

HEALDTON LOSS ADDS TO GRAVITY OF SITUATION

Does Not Cause Any Immediate Change Between the United States and Germany Is the Position Held in Washington Regarding Attack on American Vessel

NO WARNING GIVEN BY THE SUBMARINE

Part of the Crew Have Been Landed but It Is Probable That Twenty Were Lost—Pres. Wilson Will Add the Incident to the Summary of Illegal Attacks

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The sinking by a German submarine of the American steamer Healdton with the probable loss of a score or more of her crew, many of them Americans, while another grave addition to the long list of German aggressions against American commerce, cannot cause any immediate change in the situation between the United States and Germany, it was said here today. A virtual state of war already exists, government officials believe, and they are doing everything possible to prepare the nation to meet the condition.

The destruction of the Healdton, however, will be included by President Wilson in his summary of German attacks on American commerce which he goes before Congress April 2. The president received the first official reports on the incident early today. Consul Mahin at Amsterdam cabled that the vessel, unarmed, was torpedoed without warning off the coast of Holland Wednesday.

HEALDTON WAS 4448 TONS. She Left Chester, Pa., on Jan. 26 for Rotterdam.

Philadelphia, March 23.—The steamer Healdton sailed from Chester, Pa., on Jan. 26 for Rotterdam with 2,157,711 gallons of refined petroleum valued at \$106,886. She was last reported three days later 720 miles east of Delaware breakwater.

The Healdton, a tanker of 4,448 tons gross, was commanded by Captain Christopher, and carried a crew of 38 men. She was built at Greenock, Scotland, in 1908. Her home port was New York. She was owned by the Standard Oil company.

13 AMERICANS ABOARD The Healdton According to Report From Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, March 23.—Thirteen Americans were among the 40 members of the crew of the American tank steamer Healdton, sunk without warning by a submarine, with the probable loss of 20 or more lives.

Amsterdam, via London, March 23.—The Handelsblad says that only six Americans are among the Healdton survivors.

TWO BOATS MISSING. After Being Launched from the Healdton, Says Amsterdam Report.

Amsterdam, March 22, via London, March 23, 1 p. m.—The American steamer Healdton was torpedoed Wednesday evening, according to a Terschelling despatch to the Telegraaf. Three boats were launched, one of which contained eight men. One of the men, badly injured, was brought to Terschelling by a torpedo boat. One of the men died on the way. Nothing is known of the other boats. It is believed that 14 men were killed by the explosion.

HEALDTON SURVIVORS. Capt. Christopher and Wireless Operator Herman H. Parker.

London, March 23.—A Reuter's dispatch from The Hague says that Capt. Christopher, commander of the Healdton, is among the survivors picked up by a Dutch destroyer.

Philadelphia, March 23.—Herman H. Parker, wireless operator, was saved from the Healdton, according to a cablegram.

PREPARING THE MESSAGE. Pres. Wilson Takes It Up with His Cabinet.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The president's address to Congress was taken up in a tentative form at today's cabinet meeting. Virtually all the secretaries had been asked to bring material for points upon which it will touch.

While the exact nature of the address necessarily will be determined by the developments of the next ten days, it is expected to be specific, and probably will outline just what steps the president be-

EMPEROR WILLIAM IN NERVOUS BREAKDOWN? London, March 23.—Private messages have reached The Hague that Emperor William is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch. The emperor's physicians are said to have ordered him to take the cure at Hamburg.

GIRLS SHOT SELVES IN SUICIDE PACT

Margaret Spaulding, Boston Teacher, and Ethel Stanton, a Pupil in Wellesley, Mass., Died in Portsmouth Cafe.

Portsmouth, N. H., March 23.—A motive for the suicide at a local restaurant last night of Margaret Spaulding, an instructor in the home-making department of the Garland school of Boston, and her companion, Ethel Stanton, a pupil of a similar department at the Dana Hall school at Wellesley, is sought by the police today.

A note left by the girls said they had decided it was better to die, but gave no reason. The assistant medical referee, after an examination of the bodies today, said that each girl had shot herself in the right temple. At the time of their deaths, the young women were in a normal and apparently healthful condition. They had previously registered at the Rockingham hotel as Ethel Stanton and Rose King of Wellesley, Mass.

In a traveling bag left at the hotel by the King girl, was found a letter telling of an agreement between the two girls to commit suicide and asking that they be buried together. The letter, signed "Peggy," was addressed to Mrs. E. L. Spaulding, Newton Center, Mass. The police communicated with Mrs. Spaulding and learned that "Rose King" was her daughter.

A note addressed to C. S. Malabury, Johnson building, Cincinnati, was found in the Stanton girl's bag. The bag also contained a ticket to Wellesley and a small amount of money. Newton, Mass., March 23.—Miss "Peggy" Spaulding, who was shot at Portsmouth, N. H., last night was a graduate of the New Haven high school. She was prominent in athletics, having served as captain of the high school girls' hockey team.

DODGE—HODGE.

Waits River People Were Married in Barre.

George S. Dodge and Miss Ethel E. Hodge of Waits River were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage on French street, this city, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. John W. Hatch, principal of Montpelier seminary, officiating. The double ring service was used. The bride was becomingly attired in a blue traveling suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge left last evening on a two weeks' wedding trip, which will include New York and Washington, and on their return they will make their home at Waits River, where Mr. Dodge is manager of the J. A. Dodge Co. store. Mr. Dodge is well known to many in this section. He attended Montpelier seminary and later the Albany Business college. Mrs. Dodge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Hodge of Waits River and was also for a time a student at Montpelier seminary.

LABOR OPPOSED TO BILL

To Prevent Strikes Till 60 Days After Reference to Commission.

Representatives of the Vermont branch of the American Federation of Labor vigorously opposed yesterday afternoon the bill providing for the referring of all labor and employer controversies to the public service commission and making it illegal for a union to call a strike until 60 days after the commission has published its report for the case. Another public hearing will be held before the commerce and labor committee next Tuesday evening. Representatives from Barre manufacturers' associations and of various Barre quarry firms spoke in favor of the bill.

The labor men demanded to know the origin of the bill and after Chairman Pierce had stated that it was handed him by a labor man, further inquiry developed the fact that he was not sure of its origin. The labor representatives further contended that the bill was discriminatory because it did not apply to employers and that there was not another like it in the country. Supporters of the bill admitted it should be amended in this respect. It was also contended that labor was not a commodity and should not be restrained in this manner.

WHEAT AND CORN HIGHER.

Both Open with Quotations a Fraction Above the Close, Then Score Gains.

Chicago, March 23.—The grain market opened yesterday very close to Wednesday's closing figures. May wheat at \$1.82 1/2 was up three-fourths; July at \$1.56 to \$1.55 1/2, was astride the close; September at \$1.43 was off one-fourth. May corn at \$1.10, was off one-eighth; July at \$1.09 1/2, was up three-eighths; September at \$1.07 1/2, was off one-fourth. Oats were slightly up. By noon prices had risen on war talk. May wheat being up one and three-eighths, July up seven-eighths, and September up five-eighths. May corn was up a cent, July up seven-eighths and September up three-fourths. Oats also shared in the gain for a major fraction.

BE FRIENDLY OUTWARDLY

But After That Don't Mind What You Do to the United States.

London, March 23.—An intercepted document issued from the German general command, at Muenster in February, advising newspaper writers how to deal with the new submarine war, which has been obtained from a responsible source, contains interesting paragraphs. One reads: "Towards America it will be advisable to employ outward forms of friendliness. Unfriendliness would increase danger of America coming in—the rupture of diplomatic relations, even active participation, hangs in the balance. The attitude of the press must not increase the danger."

COLLEGE A TRAINING CAMP.

In Case of War Harvard Will Close Sessions in Short Time.

Cambridge, Mass., March 23.—A semi-official announcement that in the event of war the college year at Harvard university will probably be terminated within a short time and that the university plant will be turned into a military training camp was made today. The announcement was in the form of an editorial in the Harvard Crimson.

ON THE SAFE SIDE.

Uncle Ezra—So Eph Hoskins has gone to Palm Beach. I wonder if there'll be enough going on to suit him.

Uncle Eben—Well, Eph ain't taking any chances. He's took his checker board along.—Life.

GERMAN ATTACK SET BACK

Turned on French in Region East of Ham in Northern France and Gained Some Ground at the Outset, but Were Counter-Attacked with Great Ferocity

FRENCH DROVE THEM TO SARANCOURT

Latter Are Making Progress Between St. Quentin and La Fere, but Their Advance Toward Laon Near Meagre—German Troops Are Massed There

The initial phase of the tremendous battle which has opened in northern France has apparently turned in favor of the French, who are reported to have forced their way across the Ailette river and Crozat canal at several points. Further south the French attempted to batter their way toward Laon, but a comparatively meagre advance reported from Paris indicates that the issue is still very much in doubt. Some ground was gained northeast of Soissons, but the fact that the French report having inflicted very heavy losses on the Germans is an intimation that the invaders are holding this section in force.

Paris, March 23.—A violent attack was made by the Germans last night north of St. Simon in the region east of Ham. Today's war office announcement says the Germans gained some ground at the beginning but were counter-attacked immediately and driven back as far as Sarancourt-le-Grand, three miles northeast of St. Simon.

The war office report last night stated that the Germans made a number of attacks to drive back the French from the east bank of the St. Quentin canal but the attacks failed. The text of the statement is as follows:

"In the region of St. Quentin skirmishes between patrols have occurred north of Dallon. Between the Somme and the Oise the enemy in the course of the day made violent attempts to drive us back from the east bank of the canal of St. Quentin, which we occupy in front of Clastrès and Montecourt. Successive attacks by the enemy were broken down by our machine gun fire.

"Spirited engagements west of La Fere likewise ended in a complete check for the enemy.

"South of the Oise our detachments crossed the Ailette river at several points.

"North of the Aisne the Germans renewed their attempt between the Laon road and the river. Three attacks against the Vrezy-Chivres line were arrested by our barrage fire. South of the Aisne, including the enemy's troops, our artillery inflicted upon them very heavy losses.

"The artillery fighting was quite violent in the Woevre at the foot of the Meuse hills. An enemy attempt on the Remainville farm sector of St. Mihiel was unsuccessful. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

"All reports which have reached us confirm that the enemy has systematically pillaged and ravaged the evacuated zone, without in a majority of the cases, military reasons. For instance, Gen. von Fleck, commandant 17 E. C. A. Ger. van, on quitting Ham carried away the furnishings of the house which he had occupied in that town."

GERMANS BRACING.

They Are Holding Up British Advance Toward St. Quentin.

London, March 23.—"The enemy's resistance is increasing along our whole front, from west of St. Quentin to south of Arras," says the official report from British headquarters in France last night. "Heavy snowstorms during the day added to the difficulties of our advance."

"We carried out a successful raid yesterday afternoon northeast of Arras and took a few prisoners. The enemy endeavored to counter-attack across an open and suffered severe casualties. A small hostile party succeeded in entering our trenches early this morning north of Ypres. The raiders were driven off by our garrison after sharp fighting. Another hostile raiding party was dispersed by our machine gun fire south-west of Lens."

HEAVY LOSSES FOR FRENCH

Were Inflicted at Two Points According to Berlin Statement.

Berlin, via wireless, March 23.—Heavy losses were inflicted by the Germans yesterday upon the French troops who had crossed the Somme at the Crozat canal in the vicinity of St. Simon, the army headquarters announced today. The French were repulsed and 530 prisoners and several machine guns were taken. Engagements developed last night between the Oise and Aisne, west and south of Margival, in which attacks by strong forces of French troops were repulsed with heavy losses to the French. The offensive on the Macedonian front is dying down, the statement says.

REFERENDUM SUFFRAGE BILL

Was Passed by the Vermont House To-day, 132 to 82

SENATE MAY KILL THE MEASURE

Bill Is a Substitute for Two Measures Introduced in the House

The Vermont House of Representatives this morning passed House bill 424 extending the right of suffrage to women and providing for a referendum, the vote being 132 to 82. The bill was sharply debated yesterday afternoon, Mr. Stearns of Burlington offering an amendment to substitute his own measure on the subject, but being defeated, 123 to 89.

The bill, which passed the House today, is a substitute for the bill introduced by Mr. Stearns, allowing women to vote in town meetings and reducing the poll tax to \$1, and for the bill introduced by Mr. Albee of Townshend, allowing taxing women to vote in town meetings on money questions. The bill now goes to the Senate, where there is some prospect of its being defeated.

Suffrage was also up in the Senate this forenoon when that body passed the bill giving women the same right as men to vote for presidential electors. The vote on this was 18 to 7. Just previous to that the Senate passed the bill providing for an annual state vote on license, the vote on passage being 19 to 5.

The House this forenoon passed nine bills, ordered seven bills and resolutions to a third reading and killed one measure. The following were the bills passed: Relating to the practice of chiropody; relating to reimbursement of towns that have freed the bridges between Vermont and New Hampshire; to amend the charter and by-laws of the village of Lyndon; and relating to the hours of employment of women and children; to amend an act to establish the militia; extending the right of suffrage to women and providing for a referendum; defining the duties of the commissioner of agriculture and relating to creameries; to enable the town of Shattsbury to dispose of its cemetery property; to authorize the village of Barton to issue bonds.

The measure killed by the House was that relating to the appointment of building inspectors.

"Third reading was ordered by the House on the following: Relating to investments by domestic life insurance companies; relating to the salary of the state highway commissioner; to amend an act to amend the charter of the village of Morrisville; joint resolution relating to universal military training; to amend an act to amend the charter of the city of Rutland; providing for an appropriation for the construction of as many committee rooms in the present State House and library annex as possible and for other purposes; relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways.

Suspension of rules was refused by the House in the case of Senate bill 41, relating to compensation to employes for personal injuries. Mr. Pirie of Williamsport moved that the rules of the House be suspended and that the House reconsider its vote whereby it passed the bill in concurrence. Mr. Howland of Barre opposed, and the motion was lost, 113 to 24.

The Senate to-day adopted the joint resolution in favor of universal military training. The Senate passed 17 bills and ordered two others to a third reading. The bills passed were as follows:

Act relating to public corporations other than railroads; act providing for annual state vote on license; act providing for plurality election for all town, village and fire district officers; permitting foreign corporations to act as executor or trustee; to provide for payment of taxes upon mortgaged real estate by the mortgagee; relating to the care of insane paupers; relating to sale of land for burial purposes in Ryegate; relating to payment of accounts of the purchasing agent; to authorize the auditor of accounts to advance money, upon requisition, to state officers and to provide for bond of indemnity; permitting domestic insurance companies to withdraw deposits with the approval of the state treasurer; to prohibit the use of labels attached by wire to bags of meal or grain; relating to the warning of town or village meetings; relating to the terms of county court; extending the authority of the public service commission to the manufacture, distribution and sale of gas or electricity distributed directly to the public or to be ultimately used by the public; to provide for recount of votes in town and city elections.

The House bill relating to the board of license commissioners was made a special order in the Senate for Tuesday, next, at 11 o'clock. Third reading was ordered by the Senate on bills relating to the salary of the auditor of accounts and to provide for an annual census of maple sugar crop and of certain domestic animals.

Bills Introduced in Senate.

Reported from the committee on taxation, an act to amend Sec. 11 of No. 45 of the acts of 1915 relating to the assessment and collection of poll taxes; providing for the allowance of a discount. (A poll tax payer who pays a poll tax so assessed against him in conformity with the notice by the collector provided by law shall be entitled to a discount of 4 per cent.)

Reported from the committee on corporations and franchises, an act relating to the formation of religious corporations.

Reported from the committee on agriculture, an act to amend Sec. 19 of the acts of 1912 relating to the appropriation for the use of the livestock commissioner. (Appropriates \$65,000 annually, an increase of \$25,000.)

TUFTS GRADUATES HEAR PRES. BUMPUS IN BARRE REUNION

Sixth Annual Banquet and Business Meeting of the Alumni in Vermont Held at Hotel Barre.

Sons of Tufts gathered at Hotel Barre last evening for the sixth annual banquet and business meeting of the Tufts Club of Vermont. Fifteen classes were represented and 22 members of the alumni association sat down to dinner at 8 o'clock. The college president, Hermon C. Bumpus, Ph. D., was present as the guest of the club, and his address was one of the features of the after-dinner program. Apparently the college men were well satisfied with Hotel Barre, a gathering place for the dinner and other evidences of the manager's hospitality came in for many favorable comments from the guests.

Immediately after the dinner, the retiring president, Fred E. Kimball of Burlington, called the banquet to order and for a half-hour or such a matter, the time was given over to business. Speaker Stanley C. Wilson of the House of Representatives was honored with an election as president for the coming year. Prin. O. K. Hollister of Goddard seminary was chosen vice-president, and S. E. Darling, jr. of Hardwick was retained as secretary and treasurer. These three officers are to constitute the executive committee, and upon them devolves the task of making arrangements for the next club gathering. The time and place were left to the discretion of the committee, but it was decided to hold the next meeting sometime next autumn.

Mr. Kimball proved his capabilities as a presiding officer and his manner of introducing the speakers was happy. The Tufts spirit permeated the responses and in one way or another the alumni demonstrated again and again their loyalty to the alma mater. Pres. Bumpus was given a hearty reception, and his address, largely concerned with college affairs, was warmly received. Speaker Wilson responded feelingly to the unanimity which marked his election as president and in addressing the club he emphasized the importance of carrying the Tufts spirit into the everyday walks of life.

Ex-Mayor Harvey Hersey, the oldest living graduate of the college and the only surviving member of the first class, that of 1857, was called upon for remarks, but he excused himself with the request that the younger men be allowed to do the speaking. College spirit that wasn't to be found in the spray after-dinner speeches radiated from the reminiscences which passed during the dinner hour and after the exercises were over.

Pres. Bumpus confined his remarks largely to the progress which Tufts is making along varied lines and in emphasizing his firm belief in the destiny of the institution. Frequently his remarks were punctuated by some very enthusiastic applause and whenever he said of something that reflected upon Tufts in an especially creditable way the approbation of his hearers was expressed in no uncertain fashion. The president told the Vermont alumni that the trustees have recently purchased the lot on Huntington avenue in Boston, occupied by the medical and dental schools, and that the purchase makes way for much desired expansion in the near future. The newly acquired land fronts on three busy streets and soon it is expected that new building for the dental department will be erected. Tufts' progress in recent years has been remarkable and while the speaker did not dwell for long on athletics he let it be known that the college is making a place for itself in inter-collegiate competition. Financially, the institution is well entrenched and the future seems bright.

Turning to a phase of college life that has reached its greatest development in recent years, Pres. Bumpus spoke briefly on military preparedness in the Medford institution. Thus far, he went on, the college authorities have not officially directed any move for military training, although much has been accomplished by students acting on their own initiative. In some instances members of the faculty have had extensive military experience and a number of professors are aiding and abetting in their efforts to prepare for military service. The student body as a whole, said Pres. Bumpus, is anxious to have military training and the fact that all endeavors in that direction to date have been purely voluntary indicates that the nation would not find Tufts wanting in patriotism should the call to arms be sounded.

The speaker, however, was inclined to the belief that Tufts would render its greatest service to the country in time of stress by furnishing trained wireless operators. It appears that much is being made of wireless training at Medford and with a well-equipped wireless station at their disposal, students who have gone in for telegraphy have received the benefits of superior training and practical experience.

At present Tufts is one of the larger colleges in New England and its growth seems sure and steady. There are about 1,725 students enrolled and the institution number 255, or thereabouts. In closing, the president commended the Vermont alumni for its loyalty to the college.

Some of those who were here for the reunion were: Judge C. H. Darling of Burlington, Ernest J. Hewitt of South Royalton, Dr. Dana Dearing of South Royalton, Harold L. Bailey of Bradford, Prof. Leon E. Dix of Norwich university, Mr. Colburn, E. D. Read of Richford, Mr. Cushing of Bethel, Dr. Samuel W. F. Hamilton of Newport, O. H. Coolidge of Rutland, W. E. Mack of Woodstock, S. C. Wilson of Chelsea and F. E. Kimball of Burlington. Barre was represented by O. K. Hollister, ex-Mayor H. E. Hersey, Dr. F. M. Lynde and Harvey E. Averill. Rev. J. B. Reed, another Barre alumnus, was unable to attend because of the illness of his son.

FRANK MALNATI'S FUNERAL

Attended by a Large Number of His Friends.

Largely attended funeral services were held yesterday for Frank Malnati, whose death Tuesday at his home, 23 Brook street, followed a long illness, were held at the house Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Those who acted as bearers are: Riccardo Calderara, Battista Rossi, L. Cassani, P. Malnati, Carlo Marchese and Peter Cavazzia. There were many floral tributes. The body was placed in the vault at Elmwood and interment at Hope cemetery will be made later in the spring.

FATALLY SHOT DEFENDING GUNS

Private John Poor at Fort William Near Portland, Foiled Possible Plot

TWO MEN FORCED WAY TO FORT

When Detected They Were Near Battery of 12-Inch Guns—They Escaped

Portland, Me., March 23.—Private John Poor of the third company, artillery corps, at Fort William was shot and probably fatally wounded early this morning while attempting to capture two men who had made their way into the reservation despite the heavy guard and had reached a point near one of the batteries of 12-inch guns. The men escaped.

THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

Vermont Men to Have Charge of Plans for Defense.

Gov. Graham has appointed the following men as a committee of safety to prepare Vermont for possible hostilities: Josiah Grout, former governor and lawyer, Newport.

Edward C. Smith, former governor and railroad financier, St. Albans.

William W. Stickney, former governor and lawyer, Ludlow.

George H. Prouty, former governor and lumber manufacturer, Newport.

John A. Meade, former governor and manufacturer, Rutland.

Allen M. Fletcher, former governor and financier, Proctorsville.

Charles W. Gates, former governor and farmer, Franklin.

Harland B. Howe, judge of United States district court, St. Johnsbury.

John H. Watson, chief justice of the Vermont supreme court, Montpelier.

Charles H. Darling, former assistant secretary of the navy, Burlington.

Col. Herbert S. Foster, U. S. A., retired, North Calais.

Col. J. Gray Estey, manufacturer, Brattleboro.

Frederick H. Rabbitt, president Greater Vermont association, Bellows Falls.

William N. Cady, master state grant, Middlebury.

Alexander Ironside, secretary Vermont State Branch, American Federation of Labor, Barre.

Ira H. LaFleur, lawyer, Middlebury.

Robert W. McCuen, lawyer, Vergennes.

A. J. Cooper, manufacturer, Bennington.

Frank E. Howe, editor and publisher, Bennington.

W. L. Jones, manufacturer, Arlington.

A. C. Orvis, manufacturer, Manchester.

Elmer A. Darling, banker, East Burke.

H. E. Folsom, vice-president Montpelier & Wells River railroad, Lyndonville.

James A. Gallagher, president village of Hardwick, Hardwick.

John J. Flynn, vice-president, Burlington Traction company, Burlington.

Charles S. Lord, manufacturer, Winooski.

O. S. Nichols, contractor, Essex Junction.

Charles P. Smith, director New England Telephone & Telegraph company, Burlington.

Dr. H. C. Tinkham, physician and surgeon, Burlington.

Kyle T. Brown, manufacturer, Lunenburg.

John S. Sweeney, manager Island Pond electric plant, and farmer, Island Pond.

Herbert C. Comings, manufacturer, Richford.

Daniel J. O'Sullivan, clergyman, St. Albans.

Allen M. Hall, farmer and fruit grower, Isle La Motte.

Frederick G. Fleetwood, lawyer, Morrisville.

Russell S. Page, manufacturer, Hyde Park.

Hammond T. Baldwin, judge of probate, Wells River.

H. N. Mattison, cashier of National Bank of Orange County, Chelsea.

Henry R. Cutler, banker, Barton.

George F. Root, insurance, Newport.

Chauncey S. Skinner, manufacturer, Orleans.

Dr. James M. Hamilton, surgeon Spanish-American war, Rutland.

Sidney S. Colton, superintendent Rutland railroad, Rutland.

Frank C. Partridge, manufacturer, Proctor.

William R. Mayo, physician and surgeon, Northfield.

Guy R. Varnum, manufacturer, Barre.

Martin A. Brown, lumber merchant and manufacturer, Wilmington.

A. A. Dunklee, farmer, Vernon.

James Hartness, inventor and manufacturer, Springfield.

James A. Stacey, wholesale lumber dealer, White River Junction.

Executive Committee.

Col. Ira L. Reeves, chairman, president Norwich university, Northfield.

Fred A. Howland, secretary, president of the National Life Insurance company, Montpelier.

Walter J. Bigelow, editor of St. Johnsbury Daily Caledonian, St. Johnsbury.

Perival W. Clement, banker and railroad financier, Rutland.

George O. Gridley, manufacturer, Windsor.

John E. Mann, superintendent Central Vermont railway, St. Albans.

Fraser Metzger, clergyman, Randolph.

Union Men, Attention!

A meeting of the executive boards and all legislative committees of unions affiliated with the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity will be held in the carpenter's hall, Nichols block, Saturday evening, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock. Business of the greatest importance will come before this meeting, so let every member be present. For order executive board, Alex Ironside, president, Angus McDonald, secretary.