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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1916.

Last call for names of candidates on state and county tickets.

Old Home week finds its greatest popularity in New Hampshire. Fifty-one towns in that state are holding celebrations this week.

The persons who predicted that crops would not come to maturity this year have changed their views. Nature has passed on to her natural ripening stage with a rush in the last ten days of hot, rainless weather.

Only ten years ago it was a gamble whether an automobile would reach the next town, and only five years ago farmers were still making money on the side by towing cars to the cities and large towns. Today the automobile is as dependable as any horse-drawn vehicle.

The statement of the New Haven railroad's earnings for the fiscal year ending June 30 shows a very satisfactory business. Under the efficient and capable control of men well versed in the art of successful railroading, the company seems to be regaining its financial health. This is as it should be. Sound, prosperous and progressive railroads mean a more prosperous New England.

There will be little sympathy in the United States with the Bulgarians if they suffer severely by reason of taking up the cause of the Teutonic allies. Bulgaria netted the part of an international bog in bringing about the second Balkan war and it was true to the same character in fighting against Serbia under its terrible pressure from Germany a few months ago. There is nothing in the Bulgars to command respect or sympathy in their recent international relations.

This tremendous hammering which the allies are giving the Teutons every day, without sufficient offset on the latter's side, must be wearing on the patriotism and the courage of the armies. They must feel that the current is running against them and they have no hope of final victory. When that feeling gets possession of the Teutonic hosts there will be more surrenders, and that will bring the end so much nearer. But still the end is not in sight by any means.

History is repeating itself. Most of us remember the Biblical story in which the word shibboleth was used by the Gileadites as a test for the Ephraimites. The latter tribe were asked to say the word when they sought to escape at the ford in the river Jordan after a defeat in battle. The Ephraimites could not pronounce the word correctly and were therefore slain in great numbers. Now the English are making doubtful persons say squirrel to prove that they are not Germans. They say the Teutons cannot enunciate the word properly, and when a person fails on the test he is made a prisoner.

The New York World calculates that, with the new British loan, we shall have loaned to Great Britain, France, Canada, Russia, Germany and neutral European countries since the war begun \$1,422,000,000. We have sold abroad \$2,972,000,000 more of merchandise than we have bought. We have received in gold a net sum of over \$600,000,000

and have brought back securities amounting to perhaps \$800,000,000 or \$900,000,000. Our net foreign debt two and a half years ago was around \$5,000,000,000. Our debt abroad cannot, according to these figures, be more than half that sum today, and it is steadily melting away. We are still a debtor nation, but we have made wonderful progress towards transferring the balance to the other side of the ledger.

#### Vermont's Way.

(Boston Journal.)  
Vermont, although the number of its troops in camp is not as large as that of other states, finds that the hand-to-mouth methods of providing relief for militiamen's families are not a success. Gov. Gates has called a special session of the legislature for next Thursday "to provide for such compensation of Vermont troops in addition to United States pay and for such relief of their families and dependents as may seem advisable."

Vermont is the first state to call the legislature into session for militia relief. It may not be the last state to take action if the troops remain away through this month.  
Even in Massachusetts, where public spirit in times of emergency is always prompt and liberal, there is difficulty in providing a decent living for destitute dependents of the soldiers. The relief fund has been so small that the expedients of the frankest charity have been adopted. The dignity of a fund gathered without the fuss of ordinary charity methods seems impossible of attainment. The soldiers' family asks and receives at some cost of pride, in many instances, Massachusetts is not likely to tolerate that plan much longer.  
Special legislative sessions in the first few days of the militia mobilization would have seemed hysterical. But with continuing doubt as to the period of border duty and with the public fervor gradually subsiding, more and more there will be renewed discussion of legislative action in many states.

#### BIG DOINGS AT STATE FAIR.

Indications Point to Extensive Exhibits with Amusements to Please Patrons.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Aug. 22. With premiums in the several departments of the Vermont State fair, which will be held on the state fair grounds here Sep. 12, 13, 14 and 15, aggregating \$20,000 and with purses for the trotting events reaching close to \$5,000, the commission having this state event in hand is again demonstrating its liberality.

Exhibitors of cattle, horses, sheep and swine, and of all farm produce have high regard for the state fair. It pays them to make exhibits there, the premiums being of satisfying amounts. Breeders of cattle and horses from other states find at this fair that judging is fair and that the premiums won are on the merit of the stock.

There is every promise of hotly contested racing on the track. The entries are large in all events. There will be two stake races, a 2:20 pace and a 2:20 trot, each with a purse of \$1,000. These two events have brought a big string of entries. Lovers of horse racing are promised a treat each day of the fair.  
State Fish Commissioner Titcomb is arranging for an extensive exhibit of the fish that inhabit Vermont waters—a more comprehensive and complete exhibit than has yet been made.

The midway will be extensive. It will again be under the supervision of Superintendent Williams. Many things new in the line of out-door entertainment have already "booked in" and the midway grounds will be fully occupied.

#### NORWICH UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Major Tompkins to Return to Norwich.

Orders have been issued by the war department detailing Major Frank Tompkins for service as professor of military science and tactics at Norwich university. Major Tompkins, then Captain Tompkins, first came to Norwich in the fall of 1910 and remained until the summer of 1913. While there he won the respect of the students, faculty, and the general public of the state. After leaving Norwich he did duty on the Mexican border. At the Columbus raid he was the leader of the party which first pursued Villa across the border. He was with Pershing's forces when they entered Mexico, and figured in several of the important actions. He was the leader of the American forces at Parral, where the Mexicans tried to ambush them; and it was only by his fine leadership that they did not succumb. While in Mexico he was wounded twice and at last had to return to a hospital. After coming from the hospital he was detailed to the First Vermont cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen. If this regiment had been organized it was understood that he was to have been its colonel. Norwich is to be congratulated on again obtaining this efficient leader.

Philippine Constabulary Wants Norwich Men.

A telegram has been received by Dean H. R. Roberts of Norwich university from the insular bureau at Washington, D. C., saying that there are a limited number of vacancies for third lieutenants in the Philippine constabulary. Candidates must be unmarried, between 21 and 35 years of age, and graduates of college or university having an army officer in charge of the military course, and must have completed such course. Norwich already has several men in the constabulary.

#### GIANT HEAD A PLAGUE WARDER.

Fantastic Device Erected by Chinese Residents of Boston.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—A monster head, made of highly colored paper, fantastically decorated and extremely grotesque, has been set up in Chinatown by its denizens as a special protection against infantile paralysis. It is done to satisfy the fears of more than two score Chinese mothers. Such a creature has often been used in China to frighten and ward off plagues.

The head is about five feet in diameter, shaped something like a frog, with bulging eyes, which are hanging on wire and swing up and down. It has a horn on top, supposed to be typical of a Chinese unicorn, but looking more like PUNCH's cap.

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The 1917 model is usually brought out on the first of July, in order that the man who bought at the old price on June 15 can enjoy the Fourth with a glad heart. It requires true religion for a new driver to read a two-page advertisement in three colors, offering his car for \$100 less money and offering to throw in a tire pump, without falling on his knees and hoping that somebody will set the factory on fire in seven distinct spots. More murder is committed at long distance by the practice of shortening the price and lengthening the wheel base of automobiles on the first of July than by the treatment of Americans in Mexico.

Once in a while, however, some manufacturer who was caught in his stocking feet by the European war raises the price of the 1917 model, thereby causing the confiding prospect who was waiting for a drop to utter a piercing roar of wrath. This unfeeling act has [Protected by The Adams Newspaper Service]

## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

### CIRCUS SCHOOL.

The Children had just been to another Circus and were all tired out when Daddy came in to tell them his usual evening story. But they were not too tired to tell Daddy all about the Animals and the tricks and the usual wonderful things that happen in the Circus.

"I suppose that means," said Daddy, "that you want a Circus Story tonight, eh?"

"Oh, yes, Daddy, please, tell us a Circus Story. We love to hear about the things all the Animals do when we're not watching them," shouted the Children.

"I don't believe they do much besides sleep and eat," said Nick.

"Dear me," said Daddy. "You think they're even cleverer than we are. Why, they need practice and study to do those tricks just as you Children need to go to School in order to learn how to spell, and read, and do sums. You couldn't spell without studying, could you?"

The children laughed, and so Daddy said: "Well, as you've never before heard of the Circus School, and yet you go to every Circus that comes to town, I think it is high time you heard. So that will be our Story tonight."

"In the Circus that you've been to see, they have School every morning, bright and early, before the parade. And then the more advanced Pupils—those in the higher classes—who know more—have lessons again after the Parade, while the others rest for the afternoon's performance."

"Those who have studied for a long time are in higher classes, just as you Children go into a higher class at the end of every year."

"But it is of the Kindergarten that I want to tell you. In it are three baby Lions, a little Panther, a young Tiger and six Elephants. They call themselves the little Animals, or the Babies. Not that they are very small, no indeed! They look quite big, and sometimes look very angry and wild. That is when they haven't learned their lessons and the Trainer, or Teacher, scolds them.

"They are taught to 'Lie down; Stand up on their legs; Roll over

and all such little tricks first—just as Children learn how to spell 'Cat' and 'Rat' before they learn how to spell 'Monogerie'."

"What, Daddy?" shrieked Nancy. "That is a big word, isn't it; well it means an Animal home. But, if we stop and chatter, I'll never get through telling you about the School."

"After they have learned little tricks, they are taught how to do real hard ones, like rolling a barrel, or riding on bicycles and roller skates or jumping through hoops, and the Elephants play Baseball games, and are taught how to throw, and pitch and catch."

"But today, just after School, and before it was time for the parade, a Man arrived with a great big machine—bigger than he was, and even bigger than the Animals."

"Be very quiet," he told the Animals as their School Teacher had some of them stand, and some of them sit in front of the camera which was going to take their pictures. And then the man, put an enormous black cloth over his head.

"The animals were very much interested and wondered what was going on in side of the black cloth, and if there were any lumps of sugar hidden away that the Man was eating. One of the little Lions thought perhaps there was a piece of meat or maybe a loaf of bread."

"Soon the Man's head appeared again, and he said: 'Now, you fine Animals, look pleasant. You're to have your pictures taken for the new billboards of the Circus School to be put up the country around.'"

"The animals tried to grin and do as the Man told them—all except the Tiger, who simply couldn't grin, as the Panther pinched him and made him give a terrible howl. He wrinkled up his face, too, and the Man with the camera waited."

"Well, it's just too mean," said the Tiger. "I'm one of the most beautiful Animals you could find, and I want to look handsome on the billboards—just as I am. Please, Keeper, Make the Panther stop pinching me. I just won't have my picture ruined."

"So they separated the Panther and Tiger, and at last a beautiful picture was made of the Circus School!"

Concealed.

"Well, Willie, how are you? We don't see as much of you as we used to."

"No'om, I'm in long pants now."

Excursion to Newport, R. I., Aug. 24 See advertisement on page 4.

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