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Good government or Tammany is the issue to be decided in New York.

LaFollette offers three amendments.—Headline. Most of Herr LaFollette's amendments are in the waste basket, where they belong.

Amid the bustle of preparations for conserving everything that can be canned, farmers will not forget that the deer are used to lurching on winter apples.

No sightlier spot than Williamstown gulf could have been selected for the cemetery superintendents to take leave of Vermont and its enchanting scenery.

The biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America denounced the Industrial Workers of the World for attempting to start strikes in the anthracite coal fields and a conference of the American Federation of Labor has organized the American Alliance of Labor and Democracy. The Americanism of organized labor stands out in rather bold relief as the national holiday approaches.

From baseball to bombs is the long step which many a young American will take within a few months. Historians depose that the ball was the first toy and as one reviews the maze of statistics and stories interwoven with the record of a great national pastime, it must be admitted that the spheroid, with its covering of horsehide, has been chiefly that and little else in America. Over in France the ball becomes a bomb and when set in motion it has a somewhat more serious purpose than that of "killing" someone at first base. The business of tossing deadly grenades becomes a dangerous art, an art which the American soldier, by reason of his training on sandlots, bush league fields, and under the big tent in baseball, is expected to become extremely proficient. More caution must be used in handling the bomb and its mission is to fool someone of more importance than a wondering batsman.

Acceptance of an army commission by Congressman La Guardia has revived the old question of whether a member of Congress may serve as an officer without first relinquishing his seat at Washington. If any doubt existed as to the legality of such an act it may be said that Congressman Gardner pointed the way when he tendered his resignation before joining the colors. Consensus of public opinion seems to hold that the two offices are incompatible and the constitution is invoked to prove this side of the question. More recent instances cited include the case of Gen. Joseph R. Wheeler at the time of the Spanish-American war. The report of the House judiciary committee was brought before Congress a few days before adjournment. It was beaten on the rollcall and Gen. Wheeler served out his term. As a finality it seems that the congressman who wishes to take up arms must look to his colleagues rather than to the law. And in most cases Congress is not inclined to declare vacant the seat of a man who has enlisted in an active branch of the army. It is well.

Disease has been so thoroughly eliminated that the ailing man has no place in the armies of to-day and is seldom seen where there is work to be done in France. Medical science and the soldier touch at various points and while the death rate from wounds is naturally much larger than the mortality at home, disease does not make much of a showing compared to the toll taken in our Civil war. It is one of the axioms of the great war that it does not pay to train a soldier and then lose him for no good cause and, therefore, under the colors the maximum of precaution is taken to insure the minimum of jeopardy. It has been said that the operators of heavy artillery are almost as safe as though they were working on the railroads at home. The case for the field artilleryman may have been overstated, yet there remains the fact that some of the hazards which formerly were closely linked with warfare have been removed, dangerous as the profession of arms still remains. Every "authority" who knowingly exaggerates the danger of military service in the allied armies is not only a species of the calamity howler but a servant of the German government.

TRENCHES AND CHANCES Trench life and its attending dangers are less subtle-hued than painted by some of the war writers if one is to believe the figures submitted by a well known New England statistician. His observations are not so cheering as the report circulated by a Paris observer which claimed that all manner of casualties, including killed, wounded, captured and missing, aggregate only 3 per cent of the actual forces engaged each year. Yet the results of his computation have a message of comfort to mothers who are saying their good-byes these days. The New England statistician finds that only

60 men per thousand or thereabouts are being killed and 150 wounded and that a healthy proportion of the temporarily disabled so far recover as to be able to make their way back to the trenches. Social conditions in the vicinity of the army post at Fort Ethan Allen are such that the officials of Burlington have been given to understand by army doctors that if something isn't done to bring about an improvement it is not unlikely that the post will be moved. The problem is of course a difficult one, but the people of Burlington ought to meet it decisively. To have the army post moved for any such reason as this would be a disgrace from which Burlington in particular and Vermont in general would not soon recover.—Brattleboro Reformer.

It did not require President Wilson's recent man-to-man admonition to the soldiers and sailors of America to create an unprecedented demand for the book that he advised each of them studiously to read. Already there has been so great a call for pocket Bibles and Testaments, according to publishers and book-sellers, that the supply can scarcely keep pace with the demand. Old electrotype plates of the scriptures, in the small sizes, are said to be worth large sums at this time for emergency use. This fact is significant of the spiritual nature of the great conflict in which the nations are engaged. The Bible is, as students have frequently pointed out, the only record we have of the spiritual history of mankind. Even through the dark patterns of its wars and political histories, its drab backgrounds of general orgies, runs the golden thread of man's spiritual growth upon which the recorded events are hung. It is this thread of gold, growing brighter and more beautiful as it emerges into the gospels of the Christian period, that makes the Bible indeed "the way of life" for civilized man in great crises. In it, as President Wilson truly says, every man may find what he wants to know of the deeper things of life, for there, if he comes earnestly seeking, he will discover, in the president's words, "the key to his own heart."—The Chicago News.



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HARDWICK

Pig Case Creates Much Interest in Municipal Court.

At a session of the municipal court held at the Memorial building, Judge Frey of St. Johnsbury presiding, last Wednesday afternoon and evening, the pig case of Leonard Desan vs. J. D. Hutchins came up for trial. A jury composed of all Hardwick men, mostly farmers, was called to hear the case. The plaintiff and defendant were both from Stannard. The case attracted a good deal of attention and brought forth many mirth provoking points. Dutton & Mulcahy of this place, appeared for Hutchins, while W. W. Rindon of Barton appeared for the plaintiff. The case went to the jury at about 10 o'clock and returned a verdict about an hour later in favor of the plaintiff and awarded him \$15.12 and costs of \$19.73.

Donald Merrill of Boston is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Merrill.

The town treasurer's office was a busy place Friday and Saturday, and over \$10,000 rolled into the treasury.

Mrs. Lucia Ferris returned home the middle of the week from Manchester, N. H., where she has been spending the summer with her daughters.

Miss Nora McCabe of Amherst, Mass., is a guest of M. J. Couhi and wife this week.

Harry Thomas returned home Thursday morning from Hartford, Conn., where his son, Franklin, has been seriously ill with malarial fever. When he left Franklin was gaining, a fact his many friends will be glad to learn.

F. E. Jackson was a visitor in Essex Junction Thursday.

Leland Dimond returned to his home in Bakersfield to-day, after spending the summer here in visiting his sister, Mrs. R. B. Paquette, and also working in Paquette's drug store.

C. T. Pierce has been busy the latter part of this week taking the village school census. Reports given next week.

Mrs. C. H. Rawson and son, Max, of Boston, visited friends here the latter part of this week.

Charles Howard of Morrisville was a guest of former schoolmates here the

latter part of this week and will remain until Tuesday.

Mrs. Dora McNall of St. Johnsbury visited in town Friday.

A series of pictures from the war front in France have been loaned to the collection at the Memorial building and give a good idea of what the trenches are like. The pictures were secured by Walter London and given to Eugene White, who loans them to the collection. Another ancient relic has also been added to the collection this week. It is one of the old fashioned lances and is certainly a curio if there ever was one, and makes a valuable addition to the collection.

Next Tuesday evening, leaving Hardwick at 6 o'clock, the boy scouts will hike to East Hardwick, via main highway and railroad track, attend the scout meeting at that village, enjoy a social time with the scouts and return home over the hill road. This will be an interesting occasion for both troops.

Labor day will be club house opening for the Wapanacki Trout club and members and invited guests are invited to gather there for a dinner. Arrangements have been made to serve lunch to those who do not bring lunch. A business meeting of the club will be held at 1 o'clock, and after that a social time will be in order. Those who have not visited the lake since the club house has been built should take this opportunity to do so. The house is large, has fourteen sleeping rooms, and is otherwise very nicely and conveniently arranged, and can accommodate a very large gathering. There are several boats on the lake and it is an ideal place to pass a day.

O. H. Marsh is quite ill at this writing.

Miss E. A. Garrick of Portland, Me., is a guest of her brother, R. H. Garrick. School in Hardwick will open as per schedule next Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Self-Evident Veracity. "Bobby," said the minister to a little fellow, aged six, "I hear you are going to school now."

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"What part of it do you like best?"

"Comin' home," was the prompt answer.—Life.

JINGLES AND JESTS

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"Why don't you get an alienist to examine your son?" "No sir! An American doctor is good enough for me."—Baltimore American.

Fearing the Worst.

"Does he know what fear is?" "Oh, yes. He fears that he won't get to the front before January."—Life.

On Safe Ground.

The inquired about his trip abroad. He began enthusiastically, but stopped short.

"Has anyone here been in Europe?"

"No."

"Well, then, I can speak freely."—Christian Register.

Every Man to His Work.

Jones—Don't you think our chauffeurs should drive ambulances at the front?

Smith—No, they have the training for something a good deal more deadly.—Judge.

Too High a Standard.

Lerret—I hear that Shortcash, who married the banker's daughter last winter, is in desperate financial straits.

Yadilloh—I'm not surprised. He probably has been trying to live up to their wedding presents.—Life.



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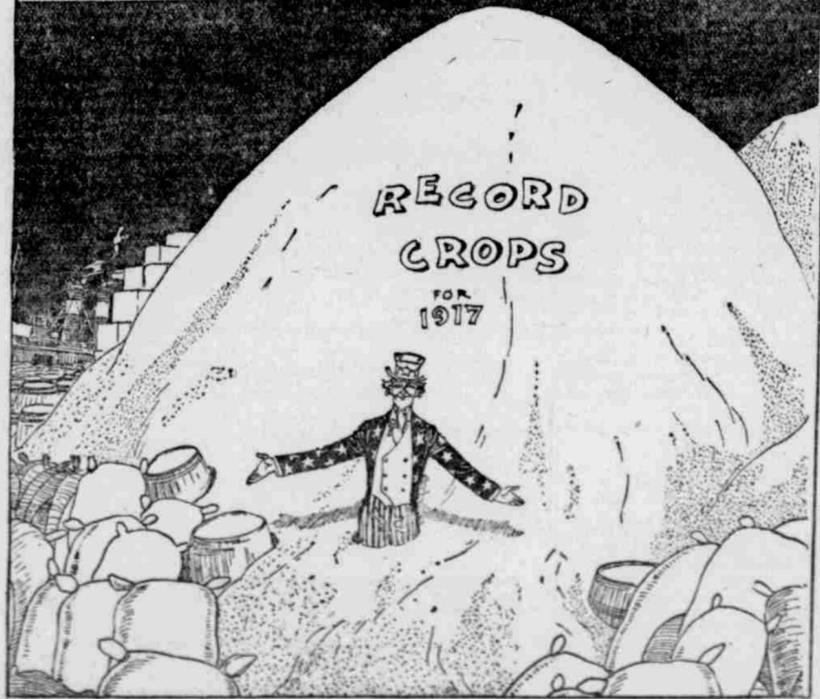
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