

## ASKS NEW TRIER FOLK AID FLOOD SUFFERERS

### Col. Waefelaer of Glencoe Makes Plea for Warm Clothing for Vermont Unfortunates

Col. Louis Waefelaer of 263 Green-bay road, Glencoe, has just received pictures sent to him by his cousin, C. C. Graves, of Waterbury, Vt., showing conditions existing in that flood-stricken city and surrounding country. Accompanying the pictures were newspaper articles describing the greatest calamity in the history of that state, which cost scores of lives and loss of property amounting into the millions of dollars.

"Picture a village about the size of Kenilworth," Colonel Waefelaer says, "engulfed in a torrent of water reaching above the second stories of practically all the houses in the town."

"The so-called Winooski river is ordinarily the size of the drainage canal at Wilmette, and as placid, but after twenty-eight hours of continued rainfall it rose to a mighty cataract, carrying all before it."

#### Airplanes Big Aid

Twenty-eight persons were drowned in Waterbury, and two weeks after the waters subsided the roads to cities only thirty miles away were still impassible, while it will be months before the railways are again in operation. Mail and express are handled by airplanes.

Entire hillsides were swept away, as in the case of what was known as Big Slip hill, through which the floods tore a gap 1,500 feet long and nearly 300 feet deep. In addition to the miles of railroads and right-of-way which were destroyed, some of which beyond ever being replaced, a total of 658 bridges were destroyed.

Across the street from Mr. Graves' home lived a man who worked indefatigably to help others until he realized that he must look after his own family. By great effort he finally reached his own home, soon after which the water reached the second story of his house. Houses above his place were crashing, so he constructed a raft of doors, placed his wife and three children on it, but before he could himself get on, it was carried

away by the raging waters, overturned by an obstruction and he saw his whole family drowned before his eyes, without his being able to save them. He sought refuge in a tree from which he was rescued twelve hours later.

#### Red Cross on Hand

"The village is under martial law," Colonel Waefelaer says, "soldiers of the Regular army being on guard, while the Red Cross is feeding the inhabitants and taking care of them. All the people in the village are thrifty, industrious Americans, who bear their burdens without letting others know the greatness of their need."

"The ground is already covered with snow in Vermont and freezing weather has set in."

Colonel Waefelaer says that any warm woolen clothing for children or adults sent to his home, 263 Green Bay road, Glencoe, will be forwarded by him to Waterbury and distributed by the Red Cross. Toys for children will also be acceptable he says, at this time, as their Christmas will otherwise be dismal, indeed.

### Let Contracts to Hasten Crawford Bridge Project

Continuing efforts to expedite construction of the Crawford avenue bridge, President T. J. Crowe of the Sanitary district, Chairman Michael Rosenberg of the finance committee, and other members of the drainage board, have awarded the contract for fabrication of the steel and erection of the superstructure, at the same time receiving bids covering an additional portion of the bridge work.

The contract for the steel fabrication and superstructure, calling for \$427,000, went to the Ketler-Elliott company, while the other bids received pertain to the caisson work for the viaducts which will connect the bridge proper to Crawford avenue on both sides of the drainage canal.

Miss Margaret Tufts and Miss Katherine Tufts, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Q. Tufts, are going to Lawrence college today to attend a dance as the guests of Miss Pauline Beckwith of Chetek, Wis.

### Bundle Up Kiddies and Let 'em Romp in Snow

"The snowy season has arrived, with prospects of three to five inches of snow on the ground and more predicted," says Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, Chicago commissioner of health. "That is good, not bad health news. Snow-storms may tie up traffic, but they help to untie the health problem. With a little care and thought, snow-time is easily made into health-time. When the snow is on the ground, and houses are overheated, dry and stuffy, the children are anxious to get outdoors and play. Keep them warm and comfortably dressed, keep their feet dry with overshoes and send them out to enjoy the exhilarating influence of the cold, fresh air. There is not much sunshine at this season of the year, but all of us should get outdoors for the maximum time to receive the benefit of what little there is."

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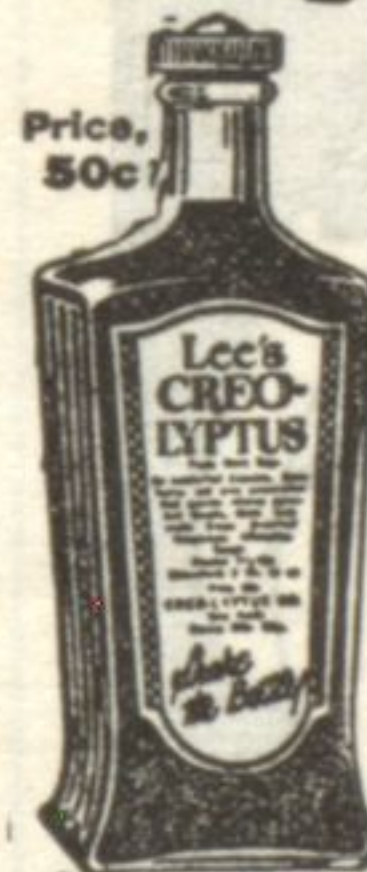
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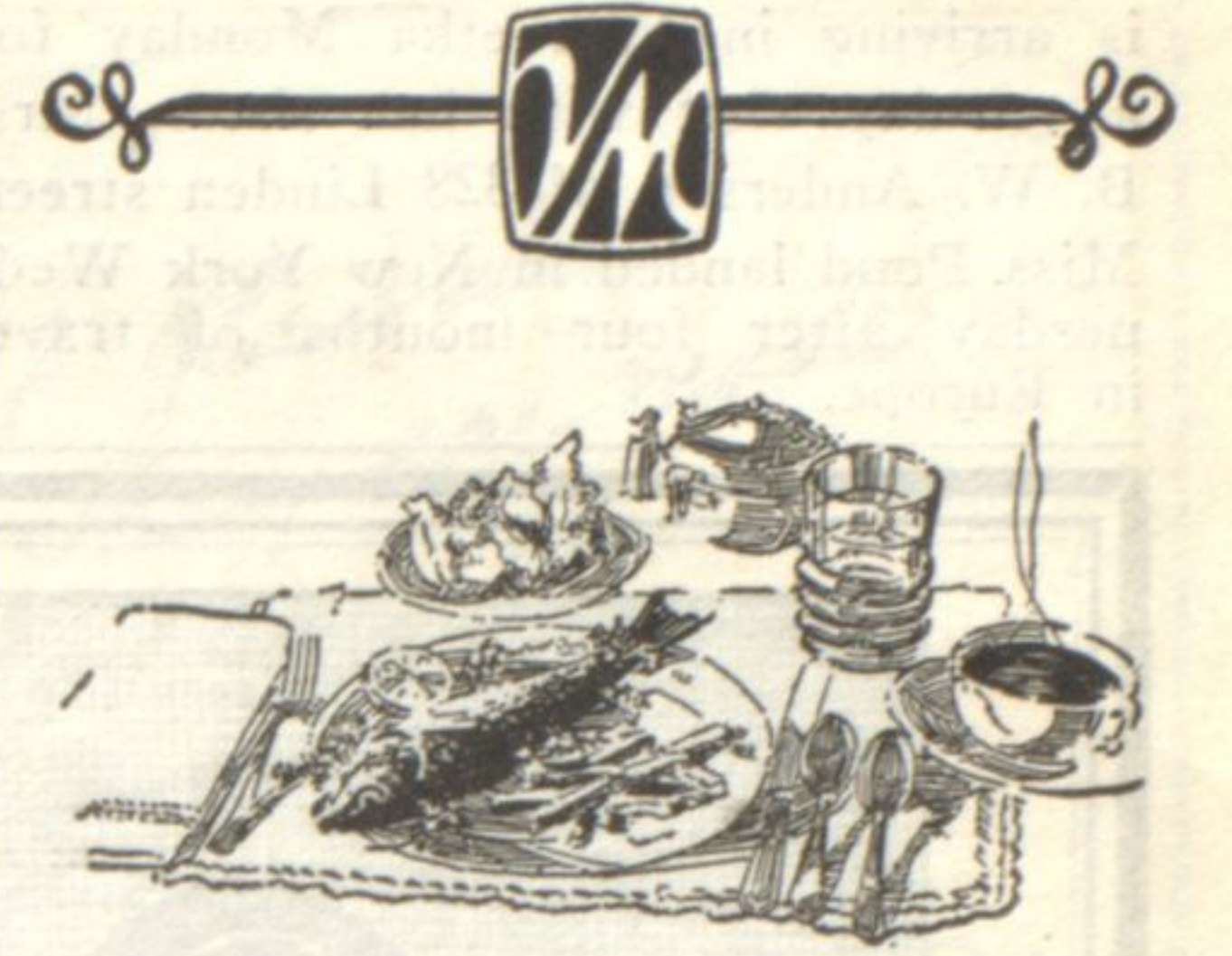
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