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BRITISH WON MORE GROUND NEAR ANCRE

Attacks Made Last Night Northeast from Beaumont-Hamel and North from Beaucourt Pushed Back the German Lines, London Official Report States To-day

GERMANS COUNTERED WITH ARTILLERY

French and Serbians Are Continuing Their Envelopment of Monastir, the Latter Moving on the West Side and the French Coming from South

British attack last night resulted in further progress for General Haig's troops in the field of their new offensive movement north of the Ancre brook. In the extension of their offensive on the Somme area of northern France, striking northeast of Beaumont-Hamel and north of Beaucourt, the British pushed back the German lines. In each case, London announces, the Germans countered with artillery, heavily shelling Beaumont-Hamel and turning their guns also on Hebuterne.

The entente campaign for Monastir continues to show progress. The Serbians have scored further advance in their flanking movement in the bend of the Cerna river, east of the Macedonian capital, while the French are pushing closer south of the city. According to Paris, the Serbians have reached the heights northwest of Iven, due west of Monastir. On the south the French are in the outskirts of Kanena, five miles from Monastir.

BRITISH SUCCESS CONTINUES IN EAST AFRICA

Germans Fail in Three Attempts to Inrest Small British Post and Were Then Defeated by British Reinforcements.

London, Nov. 18.—Further spirited fighting, with an outcome favorable to the British, has taken place in the campaign for clearing German East Africa, according to an official announcement today.

"After the recent attack by the Germans on Nigominji, the bulk of their forces," says the statement, "moved southwest and invested a small British post, Malangali, failing in three efforts to capture it. A British column arrived and defeated the besiegers, killing and capturing some and taking booty."

ITALY PROTESTS THE NEW POLAND

Has Joined with Other Entente Powers in Declaring Against Act of Germany in Proclaiming Independent State.

Rome, via Paris, Nov. 18.—The Italian government has joined with the other entente powers in protesting against the action of Germany in proclaiming Russian Poland as an independent state. Premier Boselli sent a telegram of protest to Premier Sturmer of Russia.

NEW PEACE RUMOR STARTS WITH SWISS

Report Has It That Various Neutrals Are Planning to Invite Belligerents Into a Peace Conference.

Berlin, Nov. 17, via London, Nov. 18.—The movement for peace negotiations, according to reports from the Swiss frontier printed in Koelnische Zeitung, is about to assume definite shape in the form of a joint call from various neutral governments to the belligerents, asking them to send delegates to a peace conference. The reports assert that several European neutrals are already in touch with the American government and that various belligerents have been sounded on the proposition of a conference.

DROPPED BOMBS ON MUNICH.

French Aviator Made Round Trip Flight of 435 Miles.

Paris, Nov. 18.—The war office communication issued last evening says:

"The aviator, Capt. de Beauchamp, started this moring at 8 o'clock in the direction of Munich, where he arrived at noon. He dropped several bombs on the station in retaliation for the bombing of the open city of Amiera a few days ago. Capt. de Beauchamp then landed at Santa Dona Di Piave in Italy, 20 kilometers north of Venice, after having crossed the Alps. The captain thus covered a distance of 700 kilometers (approximately 435 miles)."

20,000 DEPORTED DAILY.

Belgians Being Taken to Germany to Be Skilled Workers.

The Hague, via London, Nov. 18.—The number of Belgians deported by the Germans up-to-date, according to information given to The Associated Press from a reliable source, apparently is between thirty and forty thousand and they are being deported at the rate of about 2,000 daily.

Antwerp, it is said, has been commanded to furnish 27,000 men, which is probably not more than ten per cent of its able-bodied population, but the commune of Lessines has lost more than 20,000 from a total population, including women and children of 7,000, representing virtually every able-bodied man excepting officials.

The entire Belgian population, the narrator said, is terrorized because the people realize they are entirely helpless. Crowds of hysterical women and children gather at the railway and recruiting stations, and many women at Jemappes threw themselves on the rails to prevent the departure of a train of emigrants and had to be forcibly removed by German soldiers. The men are frequently loaded into cattle cars and spend one or two days on the journey. They are strongly determined to refuse to work, believing that if they are not employed in military works they will be compelled to replace Germans and be forced to work directly or indirectly against the Belgian army and its allies. The deported men in trains passing through Liege are declared to have been heard singing the Marseillies and other patriotic airs.

The officers deputized to the enrollment of the workmen are said to pay visits to various towns and order the assembly at the railway stations of virtually all males under heavy penalties for refusal to comply. The wording of the notices varies in the different parts of Belgium and northern France. One notice posted in northern France gives assurance that the men will not be employed under continuous fire. The Antwerp order notifies students to bring their books and musicians their instruments. The authorities promise the men good wages and liberty to remit money from Germany to their families in Belgium. All of them are offered an opportunity to sign a voluntary agreement to work. They are informed, it was stated, that if they refuse to sign they will be treated worse, but virtually all decline to do so.

The principal object of the deportation it was said, appears to be to secure skilled workers.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE A LARGE ZEPPELIN

Airship Brought Down Near Sarny and the Crew of 16 Were Captured, Petrograd Reports.

Petrograd, via London, Nov. 18.—Russian troops near Sarny, southeast of Piask, have brought down a large Zeppelin airship. The crew of 16 was captured.

RUMANIANS WIN.

Have Made Progress on One Section of Transylvania Front.

Bucharest, via London, Nov. 18.—The Rumanians have made considerable progress on the Transylvania front in the region of Dragoslavele, the war office announces.

EXHAUSTING WILSON'S PATIENCE.

Teutons Said to Have Been Warned They Are Doing It.

London, Nov. 18.—The visit of Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister to Berlin, is stated to have been for the purpose of holding a conference with Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, regarding the relations of the two empires with the United States, according to a dispatch under a Berne date given out yesterday by the Wireless Press. The question under discussion, says the dispatch, was whether the submarine campaign should be continued in its present form with the possibility of a rupture of relations with Washington or whether it should be modified.

"During the last few days," adds the dispatch, "the German government has received a plain verbal warning that President Wilson's patience was on the verge of exhaustion."

VERMONT MAN LEADS.

W. B. C. Stickney President New England Federation of Harvard Clubs.

Boston, Nov. 18.—William B. C. Stickney of Rutland, Vt., was elected president of the New England Federation of Harvard clubs at its annual meeting here last night. Other officers chosen included:

Vice-president, J. S. Ford of Exeter, N. H., and secretary, Charles C. Dowl of Fall River.

Germany Snow-Bound.

London, Nov. 18.—Germany is in the grip of winter, the Exchange Telegraph company's Berne correspondent reports. Several trains from Berlin are snowbound near the Swiss frontier, where extreme cold prevails.

ORANGE

Don't forget the social given by the girls Wednesday evening at the hall. A good time is assured. Everybody cordially invited.

Miss Lois Nelson spent Saturday and Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Adella Nelson, in Barre.

Mrs Wynes Tucker is much better.

The Kimball Corner school will give an entertainment at the town hall Friday evening, Nov. 24. The proceeds will be used to buy supplies for their schoolhouse.

Mrs. E. L. Flanders accompanied Gratia Reardon to her home in Barre for the week-end.

The registered Jerseys at H. I. Whitcomb's auction went at a very low figure, considering the grade of the animals. John Benjamin of Berlin bid them off.

Mrs. B. J. Dunkling of Barre was a visitor in town Thursday.

Gladys Richardson made a business trip to Springfield Thursday.

Lynford Miner is home from his work in Corinth.

BODY DRAGGED THREE MILES

Fred Mudgett of Richford Killed by Central Vermont Train

BODY WAS FOUND NEAR RICHFORD

Evidently the Man Was Lying on Track When Hit

Richford, Nov. 18.—Railroad section men going to work found early this morning beside the track the body of Fred Mudgett, aged 55. The body was so badly mangled that it could be identified only by the clothing and by papers in the pockets. It was found at a crossing near N. P. Ladd's farm in Berkshire and evidently it had been dragged for three miles. The man was killed by a Central Vermont train out of St. Albans last night. The trainmen did not know of the accident until informed today.

Evidently the man was lying on the track when he was hit. The place is three-fourths of a mile from this village and near a tank of the Standard Oil Co.

The body was taken to the home of the man's mother, Mrs. James Mudgett, an aged lady. Besides his mother, the man leaves one sister, Mrs. Stephen Impey of Boston; three daughters, Mrs. Corliss Bashaw of Brattleboro, Miss Ola Mudgett, an assistant teacher in Richford high school and Miss Nettie Mudgett, who lives at home, and one son, Howard Mudgett.

QUINCY SHIPYARDS GET BIG CONTRACT

Will Build Eight Torpedo Boat Destroyers for United States Government —San Francisco Works to Build Six.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Awards for the construction of 14 torpedo boat destroyers, authorized by a naval appropriation bill, were announced to-day. The Fore River Ship Building corporation will construct eight and the Union Iron Works company of San Francisco the other six.

DEUTSCHLAND HELD TO BE RESPONSIBLE

Papers in Libel Action Against the Submarine Were Filed To-day By Owners of Lost Tug.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 18.—Papers in a libel action to recover for the loss of the tug Thomas A. Scott, jr., were filed to-day against the Deutschland, which sank the tug, by attorneys for the tug owners. The libel alleges that the Deutschland suddenly sheered to the starboard side on a parallel course, that the deck and the wheel of the submarine were not under competent authority, that the submarine did not keep out of the way of the tug, did not have proper lights displayed and that proper consideration was not given to the force and action of the current.

COLLISION AN ACCIDENT.

No Design Discovered in Mishap to the Deutschland.

New London, Conn., Nov. 18.—The collision which caused the merchant submarine Deutschland to abandon her return voyage to Germany almost at its outset early yesterday, when the convoying tug T. A. Scott, jr., was sunk with a crew of five men, was the subject of federal investigation yesterday afternoon. The United States inspectors of steam vessels, headed by Capt. W. E. Withey, heard, through witnesses, of the conditions under which the submarine, slipping out of the harbor in the darkness so that she might submerge in neutral waters before daybreak, ran down the tug which was acting as her protector off Race rock, just outside this port. This testimony came from Capt. Paul Koenig of the Deutschland, from F. W. Krapohl, his chief officer, and from Hans Kleese, his engineer. It was given in secret, but it became known through statements outside the chamber that the collision was an accident. Survivors who would discuss the matter were agreed that it was due to a combiantion of swift currents which carried the tug off its course and across the bow of the submarine, and to the darkness, which was to be the Deutschland's medium of safety, but which instead prevented ready observation of the danger ahead. Capt. Koenig would say to questioners only:

"It's a terrible thing to lose those good men. I feel it deeply. You must excuse me."

CHARGES CAPT. KOENIG.

Says Manslaughter Accusation May Be Brought.

Providence, Nov. 18.—It is possible that charges of manslaughter will be brought against Paul Koenig, captain of the Deutschland, by Capt. Allen Gurney of the firm of Miller & Gurney, marine brokers, in this city.

Capt. Allen Gurney is a nephew of Capt. John H. Gurney of New London, who lost his life in the collision of the tug boat T. A. Scott, jr., with the Deutschland, yesterday morning.

According to Capt. Allen Gurney, charges of manslaughter might be based on the alleged illegal operation of the Deutschland in American waters. It is said that when the Deutschland entered New London harbor she was running with her lights reversed, contrary to the rules of American waters.

A BOON FOR STUDENTS.

One-half of Men in University of Vermont May Have Board Paid.

Burlington, Nov. 18.—Half of the male students in the University of Vermont will be having a large part of their board bills paid by the federal government, if, as the university's military instructor, Capt. Stuart A. Howard, believes, the next Congress appropriates the funds which it neglected to do in June to carry out certain provisions of the national defense act.

Vermont and Rutgers are colleges included among nine additional points where units of the proposed new officers' reserve corps will be located. If Congress does not appropriate the money it will be nullifying the provisions of the bill in question.

The government is supposed to allow about $100 a man for the academic year, besides a uniform. To be eligible, the institution must require two years' military training besides service in summer camps for two four-week periods. The university battalion numbers 268 men.

NEW PARALYSIS CASE

Has Been Discovered in Burlington, a Three-Year-Old Girl Having It.

Burlington, Nov. 18.—Dr. F. J. Ennis, city health officer, last night announced a new case of poliomyelitis, independent of any other reported, so far as known. Anna Larow, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Larow of 61 North street, is the fourth true case this year of the disease in Burlington. Dr. C. K. Johnson, who was called Thursday, noticed a weakness of the left leg, which, the parents say, first showed itself on Monday. He reported the case at once to the health officer, who took the usual measures of quarantine, etc. Dr. Ennis confirmed Dr. Johnson's diagnosis yesterday.

The distance separating the Larow residence from the residences of the other cases, and the lack of possibility of personal contact, make the health officer sure the case is brand new. There were two abortive cases, so-called, in the city besides the four, but the two never developed into paralysis.

DISCUSSED TUBERCULOSIS.

And What Suggestion to Make to Vermont Legislature.

Rutland, Nov. 18.—A joint meeting of the state tuberculosis hospital committee and the legislative committee of the Vermont Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis was held at the Berwick in this city yesterday afternoon. The purpose of the gathering was to see what action it is best to suggest to the next legislature in furtherance of the campaign to stamp out tuberculosis and to draw up plans to secure better co-operthe work.

Those present at the gathering were: Dr. John Blodgett of Bellows Falls, chairman of the state committee on prevention of tuberculosis; H. W. Slocum of Burlington, secretary; Dr. C. F. Dalton of Burlington, secretary of the state board of health; Dr. C. S. Caverly of Rutland, president of the health board; Frank E. Howe of Bennington, F. C. Martin of Bennington and S. Hollister Jackson of Barre.

MRS. WILFORE'S FUNERAL

Was Held This Afternoon at Her Late Home.

The funeral of Mrs. Paul Wilfore, whose death occurred at her home, 215 South Main street Tuesday forenoon, was held at the house this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. The bearers were: Frank St. John of Williamstown, Orville Bushey of South Barre and Edward Venner, sons-in-law of the deceased, and Arthur Cota of this city. There was a profusion of flowers. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Barre and Montpelier Knights of Columbus will meet in this city Tuesday evening for the third of a series of tourments in pool and cribbage. Barre council will be the host at its club rooms in the Scampini building. In the second tournaments last Tuesday, the Montpelier knights nearly compassed the margin won by the Barre council in the first meet.

H. C. Stockwel, who has been employed as a solicitor for the Consolidated Lighting Co. for some time, completed his duties to-day and will visit at his former home in Meredith, N. H., before embarking in a new field. Mr. Stockwell has several positions under consideration and expects to make a decision in the near future. He is succeeded in the employ of the Consolidated company by Fred Tyler, who was formerly engaged as the company's storekeeper.

Members of the Waahoo Braves basketball team held their first practice of the season at the Church street gym. last evening, when team A lined up against team B for about an hour's practice. The team is being run under the guidance of Captain Morse, who has a better aggregation of ball tossers than the Waahoos had in their line-up last winter. They have already many games on their schedule, with many open dates to fill. The first game of the season will probably be played against Northfield on Thanksgiving night.

C. H. Thompson of Brattleboro, who was in the city last evening to present the claims of the Central Power Co. before the city council, left later for Granby, P. Q., to discuss power matters with a concern dependent upon electricity for its power. Promoters of the East Middlebury development plan are also interested in a north-state water right that may be used to supply manufactories with their motive power and another plant in the town of Johnson is said to be available for the uses of the Central Power Co. by arrangement with the International Paper Co.

The women of the Odd Ladies' amusement committee held a surprise party at the home of Mrs. William Stephen of Pleasant street last evening, in honor of Mrs. Nellie Bianchi of North Main street. It came as a complete surprise to Mrs. Bianchi, who had no idea of what was in store for her until she arrived at the home and was told for whom the party was being held. Twelve members of the committee were present, and a bounteous supply of refreshments was served by Mrs. Stephen. A program of several musical numbers was enjoyed by the ladies. Mrs. Bianchi was presented a nice handbag, the presentation being made by Mrs. Faulkner.

WOUNDED MAN DISAPPEARED

Arthur Gibson of Manchester, N. H., Hurt Near Essex Junction

WAS DISCOVERED BY ANOTHER HUNTER

Latter Went for Aid and Then Could Not Find the Location

Essex Junction, Nov. 18.—Arthur Gibson of Manchester, N. H., who was reported wounded while hunting in the woods near here yesterday and unable to move, was the object of a search today. Gibson's plight was discovered by Walter Webster of this town, who said he found Gibson by a wall, wounded in the hip where he had accidentally shot himself. Unable to bring Gibson out of the woods alone, Webster went to the nearest farm, which was the Charles Gibbs place, for help. When he returned he was unable to find the wounded man. It is believed that Gibson may have been assisted by some other hunter to some farm house, but efforts to locate him have thus far been unsuccessful.

Gibson was visiting his aunt, Mrs. William Foote, in South Burlington. He left her home at about noon yesterday to go hunting. She warned him against accidents and he laughingly brushed aside her fears, saying, "Oh, I won't get shot." Mrs. Foote got a telephone message last night from Mr. Webster, notifying her of the accident.

The place where Webster says he came across Gibson was in the woods on the Essex Center plain. He understood that Gibson received his wound while crawling through a fence, the gun being discharged accidentally. Searching parties went out last night and again to-day but have not found the place.

CARELESSNESS OF HUNTER LEADS TO SERIOUS INJURY

Clarence Starrett of Lynn, Mass., While on Hunting Expedition in Plymouth, Vermont, Shoved Rifle Butt First Into Wagon.

Plymouth, Nov. 18.—Clarence Starrett of Lynn, Mass., was terribly injured yesterday when he accidentally received a rifle bullet in the abdomen, the ball tearing away a part of one kidney. He was hurried to the Mary Hitchcock hospital at Hanover, N. H., where physicians said that he has a fighting chance to recover.

Mr. Starrett, who spends the summers with his family at Plymouth Corners, went deer hunting yesterday and upon his return went into a shed with the intention of placing his gun in a wagon. Grasping the rifle by the muzzle he attempted to shove the gun into the wagon. The hammer caught upon something and the rifle was discharged, the 32-40 bullet entering the abdomen at one side, tearing away the muscles, injuring the kidney and coming out of the body in his back. It is said that the injured man was not accustomed to handling firearms.

MALDEN MAN KILLED BY HIS PISTOL WHILE HUNTING

Harry M. Hardwick Was Occupying Camp Near Connecticut Lake in New Hampshire When He Was Shot.

Colebrook, N. H., Nov. 18.—Harry M. Hardwick of Malden, Mass., treasurer of the Boston Ice Cream company and the Mohawk Dairy company, was killed by the discharge of an automatic pistol he was handling at a hunting camp near the First Connecticut lake, 30 miles from here, last night. His companions, who were in an adjoining room when the shot was fired, found him dead. They expressed the opinion that the shooting was accidental.

ONLY 64 BUCKS REPORTED KILLED IN THREE DAYS

Extra Depth of Snow at This Time of the Year Handicaps Hunters—Washington County Leads in the Total Thus Far.

Lyndonville, Nov. 18.—Fish and Game Commissioner Titcomb announced to-day that 64 deer were reported to him as having been killed during the first three days of the open season, which he considers to be about one-half the total killed throughout the state during that time, as many of the reports are still on the way. Four does were also reported by wardens as killed. The snow is a foot deep in the northern counties of the state and hunting has been more difficult than usual. The deer killed are said to be fat and in good condition.

Washington county, which reported the most deer last year, again leads in the three days' total with 19 out of the 64. The list by counties is as follows: Addison 2, Bennington 4, Caledonia 1, Chittenden 2, Essex 7, Franklin 1, Grand Isle 0, Lamoille 3, Orange 4, Orleans 0, Rutland 2, Washington 19, Windham 12, Windsor 7.

The total number of deer killed during the 1915 open season was 6,046, of which one-half approximately were does. This year the law does not allow the killing of does.

WEEK'S SEARCH FOR ST. JOHNSBURY BOY OF NO AVAIL

Samuel Sevigney, Aged 14, Was Last Seen Riding Bicycle Toward Lyndonville—It Is Feared He Died from Exposure.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 18.—All efforts to find a trace of Samuel Sevigney, the 14-year-old son of Alphonse Sevigney, who left home late Sunday afternoon riding a bicycle, and just before the 14-inch snowfall of Sunday night, have failed. The police authorities of all the surrounding towns have been notified and have been assisting the local authorities in the search. When he left home he wore only light summer clothing, cotton blouse, striped black and white, and black shoes and stockings. When last seen he was riding up Railroad street toward Lyndonville. Those who say they saw him at the time are certain he wore no overcoat or any outer garment.

Although a description of the boy and of the wheel he was riding has been spread over the surrounding country not a clue has been found which would give the searchers an idea as to what has become of him.

He had just recovered from a two weeks' illness which his parents think possibly may have affected his mind, for they say he has often told them when an idea to do a thing came into his mind he had to do it.

As no trace of the bicycle has been found, nor any word concerning him received from the farms of the locality it is feared he may have wandered into the woods after nightfall, which, with the heavy snowfall and severe cold of the past few days, would probably result in his death from exposure.

DEATH OF ISAAC D. BEMIS.

Well Known Resident of East Burke Died in St. Johnsbury Hospital.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 18.—Isaac D. Bemis, 75 years of age, passed away at Brightlook hospital, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, following an operation. He was a resident of East Burke, but was well known all over northern Vermont and New Hampshire, where for a number of years he had been a successful dry goods salesman. For 17 years he was a merchant in East Burke, coming there from Brownington, where he had owned a store. He was one of the youngest men ever sent to the state legislature, going to Montplier from Willoughby, where he was a rsident nearly 25 years, his father building the old Willoughby Lake house, which burned a few years ago.

Mr. Bemis was born in Lyndon Center, Sept. 13, 1841, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Bemis. The family moved soon to Willoughby, where the Lake house was built. Mr. Bemis lived there for nearly 25 years, marrying Katherine Dennison Cushing of East Burke on June 30, 1863. Three children were born of the union, Caroline Rebecca, Fred Cushing and Cornelia Mabel. Soon after the marriage they moved to Boston, where Mr. Bemis was clerk in the Adams house.

A few years after the death of his wife he again married on July 28, 1887, Mrs. Betsy Walter of East Burke.

At different times he kept store at Brownington and at East Burke, staying in the latter place 17 years, or until his health forced him to take up an outside occupation.

He was a member of the M. E. church and was for many years a steward of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Caroline Noyes, Miss Cornelia Bemis; a brother, Elias, of Island Pond, and a sister, Mrs. John Tuttle of Waterbury, Conn.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Woodsville, N. H., business visitors in the city yesterday were B. K. Eastman, John Richardson and Frank L. White.

Joseph Gay returned to his home in Burlington this morning, after visiting friends on Prospect street during the past few days.

Ned Crawley, who has been visiting relatives on North Main street during the past week, left for his home in Winooski this morning.

Mrs. Matilda Franzi, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Waterbury through the past month, returned to her home on Berlin street last night.

David Klenk, who has been spending several days in the city on business, visiting while here at the home of J. Capio of upper Washington street, left this noon for his home in Buffalo.

Edward Carleton of Boston arrived in the city yesterday and will spend several days in Barre and Montpelier on a business erand. Mr. Carleton will stay at the home of Frank H. Carleton on South Main street during his sojourn in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gove, who have been staying in Barre through the summer and fall months, left this noon for Boston, where they will remain until spring. Mr. Gove has been a salesman for the Oldsmobile company during his sojourn in Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Gove will return to Barre next spring.

Reports from Montpelier reached Barre to-day, to the effect that Mrs. Blanche Badord, who underwent an operation at Heaton hospital last Tuesday, remains in about the same condition. The case proved to be a great deal more serious than was at first thought. It will probably be several weeks before she can resume her duties at the Park theatre as pianist.

Carroll's orchestra closed a contract yesterday to furnish music at the Elks' annual ball at Malone, N. Y., on Dec. 26 and 27. The dance, which is an annual affair, is one of the big dances in upper New York, and the armory, where it is always held, is the largest dance hall north of New York City. The orchestra returned to Barre from Richmond this morning, where they played at the sixth of the winter series being held at Richmond hall under the auspices of the young people of the town.

A fair crowd attended the auction sale conducted by Dan A. Perry of the D. A. Perry Real Estate agency at the farm of Harley Whitcomb of Orange Center yesterday. Mr. Whitcomb had a nice line of registered Jerseys to drive through the ring, the cows selling for prices ranging from $67 to $89. Outsiders who had a few grades to dispose of were allowed to put cows in the ring, and the grades were bid off at prices running from $22 up to $89. Hay sold at very good prices, it being bid off at $11.50 a ton.

OFFER POWER AT LESS RATE

Central Corporation Asks City Council for Right to Enter Barre

STEAM AUXILIARY TO BE AT SO. BARRE

Rate of 1.7 Cents per Kilowatt Was Promised

Cheaper power for Barre's granite manufacturing industry is promised by the Central Power corporation in its request for a permit to extend transmission and distribution lines along the city streets from a steam auxiliary and transformer station in South Barre. At a special meeting of the city council last evening Charles H. Thompson, general manager and agent for the corporation, and B. A. Sumner of Montpelier, another promoter of the enterprise, presented the claims of their organization with the result that the councilors voted to draft a tentative franchise to be submitted at a subsequent meeting for consideration. The motion, made by Alderman Glysson and seconded by Alderman Shurtleff, was supported by a unanimous vote.

Briefly, the Central Power corporation proposes to supply manufacturers in Barre with power at the rate of one and seven-tenths cents per kilowatt as against the present rate of two cents per kilowatt. Moreover, the minimum charge against which manufacturers have contended for some time does not enter into the scheme of operation proposed by the promoters. A flat rate will be inaugurated the moment the franchise is granted. Power for the Barre industry will be supplied from a waterfall and power plant at East Middlebury and lines strung on steel tower poles will traverse such towns as Ripton, Lincoln, Hancock, Granville, Warren, Northfield and Barre Town, in all a distance of 32 miles in extending the power to Barre.

Inasmuch as the franchise granted the corporation by the state public service commission restrains it from selling electricity for lights in Barre, that aspect of the extension project was not considered long, although Messrs. Thompson and Sumner joined in stating that an effort would be made to have the charter amended if it can be shown that there is a demand for electricity by light consumers in this city. Alderman Rossi said that the city's contract for street lights does not expire for 10 years.

W. W. Walker, a civil engineer, was present with a blueprint of Barre, along which was traced a yellow line, showing the streets to be traversed by the proposed power lines. The line indicated one power unit extending from South Barre to South Main to Boynton to Circle to West Patterson street, along Trow avenue and across Washington street to Nelson, thence to Tremont, down Sheridan, Wellington to Merchant to Summer, thence to North Seminary and North Main streets as far north as Jones Bros.' plant. The other proposed line will follow near the Central Vermont railroad track leading out of South Barre on the west side of the river to Fairview street, onto Prospect street, into Burnham's meadow, thence along the Central Vermont trackage to Blackwell street, thence north until it completes the circuit at Jones Bros.' plant.

In the event that the public service commission should see fit to amend the corporation's charter to include lighting service, Mr. Sumner said that the decrease in cost of electric lighting to the consumer would be in proportion to the figure quoted in underselling for power service. The waterfall at East Middlebury, he said, is capable of developing 12,500 horsepower and the proposed auxiliary steam plant at South Barre will augment this total by 7,500 horsepower. If present plans of the corporation attain fruition, the line will be completed by July 1, 1917, although if the auxiliary service is introduced the service may be available a month earlier.

Replying to an inquiry from Alderman Rossi, Mr. Sumner, who assumed the duties of spokesman for the new concern when Mr. Thompson was compelled to leave, stated that competing power companies in central Vermont opposed the granting of the charter at the hearing in Middlebury and that the question of granting the charter finally turned on the necessity of another power company in Barre. The public service commission, he said, held that while lighting is primarily a convenience and a duplication of lines in city streets should be discouraged, power is a necessity and healthy competition is to be desired. He stated also that steam is being used by consumers in Barre and Barre Town to the extent of 6,000 horsepower and in many instances for the reason that consumers preferred to manufacture their own power because electric power prices are too high.

Alderman Shurtleff thought the city could bear with the nuisance of additional poles in some of the highways if cheaper power could be obtained for its leading industry. Other members of the council, including Aldermen Glysson and Reynolds, concurred in this view. The flat rate appealed to Alderman Glysson, who went on to tell of the minimum rate asked by the company now supplying power. It is arranged on a sliding scale, he said, and gave it as his opinion that there are manufacturers held to the minimum rate who are paying for more power than they are using. He thought that the present minimum charge is something like this: $1.75 for eight horsepower, $1.50 for 18 horsepower and $1 for 50 horsepower or more, although he said the figures might not be exactly correct. Alderman Bruce figured that the price quoted by Mr. Sumner would mean a reduction of 15 per cent to the consumer. Mr. Sumner said he would willingly bind the corporation to the one and seven-tenths rate in the franchise.

Alderman Healy, who was absent dur-

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