

CALL IT STEP TOWARD PEACE

Germany's Reply to Wilson's Peace Note So Considered in Washington

OFFICIAL COPY HAS NOT ARRIVED

Government Officials, Withhold Comment on the Situation

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The official copy of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note had not been received here this morning and government officials reserved comment regarding it.

Official information was received that Sweden had addressed a peace note to the belligerents and sent copies to neutrals, urging consideration of terms of peace.

SWEDEN ALSO SENDS NOTE FOR PEACE

Both Belligerents and Neutrals Were Handed Statement, According to Berne Report by Way of Paris.

Berne, via Paris, Dec. 27.—Tagblatt announces that the Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of President Wilson and the Swiss government.

GERMAN AGENTS HASTEN MATTERS

Have Arrived at the Hague to Make Preliminary Arrangements for Peace Conference.

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph company says that German agents have arrived there to make preliminary arrangements for the German delegates' peace conference, suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note.

The promptness of Germany's reply to Wilson's note is characterized by evening papers to-day as evidence of Germany's eagerness to end the war. The Standard expresses the hope that the allies will give Wilson a courteous but definite reply and then proceed with the war as energetically as possible.

MANY LIVES LOST

As Tornado Swept Through Parts of Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—From 17 to 20 persons were killed in a tornado that struck south central Arkansas yesterday afternoon, according to reports received here last night.

Four are known to be dead at England, 17 reported killed at Keo and several are reported killed at the state convict farm at Tucker.

All wires into the storm area are down. The known dead are Albert L. Swarts, a farmer, and three negroes, who lived near England. The Swarts home was carried 100 yards. Mrs. Swarts was probably fatally injured and an 18-year-old daughter was hurt.

The storm is said to have swept a path about four miles wide and it is reported that several fires broke out in the wreckage. Every physician in the little town of England has gone to the country to care for the injured.

Considerable alarm is felt over the situation at the state farm at Tucker, where there is said to have been a heavy death list. There are about 325 prisoners at the farm.

The death of three persons and the injury of five others are reported from Carlisle, 28 miles east of Little Rock.

HEAVILY FINED FOR CRUELTY.

Joseph Tatro of Bristol Said to Have Beaten His Horses.

Bristol, Dec. 27.—Three men were apprehended yesterday for cruelty to animals and in one case a heavy fine was imposed. Joseph Tatro, who was said to have beaten three of his horses, was fined \$100 and costs, and William Lucia and a man by the name of Larock were ordered to dispose of their horses by this morning or be prosecuted.

Humane Officer Fuller of Burlington was called to Bristol yesterday. He found two of Tatro's horses in such bad condition that they had to be killed. Lucia's and Larock's horses were in a badly emaciated state.

Tatro was charged with beating one of his horses that had fallen in the snow and it was unable to get up.

MOORE PAPER MILL SOLD. International Paper Co. Assumes Ownership January 1.

VON MACKENSEN MAKES FURTHER ADVANCE

While peace discussions are proceeding, active military operations, except in such remote fields as those of Egypt and the Tigris, are being vigorously prosecuted only on the Rumanian front. In this war area the latest reports show that Field Marshal Von Mackensen is making new headway in an advance toward Braala Grew, the Rumanian grain and oil storehouse of the lower Danube.

NINE JURORS PICKED IN SMALL TRIAL AT OSSISPEE, N. H.

Five Were Selected This Forenoon After 55 Talesmen Had Been Examined—Small Is Charged with Killing His Wife.

Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 27.—Four jurors were in the box when the trial of Frederick L. Small, charged with murdering his wife, was resumed this morning and the fifth juror was secured soon after court opened. He was Elmer M. Berry, a farmer and carpenter of Moultonboro.

At noon after 55 talesmen had been examined, four additional jurors had been accepted, making nine in the box. In addition to Berry, the others chosen to-day were Victor Staples of Madison, a farmer; Elmer C. Goodwin of Moultonboro, a carpenter; James Welch of Tamworth, a farmer, and John T. Whitaker of Conway.

Those chosen yesterday afternoon were James N. Solomon of Moultonboro, a farmer; John E. Eastman of Bartlett, a garage employe and farmer; Morris P. Bennett of Tuftonboro, a farmer, and Arthur Willey of Albany, a farmer.

Small is charged with having killed his wife on Sept. 28. In his preliminary examination the state sought information concerning a joint insurance policy on his own life and that of his wife, which called for the payment of \$20,000 to either in case of the death of the other.

The body of Mrs. Small was found in the ruins of her cottage, which had burned during the night after Mr. Small had gone to Boston. There was a cord about her neck, a bullet wound over one eye and wounds on the head.

NEW YORK COATED BY ICE STORM

Streets Made Very Slippery and Wire Service Was Seriously Hampered.

New York, Dec. 27.—A glaze storm which loaded telegraph and telephone wires with ice seriously interfered to-day with communication in this state and to a considerable extent throughout the East. Some trouble was experienced as far west as Chicago. New York streets are coated with ice and traffic is badly hampered.

TAKE STEPS TO BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CARRANZA

In Absence of Reply of Any Sort, United States Government Arranges to Close Conference.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—In the absence of any reply from Carranza to the insistence of the American commission-ers that he ratify or reject the protocol signed at Atlantic City, Secretary Lane, chairman of the American commission-ers, took the first step to-day toward closing negotiations. The only communication from the Mexican commission-ers received to-day was a note from the secretary sent last night, saying that no reply had been received from Carranza.

CABRERA EXCITED.

Says United States Had No Right to Set Date for Answer.

New York, Dec. 27.—Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican delegation on the Mexican-American joint commission, said here late last night that no time limit had been fixed for General Carranza either to accept or reject the protocol proposed by the Mexican-American conference at Atlantic City, N. J. There was no understanding during the sessions of the commission, he added, which gave the American commission authority to impose such a time limit.

General Carranza, Mr. Cabrera declared, would have ample time to consider what action he would take. Mr. Cabrera said he was surprised when informed that a reply was expected by the United States government yesterday. He asserted that he had intended to take a vacation beginning to-day, but that he had altered his plans and would remain here.

"Remember," said Mr. Cabrera, "that the next move in adjusting the relations between this country and Mexico is not General Carranza's."

Questioned as to the significance of this statement, Mr. Cabrera would give no explanation.

When the joint commission adjourned in November, Mr. Cabrera added, the understanding of the Mexican members was that the joint commission would meet on January 2, probably in New York or Philadelphia.

Not one word, Mr. Cabrera declared, had been said in the session of the commissioners concerning a loan to Mexico.

A JOINT CONFERENCE

By Methodists to Agree on Basis of Co-operation.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—The Southern Methodist members' joint commission, in union with the Methodist Episcopal church, organized here to-day to begin deliberations to-morrow in an effort to agree upon a definite basis of co-operation of the two bodies. The combined body will represent more than 6,000,000 members.

NOT A TRACE OF STEAMER

Coast Guard Cutters Return Without Finding the Maryland

WHICH SENT WIRELESS CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

Last Message Sunday Night Said Steamer Was Sinking

Nantucket, Dec. 27.—The coast guard cutter, Acushnet and Gresham, reported to-day that they had not been able to find any trace of the steamer Maryland, which sent a wireless call Sunday night saying she was sinking approximately 200 miles southeast of here. The water flooded the Maryland's engine room and put her wireless out of commission shortly after the first distress signal was sent.

REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT DEAD.

Warren C. Daniels of Westmore Was Prominent There.

Westmore, Dec. 27.—Warren C. Daniels, a man well-known throughout this locality, passed away yesterday after being in poor health for the last two years.

Mr. Daniels was born in Westmore August 10, 1862, the son of Wilcome and Eleeta Daniels. He was educated in the district schools of his native town.

He married Clara Atkins of Cabot in 1887 and they have four children, William of Skinner, Me., Eleeta, Greta and Percival, living at home. Two sisters survive him, Mrs. G. W. Brown of Warren, N. H., and Mrs. L. J. Brown of Bradford. He had conducted a general store for a great many years, being postmaster until the year 1900, when he was elected to represent his town when Mrs. Daniels secured the appointment and has held the office ever since. He was again elected to the general assembly on November last. He had been twice clerk and treasurer for 22 years.

The funeral will be held at the home on Thursday at 1:30 p. m.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Ellis Stone returned to his home in Cambridge yesterday, after visiting relatives on the east hill during the past few days.

The awards in the poultry show which were announced to go to Donald Smith of Barre should have been credited to Mrs. Smith.

Allard M. Hemenway, who has been spending several days in the city on business, returned to his home in Burlington yesterday.

Miss Mildred Stockwell, who has been visiting friends in the city over the holiday, returned to her home in White River Junction to-day.

Leonard Thomson, who helped in the postoffice during the holiday mail rush, has finished and gone to Grantville to visit during the remainder of his vacation from Spaulding high school.

William Gallagher, who has been spending several days with his mother, Mrs. Martha Gallagher, returned last night to New Haven, Conn., where he is employed in a munitions plant. He was accompanied by J. A. Little, who has been visiting relatives in Graniteville.

The remains of Mrs. Emery, whose death occurred in Haverhill, Mass., passed through the city late yesterday afternoon while en route to Williams-town over the Central Vermont railroad. Interment was made to-day beside the body of her first husband, whose death occurred several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mather, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Bradford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bradford, of South Main street during the past few days, left last night for Burlington, where they will visit friends during the coming week. Mrs. Mather will return to Barre afterwards to continue her visit.

Among four transients detained at police headquarters last night was Thomas Smith of Enfield, N. H., a habitue of Barre and Montpelier city courts, who was arrested yesterday on an intoxication charge. Inquiry developed the information that Smith was supposed to be serving an uncompleted sentence for intoxication in the county jail. Recently, he was a part of the prison labor staff employed on the State House job at the capital. When arraigned before Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court this morning, the latest case against the man was continued and he was remanded to jail to complete his last sentence.

John J. Phipps of Rutland went to jail for a second offense and James Martin of Philadelphia, admitted a second offense, chose the jail sentence. Charles P. McLaughlin of Windsor, listed as an habitual drunkard, went to jail for ninety days.

Self-rescuers of a type recognized as a piece of standard equipment by fire departments in larger municipalities have been purchased by the aldermanic fire committee and placed at the disposal of the regular firemen at the central station. The rescuers are two in number and resemble nothing so much as the gas helmets now used along the European battle fronts. Each helmet is equipped with an oxygen cylinder with extra cylinders and regenerators. Burlington recently added three helmets to its fire department apparatus and Montpelier contemplates the purchase of one or two being only two will be used here in Barre, as they will enable two firemen to enter a smoke-filled building and handle a line of hose. The helmets and additional equipment were purchased from the Draeger Oxygen Co., which makes a specialty of miners' safety equipment, and were placed in the service this morning.

MANY AWARDS MADE AT POULTRY SHOW

W. J. Coates of East Calais Swept Field with Blue Andalusian—W. Barclay Scott of Barre Won Barre Board of Trade Cup.

Interest in the 11th annual exhibit of the Vermont Poultry association, in progress at the Church street gymnasium, approached its climax to-day when the judges completed their examination of the birds and the public was allowed to see the results of their selections. All of the birds registered are now on exhibition and many people are taking advantage of the unusual opportunities offered for inspecting blooded poultry in varied classes. No sooner had the door swung open this morning than a large crowd was applying for admission and throughout the day the aisles established by the arrangement of the coops were crowded.

The attendance last evening was unusually large and the door managers are anticipating another big crowd to-night. The exhibit will not close until Thursday evening. The show has attracted many farmers from outlying towns and the attendance of poultry specialists from a distance is very satisfactory also.

To-day, along with the announcement of the class winners, came the distribution of the special prizes. W. J. Coates of East Calais, who is secretary of the Blue Andalusian Club of America, swept the field with his fine showing of birds of that strain. S. W. Dunbar of St. Albans captured the sweepstakes with his exhibit of Brahma bantams and the corner prize for best feathered progeny was always the center of attention for many. E. R. Flint of Tunbridge is here with a large showing of turkeys and ducks. On the latter species he won all the ribbons and was awarded the sweepstakes on Narragansett turkeys. To Karl Forsell of Montpelier, who breeds much blooded poultry, went the sweepstakes on pigeons. Mrs. E. A. Carey took all the prizes in sight on bronze turkeys. H. Buxton of Bellows Falls was awarded a first ribbon on his cockerel in the Partridge Plymouth Rock class.

The Barre Board of Trade cup went to W. Barclay Scott of Fairview poultry farm, who is president of the state association. The cup was a premium on the best cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen in the American or English breeds. Mr. Scott is said to be an extensive breeder of Barred Rocks. John Gellatly won the special prize offered by M. S. Levin for exhibiting the best colored bird in the show. O. N. Eastman of Burlington was awarded the punch bowl and glasses offered by President Scott for the Buff Wyandotte species.

Mr. Oliver deals exclusively in Buff Plymouth Rocks. All of the trophies listed in the special class form an attractive exhibit in the display window at the store of B. W. Hooker & Co. and visitors at the show should not miss the opportunity to give them a careful scrutiny.

A. E. Cummings of Lebanon, N. H., has a large string of Rhode Island Reds on exhibition and Morgan Robertson of Boltonville is showing Blue Orpingtons. Richard Marble of White River Junction is attracting much attention with his Single Comb Island Reds. H. A. Holmes of Charleston, N. H., is another exhibitor who brought many birds to Barre. J. H. Vondell of Windsor has much in common with W. B. Scott, as both are extensive breeders of the famous Barred Rock variety.

Awards announced to-day include the following: Barred Rocks—Cockerel bred, W. B. Scott, 1st; 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

FARM BANKS ARE LOCATED

District No. 1, Which Includes Vermont, to Be at Springfield, Mass.

TWELVE CITIES NAMED FOR THE HONOR

New York and New Jersey Come Under Springfield Group

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Springfield, Mass., Baltimore, Columbia, S. C., Louisville, New Orleans, St. Louis, St. Paul, Omaha, Wichita, Kan., Houston, Tex., Berkeley, Calif., and Spokane, Wash., have been chosen as locations for the twelve federal farm loan banks. District number one, which will be served by Springfield, consists of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

FOSTER—WITT.

Barre Dentist and Post-Graduate Student at Goddard Married.

The marriage of Miss Alice Witt of Winchendon, Mass., to Dr. Arthur C. Foster of Barre took place in Burlington yesterday, the Unitarian minister of that place performing the ceremony. Miss Gertrude Foster of Plattsburg, N. Y., a sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, while Lawson Witt, brother of the bride, was best man.

The couple left Burlington last evening for Montreal, P. Q., where they will spend the next week on their honeymoon trip, after which they will return to Barre. Miss Witt is a graduate of Winchendon high school in the class of 1911 and during the past fall has been taking post-graduate work at Goddard seminary. Dr. Foster is a well-known dentist in this city, having practiced here for two years. He was graduated from the Ohio College of Dentist Surgery, Cincinnati, O., in the class of 1914.

SMALL FIRE AT QUARRY

Destroyed One Engine House of E. L. Smith & Co.

Fire which broke out at two different times in the night destroyed one of the smaller engine houses at the E. L. Smith & Co. quarries in Graniteville this morning. It is said that a blaze in the building was discovered last evening and that after the fire had been subdued two men remained to guard against a second outbreak. When the flames were discovered early this morning a crowd which gathered on the quarry was helpless to prevent the structure from burning. Only a bucket brigade was available, and the fact that the water holes in the quarry were frozen over probably militated against the chances for saving the building. The structure housed two electric engines and two 50-h. p. motors. Officers of the company were notified of the blaze early to-day, and Donald Smith and E. O. Kent were at the quarries this forenoon.

An electrician was taken along to look over the machinery, and if it develops that repairs can be made without shipping it away, the loss resulting from the fire will not be heavy. The engine building was loosely constructed and burned quickly. Two derrick hoists were on top of the company do not believe that the fire will have the effect of slowing down quarrying operations to any considerable extent.

AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Egidio J. Rulfo Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. Annabelle M. Rulfo, wife of Egidio J. Rulfo, passed away at her home in the Morse block Tuesday afternoon, the end following a long illness. Besides her husband she is survived by her father, Ewen Mackenzie of Groton, her sister, Mrs. Louis Bottiggi of the Montpelier road, and by three brothers, John Mackenzie, Alexander Mackenzie and George Mackenzie, all of Barre. Her mother's death occurred in August. The deceased was born Annabelle Mackenzie in Barre Nov. 14, 1891, and was, therefore, 25 years old. Her marriage to Mr. Rulfo took place in Barre in September, 1914. Mrs. Rulfo was a young woman of many fine qualities and her untimely death has brought sorrow to a very wide circle of friends.

The funeral will be held at the home of her brother in Buckley court Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate and interment will be made in Hope cemetery.

ADMITTED HIS GUILT.

Leon Parrelle Arrested for Robbery in Lyndonville.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 27.—Deputy Sheriff L. W. Graw returned yesterday from Sanford, Me., with Leon Parrelle, who was arrested at the home of his parents in the Maine town on a charge of breaking into three stores at Lyndonville last Friday night. The officer states that several of the stolen articles, including a wrist watch, revolvers, flash light, traveling bag and a small sum of money were found at the Parrelle home.

Parrelle admitted his guilt and has for this term of Caledonia county court. A drygoods store, clothing store and a drug store were entered Friday night and about \$20 in money and considerable merchandise stolen. When suspicion pointed to Parrelle he left town and was traced to Sanford, Me.

It is now believed he is responsible for breaks made in Lyndonville stores three weeks ago. Parrelle is 22 years old and had been employed in the Boston & Maine car shops at Lyndonville, Vt.

CITY'S REVENUE FROM GAS COMPANY GROWS

Two Per Cent of the Gross Earnings Makes the Amount Receivable \$610.85—Other Matters Considered.

A small melon for the city was reported at the last council meeting of the waning year last evening when the auditors filed the result of their examination of the books of the People's Lighting, Heating & Power Co. Unlike other corporations that operate or seek to operate public utilities here in the city, the gas company is required by franchise to divert a percentage of its gross earnings to the city exchequer. In the year ending June 30 the company, according to the report of the auditors, earned \$30,542.67 and the city's slice of 2 per cent amounted to \$610.85, a sum somewhat larger than the coupon clipped by the city on the same bond in 1915. Just now, with the city's finances at a comparatively low ebb, the Christmas present from the gas makers looms up prominently large.

In the aftermath of the brief aldermanic session, the council convened for a few moments to report on the petition of Anthony Tomasi for a permit to move a building at 10 Merchant street toward the highway for the purpose of adding thereto a third story. The aldermanic committee of the whole, after investigating the request, formed the opinion that the annex should be permitted, an opinion in which the fire chief and building inspector are said to have concurred. The report was adopted unanimously and then the council went into executive session.

Cemetery trust funds figured very largely in the grist of warrants submitted by the treasurer for approval. The following sums were mentioned: \$1,250, funds refunded to the cemetery trust fund; \$725.46, interest on trust funds paid to William McDonald, trustee; \$328.15, interest due on Hope cemetery funds; \$235.51, interest due on Elmwood cemetery trust funds; Alexander Hamilton, \$8.50, returning burial permits; library committee, \$289.70, proceeds of dog fund; Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co., \$1,487.50, interest on water bonds, \$1,150.50, interest on refunding bonds; addition to 1916 sinking fund, \$618.85; city treasurer, 40 cents, cash paid out on street superintendent's orders; M. & B. L. & P. Co., \$696.18, November lighting; Kennebec Mfg. Co., \$17, street sprinkler repairs; Vermont Tel. & Tel. Co., \$17.20, department payroll, \$274.19, street, department highway, sidewalk and health accounts; water department payroll, \$44.87; fire department payroll, \$96.30; police department payroll, \$95.89; G. A. Bemis, \$14, services as janitor; treasurer of Barre city fund, \$20, unused; Driggle's Oxygen Co., \$129.50, fire fighting apparatus. A resolution appropriating money to several departments was read and passed to its second reading.

F. D. Beckley's efforts to light a certain district near his house on Beckley court were unavailing, as the lighting committee, reporting on his application for a street light in the court, recommended that it be turned down on the ground that the light would be on private property. The street committee asked for an additional week in which to investigate stone crushers and the request was granted.

Wiring permits reported by the inspector, were granted as follows: Mrs. Nina Lewis, to hang a dome on Cottage street; Vermont Poultry association, to install temporary lights in Church street gym; Tracy & Holden, to wire for a motor in South Main street machine shop; G. M. Marriot, to wire for lights on Merchant street; Mrs. A. W. McNeil, to install a fixture at 168 Hill street; Mrs. G. H. Stuart, to install a fixture at 13 Spaulding street; Barre Steam Co., to install a motor on Blackwell street; Mrs. P. M. Carr, to install a fixture at 27 Camp street; M. & B. L. & P. Co., to install two meters; J. A. Field, to install lights at 174 Washington street.

TREE WELL BURDENED.

Christmas Exercises Were Held at Hedding M. E. Church.

Children and members of the Hedding Methodist society enjoyed the annual Christmas exercises and tree last evening, when a large number gathered in the vestry of the church. Two large trees were placed in the south side of the room loaded with presents and bags of pop corn and candy. Each child was presented with a bag of the Christmas sweets. The trees were very prettily decorated with the usual Christmas colors of red and white against the green spruce boughs, giving a delightful effect. A nicely arranged program was in order shortly after 7 o'clock with Miss Mildred Higgins in charge. Those participating in the entertainment in both the recitations and singing did remarkably well in their work and deserve a great deal of credit in their efforts. After the entertainment was completed, the trees were quickly cleared of their presents, John Swales calling the names and children of the Sunday school distributing the gifts. Later, a general social hour was in order, the children going to the basement, where they delighted themselves with various games.

The program is as follows: Recitation, Rachel Higgins; recitation, Carlyle Sutor; solo, Mildred Bosworth; recitation, Doris Davis; recitation, Evelyn Emerson; solo, Clara Lawless; recitation, Dorothy Sutor; reading, Marion Anker; duet, Bertha and Lena Higgins; recitation, Olive Waterman; recitation, Harold Stone; solo, Madeline Sullivan; recitation, Winona Spencer; recitation, Eleanor Lebourveau.

FROM PILLS TO PREACHING.

Dr. W. R. Rowland of East Corinth to Be Universalist Minister.

East Corinth, Dec. 27.—Dr. W. R. Rowland, for many years a practicing physician of this place, has given up his medical practice and will enter the Universalist ministry, having received a call to take charge of the Universalist parishes at New Madison, Greenville and Palestine, O.

Dr. Rowland has been prominent in this state for many years, being a member of the executive board of the state convention and holding license as a lay preacher. He has also been interested in politics, having twice held the nomination of the Socialist party for governor. He will begin his new work on January 1st of next year.

MEET IN MONTEPELIER.

Milk Producers of Washington County Invited Dec. 30.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, all the milk producers in each county in New England will meet to hear about and join the New England Milk Producers' association. In Washington county the meeting place will be Montpelier city hall, in the memorial room, at 10 a. m. An organizer or representative will be present at each of these county meetings to tell about the association, what it has done, what it aims to do and what it can do if every milk producer in New England joins with it.

The idea is better prices for better milk, co-operative purchase of supplies, associated selling, and the county meetings will be closely followed up by a trained corps of organizers. Plans will be made at Montpelier for the formation of local unions and it is expected before the end of January most of the 200,000 farmers who own the 800,000 cows in New England will have formed their local unions and their county unions.

Enthusiasm everywhere welcomes the big scheme to organize all New England in a single day. "Now you are going at it right," wires a Connecticut producer to Secretary Pattee of the New England Milk Producers' association. This telegram expresses what every farmer feels. Make a clean job of it, brother farmers. Let every one attend the meetings at his county seat next week Saturday, Dec. 30, at 10 a. m., and join the N. E. M. P. A.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Daisy Kingston of Nicholville, N. Y., has been passing a few days in the city as the guest of Mrs. Grace W. Cutler of Jefferson street.

Master Donald Bugbee of Richardson street left yesterday for Waterbury, where he will spend a week visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Eugene Magnus.

Herbert McCrea and Archie McDonald, who have been visiting friends and relatives in the city during the past few days, returned to their work in New Haven, Conn., to-day.

Carls announcing the marriage yesterday of Miss Hattie E. White of Brockton, Mass., to Fred Gale of Trow hill, were received in the city to-day. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. F. R. Gale of Brockton. After their honeymoon trip they will reside at Mr. Gale's farm on the east hill.

STATE HOUSE FORCE NAMED

Sergeant-at-Arms Getting Ready for Legislature's Opening

DWIGHT J. DWYLL DEPUTY CLERK

Herbert Locke of Fair Haven to Be Postmaster—One Place Not Filled

Announcement was made to-day by Sergeant-at-Arms Frank T. Parsons of the appointment of State House attaches for the legislative session which begins next week. He has named Dwight J. Dwyll of Montpelier as deputy sergeant-at-arms, the salary being \$3.50 per day. The assistants in the sergeant-at-arms department are to be as follows: Grover C. Templeton of Worcester, William M. Meacham of Morrisville, Ford T. Flagg of Richmond and R. S. Pierce of Waterville. The pay of the assistants is \$3 per day.

Herbert N. Locke of Fair Haven is to be postmaster with stipend of \$3.50 per day. The coat room attendants are Luther M. Ravlin of South Burlington, Guy R. Colby of Post Mills and Leslie W. Hayes of Waterbury, being paid \$3 per day. The announcement of executive messenger will be made later.

The doorkeepers, who are to be assigned to their places later, are Hoyt S. Knight of South Royalton, Russell S. Smith of Addison, Lindley S. Squires of Rutland and William A. Reid of Montpelier; salary \$3.50 per day. The pages are: Edward S. Dana of New Haven, Robert Longtin of Bennington, George Douglas of Barre, Russell Seavey of Island Pond, Joseph K. Darling of Chelsea, Fred Burke of Georgia, John R. W. Bancroft of East Calais and Kenneth Somerville of Waterbury. The boys are to be paid \$