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WILL BE CHARGED WITH MURDER

Victim of Assassin's Knife, Henry F. Alvord, Succumbs at Bradford, After Two Week's Fight for Life

The News takes the following record of the stabbing of Henry F. Alvord, a former Andover man, from the Bradford Star-Record, of Dec. 12th.

Henry F. Alvord of No. 10 York Street, a well known oil well driller, died this morning at the Bradford hospital at 6:45 o'clock, the victim of Joe Terwilliger of the "Bungalo," who stabbed him in the abdomen on Sunday afternoon, November 27. Terwilliger was charged with felonious assault with intent to kill and was scheduled for trial at the present term.

Alvord's death the district attorney of criminal court, but previous to had decided to continue the case to await the results of Alvord's illness.

After learning of the death of the victim of the stabbing affray, District Attorney Potter stated to a Star-Record representative this morning that he would change the charge against Terwilliger to that of murder, some time this week.

The stabbing took place in the "Bungalo," where Terwilliger had rooms and where several men seemed to be gathered for the afternoon. From what could be learned by the police it is the supposition that Terwilliger was chasing Henry Grassi, one of the men present, with whom he was having a row, when the fatal stabbing took place. It seems that Alvord stepped from a bath room directly into the path of the pursuer of Grassi and therefore received the thrust of the butcher knife, which was intended for Grassi.

Alvord told County Detective Allison at the hospital a few days after the affray, that the knife was implanted in his (Alvord's) abdomen when he came out of the bath room. He was not prepared, naturally, for any such onslaught, and had he been could he doubt have protected himself to some extent against the pursuer of Grassi. He said the knife blade was in no deep in his vital that Terwilliger had to brace one hand against Alvord's body in order to pull out the knife with the other.

Terwilliger, the prisoner, has claimed right along that he could not remember just what started the fracas which ended in the deadly assault on Alvord, and was too drunk to know what transpired. He did say, however, at the local police station: "If it had not been for Grassi all of this would not have happened," stating that his row was with Grassi and not with the man who has been lying at death's door for two weeks.

The stabbing was performed with an old butcher knife which perforated the intestines of Alvord. An operation was necessary and this was in the hands of Drs. Hogan and Patton, who found it necessary to remove several inches of intestines. Alvord has had every attention known to medical skill and for a time it looked as if he might effect a recovery, but such was not the case. It is understood that Alvord has felt from the first that he could not recover from his wound.


Mr. Alvord had been employed as a driller by L. S. Greer, contractor, of the Gilmore, and was highly thought of by the all men of this section who greatly regret the extremely tragic affair which has brought to an untimely close the life of their friend. Deceased was a man of big stature and respected by many friends and his family have the sympathy of many in their sorrow.

Deceased was born Dec. 31, 1880 at Independence, N. Y. He is survived by a wife, Maude M. Alvord, and five children, three by the present wife, a daughter, Virginia, and two sons, George and Glenn of this city, and two children by a former wife, Thelma and Kenneth Alvord, of Andover, N. Y., also by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Alvord, of And-

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Oh, please excuse my back because I'm curious to see what's printed in this paper on the other side.

From me
J.C.W.



HARRY YOUNG

Harry, the fifteen-year-old son of Archie Youngmans, died at the home on Greenwood Street, last Friday morning.

The young man has been a sufferer from sugar diabetes for the past two years. Everything possible was done for him to cure the malady, and at times it was that his physicians might get the better of the disease. It was not to be. He was taken suddenly ill the first of last week with the result noted above.

Harry Lee Youngmans was born at Gaines, Pa., May 20, 1906. His father moved to Andover when he was eight months old, and they have made this village their home since.

Besides his father, Archie L. Youngmans, he is survived by one sister, Carmon May. His mother died seven years ago.

Harry Youngmans attended the Baptist Sunday School and Church.

Funeral services were held at the home on Greenwood Street, Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. H. Smith officiating. The flower girls were Sara Jeanette Bettinger, Louise Folsing, Gertrude Beebe and Olive Chase, school mates. The body was laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery by the following pallbearers: Carl Hann, Richard Harder, Charles Gleason, Harry Joyce, Ronald Gibbs and Dewitt Conley, also classmates in school.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many good friends and neighbors who gave kindly assistance and words of sympathy to us during the time of our sorrow the undersigned extends their great thankfulness and deep gratitude.

ARCHIE YOUNGMAN and FAMILY,
W. A. YOUNGMAN and FAMILY.

MASONIC OFFICERS

At the regular annual meeting of Andover Lodge No. 553 F. & A. M. the following officers were elected for the year 1922:

W. W. Pingree, W. M.
Ray E. Boyd, S. W.
Robert Brundage, J. W.
H. D. Smith, Secretary
H. S. Brundage, Treasurer
G. B. Proper, Trustee 3 years.

Notices have been issued summoning the members of Andover Lodge to the regular meeting Jan. 2nd, to vote upon a proposition of purchasing a Masonic temple.

CARD OF THANKS

The undersigned wish to express their deep feeling of gratitude and thankfulness to all the kind neighbors and friends for their deeds of kindness and words of sympathy at the time of our recent bereavement in the loss of our son and brother, Rev. Father John L. Lynch.

We are especially grateful to Rev. Father Tracy and to those furnishing automobiles at the funeral.

M. T. LYNCH and FAMILY

over, N. Y., and one sister, Mrs. Olive Warfield, of this city.

The body was taken to Louis E. Cook's mortuary chapel and prepared for burial.

Terwilliger, who is about to be charged with murder, is a man of medium size, with a quantity of dark hair and beetling brows. He has not figured before in any serious episode but has been arrested several times by the local police for being drunk.

Terwilliger, who was locked up in the city lockup following the stabbing affray, was arraigned Wednesday afternoon, November 30, before Alderman Foley. Information was made against him by County Detective Allison, who charged him with felonious assault with intent to kill and murder. Terwilliger was committed to the county jail to await trial at the present term of court and was escorted to the county jail by the county detective directly after the hearing was over.

Coroner Hefferer will conduct an inquest over the body of Henry Alvord at Cook's undertaking rooms tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the place to be decided upon later. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery.

The funeral was held at the home, No. 10, York Street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. H. Irvine Lynds officiating. Miss Winnie Patch sang two solos, "Abide With Me," and "Lead Kindly Light."

Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, the pall bearers being F. S. Greer, F. Severling, J. Coffman, C. Swanson and Raymond Case. Those present from away were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Heath of Smithport, L. Powers of Independence, N. Y.; Thelma and Kenneth Alvord, Mrs. Edith Brundage, Andover, N. Y.; Earl Forsythe, Washburn, N. Y.; Mr. G. W. Alvord, Andover, N. Y.; F. E. Heath, Jr., Tread-

CHRISTMAS

A THOUGHT

One day in each year we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Three hundred and sixty-four days in the year we are prone to forget His teachings, sidestep His warnings and ignore His pleadings.

It is the way of the world today.

Tomorrow it may be different, but tomorrow is always yet to come.

CHRISTMAS

A WISH

May the life of the Prince of Peace be an inspiration to you in the year that is about to be born.

May the joys of happiness and the blessings of peace rest upon you, abide with you, enrich and glorify you in the years that are to come.

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Uncle Sam Asked to Find

"Santa Claus, Heaven, N. Y."

A lad has asked the government to locate a dear friend of his, missing for almost a year. The government of the United States which has airplanes, steamships, telegraph lines, wireless and agents in every port of the world finds itself powerless to do the bidding of the little boy. He has simply asked the government to find his friend, Santa Claus.

On a little strip of paper torn from a school note-book, the little boy, in his best handwriting and most careful spelling, has poured out his heart to the great friend of little children. This he enclosed in an envelope which he asks the post office to deliver. The address on the envelope reads:

Santa Claus
Heaven, N. Y.

On the face of the letter there are now two rubber-stamp imprints, evidently the answer of the post office department to the request of the little boy. The first one reads "Fictitious" and the second "No Such Address in State Named."

Rubber stamps are, notoriously, lacking in humor and imagination. They have no heart and they have never been little boys who feel the stirring of the Yuletide season and look upon Santa as real as George Washington whom they have never seen but whose picture is in the school history.

In spite of what the rubber stamps say the little boy knows. Not yet grown cynical with too much of what goes for wisdom he does not doubt the existence of the bearded patron saint of Christmas. He knows that he is up in his Northland home, greasing the runners of his sled, feeding the reindeers and polishing the silver bells on the harness. He is a great big man with a great white beard, the little boy will tell you, always dressed in a great big fur coat and big black boots. He is old, very old, but he loves little children.

Soon he will set out on his journey with toys of all description for the good little boys and girls of all the world.

On Christmas eve, when all the world is quiet, if the little boy will listen hard enough, he is sure that he will be able to hear the merry tinkle of his sleigh bells in the frosty night followed by the descent down the chimney to the place where the stockings are hung, each one of them a silent prayer to Santa. And while all the house is asleep he will fill the empty stockings with good things.

That is why the little boy has written him just as other little boys and girls have done, each with a faith that will shake the tired cynicism of their elders. In hand-made envelopes and with Christmas seals, documents, stamps are telling Santa what they

"Dear Santa Claus," a little boy has written, "I would like a 2-wheeler with a light in back and one in front, and an electric train with a switch and some games and a little fire engine and a hook and ladder and team of horses and an elephant and some stone blocks and some painting books and anything else you think I deserve."

"You are so kind; I love you so," another little boy writes. "Please bring me a knife, tools and a glove." There are sketches of each article in the letter.

"I want a sled for Christmas to ride Susie in and please bring me a set to clean my finger nails with and a box of handkerchiefs and a box of candy, also a pair of long mittens blue or gray and a new hat and a coat for Susie and a box like you put in my stocking on Christmas. I guess you call it a travelling set, and a new dress to speak for a Christmas in church," little Bernice writes, closing her letter with 40 odd kisses for old Santa.

In addition to the usual requests by boys for sleds, skates, blocks, tools, trains, and by girls for dolls, doll's houses, kitchen sets, new dresses, Santa's mail at the post office includes some strange requests.

"Little Girl Wants Bible," one little girl writes. Of course she also asks for a nice doll in a nice white dress and a telephone, electric train and a big Christmas tree for her brother Phil.

There are also two requests for "mew cats," a golf suit for daddy and a cage of animal crackers.

A total of 65 letters to Santa Claus have been received at the Buffalo post office up until this morning, Charles L. Sauer, secretary to the postmaster, to whom the letters are turned over, said to-day. There will be between 100 and 200 by Christmas, he said. Kindhearted persons, who want to take the place of Santa, can have these letters he said. Sometimes charitable institutions investigate them and give toys to the children.

But one little boy is hopeful that in spite of the rubber stamps, a way will still be found to have his letter reach Santa. When he wakes up Christmas morning with an anxious heart and goes over to the spot where his stocking is hung he is sure that his good friend will not disappoint him.

But if the stocking on Christmas morning is as empty as it was on the eve preceding, he will be a very sad and disillusioned little boy, one of those who has grown old and cynical before his time and who, shaking his fist at Fate, shouts "There ain't no Santa Claus."

DRY GOODS PRICES 3 1/4 PER CENT LOWER

Mail Order Business Takes a Drop, While Regular Stores Record Substantial Increase in Trade

(Press Bulletin from National Retail Dry Goods Association.)

Analysis of retail trade in the United States for the close of the year, made by the National Retail Dry Goods Association, demonstrates that reductions in the prices of merchandise have led to a cessation of anything remotely resembling a "buyers' strike." Actual sales volume of fall merchandise in pieces of merchandise appears greater than was the sales volume recorded for the fall of 1920. The increase has been due to the obvious and universal lowering of prices.

As early as August 15th of this year, statistics collated for the entire country by the U. S. Department of Labor on ten standard articles of dry goods showed a retail reduction below the level of August 15, 1920 of 3 1/4 per cent.

While the money value of net sales the country over was lower by 6.7 per cent in October, 1921 than it was in October, 1920, the percentage of decline has been substantially less than was the percentage of decline in the average price of goods during 1921, indicating that the actual volume of merchandise moving at retail is greater than it was in 1920. The average sale at retail, apart from holiday goods, has amounted in money this fall of \$3.13 as against \$3.63 for the fall of 1920, a decline of 14 per cent. This figure of 14 per cent decline, represents in large measure the economy in money outlay practiced by the public in obtaining a considerable increase in volume of merchandise consumption.

Sectional Conditions: New England, large sales volume in holiday goods with moderate trade in staple merchandise, being 27 per cent greater than last fall; New York, volume of merchandise moved is from 20 to 25 per cent in excess of fall trade in 1920, with very large holiday trade; Middle West, holiday trade strong with reasonable merchandise moving slowly, the best showing being made in Chicago, Cincinnati, Minneapolis and Kansas City; the South, all merchandise slow moving, but with Baltimore showing marked activity; the Far West, large sales volume amounting to 22 per cent above the sales volume recorded for the fall of 1920.

Chain stores show substantial gains. Up to November 1, while the United Cigar Stores and S. H. Kress alike went back 1.5 per cent from their last year's record for the period, the Woolworth Company increased its sales 3.8 per cent; S. H. Kress 8.5 per cent; J. C. Penney, 12.4 per cent, and the Schulte Cigar Stores 20.1 per cent.

The mail order houses have not been similarly favored by the buying public. Many have undergone serious reverses. Several of the smaller houses have discontinued business, while others have been forced into consolidations. From January 1 to December 1 of this year, the Sears, Roebuck sales decreased 24.4 per cent or 31.64 per cent as compared with the eleven-month period of 1920, while the Montgomery Ward sales were 33.01 per cent below November, the two houses together lost \$19,498,022 in sales as compared with their sales of \$79,000,000 in 1920. Their sales volume compared, up to December 1 of this year, was \$108,267,210 below that of the January-December period of 1920.

These losses have been attributed to the farmer's decreased purchasing

MRS. JAMES O'LEARY

Josephine Coakley O'Leary was born in New York City, August 4th, 1863, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coakley. She came to Andover in childhood having been a resident of this place for nearly fifty years.

August 6th, 1902 she was united in marriage with James A. O'Leary and had since resided in their pleasant home on Dyke Street, where her death occurred at mid-day, Thursday, December 15th, 1921, following an illness of four weeks duration with pneumonia and complications.

Mrs. O'Leary's death was learned with universal sorrow in the village and vicinity where she has always been held in the highest esteem. A tender sympathy and helpful deeds to those in affliction have endeared her to a large circle of friends which was graciously expressed by a young neighbor with the words "Dyke Street has lost her mother." Every worthy enterprise or appeal met a ready response in her loyal support, and of her means. She was a devout member of Blessed Sacrament Church and also held membership in the Altar Society and American Insurance Union.

Of her immediate family she is survived by her husband, James A. O'Leary and two step-daughters, Misses Mary and Anna O'Leary, who have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. C. Tracy, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Saturday morning, December 17th, and interment made in St. John's Cemetery.

The out of town people in attendance at the funeral were:

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Shelley, of Brooklyn; Miss Anna O'Leary and Wm. Jacka, of Dunkirk; Anthony Dean and daughter Mary, Mrs. Jos. Sauter, Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, Miss Mary Cunningham and Mrs. John Mc-Cormick, of Hornell; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy O'Leary, Mr. Cornelius O'Leary, Miss Anna Keough, Mrs. E. Healy, Mr. and Mrs. John Keough and daughter Edna, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Connors, Mrs. Michael Dean, Mr. Jerome Dean, Mr. Timothy Egan, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Baker and daughter Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cronan, of Wellville; Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Coyne, Mrs. John Coyne and daughter, Mary, of Selo.

CARD OF THANKS

In this most public manner the undersigned extends their most heartfelt gratitude to all the kind friends and neighbors who proffered assistance and ministered to us and our loved one during her illness and burial. Words are feeble agencies of expression in times like this, and cannot convey our deep appreciation for the kindly deeds and words of sympathy.

JAMES A. O'LEARY,
MARY O'LEARY,
ANNA O'LEARY.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Next week's issue will be the Review of the year number of the News. All should obtain a copy and file it away for future reference.

power by reason of price declines in farm products. But retail merchants in rural districts are generally reported as enjoying an increase in sales volume equal to that of retailers in the large cities. The favorable showing of the rural retailers is attributable to a variety of causes which are to buy at the reduced prices. Among these causes are included new marketing methods, extensive advertising, fresh stocks of merchandise on sale at very narrow profit margins and the appeal which the fresh merchandise makes where the goods are seen when bought.

Christmas Candies

AND Mixed Nuts GET OUR PRICES

MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS

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