

APPOINTED TO SHIP BOARD

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SUCCEEDS HARRIS, WHO RESIGNED

Ship-Building Program Is in Best Shape Since It Started

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Charles Piez of Chicago was today appointed general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, succeeding Rear Admiral Harris, who resigned.

BRITISH AROUSED OVER BIG LOSS

Admiralty Is Likely to Come in for Much Criticism Because of Destruction of 11 Vessels by Germans.

London, Dec. 18.—The successful attack by German warships on a convoy in the North sea, resulting in the sinking of 11 vessels, is expected to cause a revival of serious criticism of the admiralty.

MISSING COUPLE WANTED.

To Be Asked About Certain Occurrences in Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Dec. 18.—Dr. Leslie D. Ritchie of Pine street, a veterinarian, yesterday notified United States Marshal A. P. Carpenter that his wife, Julia E. Ritchie, had run away with a former boarder, Edward Thayer, and asked him to take charge of the case.

Dr. Ritchie said his wife went away last Wednesday after she and Thayer had ransacked the house, leaving behind three children, the second of whom,inez, 13 years old, died Saturday of epilepsy.

FIVE MORE FOR NAVY.

And Twenty Recruits Go to Naval Training Stations.

Burlington, Dec. 18.—Five recruits were enlisted into the naval service of the country yesterday, two of whom had certificates of exemption from their local boards, one holding over since last week on a waiver and the remainder being under the draft age, or between the ages of 18 and 21.

CLERGYMAN'S JUBILEE.

Is Being Held at Swanton, Rev. T. M. Aubin Being Honored.

Swanton, Dec. 18.—The 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. T. M. Aubin, S. S. E., to the priesthood is being celebrated here. An entertainment was given in Colonial hall yesterday afternoon by the children of the parish, and last evening a public reception took place there.

SAVED THE FURNITURE.

But House of Oscar J. J. Divall at Rockingham Burned.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 18.—The home of Oscar J. J. Divall in Rockingham village, four miles from Bellows Falls, was completely destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

GERMAN-MADE PEACE ADVANCED

German and Austrian Foreign Ministers Expected To-day to Negotiate with Bolsheviki.

Petrograd, Monday, Dec. 17.—The German and Austrian foreign ministers, Dr. Von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, have notified Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, that they will arrive at Brest-Litovsk, Tuesday, to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

HARRIET VARNEY WAS ACQUITTED

Was Charged with the Murder of Mrs. Pauline Keyes—Jury Deliberated More Than Four Hours.

Dorham, Mass., Dec. 18.—Miss Harriet A. Varney, a nurse of West Upton, was found not guilty of the murder of Mrs. Pauline Keyes, the 10-months bride of George H. Keyes, a Boston real estate man, by a jury in the Norfolk county superior court here early yesterday.

JUMPED JUST IN TIME.

As Train Struck Automobile Carrying Ora A. Ferguson.

Rutland, Dec. 18.—Ora A. Ferguson, an ice dealer, formerly of Burlington, had a narrow escape from death yesterday when the automobile in which he was riding alone was struck at a crossing a mile south of the city by a Rutland railroad train and demolished.

MONTPELIER Clergymen Are Not Committed to Plan of Joint Use of Church.

At the meeting of the Protestant clergy of Montpelier, held Monday morning, the following resolutions were adopted relative to the closing of the churches as requested by the state fuel commissioner. These were held up for a day to give the laymen a chance to move in the matter, but in view of their delay they were released for publication this morning.

Resolved, that we, the pastors of the six Protestant churches of Montpelier, have met together for the purpose of considering the matter of fuel conservation in its relation to our churches, and

TO REBUILD CHURCH.

Winooski Methodists Enter Upon Work Enthusiastically.

Winooski, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church last evening at the parsonage \$1,100 was raised and all were unanimous in the effort to rebuild the church. A committee will be appointed to look over the site of the burned church to see if it is advisable to build on the same location.

FORMER ST. JOHNSBURY MAN.

Dr. Martin C. Benedict Died of Gas Asphyxiation in Garage.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 18.—Word was received here yesterday of the accidental death in Plainfield, N. H., Saturday of Dr. Martin C. Benedict, the principal for eight years of St. Johnsbury academy. Dr. Benedict was asphyxiated in his garage, and the body was found there Saturday forenoon.

CANADA STICKS TO THE DRAFT

And Borden Government Is Returned to Power by a Big Majority

FRENCH VOTED FOR LAURIER

Fear of Serious Disorders Through the Country Are Relieved

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18.—The English-speaking sections of Canada yesterday voted solidly for conscription that the dominion may continue to be represented on the fighting line.

CUTTERS RE-ELECT ALL THEIR OFFICERS

Alderman Henry Alexander Chosen President at the Annual Meeting Last Evening.

Present officers of Barre branch, Granite Cutters' International association, were re-elected at the regular meeting of the local last evening in the opera house. After the election there was routine business and then adjournment.

DEATH OF RAILROAD MAN.

Charles E. L'Ecuier Died Yesterday Afternoon at Swanton.

Swanton, Dec. 18.—Charles E. L'Ecuier died at his home here yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. He had been in ill health four or five years, but had been about his work most of the time recently, working Saturday as usual. The immediate cause of death was heart failure.

Mr. L'Ecuier was born in St. Johns, Que., 20 years ago April 30. He came from Canada to Rutland Point, N. Y., as freight clerk in the joint office of the Central Vermont and Ogdensburg & Lake Champlain railways about 20 years ago.

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SOLDIERS WANT LETTERS.

Ernest Anderson Feeling Well, Except for Cold Which Most Soldiers Have.

Private Ernest E. Anderson writes as follows to his brother, Edward M. Anderson of 124 Elm street: "Somewhere in France, Nov. 25, 1917. "Dear Brother and Family: Well, everything is as well as usual. Am feeling pretty good except for a little cold, which most everybody has. Weather is about the same as it would be in Denmark, maybe a little warmer. We are having a little rain once in a while, but not enough to keep anyone from working outside.

IS WELL AND CONTENTED.

But South Royalton Boy Would Appreciate More Mail from U. S. A.

From their son, Harold O. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Otis H. Flint of South Royalton have received the following letter: "Somewhere in France, Oct. 30, 1917. "Dear Father and Mother: How is everything up that way? I am well and happy. Everything is green, chestnuts and apples are plentiful. They say we won't have any snow here. The country is beautiful. I would not take a good deal for the experience I have had, but am not anxious to go through it again. I would not be surprised if you would have a chance to lick me my next birthday, the 4th of April, providing you can do it.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY ALIVE TO RED CROSS

Towns Are Beginning to Make Reports of the Addition of Members in Big National Campaign.

In spite of the cold weather of last week and yesterday the Christmas week membership campaign of the American Red Cross society in Washington county has started off in fine shape. The Red Cross, its work and its needs, were emphasized in practically every church in the county last Sunday and in a number of the churches opportunity was given its communicants to join the Red Cross and many have availed themselves of this opportunity; also at several public gatherings held during the latter part of last week in several places in the county quite a number of new members were obtained.

The proceeds from the Bijou in Barre for last Sunday, amounting to \$50, are to be devoted to the expense of the campaign and to a Christmas gift of memberships in the Red Cross to those who cannot afford to join. It is requested that if anyone knows of a person or persons who are not financially able to pay for such a membership the name of such be handed in to V. E. Ayers at the Red Cross headquarters in the Aldrich building.

TALK OF THE TOWN

The graduation of Miss Margaret M. Murphy from the nurses' training class at the City hospital, which took place today, was made the occasion last evening of a getting together of her fellow nurses, when many gifts were presented her and the best wishes of her friends were extended for her future.

Berlin street was stirred from its winter quiet yesterday afternoon when a ringer went down the thoroughfare that a small boy had been killed by a rifle bullet. While the story was gaining currency, an investigator learned that a young lad named Spinelli had been shot in the thumb by the premature explosion of a small-caliber rifle in the hands of an older companion. It developed that a neighbor's boy called on the Spinelli family and that the two youngsters were fooling with the gun when it was accidentally discharged. The bullet grazed Spinelli's thumb, inflicting thereon a rather slight flesh wound, which was carefully dressed.

TALK OF THE TOWN

The American Cheer club and a few invited guests met with one of its members, Mrs. Florence Marrion of 45 Maple avenue, last night and were most heartily welcomed. The evening was passed in playing different games, cards were played by some while others gave piano solos and after refreshments of sandwiches, waters and tea were served, Mrs. Marrion was reminded that she had just passed one more milestone and was presented a beautiful birthday gift and congratulations. The guests on leaving wished Mrs. Marrion many more happy birthdays and the hostess appropriately thanked them for their gifts and thoughtful wishes.

Patrick Massie is in receipt of an interesting letter and accompanying photograph from some of the Barre boys who sailed for France a few weeks ago. An interesting tale of brotherly remembrance in the letter tells of a meeting between Private Thompson of the American army and Private Thompson of the Canadian army. A party of American soldiers, which included Privates James Devers, Louis Cook, Webster and Thompson were passing a concert hall in London, when the latter thought he recognized a Canadian Tommy just then emerging from the theatre. A second glance convinced him that it was his brother, and the reunion had followed was one of unusual warmth. The brothers had not met for more than two years and the Canadian private a few hours hence would have departed from London without seeing his relative. After the first greeting, the soldiers repaired to a studio and ordered a group picture, a replica of which is now in the possession of Mr. Massie.

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MORE PATIENTS WERE CARED FOR

Barre City Hospital Enlarged Its Sphere of Usefulness Last Year

BUT EXPENSES EXCEED INCOME

The Institution Has Kept Its Charges Down While Materials Have Advanced

The annual meeting of the Barre City hospital corporation was held at the city court room last evening, when reports for the year were presented and officers elected. The reports give a summary of the past year's work and progress of the institution, and these are printed below. The executive committee reported as follows: "In this year the hospital has cared for 404 patients, an increase of 60 over the previous year. These 404 patients received 6,313 days' treatment, representing a daily average of 17 plus. Two hundred ninety days of this was free service. The amount collected from patients for treatment was \$12,971.38. This represents an increase in the earnings of the hospital of approximately \$1,600 more than in the previous year.

The Barre City hospital completed 10 years of service on June 11, and during all that time there has been no material increase in the charges made for caring for patients, while on the other hand the cost to the hospital for their proper care has nearly doubled through the increased cost of drugs, supplies, food and coal.

Barre City reports that one manufacturing plant employing 20 men has sent in 18 new subscribers. This is but a sample of what is expected in the Barre campaign are putting forth some mighty efforts and the results are beginning to tell already. The barbers' union, to a man, has affiliated with the Red Cross, and the typographical union is responding nobly, as are other union organizations of the city. One large employer of granite workers informs the committee that from 120 to 170 members will be enlisted in his plant. The community is backing the campaigners to the utmost and the workers are greatly heartened by the liberal response of the first day. The committee wishes to thank those who have assisted thus far and to bespeak for its canvassers the same courteous reception in the days to come that has marked their efforts to date.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 17, 1917. To the officers and members of the Barre City Hospital Association: I beg to submit herewith my report as treasurer of the Barre City Hospital for the year ending Dec. 1, 1917.

Table with financial data: Received from supt. as income 12,971.38, Received from I. C. Calef endowment 702.50, Received from Elizabeth Smith endowment 40.20, Received from borrowed money 4,000.00, Received from other sources 16.67.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

There was also received during the year a gift of \$5,000.00 from Mr. Ira C. Calef, which was applied to reduce the mortgage indebtedness, leaving the original mortgage now standing at \$20,000. There are also other notes of the hospital amounting to \$1,350 and \$4,000 and unpaid interest due Sept. 1, 1917, amounting to \$2,257.60, making the total indebtedness of notes and interest \$27,607.60.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Table with financial data: Ira C. Calef endowment—N. Y. City bonds 3,000.00, Ira C. Calef endowment—Village of Swanton bonds 2,000.00, Ira C. Calef endowment—Hotel Barre bonds 5,000.00, Barre Sav. bank book No. 13403 44.90, Total 10,044.90.

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