

ATTACK ON U. S. CONSUL ON ISLAND OF MALTA IS CALLED ACT OF MADMAN

Mason Mitchell of New York City Was Shot But Not Seriously Wounded at Valetta, Malta — His Assailant Escaped—Pursuit Taken Up

INDIGNATION IS AROUSED IN THE PUBLIC

Consul Mitchell Was Taken To a Physician's and Later To His Home, Where Statement Was Made He Would Be Out In a Few Days

Valetta, Malta, Dec. 12 (By the Associated Press).—Mason Mitchell of New York, the American consul on the island of Malta, was shot and wounded at noon to-day near Valetta. His assailant escaped but his pursuit was taken to a physician's treatment.

BACK BAY HOUSE ROBBED OF \$6,000

Thief First Called Up Man's Store and Found Both Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Dietch Were There. Boston, Dec. 12.—The apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Dietch on Beacon street in the Back Bay district was entered by burglars during the night and \$1,000 in cash and \$5,000 in jewelry taken, it was found to-day.

KILLED SELF AND WIFE.

John P. Hayes, Montana Rancher, the Slayer. Havre, Mont., Dec. 12.—John P. Hayes, a rancher near here, killed his wife and himself early to-day, according to a story told officers by his 15-year-old son. The deaths left six children orphans. The 15-year-old boy, the oldest died into the night with the mercury 30 degrees below zero in search of help, while the two youngest slept soundly.

BOSTON GETS MUCH GRAIN.

Four Trains of About 150 Cars Each Due Today. Boston, Dec. 12.—This port is flooded with grain for shipment overseas. Two million bushels of the commodity are available for transport. Two elevators at the Boston and Maine terminal are swelled to capacity and four trains of about 150 cars loads are due daily.

EXTRA GUARD FOR ELECTION.

When Medford Police Chief Said His Force Not Sufficient. Medford, Mass., Dec. 12.—A special force of 20 members of the state constabulary and ten state detectives were ordered here to-day for duty at the polls at the request of Kenneth Hitchins, representing the Medford Citizens' association. This step was taken by the association said its secretary, Dr. Charles W. McPherson, when it was learned that Police Chief Welch, in a signed letter, admitted an insufficient number of police to safeguard the polls in 15 precincts.

THE MONGOLIA FLOATED.

After Being Aground Off Bay Ridge Three Hours. New York, Dec. 12.—The American line passenger steamship Mongolia, which was aground off Bay Ridge last night as she was setting out for Hamburg, was floated by tugs at 12:30 a. m. She had been out about three hours. She is believed to have suffered little damage.

DEMOCRATS ATTACK SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

Claim Measure Is in Behalf of Few People—Senator Jones to Speak for Bill To-day.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The administration shipping bill was taken up yesterday by the Senate and was subjected immediately to a baptism of fire at the hands of Democratic opponents.

Chairman Jones of the commerce committee, which reported the bill on Saturday after making several changes in the House draft called up the measure.

The Democrats started their attack as soon as Chairman Jones made his first move in the legislative struggle which is expected to occupy the Senate for weeks.

Republican supporters of the bill rather expect an attempt by the Democrats to prevent the taking up of the bill, but the motion was carried without dissent upon a vote of 60 to 37.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas led off in the attack with a criticism of the administration's course in postponing House action until after the election on what he described as "unpopular" legislation, and then in bringing pressure to bear to hasten enactment of the measure.

The ship bill, Senator Robinson said, entered into the fall campaign in more than fifty congressional districts and in every case, he asserted, the candidate supporting the legislation went down to defeat.

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KELLER WINS CONTENTION

Daugherty Impeachment Charges Taken Up As He Desires

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VOTES

First Charge Alleges Appointment of "Dangerous" Men

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—After an hour and a half of wrangling, the House judiciary committee voted to-day in executive session to proceed with the hearing of impeachment charges brought against Attorney General Daugherty by Representative Keller, Republican, Minnesota, in the manner insisted by Mr. Keller.

The Minnesota representative asked that the first charge to be taken up be that alleging the appointment to office by Mr. Daugherty of men who were "untrustworthy, corrupt and dangerous" to the liberties of the people of the United States.

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The budget committee will resume its consideration of state expense schedules on Thursday, State Auditor Benjamin Gates said this morning.

The break made in a rear window of Cross' bakery last Saturday night has been traced out by the authorities and members of the firm, and no prosecution is to follow, it is understood. The break was not made with any intent of theft.

In probate court Erwin M. Harvey had been appointed administrator of the estate of Jonathan Bancroft, late of Barre. Dino Abbati has been appointed administrator of the estate of Celestino Abbati, late of Barre. Charles B. Adams has settled his final account as administrator of the estate of J. H. Bennett, late of Waterbury.

CALLS HERSELF BEATRICE CRAIG

Suspected of Being Clara Phillips, Los Angeles Jailbird

GIVES RESIDENCE AS KIRBY, WYO.

Arrest By Casper, Wyo., Police Probably a False Clue

Casper, Wyo., Dec. 12.—Belief that Casper police had succeeded in apprehending Clara Phillips, convicted slayer of Mrs. Theodor Meadows, who escaped from the Los Angeles jail, is thought to have been exploded to-day when a suspect arrested last night declared she was Beatrice Craig of Kirby, Wyo.

The woman said she had been living in Casper about three weeks. Police authorities have not definitely accepted her explanation and are continuing their investigation.

Financial support of the defense, the attorneys contend, is a husband's legal obligation, regardless of the unusual situation in the present case.

Hearing in Mrs. Ford's case was adjourned on the court docket yesterday after she elected to remain in jail rather than attempt to gain her freedom on a reduced bond.

"I am safe here, but outside I don't know what might be plotted against me," she was quoted.

After Arguments Were Presented in Birkhead Case. Oxford, Miss., Dec. 12.—Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, to-day stood cleared of the charges brought against him by Miss Frances C. Birkhead, his former stenographer, in her suit for \$100,000 damages.

A seven-word verdict, "We, the jury, find for the defendant," furnished a dramatic climax late yesterday to the seven-day trial.

Miss Birkhead alleged seduction and impairment of health as the result of an alleged operation which she declared the governor had connived at, and asked \$100,000 in each instance. The verdict was presented just 28 minutes after the conclusion of arguments. Counsel for Miss Birkhead indicated an appeal would be taken.

Together with Names of 1,000 Suspected Persons. New York, Dec. 12.—Narcotics valued at \$50,000 and the names and addresses of about 1,000 persons, said by the police to be selling agents and addicts, were seized early to-day by Deputy Police Commissioner Carleton Simon and a force of agents William Williams, in whose apartment the drugs were found, was arrested and is held for investigation.

Among the seized letters and cards, Deputy Commissioner Simons said, was one from a well known motion picture actor in Hollywood, Cal., indicating that the actor acted as a selling agent.

When Farmers Are Unable to Supply New York's Hungry. New York, Dec. 12.—An alluring picture of New York City populated by 25,000,000 hungry people—with farmers unable to supply their food requirements, and every day become a fast day—was dangled before the Middle Atlantic Fisheries' association last night by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, city health commissioner and United States senator-elect.

VT. MAN FIRST OFFICER TO SHED BLOOD IN WAR

That the first officer in the American forces to shed his blood on French soil during the World war was a Vermontian has been established by a letter recently received by adjutant general's department. The content of the letter is as follows: "Harden, Devere H., first lieutenant, 26th infantry, 1st division."

"French croix de guerre with gilt star, under order No. 249, dated Oct. 30, 1917, 9th French army corps, with the following citation: "The first officer of the American army to shed his blood on French soil for the defense of right and liberty. Wounded by a shell burst on Oct. 28, 1917, during a reconnaissance."

Residence at appointment: 44 Pitkin street, Burlington, Vt.

WHOLE-TIME CHIEF. And Five Full-paid Firemen for Brattleboro Recommended.

Brattleboro, Dec. 12.—In response to a request by the village commissioners and after an investigation of the whole situation by an inspector, Engineer John S. Caldwell of the New England Insurance exchange of Boston has just submitted to the commissioners a statement of existing conditions here as the inspector found them together with recommendations for the improvement of the fire department. These recommendations considered in their meeting last night, without taking any action thereon, and estimated that to adopt the suggestions in full would cost about \$150,000.

Among the recommendations are a fire chief to devote his whole time to the service and be appointed for an indefinite time, removable only for cause; the appointment of five full-paid men; a motor chemical and hose wagon and pump combined, a new modern fire station; improved wiring conditions; additional equipment; the placing of a definite amount of overhead wiring under ground annually; and a system of building inspection. It is recommended that the high rate of water consumption be reduced by metering but that is not a village matter as the water system is privately owned. Moreover, the water supply is abundant.

The village already has bought a site for a new fire station, and when the building is erected thereon it will be of a modern type.

It is estimated that the townspeople pay \$150,000 or more annually for fire insurance, but in only an exceptional year do the losses approach that sum, while in most years the losses are very small.

Tom Thumb Wedding Pleasured Every body. The Tom Thumb wedding at the Congregational church last Friday evening was an enjoyable occasion for those who participated, as well as those who were in the audience. The ushers were Ralph Prince and Gordon Woods and much of the success of the evening's entertainment depended upon them. Grandpa and Grandma Thumb were Everett Clair and Mona Graves; Grandpa and Grandma Midget, Cooley Greene and Lucile Perry; bachelor friends, Raymond Tracy, Carl Johnson; rejected suitor, Gelusino Sandoz; mother of bride, Patricia Grace; minister's wife, Helen Wright; Best Man, Fred Johnson; Best Girl, Berta Atkins; and John Greene were also relatives of the wedding party, and among the guests at the wedding were Leroy Bingham, Elbridge Mansfield, Harriett Dow, Frank Dow, Stanley Mansfield, Carl Clark, Milton Peabody, William Buckbee, Eureka Stearns, Emily Twombly, Francis Perry, Mary Peters, Lois Johnson, Charlotte Palmer and Elliott Walbridge.

To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, the bridal party entered the church. They were Annie Perry, bride, who wore white satin, cut with train, and a veil caught with flowers and carried a shower bouquet of real chrysanthemums—small button ones. Gleason W. Ayers was the officiating clergyman; Jarius Adams, father of the bride, who gave her away; Robert Kennedy, best man, Betty Bingham, Martha Mansfield, Eros Durong, Lucy Peabody and Josephine Smith were bridesmaids. Refreshments were served the wedding party by Thomas Scobee during the evening were "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," "Everett Clair;" "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," "Mona Graves;" "Silver Threads Among the Gold;" "Cooley Greene;" "When You Look in the Heart of a Rose;" "Barbara Kennedy;" "I Love to Live in Loveland;" "Royal and An Evening Love Song;" "An Evening of the Church was the accompanist. Miss Lena Wallace had the arrangements in charge and the director of the play was Miss Gertrude Wood of Texas, who went from here to Worcester and then goes into Pennsylvania and southern parts of the winter.

The proceeds of the evening were \$100.00, which were recently purchased for the choir.

Next Friday the Waterbury home bureau meets at the Gupit home for an all-day meeting, suggestions for Christmas gifts being the idea for the meeting. The women of the Waterbury home bureau are invited guests.

H. C. Whitehill has returned from Washington, where he was called in conference with the national Republican committee.

WORLD FAMOUS MERCHANT DEAD

John Wanamaker Died To-day at His Town Home in Philadelphia

ONCE HEADED U. S. POSTOFFICE

He Had Been Sick Since Early November With Heavy Cold

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—John Wanamaker died at his home here at 8 a. m. The world famous merchant and former post master general passed away at his town home, 2323 Walnut street. He had been confined since early in November with a heavy cold contracted at his country estate, Lyndhurst, at Jenkintown, near here. He was 84 years old.

In political life Mr. Wanamaker was prominent as an independent Republican. In 1852 he was offered the Republican nomination as congressman-at-large for the state of Pennsylvania, but declined it, and in 1886 he declined to be an independent candidate for mayor of Philadelphia. He took an active part in most of the presidential campaigns and gave a great amount of work to the Republican national executive committee, of which he was a member during the Harrison campaign. Upon the election of Harrison, Mr. Wanamaker was invited to enter the cabinet, and although there was much criticism to the effect that a merchant was unfit for a cabinet position, Mr. Wanamaker became postmaster-general and was acknowledged later by his critics to have worked many desirable reforms in the postal system. Organization, system, method and business mechanism so essential in the postoffice department were all in Mr. Wanamaker's line. He spread the last mail service and opened sea postoffices in which foreign mails are distributed and made up on the sea, and, among other things, advocated the parcels post and postal savings which were later realized, and also urged government ownership of telegraph lines.

The religious side of Mr. Wanamaker's life was one less known to the general public than any other, but one in which he was deeply interested. Very early in life he became a member of Rev. John Chamber's Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, and it is related that when Dr. Chambers appealed to his congregation for a church suitable to its needs, Mr. Wanamaker, then a boy, shouted enthusiastically: "I'll give a load of bricks from my father's brick yard. Later he gathered together a handful of boys in a shoemaker's shop and formed a Sunday school, which was the nucleus of what is to-day the Bethany Presbyterian church of Philadelphia. The Bethany Sunday school, of which Mr. Wanamaker was superintendent, has 6,000 members, and is said to be the largest Sunday school in the United States.

FUNERAL OF D. DEVECCHI. Was Held Monday Afternoon at His Late Home. The funeral of David Devocchi, who died Friday night, was held Monday at 2 o'clock at his late home. The bearers were Silvio Comelli, Bernardo Berini, Domenico Peduzzi, Albert Atkins, Napoleon Crivellaro, Domenico Peduzzi. The body was placed in the vault at Elmwood, and in the spring burial will be made in Hope cemetery.

Flowers were given as follows: Pillow, "Husband and wife, farewell," "Father," children; wreath, B. Lucchini and A. Duncan; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Berni and family; Mrs. J. Gobbi and family; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Restelli, G. Monti and daughter, seventh grade North Barre school, Cavaliers brothers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Calogini, Mr. and Mrs. S. Comelli, Mr. D. Casellini, Misses Annie and Edia Peduzzi, Mrs. P. Cattaneo and family, Mrs. L. Rossi and family, Joseph Booth, Miss Beatrice Badrow, Mrs. Nellie Sawyer, Mrs. E. Croteau, Miss Dorina Gobbi, Miss Rose Lange, Mrs. A. Brogetti, Miss Bessie Hayes, Mrs. M. Buzzi, Miss Leonida Rossi, Mrs. L. Bisson, Miss Margaret Cates, Miss Bina Manuolo, Miss Jeannie Milne, R. Calderara and family, Mrs. M. Colombo, Mr. and Mrs. L. Saporoski, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sassa, Mr. and Mrs. A. Colombo, Mr. and Mrs. Albino and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rivolta and family.

A PROMINENT BUILDER. Josiah Grossman of Lynn Died in Malden, Mass. Lynn, Mass., Dec. 12.—Josiah Grossman, builder of business blocks and apartment buildings in this city to the value of \$20,000,000, died in Malden last night while visiting friends. He was 47 years old.

Born in Russia, he came here as a boy and sold matches and writing paper to help support his mother and four brothers and sisters.

PITNEY BILL SIGNED. Authorizing Retirement from Supreme Court Bench. Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—President Harding has signed the bill authorizing the retirement of Associate Justice Pitney of the supreme court. Friends of Mr. Pitney, who has been in ill health for some time, said they expected him to tender his resignation within a few days.

DILLINGHAM 79 TO-DAY. Vermont's Senior Senator Observes Anniversary. Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—United States Senator William P. Dillingham, 79 years of age to-day. He is now serving his fourth term in the Senate.

SEEKS TO BREAK WILL

Of Rev. John J. Griffin, Which Cut Off Sister with \$500 a Year.

Brattleboro, Dec. 12.—Attorney Frank E. Barber of the firm of Barber, Barber and Miller left to-day for New York as counsel for Miss Mary Griffin of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., to take depositions in the contest of the will of Miss Griffin's brother, the late Rev. John J. Griffin, Ph. D., of Baltimore, Md., who owned Camp Namaschaug, a summer resort for Catholic boys at Spofford lake in the town of Chesterfield, across the Connecticut river from Brattleboro. The property in Chesterfield is valued at \$40,000, and Dr. Griffin probably owned as much more property elsewhere, including a valuable laboratory in the Catholic university of America at Washington.

Dr. Griffin was a noted chemist and invented a gas used in the World War. He frequently visited relatives here. He died at the home of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Nov. 16, 1921, two months after a codicil to his will was drawn and less than two years after his original will was executed. He had lived at the Sisters of Notre Dame several years.

Up to that time he had been friendly with his sister, but afterward he developed a coldness toward her, although she helped him through school and loaned him money, and she did not see him until three weeks before his death, when he sent for her, after having a shock.

Dr. Griffin willed his sister \$500 annually, giving the rest of his property to the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Catholic University of America, for specific purposes. Miss Griffin alleges that he was incompetent when the will and codicil were made and that he was unduly influenced. But for the will she would be his sole heir.

DRAW GRAND JURY. To Consider Fatal Shooting of Ernest W. White. Bennington, Dec. 12.—A special grand jury was drawn yesterday afternoon at Bennington county court house for the purpose of investigating the alleged fatal shooting of Ernest W. White, World War veteran, by John Fitzgerald. The jurors, 18 in number, were notified to appear here Wednesday forenoon.

Attorney General Frank C. Archibald returned here from Manchester yesterday afternoon to assume preparation for the investigation. It is indicated, as seems probable, Fitzgerald's trial will not take place until after the holiday recess of Bennington county court. Judge Wilson, who is presiding at the present term, has two civil cases set here for February and it is not unlikely that the Fitzgerald trial will be held then.

It is understood that James K. Batselder has been retained as counsel for Fitzgerald.

CAPITAL STOCK \$200,000. For Vermont Shade Roller Co. of Two Places. The Vermont Shade Roller company of Vergennes and Burlington has filed with the secretary of state an amendment to its articles of association to read as follows: "We, the subscribers, hereby associate ourselves together as a corporation under the laws of the state of Vermont, to be known by the name of the Vermont Shade Roller company, for the purpose of manufacturing shade rolls and slats and doing a general manufacturing business in the county of Addison and at Burlington in the county of Chittenden in said state and at such other places as the convenience of the business of said company may require, with a capital stock of \$200,000, divided into 4,000 shares of \$50 par value each."

The stock of the John Griffin store on North Main street, which has been closed since the death of the proprietor is being transferred to the Oscar Smith store on North Main street to be disposed of.

Ernest Rizzi of Berlin street, an employe at Jones brothers, entered the City hospital this morning to receive treatment for an injury to his left hand, which was caused when his hand became caught in an emery wheel.

A bowling team, going under the name of the LaFrance Altars, has been organized in this city and has issued a challenge to any five-man bowling team in the state for return games. The team is composed of young men well-known locally and any teams wishing to take up their challenge may communicate with the manager at 145 North Main street.

At a meeting of the officers and directors of the Barre Outing club last evening it was decided that an appropriation of \$25 be made for the immediate erecting of a skating rink on Lincoln campus. The committee to take charge of making the rink are Earl Smith, Guy Bishop and Arthur Boyes.

NEW TRANSFER IN DARK ZONE

Six Men Purchase F. A. Walker's Half Interest In Six Acres

EXCELLENT IS UNVERRED

Land Lies East of Several Quarries Ready Developed

Norman J. Pratt, Allan McPherson, James A. Wood and William McKie of Williamstown and Samuel M. McCreadie and George Sutor of Granvilleville have purchased of F. A. Walker of Montpelier his half-interest in six acres of land just beyond Foxville, lying east of the highway and bounded on the west by land of the Boutwell, Milne & Varnum Co. on the north by land of Jones Bros. Co. and on the south by land of the Wetmore & Morse Co.

This property has been in the process of development since early spring and an excellent dark granite stock has been uncovered. The same parties have also purchased of Mr. Pratt 60 acres of pasture on land directly across the road from the six-acre piece.

REAFFIRMS STAND FOR "AMERICAN PLAN" Boutwell, Milne & Varnum Co. Issues Statement Following the Visit of Samuel Squibb.

Since the recent visit to Barre of Samuel Squibb of New York, a member of the executive council, G. C. I. A., all kinds of rumors have been afloat about conditions in the granite industry, none of which have any basis in fact, except that Mr. Squibb was in Barre and called on some of the quarry owners and several of the granite manufacturers.

To set at rest some of these unfounded rumors, the Boutwell, Milne and Varnum company has sent out the following notice, reaffirming its position as to the operation of its quarries: "Owing to many different rumors that are current, we desire to announce our position.

"After careful consideration we decided to operate our quarries on the American plan.

"We have done so since April first and, finding this very satisfactory, and seeing no reason to change, we shall continue on the American plan regardless of who may sign a union agreement.

"We consider that every manufacturer who has opened his plant on the American plan is entitled to the support of the quarry owners, retail dealers and the public.

"Boutwell, Milne & Varnum Co., by James M. Boutwell, president."

ACCUSED OF SLAYING HIS STENOGRAPHER. Thomas Pollard of Richmond, Va., Placed Under \$10,000 Bonds. Richmond, Va., Dec. 12.—Thomas Pollard, real estate man of this city, was released on \$10,000 bail last night on a charge of killing his stenographer, Mrs. Thelma Richardson, who, according to police, was shot at least earlier in the day while talking with Pollard and J. M. West of this city, in front of Pollard's home. West is being held under \$500 bond on a charge of being an accessory to the killing.

The police were unable to advance any motive for the killing.