INTERESTING NEW YORK STATE PARAGRAPHS

A naval recruiting station has been opened in Olean.

North Tonawanda reports 49 births and 37 deaths during January.

Clifton Springs youths are organizing a company for military drills.

Olean's police force is to have his salary increase from $75 to $90 a month.

Kelly & Comstock, Gloversville glove manufacturers, are preparing to open a branch factory at Clyde.

Jamestown residents have contributed over $200 to the Jewish relief fund. It will be forwarded this week.

Olean is facing a water famine. Residents have been advised to use economy in drawing upon a depleted reservoir.

A correspondent from The Rapids, a Niagara county settlement of less than 100 residents, reports 11 vacant houses.

Thirty locomotives, to cost approximately $1,800,000, have been ordered by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad.

Medina is to have a trained public health nurse. Miss Jennie E. Arthur of Glens Falls has been secured for the position.

Lily Dale residents report a coal famine. They are buying fuel in 100-pound sacks and glad to get it in that quantity.

With $25,000 capital, the Lyndonville Canning company has been incorporated to establish a plant in the town of Yates.

Governor Charles S. Whitman has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker at the Niagara County Pioneer's picnic Aug. 15 next.

Paper has become so scarce that Randolph school children have been directed to write on both sides of the sheet and leave small margins.

At a special election Mt. Morris voters declared in favor of naming their trustees at the first election in March under the general village law.

News dealers and newsboys in New York have been forbidden by the police to cry the headlines of publications. They may shout the paper only.

Harry D. Saunders of Buffalo has been named chief counsel of the state excise department to succeed J. Shadeg Frost of Albany. The salary is $5,000.

Fifty Ransomville residents have guaranteed the sale of $1,500 worth of tickets, thus assuring the second annual Chautauqua week there next summer.

A. O. Bunnel of Dansville will be tendered a reception by Dansville Odd Fellows the last of March, on the 50th anniversary of his initiation in the lodge.

John A. Dix, one-time governor, before a referee in bankruptcy, admitted that he obtained through the New York Central an advance of $212,000 on a tie contract.

Fire causing an estimated loss of at least half a million dollars, broke out in the heart of the business section of Herkimer village. Several blocks and stores were destroyed.

After being closed 26 months the plant of the Tonawanda Iron & Steel company, which has been leased by the Donner Steel company of Buffalo, has been placed in operation.

Since the death last week of Miss Jane McNair, Alfred J. Moss has become the oldest living resident of Mt. Morris. He is nearly 96 years old. Mr. Moss is reported to be seriously ill.

At a meeting of the Livingston county board of supervisors at Geneseo, a resolution was passed recommending the John F. White farm in Leicester for the county tuberculosis hospital site.

Officials of the Atlas Crucible Steel company of Dunkirk communicated to the war and navy departments an offer of their plant to be put to any use the government sees fit in the event of war.

The award of a solid bronze medal to Miss M. E. Laverty of Avon, for her display of pickled and brandied fruits at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International exposition, has been announced.

Fire Chief Miers of Dunkirk has complained to the city authorities that some of the prison-made goods bought from the state prison commission was use in fire halls is not satisfactory.

Granville, Washington county, was visited by a distrous fire wrich destroyed the Central house, a large hotel, and the dry goods store of George McDonald & Son, with a total loss of about $55,000.

George W. Perkins of New York has agreed to become head of the proposed state department of food and markets, it was learned in Albany. Governor Whitman some time ago offered the place to Mr. Perkins, who was interested in the preparation of a bill designed to form such a department. It was said Mr. Perkins had offered to serve without salary.

Olof Sandquist, aged 37, a stage driver between Jamestown and Sugar Grove, Pa., was found dead in his sleigh in a snowdrift where his team had become stalled. He was a victim of heart disease.

President William A. Morgan of the Buffalo Copper & Brass Rolling Mill, Buffalo, the largest of its kind in the country, offered President Wilson its entire works at the government's own figure in case of war.

January was a banner month for the lumber trade in North Tonawanda. Dealers state that never before to their knowledge has such a volume of business been transacted in a single month at the local market.

Birth control literature would be exempted from the penal law provisions prohibiting the circulation of certain classes of publications under the terms of a bill introduced in the legislature by Assemblyman Greenberg.

The assembly, under Governor Whitman's emergency message, passed the Sage bill, appropriating $1,000,000 for National Guard purposes. Two votes were cast in the negative. Shiplacoff and Whitehorn, the Brooklyn Socialists.

Batavia's board of trade has been asked by the Curtiss Aeroplane company to find houses and boarding places for additional employes at the company's plant at Hammondsport, where accommodations cannot be found for them.

The executive committee of the Orleans County Farm Bureau association has accepted an offer by the Albion chamber of commerce to furnish and equip an office in Albion as headquarters of the newly organized farm bureau.

Samuel J. Kearns, superintendent of the Rochester division of the New York Central, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on March 1. He will take the vice presidency of the reorganized F. B. Rae Oil company of Rochester.

The carpenters of Hornell are going to ask for an increase in pay amounting to five cents an hour. The men now receive 45 cents an hour and are going to ask for 50. Last winter the rate was increased from 40 to 50 cents.

A committee of Corning lodge of Elks has under consideration the advisability of the purchase by the lodge for $10,000 of the J. B. Maltby residence property at First and Walnut streets as a site for the Elks club permanent home.

The possibility of a state federation of farm bureaus in the various counties of the state will be one of the principal topics of discussion at the 10th annual farmers' week at the State College of Agriculture at Cornell university this week.

The Utica-Syracuse division of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad has been awarded the banner first prize, by the New York Central railroad safety first committee for having no employe killed or injured during the past year.

The New York State Retail Feed Dealers' association in Binghamton, which was attacked by the Wicks investigating committee of the legislature, voted to dissolve and adjourned its state convention suddenly without carrying out the program announced.

An interview with several wholesale cheese dealers in Cuba revealed the fact that cheese prices will continue to advance substantially if war is declared between the United States and Germany. There have been periodic increases since the outbreak of the European war.

Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson of Herkimer has introduced a bill providing that all cats not wearing a license tag may be killed. The license tag will cost 85 cents. The conservation commission favors the measure on the theory that cats destroys songbirds and other insect destroyers.

Jamestown taxpayers are to vote on a proposition to purchase land and establish a municipal cemetery at a special election to be held soon. Jamestown has a cemetery now sufficient in size, it is said, to provide burial plches for the next 50 years. The plot of land under consideration would cost $17,000.

At a meeting of the Allegany County Publisher's association, held at Wellsville, these officers were elected: President, Frank A. Crum of Alfred; vice president, Frank A. Herrick of Bolivar, and secretary treasurer, Elmer E. Conrath of Cuba. The chief topic at this meeting was the high cost of paper.

Chief of Police Charles E. Brooks of Waverly committed suicide by shooting himself through the temple with a bullet from a .38-caliber revolver. He was 68 years old and had carried the weapon during 38 years of service. He had been ill for about a year and was one of the best-known police officers in the state.

The state grange, in session at Oneonta, adopted a resolution advocating a "rational" system of physical training in public schools, but opposing any attempt to compel rural districts to employ special teachers for the work. The resolution recommended that the regular teachers be required to qualify themselves to do this work and that the state give them every assistance to that end.

Assemblyman Alexander Taylor has introduced a bill inserting in the general municipal law a new section providing for local option elections in cities, villages and towns on the question of playing baseball between 2:30 p. m. and 6 p. m. on Sundays. The petition for such an election must be signed by five per cent of the votes cast for the mayor, village president or town supervisor at the preceding election.

A bill to appropriate $500,000 for the establishment of four troops of state constabulary was introduced by Senator Mills. It was referred to the finance committee. A similar measure failed of passage last year after a bitter fight.

On account of the early winter the pheasants in vicinity of Ontario have become almost as tame as barnyard fowl. There is a big increase in the number of young birds this season over that of last year and the majority are hens.

An advance of 75 cents per barrel in the price of ale and 25 cents per barrel in beer is announced by the Rochester breweries in a letter sent to all saloons and hotels. The new scale of prices is as follows: Ale, $7.000; beer, $7.50.

Governor Whitman has named G. H. Bond of Syracuse as a special deputy attorney general to act in the case of Charles Stielow convicted of murder, which is to be reopened in the supreme court before Justice Dudley in Orleans county.

A Farmers' Produce league has been organized in the southern part of the town of Cohocton, similar to the one in the northern part of the town, for the purpose of obtaining more equitable prices for produce grown for a Cohocton canning company.

Many potatoes have been shipped in Batavia and vicinity by farmers who have been holding them for top-notch prices. In the past few weeks one produce firm has taken in 4,000 bushels and have loaded and sent six cars to New York and New Jersey.

The typhoid epidemic at the Gowanda State hospital has been checked, according to report by Dr. Edward Clark of Buffalo, sanitary inspector for Erie and other Western New York counties, made to the state health department, after a visit to the institution.

It has been reported that a number of wolves have been seen near Le Roy. For some time past wolves have been causing considerable havoc in the counties of Ontario and Livingston, destroying live stock belonging to the farmers of those two counties.

Edgar D. Hollenbeck of Albany has been engaged as supervisor of physical training in the 39 rural schools of the First supervisory district of Seneca county, of which W. S. Wilson of Ovid is superintendent. Drills and exercises will be held at stated periods throughout the district.

Contractor Frederick Young of Syracuse, who has supervised the building of the large plants of the Garlock Packing company of Palmyra in the past, has been authorized by the company to proceed with the building of three additional structures at an estimated cost of $350,000.

On and after March 1, 1917, all passenger trains of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railway will arrive at and depart from the Lackawanna Terminal at the foot of Main street, Buffalo. This move follows the completion of the Lackawanna's station, which was opened for service on Feb. 1.

A bill providing for a new institution for the care of feeble-minded in Western New York was introduced in the legislature. It would appropriate $10,000 for building the home at a location in the Eighth judicial district to be decided upon by the state commission on sites, grounds and buildings.

A large dividend for a co-operative creamery with a moderate sized territory to draw from was declared by the Parishville creamery. The board of directors voted to pay 10 per cent. The organization is operated on the co-operative plan by farmers in that vicinity. It pays Farmers' League prices for milk.

A butcher shop in which horse meat is sold exclusively has been opened in New York with the sanction of the board of health. A sign over the shop reads: "Horse flesh for sale here." Round and sirloin steaks are quoted at 12 cents a pound, while inferior cuts sell as low as six cents a pound. Horse meat frankfurters retail as 10 cents a dozen.

Announcement was made in Dunkirk that two orders for a total of 44 engines have just been placed with the Brooks plant. They are for late summer delivery. The Southern Pacific is to have 24 oil-burning freight locomotives of the Santa Fe type, while 20 superheated freight engines of the Mikado type are to be built for the Northern Pacific.

Justice Charles H. Brown has refused to grant a certificate of reasonable doubt to John Edward Teiper, convicted of murder in the second degree for killing his mother, Mrs. Agnes M. Teiper. An appeal will be taken, but Justice Brown's decision means that Teiper must be taken to Auburn forthwith to begin serving his sentence of 20 years to life.

The Empire Powder Corporation, which is about to erect a large factory, two miles northeast of Le Roy, has purchased a 70-acre tract of land adjoining the company's property. The new plant will be started this spring and bids have already been received for the construction work. The company, besides other things, will manufacture high explosives.

Potatoes in Hornell have reached the unprecedented price of $2.40 a bushel and grocers have arrived at the point where they are selling them by the half peck lots. The grocers are able to buy only small quantities, sometimes a bushel at a time. Never before, since the Civil war, have the prices been so high and even at that it is practically impossible to get the tubers

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A Lady In Waiting

And an Unexpected, but Happy Result

By VIRGINIA BLAIR

Inez, having disposed of her sables in a corner of the dark settee, took off her gloves and, leaning her elbows on the table, surveyed the tea room.

"Girls," she said suddenly, "will you look?"

Her three companions turned their exquisitely coiffured heads with a jerk.

"Of all things!" they ejaculated, and their amazed eyes met.

"It is Charlotte!", they exclaimed in a second breath.

As if some echo of their words had reached the waitress at a table across the room, she turned and, with perfectly immovable face, gazed on them, but deep down in her eyes was a sparkle of mischievous recognition.

Presently she came to take their order.

"Charlotte Stetson," Inez began, but the waitress leaned over on pretense of brushing away the crumbs. "Hush!" she warned. "Nobody knows me. This is supposed to be a dark disguise." And she was away before they could answer her.

She brought the soup and chops and salad and sweets, and they, too interested to eat, watched the perfection of her service as she filled glasses, carried trays, placed doilies, made out the check and pocketed triumphantly the tip which Inez maliciously left on the mahogany.

"Where in the world did she learn to do it?" Inez demanded as the door of the tea room closed behind them and they made their way to their motor.

"Charlotte always could do things," Margaret said. "But why—why is she doing it—waiting on tables in a tea room?"

"Perhaps she has lost her money," Mazie Wight suggested.

"Lost nothing," Inez said elegantly. "Why, she can't lose it. Dad told us only the other night that nobody made such safe investments as her father had done."

"Then why?" Mary Lennox demanded, and they shook their heads and gave it up.

But the next day they were back again in the tea room at 1 o'clock.

"Charlotte, you've got to tell us!" Inez said to the expert waitress. "Why are you doing such a thing?"

Charlotte planted the menu card in front of her friend. "I can recommend the stuffed crabs, madam," she said in a mincing tone.

Away she went, to come back presently with flaming cheeks. "Inez, Inez," she breathed, "Reginald Barrett is just coming in. If he asks you about me, tell him I have lost all of my money and am earning my living this way."

"Ah-ha!" Inez said melodramatically. "Now I know what you are up to." Then, as a dapper little man with an upturned blond mustache stood in the doorway, she whispered, "I'll help you out!"

Reginald came over at once.

"Can you make room for five at your table?" he asked Inez. His eyes fell on the trim waitress. He gasped. "Why—why"— And as Charlotte whisked herself away he turned to Inez. "How much that girl looked like Charlotte Stetson!"

"It is Charlotte." Inez's tone was lugubrious. "Poor thing!"

"Why?" Reginald demanded. "Why 'poor thing?'"

"She has lost everything and has to work."

"Oh, but it can't be!" Reginald's tone was dismayed. "I had understood that her money was absolutely safe." He stopped. "I—er—of course it is very sad."

Charlotte, coming back with the crabs, received an illuminating look from Inez.

"Can I serve you?" she asked Reginald demurely, and he stammered: "Oh, yes! I'm sincerely sorry to find you—here—Miss Stetson."

"Please don't talk about it." Charlotte's eyes were clouded, and her tone of distress seemed so genuine that Inez stared.

The girls delayed long over the lunch, and Reginald delayed with them, uncomfortably watching Charlotte as she deftly made the tables ready for afternoon tea.

The room was almost deserted, except for the five, when through the doorway came a big, broad shouldered figure. Charlotte, who was bringing in finger bowls, saw him first, and her tray dropped with a crash. Her face was white as she bent to pick up the little brass bowls. Her dress was wet. Her crisp apron was bedraggled.

As the big man sprang to assist her she fled from the room. And then the big man walked over to Inez and demanded, "What was Charlotte doing in that dress?"

"Oh, Dick!" Inez stretched out her hand in welcome. "Dick Wentworth, when did you get back from Arizona?"

"Yesterday," he told her tersely, "but I want to know what Charlotte is waiting in a tea room for."

Inez glanced at the girls, at Reginald, and then brought out bravely, "She is earning her living."

She expected an expression of sympathy, of condolence, but instead the big man's face was radiant. "Charlotte poor!" he exclaimed. "Oh, where is she?"

"I will find her," Inez promised, "and take her home with me." And she went in search of Charlotte, whom she discovered, red cheeked and wet eyed, in a little room adjoining.

"Oh, Inez," she gasped when she saw her friends, "what does Dick Wentworth think of me?"

"Think!" Inez told her. "Why, he looked radiant when I said that you were poor."

On Charlotte's face dawned an expression of bliss that puzzled Inez.

"What has come over you, Charlotte?" she demanded. "You look as if life suddenly were one sweet song."

"Well," Charlotte blushed as she told it, "it begins to look as if the little plot of my making had been carried beyond my expectations."

"We can't talk about it here," Inez said. "Get your things on and come to my home, and we will talk it over."

When they reached the front door they found the three girls and Reginald and Dick waiting for them. Reginald refused to go with them in the motor.

"I am starting on a long journey," he explained stiffly to Charlotte. "I should have told you before, but my plans have been made hurriedly."

"Bon voyage," Charlotte wished him lightly, but as he went down the street she shrugged her shoulders. "Goodby, little man," she said and laughed and waved her hand to his retreating figure.

Once in Inez's luxuriant home Dick demanded five minutes alone with Charlotte, and when he had her to himself he said: "I love you. You know it, Charlotte."

"How should I know it?" she asked. "You have never told me."

"How could I tell you," he demanded fiercely, "when you were rich and I was poor?"

"What difference would that make," Charlotte asked softly, "if you loved me?"

"A man has his pride," Dick stated.

"And a woman her love," Charlotte whispered. "Oh, Dick, Dick, don't ever let money come between us!"

"It can't now," said Dick securely, "for you haven't any."

And then Charlotte, with her head up, confessed: "I am not poor. I simply tried my little plot to get rid of Reginald Barrett. I knew his motives were mercenary, but mother wanted me to marry him. So while he was in New York for a few days I planned my descent into poverty. I suppose it was silly."

She stopped, then went on softly: "And—and I didn't dream that you were in town—that you would know. That is where my little plot carried beyond my expectations."

"And now that you are rich I must go away"— Dick began, but Charlotte interrupted him with a little cry, "And leave me to be always a lady in waiting?"

"I don't understand."

"I shall always be waiting for your love, Dick." Her mouth and eyes pleaded together.

And then he surrendered. "Anyhow, my old mine is beginning to make good," he stated later, "so I am not quite a beggar."

"You are rich," Charlotte told him as she laid her flushed cheek against his coat—"you are rich because I love you, Dicky, dear."

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