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TWO CENTS.

GUNS ROARING UNCEASINGLY

Battle Around Verdun Continues with a Violence Never Before Known

NOTHING BUT SHELL HOLES FOR MILES

After Artillery Had Reduced Trenches to Ruins German Infantry Dashed Forward to Be Swept Away by Hurricane of Fire.

PARIS, May 24.—The battle around Verdun continues to rage with a violence unexampled even in this region. The Germans are striving with every resource in their power to capture Hill No. 304 and Dead Man's hill on the left bank of the Meuse and to win back the famous Fort Douaumont on the right bank, which was wrested from them by brilliantly planned and executed offensive by the French. Without full possession of the line from Pepper hill to the Vaux fort the Germans cannot hope to get any nearer to the capture of Verdun. Even if they succeeded in taking this line they could not hold it unless they were also in possession of Hill No. 304 and Dead Man's hill, which outflank the line.

Driven to desperation by seeing so much of its work undone the German command has hurled attack after attack against Fort Douaumont. At the same time it has kept up its onslaught on the left bank of the river to prevent the French from bringing any forces to the main line of attack.

All day yesterday the tide of war ebbed and flowed, inches of ground being won and lost at an appalling cost in men. As one of the French officers said "plots of land come high here." Again and again after reducing trenches to a crumbling heap of ruins by a deluge of shells the German infantry dashed forward only to be caught and swept away by a hurricane of fire from the French batteries and machine guns. Describing the battle around Fort Douaumont one combatant said: "For four miles behind us there was not a trench of a communication, nothing but shell holes, one within the other. Every inch of ground was plowed up by an expenditure of ammunition which is inconceivable. In holes made by the 15-inch shells you could still stand 15 horses easily. A few trees still standing here were stripped of their branches and look like telegraph poles.

"Not a second do the guns cease roaring or men cease falling. As soon as a trench is made the shells begin to drop and the survivors have to begin all over again. Attacks have become almost impossible in the terrific torments of artillery fire the infantry on either side are unable alike to advance or retreat.

"Verdun will not be taken from this point. I cannot understand how our men are able to keep it up. You are exterminated in your boots without seeing the enemy. The terrific noise leaves us half stunned. Men look at each other with bewildered eyes. It requires a strong effort of the will to speak to a comrade."

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 p. m.—Special meeting of Oasis encampment to confer the Golden Rule degree on a large class of candidates. A good attendance is desired.

Thursday, May 25, 8 p. m.—Rehearsal of the first degree.

A regular meeting of Canton Palestine, No. 3, will be held Thursday evening at 7:30. Reports of representatives to department council will be given.

First Baptist Church

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in the chapel this evening at 7:30. Topic, The Blessings of Peace, and How to Get Them. John 14:27. Leader, Miss Mae H. Douglas. All young people are invited.

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TO PREVENT ATTACK ON ALL THE FRONTS

Germany and Austria Hope to Keep Allies from Taking Initiative in War Operations.

ROME, May 24, via Paris.—The Austrian offensive on the Trentino front and the furious efforts of the Germans to gain a decision at Verdun are explained in a semi-official statement published here as a result of the concerted effort on the part of the central powers to prevent an expected simultaneous attack by the allies on all the fronts.

"The central empires," says the statement, "wish to prevent even at the cost of enormous sacrifices of men and material, the allies from taking the initiative in the war operations and attacking them simultaneously on all fronts. Such is the plan of the central powers as revealed by the great Austrian offensive on the Trentino front while the Germans are reviving their offensive against Verdun. Germans and Austrians aim at wearing out France and Italy, counting on a temporary halt in the Russian operations continuing. They hope that when Russia is ready at last to resume the fight the two nations will be so worn out as to need a rest. This view is confirmed by the statements made by Austrian officers who have been taken prisoners."

The statement concluded with an assertion that the Austro-Hungarian plan must fail, as all the allies will be able to pass the present defensive stage to decisive simultaneous action.

NATIONAL AUTOMATIC MACHINE CO. MOVED

Practically All Machinery Now in Brick Shop—Force Increased When New Machines Come.

The task of moving the machinery and business of the National Automatic Machine Co. from the old wooden building on Elm street across the street to the brick machine shop building recently bought by the company, is about completed. Every machine will have been moved and be in running order by tomorrow night in the new quarters.

The work has been in progress two weeks and only the machine in transit in both shops and the men and machines have had no lost time. The new quarters were built primarily for machine shop purposes and there are no quarters in town better adapted to the purpose. The company has new additional machines that will be delivered next month and will be installed immediately in places reserved for them in the new quarters. When they are in operation the plant will employ 55 mechanics on the day shift. At present there are 43 men working on the day and night shifts.

The north end of the first floor has been fitted up for fine office quarters, the main office and the private office being large, well lighted, airy rooms. The rest of the first floor is occupied as a machine shop. The second floor will be used for the nickel plating department and for storage purposes.

STOLTE WILL TAKE TEAM TO BURLINGTON

Eight Brattleboro High School Men to Compete in Interscholastic Track Meet Saturday.

Cocher Dietrich Stelte of the Brattleboro high school track team will take a team of eight men to Burlington Friday to compete in the interscholastic track meet Saturday under the auspices of the University of Vermont. Plumb is entered in the low hurdles and the 100-yards dash. Stearns is entered in both hurdle races. Randall will go into the broad jump and the pole vault. Moran is entered in six events, but probably will not compete in all of them. They are the two dashes, the two hurdle races, the pole vault and the high jump. Betterley is entered in the 220, 440 and 880 runs. Austin will start in the two sprints and the quarter mile. Nichols is an entry in the quarter, half and mile runs and Adams in the two sprints, the low hurdles, the broad jump and the pole vault. Brattleboro has no entries in the weight events unless Adams should compete in the shot put, in which he has a better practice mark than won the event here last Saturday.

NO TIME TO TALK PEACE.

President Wilson's Moment Ill Chosen Says London Post.

LONDON, May 24.—The Morning Post devotes its daily editorial to President Wilson's North Carolina speech, in which "the President gave utterance again to his deep-seated ambition to play peace-maker in a war-distracted world." The Post urges that all such peace talk is out of place at the present time.

"The conception," says the Post, "is no doubt an exalted one, but is based on the illusion that a compromise is always possible between two belligerents. There are some antagonisms which in their nature are irreconcilable, and this is a war in which there can be no compromise without invoking disaster as great as defeat itself. What would Lincoln have said in the midst of his implacable struggle if some well-intentioned friend had stepped in to urge compromise and conciliation? . . . The people of this country believe they must win or perish, and they are determined at any cost to win."

NEW PLAN FOR B. & M. SYSTEM

Scheme for Reorganization Has Been Laid Before Board of Directors

TO TAKE OVER SOME OF LEASED LINES

Corporation Would Have Capital of \$101,595,000 in First and Second Preferred and Common Stock and Bonded Debt of \$99,202,000.

BOSTON, May 24.—Regarding the statement of Former Chief Justice Knowlton and the latter's objection to the proposed reorganization plan of the Boston & Maine railroad system, President Hustis said today that it had been formally laid before the board of directors and for that reason no official announcement could be made at present.

It is understood that the reorganization committee which includes representatives of the Boston & Maine and of certain of its leased lines, contemplates proposing that a new corporation be formed to take over the Boston & Maine and such of the leased and subsidiary lines as can be obtained and as desired, including the Hampden railroad. The new corporation would be called the Boston & Maine Railroad company, and have a capital of \$101,595,000 in first and second preferred and common stock. The bonded debt of the company would be \$99,202,000.

FIFTY AT BIBLE CLASS BANQUET

Class No. 12 of Baptist Bible School Increases List of Successful Social Occasions.

The annual banquet last evening of class No. 12 of the Baptist Bible School—to be known hereafter as the J. E. Hall class, in honor of 35 years of faithful work by the teacher—added one more of like kind to a long list of successful social occasions. About 50 class members and guests sat down to a delicious supper prepared by Mrs. W. E. Haigh and her committee, music being supplied during the supper hour by the Sunday school orchestra, which under L. W. Hawley's leadership has attained marked proficiency.

The program opened with a roll call, after which Mrs. E. D. Wilson, chairman of the entertainment committee, in charge, the remainder of the program being as follows: Words of welcome, Mr. Hall; response, Mr. Hawley; vocal solo, Miss Elizabeth Braser; review of year's work, Miss Lenore Ayers, class president; account of a visit to Mexico, Henry Bond; closing words, Mrs. F. L. Smith.

HER HEAD CHOPPED OFF.

Wife of a German Farmer Executed in Traditional Manner.

BERLIN, May 24, via London.—Henriette Holstein, the wife of a farmer, was executed here today for the murder of her husband, daughter and step-son by poison. The execution was performed in the traditional manner by a headman with a broad-axe. Two Berlin women of the underworld who were recently convicted of murder and robbery of a third woman are in jail awaiting the infliction of the death penalty by beheading.

DENY AUSTRIAN SUCCESS.

Italians Hold 300 Yards of Trenches Taken from Enemy.

ROME, May 22, via Paris.—The Austrian statement that the Italians surrendered trenches east of Selz is denied in an official bulletin issued today. The bulletin says that the Italians voluntarily abandoned 50 yards of their line of trenches in this vicinity, but continued to hold 300 yards of trenches which they took from the enemy.

ROVERETO IN FLAMES.

Italian Shell Blew Up the Largest Munitions Depot of Town.

PARIS, May 24.—An Italian shell blew up the largest munitions depot at Rovereto and the town was soon in flames, according to a news despatch from Rome. Several heavy guns were destroyed by the explosion.

MRS. WAITE WITNESS AGAINST HER HUSBAND

Told About the Condition of her Father Before His Death—'K. Adams' Revealed.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The sender of the mysterious K. Adams' telegram, which has figured in the case of Dr. Arthur W. Waite, accused of the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, was identified as Elizabeth B. Hartwick of Somerville, N. J., at Waite's trial today. This is the telegram sent from New York to Grand Rapids urging Percy Peck that an autopsy be held on his father's body.

Mrs. Clara Louise Peck Waite faced her husband in the court for the first time today, when she took the stand as witness against him. Mrs. Waite, dressed in mourning, came into the court room so quietly that few observed her as she took a seat. Dr. Waite, who had been sitting with bowed head all the forenoon, looked up at his wife, but she appeared not to see him.

Mrs. Waite testified concerning her father's visit in New York and said that Waite suggested that Dr. Moore be called to see her father. "We, that is father, Dr. Waite and myself, had planned to go to Hot Springs on a visit. Father appeared to be in very good health."

Mrs. Waite told about a dinner three days before Mr. Peck's death when Waite served her father with oysters and after dinner her father remarked that he felt unusually drowsy. Then she was asked if she noticed anything unusual in Dr. Waite's manner. Mrs. Waite broke down and sobbed and answered: "No, only what my mind told me later." She said her father's condition grew gradually worse and she called in Dr. Moore several times.

Miss Elizabeth Hartwick testified that she sent the Kate Adams telegram on March 12. She said she lived in the home of Dr. Cornell of Somerville, N. J., who has testified that he called at the Waite home on the morning of Mr. Peck's death. She testified that she sent the telegram to Percy Peck after Dr. Cornell returned from the Waite apartment and that someone not named had told her to send it.

DISAPPEARS AFTER WRITING AUNT NOTE

Raymond Collins Asked that Keys to Holstein-Friesian Office Be Returned—Took Clothing.

Raymond Collins, an employee of the Holstein-Friesian association, the last two years a member of Company I, V. N. G., since February, is missing from the home of his aunt, Mrs. George E. Knight, corner of South Main and Washington streets. He left a note to his aunt saying that he was going away and requested that the keys to the office, which he left, be returned there this morning. He took his clothing, but left some personal articles, saying that he would send for them later. Where he has gone is a mystery to his relatives and friends, but some of his intimate male friends believe he has gone to enlist as he has expressed great interest in military affairs.

He drew his pay yesterday, but said nothing to anyone so far as can be learned of his intention to leave town. An uncle, George A. Stone, is ignorant of his possible whereabouts as is everyone else. So far as is known he had no difficulties or troubles that he was brooding over. As his bed had not been used last night it is believed that he took the late train out of town.

He is a member of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church, being in the E. V. Morse class. He is a Boy Scout of the first class and is scout master of the troop in the Baptist church. His father, George Collins, formerly lived on the Eaton place and later had a milk depot in the Vinton building, where the Albany cafe now is, going to Woodstock several years ago.

BEGINS STATE ROAD ON WESTERN AVENUE

County Commissioner Perry Will Have 1,200 Feet Laid and as Much More as Funds Permit.

Work was begun this morning on the state highway between the junction of High and Highland streets with the avenue and the junction of Spruce street and the avenue, preparing the surface for a cement state highway to join the present strip. The distance is about 1,200 feet.

County Highway Commissioner D. T. Perry said this morning that he hoped to have the laying of the cement completed in three weeks, and a little time will be required to allow it to set before it will be used. During the laying of the cement it will be necessary for teams and automobiles to drive around the square.

About \$2,800 is available for this state highway work in Brattleboro, if the appropriation is not consumed by this stretch as much more will be laid at the other end of the present strip of state road near the Walter S. Pratt farm.

MacNEILL FOUND GUILTY.

Sentence of President of Sinn Feiners Not Promulgated.

DUBLIN, May 24.—John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Feine volunteers, has been found guilty by court martial of complicity in the Irish rebellion. His sentence will be promulgated within a day or two.

IS CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR

Hermon E. Eddy Says Decision Is Not Result of Popular Demand

WOULD BE HONOR TO REPRESENT COUNTY

Edwin P. Adams of Marlboro Announces Candidacy for Assistant Judge of County Court—Has Served in Both Houses of Legislature.

Editor of The Reformer:—I have decided after careful consideration to become a candidate on the Republican ticket for senator. This decision is not the result of any popular demand from all parts of the county, or



HERMON E. EDDY.

the urging of my friends. I am a candidate because frankly I should like the office. I feel that it would be an honor and a privilege to represent this county in the state senate. If I should be so fortunate as to be nominated and elected, I should, of course, give what industry and ability I may possess to the service of what I consider the best interests of the county and state.

Thanking you for such publicity as you see fit to give this letter, I am, Yours respectfully,

HERMON E. EDDY.
Brattleboro, May 24, 1916.

Edwin P. Adams, one of Marlboro's foremost citizens, informs The Reformer that after much solicitation and after giving the matter due consideration he has decided to become a candidate for the assistant judgeship of the Windham county court from the Marlboro district, on the Republican ticket.



EDWIN P. ADAMS.

Mr. Adams has represented his town in the state legislature six terms and has served in the senate on term.

Judge Fred B. Pier of Brattleboro recently announced his candidacy for reelection as assistant judge.

\$1,000,000 RIFLE ORDER SUIT.

British Agent Says Boston Company Failed on Delivery.

HARTFORD, Conn., May 24.—Damages of \$1,000,000 are claimed in an action brought against the Hopkins & Allen Arms company of Boston, which operates a plant in Norwich. As the agent of the British government Robert Michaels of London sues to recover his commission lost by the failure of the ammunition company to provide 400,000 rifles at \$30 each under contracts made a year ago. Michaels was to get \$2.50 as commission on each rifle.

Papers were served on the company demanding a disclosure of the number of shares it owned in the Connecticut company. Ex-Representative Edwin W. Higgins, secretary of the Norwich company, disclosed that it owned several thousands of dollars in shares.

The longest will on record was made by a Gloucester engineer and contained 26,000 words.

CROWDS ATTEND CHAPMAN MEETINGS

Evangelists Will Remain in Keene Until June 18—Tabernacle has Capacity of About 2,500.

(Special to The Reformer.)
KEENE, N. H., May 24. Large congregations are attending the Chapman-Alexander revival meetings here, which began Sunday with an attendance of about 5,000 persons at the three services, there being 1,800 at the morning service. Many from Massachusetts and Vermont have come by automobile, including a number from Brattleboro, to attend the services.

The meetings are held in a centrally located tabernacle 74 by 150 feet, which has a seating capacity of about 2,500. At one end is the pulpit and a rostrum capable of seating about 400 singers, led by Charles M. Alexander, the noted gospel singing director, who has the ability to put life and spirit into the music. Albert Drayton, a member of the team, is the soloist and Henry Barraclough presides at the piano.

Dr. Chapman's sermons are inspiring and his voice can be clearly heard in the remote corners of the building. The services will continue until Sunday, June 18. There will be three services on Sundays and one each evening in the tabernacle. Morning services will be held in the various evangelical churches weekdays. The pastors and a corps of workers are taking hold of the work with much vigor and the opening meetings indicate a series of successful ones to follow.

PRE-MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES PLANNED

High School Program at 10 O'clock Friday in Main Room—Exercises by Grades in Afternoon.

The pre-Memorial day exercises for the high school will be held Friday morning in the main room of the high school at 10 o'clock. There will be prayer by Rev. Nelson Kellogg and Capt. E. W. Gibson and patriotic selections by the high school chorus.

In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be held in the main room of the high school the exercises for grades five through nine of the high school building. This program is as follows:

The Star Spangled Banner, all grades; scripture and prayer, Rev. F. W. Owens; flag salute, all grades; song—In Memory of the Soldiers, grade 5; Unforgotten, Wendell Barrett; Beat! Beat! Drums, Arthur Barrett; song—The Flag Goes By, grades 6 and 7; Flag of Our Country, Jane Daley; Mother—America the Beautiful, grade 8; In the Shadow of the Wings, Truxton Britton; Decoration Day—A Vision of War, Gladys Fish; song—To Thee O' Country, grade 8; Driving Home the Cows, Muriel Kennedy; Memorial Days, Mildred Birch; Ode for Memorial Day, Doris Gibson; song—American Hymn, grade 7 Canal street; short address, Rev. R. H. Clapp; America, audience and school.

ASSISTANT JUDGES HEAR DIVORCE CASES

No Decisions Are Handed Down—Judge Miles Returns After Canvassing Presidential Primary.

The assistant judges of the Windham county court heard five divorce suits yesterday in the absence of Superior Judge Willard W. Miles, who was in Montpelier canvassing the vote of the presidential primary. Judge Miles returned to Newfane last night, and today the court was engaged in hearing further divorce cases, all of northern part of the county.

The cases heard yesterday were Nellie M. Wyman of Guilford against Asa W. Wyman on the ground of neglect and refusal to support, Attorney A. F. Schwenk for the petitioner; Lena E. Sumner of Brattleboro against Clarence W. Sumner, the ground being intolerable severity, Attorney Schwenk for the petitioner; Florence E. Hart against Carl W. Hart, the petitioner of Bellows Falls; Hattie Mae Dunham of Bellows Falls against William O. Dunham, and Bertha May Todd of Bellows Falls against Herman L. Todd. No decisions were handed down.

3,900 Miles Backward.

Pedestrian Arrives from Coast, Winning \$5,000.

NEW YORK, May 24.—A man walking into the city hall backwards caused some excitement. It developed that he was Patrick Harmon, and that he had walked in this manner from San Francisco on a wager. He was accompanied by W. A. Baltazor, who was in the regular way as a watchman to prove that Harmon accomplished the feat.

On August 5, 1915, a bet of \$20,000 was made between two men in San Francisco that Harmon could not accomplish the walk in 260 days. If he did he was to receive \$5,000 of the amount wagered. The walk of 3,900 miles took 259 days, and was completed 21 days ahead of scheduled time. Harmon had a reflecting mirror strapped to his body by which he could see where he was going. He said he had little difficulty, with the exception that it took him two weeks to overcome the dizziness he felt as a result of his unusual style of locomotion. Baltazor is to receive \$4 a day as part of the wager.

NEW STATION IS ACCEPTED

Union Structure Meets Approval of Public Service Commission

WILL NOT BE USED FOR ABOUT MONTH

Built by H. Wales Lines Co. at Approximate Cost of \$75,000—Representatives of Central Vermont and Boston & Maine Roads Present.

Brattleboro's new union railroad station, after being approved by the Vermont public service commission, of which Attorney Robert C. Bacon of this town is chairman, was formally accepted from the contractors yesterday afternoon by official representatives of the Central Vermont Railway Co., to whom the order of the public service commission to build the station was made. The Boston & Maine Railroad Co., which joins with the Central Vermont in making it a union station, was represented and joined in accepting the structure, which was built by the H. Wales Lines Co. of Meriden, Conn., at a cost of approximately \$75,000. The public service commission is very much pleased with the station.

The acceptance of the station does not mean that it is to be occupied immediately or even opened to the inspection of the public. Up to date only the equipment for the ticket office, which was ordered early, has arrived. Besides the matter of equipment there is considerable work to be done by railroad employes in the matter of making telegraphic and telephonic connections, the running of cables to the new telegraph office and in interior work in the baggage room, which did not come under the contract.

It appears to be every reason to believe that it will be at least the middle of June, if not later, before the old station is abandoned and the new one occupied in all departments and it is not intended to open one part of the station until all of it is ready for occupancy.

Men were here yesterday in consultation with the officials about placing semaphore signals on top of the overpass, which will serve to handle trains in the immediate vicinity of the station. Primarily the use of this semaphore will be for train orders.

The officials who were here were J. M. Morrison of St. Albans, chief engineer and superintendent of construction of the Central Vermont; F. Ralph Watson, assistant engineer; M. McNeill, superintendent of telegraph of the Central Vermont; H. L. Farwell, resident engineer of the Boston & Maine railroad; E. J. Guthrie of New London, Conn., division superintendent of the Central Vermont, and E. B. Morse, general superintendent of the H. Wales Lines Co., the builders.

The acceptance of the station resulted in the cement platforms being put in use, to the great convenience of the traveling public, for the trains now stop at the new platforms instead of at the old wooden platform at the south end of the station.

CLUES FOLLOWED ON WOOD BURGLARY

Young Man Admitted Entering Westmoreland Cottage—Another Had Revolver 'Given' Him.

Although several clues, more or less promising, have been followed in an effort to capture the burglar or burglars who broke into the sporting goods store of H. M. Wood two weeks ago tomorrow night, no one has yet been charged with the crime.

Sheriff C. E. Mann had an interview with three youths of Bellows Falls, who have given the police of that town considerable trouble, and while one of them admitted that he had broken into a cottage in Westmoreland, N. H., they would not acknowledge having been in Brattleboro recently.

The arrest recently of a young man in North Adams, Mass., who had in his possession a new, unloaded, long barreled Iver Johnson revolver and who claimed that the revolver was given to him by chance acquaintance who had four new revolvers in his possession, started a new trail. The young man in question is serving time for carrying a concealed weapon, an offense in Massachusetts, and he will be interviewed probably, before his time expires. As he is wanted on the charge of breaking into a store in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and stealing a suit of clothes in which he was clothed when arrested, he has another sentence staring him in the face before the Brattleboro authorities could get hold of him if he should prove to be one of those concerned in the local affair.

THE WEATHER

Generally Fair Tonight and Thursday—Gentle Shifting Winds.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The weather forecast: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Gentle shifting winds.