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ELIMINATE INDIFFERENCE.

The selectmen and the town clerk, the board designated for the making of voters, hold their meeting in town hall Saturday for the purpose of passing upon the qualification of those who have been placed upon the list of to-be-made voters.

Such indifference is not found in the to-be-made voters for it prevails to a disgraceful extent among the electorate, and it is undoubtedly true that the degree to which it exists there is due to the apathy which prevails when it comes to being made a voter.

ANTHONY COMSTOCK.

By the death of Anthony Comstock, a crusader for nearly half a century against vice and indecency, there passes a man who has devoted his life to the uplift of mankind.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Free trade has failed in England, but no more so than it has in this country.

Europe needs no such illumination as would come from a clash in the Balkan hotbed.

History is repeating itself. Great Britain has returned to the idea of putting a tax on tea.

The only objection to this cool weather is that it too clearly indicates what is on the schedule.

Staggering under the load of war debts many a European country can appreciate the task of Atlas.

None will miss Anthony Comstock more than those who have learned to guard against his opposition.

This is the season of the year when the tallenders begin to realize that the baseball pennant is a forlorn hope.

The fact that the lemon crop is to be doubted this year will not increase the prospects of the political candidate.

From his obstructed letter Dr. Dumba admits that President Wilson had a little more power in this country than he did.

The man on the corner says: What one says to a friend doesn't amount to much until he gets a chance to tell it to someone else.

If Carranza gets the recognition which he is looking for, it would be just like him to follow it up with a demand for a war loan.

Possibly Grand Duke Nicholas will get some satisfaction out of his change from the fact that he can get ahead instead of backward.

The material which Archibald obtained for a lecture was of a different character than he anticipated, but nothing more than he should have expected.

The announcement that Holland is to have a larger navy may be for the purpose of forestalling the visit of Col. Bryan and his peace at any price lecture.

The determination to send more troops to the border doesn't indicate that Washington believes the Mexicans are going to take their new president pleasantly.

THE DRIVE INTO SERVA.

The announcement that the Austro-German forces have commenced the drive through Servia for the purpose of opening up a road to Constantinople and the relief of the Turks indicates that the Central Powers are again carrying out their policy of going deliberately about what needs to be done without spending much time talking about it.

Turkey, which is under German military control, has been suffering from a lack of war munitions. The transportation of such supplies has been denied by Rumania and while Bulgaria has given indications that it would permit the passage of such goods it is necessary to open the line from the Austrian border through Servia to Bulgaria before such can be accomplished. This apparently means that Germany feels confident

of about where Bulgaria stands and that that country has been promised the coveted sections of Servia for whatever part it takes in aiding the drive. Just how much opposition can be expected from Rumania is uncertain but the call to the colors of the Bulgarian army indicates that it will be used to offset whatever part Rumania undertakes to play with the possibility that it will force it to remain out of the conflict. Greece has an understanding where it will aid Servia in case of attack but with the German sympathy there it is a question how seriously that will be respected.

Each Balkan state is made up of fighters and if they are involved in the war there will be no other fighting ground in the war area.

UNITED STATES SLOW.

Coming back from one of his tours of South America Dr. L. S. Rowe, secretary general of the Pan American Financial congress brings back the information that the people of South America think that the American manufacturers and exporters are slow in taking advantage of the opportunities which exist on that continent for trade expansion.

This is perhaps not so surprising in view of the indifference which has been manifested towards the development of trade relations with the markets of South America have been opened up to the American trader in a manner which never existed before there has been no great rush to take advantage of them. It has been pointed out that there is need of more direct and rapid communication between the ports of the two continents, there is need of establishing better financial relations and an absence of co-operation which would facilitate the overcoming of existing difficulties, and yet there appears to be little progress made in any effort to surmount such problems.

This country is much interested in European demands just at the present time but appears to ignore the fact that it is the European condition which furnishes such opportunities in South America. Unless advantage is taken of them when they exist they will prove but temporary and disappear when the war is over and trade returns to its former channels. The time is ripe now for bettering our South American relations and the time to strike is when the iron is hot, when South America needs relief and is most likely to be impressed by American goods.

ROCKEFELLER'S VISIT.

In all probability the visit of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the coal fields of the southwest and a pick in a mine will not cover a very long period of time. He will do about enough to furnish something to talk about and give him a rough idea of the conditions which exist in that locality but it cannot be expected that he will get thoroughly in touch with the miners' position in a few days' time.

The visit to Colorado, however, will give him first hand information in many respects which he did not possess before. He will be able to see how the business is conducted, how the men work and the conditions under which they and their families live. He is taking the opportunity to see with his own eyes instead of depending upon reports and somebody's say so and he is doing what he promised he would do some months ago when trouble was at the height in the coal fields. As the result of his inspection he should be in a better position to judge whether the miners are being treated properly as partners, the term under which they have been referred to. Where sole dependence has been placed upon a manager's statement in the past he will have personal knowledge in the future.

Luxury mingled, worked and eaten with the men whom he employs and ascertained that their wants and hopes are like those of other people it may be that the miners will get more consideration. That, however, rests with the future, but he has never missed the initial step which might be expected to lead to it.

STOP SURPRISING MISS BELINDA

Miss Belinda and her brother were sitting in quiet content upon Hilltop porch overlooking the moonlit lake when the peace of the evening was suddenly broken by the raucous screeching of automobile horns on the driveway behind the house.

"Mercy, what a bedlam!" exclaimed Miss Belinda. "It sounds as if the motor cars on the countryside had entered our place."

"I rather think they have," remarked Ben, who had strolled to the corner of the porch, "and moreover there's a hayrack full of people and several braggies."

"Good gracious, what do you think is?" began Miss Belinda, but before she could finish her question all the people in the neighborhood, it seemed to her, were streaming around the house and on to the porch, crying with rather feeble rapture, "Surprise! Miss Belinda! Surprise on you! Birthday surprise!"

"Why, why how lovely of you to remember my birthday," Miss Belinda managed to gasp as the group around her began shaking her hand violently.

"We could remember it all right," said an elderly farmer, "for there's a lot of us left yet in these parts who haven't forgotten the little Sheridan pony team your father gave you the day you was 10, and that's-let's see how many years ago to-day was that, Miss?"

"Oh, Mr. Billings, you mustn't ask Miss Belinda that," interrupted a sprightly widow from the village. "She don't look one day older than she did ten or twelve years ago. I only hope I'll hold my age as well as you do, dear Miss Belinda."

"Thank you," said the recipient of this compliment, looking up with pleasant smile into the face of the widow whose youth was many years behind her own.

"All these summers in our sunshine have kept the roses blooming in your cheeks, my dear. Gallant old Capt. Bellwick touched Miss Belinda's hand lightly with his lips. "It means a great deal to us that you and Ben come back to the old place here every year."

STORIES OF THE WAR

Hospital Train Contributed. The contribution of the German Museum of Munich, one of Germany's most prominent scientific institutions, to the cause of the war, is a hospital train which is declared to surpass in efficiency, excellence and luxury any other train now in use.

The outbreak of the war all but put a stop to the activities of the Museum. It checked the construction of its new building; it cut off the intercourse with foreign countries that had long been a feature of the institution, and generally it has taken away a large part of its personnel.

The equipment of a train, it was decided, would afford the best chance to apply the scientific attainments of the institution in a practical way. The result is a train of 23 cars, with a capacity of 200 wounded soldiers and officers, and about 25 physicians, clergymen, nurses and attendants.

The train now is attached to the army of the Crown Prince of Bavaria, Rupprecht, head of the 6th army in France. It regularly carries three physicians, three administrative officials, two clergymen, three female nurses, 22 assistant nurses and attendants, four firemen and machinists, two cooks, four soldiers and three railroad employes, a total of 46.

The operation car consists of five divisions, in the middle and largest of which the operation table stands. Every known facility for the operating room has been included. There is a Roentgen ray room, a plethora of the latest instruments, anaesthetics, materials of all kinds and powerful electric lights, with reflectors. The car also contains a disinfecting room, sterilization quarters and an apothecary department.

Patriotic Burglar. A patriotic burglar who broke into the house of a government official in Paris a few days ago found a notwithstanding the recent report that citizens turn all their gold coins into the public treasury, this official had \$400 in gold in his safe. The burglar took the money and left the following note addressed to his victim:

"Sir: I write to you as an indignant patriot. How dare you keep one hundred 20 franc pieces in your possession when the country has need of all its gold?"

"I have helped you to your duty by taking the money myself to the Bank of France. Naturally I have kept the notes given me in exchange as a reward for my trouble. Yours truly, "A PATRIOTIC BURGLAR."

THE WAR A YEAR AGO TODAY

Sept. 23, 1914. Germans bombarded Verdun. Allies advanced left wing near Lagny.

Russians took Wislok. Cossacks raided Czestochowa, Russian cruiser Boyar sank German cruiser and two torpedo boats.

British aviators dropped bombs on Zeppelin plant at Düsseldorf.

Forty Get Desolation. Forty prominent figures in the present war ranging from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria to the commander of a German submarine, had

been up to August 1 decorated with the order pour le merite, the highest military service medal within the gift of the emperor.

The order is now 175 years old, but it has only been since 1810 that it has been given to military men.

The names of those who have garnered the pour le merite in the present war are almost without exception known all over the world now, though many of them, probably the majority, had never been heard of before the present conflict began.

Emperor Francis Joseph, General von Emmich, General Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Zuehl, Lieutenant General von Krasov, General Ludendorff, Captain Otto Weddigen, Colonel General von Woyrsch, General Field Marshal von Mackensen, Lieutenant General von Morgen, General von Mudrt, General von Falkenberg, General Otto von Gielow, Lieutenant General von der Marwitz, Colonel General von Elnem, General Dietrich, General Field Marshal Buelow, Colonel General von Kluck, Archduke Frederick of Austria, General Conrad von Koettig, General von Strasser, General von Seeck, General von Linsingen, General von Francois, Auehdueke of Saxony-Altenburg, General von Plettenberg, General von Kroschel, Captain Kerstin, Major General von Zieten, General von Bothmer, General von Gerok, General von Stolzmann, General von Gallwitz and General von Clauer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mutual Liberty vs. Personal. Mr. Editor:—In the Bulletin of August 25 I saw an article entitled Personal Liberty, signed T. M. Gilmore. I would like to ask what is personal liberty. He, she or it? Is he the guy that looks at you and says, "I'm trying to get a job or is he a god and therefore spirit? We are told that a serpent beguiled Eve. Was it a snake or was it the serpentine coil known to distillers as the worm, the spirit from which has beguiled so many? Personal liberty (called by another name) resigned from Adam's house to Eve in the garden and in Europe and Mexico at present and has showed his hand in Georgia. Contrast this liberty where the principle actor can spare a million of his friends and lives for personal glory, with the liberty wherewith Christ makes free. He humbled himself and became obedient even to death, gave himself as a ransom for many. If we make Him our King we all share alike in liberty and glory—joint heirs with Him. He said to him that overcometh will I grant the privilege to sit with Me on My throne. God made man a son and set life and death before him. Adam's disobedience chose obedience and was resurrected.

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from death became the first fruits of their that sleep. We can all be reinstated to manhood by obedience to reason. America has used reason enough to keep us from going to hell entirely. Why not use a little more and have life more abundantly? God placed man the son of God over all the works of his hands, the animal part included, but the great majority have traded this bright light for a mess of pottage. Self gets the mastery and manhood dies. And who knoweth the spirit of man which goeth upward of the spirit of the beast that goeth downward.

J. L. ENO. Mansfield Center, Conn., Sept. 14, 1915.

A-bell vs Bigelow. Mr. Editor:—Norwich feels greatly relieved since it has heard from Mr. A-bell. Mr. A-bell owes much to Norwich for his advance in life and it is pleasant to think we cannot forget him and he cannot forget us.

Of course the Cathedral of Rheims and other churches in Belgium, France and England have never been made targets of the burning of Lorraine was an accident, Belgium was never a neutral country and the 50,000 homeless parentless Belgian children in Holland never deserved home or parents and sympathy for them is wasteful.

Mr. Bigelow's statement agreed with the verified reports and Mr. A-bell do not. Norwich knows Mr. A-bell and Mr. Bigelow and it can take its choice.

Mr. A-bell knows it is pleasant to fiddle for the kaiser than to be a bugler for the Uhlans. May he get his reward. NORWICH BOY. Norwich, Sept. 23, 1915.

THE WAR PRIMER

By National Geographic Society

"Ani is a remarkable ruined Armenian city in the heart of the Caucasus battlefield," begins a statement issued today by the National Geographic Society. "Its thick, crumbling walls and the ragged foundations of its ancient buildings, mayhap, have served, since the outbreak of the great war, as defenses for the Russian or Turkish soldiers in the Caucasus, the country that has well and fairly earned the name of the land of fire and sword. An is the Armenian Pompeii."

The ruins lie in a rolling, parched upland country, almost deserted. They are near the Alexandropol-Erivan railway, a little more than 30 miles south of Alexandropol, some 35 miles from the Russo-Ottoman boundary. There is a steep hill to the south and east of the storied capital of the old Armenian kingdom, and through a tortuous gorge beside the dead city flows the Arpa Chai, a wild, bright-green river. This is the site of the last great city of a free Armenian people.

Ani was once a famous, splendid capital, the city with the 1001 churches, whose influence extended throughout the Caucasus and as far as England, in the west. All that remain of its population are a few Armenian monks, the director of excavations and the pleasant host to stray antiquarians and other tourists to the cause of the way, and a few Armenian peasants. Before the war, this population lived in peaceful isolation among the memorials of their nation's former greatness.

"A visitor's book was kept by the monk, and its early entries reach back many years. The home of the monk, headquarters and guest-house of the dead city, was a one-story, stone structure, near the cathedral, and the names of those who have garnered the pour le merite in the present war are almost without exception known all over the world now, though many of them, probably the majority, had never been heard of before the present conflict began. Many were not even known in Germany. Here is the list:

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It contained one large, bare, and rather dirty room devoted to the accommodation of occasional guests. Its four beds constituted it a bedroom; its benches made it into a dining-room.

The ancient capital was built upon a promontory, out by the Arpa Chai and a small tributary stream. Across the third side, its founders had cut a ditch, making their city-floor a raised platform, which gave it great advantages for defense in the days before cannon could hurl their destruction from the neighboring heights. And was a strong fortress in its heyday, and its powerful walls, with their many towers, are still standing, strung across the plain. The walls have largely decayed, however, through the centuries in which the city has lain quiet and unpeopled.

"Back of the walls, in uneven, incoherent distribution, lie the remains of churches, palaces and public places, without number, some just the heavy groundwork, suggesting the old-time structure, while other buildings survive in high, ragged masonry. The cathedral stands unbroken, a solitary, weather-torn edifice, a red and brown growth out of the red and brown plain.

The history of the later years of the Armenian kingdom is bound up in the history of Ani. The strongest city became the capital of the Bagradid kings of Armenia in 661. The Byzantium emperor captured it in 1045, and it was then a hive of many scores of thousands, a wealthy city and an inviting one. The Seljuk Turks carried fire and sword throughout its confines 15 years later, the warlike Georgians took it five times between 1125 and 1209; the Mongols over-ran it in 1289, and an earthquake

Advertisement for Davis Theatre featuring Charlie Chaplin in 'Ambition' and other comedies.

Advertisement for Today Auditorium featuring Rita Jolivet in 'The Unafraid' and Theda Bara in 'The Clemenceau Case'.

Advertisement for Colonial Theatre featuring 'Dora' and other biograph films.

Other View Points. The Federal league challenge to the winner of the world's series will probably not be accepted.

Just why a spy should be treated so differently from other soldiers is a mystery. He undertakes a mission far more hazardous than that of the ordinary man in the ranks, yet the latter is made prisoner and the former, if caught, is executed.

On the theory that every little helps the friends of law and order will be gratified to learn that an avowed anarchist was not allowed by the authorities of Waterbury to make a speech in that city.

Switzerland has made it unlawful to manufacture, store or sell artificial wine or artificial cider.

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