northwestern Consolidated milling company. A cut to $3 is expected before another week.

According to the Boston Journal 3000 children of Boston are denied instruction in the public schools because of a lack of accommodations.

An attempt was made to hold up a Santa Fé train near Overbrook, I. T., Sunday night, but the engineer thought all was not right, and ran past a water tank at which trains usually stop. About 20 shots were fired into the sleepers, but no one was injured.

Nashua will fight bitterly against the project to tap the Nashua river for Boston's water supply. It would annihilate water power furnishing employment to 50,000 persons and endanger the public health by destroying sewerage outlets. The big mill corporations will take the matter before the United States courts. If deprived of water the factories would have to move South.

THE VERMONT NEWS.

A Noted Crook.

How "Clutch Donahue," Now in Jail at Burlington, Robbed a Philadelphia Bank.

"Jack" Donahue, who is now in jail at Burlington, is supposed to be "Clutch" Donahue, one of the most noted bank thieves and all round crooks in the country. Donahue stole $10 and a gold watch in Burlington from S. D. Manor of Boston. He was arrested at White River Junction by Deputy Peck of Burlington. Donahue pulled a revolver, but was brought into submission and handcuffed by Peck and five assistants. Donahue has been the principal or associate in several large robberies in this country and Europe. He was one of the thieves who secured $100,000 from the South Kensington National bank of Philadelphia in 1871. At the close of business one day Donahue walked into the bank and told the cashier that the lieutenant of the police district had seen suspicious characters in the vicinity and thought an attempt would be made in the night to rob the bank. Two watchmen were stationed in the bank that night. About 7 o'clock two policemen rapped on the door and told the watchmen that they had been sent there by the lieutenant. They were asked to enter the bank, at first declined, but the weather being cold finally accepted the invitation. While one of the watchmen was getting one of the policemen a drink of water the other policeman induced the second watchman to go outdoor to see if everything was all right. The watchman on the inside was then gagged and bound, the other watchman admitted and similarly treated. Then the supposed police men became robbers, threw open the door to their associates. With wedges, muffled hammers and jimmies the vault was opened and $100,000 taken, but the safe containing a larger amount of money could not be cracked.

$20,000 Fire at Proctorsville.

Pollard Brothers' Large Store Destroyed Saturday Night.

Property to the total value of $20,000 was destroyed at Proctorsville Saturday night, when fire broke out about midnight in Pollard Brothers' store. The fire was under such headway that it could not be controlled, although three streams of water were used. The books and the contents of the safe were saved, but almost all of the goods in the store were destroyed. In the new addition were 100 barrels of sugar which were badly smoked. Pollard Brothers carried stock valued at $12,000; partly covered by insurance. The building was also insured.

A St. Albans Landmark Destroyed.

A landmark at St. Albans was destroyed Friday night in the burning of the old Tremont hotel building. It was used for annual town and village meetings, and was occupied by Company B of the Vermont National Guard, Wood & Gilson's steam laundry, and C. B. Bullett's cabinet shop. The stand of silk colors won by Company B in competitive drill in 1872 and the company records were saved, but the guns and camp equipage were destroyed. The company had an insurance of $650 and the laundry firm $3000. The ownership of the building is in doubt. The question has been in litigation for ten years, James McDonald and the estate of O. A. Burton being the disputants. The property is now in the hands of a receiver, M. J. Hill. There is about $4000 insurance on the building. The building was erected over 60 years ago and was a famous tavern in staging times. It was a three story brick structure.

Orleans County Jailbirds Captured.

Chas. E. Davis was arrested last week near Fairlee by Sheriff Miles of Orleans county, and is again lodged in the jail at Newport from which he has twice escaped. Davis stole a team from Troy five years ago. He first escaped by picking the jail lock and in May, 1892, secured his freedom by knocking down one of the jail officials. Wm. Lathe, who escaped from the same jail a month ago, was captured in Troy Friday. He fled to Canada but returned to this state to visit relatives. Lathe was charged with shooting Mrs. Barstowe of Barton.

Peter Brigham's $3,000,000 Hospital for Boston.

Peter B. Brigham is the man to whom Boston will be indebted for a $3,000,000 hospital. He was born in Vermont, reached Boston a penniless boy, but prospered there in business and made a fortune in real estate. He died in 1877, a bachelor, leaving a million for the hospital, directing that the money be allowed to accumulate at interest for 25 years. It now amounts to $2,500,000, with seven years to run. Mr. Brigham also bestowed an endowed academy upon his native town of Bakersfield.

Nelson Pratt of Worcester Frozen in His Dooryard.

Nelson Pratt, aged 55, was found dead in his dooryard, two miles out from Worcester, Thursday morning of last week with arms and legs frozen. He left a store in Worcester the night before to walk home. When his wife looked out in the morning she saw his body lying in a snow bank, the hands pressed over his heart. It was a bitter cold night, and it is supposed his exertion brought on an attack of heart difficulty just as he had entered the yard, which caused death.

Hon. Adnah and Mrs. Brown of Springfield leave to-morrow with the Congregationalist excursion for a four months' trip through the Holy Land.

Dr. D. O. Powers of Highgate, who was arrested last week for malpractice in the case of Estelle Houghton, waived examination at a preliminary hearing at St. Albans Friday. He was held for the grand jury in $2500 bonds.

The dwelling house, store and barn of Francis I. White of Eden Mills burned Friday morning. The town clerk's office was in the house and everything except the contents of the safe, supposed to contain nearly all the record books, was destroyed. A strong wind prevailed and Stone's hotel caught fire several times, but was saved with but little damage. Loss $5000; insurance on goods $1000, on building $1000.

John F. Dobie of Plattsburg was elected president of the Vermont and Northern New York Trotting and Pacing Circuit association at a meeting at St. Albans Monday. E. W. J. Hawkins of Burlington is secretary and treasurer. The racing will open at Enosburg Falls the third week in August, following with the Horse Breeders' association; Burlington, the first week in September; Plattsburgh, the second week; Canton, the third week and Malone, the fourth. At least $30,000 in purses will be offered.

A HIGH ROLLER.

Death of Francis B. Hayes, a Legal Resident of Vermont.

His Lavish Expenditures---Matrimonial Complications---Beaten by the Hunt Brothers of Weathersfield---His Passion for Flowers.

Francis B. Hayes, a millionaire, who died at Dover, Eng., Saturday, was a Vermonter in one sense, his legal residence being at Ascutneyville, in Windsor county. He was 34 years old, and inherited his fortune from his father, Francis B. Hayes, a Massachusetts lawyer and railroad man, who died in 1884. Young Hayes had a half million available for immediate use, and he at once started for Europe to begin his career as a high roller.

He had luxuriantly furnished apartments on Mt. Vernon street, Boston, and in Lexington he owned two beautiful mansions, one an old homestead and the other a new and pretentious home, built in recent years. He spent money with a lavish hand and attracted people of note around his table. Actors, actresses, novelists and newspaper writers were his favorites, and those on his list were given many a rollicking feast.

Hayes finally married Miss Nina K. Hunt of Weathersfield, this state. She was of an old and prominent family, which has Brattleboro connections. Young Hayes established his home at Ascutneyville, and named his handsome villa "Any Port." He lived very quietly during his courtship and people who had known of his riotous career in Boston and abroad supposed he had "settled down." The wedding was a grand affair. It was not very long afterward that Hayes began his dissipations once more, and pretty soon the relations of husband and wife became enstranged. While they were keeping house in Weathersfield in June, 1888, a son was born. This event did not seem to cement their relations, and soon after Mrs. Hayes brought a suit for separate maintenance, which attracted wide attention.

Hayes said very unpleasant things about his wife at the hearing, and one summer midnight Clyde and Jarvis Hunt, brothers of Mrs. Hayes, went to Ascutneyville, about five miles from their home. The Hunts found Hayes at his villa and attacked him with horsewhips. Hayes drew a revolver and fired. The Hunts escaped, leaving their wayward brother-in-law on a lounge, covered with wounds. This affair was one of the society scandals of the year. The Hunt brothers were arrested and arraigned for assault. Mrs. Hayes won her suit and a liberal allowance was settled on her for her own and her child's support.

After his marital troubles Hayes hurried over to Europe again and once more plunged into the life of Paris and London. He became enamored of Natalie Bland alias Desmond, and so strong became his infatuation that he brought her to this country and settled her in his magnificent Lexington home. They lived quietly, and Natalie became anxious to go into society. This they did for a short time, until the good people of Lexington found out the relations of the couple, and then complete ostracism drove them out of the staid Revolutionary town. Although he entered a voluntary trusteeship several years ago, it is believed by those who knew him best that Hayes had run the limit, and the residue of the immense fortune, which will go to his child, will not be large.

One of Hayes's hobbies was rare flowers, and two years ago he went to Japan with his gardner in search of them. He spent thousands of dollars in their culture, and his conservatories were among the finest in the country. He always had large exhibits of his flowers at the Massachusetts horticultural exhibitions, and carried away many first prizes. He was very liberal and gave away thousands of dollars worth of flowers to the churches at Christmas and Easter.

The Hayes estate at Lexington is one of the finest in the country. It contains 500 acres, made extremely beautiful through landscape gardening. The people of that town have reason to remember Mr. Hayes for his many acts of lavish generosity in their behalf. Four years ago at Christmas he invited all the children of the town—rich and poor alike—to a Christmas tree at the mansion house. Over 500 children attended. Mr. Hayes gave to each child seven or eight fine presents, and after the exercises were over the whole gathering sat down to a feast in the big hall. It was his oft time expressed desire to bequeath his Lexington estate to the Massachusetts horticultural society, in which he had taken a great interest for years.

FACTS FOR OUR READERS.

Follow Nature and Keep Well, a Golden Rule.

The Question Is Important, Are You Prepared for Spring?

If Not, Here is Some Very Necessary Information for You.

Nature will soon begin her annual struggle for freedom from winter's icy imprisonment. Already beneath the frozen surface giant forces are moving in that direction. Purification is going on.

It is the same with the human system. The lengthening days are approaching when the blood seeks to recover from its sluggish inactivity and it bears in its course germs of health or disease as it has stored up the one or the other. It requires therefore to be enriched with vitalizing and health-giving qualities to give tone, vigor and health to the system.

For this needed and beneficial service nothing is so powerful as Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. Like Nature's own wondrous remedies in the physical world, which purify the mountains and streams as they leap from their confines to fill the valleys with new life and cover orchard and field with flower and fruit, it brings new force and health to wasted tissues and enfeebled nerves.

Now is the time when your nature calls for help. Don't mistake; no other remedy equals Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy as a spring medicine. No other remedy will so quickly and certainly strengthen your nerves, invigorate your blood and correct the action of all your organs. It will make you well and strong as it has done thousands of persons; as it did Mrs. W. A. Cutler of 59 Orchard street, Worcester, Mass.

"A year ago," she says, "I fell ill with nervous prostration and neuralgia, which affected my whole system. My digestion was also very poor. After eating I would be taken with a smothering sensation while the palpitation of the heart was terrible.

"Severe nervous headaches made my life miserable in connection with these other troubles. I was in a fearful condition, and became greatly discouraged. I consulted physicians and treated with them but with no benefit. Nothing I took did me any good.

"Finally as a last resource, I commenced to use Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy which had been wonderfully praised to me. With the first bottle I noticed an improvement and persevering in its use I continued to gain in every respect.

"My nervousness was soon cured. The neuralgia, headaches, palpitation of the heart, indigestion and all my complaints entirely left me. All this was accomplished by Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy.

"I is wonderful medicine did for me what all the doctors and their medicines could not do. I wish to urge all sufferers to try it."

No power of words can describe the wonderful good which this remedy is doing among the sick and suffering. Those who take it are cured. Thousands of people, at the advent of spring, while not exactly sick, are yet out of order or ailing in some way. They do not feel just right, are not well and strong, cannot eat or sleep well, are nervous and have no strength or ambition for work or pleasure. Their stomach, bowels, liver or kidneys are inactive and torpid. Such people need this best of all spring medicines, Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, to restore the natural action of these organs, give strength and vigor to the nerves and new life and vitality to the blood.

Why lose time in trying uncertain and untried remedies, when here is a physician's prescription, a discovery made by the greatest living specialist in curing nervous and chronic diseases, Dr. Greene of 34 Temple place, Boston, Mass. If you take this medicine, you can consider yourself under Dr. Greene's direct professional care and you can consult him or write to him about your case, freely and without charge. This is a guarantee that this medicine will cure, possessed by no other medicine in the world.

Legal Notices

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
By the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM THOMAS, late of Dover, in said district, deceased. Greeting.
You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the allowance of the account of D. W. Yeaw, executor of the last will of William Thomas, late of Dover, in said district, deceased, and decree distribution thereof to the persons entitled thereto, at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the last Saturday of February, A. D. 1895, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.
6 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
By the Probate Court for Said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of BETHUEL RANGER, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased, Greeting.
Whereas Abbey S. Ranger has presented to this court an instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased for probate:—You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the probate of said instrument at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the last Saturday of February, A. D. 1895, when and where you may appear and contest the same if you see cause.
6 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
By the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of VINAL KEITH, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased, Greeting.
Whereas J. Henry Richmond has presented to this court an instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased for probate—You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the probate of said instrument at the session thereof to be held at the probate office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the first Saturday of March, A. D. 1895, when and where you may appear and contest the same, if you see cause.
7 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Westminster, ss.
By the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of EMERY MANSFIELD, late of Putney, in said district, deceased, Greeting.
You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the allowance of the account of Sterne O. Parker, administrator upon the estate of Emery Mansfield, late of Putney, in said district, deceased, and decree distribution thereof to the persons entitled thereto, at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the second day of March, A. D. 1895, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.
7 ZINA H. ALLBEE, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
By the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of CATHARINE MARTIN, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased, Greeting.
Whereas Eugene Frost has presented to this Court an instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased, for probate: You are hereby notified that this Court will decide upon the probate of said instrument at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said District, on the last Saturday of February, A. D. 1895, when and where you may appear and contest the same, if you see cause.
6 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
By the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of BETSEY C. MATHER, late of Marlboro, in said district, deceased, Greeting.
Whereas Carley P. Whitney has presented to this Court an instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased for probate:—You are hereby notified that this Court will decide upon the probate of said instrument at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the last Saturday of February, A. D. 1895, when and where you may appear and contest the same, if you see cause.
6 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Mar boro, ss.
By the Probate Court for Said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of FRANK REED, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased, Greeting.
You are hereby notified that this Court will decide upon the allowance of the account of Hattie M. Reed, Administratrix upon said estate and decree distribution thereof to the persons entitled, at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, on the last Saturday of February, A. D. 1895, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.
6 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
The Probate Court for Said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of WATERS GILLETT, late of Whitingham, in said district, deceased, Greeting.
Whereas, R. W. Gillett, executor of the last will of Waters Gillett, late of Whitingham, in said district, has filed his petition in this court, setting forth that the sale of the whole of the real estate of said deceased will be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested therein, and praying for license to sell the same, and at the same time filed in this court what purports to be the consent in writing of all the heirs residing in this state to such sale. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be heard at the session of said court, to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, on the last Saturday of February 1895, when and where you may be heard in the premises if you see cause.
6 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
The Probate Court for Said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM A. BOGLE, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased. Greeting.
Whereas, Lewis G. Bogle, Administrator upon the estate of William A. Bogle, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased, has filed his petition in this court setting forth that the sale of the whole of the real estate will be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested therein, and praying for license to sell the same, and at the same time filed in this court what purports to be the consent in writing of all the heirs residing in this state to such sale. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be heard at the session of said court, to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, on the last Saturday of February, 1895, when and where you may be heard in the premises if you see cause.
6 E. W. STODDARD, Register.

Are You In It?

Mr. Chas. B. Spahr of Columbia university has recently examined the records of the Surrogates of 45 counties in the State of New York, covering the last three months of 1893 and including the counties of New York and Kings, the richest in the State. The results are remarkable as showing how few people leave any estates at all and the low average values of the estates left.

Out of 10 000 persons over 25 years of age dying during the quarter, only

885	left estates equal to or exceeding	$5000
2466	" averaging	1292
6619	" valued at	0000

Think of it! Less than 9 per cent were worth $5000 and less than 25 per cent were worth $1292 when they died. The conclusion is that whether 9115 out of every 10,000 leave an estate of $5000 or not depends upon whether they have life insurance for that amount or not.

Wanted.

A WOMAN for general housework; also a man to drive team and do general out door work; man and wife preferred. C. P. GILSON, West Chesterfield, N. H. 5