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CUT FLOODGATES TO OUST TEUTONS

Italians Invoke Aid of Piave and Sile Rivers North of Venice

MAY BLOCK DRIVE ON RIGHT FLANK

As It Would Prevent Teuton Attempt to Debouch in Force

Headquarters in northern Italy, Thursday, Nov. 15.—(By Associated Press).—The floodgates of the Piave and Sile rivers, northeast of Venice, have been opened by Italian engineers.

The opening of the floodgates probably means an attempt to drown out the Austro-German forces which crossed the lower Piave several days ago. The flooding of the triangle formed by the two rivers and the Adriatic also probably would make ineffective any German attempt to debouch in force against the right flank of the Italian army.

The rivers are very close south of San Dona di Piave, and near there the floodgates were constructed to hold the rivers in check and protect the Venetian lagoon. On both sides of the triangle the land is at or below sea level.

VENICE DESERTED BY MOST OF PEOPLE

Instead of the Usual Population of 160,000 There Are Only 20,000 Left—Attack By Teutons Is Feared.

Venice, Thursday, Nov. 15.—(By Associated Press).—Venice is now almost empty, the population having been reduced from the usual 160,000 to 20,000. Despite the proximity of the enemy lines at the mouth of the Piave river and the unsuccessful efforts the Austro-Germans have made to take the triangle between the Piave and Sile rivers the remnant of the population is calm.

The city may not be defended in case of attack in order that the monuments and art treasures may not be destroyed. All places along the grand canal are closed and the occupants have gone, though a few noble families and some descendants of the Doges remain with the firm purpose of not abandoning the city under any circumstances.

CISMON CAPTURED BY THE TEUTONS

Near the Adriatic Sea Hungarian Troops Advanced and Captured 1,000 Italians.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—The town of Cismon on the northern Italian front has been captured, the war office announces. Near the Adriatic, on the western bank of the Piave, the Hungarian troops advanced and captured 1,000 Italians.

NORTHCLIFFE DECLINES.

Was Offered New Air Ministry Post in Great Britain.

London, Nov. 16.—Lord Northcliffe has declined the proffer of the administration of the new air ministry made to him by Premier Lloyd George.

In a long letter to the premier, Lord Northcliffe explains that his refusal of the portfolio is due to dissatisfaction with some of the methods of Mr. Lloyd George's administration, especially with regard to relations with the United States, and says that Lord Northcliffe's desire therefore is to maintain an independent attitude.

GLOOM IN NEW YORK

When Great White Way Was Dimmed by War's Demands.

New York, Nov. 16.—War's necessities dimmed Broadway's bright lights last night. For three hours after dusk that famous thoroughfare was in semi-eclipse because of the federal fuel administrator's decree that the coal which has supplied current for huge electric signs can be used to better advantage. The homegoing and home-leaving throngs of the rush hours did not need lanterns to find their way about, for the regular street lamps were lighted as usual, but the gloom was in marked contrast to the usual glare.

Promptly at 7:45, however, the millions of electric bulbs which have made "The Great White Way" a household word on five continents, flashed into life, and they were greeted with cheers by the crowds that are ever present on Broadway.

The big signs blazed until 11 o'clock, and then were snuffed out just as the theatre throngs were pouring into the streets. Their tenure of life was done for the night, by official order. Here and there were cases of light where modest signs illuminated the portals of some famous hotel or restaurant. But it didn't seem like Broadway.

MUST LEARN THRIFT.

American People Are Urged to Join War Savings Campaign.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—The necessity of preaching thrift and economy to the American people, both to increase the war savings loan to the government and to lessen burdens on industry, was urged upon state directors of the war savings campaign, in conference here last night, by Secretary McAdoo and Frank A. Vanderlip, director of the campaign. The directors, representing nearly every state in the union, exemplified their economy doctrine by partaking of a meagre fare at their conference dinner last night.

"The value of the war savings plan," said Secretary McAdoo, "consists not alone in the amount of money which the people of the United States may lend to their government upon the certificats which are sold, but also in the lesson which will be taught, in the habits of thrift which will be inculcated as a result of it. What this will mean in conserving the resources of America is inestimable."

U. S. ARTILLERY SILENCED FIRE

German Machine Guns Had Been Spraying the American Trenches with Bullets.

With the American army in France, Thursday, Nov. 15.—(By Associated Press).—There have been further encounters between American patrols and Germans in No Man's Land. Last night there were a number of clashes but the night was dark and showery and the firing was mostly at a distance. There were no American casualties.

The Germans placed machine guns in several craters and sprayed streams of bullets on our communicating trenches. The American artillery hurled shell from the 75's at the position and silenced the enemy. American patrols have worked up to the German wire entanglements. Artillery fire day and night continues lively.

U. S. WOUNDED ARRIVE.

Were Injured By Shell Which Exploded in Shack.

With the American army in France, Nov. 16.—A number of American infantrymen, suffering from shell wounds, arrived yesterday at the base hospital. All the casualties were caused by the same shell.

A group of Americans were in a shack in the reserve when the Germans began shelling heavily. The officers ordered the men to a dug-out, but before they could get there a big shell dropped on the position and exploded. The American artilleryists concentrated their fire on the communicating trenches of the enemy and it is believed that their shells caused considerable casualties and damage.

CHIROPODISTS TALK SHOP

And Elect Officers at Annual Meeting in Montpelier.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Pedic association, incorporated, took place in the office of Mrs. J. B. Dillon on Main street, in Montpelier, yesterday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. F. Willard Magoon, St. Johnsbury; vice-president, Elizabeth P. Bailey, Brattleboro; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Dillon, Montpelier; executive committee, Audrey Carey, Montpelier, Mary Canning, Barre, Mary R. Dillon, Burlington, and Mrs. Merrill R. Parkhurst, Springfield. It was voted to hold the next meeting in Burlington and that it will be a summer meeting in June, to be held at the New Sherwood hotel. Attention was called to the fact that the new laws require that all practitioners of chiropody must register with the state board of medical registration not later than Jan. 1, 1918.

The meeting was well attended, including chiropodists from all of the principal places in the state. President Magoon presided. Various demonstrations on foot troubles were given and mechanical appliances, their use and abuses as used in shoe stores were discussed, it being declared that persons without knowledge of the foot cannot fit an arch supporter with any degree of safety to the patron. Elizabeth Bailey demonstrated George's appliances; Mrs. Dillon, the advantages of surgical drill in chiropody; Dr. Magoon spoke upon the work of the society, which has been grown considerably since the last meeting. A letter was read from Harry P. Kennison, president of the national organization, and other prominent national members.

MORE DRASTIC RULES FOR ENEMY ALIENS

Are Being Prepared By the Government to Prevent Acts to Hamper the Government.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—New regulations governing enemy aliens much more drastic and planned to be more effective than those now operating were up for final consideration at to-day's cabinet meeting. They are expected to deal efficiently with the menace of fires, bomb plots and conveying of information to Germany and other activities meant to hamper the government in the conduct of the war. The regulations have been drawn up by Attorney General Gregory and when approved will be embodied in a proclamation by President Wilson.

MANY MILLIONS SHORT.

Y. M. C. A. War Work Fund Must Be Greatly Accelerated.

New York, Nov. 16.—With only three working days remaining for the Young Men's Christian association's war work fund campaign, the national war work council issued an appeal here last night for workers "in every state, city and town in the country to exert heroic efforts to secure small-sized as well as large subscriptions." Otherwise, the appeal said, "The amount necessary to provide care and comfort for our soldiers in the field and those of our allies may not be realized.

Approximately $18,000,000 of the desired $25,000,000 is yet to be raised, and the council expressed concern of large subscriptions "most of which had been provided in advance of the campaign."

FEARED HARD WINTER.

Lyman L. Howard, Windham Farmer, Committed Suicide.

Brattleboro, Nov. 16.—Because he was afflicted with asthma and dreaded the coming of winter, also because he worried over the scarcity of teams and farm labor, Lyman L. Howard, aged 71, of Windham, a well-to-do-farmer, committed suicide. His body was found yesterday afternoon hanging in his blacksmith shop on the farm. Mr. Howard was missed after dinner Wednesday and a search of the premises was made as it was thought he had met with some mishap. Several times searchers opened the blacksmith shop door and looked in, but the interior was very dark and not until Robert Prouty, a farm hand, opened the door wide was the body discovered. It was hanging by a rope. Mr. Howard was one of the town listers and dealt heavily in livestock. He leaves a wife and one son, Lyman E. Howard, who lives at home.

Committed to Washington County Jail.

John Martin of Northfield was committed to the Washington county jail today for intoxication.

OFFER OF PEACE TO GERMANY

Has Been Made by the Russian Bolsheviki Party

GERMAN SOCIALISTS SEEK ACTION ON IT

Also to Take Up the Lithuanian and Poland Situation

London, Nov. 16.—The independent Socialist group in the German Reichstag has requested the president to convoke an immediate session of the Reichstag to discuss the peace offer of Nikolai Lenine, leader of the Russian Bolsheviki, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News cables. The independent Socialists also ask that the Reichstag take up consideration of the new state of affairs as regards Lithuania and Poland.

No word has reached this country of a peace offer by the Bolsheviki to Germany, possibly because telegraphic communication has been interrupted for nearly a week. The program of the Bolsheviki calls for an armistice, but it is understood that the purpose is to address proposals to all the belligerents and not to arrange separate peace with Germany.

COUNTY DRAFT FIGURES.

Some Interesting Compilations By the Washington County Board.

Statistics compiled by the Washington county registration board at the direction of the provost marshal general are practically completed and in the following paragraphs some interesting figures may be scanned. The data at hand were supplied by Chairman George N. Tilden and represents the results of compilations made by members of the board and their assistants immediately after the order from Washington was received.

The total registration in the county was 3,169 and the quota for the first draft was 22 The number of men called was 132. Three failed to report, 64 were accepted for service and 49 were rejected. Thirty-seven men were certified to the district board and three men were exempted on industrial grounds. The fact that none of the men certified by the local board were exempted by the district board reflects creditably on the thoroughness with which the Washington county officials did their work. There were 62 claims for exemption, 41 being allowed and 21 being disallowed. One married man and 12 single men made no claim for exemption. Of the 3,169 registrants, 1,478 are married and 1,691 unmarried. Of the men called 58 are single and 74 single. Of the men accepted seven are married and 30 single.

There were 2,120 native born citizens who registered; 89 of them were called and 28 accepted. There were 295 naturalized citizens registered, 11 were called and two accepted. The number of declarants registered was 320, of whom 14 were called and six accepted. The number of aliens registered was 434, of whom 18 were called and one accepted, the latter having taken out naturalization papers after he was drafted. The 434 aliens were distributed among the following nationalities: England 8, Scotland 15, Canada 62, Italy 131, Russia 9, Norway 8, Sweden 8, Spain 172, miscellaneous 21.

Stone workers and agriculturists preponderated in the registration list. Among the vocations the registrants were divided as follows: Agriculture 746, lumbering 11, quarrying 197, building, etc., 256, stone work 863, food 51, iron and steel 24, woodworking 42, printing 20, railroad 53, telephone and telegraph 32, express, postal and transportation 87, trade 77, professional 144, domestic and manual 316, common laborers 162. Sixteen men were transferred for physical examination elsewhere or are numbered among the enlisted.

Y. M. C. A. FUND GROWS.

It Is Now Within a Few Dollars of $2,000.

Barre's contribution to the national "Red Triangle" fund crept up to within a few dollars of the $2,000 mark over night and subscriptions are still being received. According to returns filed with Dr. O. G. Stickney, chairman of the local campaign committee, to-day the sum of $1,970.99 represented to date the free will offering of Barre people to the fund of $35,000,000 which the country hopes to raise before next Tuesday. Not all of those who should give have made their donations yet, in the opinion of the committee, and it is to be expected that the local end of the fund will be considerably augmented in another 24 hours. Canvassers were busy about town yesterday and to-day and while the response, naturally, was nowhere near as large as that of Wednesday, the day of the big drive, there were a number of sizeable subscriptions and it is probable that to-day's total will be increased.

Although the national campaign is to continue until Tuesday, the Barre committee hopes to complete its clean-up by Saturday night. Barre has contributed liberally to the fund, but there are several communities, some of them smaller than Barre, which have done better and the time between now and to-morrow night should be improved by those who are disposed to give.

BIG PLANT BLOWN UP.

Standard Oil Property in Payne County, Oklahoma, Destroyed.

Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 16.—The large gasoline plant of the Standard Oil company in Payne county was blown up by nitroglycerine last night, according to word received here to-day.

LUNCHED WITH KING

American Mission to the Inter-Allied Conference.

London, Nov. 16.—Members of the American mission to the inter-allied conference were invited to Buckingham palace this afternoon for luncheon with the king and queen.

TRY TO GET INJUNCTION

To Prevent Insurance Commissioner from Cancelling Their Licenses.

A hearing took place this morning before Judge L. P. Slack in the chancery cases of Maryland Casualty Co., United States Fidelity & Casualty Co., and the Fidelity & Deposit Co., all of Maryland, against J. G. Brown, insurance commissioner, in which the plaintiffs tried to secure an injunction restraining Mr. Brown as state official, from canceling their licenses to do business in this state.

These cases center upon the public statutes as provided in section 4,824 regarding the reciprocal provisions of the statutes as enacted in 1888, which provide that where the fees of a foreign state are greater than those of Vermont that the same fee shall be charged to corporations from that state as are charged corporations from this state doing business in the foreign state. H. G. Barber represented the state.

Ownership of Spring in Question.

In chancery court this morning the time was largely occupied with the presentation of evidence in the case of Clemmie Covell vs. S. N. Field of Berlin over the ownership of a spring of water, in which the trial was started Thursday.

In the case of Mary E. Mann vs. George W. Mann a modification to the injunction has been filed.

The case of George W. Terry company vs. J. Cappio and the People's National bank, trustee, has been filed on the docket.

The entry in the case of Consolidated Quarry company vs. Lowe-Mercer company is "settled; injunction dissolved."

Other Cases Heard.

In Washington county court yesterday afternoon the assistant judges heard the balance of the evidence relative to the alimony in the Sassi divorce case.

The cases of Robert C. Darling vs. Town of Richmond and Ellen P. Darling vs. Town of Richmond have been entered. These cases are the result of an accident which took place in that town.

In the case of G. Pinard vs. V. Catto, exceptions to the judgment of the court have been entered by the plaintiff.

In the case of Sanguinetti vs. Stella Lawrence, judgment has been entered for the plaintiff. The case of E. D. Backus vs. E. R. Town has been referred to E. R. Davis of Barre. Nellie Roben vs. R. A. Hoar, progress must be made or non-suit will be entered next term. The same is true in the case of Burkhartt Brewing Co. vs. Charles Zanleoni and the Capital Liquor Co. and trustee.

STUDENTS TO RAISE FUND.

For Building a Hut to Be Used By U. S. Soldiers.

Acting on a suggestion offered by C. Howard Ellenwood, the army Y. M. C. A. worker, who addressed the student body at Spaulding high school Wednesday forenoon, Spaulding students are preparing a campaign for the raising of a sum of money to be devoted to the "Red Triangle" work, which will provide the boys at the front with a Y. M. C. A. hut, in which they may relax themselves, after a period of service in the trenches.

Mr. Ellenwood's suggestion was for raising a donation of $10 each from the students, the money to be paid before next April, and to that end, ten teams have been started among the various classes, with a captain at the head of each team, who will appoint a lieutenant in a few days to help him in the task of completing the team. Eight of the proposed teams will be carried on by the boys, while the remaining two are in charge of the girls; and more teams will be started in the near future, as the result of which a great deal of friendly rivalry between the classes is expected.

The captains in charge of the teams are: Senior teams, Dean Davis and Laurence Campbell; junior teams, Frank Wells and Clarence Rogers; sophomore teams, Clifton Moore and Earle Lane; freshman teams, Gordon Reardon and Louis Veale, while the two teams among the girls are captained by Miss Mildred McGue of the senior class and by Miss Ruth Averill of the junior class.

Any persons having special work that any of the teams could carry out, will help the students greatly in the task of raising a sum of money to help the boys at the front to pass away dull moments and to provide for their amusement, by communicating with Prin. H. H. Jackson of the high school or with Supt. C. H. White of the city schools.

DEATH DUE TO FALL

Mrs. Christina Smith Aged 87, Probably Fractured Skull.

Mrs. Christina Smith, aged 87, died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John R. Maiden, 3 Church street, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Smith's demise undoubtedly was due to a severe fall which she received a short time before she died, although physicians who were called to the Maiden home were unable to determine to what extent she had been seized with a sudden illness when she fell as she was about to ascend the stairs to her room. It is thought that she sustained a fracture of the skull when she fell, after ascending two or three stairs, and struck her head on the baseboard. Her daughter and others in the house were at her side immediately and a physician was hurriedly summoned, but death ensued a short time afterward.

The deceased was born, Christina Smith, in Scotland 87 years ago. She had lived for many years in Canada and the United States, having resided for some time in Graniteville and Barre. Her husband, John Smith, died in Graniteville 14 years ago. Mrs. Smith is survived by her son, John A. Smith of Barre, and five daughters, Mrs. John R. Maiden of this city, Mrs. N. L. Ellis of Old Orchard, Me., Mrs. D. W. McLeod of Websterville, Mrs. S. C. Cronk and Mrs. Annie Morrison of Toronto, Ont. A sixth daughter, Mrs. King, passed away early in the fall.

Funeral services will be held at 3 Church street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, officiating. Interment will be in Wilson cemetery. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

MONTPELIER'S FUND.

Was Thought to Be $2,500 To-day; $655 Reported Last Night.

Up to last evening pledges of $655 had been turned in to Henry Holmes, treasurer of the Montpelier Y. M. C. A. war fund campaign, and to-day George Hasseltine, chairman of the campaign, stated that he thought Montpelier had subscribed approximately $2,500, although he had no figures.

AMERICAN SHIP LOST

Steamer Kansas City Not Heard from Since Sept. 5

ONLY ONE NAVAL MAN WAS ABOARD HER

The Ship Became Separated from Convoy During a Storm

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—The American steamer Kansas City is believed to have been lost at sea. Nothing has been heard of her since she was separated from her convoy in a storm on September 5. The only person aboard, of whom the navy has a record is J. H. A. Muir, whose parents live in Roland Park, Md., a suburb of Baltimore. A statement of the navy department says that Muir, a first-class signalman, was the only navy man aboard.

U-BOAT MENACE NOT ELIMINATED

American Navy Experts Agree, However, That Progress Has Been Made in Anti-Submarine Campaign.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—American naval experts, it was made plain to-day, do not agree with the view that the lull in submarine activities means a collapse of the U-boat campaign or that anti-submarine methods have proven wholly effective. They agree that progress is being made against the menace, but prefer to postpone judgment on whether the submarine has been eliminated until the theory has been thoroughly tested.

OH YES, BARRE HELPED

And Mr. J. Mowbray Is Said to Be $1,000 Richer.

Overnight subscription to the fund created by J. Mowbray, clairvoyant, jumped to $1,000, or thereabouts, and the membership of the Society of Mowbray Associates grew apace. Information concerning the operations of the mystic who held forth at 19 Summer street for several days and then disappeared mysteriously Tuesday afternoon continues to dribble in at police headquarters, although the prospects of capturing the confidence man are growing more and more remote. Yesterday one of the victims consulted a Montpelier seeress and the best she could dig up in her trance was the information that Mowbray went to Burlington, thence to Boston, and then to other pastures, pastures newer, but not any greener.

Another loser consulted a local fortune teller, but what he learned was not brightening to his hopes. The police have not been able to improve on the speculations of the fortune teller and the trance medium. Two victims alone reported losses aggregating $525 yesterday afternoon and the end is not yet. Elmer Keyes, a 19-year-old Brookfield lad, after a futile attempt to locate Mowbray at 19 Summer street, called at headquarters, accompanied by his father and mother. His story was to the effect that Mowbray had guaranteed certain information upon condition that Keyes should wear $220 of his own money wrapped up in a rubber cloth and pinned to the inside of his shirt. Keyes said he saw Mowbray take the money, wrap it in the rubber shroud and dip it in the magic water. Mowbray's famous candles were burning the while and when the roll was withdrawn from the bowl of water Mowbray himself pinned it to the young fellow's shirt, cautioning him at the same time to return Thursday. The boy from Brookfield undid the roll in the presence of his parents and the chief and examination of the contents disclosed a package of blank waste paper.

Scarcely had the Keyes sorrowfully quitted the police station than the chief was being interviewed by a young man from Williamstown. His relatives live on Fairview street, this city, and his first name is Percy. Deference to Percy's unassuming modesty and a desire in the present instance to keep out of the public eye makes it inadvisable to mention his last name. Percy sought a $25-a-week job and Mowbray said he could have it if he would but follow directions. So the young man withdrew from two Barre banks $300 and submitted it to the magic water and the Oriental candle formula. His experience and the mystic incantations tally with the story told by Keyes. The versions are much the same, although a sense of humor in Mowbray's make-up is indicated in his dealings with Percy, for he charged the Williamstown lad a fee of $5 for his assistance. When he visited Chief Sinclair yesterday Percy was under instructions not to open his rubberized roll until Saturday and it was with some trepidation that he obeyed the policeman's advice. His roll of paper differed from that of Keyes in that it contained a strip of white paper for every bill turned over to Mowbray.

It is surmised that there are other unopened packages in Barre and towns about, but the police are not advising patrons of Mowbray to wait till Christmas morning.

GRUDGE AGAINST CHURCHES.

Two Pieces of Property in Panton Fired the Same Night.

Vergennes, Nov. 16.—The barn belonging to the Methodist church property in Panton and adjoining the parsonage, was burned about 11 o'clock Wednesday night. The house caught fire several times from flying sparks but was saved. The furniture was removed from the building as it was feared it would burn.

A short time after the fire was extinguished, another alarm was sent in as the Baptist church barn was afire. Both fires are believed to be of incendiary origin, as the fire at the last place was in two parts of the building, outside and in, and could not have been the result of sparks from the first fire, although they were carried a considerable distance by a strong west wind. Both properties were insured. Amount of damage could not be ascertained.

BARRE GRANITE CUTTERS TO GET 20 PER CENT INCREASE IN WAGES ON APRIL 1, NEXT

Supplementary Agreement to the Contract Now in Force Was Accepted by the Manufacturers' Association and the Cutters' Union Last Evening

MINIMUM WAGE WILL BE $4.80 PER DAY

Pay for Overtime Will Be Reduced from Time and One-Half to Time and One-Quarter—The Supplementary Agreement Is to Run to the End of the War, or Not Later Than March 1, 1920

A wage increase of 20 per cent for members of Barre branch, Granite Cutters' International association, is the essential result of a supplementary agreement signed by committees representing the union and the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association last night. Primarily the increase is a war measure adopted by the manufacturers and employes in the face of extraordinary conditions, and the agreement ratified by both bodies last night is the answer of the manufacturers to a request received by their association from the secretary of the Barre branch Oct. 26, in which it was stated that a union committee had been appointed to confer with a manufacturers' committee "on the subject of considering the necessity of increasing wages of granite cutters." In the supplementary agreement as now framed the manufacturers grant a 20 per cent increase, which raises the minimum from $4 to $4.80 per day, or 10 cents extra per hour. The union, in turn, agrees to the proposition that the overtime wage shall be reduced from time and one-half to time and one-quarter. The wage increase is to become operative April 1.

The new proposition, as will be seen, is not a substitute for the five-year agreement signed in 1915. Instead it is a supplementary measure and on the records of both associations it is captioned:

"An Agreement Supplementary to Those Signed on May 15, 1916." The substance is as follows: "In consideration of the extraordinary conditions prevailing in our country, due to the war, it is mutually agreed by the Granite Manufacturers' association, of Barre, Vt., and the Granite Cutters' International association that on account of the increased cost of living, the Granite Manufacturers' association agrees to give a bonus of ten cents (10 cents) per hour to each member of the Granite Cutters' International association, said bonus to become effective April 1, 1918.

"It is also agreed that when it is found necessary for members of the Granite Manufacturers' association to work their employes overtime, the employes shall be paid at the rate of time and one-quarter.

"The above agreement is to be considered a supplement to our present agreement, and to remain in force until the expiration of the war, or not later than March 1, 1920."

Committees representing the two organizations have met several times since the first move was made by the granite cutters. The conferences have been of a harmonious nature and the same may be said of the meetings last evening, when the union members met in the opera house while the manufacturers were assembled in their hall in the C. W. Averill block. All along, committees representing both sides have labored earnestly to bring about a satisfactory adjustment and the unanimity indicated in the acceptance of the supplementary agreement on the part of both bodies speaks well for the conscientious efforts of the committeemen.

Not in many years have the manufacturers and the cutters come to terms under such favorable circumstances. The increase in the present instance is far larger than past increases that were granted only after long drawn out and oftentimes contentious conferences. Labor in the Barre district is well employed to-day and the happy issue of the negotiations in behalf of the workingmen will measureably overcome some of the discontent which has arisen as a result of the high cost of living. Objections to granting an immediate revision of the wage schedule were based by the manufacturers on the ground that many of them have contracted a good deal of monumental work for prices figured on the basis of the old schedule. Apparently the cutters' committee appreciated the situation and acted accordingly.

The union was represented in the conferences by the following committee: Henry Alexander, chairman, John Geals, Andrew Mitchell, Silvio L. Cardi and James Cruickshank. The personnel of the manufacturers' committee was as follows: Alexander Duncan, chairman, Robert Q. McDonnell, H. J. M. Jones, John A. Cross and George Straiton.

CLAN FAIR OPENED.

Will Continue Through To-night and Saturday Evening.

Song and dancing ushered in the annual three days' bazar of Clan Gordon, No. 12, O. S. C., and the Ladies' Auxiliary at Howland hall last evening, and in most respects the yearly get-together of clan folks and their friends was up to the mark. The attendance was gratifyingly large, a sizeable audience which gathered for the concert being augmented later by many who came to dance. Business along the midway at the north end of the hall continued brisk from first to last, and while sales along certain lines may have been somewhat restricted, the patronage was satisfactory and a steady stream of revenue poured into the treasury from midway sources. The clan ladies, having done their bit for the soldiers by shipping shirts to the fighting men, may not have specialized so much in fancy work, but the booths were tastefully arranged, nevertheless, and the wares invariably attractive.

The Star Spangled Banner, the Scottish banner and the British Union Jack were across the north wall of the hall and formed a colorful background for the midway attractions. Nearly every member of the joint committee had his or her work assigned in advance and was on duty when the fair opened. The apron booth was in charge of Mrs. Robert Patterson and Mrs. James W. Gauld. At the fancy booth was stationed Mrs. Robert Adam; and Mrs. James Clubb and Miss Elsie McDonald did the honors in the confectionery booth. Right here it may be said that candy was not there in abundance. But several young women of the auxiliary reserved a small supply of sugar some weeks ago and the much prized commodity found its way into dainty bits of confectionery. Ice cream, cake and tea found a ready sale and back of the traffic in these edibles and drinkables were Mrs. Mary Fraser, Mrs. James Taylor and Mrs. Cecelia Lamont. Dance tickets were sold by Mrs. Charles Leith and Mrs. Hugh Christie. At the door were Mrs. Mary Angus and Mrs. Anne Stuart. Other members of the committee were Mrs. George Cormack, chief sister of the auxiliary, Miss Cecelia Dowers, Mrs. Anne Dowers and Mrs. Annie Cruickshank.

Charles Barr, acting chief, and the secretaries, Alfred Milne and Donald Leith, were active in the clan committee. Floor managers for the dancing were William Kier and George Cormack. The dart range, where were gathered the sharpshooters of the clan, was in charge of Donald McLeod and Alex. Cowie. Another favorite haunt of the sportively inclined patrons was the fish pond, where William Craig and Charles Leith were stationed. Dance tickets were retailed by James McLeod.

Interest in the program for the first night naturally centered around the highland dancing contest, in which several of the young people participated. Medals to have been awarded at the annual clan picnic last August were presented by Clansman Walter Scott of New York, but when circumstances made it necessary to cancel the summer classic, it was decided to hold the competition during the bazar. Agile dancers testified to the fact that the highland art has not disappeared and the judges found themselves hard put to it to decide on the winners. The board of judges consisted of George Robertson, Thomas McDonald and Kenneth Milne, with Eustace Ritchie of the Barre pipe band acting as piper. The announcements were made as follows: Highland fling, Leslie Mercer 1, Dorothy Barclay 2, Reid Barclay 3; sword dance, Leslie Mercer 1, Dorothy Barclay 2, Reid Barclay 3.

Other features of the entertainment were a selection by Carroll's orchestra and a vocal solo by Miss Isabella McHardy, the program ending with a song by Harry Clark. From 9 o'clock until nearly midnight dancing was enjoyed, the music being furnished by Leader Carroll and his musicians.

The fair will contine to-night, closing Saturday evening. The evening's program is to include a piano duet by Mrs. James V. Laing and Miss Hazel Mackay, and a farce entitled, "Mrs. Jenkins' Brilliant Idea." Eight young women of the auxiliary are to figure in the theatricals.

PURCHASERS NUMEROUS.

At the Annual Sale By the Universalist Ladies.

The annual sale of the ladies of the Universalist church was held yesterday in the church parlors under the auspices of the ladies' union, there being a large number of people present at both the sale and at the concert, which was the attraction of the evening. The church parlors were decorated tastefully with flags and bunting, which gave an effect appropriate to the time.

At the apron table, Mrs. Agnes Bradford, Mrs. George Richardson, Mrs. Etta Leonard and Mrs. Alex Bruce presided, while the fancywork table was in charge of Mrs. H. A. Gould, Mrs. Edward Tobin and Mrs. Luther. The food table, which was a very busy spot during the day was in charge of Mrs. J. C. Dodge and Mrs. Gray, while the candy booth, another busy spot, was presided over by Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Beth Cutler and by Mrs. Mattie Willey. Articles in the various booths found ready buyers, who seemed to welcome the opportunity of purchasing the articles placed on sale.

The concert was attended by a good-sized audience, who appreciated the various numbers of the program, many of the participants being obliged to respond to an encore. The opening number was a piano duet by the Misses Cutler and Papin, which was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Inglis, both of which were very much enjoyed. Mr. LaCasse of Goddard seminary contributed two violin solos to the evening entertainment, he being applauded very much by his hearers. This was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Jeflords, who was warmly applauded. Miss Martin of Goddard seminary delighted her listeners with a humorous story, while a delightful piano solo by Miss Hollister was very much enjoyed. At the conclusion of the program, Rev. Reardon spoke a few words, thanking those who contributed their talent to the excellent program.

A great deal of credit for the success of the affair is due to a committee, in charge of Mrs. McLeod, the president of the ladies' union.

VERDICT OF $864.

For Man Thrown to Ground When Sleigh Runner Caught in Car Track.

Brattleboro, Nov. 16.—At county court at Newfane last night the jury returned a verdict for Thomas Betterley of Brattleboro to recover $864 from the Brattleboro Street Railway company for injuries received when his sleigh runner caught in the car track and he was thrown to the ground. A verdict for $962 was rendered in this case at a former trial, judgment being reversed by the supreme court.