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War Getting Serious.

That the American people have not fully realized the seriousness of the European war must be evident to all. The submarine warfare is becoming a serious menace to England, France and America.

The man power of France is reported nearly exhausted while German has about two and one-half million men under arms, at least a million and a half of whom are fighting the French and English and the remainder are along the eastern and southern fronts.

Meanwhile we have no large army and but few of the vast number of light draft ships necessary to carry provisions to the English and French have been contracted for.

The navy is more fortunate and has its ranks filled but it is probable the limit of men will soon be raised and the country called upon to furnish more for the different branches of the naval service.

These conditions must awaken a realization of immediate and serious action by Americans. We must not bury our first million of men in France. We must arouse ourselves and give the service that will end the war before this vast number of men has been sacrificed.

A Vermont Crisis.

The state of Vermont is facing a serious crisis in the production of milk and milk products owing to the extreme high cost and shortage of grain feeds.

The man sitting at a desk naturally says the farmers should raise more grain. They should supply their own feed and get good money for it in the milk or butter they are selling.

In this particular section the change of hours in St. Johnsbury industries has a serious effect on farm help. Men working on the farm say they are going where they can quit work at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and have the rest of the day to loaf.

So it will be seen the farmers of Vermont are facing the most serious condition of the past half century. More grain is absolutely necessary to keep up the production of the dairies and to produce pork.

grain. Something must be done. We would like to see an idea we have had for many years tried out. Get a gang of men under a competent foreman, let them live together at some central place and work by the day on the different farms in the neighborhood.

We do not have our eye on a gang of men that can be secured but believe it would be possible for the farmers to get them the same as the mill men and manufacturers get them. They will cost more than they would a few years ago but what they produce will be worth much more than it was then.

Keeping Up Prosperity.

"Keep business going is a patriotic slogan. Keep money in circulation. Keep employment for everybody. Keep wages good. Keep on making money that we may have money to spend for war sacrifices."

St. Johnsbury certainly can furnish employment for everybody who wants work. We know where several good farm hands could have immediate employment. If there were 50 men available it is probable they could be placed on farms within 24 hours at war time wages.

The war department has called for volunteers to serve in officers' training camps to train for commissions as officers to serve with the troops to be raised subsequently in the respective districts.

It must have been noticed that a very good quality of young men is called for, men who have been to the expense of thoroughly educating themselves and who have proven their ability to handle men well.

The government will furnish transportation to the camp, subsistence during training, rifle, ammunition, haversack, mess and cooking outfit, cot, bedding and blanket, but the volunteer is obliged to furnish his own uniform in advance.

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summer discount. Congress can, if it will, stop the speculative storing and withholding of coal and, make this necessity of life reasonable to the consumer.

Maxmillan Harden, the German "enfant terrible," has spoken again and his message has got out to the world. He urges an interior house-cleaning for his country and the establishment of democratic conditions therein, which he claims is the only sure basis for future peace.

Thirty-six boys and girls in Windham county have already received a pig and begun raising pork. The bankers expect to be able to supply forty more pigs to applicants in that county and that is all they can secure.

The announcement that a destroyer of U-boats has been invented by an American is welcome news to all the world outside of Germany. It is not reasonable to expect the details can be given at this time and it is possible the machine is not fully perfected.

The Burlington Daily News reports that it has an agricultural correspondent who claims the deer make such inroads on his crops "that much of his land, where the soil is perfectly good, is rendered practically worthless."

Road work in Vermont will suffer this year on account of the shortage of help. State Highway Commissioner Bates did a patriotic thing when he issued a proclamation that there should be no construction work or resurfacing of highways begun before the first of June so the men might be employed by the farmers in putting in the crops.

Ex-Pres. W. H. Taft has made an appeal to the alumni of Yale "to reduce or entirely eliminate the drinking of liquor at class reunions" in June of this year, "with a view of influencing public opinion in favor of prohibition during the war."

We wish there was a law under which the men who made the bomb plot against the J. P. Morgan office could be taken out and shot. True, they did not carry out their scheme but they had murder in their hearts and such dangerous characters should be put out of existence in the quickest possible way.

The New York cabarets, restaurants and cafes are closed now at 1 o'clock in the morning, and will continue to do so during the war. In this way Mayor Mitchell has asked the splendid sports of the Metropolis to "do their bit" toward decency.

Manual labor has reached such a high value that the compensation offered by the government for soldiers is very small. These men must be more than manual laborers, they must be managers, and it would seem only reasonable that they receive compensation for the service they give to their country.

Don't forget during this stress for food crops to encourage the growth of a tree or plant that will for more than a generation add to the attraction of your home.

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(C. E. Hazelton, Correspondent)

The W. C. T. U. will give another silver medal contest for the benefit of the Red Cross in the town hall the evening of May 15th. The following is the list of contestants, Marjorie Clark, Harriet Elliott, Laura Dow, Edwin Robinson, George Amundson and Bernice Forest.

Ellene Hazelton is visiting her friend, Marion Gardner in Lebanon, N. H., this week. Mrs. Ned Somers spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Robert Parker. Nellie McCracken of Lyndonville is visiting in Barnet.

Mrs. T. P. Robie and Vianna Lackie were St. Johnsbury visitors Thursday. Nellie McConrack returned home from a business visit after spending a few days with friends in town.

Mrs. Käte Kinney has returned from Newbury where she has been visiting. James Gilliland, Saturday, Alexander Gilchrist and Edward A. H. Johnson attended a May ball at East Ryegate Friday.

Mrs. Charles Pettis and son, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Rosa Shanty, have returned to their home in Littleton, N. H.

Mrs. Nancy Wallace is visiting at Mrs. Ellen Johnson's. Harry John and wife are working for H. E. Pike. Henry Byron and wife of Pattenville were recent guests of her mother.

James Allen, who was called to Peacham last week by the serious illness of his mother, has returned and resumed his school work Monday.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

Past Master's Night at Green Mountain Grange—Locals.

Past Master's night was observed by Green Mountain Grange, No. 1, last Saturday evening. There was a large attendance and at the program which followed the hall was well filled.

Other speakers of the evening were Worthy Master, W. J. Henderson, Fred Houghton, Mrs. Fred Houghton, E. M. Massey, P. P. Prescott, Mrs. Nellie Whitney.

Miss Esther Colby of Manchester, N. H., who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Jennie Forsythe, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Eliza Allen and Stella Allen are visiting at Freeman Allen's in Danville. Miss Lillias Huntley spent Saturday as the guest of Mrs. Lucy Jackson at St. Johnsbury.

At the regular C. E. meeting last Sunday evening the following officers were elected for three months: President Howard Goss; Vice President Walter Hall; Secretary Gertrude McLaughlin; treasurer, Will Stevenson; Correspondent Secretary and organist Kathleen Chaffee; Librarian Arthur Chaffee.

Mrs. E. F. Ayer, Correspondent. Mothers' Day will be observed at the church next Sunday. Miss Goldie Swasey was home from Lyndon over Sunday.

Miss Esther Colby of Manchester, N. H., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Forsythe.

2 IN 1 SHOE POLISHES. A "2 in 1 Shoe Polish" is made for every use. For Black Shoes, "2 in 1 Black" (paste) and "2 in 1 Black Combination" (paste and liquid); for White Shoes, "2 in 1 White Cake" (cake) and "2 in 1 White Liquid" (liquid); for Tan Shoes, "2 in 1 Tan" (paste) and "2 in 1 Tan Combination" (paste and liquid). 10c Black-White-Tan 10c F. F. DALLEY CO. of New York, Inc. Buffalo, N. Y. QUICK-HANDY-LASTING

WEST LUNENBURG. (Mrs. W. H. Carpenter, Cor.) Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dodge have been pending a few days in the place calling on old friends before going to western New Hampshire for the summer.

EAST ST. JOHNSBURY (Mrs. G. W. Dodge, Correspondent.) Mrs. H. M. Knapp is visiting relatives in Woodsville.

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