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At last reports the Bremen had not reached Brattleboro.

Rumania is reported to be stirred by the entente allies' success; but it is a safe bet that Rumania will never enter the war.

It might save cable tolls for Germany to authorize the same official report each day, to read something like this: "All allied attacks repulsed with great loss."

We have not yet heard anybody assert that Tom Cave was not a good fellow.—Mantepier Argus.

Very true; but you have heard a great many people say that he would make a very capable state auditor.

Two states contiguous to Vermont have infantile paralysis and a third state that is separated from us merely by a narrow river is said to have a few cases of the same disease. Let there be no relaxation of reasonable quarantine in the state of Vermont.

One of the Standard Oil branches, the Kansas branch, has just paid a regular quarterly dividend of \$3 and a special dividend of \$2. On second thought, that statement ought to be amended to say that the dear, deluded public paid the dividend.

The elimination of five grade crossings at Tabor's so called, between Barre and Montpelier will serve to reduce the hazards of highway travel very greatly because the place has long been a region of great danger to persons in teams and automobiles. The road traffic there is increasing rather than decreasing; and the demand for a change was becoming imperative.

It does not seem probable that the Italian military department is at all complete in air machines or anywhere near equalling the efficiency of the French aeroplane drivers; otherwise, the great Austrian naval base at Pola, not a great distance from Italian territory, would have been attacked time after time. France surely would not have permitted such a shining target to remain quiet; nor would Great Britain.

Reduction in the size of some of the newspapers in New York City and Philadelphia is likely to have a sad effect on the so-called "feature" editors who write as much to fill space as for anything else. Necessarily, their space will have to be cut down first of all because the newspapers cannot afford to eliminate any of their news pages or necessary adjuncts of the daily press. Some of the features which have been inflicted on the reading public could be eliminated without loss and perhaps with advantage to the public. Hence the news print shortage may not be entirely devoid of good results.

The extent of the tourist traffic in Vermont can be judged by the statement in the Rutland News that on a single day automobile touring parties from 12 states, not counting Vermont, were registered at a single hotel in Rutland. Similar conditions are to be noted in all the larger places in Vermont which have good hotel accommodations. It is a fact that Vermont is receiving vastly increased patronage from people who are out for rest and recreation; and if the visitors continue to receive satisfactory treatment the number of arrivals will steadily increase until present accommodations will not be able to meet the demand. It is up to Vermont hotel keepers to give that satisfactory treatment.

The arrival of another contingent of Russian troops in France to aid the allies' offensive on the western front probably is the precursor of other contingents from that seemingly inexhaustible supply of human beings in the czar's kingdom. The part which Russia is playing in the conduct of the great war is coming to be more and more important as the struggle lengthens. Germany's cupidity at the outbreak of the war is, therefore, causing the building up of a great military machine in the country which she has the most reason to fear, the nation with herds of people who might overrun a large part of Germany. Germany must even now regret the opening of Pandora's box.

The shortage of labor in some parts of the United States is explained in part by

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CURRENT COMMENT

"Doing" the Government.

It is now two years since Americans stranded abroad welcomed the appearance of Uncle Sam with money to lend. These were not poor people, or they would not have been there. But in spite of all the subsequent endeavor of the government, only about 70 per cent of them have yet paid back what they borrowed, and nearly \$400,000 remains outstanding. Had the government not brought suits wherever it seemed feasible to do so, the returns would have been even more disappointing. What does such a showing mean?

Primarily, that the American people have small conception of any ethical relation to the government over them, or any realization that it is merely the "all of us." They usually want to get what they can out of the government, rendering the smallest possible equivalent. To "do" Uncle Sam seems a supreme accomplishment, whether it be in the baggage inspection at the customs house, in the payment of income and other taxes, or in charging for anything which Uncle Sam buys for the all of us. Our national treaties seem to open a conscience funnel, but it is doing small business in proportion to the field.—Boston Journal.

The Fall of Gorizia.

Step by step, in careful sequence, the co-ordinated offensive of the allies, planned last winter at the war council in Paris, is being brought into play. It was assumed by some military writers that it meant a simultaneous offensive, but that is not essential to co-ordination, and circumstances suggested rather the entry of one army after another like the instruments in a great orchestral fugue. In some cases the end sought could not be attained till the opposed forces had been weakened to meet attacks elsewhere, in other cases the end desired could be attained by the impending threat of an offensive at a point left uncertain. Sooner or later the allies will have use for all their superiority in resources, but nothing would be gained and much might be lost by making the movements of the widely separated armies simultaneous.

To some extent, probably, the central powers themselves dictated the sequence of events by their strenuous efforts, at Verdun and in the Trentino, to forestall and break up the plans of the allies. That released instantly the Russian offensive, which may have begun a little earlier than was planned because of the weakening of the Austrian lines. In France the allies waited upon events at Verdun while maturing their plans, and timed their drive so as to relieve pressure on Verdun and prevent the transfer of German troops to the eastern fronts. Italy was known to be ready for a culminating attack on Gorizia, when the diversion was made in the Trentino; that postponed the attack but did not affect the result—unless, indeed, it so augmented Austria's misfortunes in the east as to compel a weakening of the army on the Isonzo, thus making the fall of Gorizia more certain.

To call this Italy's "greatest victory" is an absurd understatement. The Italian army has fought gallantly for a year and three months, but till Gorizia fell it had had no success at all. That city is on the Isonzo, and the Isonzo is practically the frontier—Gorizia is but 10 miles beyond the border, and after reaching the outworks in the first rush, the Italians were held fast, hardly gaining an inch. There was nothing, however, to do except to keep pounding away, for this bit of frontier north of the Adriatic and south of the Alps gave the sole chance to break through, and Gorizia was the key to it. Its fall is bound to modify very materially the whole military situation.

In itself Gorizia is not a strong place, for it lies in a pocket between the river and the hills, but south and north of the city are isolated and strongly fortified heights which command the whole region including the crossing of the river, till they were taken the passage could not be forced. When they were captured the bridgehead could not be held by the defenders, and when the Italians had got across the city could not hold out. But that a determined effort was made is shown by the capture of 10,000 prisoners.

What the next step will be must soon appear. If the Italians had only their own interests to consult they would naturally drive toward Trieste, which was the objective of the original attack and which the sanguine Italian public expected the army to reach in a few days or weeks. But the allies have learned much from bitter experience as to the necessity of subordinating territorial to military aims, and no doubt Gen. Cadorna will shape his strategy to fit the general scheme and to aid the Russians as far as he can. The defense of Trieste must affect the movements of the Austrian army, but the army and not the territory it defends must be the primary objective of the Italian strategists. If that crumbles the overrunning of territory will be a simple matter. The one dominant purpose of the co-ordinated campaign is to eliminate the Austrian army as a serious factor in the war, and having broken a gap in the ring of frontier fortresses, Italy can now contrive more effectively to this end. Blows from all quarters fall thick and fast, and unless Hindenburg can soon find the place to get in a heavy counter-stroke Austria seems doomed.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Help Enforce the Law.

State Fish and Game Commissioner John W. Titcomb has issued a very readable and instructive circular address to the licensed anglers and hunters. He discusses the laws and their objects in a very interesting way. We are particularly impressed with his chapter entitled "An Appeal for Co-operation," in which he says:

"I urge you to co-operate with the department in securing a better understanding and observance of the laws. If requested by the warden or by the owner of the land upon which you are hunting or fishing, show your license with the willingness to show your railroad ticket to the conductor on a train. Do not feel insulted when a warden asks you to show your fish or game. Help him to do his duty. Inspire in the children a respect for laws. Explain to them the reason for the six inch law, for instance. Teach them to be sportsmen—to see the aesthetic side of sportsmanship—to 'play the game.' If brought up to disregard certain laws in some community where such laws are unpopular, they will learn to disregard more serious laws as they grow older and encounter temptation. Take time to teach your children how

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to fish and especially how to use a gun when at the age of ten or twelve they want one. It will do you both good. Don't let them go off with a lot of other boys to learn how to use a gun. The result may be a sad one for you and the opponents of game conservation will use it to secure a point in their favor. Help to popularize the game laws by showing a proper respect for the rights of property owners. Help to restock the streams which you fish and thus show something besides "skinning" the books. Fish may be had by asking for them, delivered free at your railroad station.

There are very few ponds, lakes or streams which cannot be improved by annual stocking with fish.

Try and obtain the consent of land owners to permanently close small tributary streams in which trout breed, but do not often attain legal size until they have dropped down into the larger water.

er. The law authorizes the commissioner to close such streams but it cannot be done without a written consent of the owners. Short term closing of streams has not been found advantageous. If the small streams were all closed the six inch trout law would be unnecessary.—Brattleboro Reformer.

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JINGLES AND JESTS

In a village cricket match the local butcher was batting when a ball bumped up and hit him on the head, from which the wicket keeper made a catch.

"How's that?" yelled the wicket keeper.

"Hout!" said the umpire.

"But it hit me on the head," protested the batsman.

"I don't know where it hit you," responded the umpire. "But I know the sound of wood, so hout you go!"—London Fun.

"James, my lad," said the grocer to his new assistant, "who bought that mouldy cheese to-day?"

"Mrs. Brown, sir," was the youth's reply.

"And the stale loaf we could not sell last night?"

"Mrs. Brown, sir."

"Where's that lump of rancid butter that the baker refused?"

"Mrs. Brown bought it cheap, sir," was the answer.

"And the six eggs we could not sell a week since?"

"Mrs. Brown. Are you ill, sir?" asked James, as the grocer turned green, and groaned.

"No, no; only I'm going to tea at Mrs. Brown's to-night," replied the unhappy man as he wiped the perspiration from his face and sank into a chair.—London Opinion.

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