

THE GERMANS LACK FOOD AND CROPS

Examination of the Official Announcement Shows Why the Kaiser Wants Peace.

Out of Germany has come the first official crop report for this year. It is by the food dictator who is supposed to know something of actual conditions. In part he said:

"Only an average harvest is to be expected. This will be below the peace average. There is no hope of an abundant potato crop as in 1915. Cattle outlook is unsatisfactory. Milch cows will be sufficient, but situation for cattle for slaughter, and dogs is bad. Fruit and vegetable crops are not good."

It is hard to understand how, in the face of this report, "only an average harvest" is to be expected, and how it will be averaged, if "below the peace average." What the "peace average" is, the world well knows, and a harvest below that spells distress unless help comes from outside.

In the early weeks of the war Von Moltke said the food supply was ample, and the empire was self-sustaining. A noted German economist answering him proved that the supply was not sufficient, and Germany could not sustain itself on its own crops without disposing of all its livestock and consuming the forage.

Since then the empire has been pumped full of synthetic food, but food riots have continued. Last year's harvest was officially declared to be enormous, but within a few weeks the Imperial Chancellor in the Reichstag, said it was "disastrous." Further confirmation may be found in the words of the president of the Imperial Grain Board, who, at a discussion in the economic committee of the Reichstag in May last, said:

To Germany's reserve of 400,000 tons of grain must be added 80,000 tons, representing the decrease in the consumption by the army, and 97,000 tons from Rumania.

"And he dead, he will eat no bread." Eighty thousand tons saved by erecting wooden crosses! Therefore continue the work at Verdun. Ninety-seven thousand tons from Rumania. But look at the Russian army near Rumania and the preparations going on at Saloniki. Rumania is not a promising source of future supplies.

A reserve of "400,000 tons" looks large, until reduced to a per capita basis, and then it becomes pitiful. In peace times the per capita consumption of grain of all kinds in Germany is 87 bushels, not all of which is raised at home. The reserve, the Rumanian supply and the saving through death, total 557,000 tons. This would approximate 22,000,000 bushels, which is less than 19 days' supply in time of peace, when potatoes, meat, fruits and vegetables also are available without stint. Last year Germany also secured the Norway catch of fish. This year a competitor cornered the market. Her own sea fishing also is curtailed. Imports of meat, lard, alcohol, corn and other food stuffs from the United States are shut off, and the empire must live upon this harvest "below the peace average." If the report of the Dictator be correct, it bespeaks a condition more serious than the absence of ammunition.—Wall Street Journal.

while serving in the ranks of the foreign legion of the French army. Not only has Col. Elkington been restored to the army, but he has been reappointed in his old regiment, the Royal Warwickshires, in which his father served before him.

In this same London Gazette at the end of October, 1914, had appeared the crushing announcement that Elkington had been cashiered by sentence of general court-martial. What his error was did not appear at the time and has not been alluded to in his returned hour of honor. It was court-martial at the front at a time when the first rush of war was engulfing Europe and little time could be wasted upon an incident of this sort. The charge, it is now stated, did not reflect in any way upon the officer's personal courage.

Col. Elkington did not pass unscathed through fire. His fighting days are ended. His knees are shattered and he walks heavily upon his sticks. Col. Elkington made no attempt to cloak his name or his former army service when he entered the ranks of the legion. "Why shouldn't I be a private?" he said. "It is an honor for any man to serve in the ranks of that famous corps. Like many of the other boys I had a debt to wipe off. Now it is paid."

WILLIAMSVILLE.

Committee for Grange Fair.

Williamsville Grange will hold its sixth annual fair the afternoon and evening of Friday, Oct. 13. There will be a supper at 5.30 in charge of Mrs. Ella Willard, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. A. L. Timson, Mrs. E. W. Morse, Mrs. A. E. Halladay, J. W. Williams, E. W. Morse and H. A. Thayer.

The reception committee consists of Rev. J. S. Charlton, Mrs. G. B. Williams, Clarence K. Lewis, Decoration, Mrs. H. A. Williams, Mrs. L. E. Stratton, Miss Violet Bills, Miss Gladys Birch, Mrs. Grace Pierce, Rev. A. S. Charlton; entertainment, W. H. Temple, Mrs. J. E. Morse; grab bag, Mrs. A. S. Charlton, Mrs. M. A. Bingham; antique table, Mrs. C. K. Stedman, Mrs. W. J. White, Mrs. L. E. Stratton; school exhibits, Mrs. Rena Morse, Mrs. W. H. Temple; Gleamers' table, Mrs. E. R. Willard; fancy work table, Mrs. L. B. Gordon, Mrs. E. B. Washer, Mrs. J. P. Lewis; candy booth, Mrs. D. R. Stedman, Mrs. Mary Ingram, Mrs. F. E. Fisher; food table, Mrs. A. E. Halladay, Mrs. G. B. Williams, Mrs. F. E. Willard, Mrs. W. E. Wheeler; canned goods, Mrs. B. C. Halladay, Mrs. W. H. Temple, Mrs. O. C. Boister, Mrs. A. H. Ingram; booth committee, J. P. Lewis, E. C. Halladay, H. E. Gibson, Charles Field; pet stock and vegetables, J. P. Lewis, F. E. Willard, A. A. Timson, Dr. L. B. Gordon, H. A. Williams; fruit, O. C. Boister, A. H. Ingram, L. E. Stratton, W. J. White, C. K. Stedman; advertising, F. E. Willard, H. A. Williams, E. C. Halladay; tickets, F. E. Fisher, A. E. Halladay.

The judges on pet stock are C. K. Stedman, F. N. Parson, A. L. Timson, E. R. Willard; judges on fruit and vegetables, G. B. Williams, D. R. Stedman, H. P. Pierce, W. E. Wheeler; judges on food and canned goods, Mrs. C. K. Stedman, Mrs. E. R. Willard, Mrs. F. N. Parson, Mrs. H. P. Pierce. All articles donated will be sold by auction after the entertainment. The auctioneer will be D. R. Stedman; clerk, Mrs. Ella Willard.

Miss Alice Temple came from Brattleboro and spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Temple. Mrs. Mary Ingram is home with her new fall styles and will have her millinery opening next Thursday, Sept. 28. A. H. Ingram is working in Brattleboro carpentering. W. J. White is running the blacksmith shop for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldis Barber and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dodge of Lyndonville came Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Temple. F. E. Freyenhagen and Mr. and Mrs. William Leitch of Springfield spent Sunday with Mrs. Freyenhagen and children at C. K. Stedman's. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Aldrich of Putnam, Conn., and Mrs. Margaret Bard and three children of New York city came by automobile Saturday to visit Mr. Aldrich's sister, Mrs. G. R. Temple and family. They returned to Putnam Monday.

EAST DOVER.

W. I. Yeaw is more comfortable at this writing.

A. A. Larrabee of Halifax visited at A. E. Jones' the first of the week.

Sherman Adams left Tuesday to enter Dartmouth college, Hanover, N. H. Arthur Harris of Wellington, Mass., visited at F. E. Yeaw's a few days recently.

Mr. Miller of Greenfield visited at M. A. Moore's Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Faith Yeaw of Washington and Ralph Yeaw of Brattleboro were callers at A. E. Jones' Wednesday.

Miss Cora Hatch of Brattleboro came Saturday to visit several days at Mrs. D. Niles', E. H. Pratt's and C. H. Turner's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adams of Springfield, Mass., and Clarence Adams of Providence, R. I., visited at A. E. Jones' last week.

Schools in town began Monday with teachers as follows: North street, Miss Marion Howe; Goose City, Miss Winnifred Sherman; Canaan, Miss Bessie Davis.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Perkins left Tuesday for a two-weeks' vacation among relatives and friends in the north part of the state and in New Hampshire.

Miss Gertrude Holland, who graduated from the Wilmington high school last June, will return to take a teacher training course this year. Miss Helen Gould returned to the Brattleboro high school and Katherine Sherman to Leland & Gray seminary. Pupils from this place entering this year are Harold Gould, Lyndonville Agricultural school; Louise Hale and Olive Sherman, Brattleboro high school.

Japan obtains more than 2,000,000 horse power from its streams by nearly 400 hydro-electric plants.

Clark Farrine was arrested as drunk in Plainfield, N. J., the other day for giving away \$100 bills.

NEWFANE.

W. C. Ballou went on a business trip to Boston Monday.

Slight damage has been done by frost in this locality thus far.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hazelton visited recently in Westfield, Mass.

Mrs. Edward Morse went Saturday to visit relatives in Dummerston.

Miss Stella Micott is home from Springfield to spend a week or two.

Raymond Mallory is at A. T. Edwards' and attends the village school.

Dr. Clifton D. Howe, who spent the summer at home, returned Thursday to Toronto University.

Miss Maude Radway of Northfield, Mass., has been a recent visitor in the home of her brother, A. W. Radway.

Russell Blood and brother of Townshend are at D. A. Benson's this week making outside repairs about the buildings.

Virgil Ranney went to Providence Tuesday to spend a week or two with his sister, Mrs. Clarence Adams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop of Williamsville spent a few days last week with their niece and nephew, Miss Jennie L. and A. R. Underwood.

Mrs. Frank Pierce of South Londonderry is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Viola L. Chase, while her husband is attending court as one of the jurors.

Miss Margaret Maher and Miss Nellie Hamlin, who are nurses in a hospital in Springfield, Mass., are spending a three-weeks' vacation at their home.

Although a rainy day last Friday, the dinner served in the Union hall by the Union Hall Helpers was well patronized and a handsome sum realized.

Mrs. John H. Covey is visiting relatives in Granby, Canada, and was accompanied on the trip by her mother, Mrs. Luella Parsons, and sister, Mrs. Charles Sumner Wilson, of Brattleboro.

Rev. Paul Haynes and family, who have been at their summer home through the season, leave this week Friday for New Brunswick, N. J., where Mr. Haynes is pastor of one of the churches.

Roy Jones and family of Brattleboro visited over Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Bert Smith, in Brookline, visiting also at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Jones, in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobs, who spent some time at Averill lake, visited Landlord and Mrs. Whitecomb at the Newfane Inn last week, returning the first of the week to their home in Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higgins and daughter, Miss Madeline, of Haverhill, Mass., were guests from Wednesday to Saturday in the home of his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Higgins, and his brother, Lewis G. Higgins.

Drs. M. C. and E. G. Twitchell of Burlington, also B. T. Holland of East Corinth, and a friend from Indianapolis, were guests Sunday at the Newfane Inn and callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harvey while in town. They visited the grave of their father, Col. Twitchell, with an old soldier comrade, in Townshend and their old home in this village, now owned by A. R. Underwood.

Newfane Grange was given a great treat at their regular meeting last Wednesday evening, when Vermont Grange of Wardsboro visited Newfane Grange, presenting an excellent program as follows: Reading, Trials of a Telephone Manager, by Mrs. Forrester; song, When the Angels Have Lifted the Veil; recitation, A Connubial Controversy, Beryl Hellon; recitation, Aunt Tabitha on Boys, Mary Fletcher; farce, Why Alexander Killed the Cat, Dr. Hellon and Mrs. A. L. Briggs; recitation, Miss Edith Clark. The Coon Hollow Grange band of 15 pieces came and gave a fine concert.

WARDSBORO.

Fred Dexter is working on the bridge in South Wardsboro.

Leon Bills went to Brattleboro Saturday to see his wife.

Mrs. Weatherbee is visiting her son, Bert Bacon, and family on East hill. Our juror, John Gilfeather, is on duty this week. He drives to Newfane each morning.

The Grange held a special meeting Monday evening and conferred the third and fourth degrees.

Arthur Fletcher went to White River Junction and attended the state fair, spending the week.

Archie Knight is helping William Kidder build a grain storehouse near Wardsboro station.

John Gilfeather was in Putney last week to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Kate Wright.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson and children of West Wardsboro visited her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dexter, last week.

Mrs. Leon Bills, who was taken to the Memorial hospital in Brattleboro last week for an operation for appendicitis, is out of danger.

Mary Fletcher returned to school in Montpelier Monday, also Ernest St. Mary. Arthur Fletcher went to Townshend and Otis Hellon to Brattleboro.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Willard, who have been summer guests at Underwood's hotel, leave next Monday for Boston, where they will attend the Simon Willard association meeting, after which they will return to their home in Philadelphia.

SOUTH WARDSBORO.

Miss Stella Reed returned to her school in Castleton Monday.

School began Monday with Miss Rugg of Westminster as teacher.

Mrs. Cole of Orange, Mass., was in town last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Nabor Sage of Wardsboro Center and Mrs. Earl Sage of Townshend visited at J. B. Sage's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shampine and Mr. and Mrs. James Corser of Wardsboro Center and Linwood Corser of Pittsburg, Pa., spent Tuesday at John Shampine's.

The Community club will have a harvest supper Thursday evening, Sept. 28, in the church from 6 to 8, to be followed by a free entertainment to those who attend the supper.

SOUTH NEWFANE.

A Musical Romance.

Musical America (New York) of Sept. 16 contains the following notice of the marriage of Miss Christine Schutz, who spent her vacation in this village, boarding at H. W. Adams', and who is a friend of Mrs. E. Milton Dexter:

"Another musical romance culminated in marriage on Sept. 5, when Royal Dadman, the gifted baritone, and Christine Schutz, one of the best young contraltos in the concert field, were married. The ceremony was private, the only guests being friends of the bride and her family. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Schoenfeld, pastor of Immanuel Evangelistic Lutheran church at Eighty-eighth street and Lexington avenue, New York. The Dadmans left on their honeymoon immediately after. Mr. Dadman will sing in concert this season under the management of the Musical League of America, while his talented wife will continue her concert career. Her concerts are under the direction of Haensel and Jones.

The covered bridge near the postoffice has been undergoing repairs.

Hon. Frank Moss made a business trip to New York Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. D. S. Dorrell went last week to Brattleboro to be away for a short vacation.

Mrs. Lee Love attended Wednesday afternoon the burial of Francis Lynde at West Brattleboro.

Ernest Adams went Monday to Brattleboro to attend the high school, this being his senior year.

Judge Goff of New York was a guest of Hon. Frank Moss at his summer home two days last week.

Deacon E. M. Stratton went Sunday to visit his daughters, Mrs. George F. Whitney and Mrs. Edward V. Morse.

Richard Daniels, who spent the summer with his aunt, Mrs. Bert F. Adams, returned Monday to his home in Brattleboro.

Mrs. Lewis, who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Jennie Lewis, at the home of Mrs. Frank Moss, returned to New York Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Milton Dexter, who spent about four months at their summer home, Dexter Hall, left Tuesday for Philadelphia for the winter.

Mrs. Lyman G. Powers is at home, after a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Marlboro. Mr. Grout has returned from Bernardston and is boarding with her.

Quarantine on children who came in from New York state and Massachusetts was removed last week and they were free to begin the school term Monday.

John E. Morse, tax collector for Newfane has sent out tax statements this week. To secure the four per cent discount payment must be made before Oct. 15.

Mrs. Ebenezer N. Stratton of Suffolk, Conn., who has been with relatives in the village two weeks, went Sunday to Brattleboro, where she will spend a few days before going home.

The village school opened Monday with 13 pupils and with Miss Edith Landman as teacher. Miss Landman boards with Mrs. A. A. Bailey and Mrs. A. M. Kelley.

The attendance at the Sunday evening service having outgrown the vestry, the meeting was held in the church audience room last Sunday night. It is expected to be held there for the present.

Work on the state road between the cement bridge at Bingham Brothers' mill and the stone bridge is progressing rapidly and will make a marked improvement in the highway between this village and Williamsville.

The organized adult Sunday school class met in the parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. C. Walter Bishop Tuesday evening. About 20 were present. Officers were elected, matters for the good of the class were discussed and a pleasant evening was spent.

WINDHAM.

Miss Elitha Eddy will attend school in Chester.

Mrs. John Ingalls and children of Springfield visited in town last week.

Miss Elie Stowell is attending Leland & Gray seminary in Townshend.

H. L. Chapman and family took an automobile trip to Chester Saturday.

W. G. Adams and family went to Springfield last week to visit friends.

Mr. Renouard, a scenic artist from New York, is stopping at A. Upham's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fair of Saxtons River visited Hattie P. Jones over Sunday.

Mrs. Tenney Coleman and children of Rawsonville visited at G. L. Dutton's last week.

Schools have resumed their sessions, after being closed two weeks by order of the board of health.

Alfred S. Howe and daughter, Cora, of Claremont, N. H., were at W. J. Smith's the first of the week.

Stella Hawkes and Lester Winn went to Rockingham hospital, Bellows Falls, last week and had adenoids removed.

Misses Mary and Dorothy Harris and friend, Miss Hitchcock of Chester, made a short visit the first of the week at Winifred Chapman's.

Misses Edith T. and Della R. Wood and a friend, all of New York city, came Saturday and are occupying Woodburne cottage for a stay of two weeks.

Miss Annie M. Squire, art teacher in Springfield, who had been staying at Winifred Chapman's a few weeks, returned Saturday to resume her work.

Mrs. G. E. Eddy is in Windsor for a season, keeping house for her husband and sons, who are building a large barn for J. A. Gould on the large estate that he bought last year.

Mrs. Harriet U. Spofford returned home last week. She and Miss Constance Upham went to Grafton Friday and stayed overnight at the hotel. Miss Upham returned home Saturday after calling on friends.

An Easy Boss.

Notice in a factory: "No loafers allowed except employees."—Boston Transcript.

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

Mrs. Herrick is visiting in Nashua, N. H. Miss Sarah Minot has been ill a week.

Victoria Sankey has a new baby grand piano. Charles E. Dickerson, jr., has entered Harvard university.

Miss Hazel Clapp has returned to the Fitchburg normal school. William Dresser is chauffeur for A. G. Ropes for the rest of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Pallas celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary Sunday. Miss Josephine Warzials of Worcester is visiting Miss Annie Campbell.

Miss Cornelia Taylor of Philadelphia is a guest of Mrs. S. C. Richardson. Mrs. Bachelder of Wallingford, Vt., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. E. F. Howard.

Miss Clara Welcome of St. Johnsbury, Vt., was a recent guest of Mrs. R. E. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kidder of Wardsboro, Vt., spent Sunday at G. N. Kidder's.

Russell Durgin of Orange, N. J., was a guest for the week-end of Mrs. Delphine Lazelle.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Brown have closed their summer home and gone to New York city.

Fred Foreman left Saturday for Bates college, Maine, where he will study this year.

Prof. George Smith and son of Yonkers are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith for a few days.

Miss Nellie Campbell is home from Springfield until the opening of the public schools there.

Miss Mabel Lincoln of Montague has resumed a class of piano students, after the summer recess.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash of Springfield were visitors for the week-end at John A. Fisher's and J. A. Stebbins's.

The first number on the seminary lecture course Monday night was a concert by the Lotus male quartet of Boston.

Mrs. L. H. Lazelle and Miss Delphine Lazelle entertained at a corn roast at Camp Northfield Monday night.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown of New York city were in town for the week-end and to superintend their estate on South Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Janeway of New Brunswick, N. J., are guests of their parents, Col. and Mrs. J. J. Janeway. They are touring in an automobile.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Callaghan Sept. 11. This is their sixth daughter and is named for Mr. Callaghan's mother, Margaret O'Keefe.

Mrs. D. L. Pierson of Philadelphia is a guest at the Northfield Hotel. Mrs. Pierson has spent many summers here with her husband, who is a son of the late Dr. A. T. Pierson.

The Jolly Eight enjoyed a corn roast on Grand rock Saturday evening and later adjourned to the home of Mrs. W. R. Moody, the chaperone of the party, where games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson have as their guests Mrs. E. C. Crosby of Brattleboro, Mrs. Johnson's aunt; Mrs. Minnie Hamilton of Brattleboro, a sister of Mr. Johnson, and Miss Flora Johnson of Crescent City, Florida, a cousin of Mr. Johnson.

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Coe left Friday for New York. On Sunday Mr. Coe preached in Asbury Park, N. J. They then went to Oxford, O., where Miss Mildred Lyman, who accompanied them, will enter the Western College for Women, the president of which is a friend of the family.

Ivan Willard Killed at East Putney. Ivan Willard, who was killed at East Putney last Saturday, had lived in South Vernon for the past four years, working most of the time for A. A. Dunklee and Sons. The funeral was held Tuesday in the church here at 1.30 p. m. The burial took place in the cemetery nearby.

Mr. Willard was the youngest of six children of James and Harriet Willard of Halifax, where he was born July 19, 1872. He married Nov. 30, 1895, Miss Clara Houghton of Walpole, N. H., who survives, and an only daughter, Bernice, also three sisters, Mrs. O. E. Ward of Westmoreland, N. H., Mrs. H. Leslie Houghton of Centralia, Wash., and Mrs. Hoses Fisher of Halifax, and two brothers, Ira of Northfield, Mass., and D. C. Willard of Greenfield. All were present but the sister in Washington, also friends from Brattleboro, Greenfield, Bernardston and Halifax. There were many beautiful flowers.

William Walker was taken to Farn hospital last week for treatment.

Albert Haynes of Wilmington was a visitor at E. S. Corse's recently and Miss Henrietta Brigham of Marlboro, Mass., is a guest there this week.

MARLBORO.

The Ladies' sale and supper of Sept 13 was a success. Mrs. Jane Hingley returned from her visit in Wilmington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Adams spent the week-end with their friends in Massachusetts.

The public schools of the town began Monday, Sept. 18. With the exception of the Branch school they are in charge of the same teachers as last year.

A good number from Ames hill have already gone to their homes. Others are going this week, while some are planning a longer stay on the hill. It is to be hoped that the road from the hill to the town will be largely improved before their return next year.

Prof. Paton of Hartford theological seminary preached an able sermon in the church Sunday morning from the words "But whom say ye that I am." Prof. Paton will return to his work early next week. Mrs. Paton and two daughters returned on Wednesday of this week.

In Cuba it is said tobacco is planted, grown and gathered in 90 days.

Savings Banks

Unlike a commercial or checking bank such as THE VERMONT NATIONAL, the chief business of a savings bank is that of receiving deposits, that is to say, receiving money and promising to repay it. The repayment will generally be made on demand, but the law allows a savings bank to delay repayment for as long as three months after demand has been made. In the case of strong, solvent banks, like The Vermont Savings Bank, The Brattleboro Savings Bank, The Jamaica Savings Bank, The Windham County Savings Bank, or The Wilmington Savings Bank, the right to delay will rarely be insisted on, but the right exists for them as for other banks.

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