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TAX COLLECTOR IS ASKED TO REFUND \$6,120 TO TOWN

Terryville Notifies Bond Company of Apparent Shortage on Books.

Terryville, Dec. 27.—For a number of years past the Plymouth town reports have shown an increasing amount of uncollected taxes and several attempts have been made to hasten the collection of these back taxes with but little success.

When John D. Waldron became first selectman, he began to use pressure to compel Mr. Barnes to collect these back taxes, but without much result. Incidentally he learned that several of his thrifty neighbors were not credited by Mr. Barnes with having paid their taxes, although they held receipts. This caused the suspicion that something was wrong; so when the auditors finished auditing the collector's books last September, Mr. Waldron took off a list of all uncollected taxes appearing on the tax collector's books.

When Frank C. Barnes assumed the duties of tax collector twelve years ago, there was less than \$3,000 of uncollected taxes on the books. When he surrendered the books, there was over \$15,000 due, according to his own figures.

RADIUM LABORATORY FOR RESEARCH WORK PLANNED IN DENVER

Denver, Dec. 27.—Through representatives here of the National Radium Institute, it was learned today that property was purchased yesterday on which a laboratory will be constructed for research work under the direction of the United States bureau of mines. The National Radium Institute is composed of leading scientists in the United States.

The research work will be devoted entirely to the aid of scientists in determining the remedial and curative effects of radium on human beings. Dr. Howard Kelly, of Johns Hopkins University will direct the experiments of the laboratory in the use of radium for the cure of cancer.

AIRCRAFT MORTALITY PERCENTAGE SHRINKS

New York, Dec. 27.—The mortality due to aeroplane accidents is decreasing, according to the statistics gathered in Paris.

In 1908, five aviators flew 1,600 kilometers and one was killed; in 1909, 50 aviators accomplished flights of a total distance of 440,000 kilometers and three aviators were killed. In 1910, 500 aviators made flights of 600,000 kilometers with 29 deaths. In 1911, 1,500 aviators made flights totaling 2,700,000 kilometers and 78 were killed. In 1912, 5,800 aviators flew 20,000,000 kilometers and 140 were killed.

\$250,000 FIRE ROUTES GUESTS FROM HOTEL

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Fire ruined a five story building in the heart of the business section here early today, causing a loss of \$250,000. One hundred and fifty guests at the St. Regis hotel were routed in their nightclothes by flames which leaped across the alley and threatened to attack the hotel. Six firemen were injured, although not fatally, by showers of burning embers caused by the collapse of walls and roof.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERS OBTAINED \$7,700 LOOT

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 27.—Two registered packages containing \$7,700 were stolen from the post office here last night. When the robbery was first discovered by post office inspectors it was thought the packages were only of nominal value.

Early today inspectors learned that the packages shipped by the First National Bank of Omaha to the City National Bank of this city, contained \$5,000 and \$2,700 respectively.

One of the ambitions of the enterprising Philippine bureau of agriculture is to introduce the Panama hat industry into the Philippines, says the Scientific American. The plant from which the hats are made is now cultivated in Java, where hats are being woven from its leaves by Javanese women and children, and the product is said to compare favorably with the common grades turned out in South America.

The method of preparing the leaves is very similar to that used in the Philippines in preparing subutan leaves for weaving subutan hats. The Philippines are skillful hatmakers and in certain parts of the island hat weaving is the chief household industry. Experiments in cultivating Caribou palmata are now under way in the Lamo and La Carlota experiment stations in the Philippines.

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GOTHAM GOSSIP AS RELATED ON GREAT WHITE WAY

Special Writer Finds Italians Of New York Worthily Citizens.

(By Louis LeBrun.)
New York, Dec. 27.—New York Sicilians and Calabrians have planned special memorial services for tomorrow, in remembrance of friends and relatives who perished in the terrible Messina earthquake of five years ago. Thousands of Italians in the American metropolis were plunged into grief by the catastrophe of Dec. 28, 1908. The Italians from the South have been bitterly criticized because of the "black hand" and "white hand" activities of some of them, but the censure is far from deserved.

The great masses of Sicilian and Calabrian residents of New York are useful and hardworking citizens, and more enthusiastic in their devotion to the American ideal of liberty than many native-born Americans. Italians are to be found in all lines of business in New York, as well as in all of the professions, but probably the majority of the southern Italians are hatters, fruiterers and ice and coal dealers. These businesses seem to have a special appeal for the immigrant from southern Italy, and they practically control these lines in many parts of the greater city.

Thousands of them are "line-up" men, who go about the city putting up clothes lines for the inhabitants of tenement and apartment houses. Their cry of "line-up" shouted at the top of their voices, assumes various forms, according to their familiarity with English, but most often sounds like "I know it." To one stranger the spectacle of many men going through the streets yelling "I know it" seems somewhat humorous.

It has often been said that New York has a larger Italian population than any other city of the world. It is probable that Naples leads the American metropolis, but by a very narrow margin, while New York has far more Italians than Rome, Turin, Florence or Venice—more than the last named two cities put together. The Italian population of New York is now over 675,000, and in the metropolitan district, including the adjacent cities of New Jersey, there are enough more to bring the total up to well over the three-quarter million mark.

Practically all of this stupendous Italian immigration has taken place within the last half century. Up to the early 60s there were only a few thousands of the sons of sunny Italy in this city, and most of those were men who had fled to escape political persecution. The period following the civil war witnessed the beginning of the "Little Italy" at Mulberry Bend, now a "Big Italy," as is the great Italian colony on the East side from Ninety-sixth to One Hundred and Sixteenth street.

During the six-day bicycle race earlier this month Madison Square Garden was the scene of what was probably the most disgraceful exhibition ever given in the name of "sport." That was not the fault of the racers themselves, most of whom are gentlemen, but of the spectators. For some reason the six-day race in New York attracts most of the gun men, rough necks, rowdies, pickpockets and criminals in New York, and the recent race meet might almost have been called a convention of thieves.

All is now bucolic peace at the Garden, however, and only the crowing of cocks, the cackling of hens and other sounds of the barnyard disturb the silence. The great Madison Square Garden poultry show, the largest in America, is now on and will continue to New Year's Eve. The 1915 show celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the poultry show organization. Every precaution has been taken to guard the eggs laid by the hens on exhibition. With the exception of the price they do, it is feared that some of New York's daring criminals will be tempted to try to make a rich haul by robbing the nests at the Garden show. The race show, which divides interest with the hen show at the Garden, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Eva Tanguay, who is married and still "doesn't care," is soon to leave America behind and sail away on a steambond that will carry her to England. Miss Tanguay is French-Canadian, and was born in the tall timber in the Province of Quebec. At birth she weighed only two pounds net, and stood only nine inches tall in her stocking feet. Her first bed was in a wooden box under a kitchen stove, which she shared with the family cat. I know this to be true, because Miss Tanguay's press agent told me so.

A recent visitor to New York was Viscount Dangan, Christian Arthur Wellesley, the son and heir of Earl Cowley. The Viscount is a youngster, having celebrated his twenty-third birthday on Christmas, and comes to New York as a member of the Gaiety Company, in which he is in the chorus. The young nobleman was recently jilted by his fiancée, Pearl Aulre, who eloped with a commoner named Coats without so much as kissing the Viscount good-by. The Viscount seemed to be very light-hearted about the matter. Maybe he can find consolation on this side.

It is estimated that New York will spend not less than a million dollars for food and drink—especially drink—in the hotels and restaurants next Wednesday night. The occasion of all this spending, of course, will be to give a proper, or improper, welcome to an infant named "1914" who is confidently expected to arrive at about that time. Just how much coal will be spent to keep up steam to toot the whistles it would be impossible to guess.

It would be safe to wager that at least three-quarters of the million dollar celebration fund will go for liquor refreshments, principally wine, and the wine chiefly champagne. In most of the swagger places "nothing but wine" will be the rule, and thousands of apparently sane people will buy vast sums just for a chance to sit at a table and buy the "joy juice."

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ABSCONDER, AGAIN FREE, WILL DEVOTE LIFE TO REPAYING CHICAGO BANK

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Paul Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee Avenue National Bank, who absconded with \$500,000 of its funds in 1908, is devoting his life to repaying the losses of depositors. This announcement was made, Christmas eve, by the Association of Commerce by James Keeley, who traces the banker. Stensland served four years in the penitentiary.

EJECTED YOUTHS RAISE "FIRE" CRY, START PANIC

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Four young men who were ejected from a west side theatre last night retaliated with a false cry of "Fire" and precipitated a panic in which 73 persons were killed in Calumet, Mich. Christmas eve, the disturbers were taken out for throwing peanuts from the balcony. As they were escorted downstairs, one of them shouted the false alarm. The eight or ten miles out. English is ill, and without attention except from his assistant, who is doing a twenty-four-hours-a-day watch. The Famlico carries a doctor.

OLDEST FORESTER DEAD

New York, Dec. 26.—John W. Hill, aged eighty-three years, and six months, the oldest member in America of the Order of Foresters of America, died at his home in Brooklyn, from general debility.

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11,000 VOLTS PASSED THROUGH MAN'S BODY

Stamford, Dec. 27.—George Wilson of Mount Vernon, N. Y., is in a serious condition at a local hospital as the result of an electric shock. He was working on the overhead electrical construction of the railroad when he received the shock. 11,000 volts passing through his body. The accident was caused, it is believed, by a short circuit.

FARMHOUSE BURNS

Torrington, Dec. 27.—A large farmhouse belonging to Samuel Coe of West Goshen was burned yesterday. It was occupied by Mr. Coe and his 1-year-old son, Marshall, but both escaped. The building was ten miles northwest of the center of Goshen.

SLEIGHING IN WINSTED

Winsted, Dec. 27.—Sleighs and sleds were in evidence on the streets today.

REDUCTION SALE

All jewelry in price from intrinsic worth brings any item of the nature into the realm of a bargain. M. J. Buechler, the reliable jeweler of 46 Fairfield avenue, is giving bargains in many left over holiday pieces at his store for the next week, in the way of a substantial reduction from value price. Diamonds, watches, jewelry, cut glass, toilet sets, silverware, etc., will be found in the stock, and at prices that will make a purchase at this sale worth while.—Adv.

SALEM, MASS.—Supreme Court orders 1490 patent of nobility from King Carolus of Sweden returned to Charles J. Wendell, who must repay Mrs. Mary E. McDonald the \$10 purchase price.

HACKENSACK, N. J.—William Boedecker was popular choice for postmaster in postcard election held by Congressman A. C. Hart.