

WILL BE SENT TO AMERICA

Earl Reading, Lord Chief Justice, Gets Important Position

WILL CONTROL ALL WAR ACTIVITIES

British Diplomatic Affairs to Be Handled by the Charge d'Affairs

London, Jan. 7.—Earl Reading, lord chief justice, will go to the United States as direct representative of the British government, according to the Daily Express.

RUSSIAN FRONT BEING STRENGTHENED

According to Petrograd Advices Received in London—Germany Said to Have Triumphed at Brost-Litovsk

London, Jan. 7.—Petrograd advices say that the Bolsheviks are definitely strengthening the front.

GERMANY RECOGNIZES FINNISH REPUBLIC

Official Dispatch From Berlin By Way of Amsterdam Tells of Action by the Kaiser's Government.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—An official dispatch from Berlin says that Germany has recognized the Finnish republic.

BRITISH RECAPTURE SAP.

Which Germans Had Captured the Day Previously.

London, Jan. 7.—Reporting military operations on the Arras Canal front the war office statement yesterday says: "Yesterday evening our troops successfully attacked and recaptured the sap which the enemy had captured during the morning east of Bullecourt."

DRAFT LAW HELD VALID

Supreme Court Declares United States Government Has Right to Compel Service at Home and Abroad.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The supreme court today upheld the selective service act as constitutional. It sustained the government's contention that the power given Congress to declare war includes the power to compel citizens to render military service both at home and abroad.

U. S. AVIATORS KILLED IN FRANCE

Lieut. William S. Ely of Rochester, N. Y., and Sergeant George E. Houdek.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—General Pershing today reported the deaths of Lieutenant William S. Ely of Rochester, N. Y., and Sergeant George E. Houdek in an airplane accident in France.

SERBIANS PAID TRIBUTE.

Placed Wreath on Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—In the presence of a gathering representative of official Washington, Dr. Mileenko Vesnich, head of the Serbian war mission to the United States, laid a wreath upon the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon yesterday with a tribute to the patriarchy of liberty from "a small and hardly known nation."

CANADIAN STEAMSHIP RUNS AGROUND

Vessels Have Been Sent to the Assistance of the Ship Which Is in Trouble Off Cape Breton Coast.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Jan. 7.—A Canadian steamship grounded today in the fog off the Cape Breton coast. Vessels were dispatched to her assistance.

MUST CONVINCe GERMANY.

That All Conspiracies Against World Peace are Doomed to Failure.

New York, Jan. 7.—Peace can come only after every nation is convinced that all military conspiracies against the peace of the world are foredoomed to failure, former President Taft declared in an address on "The Great War," in Brooklyn yesterday.

MORE AID FOR HALIFAX

Is Offered by the Massachusetts Relief Party.

Halifax, Jan. 7.—Henry B. Endicott and party, representing the Massachusetts Relief party, have arrived to find what further aid Massachusetts may give.

ALLIES FACE FOOD CRISIS.

Situation is Giving American Government Great Concern.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The food situation in the allied countries of Europe is graver than it has been at any time since the beginning of the war and is giving American government officials deep concern. Official reports picture extreme food shortage in England, France and Italy.

The fact that conditions in Germany and Austria are far worse offers the only grounds for optimism in viewing the situation.

In England and France the situation is described as critical in a cablegram to the food administration yesterday from Lord Rhonda, the British food controller, which concluded with these words: "I view the situation with grave anxiety."

A French cablegram from the wheat crop had been requisitioned and that the bread ration would be cut to allow only seven ounces of bread daily to all persons except the very poor and those doing hard manual labor. In Italy conditions are not as good perhaps as in either England or France.

Compulsory rationing will be started in England immediately with meats the first commodity to be put under control. Distribution of butter and margarine will be taken in hand next and other foods will be added as they become scarcer. All of the principal foodstuffs will be rationed by April.

"I have repeatedly said in public and private that there is no reason for immediate alarm although there is every reason for strict economy and pecuniary measures," said Lord Rhonda's message. These statements in some instances have been trilled into a declaration that there is plenty of food in England and France.

"The food position in this country, and I understand in France also, can without exaggeration be described as critical and anxious. As I am now unable to avoid compulsory rationing I fear it will have to come with long queues of people awaiting in the severe weather in practically every town in England for the daily necessities of life."

Compulsory control of foodstuffs in England, France and Italy was insisted on by the American delegates to the Paris conference and was promised at that time.

EXPECT TO SAVE MANY WOUNDED

By Giving Them Continuous Treatment From Firing Line to Base Hospital.

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Jan. 6 (By Associated Press).

Surgeon General Bradley today announced methods of continuous treatment of the wounded from the firing line to the base hospital. It is claimed that many cases of pneumonia and similar illness are caused by crowding in the barracks of newly landed men.

ARMOUR PROTESTS.

Says Heney is Assuming Government Functions.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Ogden Armour, head of Armour & Co., packers, last night made a statement relative to remarks made in Philadelphia Saturday, by an official connected with the federal trade commission, asserting that the federal government has in effect already assumed practical control of the packing business.

"Mr. Heney is the paid attorney of the federal trade commission and as such he should occupy and discharge his official duties in a fair way. He has, however, assumed the powers not only of the federal commission, but of the department of justice and, in fact, of the government itself."

"The cost of meat is high, but there are controlling economic reasons therefor which can be readily ascertained and should be by some governmental agency explained to the people. An examination of the prices paid for livestock today as compared with those paid a year ago discloses an increase of about 40 per cent."

"The packers today are uniformly straining every effort efficiently to aid the government in winning the war. No greater injury can be done to the packers than to affect their credit by fomenting public discontent and spreading statements cloaked with apparent official authority that federal receivers are to be appointed of the properties and business of the packers."

MONTPELIER

William Milo and Mrs. Joseph Yatter went to Northfield this morning to attend the funeral of Gregory Milo, which took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon at that village.

Gregory Milo, who was 83 years of age, died at his home in Northfield Saturday afternoon of the breaking down due to old age. He had been failing for a few months. He was born in Canada, and during his life in that country was employed as an expert in the handling of dynamite for blasting in copper mines. He came to Vermont some 25 years ago and has been employed as a wood chopper in Northfield and adjoining towns. It is said of him that even in his advanced age he was the equal of any chopper in that section of the county. He was twice married. He is survived by his second wife, one son, William Milo, and four daughters, Mrs. Yatter, Mrs. F. D. Nelson and Mrs. Ar. Francis of Montpelier and Mrs. Z. LaFrance of Northfield. The burial was in a cemetery in that town.

In probate court Saturday afternoon Charles E. Harpen of East Montpelier was appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Harpen, late of that town. Commissioner of Insurance J. G. Brown has caused the arrest of one John A. Hall in Bellows Falls under the provisions of section 4811 of the public statutes, which provides that persons soliciting insurance without a license are liable to a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000. The complaint came to Mr. Brown the latter part of the week, with the result of the warrant being made for the Hall's arrest. It is claimed that he has been soliciting in Bellows Falls. The case is returnable before a justice in that town.

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ASK RAILROADS TO STATE NEEDS

Government Will Provide Them with the Capital They Require

HEADS OF SYSTEMS MUST BE EXPLICIT

They Are Required to Tell Just the Precise Purposes Planned

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Daniels today requested the railroad presidents to telegraph immediately the amount of capital required for this year and for the first six months of the year. The action was taken at the direction of McAdoo, director-general of the railroads. The presidents were asked to detail the precise purposes for which the funds were needed.

TWENTY INJURED IN SUBWAY PANIC

Short Circuit Caused Deafening Report and Passengers in Boston Train Made Rush for Exits.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 7.—More than 20 persons, including some women, were injured, but none seriously, today, in a rush to escape from a subway train at the Kendall square station when a short circuit caused a deafening report. The cars were filled with smoke.

CHARGED WITH DESERTION.

Man Who Left Fort Ethan Allen Also Will Face Another Accusation.

Boston, Jan. 7.—Stable Sergeant John Carroll, of troop L, 18th U. S. cavalry, charged with desertion and posing as a commission officer, was arrested last night by the police in a house in the Dorchester district.

Carroll was located Saturday night, but when several tried to arrest him, his wife threw herself upon one who was advancing with a drawn revolver. Carroll, taking advantage of the confusion which resulted, turned off the electric lights, slid down the banister and eluded the other members of the guard. The police found him last night hiding in the house of a friend and arrested him without further trouble. He will be turned over to the military authorities.

According to the military authorities, Carroll deserted from Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., in October. Telling his friends and relatives here that he had been detailed by the government to buy horses for the army, it is alleged he purchased the uniform of a lieutenant and had the goods charged to a fictitious address.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF BINDER TWINE

Promises to Bring Down the Prices to Reasonable Point But Not So Low as Formerly.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The food administration has arranged to control during this year the supply of binder twine, so important to farmers. Reasonable prices, though not so low as former ones, are expected.

Control was effected through voluntary agreements between the binder twine makers and the food administration, which will centralize the buying and eliminate competition. Henry Wolf, a former Minnesota penitentiary warden, will have charge of the work.

The official announcement says that the arrangement will stabilize prices, eliminate waste, speculation and hoarding and give the product to the consumer at the lowest price possible.

DETROIT TO ATLANTIC.

Army Motor Truck Trains Are to Be Operated.

Washington, Jan. 7.—As a result of a successful trial run by an army motor truck train from Detroit to the Atlantic seaboard, the quartermaster's department decided last night to start similar trains from Detroit every day for six weeks beginning Jan. 10. In this way the department hopes to aid in relieving railroad congestion by transporting army supplies overland and at the same time eliminating the necessity of shipping the trucks to the seaboard in freight cars.

THE FUSE BURNED OUT.

Otherwise the Big Viaduct of Erie Railroad Would Have Been Destroyed.

Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The big Starrucco viaduct of the Erie railroad came within four inches of being blown up early yesterday. The fact that a bomb placed at the end of the structure did not explode, was all that saved the mammoth structure, one of the largest viaducts in the world.

Adelbert Ople, the day watchman, discovered the bomb embedded in the loose stones at the westerly end. His attention was attracted by the glint of tin reflected by the sun. Upon picking up the bomb he found that the fuse attached to it had been lighted, but had gone out with but four inches remaining.

The bomb, which was well made, has been turned over to the Erie officials.

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INJURED AT RUTLAND FIRE.

Fireman Got Electric Shock and Volunteer Worker Nearly Asphyxiated.

Rutland, Jan. 7.—John H. Sheridan, driver at station No. 2, and Frank Brennan, a bystander, were seriously injured at a fire Saturday night which destroyed the upper story of the house on East Center street extension owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bristol. The fireman was severely shocked by an electric wire and Brennan, formerly of Rutland, a relative of former Fire Chief Charles E. McPherson, was overcome with smoke while assisting in the removing of furniture. The cause of the fire is unknown.

It required over 750 feet of hose to reach the fire from the nearest hydrant, and the firemen worked at a disadvantage, caused by the long line of hose and the lowering, temporarily, of the water pressure.

Drew Sheridan was assisting inside the house when he received a shock. He was unable to let go of the wire and other firemen nearby grabbed his clothing and finally separated him from the live wire. He was taken to his home and was improved yesterday although one arm was numbed still.

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SOON REJOINED WIFE.

Adolphus Martin Died a Day After Her Demise.

Winooski, Jan. 7.—Adolphus Martin died Saturday night about 6:30 o'clock at the Fanny Allen hospital, where he had been since a week ago Saturday, being treated for frozen feet. His remains were taken to the undertaking parlors of J. B. Lavigne and yesterday morning removed to the home of his son, John Martin, in Colchester, and were laid out beside those of his wife, who died Friday. Mr. Martin, who was 86 years old, froze his feet Saturday, Dec. 29, and was taken to the hospital for treatment. He had a shock some time ago, and, though able to be around, had to walk slowly. Pneumonia developed, which caused his death. The funeral will be held at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Anne's church in Milton, with burial in the Catholic cemetery there. The funeral of Mrs. Martin was held yesterday afternoon at Essex Junction, Rev. J. B. Pouliot, pastor of the Holy Family church, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

DEATH OF BRANDON MAN.

H. C. Carpenter Had Been Prominent in Masonry.

Brandon, Jan. 7.—H. C. Carpenter died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home on Carver street on the 84th anniversary of his birth. He had been ill several weeks with a complication of diseases. Mr. Carpenter was a Mason of considerable prominence, having been a member of St. Paul's lodge, No. 25, Farmers' chapter, No. 9 Farmers' council, of Mount Cavalry commandery, Knights Templar, of Middlebury, and of Cairo temple, A. O. N. M. S. of Rutland. He was a member of St. Thomas' Episcopal church.

Mr. Carpenter is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. C. R. Stone of Butler, Mo., and three sons, Willis A., of Cleveland, O., H. C. Carpenter, jr., of Atlanta, Ga., and Clarence M. Carpenter of Brandon.

ORDER VILLAGE CLOSED UP

Because Its Houses Are in Range of Camp Devens Bullets.

Ayer, Mass., Jan. 7.—Government officials have ordered virtually the entire country of Woods village, a section of East Shirley, to vacate their houses by Feb. 1 because of the danger from flying bullets from the rifle range at Camp Devens, it was learned here last night. Announcement was also made by Major J. M. Wainwright, chief of staff at the camp, that state highway commission would be asked to close a section of the state road from Boston to Fitzburg for the same reason.

This road is the main automobile thoroughfare between Boston and Troy, N. Y. Under the present conditions, it was stated, three-quarters of the targets on the range cannot be used because of the wide range of stray bullets. Recently Miss Dolly Kemp, who lives in Woods village, was struck in the breast by a bullet which passed through the kitchen door of her house. Fortunately the bullet was spent and caused only a slight wound. The bullet was the second that had passed through the heavy door of the Kemp house and other houses have had windows broken by stray shots. There are a score of houses in the village which the government will lease at sums ranging from \$15 to \$125 a month.

After the houses are closed up the state highway commission will be asked to close up the state road from a point near the remount station to Shirley Center, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. Travelers would then be obliged to make a detour of two miles through Shirley Center.

TALK OF THE TOWN

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NEW YORK CITY COATED IN ICE

Rain Froze as It Fell, Making the Streets Dangerous

MANY CASUALTIES CAME FROM FALLS

Elevated and Surface Car Traffic Was Virtually Suspended

New York, Jan. 7.—Rain falling through the night froze, covering the streets with thin ice, and as a result one person was killed and many were injured by falls. Thousands of dollars of damage was done to wires, and elevated and surface traffic was virtually suspended for many hours. Wire communication was interrupted seriously.

Thousands of tons of coal have been dumped at the New Jersey terminals for transportation to this city and New England. Tugs are keeping open a channel through the ice in the harbor for the coal barges.

CHICAGO HARD HIT.

Went Through One of the Worst Blizzards in Its History.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—This city is recovering today from one of the worst blizzards in its history. Days will elapse before the streets are in normal condition.

TWENTY CARLOADS OF COAL ARRIVE

Fourteen of Them Were Consigned to Barre and the Remainder to Montpelier.

Twenty carloads of coal—the largest single shipment to arrive in a long time—reached Montpelier Junction this morning, being consigned to Barre and Montpelier. Fourteen of the cars are to be brought to Barre. The consignment is made up of both hard and soft coal.

MUCH COAL ON WAY.

Ten Trainloads Will Arrive Within a Short Time.

Boston, Jan. 7.—Ten trainloads of anthracite coal, consigned to Boston and New England points, are on the way here. Fuel Administrator Storrow announced today. Several of them have reached Maybrook, N. Y., and are expected to reach Boston tomorrow. The supply will be made available first to public institutions, dwellings and office buildings. Bituminous coal also is coming in large quantities.

A rise in temperature released many coal-laden vessels that were ice-bound.

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K. OF C. WAR DRIVE PLAN IN BARRE

Campaign Committee Formed for the Work to Be Started Throughout the Country on Jan. 20.

FIRE SPREAD RAPIDLY

But Firemen Kept Loss at the Beck & Beck Plant Down to \$300

FIRE WAS STARTED IN THAWING PIPES

Damage Today Was Confined to Compressor Room

Fire starting from a torch which workmen were using to thaw out a water pipe caused a loss of \$300 in the granite manufacturing plant of Beck & Beck on Granite street this morning, damaging the compressor room, where the blaze had its origin, and the polishing mill. The loss is practically covered by insurance carried in the McAllister & Kent agency. A still alarm prevented the general alarm from box 15, which was turned in time to allow the gas plant whistle to join the 7 o'clock chorus of quarry whistles. The all-out signal was given at 7:30 o'clock, and a half-hour later the department had withdrawn all its equipment from Granite street. A few small firms in the vicinity, depending upon Beck & Beck for power, suspended temporarily this morning.

The damage will not cripple the plant long, but work in the shed will not be resumed until tomorrow. Early arrivals among the Beck & Beck crew were at work on a frozen pipe near the compressor when a partition board became ignited, and before the blaze could be extinguished it was making its way to the roof. The auto truck was the first to answer the alarm and a line of hose was laid from the hydrant directly across the street from the plant. Another was strung from the same source and with the arrival of more apparatus a hydrant at the rear of the plant was tapped. Because of the inflammable nature of the building, the blaze crept through partitions and along the under side of the roof in spite of the water. Ladders were used to scale the roof and after vent holes had been chopped through the shingle and boarding, the attack of the firemen began to tell. At no time were other sections of the plant endangered by fire, though three other buildings, separated only by partitions, were filled with smoke.

Cursor examination of the contents of the polishing mill did not indicate that any of the stones were damaged. Several were under the wheels. Repairs to the building will be made at once and will not interfere with the usual operations. Several times in recent years the plant of Beck & Beck has been visited by fire, although the outbreaks never have been very serious.

HOSPITAL AID FINANCES

And Contributions to Hospital Work During 1917.

Supplementary to the report of the annual business meeting and election of officers of the Ladies' Hospital Aid association, which appeared Saturday, are the following reports, both of which indicate that the association is doing good work for the City hospital. The financial statement is furnished by Kate P. Bemis, the assistant treasurer for 1917, while the report of the sewing committee was made up by the chairman, Mrs. John O'Leary. Careful scrutiny of both reports will convey to the uninformed something of the magnitude of the good work which the association is doing and its plans to continue in the present year.

RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Jan. 1 to cash on hand, Received in dues from Mrs. Eastman, Received, 1918 dues, from Mrs. Clapp, From cook books, From entertainments, From bag day, Miscellaneous, Interest for 12 months, One outstanding check.

EXPENDITURES.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Supplies for hospital use, For moving old papers, Supplies on hand from bag day, Labels for bag day, Total.

NATIVE OF SCOTLAND.

James Smith of Maple Avenue Died Saturday Night.

James Smith, for nearly 25 years a resident of Barre, passed away at his home, 65 Maple avenue, Saturday night at 10:12 o'clock. He had been in failing health for the past three months, although his condition had not been considered critical during the entire period.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Margaret McCreery, to whom he was married in New York in 1891, and by two daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Helen Smith. There are also left five sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Robert Knox of Barre. Two sisters reside in Aberdeen, Scotland, one in England, and one in Manitoba. A brother lives in Australia.

The deceased was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, May 6, 1848. He came to America 30 years ago and settled in Texas, moving to Barre around 27 years ago. Here he followed his trade of tool sharpening and was employed in that capacity by several granite manufacturing firms. In later years