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TWO CENTS.

## ITALIAN ARMY IS BEING HELD BACK

### Straightening Out Positions on Upper Isonzo Before Advancing

## GERMAN BARRIERS REMOVED ON SOMME

### Recent Victories Give French and British a Better Chance to Advance — Russian Offensive Is Stopped by Counter Attacks.

ROME, August 17, via Paris. — The Italian army is being held back on the lower Isonzo until the line on the upper Isonzo can be straightened by the capture of the mountains of San Gabriele, San Mario and other positions lying between Tolmino and Gorizia.

While the capture of these mountains is regarded as imminent there probably will be an advance upon Trieste until they have been taken.

The Austrians are being forced off the Carso plateau before the spirited attacks of the Italian troops, aroused to enthusiasm by their recent victories. Fierce fighting for the heavy guns which have barred the way to Trieste is in progress.

PARIS, August 17. — Operations on three different parts of the Somme front yesterday resulted in the removal of some of the barriers of the powerful German defensive system.

A resumption of the drive of the French troops after the disappearance of the obstacles is expected to bring further gains in the region of Guillemont and Maurepas.

In the action yesterday the French attained an ascendancy over their adversaries during the fighting along the Guillemont-Maurepas road.

South of the Somme the German trench system around Belle-en-Santerre was a real fortified work which had resisted numerous previous bombardments. Its capture permits further progress in that section.

BERLIN, August 17, to Sayville, by wireless. — Another raid by Austrian airmen on positions behind the Italian line in the Isonzo region is announced in an Austro-Hungarian admiralty statement today.

LONDON, August 17. — The British have made another advance on the Somme front. Official announcement was made today that the line has been pushed forward west and southwest of Guillemont.

PETROGRAD, August 17, via London. — The Russian advance is still being held up in the face of counter attacks. These assaults, the war office reported today, have been repulsed.

## NEWFAUNE.

### Fiftieth Anniversary Gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Howe celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, Tuesday, August 15, in honor of the occasion a family gathering was held at which all of their five sons were present. These were, in order of their ages, Dr. Marshall A. Howe, curator of the New York Botanical Garden in New York city; Hermon A. Howe, who owns and operates a farm in Brookline; Arthur O. Howe, who lives with his parents and manages the old home-stand; Carlton D. Howe, who is superintendent of schools for the towns of Morrisville, Stowe and Elmore, and his twin, Dr. Clinton B. Howe, who is assistant professor of forestry in the University of Toronto. Of the three daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren, Mrs. Marshall A., with children, Gertrude and Prentiss, and Mrs. Hermon A., with children, Minnie, Olive, and Henry, were able to be present.

In addition to the immediate family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Johnson and two sons of West Windsor, Joel Grant of Newfane and Drs. A. J. Grant of New York city were among those who called to offer their felicitations and best wishes.

### Centre Congregational Church

Friday, Aug. 18, 7:30 p. m. — Mid-week meeting of the church. Subject, How to Make a Tool of Habit. Mark 1:1-22; 1 Peter 4:1-19.

The Atlanta university male quartet, than which there is no better colored male quartet in this country, will give a concert in the Centre Congregational church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and the work of the university will be presented as in former years. An offering for the work will be received. Persons who enjoy the songs of the South will be pleased with this opportunity.

### First Baptist Church

Rev. B. H. Eddy of Jersey Shore, Pa., will occupy the pulpit Sunday, Aug. 20. Miss Alice Butterfield will sing a solo.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday evening, Aug. 17, at 7:30 — Regular meeting of Oasis Encampment.

## WOUNDED THREE, KILLED HIMSELF

### Young Italian in North Adams, Probably Demented, Fired 13 Shots from Window.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., August 15. — Insane, probably suffering from religious mania, Giuseppe Cianfoni, 21, poured a volley of shots out of his window, rear of 78 West Main street, yesterday evening at 7 o'clock, wounding three persons, and then shot himself through the head. He used a revolver and fired 13 times.

The persons wounded are Mrs. Neal Johnson, 49, shot in the left leg; Frank Scavo, 54, shot in the right hand and Giuseppe Astorino, 30, shot in the right shoulder. None of the wounded persons are supposed to be in a critical condition. All are in the North Adams hospital.

Cianfoni died three hours after he shot himself. The bullet entering the right side of his head, just above the ear, passing through the frontal part of the brain and protruded from the left side of the head.

Cianfoni came to this country March 23 and lived at the house in which he killed himself, with his uncle, Tommaso Mazza. He had worked in the Arnold print works until Friday, when he left his job because he was tormented, he said, by boys who worked with him. He declined to return to work.

Early yesterday afternoon he went from the house and remained away till 5:30 o'clock. During the time he was away the police were notified to come after a man who was acting strangely on Hudson street, placing sacred pictures on a tree and kneeling before them. The police were unable to find the man, but his description answers in detail that of Cianfoni.

After Cianfoni had supper he went upstairs to his room, played a cornet for some minutes, then sang a while, and went into an adjoining room and got his revolver and began loading and firing it, apparently aimlessly, from his window.

The persons he wounded were either standing below his window or in their doors or at their windows. Scavo was pulling in a hose, and his hand, which was wounded was the only part of him visible.

After he had fired till he had 13 empty shells about him Cianfoni fired a bullet into his own head.

## HUGHES SUFFERING FROM SORE THROAT

### Expects, However, to Be Able to Deliver Address in San Francisco Tomorrow.

PORTLAND, Oregon, August 17. — Charles E. Hughes left here early today on a 35-hour trip to San Francisco, which he expected to make only an occasional break for brief rest platform addresses. Mr. Hughes' voice, which had troubled him during the first few days of the western trip and later seemed better, again has become quite hoarse. It is the belief of the specialist accompanying the nominee that Mr. Hughes will experience no difficulty in the proposed speech at San Francisco Friday night. During the stay in San Francisco Mr. Hughes expects to confer with western leaders of the party.

## PHILIPPINE REPORT TO HOUSE.

### McLean Says Administration Laid to the Filipinos.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. — The senate yesterday passed the conference report on the Philippines bill giving a large measure of independence and sent the measure to the house. The vote was 37 to 22. In the course of the debate Senator Borah warned the Democrats that not only would the Philippines remain subject to the authority of the United States, but that Cuba would become a part of the possessions of the government in the course of time. Senator Borah said the sentiment of the American people was for holding the Philippines.

Senator McLean, Connecticut, said the Democratic administration had been lying to the Filipinos by promising them independence in the Baltimore platform and failing to give it to them.

## VERMONT BANKERS' OUTING.

### About 100 Attended the Meeting Held in Richmond Yesterday.

RICHMOND, Aug. 17. — The summer convention of the Vermont State Bankers' association was held here yesterday with about 100 bankers and other business men attending. This morning the principal manufacturing plants were visited and this afternoon there was a meeting on Island Park, where addresses were given by William Reed, assistant cashier of the National City Bank of New York, and C. W. Barron, a factor of the Boston News Bureau. In the afternoon Olin Merrill of Enosburg Falls, vice president of the American Bankers' association, was elected a delegate to the annual meeting to be held in Kansas City. A banquet was held in the evening.

## FIGHTING IN BALKANS.

### Bulgarians Report Repulses of British Infantry Attacks.

LONDON, Aug. 17. — Heavy fighting on the Balkan front is reported in an official Bulgarian statement received here today from Sofia. The allied forces delivered some infantry attacks, but the statement says, were repulsed.

A violent artillery duel is in progress north of Manurepas in the Somme region, says the war office statement today. There were no infantry attacks during the night.

## CALLS PRESIDENTS OF THE RAILROADS

### It Is Believed Managers Would Not Concede 8-Hour Plan Proposed

## BROTHERHOOD HEAD NOT VERY HOPEFUL

### All That Garrison Would Say Was That He Deemed a Settlement Still Possible — Big Men Hastening to National Capital.

WASHINGTON, August 17. — President Wilson today invited the presidents of the principal railroads of the country to come to Washington immediately to confer with him on the threatened strike. Pending their arrival he does not plan to see the committee of managers here with whom he has been meeting.

The president sent the following telegram to the leading railroad presidents: "Discussion of the matters involved in the threatened railroad strike has reached a point which makes it highly desirable that I should personally confer with you at the earliest possible moment, and with the presidents of any other railroads affected who may be immediately accessible. Hope you can make it convenient to come to Washington at once."

Judge Chalmers of the federation board of mediation and conciliation held a brief conference with the brotherhood heads this morning. He had no statement to make further than to say he had one question on which he wanted a definite answer and that he got it.

The conferees would not discuss the nature of his visit. Mr. Chalmers went to the White House immediately upon leaving the brotherhood officials.

"I should not like to say that the situation still is hopeful," A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the employees, said after Mr. Chalmers had left. "Hopeful is hardly the word that I should use. I would say though that I deem settlement still possible."

The president's action in asking for the conference with the railroad presidents themselves is interpreted as meaning that the managers' committee had refused finally to concede the 8-hour day as the president's plan proposed and the question now is to be taken up with the heads of the railroads themselves.

Among the managers it was pointed out that the presidents have been constantly advised of the negotiations with President Wilson and the feeling prevailed that the attitude of the railroad heads was now the same as the managers' committee, although no one could forecast what effect a personal conference with the President would have. The railroads are expected to make a strong plea for preservation of the principles of arbitration.

In case President Wilson finds that any of the railroad presidents cannot speak absolutely for their roads he may invite to the White House the financiers who control them. Officials said today that the President wants to deal with the "ultimate authority" on both sides in order that negotiations may be conducted here.

NEW YORK, August 17. — The railroad presidents of the country have accepted President Wilson's invitation to come to Washington to confer with him on the threatened strike situation. Several will leave this city for the national capital at 4 o'clock this afternoon and another delegation will leave from Chicago.

## CHANGES IN NAVAL BILL.

### California Wins Fight for Battleship Construction.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. — As the naval bill finally was perfected today the Pacific coast won its fight for a big battleship construction yard on Puget sound, but lost the appropriation for a submarine and torpedo boat base on the Columbia river. The latter was dropped out pending the report of a commission.

Battleship construction yards were also provided for Boston, Philadelphia and Norfolk.

The \$500,000 item for deepening the channel to the New York navy yard so as to boat the greatest warships at any tide was dropped out of the bill, despite the urgent request by President Wilson that it be retained.

All disputed items now are cleared up and the bill, with the big building program, the greatest in the history of the United States, already perfected, is ready for the President's signature.

## FINALS PLAYED THIS AFTERNOON

### Both Singles and doubles to Be Competed on Country Club Courts for State Championship.

The feature match of the tournament was furnished by Harris and Vezey yesterday afternoon in the second round of singles. A large gallery watched the work of the two stars and was treated to an exhibition of back court play the equal of which has not been seen on local courts. Vezey, especially, was remarkably strong and accurate with his back hand drives. For 18 games in the first set he prevented Harris getting to the net by skillful passing and placing.

The first set was finally won by Harris by a score of 10 to 8, but with the games 7 to 6 Vezey had been three times within one point of winning. In spite of the fact that both men have a hard service there was a peculiarity in the fact that each persisted in winning his opponent's service games. In the 17th game Harris finally won his own service and the fast tiring Vezey seemed to lose hope. The last set was easily won by Harris, for Vezey very evidently could not stand the pace.

The singles match between Roger Brackett of Brattleboro and Eugene Heine of Philadelphia was a long-drawn-out affair. It appeared to be the sole object of both players to return the ball as easily as possible and with no effort at placing. Brackett won the first set at 10-8 but Heine speeded up a trifle and in the next two and the last he won without much effort. This was the only three-set match of the day.

In the doubles Harris and Vezey had no difficulty in disposing of Dr. H. P. Greene and John Williams of Walpole, N. H., in straight sets. The only game the visitors lost in the first set was a love game on the physician's service.

Wakefield Dort of Keene, N. H., won a hard-fought victory over Joseph Dexter of Philadelphia and South Newfane and A. H. Chapin, Jr., of Springfield, Mass., winning both sets by a score of 6-4.

At the same time this match was in progress Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chapin, parents of the 15-year-old boy who was playing on one court, were playing an exhibition match of mixed doubles against Fred H. Harris and Miss Sarah M. Young of Pittsburg, Pa. The play of the two members of the gentler sex was an eye opener to many, for both faced the hard service of the men as easily as did their partners and Miss Young was very clever at net play and had a hard service. Mrs. Chapin displayed unusual cleverness at placing her drives. Harris and Miss Young won the first set at 6-4, and the second was finally abandoned by the Chapins with the score 8-7. If there is any time today the women will play an exhibition match of singles.

Second Round.

A. H. Chapin of Springfield, Mass., beat John Williams of Walpole, N. H., 6-0, 6-2.

Eugene Heine of Philadelphia beat Roger Brackett of Brattleboro, 8-10, 6-2, 6-2.

Fred H. Harris of Brattleboro beat Arthur Vezey of Montreal, 10-8, 6-1.

Semi-final Round.

A. H. Chapin beat P. J. Larmon of Omaha, 6-1, 6-2.

Harris and Vezey beat Dr. H. P. Greene of Brattleboro and Williams of Walpole, 6-1, 6-3.

Heine and Wakefield Dort of Keene, N. H., beat Joseph Dexter of Philadelphia and A. H. Chapin, Jr., of Springfield, 6-4, 6-4.

Exhibition Match, Mixed Doubles.

Miss Sarah M. Young of Pittsburg and Fred H. Harris beat Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chapin, 6-1, 6-4.

The play this morning consisted of two hard-fought doubles matches in the semi-finals. Harris and Vezey had to go three sets to beat Doughty and Chapin. The play was hard and fast throughout and Harris and Vezey finally won.

Brackett and Larmon lost their first set to Heine and Dort, but won the next two.

Doubles, Semi-finals.

Harris and Vezey beat Doughty and Chapin 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Brackett and Larmon beat Heine and Dort, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The finals in both doubles and singles will be played this afternoon.

The first match this afternoon was the semi-final in singles between Harris and Vezey, the winner of which meets A. H. Chapin of Springfield in the finals.

Harris and Vezey meet Brackett and Larmon in the finals in doubles.

## STREET CAR STRIKE REMAINS UNSETTLED

### Committee of Union Employees Held Conference with Manager Today

## LAST NIGHT 2,000 VOTED TO QUIT WORK

### If Grievances Are Adjusted They Will Return — Action of the Union Appears to Be Ominous of a Strike — Officials to Meet Committee.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. — Authorized by their unions to call a strike on all surface lines of the New York city company a committee of union employees of the Railway company today held a conference with the general manager, Frank Hedley, to demand a settlement of the grievances which have developed since the recent street car strike. Two thousand employees of the New York Railway company voted last night to quit work if their grievances were not adjusted. Before going on a strike, however, they voted to call upon Mayor Mitchell and the chairman of the down state public service commission to use their influence to induce officials of the company to put into effect agreements which were made as a result of the strike early this month. Although the action of the union appears to be ominous of a strike it was pointed out that the chief difficulty had been eliminated when the officials of the Railway company agreed to meet the committee and consider their grievances.

## ANOTHER DECREASE IN PARALYSIS CASES

### During the Last 24 Hours Plague Killed 32 Children and There Were 121 Stricken.

NEW YORK, August 16. — In four out of the five boroughs of the greater city the epidemic of infantile paralysis took a turn for the better today. It was the third consecutive day that a decrease was shown in the number of deaths and new cases.

During the 24-hour period ending at 10 o'clock the plague killed 32 children and 121 were stricken. This compares favorably with yesterday's figures, which showed 34 deaths and 133 new cases. The total cases now number 6,774 and deaths 1,529.

## STUDYING PARALYSIS.

### Nearly All States Represented at Conference in Washington.

WASHINGTON, August 17. — Measures to prevent further spread of infantile paralysis were discussed here today in a conference called by the public health service under the authority of congress for such councils in an epidemic of national danger. Delegates from nearly all states were present today with detailed reports of the spread of the plague over the country. The conference is expected to continue two days.

The conferees agreed their figures showed more than 10,000 cases of infantile paralysis in the United States, but that outside of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania the situation was normal. Aside from the specific evidence that the disease could be traced back to the metropolis.

The statistics showed that cases in persons older than 16 were rare. The exact figure from 38 states showed 11,117 cases, not confined to cities by any means. Many are reported on farms. Most of the speakers thought there was little necessity of a quarantine by other states against travelers from the east.

## MAJ. F. W. CHILDS DENIES THE CHARGE

### Says He Did Not Operate Automobile with Cutout Open and Will Fight Case—Hearing Saturday.

The case against Maj. Frederick W. Childs, charged by village officials with operating his automobile with the muffler cutout open, will be tried Saturday morning. Maj. Childs is to be represented by Attorney A. F. Schwank and will contest the case. The village will be represented by Acting Village Attorney W. R. Daley. Maj. Childs, it is understood, will dispute the claim that he had the cutout open at the time alleged.

## THE WEATHER.

### Generally Fair Tonight and Friday — Light, Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. — The weather forecast: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Light, variable winds, mostly southwest.

## SELECTMEN LAYING OUT VERNON STREET

### Desirous of Getting Sidewalk Laid Soon as Possible — Balance of Sidewalk Appropriation \$1,400.

The selectmen, after waiting over a year for the Boston & Maine railroad to establish the west line of their property on Vernon street, have begun the work of laying out that street in order that a sidewalk may be laid from Bridge street south.

The street has never been laid out since the work of lowering the grade was completed nearly two years ago, the authorities waiting until the other railroad improvements that might affect the exact boundaries of the street had been completed.

For several months past the Boston & Maine railroad company has promised the town fathers repeatedly to establish their line, but has not kept the promise. The selectmen are desirous of getting a sidewalk laid this summer and to that end have begun the work of preparing for it.

There is a balance of about \$1,400 left from the sidewalk appropriation, and this will be used on Vernon street as far as it will go, which will provide a walk probably as far as the Standard Oil Co.'s tanks. Beyond that there is considerable work of an unusual nature to be done to prepare for a sidewalk and a special appropriation for the purpose will be provided to meet the cost of building the rest of the walk south.

There is no walk leading to the new office of the American Express company in the southern end of the new railroad station and to get to the office requires walking through soft sand and gravel. The railroad company has assured the express officials that a walk will be provided as soon as the town walk on Vernon street is laid and the grade established.

## CORNER STONE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

### Building to Be Erected in Bennington a Memorial to the Late H. W. Putnam, and Is the Gift of His Son.

BENNINGTON, Aug. 17. — Bennington's holiday, the anniversary of the victory of the Colonial troops under Gen. John Stark over the British in 1777, was observed with a civic parade yesterday forenoon, followed by the laying of the corner stone of the new Henry W. Putnam Memorial hospital on Dewey street.

Nearly every organization in the village was represented in the parade, which was directed by the Bennington board of trade and which marched over the principal streets to the entrance of the hospital grounds. The exercises were in charge of the local Masonic bodies.

It is through the gift of the late Henry W. Putnam of San Diego, Calif., that Bennington will come into the possession of a modern hospital next March, if the provisions of the building contract are carried out. The donor was for many years a resident of Bennington and the foundation of his fortune was laid in a small one-story brick mill on North street, in which he manufactured a number of different patented novelties.

At the exercises H. H. Ross of Burlington, grand master of the grand lodge of Vermont, presided and, following the Masonic ceremony of laying the corner stone, there were short addresses by James C. Colgate, a New York summer resident of Old Bennington, James K. Batchelder of Arlington, and Rev. Thomas B. Carty, pastor of St. Francis de Sales church of Bennington.

## FARMERS GOING ON AUTOMOBILE TRIP

### Will Visit Dairy and Onion Farms in Connecticut Valley and Look Over Experiment Station.

On Monday, August 21, a party of Westminister farmers will go on an automobile trip down the Connecticut valley to visit dairy and onion farms and look over the grounds of the Massachusetts Experiment station. The party this year will be smaller than the one which made the trip in 1914. This will give more of an opportunity for asking questions and gathering information. Stops will be made at the following places, and others may be added to the list: A. A. Dunklee's, South Vernon; Mt. Hermon school; Connecticut Valley Onion Co., South Deerfield; Belden Bros., Bradstreet and the Massachusetts Experiment station, Westminister farmers are getting up this trip, but anyone in the county is invited to find a seat in an automobile and join the party. As to time of starting, D. P. Wright of Westminister or A. W. Sweeton of Brattleboro will be glad to give information.

## IN STRAIGHT SETS.

### Champion Wins Again in Tennis Tournament at Newport, R. I.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17. — William M. Johnston of San Francisco, national singles champion, qualified for the semi-final round in the Casino lawn tennis tournament today by defeating W. M. Washburn of New York in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Clarence J. Griffin of San Francisco also qualified by eliminating R. Novis Williams, 2d of Philadelphia, former Casino cup holder, in four sets, 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 8-6.

## GUILFORD CENTER.

### The Ladies' Circle will meet in its rooms August 25. As this will be the annual meeting a large attendance is desired.

## FARMERS SECURE BIG CROP OF HAY

### Harvest Will Yield About 50 Per Cent Increase Over Normal

## QUALITY GOOD, BUT PORTION DAMAGED

### Some Not Yet Cut, Owing to Unfavorable Weather Conditions — Many Farmers Have Barns Full with No Place for Putting Rowen.

That there is an exceedingly large crop of hay this year has been generally realized, and statements to this paper by representative farmers show that the crop is nearly half as large again as in an ordinary year. The crop is late this year, not all having been harvested yet, and the increased yield is offset to a certain extent by unfavorable weather for securing the crop, which caused some damage. The conditions with respect to hay are told in an interesting way in the following communications from two well-known farmers and the agent of the Windham County Agricultural Society:

Editor of The Reformer:—

The hay crop is abundant in this section, probably averaging nearly double the amount harvested during any recent year, with the prospects excellent for a good second crop on early cut pieces. On account of unfavorable weather conditions it is slow work securing the crop, and while farmers generally have their hay in the barns at this time, a considerable proportion of the crop is still uncut this season.

Grasshoppers have done serious damage in places and appear to be more generally scattered over the town than last year.

GEO. T. APLIN.

Putney, Aug. 16.

Editor of The Reformer:—

Due largely to the frequent and abundant rains during the summer and autumn of 1915 and spring of 1916, the hay crop in Windham county and as far as observed throughout New England is the best for several years. In most cases the crop is giving an increase of 25 to 50 per cent above any one of the last two or three years. Farmers are laboring under considerable disadvantage in getting it harvested, as there has been very few good hay days and much of the hay will be off in quality on account of being damaged by rains and becoming over ripe. The hay will be well filled when all is harvested and on the whole with fair quality hay.

Nearly all the old hay was picked up during the spring and much was imported at high prices, and it seems an opportune time for a bumper crop.

Where the crop was harvested early there is promise of a good second cutting.

Pastures have given an abundant growth and stock is looking well.

A. A. DUNKLEE.

South Vernon, Aug. 16.

Editor of The Reformer:—

The hay crop in Windham county for the summer of 1916 is the largest in many years. During the last month many middle aged men have stated that they did not remember when there had been a heavier crop of hay. Grass on the better tilled fields has been very heavy with an extra large proportion of clover. On the more or less bound-out fields on the back farms the crop is more than double what it was last year.

In my visits about the county I have found many men who have their barns crammed full and are wondering what they are to do with the rowen crop.

The cause for this heavy crop is probably due to several reasons, but mainly to the wet weather which we had in 1915 and which has been continued in 1916. Previous to 1915 there had been a term of years in which the rainfall had been considerably under normal and during this period the hay crop became lighter and lighter, except on the fertile, well-tilled fields. When the rain did come in 1915 the dried-up grass plants began to thrive and came back to normal. Following this came a winter with a good snow covering and another rainy, cool spring, all these favorable factors for a luxuriant growth of forage, which has resulted in the abundant hay crop of this season.

The gain is not as large as it might seem, however, and frequently we hear experienced feeders saying that they think that the hay will not "spend" as it usually does. Through the growing period there has been very little sunshine which is necessary in the elaboration of the various food constituents, and this may result in a smaller amount of nutritive value in the hay. Then again, on account of poor hay weather quite a proportion of the hay has either been rained on or it has stood in the field until it is over ripe, which increases the woody tissue and decreases the food value. The lowering of the quality of the hay in these ways probably in part offsets the increased amount.

A. W. SWEETON.

County Agricultural Agent.

Brattleboro, Aug. 16.

One way to obtain greatly desired information is to profess indifference about it.