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TWO CENTS.

FRENCH TAKE OFFENSIVE

Drive Germans Out of Positions and Capture Large Number of Prisoners

RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE JOINED FRENCH

Plot for Causing a Revolution in India Uncovered—Settlement Has Been Reached in the English Cabinet Crisis.

The French again have taken the offensive in the Verdun battle and launched attacks against the German lines on the right bank of the Meuse. Paris declares the aggressive movement was successful, resulting in the capture of portions of German trenches and in the taking of several hundred prisoners.

This operation on the part of Gen. Petain's forces follows closely a German move in a new field in the struggle for the fortress. This took the form of a drive on the extreme right flank of the French forces in this sector, three successive attacks being delivered at Les Eparges, about 15 miles southeast of Verdun on the edge of the Woerwe plain.

Military observers have long expected some such operations on the part of Germany as part of the squeezing movement intended to force the evacuation of the fortress. The new attempt was unsuccessful however, Paris has reported, the Germans having been driven by counter attack out of 200 yards of trenches they had succeeded in occupying.

According to a London despatch the British coalition government has been given a new lease of life, a settlement having been reached in the cabinet crisis over the question of conscription.

As the result of seizure of German and Austrian subjects aboard the mail liner China last February, while bound from Shanghai for the United States, the intelligence department of the British government claims to have uncovered a plot of immense ramifications conducted with the purpose of causing a revolution in India.

The American headquarters of the plotters is said to be on the Pacific coast. At least one ship is known to have sailed from San Francisco with a German crew and Indian conspirators and arms on board. The headquarters of the plot in the Orient was at Shanghai and when the gun-running and other machine agents were uncovered, according to the British authorities, the plotters set sail for Manila aboard the China. The British officials say they believe Franz Bopp, the German consul general at San Francisco, and other persons under federal indictment there participated in the plot.

The seizure of the party on the China did not end the plot, according to officials, who declare that all its ramifications have not yet been traced. They state that enough is known to check any possibility of the trouble in India.

PARIS, April 20.—A strong force of Russian troops disembarked at Marseilles at noon today. The Russians are to fight beside the allied soldiers in France. Gen.

Centre Congregational Church

Thursday, April 20, 7.30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor mission study class will meet with Miss Emily and Arthur L. Clapp.

Friday at 3.30 p. m.—Annual Home Missionary thank offering meeting in the chapel. Every woman in the parish is asked to aid by her presence and her offering.

Friday at 7.30 p. m.—Service of praise and prayer, especially observing Good Friday.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday, April 20, 7.30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Oasis Encampment. The Royal Purple degree will be conferred on a class of candidates.

Friday, April 21.—Friendship circle will meet. Supper at 6.15 as usual.

Your Easter Hair Cut

Cut by the most expert of workmen in an artistic manner. No danger of scalp diseases in this shop of perfect sanitation.

5 Expert Workmen
Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop
A REAL SHINE ARTIST

Joffre welcomed the Russians in an order of the day saying their arrival was another striking proof of the devotion of Russia to the common cause.

The text of the order issued by Gen. Joffre is as follows: Our ally, Russia, whose armies already are fighting so valourously against Germany, Austria and Turkey, wanted to give France further evidence of her friendship, more striking proof of her devotion to the common cause. Russian soldiers chosen from the bravest in her armies and commanded by officers of highest renown have come to take a place in our ranks. You will receive them like brothers. You will show them the warm sympathy which you feel toward those who leave their country to come and fight by our side. In the name of the French army I welcome the officers, under officers and soldiers of Russia who have declared in France. I bow before the Russian flag upon which soon will be inscribed the glorious name of our victories.

The Russians are believed to have embarked for France from port of Archangel on the White Sea, the only port through which there is free communication between Russia and her allies in the west. It is considered probable that the transport carrying the troops made a wide sweep out into the North Atlantic before heading to the Mediterranean in order to avoid the submarine danger zone in the vicinity of the British Isles. In this connection it is to be noted that word reached New York today through private cable advice that Russia had closed the port of Archangel to all except government traffic. This may indicate that other troops movements from Archangel to the western front are either under way or in contemplation.

LONDON, April 20.—It is stated authoritatively that a settlement has been reached in the cabinet crisis.

PARIS, April 20.—French resistance in the region of Verdun is compelling the German general staff to withdraw large forces from the Teutons' front in Macedonia, Serbia and in Russia, according to information obtained today from the highest military authorities here.

The first division of the first German army corps and another division not yet identified are said to be among the troops which have just been brought from other fronts. The 18th army corps and the 11th Bavarian division, it is said, have been brought from Serbia.

HOLSTEIN COW AND CALF BRING \$1,325

Public Sale in Bellows Falls Closes—Bug "Fell Down" When It Let Company Go Elsewhere.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, April 20.—The first sale by the Purebred Live Stock Sales company of Brattleboro, which opened here Tuesday, closed yesterday afternoon. The feature of the second day of the sale came when J. H. O'Brien of Walpole, N. H., paid \$1,000 for a purebred four-year-old cow. Other good prices were received for some of the registered Holsteins and the managers of the sale were well pleased with its success. The future sales of the company are to be held in Brattleboro, where a pavilion is to be erected.

The cow that was sold for \$1,000 was Kitty Colantha Beets DeKol, registry No. 167,495. She was bred by H. G. Wiley of Chester and her age is four years and four months. She was consigned to the sale by G. A. Hosmer of Chester Depot.

Besides paying 1,000 for the cow Mr. O'Brien paid \$325 for one of his calves. Another feature was the purchase by L. C. Lovell of this place of a pair of heifer for \$520.

It is difficult to estimate the number of cattle who came here to attend the sale. Tuesday night the Hotel Windham was more than comfortably crowded. Eighty-nine transients occupied 55 rooms. There was a large overflow and men were sent to Saxtons River until the Inn was filled and all the lodging houses with which the hotel management keeps in touch also were filled. Buyers came on every train and were arriving until as late as yesterday noon. These men did considerable trading in the cores and in addition to visiting the town left a good amount of money here.

It is understood that efforts were made by the sales company to have the sales located here permanently, but because of its failure to get the shirt factory where the sale was held decided upon Brattleboro as its future home. With such an opportunity open it is generally conceded here that Bellows Falls "fell down" when it allowed the sales to get away from this place.

GERARD HAS NOTE.

Probably Will Present It to German Foreign Office Today.

BERLIN, April 20, via London.—The American note to Germany arrived in Berlin late yesterday evening. American ambassador Gerard will present it to the foreign office early this afternoon.

Preparedness is as preparedness does!

VILLA DEAD AGAIN TODAY

American Mining Concern Gets Reports from Their Agents in Mexico

TROUBLE EXPECTED WITH WITHDRAWAL

It Is Expected That Troops Will Be Subject to Night Attacks and Sniping by Marauding Bands—To Move in Large Units.

EL PASO, Texas, April 20.—While the American punitive expedition is marking time today in pursuit of Villa efforts are being made to strengthen the army bases and lines of communication.

Fears are openly expressed by army officers that should an order come to withdraw the American troops the Villa and other marauding bands will raise the cry that the American troops are in retreat with the result that American soldiers will be subject to constant night attacks and sniping as they retire from Mexico.

To prevent such warfare against his column, Gen. Pershing is preparing to be in a position to move his forces in large units. The belief is general at Fort Bliss that the troops will encounter more difficulties in withdrawing from Mexico than they did on the rapid 40-mile drive from Columbus to Paranal. No word has come from Gen. Gavia who, with Col. Carranza, was reported to have gone to San Francisco last week to bring back the supposed body of Villa.

The growing belief that Francisco Villa is dead, whether or not his body has been recovered, was strengthened today by messages received by American mining concerns from their agents at different localities. All of these messages agreed that the report of Villa's death was common among people in Northern Chihuahua and was generally accepted as true.

GRANGE MEN WIN PROGRAM CONTEST

Outdid Women Members, Who Will Furnish Supper May 10—Minstrel Show Was Leading Feature.

Nineteen visitors were present last evening in the meeting of Protective Grange. The men put on the entertainment in their contest with the women, who furnished the last entertainment. Fred H. Spaulding, jr., and Philip E. Franklin had the entertainment in charge and the first number was a minstrel show with 12 in the cast. Fred H. Spaulding, jr., was interloper and the end men were John McKay, Oscar Covey, George Kingsbury and Clarence Covey. The others in the performance were Orrin Farr, C. S. Hopkins, P. E. Franklin, H. W. Sargent, Arthur Robbins, Fred Eisler and Walter Robbins. The orchestra was composed of Alex Exner at the piano, Floyd Johnson, violin, and Leon Covey, flute.

Solos were given by Oscar Covey, John McKay, Arthur Robbins, Clarence Covey, George Kingsbury and H. W. Sargent and Mr. McKay gave a harmonica solo also.

John Pellet made a brief speech and told several stories. There was a suffragette parade and an automobile exhibition to conclude the program.

Walter N. Robbins and Mrs. E. E. Covey, announced that the men had won the entertainment contest, and as a result of this verdict the women of the Grange will provide a supper May 10.

John Wright, master of Vernon Grange, gave a brief talk. The next meeting will be held May 3 when Broad Brook Grange will visit Protective Grange and provide the entertainment.

HASTINGS UNDER MILITIA CONTROL

No Disturbance Except When Two Foreigners Attempted to Disarm a Trooper.

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., April 20.—With four companies of state militia in complete control of this village the strike situation involving employees of the National Cable & Cable company, was quiet this morning except for one minor disturbance when two foreigners attempted unsuccessfully to disarm one of the troopers. The military man hit one on the skull and thrust his bayonet through the fleshy part of the other's shoulder.

RECRUITING PROPOSAL.

Cabinet's Plan to Be Presented to Parliament Secretly.

LONDON, April 20.—At a meeting today of the British cabinet an agreement was reached upon the proposals which the ministers will make to parliament on the subject of the recruiting. Their proposals will be submitted at a secret session of each house of parliament on Tuesday. This was announced in an official statement issued this afternoon.

VON BERNSTORFF NOT SO SANGUINE

Evidently Ambassador Realizes That Break is Imminent Between Germany and United States.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador went to the state department today for conference with Secretary Lansing on the submarine warfare situation and to discuss the arrest in New York of Wolfe Von Igel, secretary of the former German military attaché, Capt. Von Papan.

Secretary Lansing and the German ambassador were in conference fully 20 minutes. After the ambassador left the secretary would make no statement.

After the conference it was learned that German diplomats regard the receipt of the reply from Germany within two or three days as physically impossible. It was thought a reply could not be received here before 10 days.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff refused to discuss his conversation with Secretary Lansing, but indicated his call was not prompted by the arrival of instructions from his government.

Secretary Lansing explained in detail to the German ambassador the position of the United States and is understood to have expressed the sincere hope that the attitude of the German government would be so adjusted as to meet the position taken by the United States.

Last night Count Von Bernstorff appeared hopeful that some way would be found to prevent a break of relations.

His manner today indicated that he was not so sanguine. After returning to the embassy Count Von Bernstorff prepared a long despatch which probably will be sent to his government before night. No appointment for another conference with Secretary Lansing has been made by the ambassador and it is believed he will not call again until the German government has acted upon or at least replied to the American demands.

TOWNSHEND INN CHANGES HANDS

Sherman Willard, Formerly in Hotel Business in Putney, Milford and Exeter, Takes Possession.

(Special to The Reformer.)

TOWNSHEND, April 20.—Townshend Inn, which has been owned and managed the past four years by Prof. G. W. Powers, has changed hands, possession being given yesterday to the new owner, Sherman Willard, who came Saturday from his former home in Exeter, N. H., to take charge. Mr. Powers will remain in town the rest of the seminary term and then join his wife and father, J. M. Powers, who are at present staying at Mr. Powers' home farm in Athens.

The Inn is comparatively a new building, having been opened first in 1900. The site is the same as the old hotel which was destroyed in the big fire. The building was owned for several years by the Townshend Hotel company, which sold to Mr. and Mrs. Strong of Brattleboro in 1910. Mr. Powers bought the place by auction Oct. 3, 1912, paying \$4,625. The rooms of the hotel are pleasant and the arrangements modern.

Mr. Powers has done much toward building up a high reputation for the Inn. He has made it attractive for city people and there has been an almost constant succession of automobile parties throughout the summer, besides the many regular guests. He has made several changes and improvements inside the building.

The new proprietor, Mr. Willard, is well known here, being a former resident in the family of his father, Deacon Charles Willard. He lived in the house now occupied by F. H. Willard. He has had much experience in the hotel business, having conducted hostels in Putney, Milford, N. H., and Exeter, N. H., the last of which he left to return to this place. He intends to make many extensive changes and repairs in the buildings, the more important of which is the putting in of electric lights. The wiring of the house will be begun at once. If the Connecticut River Power Co. continues its line to this village Mr. Willard will secure current from the company, otherwise he will provide motor and storage battery equipment.

The Inn parlors will be done over at once, re-carpeted, painted and papered. Mrs. Willard who also has had much experience in hotel work, having this work in charge. Later other changes will be made.

Mr. Willard expects to fill the house with boarders this summer, already having many applications.

THE WEATHER.

Probably Showers Tonight and Friday—Warmer in the Interior.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The weather forecast: Probably showers to night and Friday. Warmer in the interior tonight. Moderate variable winds.

French scientists have found that newly-fallen snow is highly radioactive.

PIPERS BUY EATON PLACE

Recently Incorporated Real Estate Firm to Offer Building Lots

ALSO ACQUIRES PART OF BRADLEY ESTATE

Not Far from 30 Acres to Be Available for Building Purposes—Walter C. Piper, Arthur V. D. Piper and Frank S. Piper Constitute Company.

Close upon the heels of numerous other important real estate and business transactions comes the formal announcement of Walter C. Piper of Detroit, Mich., prominent real estate dealer and former resident of Brattleboro, that he has bought of the Bradley estate what has been known as the Eaton place on the west side of Putney road, also the cottage on North street and some additional land on the Bradley home place, east of Putney road.

He intends to develop this land and subdivide it into building lots of reasonable size to be offered for sale at reasonable prices with the idea of building up that desirable residential section of Brattleboro. It is probable that it will be possible to place these lots on the market next month or early in June.

There are something over 20 acres in the Eaton place, and with what land is acquired from the Bradley property not far from 30 acres will be available for building lots. Streets will be laid out in the most advantageous way possible.

These properties will be handled by a newly organized Michigan company, the Walter Collins Piper Co., Inc., and after the preliminary work of development, which will be in charge of Mr. Piper's brother, Frank S. Piper, Attorney A. V. D. Piper, another brother, will be the local representative of the concern with the headquarters of the company in the offices of Attorney Piper in the American building.

Mr. Piper prepared for publication the following statement of the purchase of the property and his plans for its development:

"It was called to my attention that you might be interested in the news item of my purchase from the Bradley estate of the building known as the Eaton place, also the cottage on North street and some land off the home place, which would be what an extension of Tyler street on a circle to the Putney road would set off.

"This property I have purchased with the idea of having the Eaton homestead for a summer home, although I probably will not occupy it this year, also with the idea that possibly the balance of the Eaton place, which I would not wish for our own use, could be subdivided into building lots of a reasonable size and reasonable price, so that this end of the village could develop with medium priced homes for residents who might desire to live in this section of the town.

"I appreciate, as others have, that certain streets or sections in Brattleboro have changed the character of the residences. I believe that there is a demand for some such residents to build new and modern homes in what surely must be considered the best section of Brattleboro.

"I always have desired to have a summer place at my old home and hope to make many visits there in the future. I have incorporated a company in Michigan to be known as Walter Collins Piper, Inc., which will own title to these properties, the officers of which are: Walter C. Piper, president; Arthur V. D. Piper, vice president, and Frank S. Piper, secretary and treasurer.

"As soon as the development work has been completed this spring, a certain number of the lots on the Eaton place and a few of the higher class, restricted, lots on the home place will be offered for sale. I have noticed a large number of real estate transfers and sales that have been made during the last winter, and it is my opinion that Brattleboro is to start on a real estate movement which will be greater than any that has preceded it. I also have the opinion that there are a great many people in the county and even outside of the state who are thinking of moving to Brattleboro to make a home, and I believe the offering of this property for sale will bring many out-of-town purchasers into the real estate market.

"My brother, Arthur V. D. Piper, will occupy the house on North street, and after the preliminary work has been done, which will be in charge of Frank S. Piper, he will be my representative in Brattleboro.

"Very truly yours,
"WALTER C. PIPER."

Walter C. Piper, son of the late Collins L. Piper of this town, spent the greater part of the year 1898 here, having returned for the purpose of enlisting for the Spanish-American war. He was rejected and remained in Brattleboro several months, taking employment in the Estey shops.

He was several years in the employ of Dodge & Draper, a real estate firm, and in 1907 branched out for himself in Lansing, Mich., becoming prominently known in the development of residential areas. He has had large real estate dealings in Gary, Ind., Baltimore, Md., Dunkirk, N. Y., Mobile, Ala., Minneapolis, Minn., Columbus, Ohio, Flint and Detroit, Mich. His principal offices are now in Detroit with other offices in Baltimore, Gary, Flint, Lansing, Minneapolis, Dunkirk and Winnipeg.

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He was elected president of the Detroit Real Estate board in 1914 and the next year was elected president of the National Association of Real Estate exchanges.

His brother, Frank S., who will be in charge of the preliminary development here, has been associated with him six years and for some time was in charge of the Baltimore office of the firm and since then connected with the head office in Detroit.

STREETER APPOINTS HUNTER ADJUTANT

New Commander of Department of Vermont G. A. R., Was Elected by Unanimous Vote of Convention.

Capt. Henry C. Streeter, who was elected at Burlington Tuesday commander of the Vermont G. A. R., returned to Brattleboro yesterday afternoon. Capt. Streeter made no contest for the election, but the strength shown in his favor before the opening of the convention was such that after Gen. T. S. Peck of Burlington had nominated him and the nomination had been seconded by Col. Thomas Hamon of Bennington, and the name of F. H.



ADJ. H. P. HUNTER.

Ketchum of Randolph had been placed in nomination, Mr. Ketchum arose and withdrew his name. The secretary was instructed then to cast one ballot for Capt. Streeter as commander and the nomination was unanimous.

Capt. Streeter appointed Harlan P. Hunter of Brattleboro as adjutant and the headquarters of the Vermont department, G. A. R., for the next year will be in the office of Capt. Streeter in Brattleboro.

The place for the next annual encampment has not been settled. It is practically certain, however, that it will be in the southern part of the state and may be in Brattleboro. The question of accommodations is always one of supreme importance and the officers of the department will consider this matter thoroughly before announcing finally the place in which the 50th annual encampment of the Vermont department, G. A. R., will be held.

Commander Streeter has numerous appointments of aides and other officers to make, but he will take time before making them.

Harlan Page Hunter is a native of Cornish, N. H., and has been a resident of Brattleboro since 1884. He saw three years' service as a member of Company 1, 14th New Hampshire regiment, and was in the battle of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek under Sheridan. He was discharged from service March 2, 1865, weighing only 84 pounds, as the result of a severe attack of fever.

When he came to Brattleboro he formed a partnership under the name of Hunter & O'Neil and conducted what later became the Leslie Smith mill and lumberyard on Flat street, recently sold to Pellett & Skinner. He is employed in that shop. He has a wife and two daughters. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and has been quartermaster of Seigwick post, G. A. R.

IS CHARGED WITH TAKING POSTAL FUNDS

Missing Postmaster Pierson of Leominster Surrenders to United States Marshal.

BOSTON, April 20.—Postmaster Frank I. Pierson of Leominster surrendered himself to United States Marshal John J. Mitchell today and was arrested on a charge of unlawfully converting to his own use \$1,312 of postal funds.

He had been sought for several days after his disappearance during an examination of the accounts of the Leominster officers by federal inspectors. Pierson is president of the Leominster board of trade.

WILSON'S NAME ON VERMONT BALLOT

President Gives Written Assent for Its Use at Presidential Primary May 16.

(Special to The Reformer.)

MONTEPELIER, April 20.—The secretary of state's office received today the written assent from President Woodrow Wilson to have his name appear as a Democratic candidate for president on the ballot at the presidential primary to be held May 16.

WILL CREATE TWO SCHOOLS

Prudential Committee Makes Plans for Securing State Aid

MALE INSTRUCTOR IN MANUAL TRAINING

Domestic Science Teacher to Be Employed, Teaching Cooking in Addition to Sewing—Superintendent to Be Appointed Soon.

Several important matters are under consideration and in process of adjustment by the prudential committee of the incorporated school district No. 2, which includes the high school, one of which is the matter of school supervision under the new law. The board has decided to increase the number of schools in the district from 23 to 25, thereby allowing the board to name the superintendent of the district rather than have the state choose a superintendent; also making available state aid in the minimum of \$1,200 towards the superintendent's salary.

Under the law if a district maintains 25 schools and pays a superintendent a minimum salary of \$1,500 it can have its own say as to the appointment and the state will pay \$1,200 and half of what additional salary is paid up to \$2,000. No appointment has been made, but the matter is under consideration and the decision will be given to the public in a short time.

Heretofore there have been but 23 schools in the district. One new school will be established in the Oak Grove school building, and Miss Lotie M. Dodge, who has been an assistant in one of the grades in that building, will be placed in charge of the new school. In the Main street building an ungraded school will be established, designed especially for children who are behind in their studies and for those who desire to pass over a grade. No teacher has as yet been engaged to take charge of this room.

The board has decided to appoint a man at the head of the drawing and manual training departments, thinking that better results will be brought about in the work of the older boys in the line of carpentry. The present instructor is Mrs. Harold E. Whitney, who has signified her intention to give up the work after this school year. Her successor has not been named.

Another decision of the board is to employ a teacher of domestic science who shall give instructions in cooking, as well as sewing, but no appointment has been made. Heretofore sewing has been taught by Mrs. F. I. Swift. The needed new equipment will be installed during the summer vacation.

With the money that will be available from the state toward the superintendent's salary the board figures that the increased expense to the district by reason of the plans here outlined will not be material.

CREDITORS' MEETING SET FOR APRIL 29

Called by Referee in Bankruptcy to Consider Offer of Settlement by Barney S. Michelman.

A meeting of the creditors of Barney S. Michelman will be held in the office of the county clerk Saturday morning, April 29, at 10 o'clock to consider a proposed plan of settlement to prevent an adjudication in bankruptcy. An involuntary petition was filed against him by the Gaiety Dress Co., Ritter Bros., and the Francis Dress Co., all of New York. Mr. Michelman has filed with the bankruptcy court a statement that he has completed the negotiations necessary to enable him to offer to his creditors a composition before adjudication, or settlement on a percentage basis, and the court has referred the matter to John E. Gale of Guilford, referee in bankruptcy.

Mr. Gale has called a meeting as above stated for the purpose of presenting claims, examining the alleged bankrupt and consider the matter of a composition. To effect a composition a vote of a majority of creditors and a majority of the total claims is necessary. Mr. Michelman's schedule shows debts of \$17,603 to about 60 creditors and assets of \$19,042.

DEADLY TORNADOES. Eleven Persons Reported Killed and Scores Injured.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 20.—Eleven persons were reported dead today and scores injured in a succession of tornadoes which swept through the central portion of Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri last night. Property damage is believed to be heavy, although accurate information was unavailable early today because of disabled telegraph and telephone service.

At the last survey there were 417 ocean cables in the world, representing 235,492 miles.