

CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

President Sends Message to Congress on Canal

WHAT HE SAW THERE

Work Accomplished--Only One Mosquito, Health Good, Complaints Not Well Founded--No Cause for Complaint About Food--Build by Contract.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.--President Roosevelt transmitted to Congress today a special message giving the results of his observations during his recent inspection of the Panama canal work and his recommendations thereon.

I was three days ashore--not a sufficient length of time to allow of an exhaustive investigation of the minutiae of the work of any single department, still less to pass judgment on the engineering problems, but enough to enable me to get a clear idea of the salient features of the great work and of the progress that has been made as regards the sanitation of the zone.

I chose the month of November for my visit partly because it is the rainiest month of the year, the month in which the work goes forward at the greatest disadvantage and one of the two months which the French Canal company found most unhealy.

On Thursday morning we landed at about half past 7 and went slowly over the line of the Panama railway, ending with an expedition in a tug at the Pacific entrance of the canal out to the islands where the dredging for the canal will cease.

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TWO OTHER MESSAGES.

One on Land Frauds and Public Lands And One on Naval Affairs

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.--President Roosevelt this afternoon sent a special message to Congress on public land frauds in the West.

TWO DEAD BY WOMAN'S SHOT.

Margery Clark Killed Her Supposed Husband and Herself.

Boston, Dec. 17.--A double tragedy in the South End was disclosed yesterday when the body of Margery Clark, 40 years old, was found in bed in a lodging house on Dover street with a revolver clutched in her right hand, bullet hole behind her right ear, while beside her lay Al Atwood, 40 years old, said to have been her husband, and dying from another bullet wound in the forehead.

Atwood was unconscious when discovered and died later at the hospital without recovering his senses. Inmates of the house knew nothing of the affair until this noon, nor could the police find anyone who had heard shots during the night.

MAN SHOT TO PIECES.

Prominent Virginian Married Saturday, Murdered by Brothers-in-Law.

Culpeper, Va., Dec. 17.--William F. Bywaters, prominent citizen of this county, and well known all over the country as a fox hunter and breeder of crack hounds and horses was shot to pieces last night by James and Philip Strothers, who live at "Rotherwood," three miles from here.

Mr. Bywaters yesterday was married to Miss Viola Strothers, daughter of the late Col. John R. Strothers, and sister of the two young Strothers who killed him.

Mr. Bywaters attempted to leave the Strothers' home, but one of the brothers of the bride objected. Bywaters then climbed to the roof and endeavored to escape.

He was seen by James and Philip Strothers, who opened fire on him with pistols. He died almost instantly.

The circumstances surrounding the killing are sensational and have aroused the greatest excitement.

PATRICK BEGS FOR MERCY.

Made a Personal Appeal to Gov. Higgins to Commute Sentence.

New York, Dec. 17.--The World today says: Lawyer Patrick, under sentence for the murder of millionaire Rice, has signed a petition to Governor Higgins begging him to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Originator of Yankee Notion Ideas.

Saybrook, Conn., Dec. 17.--Daniel C. Spencer, one of the wealthy men of the state and originator of the "Yankee Notion" idea, died at his home here this morning, after a long illness.

Nine Sailors Drowned.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 17.--Nine sailors of the Battleship Hindatan, were drowned today by the upsetting of a cutter.

GROTON.

Roy Blanchard is working in a grocery store at Woodville, N. H.

Ernest Clark and Grant Vance returned to St. Johnsbury Monday.

There are several cases of whooping cough among the children in the village.

Mrs. G. B. Hatch and daughter, Kathryn, have returned to town for the winter.

Clarence Johnson is working for the Miller-Ayers Lumber company at Groton Pond.

Dr. S. N. Eastman, G. H. Pillsbury and Everett Forsyth attended the "Fat Man's club" at Wells River, Friday night.

TROOPS SAVE THE VATICAN

From Attacks of An Anti-Church Mob

CHARGE OF CAVALRY

Battalion of Soldiers Burn Bridges Leading to Apostolic Palace from the Demonstrations Led by Prince Borghese.

Rome, Dec. 17.--Thousands of demonstrators friendly to the French government and of anti-Vatican tendencies gathered last night in the plaza adjoining the Farnese palace, the seat of the French embassy, in an endeavor to express their pleasure over France's action toward the church.

The whole garrison of Rome was employed to face the demonstrators and to protect the Vatican. The Vatican is surrounded by cavalry and the bridges leading to the Apostolic palace are barred by troops.

The demonstrators, led by a dozen Radical Socialists and Republican members of the Chamber of Deputies, including Prince Borghese, after vainly attempting to break the cordon obtained candles and formed into mock processions intoning the misers, as an indication of the death of clericalism, amidst cries of "Long live France," "Long live Clemenceau," and "Down with the Vatican."

Deputies Costa and De Felice tried to harangue the people, but the police interfered. The demonstration occurred near the monument to Giordano Bruno, the monk philosopher, who was burned alive, a victim of religious intolerance.

Deputy Costa finally made himself heard. He said: "Behold this monument to Bruno, let us send our applause to France for this great people continuing the traditional obstinate struggle against the moth-eaten clericalism."

Fresh attempts were then made to beat back the cordon, and the cavalry charged the demonstrators. A few of them were slightly injured and several arrested. Aloud roars and shouts and the singing of the Marseillaise for a moment continued until late in the evening.

A commission of the demonstrators was received by M. Barriere, the French ambassador, who expressed his appreciation for the sympathy of the Roman people. The government endeavored by all means to prevent the demonstration.

The stand that the government is taking is that although Italy is friendly to France, she does not wish to take sides in the dispute, especially when her relations with the church are better now than they have been since 1870.

NORWICH DEFEATS CRESCENTS.

In Rough Game of Basket Ball at Northfield.

Northfield, Dec. 17.--On Friday night Norwich university defeated the Crescents of Barre at basket ball in one of the roughest games ever seen in Armory hall. From the start the game took on the aspect of a prize fight and continued throughout the entire three 15-minute periods in which the game was played.

At times men on both teams made some very brilliant plays as basket ball players, but most of the game was a shoving match. At the end of the first two periods the Crescents were one or two points ahead and with only one minute to play the game was tied, 23 to 23.

A foul was called on Ross of the visiting team and successfully thrown by Barney, winning the game. Barre was easily the star of the home team, throwing 10 baskets from fouls out of 14 chances. Smith for the visitors was the most aggressive player.

The line up: NORWICH. Reed, Carpenter, r. f.; Clark Barney, l. f.; Smith Harbo, c.; Buchanan Ames, l. g.; Mullen. Crescents. Baskets from the floor, Barney 3, Watson 2, Harbor, Smith 6, Mullen 3, Clark; baskets from fouls, Barney 10, Ross 5, two block fouls; rebounds, Gauthier; umpire, Wilder; time, three 15-minute periods.

H. C. Moseley is confined to his home with severe cold. William Duthie was a business visitor in town on Friday. E. L. Field was in Boston last week on a short business trip.

Miss Kate Graves is working in the office of the National Memorial Co. Miss Nina Thurston is assisting in Mrs. Cheney's during the holidays. Miss Marion Kimball of Montpelier is at H. E. Reed's during the holidays.

Mrs. M. E. Yarrington, who was quite ill part of last week is very much better. Mrs. Charles Gookney and Dr. and Mrs. Hays Gookney spent Sunday with friends in Barre.

Mrs. H. W. Orser was in Barre Saturday at the house of her sister, Mrs. S. J. W. Grady. Mr. John L. Moseley returned from Barre where she has been during the last week.

Mr. Frank Plimley was able to be in his office Saturday after an illness of about ten days. Miss Maude Howes returned on Saturday from a few days' visit with her relatives in Middlesex.

HAS BROKEN ALL RECORDS

But The End of Session is Not Yet

HOUSE IS THE LAGGARD

Senate Working With a Vim--Railroad Commission Appointed Saturday--Will Come Up for Confirmation This Evening.

Montpelier, Dec. 17.--Since the adjournment of the biennial term of the Vermont legislature is set for this week, the intention was to get through on Tuesday morning, but that is probably out of the question. It is expected that the resolution relating to the final election of the upper branch, which is to be held on Saturday, will be amended so as to let the lawmakers work tomorrow and make adjournment on Wednesday morning.

At any rate, the length of the session has broken all records. The Senate came to work this morning with a vim, and at 9:40 started in on a man's workday. With hardly a break, the upper branch, vested with the bills passed, as they came from the House, the upper branch will have an executive session long enough some time today to take up the appointment of a railroad commission of three members. The appointments were made Saturday night and will not be made public until action is taken by the confirming body.

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Both branches of the assembly had their seats well filled this morning in the Senate at six being the first day of the session. Approved by the Governor. To amend the charter of the Bellows Falls village corporation and to repeal all existing acts relative thereto.

To amend No. 230 of the acts of 1904, entitled, "An act to amend the charter of the city of Vergennes," relating to its water works and the issuing of bonds. To provide for a permanent public school fund, creating a board of trustees to manage the same and directing the investment and distribution thereof.

To incorporate the Central Cemetery association of Fairfax. To incorporate the Barton Landing Cemetery association of Middlesex. To amend the charter of Swanton village, relating to its water works and the issuing of bonds.

To incorporate the village of Newfane. To amend section 21 of No. 243 of the acts of 1904, entitled, "An act to amend an act concerning Springfield village, approved December 11, 1902, and all acts of which that act is amendatory."

To grant additional powers to the prudential committee of the incorporated school district No. 2 of Brattleboro. To incorporate the Northfield Trust company at Northfield.

LIFE LOST AT BURLINGTON

Mrs. Coonrods Body Beneath Fire Ruins

FIRE DAMAGE OF \$40,000

American House Block Burned and the Hotel Guests Flee in Night Clothes--Women Rescued from the Windows.

Burlington, Dec. 17.--A fire which destroyed \$40,000 worth of property in the business section of this city and the life of one woman, Mrs. Frank Coonrod, occurred early yesterday morning. The property burned is the American house block, corner of St. Paul and Main streets, the upper stories of the blocks of W. R. McCarthy and J. L. Southwick, adjoining and the roof of the block owned by W. B. Gates.

The fire was discovered at 5:30 o'clock by Samuel Brown, night operator of the Western Union Telegraph company, who rang in the alarm. It is supposed to have originated from ashes placed in a barrel at the rear of a tenement in the American house block.

In part of the block was conducted the American house, from which 25 guests escaped, while in part of the remainder were seven tenements. The fire made rapid headway, so that upon the arrival of the fire department the rescue work was at first undertaken. Prompt service saved a large death list, for some of the women in the house were already hanging from the windows.

When the rescue work was accomplished all were safe, save Mrs. Coonrod. Benjamin Priddy, a traveling man from Ticonderoga, N. Y., who was registered at the hotel, came out in his night clothes and went to the apartment of Mrs. Coonrod and seized hold of her. She was very hysterical, and said she did not wish to go out unaided.

Coonrod endeavored to jump from the third floor to the second, when, dropping some of his clothes, he attempted to pick them up. Mrs. Coonrod released herself from his grasp and fled back up stairs. Meanwhile her husband, a train expressman, was telephoned for at the railroad station.

He was promptly at the hotel, entering from the Main street side, only to be driven back by the smoke. Mr. Coonrod then went around to the St. Paul street entrance, but after ascending two flights of stairs was driven back by the flames. He said that he and his wife had \$200 in a pocket, but all work was that his wife might have gone back to get it.

The search for Mrs. Coonrod's body was carried on without results until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when it was abandoned until today. The fire spread with great rapidity, so that in three hours the American house block was a ruin. At 7:15 o'clock a terrific explosion occurred in that part of the building occupied by the Burlington Wine & Liquor company. The shock of the explosion filled almost the entire north wall of the block and added the firemen greatly in their work as they were then able to play a stream where the flames were raging most vigorously.

The losses are as follows: J. E. Hogan, owner of the American house block, \$15,700; W. B. McCarthy, \$8,000; Burlington Wine & Liquor company, stock valued at between \$5,000 and \$7,000; J. L. Southwick, \$3,500; W. B. Gates, \$2,000; Abraham Lipman, tailor, \$1,000; Hermides Gurtin, harness maker, \$1,000.

UNDER THE GLITTER OF THE GILDED DOME.

The House refused to take the double taxation machine prescribed by Mr. Dewart of St. Albans City.

TO RELIEVE FREIGHT PRESSURE.

Central Brought into Barre Yesterday 30 Cars.

For some time past there has been a growing pressure of freight on the local branch of the Central Vermont railway. On Sunday morning there were 92 cars at Montpelier Junction waiting to be sent into the yards of Barre and Montpelier. The pressure was so great that Trainmaster Keefe came to superintend the moving of the cars. A total of about 30 cars were taken to Barre and the sidings at Montpelier were filled with cars. The present rush is largely due to the efforts of the road to get empty cars for the granite sheds.

Annual Meeting of Crandall Post, G. A. R., Held on Saturday. At the annual meeting of R. B. Crandall post, No. 56, G. A. R., held Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Post commander, A. F. DeLong, E. V. commander, G. I. Beckley, J. V. commander, G. W. Hunt; quarter master, B. P. Willey; surgeon, C. P. Jones; chaplain, A. J. Baldwin; officer of the day, Charles Sharkey; officer of the guard, E. B. Johnson; patriotic instructor, C. E. White; delegate, G. I. Beckley; alternate, Chas. Larkin.

North Montpelier. Charles Cole has been at work the past week connecting the houses for electric lights. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stanley visited at George L. Pray's Sunday. Miss Elsie Clark returned home from Burlington Saturday. She is as well as could be expected.

Wm. Nye, George L. Pray and Frank Blodsh attended the district meeting of Masons at Barre and Montpelier the past week. One of George Daniels' horses got in the pond Friday, but was gotten out safely beyond a chilling.

Small Fire at Montpelier. Guests of the Montpelier House Get a Fight. Montpelier, Dec. 17.--At 10:53 last night an alarm was rung in from box 22 for a fire in the MMontpelier Hotel. The actual damage will not exceed \$100. There was great excitement for a time, for most of the people in the hotel were either in bed or preparing to retire and the office and corridors were filled with half clad people, but there was nothing that approached a panic.

The trouble was in the same chimney that started a fire last Thursday. The fire was put out by water thrown from pails, pails and garden hose.

Old Landmark Gone. Police Gazette Building in New York Destroyed by Fire. New York, Dec. 17.--Fire today destroyed the Old Police Gazette building, one of the City landmarks. Five firemen were seriously burned by being caught in a back draught. The loss is \$100,000. On this ground stood the cottage occupied by Benjamin Franklin.

South Barre. The South Barre schools will hold their Christmas sale an entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, at Unity temple. Both music and fancy articles will be on sale, as well as cakes, pop-corn balls, cakes, sandwiches and coffee. Admission at the door 10 cents. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.