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Gov. Graham is getting about all he asked for of the legislature.

Nicholas II., torpedoed, but not without warning. The Kaiser next.

The entente allies seem to have "got the jump" on the central powers on every front this spring.

That \$112,000,000 contract for warships ought to find the United States prepared by 1925. In the meantime we can merely hope.

The Kaiser does not seem to be chortling with glee over the revolution in Russia. A desire for self-preservation is perhaps the reason.

Does the act of the Rochester, N. H., fair association in joining the Green Mountain circuit preclude the ultimate annexation of that state by Vermont?

Thirty days in jail and a fine of \$100 was just about the right punishment for the man who deliberately burned the American flag, even though his name wears a "Reverend" before his name.

The taxpayers of Westminster West might have saved two-thirds of the buildings burned there early this week had they clubbed together and bought a small piece of fire-fighting apparatus. But Westminster West was a good deal like too many other Vermont towns, absolutely careless in the matter.

When the listers ask you about yourself don't think it is because they are seeking enlistments for the army, for they are simply carrying out the details of the military census to be taken by the state of Vermont. The military census is intended merely to determine what kinds of service Vermont able-bodied men could fill in the case of national emergency.

A news item contributed by a correspondent in a nearby town sets forth that a concern recently located in that village is unable to find boarding places for its employees and as a result its business is suffering. In these days of duels to the death with the old H. C. of L. why let so small a matter prove a source of worry? Why not organize an army of commuters?—Rutland News.

A town that is so dead that it won't furnish boarding places for its industrial army does not deserve to have any new industry. If the conditions are such that removal is possible without great loss, the industry ought to move to some wide-awake town.

The attention of the public in general, as well as of listers, is called to the summarized instructions given to listers at the Washington county conference of those officials at Montpelier by State Tax Commissioner Plumley and published in another column of to-day's paper. The tax laws of the state are more or less unknown to the average person of the state and for that reason there is apt to be considerable grumbling about the administration of the laws; whereas, if the taxpayers were to become conversant with the laws they might have less occasion for fault-finding and they might, too, be more kindly disposed to their officials who have the duty of administering the local end of the laws. Therefore, in the interests of better government we ask our readers to pay attention to the statement as printed today.

The passing of the state board of control bill in the Vermont House yesterday afternoon by an overwhelming viva voce vote after the House had been practically deadlocked over the measure for nearly 24 hours was a marked tribute to the influence of Speaker Stanley C. Wilson, who took the floor and advocated the acceptance of the measure after it had been amended so that another elective, rather than appointive, officer was to become a member of the board. Up to that point in the debate there appeared to be considerable doubt about the fate of the measure and already its opponents had succeeded in making a start on that well-known plan of "amending a bill to death," when Speaker Wilson stepped in and swung the weight of support largely in favor of the bill as it then stood. It is likely that the administration's bill would have had a very stormy time in the House had it not been for the effective work of the member from Chelsea, and it might even have been killed through the incubus of many amendments.

The net result of the legislative investigation of the state school for feeble-minded children at Brandon seems to be the complete exoneration of the officials from the charge of mismanagement and the calling to attention that another building is needed at the institution. It is evident from it that we must use better discrimination in our decisions to hold investigations; we must have some rather substantially grounded charges before going to the expense of much time and money spent in taking much testimony. Because one, or a few persons make accusations against a state-owned institution is not sufficient reason why the state should jump to the conclusion that an investigation ought to be held.

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It must be taken into consideration that the charges of those persons might be biased or that they were founded on hearsay largely.

RUSSIA'S FUTURE.

If Russia survives this revolutionary shock and her people go along their ways as usual after the excitement has subsided, it will be an earnest of great things for one of the most promising nations of the whole world. The revolution undoubtedly means the assumption of more power and authority by the people and the attendant reduction of the arbitrary power and authority of the throne, which follows the inevitable trend of world sentiment despite the efforts of monarchial heads to assert that democracies, the governments by the people, are not successful. It is more than probable that the present uprising by the people, led by the Duma, will mean the adoption of some form of government patterned somewhat closely after that of Great Britain, with a ruler of some name at the nominal head of the government but with a vast deal of authority vested in the legislative department of the government. That such a development would be far better for Russia than a complete jump to government by the people directly is a natural conclusion in the light of the Russian temperament and the Russian inefficiency of the present day. The great majority of Russian people have been kept in virtual ignorance of the affairs of the world and they have not, therefore, had the training which will fit them for having complete and final control of government. Russia with her huge masses of population needs to approach democracy by easy stages lest the entire nation be thrown into a vast maelstrom of political injustice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More About The Times.

Barre, Vt., March 17, 1917. Dean H. Perry, Editor, Barre Daily Times, Barre, Vermont.

Dear Sir: Heartily congratulations to the entire office staff of The Times upon its 20th anniversary.

To one not familiar with the situation, Publisher Langley's editorial announcement of last evening would create the impression that he assisted in producing the first copy of The Times and then stood passively aside and watched it grow. Such an inference cannot go unchallenged.

Like most successful men he is modest and unassuming, but the fact remains with all due credit to the rest of you—that F. E. Langley must be given full honor for the successful management and growth of our splendid local paper. A tireless worker, he has ever been ready, in a private or professional capacity, to further the interests of the city. No matter how busy, a new duty invariably found him willing to undertake it. Always cheerful, even when suffering physical distress, he has given us a splendid example to follow. Those who have been associated with him in the many public enterprises for the welfare and advancement of our bustling city, can testify to his energy, ability and progressiveness. No matter if we could not all say alike, the opinions of pushing and forward looking men have always differed—and always will. And to quote an old saying: "He who never made a mistake never did anything."

His business judgment is amply shown in the selection and retention of his assistants who have so ably seconded his activities.

We are all proud of the Barre Daily Times, and I feel the entire community will join in the above sentiments.

Firmly believing that the next 20 years will witness an even greater growth of our city than during the past generation, and hoping that Mr. Langley will long be spared to continue his aggressive and progressive efforts for our civic betterment and advancement, I am,

Sincerely, William Barclay.

REVOLT PLEASES WASHINGTON.

Officials in Highest Circles Rejoice Over Turn of Affairs in Russia.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—No country on earth will rejoice with greater heartiness than the United States over the triumph of democracy in Russia, if one is to judge by the comment universally heard here in the highest official circles. Now that the pro-German element in Russia has been overthrown and the conduct of the war will be in the hands of the representatives of the people, it is believed that all danger of a disintegration of the allies has been removed.

The question of recognition of the new government by the United States may prove an exceedingly interesting one, if President Wilson is to continue along the line of the principle he has laid out to govern our relation with the Latin-American countries. He has informed the revolutionists of Costa Rica, for example, that no government there will be recognized which was founded on revolution, and he has emphasized his unwillingness to recognize the Tinoco government in that particular case by declaring in an official letter that recognition must be refused because the new government came in as the "interruption of a term." As a matter of fact, the president of Costa Rica was impeached in legal form, and the new provisional chief, Tinoco, is awaiting a legal election. The provisional government of Russia assumes office under identical circumstances as have many of the Latin-American governments whom the president has signified his intention of refusing to recognize. Indeed, the actual bloodshed incident to the Russian revolution appears to have been greater than in some of the opera bouffe turn-overs which have added to the gaiety of life in Latin-America.

Is there a Jekyll in Hyde Park? Are there any hawks in Jay? On the outskirts of Jericho are there priest, Levite and Samaritan? No doubt there is a rock in Plymouth and mayhap a dragon in St. George. Westminster may not be without its abbey and Whittingham without its Dick. And then—

For a certainty there is an inca in Peru.

That the children may emulate their elders in cultivating a mad desire to absorb every scintilla of information to be found only in the Colyum, we have de-

cid to offer prizes for the best solutions of the following enigmas.

MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM

"To have a lively and not a stolid countenance." Truth of Intercourse.

Did you ever pause to ponder over the deviations of proper names that the eye encounters as it travels over a map of Vermont? Except in rather isolated instances where we are indebted to the Indians for the nomenclature beauty of rivers, mountains and towns, there is little enough that is attractive. But a glossary of Vermont's 246 organized towns and cities, nevertheless, affords a fine field for speculation.

If you know what we mean, follow us, that we may not be alone.

Have you ever wondered whether there is a Demosthenes in Athens, an orator in Baltimore, an Apollo in Belvidere? Or a Jacob's ladder in Bethel?

Is there a beach in Brighton? A rose of Sharon? A peacock in Burke? Are there dukes in Brunswick, Cavendish and Cambridge? Or a lord in Derby? Are there pigs in Berkshire, pillars in Corinth? Any russia in Charlotte? Widows in "sleepy Chester"? Can one Eden boast to-day a serpent, an Adam and an Eve? Is there, after all, a land of "Goshen"? Does Halifax retain the gibbet law? One hesitates to contemplate the awful possibilities of gin in Holland. And rum in Panama.

At some pains we have secured from David McLean of Williamstown an interesting essay on the habits of the skunk. The writer's experience as a skunk breeder lends weight to some of the observations that follow and anyone who doubts for a moment that there is much to learn from an animal of such odious repute will do well to take an afternoon "off" next summer and visit the skunk colony which Mr. McLean has organized on his farm.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK at Barre City, in the state of Vermont, at the close of business on March 5, 1917. Resources: Loans and discounts \$455,000.00; Overdrafts, secured, none; State and U. S. bonds 211.27; U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) \$100,000.00; U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value) 7,000.00; Total U. S. bonds 107,000.00; Bonds, securities, etc.: Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits, \$23,000.00; Bonds and securities pledged as collateral for state or other deposits (postal excluded) or bills payable, 19,700.00; Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged, 258,618.69; Total bonds, securities, etc., \$202,318.69; Stock of federal reserve bank (50 per cent. of subscription) 3,350.00; Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis, \$7,636.05; Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities, 16,304.11; 23,990.16; Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in above), 1,610.23; Other checks on banks in the same city as reporting bank, \$16.52; Outside checks and other cash items, \$410.55; Fractional currency, 158.27; 588.82; Nickels and cents, 6,388.00; Notes of other national banks, \$45.00; Federal reserve notes, 47,237.65; Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from federal reserve bank, 4,258.00; Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer and due from U. S. treasurer, 2,700.00; Total, \$923,106.55. Liabilities: Capital stock paid in, \$100,000.00; Surplus fund, 18,500.00; Undivided profits, \$24,912.00; Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, 2,388.83; 22,523.17; Amount reserved for taxes accrued, 1,284.16; 99,000.00; Circulating notes outstanding, 99,000.00; Net amount due to banks and bankers, 6,897.27; Dividends unpaid, 3.50; Demand deposits, 176,162.13; Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days, 38,474.89; Certified checks, 169.36; Cashier's checks outstanding, 1,231.99; U. S. and State deposits, 4,598.99; Postal savings deposits, 15,548.29; Total demand deposits, \$234,595.96; Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice): Certificates of deposit, 45,972.43; Other time deposits, 409,286.04; Total time deposits, \$455,258.47; Bills payable, other than with federal reserve banks, 1,500.00; Postal savings deposits, all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts, 20,000.00; Total, \$923,106.55.

State of Vermont, county of Washington, ss: I, W. C. JOHNSON, JR., cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. C. JOHNSON, JR., Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of March, 1917. HORATIO W. M. SCOTT, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: CHARLES W. AVERILL, F. R. LADD, C. W. MELCHER, Directors.

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weeks the skunk kittens open their eyes and at the end of eight weeks they are weaned. "In the summer the food of the wild skunk is almost entirely insects. When the weather grows colder, their diet consists largely of field mice, rats and other rodents. To some extent they eat birds' eggs and small game and occasionally visit the henhouse when hungry; usually, however, only what is needed for food is taken and the brood is not wantonly slaughtered.

REDMOND OPPOSITION MAY WRECK CABINET

Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Makes an Appeal for Irish Compromise. London, March 17.—If the members of the Irish Nationalist party continue their opposition to the Lloyd George government a general election will be forced and England's activity in the war will be paralyzed, Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law said in the House of Commons yesterday.

He appealed eloquently to Irish members of all parties to join in negotiations designed to effect a settlement of the Irish question. Bonar Law denied that the British government had issued orders to the Dublin populace to remain indoors on St. Patrick's day. He said the story that there were riots impending there had been circulated by "disaffected persons."

"Skunks may be approached with much more safety than is generally supposed and they will often themselves approach people when quiet or in camp, without the slightest danger to the persons. They are very inquisitive, seldom suspicious, and they must be considerably alarmed if they are startled. The weapon with which nature endowed the skunk is used only for self-protection and it uses its scent sacs principally for the purpose of making good its escape, as the fluid is calculated to blind the pursuer for the time-being. "Entirely apart from the value of its fur, the skunk is a useful animal. The fat is an article of commerce, being used

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