

ANNEXATION IDEA DROPPED

Central Powers Are Said to Have Given Up Idea of Indemnities

AND ARE READY TO TALK PEACE

They Have Also Requested Russia to Make Peace Proposals to Others

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 10.—According to press reports, Russia has been informed by the central powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the allies. The reports say that at the first preliminary peace conference Russia was requested to take similar steps.

The Ukrainian Rada and the Bolshevik government have been at odds since the successful revolution of the Maximilians early in November. The ultimatum is probably a demand made by the Bolsheviks that the Rada permit troops to go through Ukraine to aid in putting down the Kaledines revolt.

ITALIANS LOSE HEIGHT.

Teutons Make Progress East of the Brenta River.

Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy, Dec. 20 (By the Associated Press).—Extremely heavy fighting has again developed both in the northern mountain region and along the lower Piave. The enemy has made five separate attempts to cross the Sile, or Old Piave.

His main effort was about three miles above the mouth of the river, where pontoons and a bridge were used. The first party succeeded in getting across, but after a series of furious attacks was driven back to the water's edge, where it still held.

Four other simultaneous attempts in the same region were repulsed in the main, but fighting continues, according to the latest reports received.

In the mountain region the enemy concentrated his whole pressure on the heights commanding the Pass of San Lorenzo leading down to the plain and Bassano. He was repeatedly repulsed, but with heavy reinforcements succeeded in making some progress to the summit of one of the heights east of the Brenta river, and the Italian line was correspondingly retired.

The fighting was desperate, as both sides felt the importance of controlling this vital link leading to the plain.

SUFFERING AUSTRIAN CHILDREN ARRIVE

Nearly 600 of Them, Who Had Not Tasted Milk for Months, Reach Switzerland.

Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were furnished yesterday by the arrival on the frontier of 576 pale and suffering children, between the ages of seven and nine years. They are from Vienna and other Austrian towns and will be cared for in Switzerland until their health is restored. The children had not tasted milk for months and had received but bread in insufficient amounts, stomach diseases resulting.

LOSS SLIGHTLY LESS.

Seventeen British Merchant Vessels Sunk Last Week.

London, Dec. 20.—Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1600 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement last night. One fishing vessel also was sunk.

The shipping losses by mine or submarine in the past week are slightly under those of the previous week, when 14 vessels of more than 1600 tons and seven under that tonnage were destroyed.

ITALY'S LOSSES SMALL.

Three Sailing Vessels Were Sunk Last Week; Steamship Damaged.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The weekly report of shipping losses shows two sailing vessels of more than 1000 tons and one of less than that were sunk. One steamship was damaged by a mine but reached port.

Only One French Vessel.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending Dec. 15 were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1600 tons was sunk, and none over 1600 tons. One ship was attacked, but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

MORE MAY GO HOME.

Soldiers at Camp Devens are Much Cheered Up.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 20.—At least 15 or 20 per cent and probably more of the enlisted men at Camp Devens will be permitted to enjoy a four days' leave at Christmas, according to discretionary orders received by Brigadier General Wigdel, divisional commander, last night. The new orders supersede those read to the men by every company sergeant yesterday morning under which only about 1, 200 men, or five per cent of the camp, were to be allowed leave.

DIRECTIONS DISREGARDED.

Ship Captains Do Not Obey the Naval Commanders.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Complaints against American merchant ship captains have not co-operated with commanders caused the department of commerce to issue instructions yesterday to merchant officers to follow the directions of their naval associates in every instance where they are prompted by military necessity. Disobedience of the instructions, it is pointed out, will cause the withdrawal of merchant officers' licenses.

The instructions make clear, however, that in matters relating solely to navigation and to the discipline of crews the authority of merchant captains will be upheld. Attention is called to the necessity of enforcing particularly sobriety among the men.

The navy's recent insistence on manning all merchant ships with naval reserves grew out of an alleged lack of co-operation by merchant captains and an absence of discipline among merchant crews. Seamen, the navy contended, were permitted to come aboard in foreign ports drunk, endangering the ships on their return through the submarine zone.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS GIVES SANCTION

To Plan for Roman Catholic Coal Miners to Work on Holy Days Falling in the Christmas and New Year's Period.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Cardinal Gibbons gave sanction today to Roman Catholic miners working on the holy days falling within the Christmas and New Year's season. In a letter to Fuel Administrator Garfield he approved the suggestion that the miners take only Christmas day and New Year's day off and further proposed that the saloons might co-operate by closing from 9 at night until 8 the next morning.

ONLY 71 LOST

Out of 300,000 Persons Carried on American Ships Last Year.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Only 71 passengers were lost out of more than 300,000 carried on American ships during the fiscal year ending June 30, the annual report yesterday of the steamboat inspection service shows. The total of deaths on American vessels, including those who went down with torpedoed merchant craft, was 582, but suicides and accidental drownings accounted for 210 of these. The year's total was 684 less than that of the previous year, when 800 persons were lost on the steamer Eastland at Chicago.

FURTHER REDUCTION

In Boston & Maine Railroad's Passenger Service.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The Boston & Maine railroad, facing a direct emergency in the matter of its locomotive fuel supply, has decided on a further curtailment of passenger train service in order not to interrupt the movement of war freight, James H. Hustis, temporary receiver of the road, announced last night.

The details of the proposed passenger train reductions will be announced later, the statement said. "Whatever is done in this direction will be with a view of causing the least possible inconvenience to the traveling public. It will not be the intention at this time, nor except as a last resort, unduly to disturb the morning inbound and the evening outbound commuter service."

Last June the passenger train service on the road was reduced in order to conserve coal and to expedite the transportation of freight.

"The present daily requirements of the road for locomotive fuel," the receiver's statement says, "are approximately 5,000 gross tons. During the past 30 days its daily receipts of fuel for its own use have been but slightly over 2,000 gross tons.

The indications are," the statement continues, "that without relief, which can come only through governmental agency, the receipts of fuel will grow less as the season continues so that by the middle, or at the latest, the latter part of February, the present reserve supply of fuel will be exhausted and we shall then be compelled to rely on daily deliveries to supply daily needs.

"The road went into the winter with the largest reserve stock of fuel in its history, or nearly 500,000 tons, and while the immediate pressing need is fuel conservation, yet the effect of a further reduction in passenger train mileage should be felt in an increased freight movement more vital at this time than any possible inconvenience that may result from a passenger train reduction."

COURT EXPENSES.

Last Term of Washington County Tribunal Cost \$5,584.08.

The expenses of the most recent term of Washington county court have been compiled as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Category and Amount. Total: \$5,584.08

IS ACTING GOVERNOR BUT DOESN'T KNOW IT

Gov. Graham having gone to Washington, D. C., and Lieut. Gov. R. W. Hubbard of Hyde Park being out of the state, Charles Dana of Fair Haven, who was elected speaker of the Vermont House in the closing days of the last session, is acting governor of Vermont. Mr. Dana said he was unconscious of the honor that has devolved upon him.

FIRST WITNESS WILL BE HURLEY

Chairman of U. S. Government's Shipping Board Summoned

TO GIVE TESTIMONY IN INVESTIGATION

Which Was Ordered to Consider Activities in Shipbuilding

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The investigation of the government's shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation's activities, under a resolution of Senator Harding of the Senate commerce committee, it was decided today, will begin to-morrow afternoon, with Chairman Hurley as the first witness.

BACK TO VERMONT.

Rev. H. C. Ledyard Expected to Accept Lyndonville Call.

Lyndonville, Dec. 20.—The Universalist parish has extended a call to Rev. Henry Clay Ledyard of Cortland, N. Y., to the pastorate made vacant by the removal of Rev. H. H. Niles to Concord, N. H. Rev. Ledyard was ordained to the Congregational ministry in 1908 and held pastorates in the South.

Transferring his fellowship to the Universalist denomination, he took a post-graduate course in theology at St. Lawrence university, Canton, N. Y., at the conclusion of which he accepted a call to the Universalist church at Northfield, after which he went to the mission point of the Universalist general convention at Little Rock, Ark. Later he went to Cortland, N. Y. It is expected that he will accept the call and assume the pastorate here on Jan. 1. He is married.

Previous to his ministry Rev. Ledyard was a soldier in the United States army, enlisting at the time of the Spanish-American war and seeing service in the Philippine Islands. He received wounds from which he has never fully recovered.

9,000,000 POUNDS OF RAW SUGAR

Received in Boston from Louisiana— Cuban Sugar is Expected to Move Northward in Next Few Days.

Boston, Dec. 20.—A cargo of 9,000,000 pounds of raw sugar from Louisiana, the first received this month, reached Boston today. The refiners said it probably would be the last of the Louisiana product this season, but that Cuban sugar was expected to move northward within the next ten days.

SENT TO PORTSMOUTH.

Last 15 Per Cent of Addison County's Draft Men.

Middlebury, Dec. 20.—The last 15 per cent of Addison county's quota of 123 men left town Wednesday for Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, N. H. The draft men formed in front of the court house a few minutes before 9 o'clock, headed by the local adjutant, Alvin T. Calhoun and Rufus Wainwright, and the committee on entertainment and marched to the station, where Rev. Elbert B. Holmes, pastor of St. Stephen's church, addressed them.

Instead of the usual banquet being given them, the boys were presented with a check to be appropriated for their own use. They were also presented with cigars by E. M. Saunders and the local committee.

Fred W. LaBeau of Vergennes was appointed to take charge of the men while en route and Charles E. Russell of New Haven was appointed as his assistant and carried the national colors. There was a large crowd present at the station to see the boys board the train which left at 9:20.

William C. Duncan of Middlebury and Howard E. Mandigo of Vergennes, who were called to go with this contingent, failed to put in an appearance and their places were filled by two alternatives, Fred Pierce of Middlebury and Joseph W. Hart of Addison.

SMALL PROFIT ON MILK

Was Testified to at Hearing Held in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Testimony as to the relation existing between the cost to producers of feed consumed by the cows and the price received for the milk was given yesterday by Joseph P. Lindsay, teacher of chemistry at the Massachusetts Agricultural college, at the hearing before the federal regional milk commission at the State House. Dr. Lindsay said the ratio between the cost of feed and the price received for the milk was a great deal above the cost of fodder.

W. P. Davis of the New Hampshire State Agricultural college and Professor George E. Story of Burlington, Vt. also gave testimony at the afternoon session. At the morning session, C. S. Bronson, who made the New England milk survey for the Boston Chamber of Commerce, testified.

BEING DRILLED BY FRENCH.

Private George MacKenzie Expected to Get Into Scrap Soon.

E. J. Rullof of Durkee place is in receipt of a brief letter from Private George MacKenzie of the 183d U. S. Infantry, now in France. Says Private MacKenzie: "All is going fine here and I never felt better in my life. We are drilling every day and frequently go to a place where the French teach us. I have a pretty good notion that we will see some of the scrap before long, but don't waste any sleep over it. We are at practice with bombs. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you and all the other boys back home."

JIM LYNCH DRIVING AMBULANCE.

Goddard Seminary Boy Is Seeing Some Strange Sights at the Front.

"Jim" Lynch has turned up with the American ambulance in France, and students of Goddard seminary and others who knew him on the hilltop last year will be interested in the characteristic letter which Charles L. Hoerle of the faculty received from his protégé yesterday. "Jim," or James L. Lynch, as his name appears on the records at Goddard, had a future ahead of him in the baseball world when he left Goddard last spring to sign up with the Chicago Cubs in the National league, but the fever to be "over there" got him in the summer. His letter, perhaps, is one of the most vivid epistles that has come back to Barre from the far-flung battle front of the Allies in France. He writes Coach Hoerle as follows, dating his letter Nov. 15:

Dear Charlie: Naturally this letter, if you ever receive it, will bring you great surprise. I was glancing through a Boston paper over here and ran across one of your football games with Colby academy, who, to my sorrow, handed the boys something. I certainly wish I were back over here to appreciate it in comparison to this life.

When you receive this letter I shall have spent my third month over here. I came over in September and have been at the front about a month and one-half, and I certainly have had some experiences. Before I go any further I want to inform you of my location, and to whom I am attached. I am in the American ambulance service, section Sainte Marie 66, near the village of the French government. In the first place one is attached to a division, and wherever that division goes, you go with it. A division stays, as a general rule, in the trenches about three weeks. They then go on what the French term "enrues," or rest, for three weeks, and they enjoy it to the utmost. Believe me, the recess comes in handy.

At the front, that is while we are in action, we generally locate in some town or village, and the night is spent about a mile and one-half from the lines, and make that our headquarters.

From there we go up to the poste de secours and carry the wounded (wounded) to a nearby hospital. One drives his car, excuse me, Ford, at night mostly and lights are absolutely prohibited. You can get in some tough places generally. It is so foggy at night you can't see at all and you have to creep up about a mile, sometimes for two or three miles. Quite often the "Boche," as the French call the Germans, shell the posts and if you have wounded in your car you have to get them in some safe place before you can look out for yourself. Two of the boys had their ambulances shot to pieces, but luckily they happened to be in "abbies" (dugouts).

One Sunday two of the boys and I ventured up to the trenches and a French officer took us all through them. The Germans had retreated a day before and we went down to their second line. I shall never forget the sights I saw on that occasion. The traps set by the Hunns were awful. You couldn't touch anything, as it might lead to destruction. You could hear the shells coming up from the enemy's guns, and the sound of the machine guns. The screech like something you can't imagine. One of them came about 15 feet from us. We could hear it, but could not get down in time, and it knocked dirt all over us. I certainly was glad to get back to our cantonments and get in my ambulance and sleep. I was tired, but relieved.

You realize over there in the states how people value this war means. It is a war of nerves. You couldn't possibly imagine it unless you saw it with your own eyes and even then you could hardly realize it. You should hear one of the French barrage fires just once. It is used just before an attack. One certainly imagines some very peculiar things. All you can hear is the perpetual noise of guns, and we are always near it. Any man who goes through this war means, it is a war of nerves. Well, Charlie, I could write a lot more, but supper is calling me, so I'll close, wishing you the best of success with your teams and hoping you and Dr. Hollister are enjoying the best of health. I remain, James L. Lynch.

AN EASY VICTORY.

Montpelier Seminary Defeated Whitecomb High School, 59 to 3.

The Montpelier basketball season was opened last evening with the seminary team defeating Whitecomb high school of Bethel in the Montpelier armory by a score of 59 to 3. Bethel got its three points on as many fouls, Reagan throwing them and, therefore, getting the credit. All the points were made by his team. For the first few minutes it looked as though the visitors were going to give the home team a run for their money, but about the middle of the first period the wind of the visiting team played out and then Grana and Lance were able to throw baskets at will. The visiting team was lost on the big floor. It was the first time they had ever played on a floor of that size and their shots for baskets fell short nearly every time; but when they did get one long enough they over-shot, wasting the effort.

In the second period Montpelier was stronger than in the first period, while the visiting team did not seem to play together as well as they did in the other period. Reagan, who had been suffering from a hard cold, was all in during the second period, but was able to keep watch from running up a large score in that period. Reagan dropped out of the game in the third period because of his cold and Jebb, who took his place, did some of the best shooting. Reagan, as tried out in place of Marr during the same period, and showed up well. Richards, who replaced Barrows in the second period for Bethel, was an improvement. The Montpelier team outwitted their opponents so that it made the game look decidedly rough at times. Grama, who landed his baskets for the home team did not try very hard during the last period to make baskets.

Two new faces appear in the seminary line up this year. Lance as forward, and Marr at guard. Whitecomb high has made a good record thus far this season, but has not been playing as fast a team as Montpelier seminary. The line up was: Montpelier, forwards, Grana and Lance; center, Hatch; guards, Johnson, Marr and Duka. Bethel forwards, Newton and G. Wilson; center, Reagan and Jebb; guards, J. Wilson, forwards, Barrow and Richards.

Baskets, Grana, 5; Hatch, 5; Marr, 1; Jebb, 1; Wilson, 1; Reagan, 3; referee, Smith; timer, Maiden; time, three 15-minute periods.

CAMP FAULTS ARE REMEDIED

All but One of Gen. Gorgas' Recommendations Are Carried Out

BIG IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH EXPECTED

Sec. Baker Says the Action Was Taken on Reports Submitted Two Weeks Ago

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The war department has complied with all but one of Surgeon General Gorgas' recommendations for the improvement of training camp conditions. Secretary of War Baker announced today, and a general improvement in the health of the men already noted by field sanitation officers in reports on National Guard divisions, is expected to result. Secretary Baker pointed out that the reports upon which the action was taken were received for the most part two weeks or more ago.

DIED AT PLAINFIELD.

Miss Bessie May McDonald Passed Away This Morning.

Miss Bessie May McDonald passed away at her home in Plainfield this morning at 2 o'clock. She was born in Shelburne Falls, Mass., 34 years ago, although she came to Vermont in childhood. Until two years ago, the family resided in Washington, where the deceased was known as a very estimable young woman, being held in high esteem by many friends. She was graduated from the Northfield high school in 1903, and upon her return to Washington she took an active part in the activities of the grade and of the Rebekah lodge. Miss McDonald is survived by her mother and her brother, E. R. McDonald, both of whom reside in Plainfield.

Prayer services at the McDonald home Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock will be in charge of Rev. A. W. Hewitt, pastor of the Plainfield Methodist church. The funeral will be held in the Universalist church in Washington in the afternoon at 1 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Paul Welles, officiating. Interment will be made in the family lot in the village cemetery.

NO DEMONSTRATION

As Bennington County Contingent Left for Service.

Bennington, Dec. 20.—Twelve Bennington county young men, Amos F. Lacroix, Michael E. Costello, Francis F. Mabarr, William S. Cook, Waldo D. White and Lewis S. White of Bennington, Leo C. Grady and Lauriston A. Wilcox of Putnam, Joseph E. Phillips of Duxbury and Andrew S. Cadoret, Gilbert A. Charbonneau and Clyde H. Bryant of Manchester, this district's quota of the 100 men called from Vermont for the coast artillery, entrained here yesterday for Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, N. H.

There was no demonstration at the station. A small crowd of relatives and immediate friends of the young men were present to see them away. They had all been outfitted with the customary knit garments by the local Red Cross and the women of the village furnished each one with a generous lunch. The men left over the Chatham division of the Rutland railroad for Petersburg Junction, N. Y., where they transferred to the Boston and Maine.

HE LIKES FRANCE.

Private Ira Parker Says It is Much Different Than America.

From "somewhere in France" Private Ira Parker of the 101st ammunition train writes as follows to his sister, Mrs. C. J. Waterman of the Richardson road: "Dear Sister: Will write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope you are all the same. We are having lots of rain here, but it isn't very cold. I had some blackberries right off the bush the 24 of November. How is this?"

I got your letter Saturday. I like over here very much, everything is so different. I must tell you, I got a letter from Florence at the same time I got yours. She is going to Bradford high school. Was very much surprised when I opened her letter.

There are lots of apples over here. I went out last night and had fried egg and French fried potato. I am sure to write this time, so will close with love to you all. Ira.

OVER-AGE SERVICE.

Men Wanted to Protect Public Utilities in Present Emergency.

Col. H. T. Johnson, acting adjutant general, has received the following telegram, which applies to all recruiting offices and gives a chance for many who have been military service or are beyond the draft age to get into service: "Recruiting Offices: Fifteen thousand men needed at once for U. S. guards for protection public utilities in existing emergency. Men enlisted must be beyond draft age. Enlistment of married men authorized. Enlistment papers to be marked United States guards, national army. Secure all men of former service, Spanish-American, Philippine, Boxer campaign, army, navy or marine corps, and men with experience in well organized fire and police companies. Where practicable, they will serve in vicinity of their homes. Confer with department commanders as to where recruits will be sent."

ALL THE MEN RESPONDED.

And Left Yesterday for Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, N. H.

Rutland, Dec. 20.—All of the 19 drafted men called to leave yesterday for Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, N. H., responded and left amid scenes of sorrowful leave-taking. Every member of the contingent was provided with a comfort bag by the Rutland branch of the Red Cross, and the draft board and business men furnished lunches for the men. Richard H. Spaulding of Rutland and James F. Gilman of West Rutland were in charge of the men. The men are to be assigned to the coast artillery.

EXPECT TRANSFER.

A. N. MacDonald Applied for Place Among Skilled Railway Engineers.

A. N. MacDonald, formerly of Graniteville, who is with the British expeditionary forces in France, writes two letters to his mother, Mrs. N. A. MacDonald of Graniteville, in one of which he announces his probable transfer to a Canadian operating company. He says: "I have some good news for you this time. I expect a transfer most any day to a Canadian operating company. So I will be at my own work soon instead of section work. The member of Parliament from Moose Jaw has been taking up our cases with the minister of militia in regard to putting us into the skilled railway engineers for which we were enlisted and I think he has been successful for we have been asked if we wished to transfer. I have handed in my name for one, and I hope it won't be long before it comes through."

Elsewhere, Mr. MacDonald refers to his good fortune in receiving a number of boxes from this side of the water, among them being parcels from the ladies' auxiliary to the trainmen, containing a pair of socks, a chunk of Christmas cake, peanuts, home-made candy, shoe lace, candle, pencil and chewing gum. In another letter he writes: "I received your letter last week and the parcel, and it certainly made us all feel happy. We get so little food that tastes like home that when we do get some it lasts but a short time. You never saw a fruit cake disappear as quickly as that one did! I received two other nice boxes last night. One was mailed Oct. 9 and the other Oct. 19. One contained two boxes of home-made candy, a box of Oxo and a pair of socks. The other had two boxes of home-made candy and a nice, brown, sleeveless sweater, one of those like you are sending."

"I had a letter from Allen night before last and he is on this front some where. I had a pass to go out and find him to-day, but I wasn't successful. He is in the 40th battery, and I waited around for a long time, as I was told they were moving into a certain camp, but when they came it was the 29th battery. It was getting too late to go around any more, and I had to come home very much disappointed. I also found Herb Dazley's battalion, but he was up the line on duty, so that was another disappointment. I would like to find out what battalion Murdo McAnley is in so I could try to find him somewhere around here. No doubt he has been drafted out of the 210th into some other battalion."

SAW REV. J. W. BARNETT.

Sailor Charles McCarthy Had an Agreeable Surprise in London.

Mrs. P. F. McCarthy of Summer street has received from her son, Charles McCarthy, who is a sailor on board the U. S. S. Chester, a letter relating in an interesting manner the life aboard the ship. On a recent furlough spent in London, England, Sailor McCarthy received a pleasant surprise at the Y. M. C. A. camp by meeting Dr. Barnett, until recently minister of the Barre Congregational church and who is working at the Red Triangle camp there. The letter is as follows:

London, England, Nov. 25, 1917. Dear Mother: By the heading, you will see that I am now in London. My ship is in an English port and we were given a three days' leave to visit here. I have so been in Wales. We run out of the place where I sent the postcards from Gibraltar and then back again. We are staying at the Y. M. C. A. and it is certainly fine. This organization is certainly doing grand work for the comfort of the men in the service. We can get a bed for nine pence (18 cents in our money) and a meal for a shilling three pence (30 cents). Was more than surprised to meet Dr. Barnett here last night. He is stationed at this Y. M. C. A. He is working with the American Y. M. C. A.

We are on the go all the time and I am seeing many sights. I have seen the coast of Africa and a few European countries. London is filled with men in uniform. About nine out of ten are in uniform of some kind. We are going to have a big Thanksgiving dinner on the ship. We have the turkeys and all the trimmings. I guess that we will have our Christmas dinner over here some place. I don't think that we will be back until around June. We never know where we are going until we are about three days from there.

This country over here is damp and foggy nearly all the time. I mean the places that we travel around. How is everything going at home? I am feeling fine and haven't been sick since I have been in the navy. We get good food on the ship and I have gained about 15 pounds. How are all the girls getting along? I haven't heard from Annie or Mary for a long time. Guess that I owe them a letter, but they don't realize that it is much easier for them to write than it is for me. Will close for this time. Charles.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT.

Charles B. Townsend Passed Away Last Evening.

Charles B. Townsend, one of Barre's oldest residents passed away at his home, 53 Washington street, last evening at 11:50 o'clock, the end following a long illness. Early last spring Mr. Townsend sustained a shock, from which he never fully recovered. Arterio-sclerosis developed and throughout the summer he failed steadily. For a week preceding his demise, members of the family felt that the end was near.

The deceased is survived by two sons, Frank R. Townsend of Cordova, Alaska, who recently returned for the North after passing several weeks with his father; and Calvin F. Townsend of Fairbanks, Alaska; and a daughter, Mrs. W. L. Cloutier of Los Angeles, Cal. There are also left a sister, Miss L. E. Townsend, with whom the deceased had long made his home, and a brother, W. F. Townsend of Quebec.

Mr. Townsend was born in Washington Jan. 26, 1837. For many years he lived in Williamstown, where he conducted a livery business and grist mill. Around 40 years ago he came to Barre and in 1880, Mrs. Townsend, wife, before her marriage was Miss Emily Flint, passed away. Mr. Townsend was variously engaged in the carriage business during his long residence here, and for some time he was associated with the late Gilman Jackson. Later he operated a spring water system. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Arrangements for the funeral are to be announced later.

CAMPAIGN IS NEARING END

Red Cross Drive in Washington County Is Speeding Up

MOVEMENT SPREADS IN GRANITE WORKS

It Is Hoped to Have Nearly 100 Per Cent Enrollment

One hundred per cent returns are being realized on Red Cross membership appeals made in stonemasons and among quarrying crews of the Barre granite industry, and the general disposition to give freely for the cause is having a most stimulating effect on the drive here. Favorable reports continue to come in from towns outlying and while the campaign week is nearing its end, there seems to be no slackening of effort in the Washington county district. The overhead cost of the campaign in the county is next to nothing, as everything from personal service to headquarters is given freely.

"A heart and a dollar are all you need" is a slogan that is carrying the big campaign over the top, and if enough people hear and heed the cry, Barre and Washington county will have no difficulty in reaching the desired quota. It may quicken the desire to