

GERMAN BODIES STREW GROUND

After Repulse at the Hands of Americans North of Toul

LATTER SUFFERED MANY CASUALTIES

Attack Was Preceded by a Very Heavy Bombardment

With the American Army in France, March 2.—(By Associated Press.)—American troops repulsed a strong German attack yesterday morning in the salient north of Toul. There were many American casualties, one of the killed being a captain graduated from West Point last year. The raid was a complete failure, three German prisoners remaining in American hands. The ground in front of the American trenches is strewn with German dead.

A driving wet snow was falling when the Germans opened fire on the American salient with every weapon at their command. Seventy-sevens, heavy shells and gas shells fell in a perfect whirlwind on our trenches for half an hour. At the same time other enemy shells in great numbers were dropping on the American battery position.

The Germans, evidently thinking that the Americans in this section, having had one taste of gas a few days ago, would fear it now, let loose great quantities of poisonous gas, but the men put on their masks and only a few were affected by it. So intense was the fire that the woods back of the salient were shot to pieces.

At 6 o'clock the barrage fire lifted on the trenches to the right of the salient and 240 Germans swept forward under the protection of their fire.

Apparently expecting to make a big haul, they jumped into what was left of the trenches, but there, instead of the easy time anticipated, found the Americans all ready for battle. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting began.

One American captain rallied men with rifles and machine guns and went through the American wire entanglements into No Man's Land and there waited for the enemy, whom he expected to be driven out by his comrades in the trenches.

He was right, for soon groups of the enemy started back through the wire entanglements. The Americans poured in a deadly fire, but unfortunately the captain was killed during the fight. He is the first member of the 1917 class at West Point to be killed.

While the Americans were in front of the wire entanglements and in shell holes, still fighting desperately, the American barrage fire began sweeping No Man's Land, catching many running Prussians who had enough of American methods. The barrage swept back and forth, making sure of doing all possible damage to the foe.

When the enemy had been driven back out of the positions the bodies of 10 German soldiers were found in the American trenches. Two German officers were entangled in the wire and many bodies were in sight. Eight were visible through the snow storm at one point. The ground was littered with enemy hand grenades, boxes of explosives for destroying dugouts and incendiary bombs which had no opportunity to use.

They managed, however, to drop incendiary bombs in two dugouts, which were destroyed by fire, but no Americans were in them. If the Germans captured any prisoners, which is doubtful, there were not more than two or three, possibly from a listening post.

Of the missing Americans were probably buried. Digging for them is now proceeding and others may be accounted for. Two German prisoners were wounded and the other taken was unhurt except for a welt on one of his hands where he was struck by a young American soldier when he showed fight after capture.

From the prisoners the American officers have secured much valuable information. One said: "I did not have a chance to do anything before an American jumped on to me and grab me by the throat."

The Germans had been preparing for the raid for three weeks. They belonged to the 78th reserve division of Hanover. The prisoners had Russian uniforms in their possession and came into the trenches here just before the Americans took over this sector.

The Americans lost many killed and wounded, including officers. The Americans displayed the greatest personal courage, bravery and energy throughout the engagement and outthought the surprised enemy from the instant contact was established.

During the bombardment a town behind the American line was heavily shelled and there were some casualties.

VERMONT SOLDIER DEAD. Joseph N. Bedard Died in France of Meningitis.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN APRIL 6

Amount and the Rate of Interest Not Stipulated—Campaign Will Continue for Three or Four Weeks.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—On April 6, the first anniversary of the United States' entry into the war, the third Liberty loan will open. There will be a campaign of three or four weeks.

In announcing the date last night, Secretary McAdoo said the amount of the loan, the interest rate and other features such as convertibility of bonds of previous issues, maturity and terms of payment are yet to be determined and that new legislation will be necessary before plans can be completed.

The fact that the amount of the loan is dependent on further legislation indicates that it will be for more than \$3,000,000,000.

The remainder of authorized but unissued bonds, and the fact that certificates of indebtedness now being sold in anticipation of the loan bear 4 1/2 per cent, affords some indication of the interest rate.

How large the loan shall be depends, largely, however, on the fate of the pending war finance bill carrying an appropriation of a half billion dollars, and action on the railroad bill with its appropriation of a similar amount.

Although Mr. McAdoo made no specific announcement, it is now taken for granted in official circles that there will be but one more loan before June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

INTERIOR RUSSIA AGAINST PEACE WITH GERMANY

Led by Moscow, Many Provincial Centers Are Issuing Mobilization Orders and Proclaiming a Fight for Revolution.

Volodga, Russia, March 2 (by Associated Press).—The interior of Russia, following the example of Moscow, declares strongly against a separate peace with Germany. Workmen and soldiers' councils in many provincial centers are issuing mobilization orders, proclaiming a fight to the finish in behalf of the revolution.

WIRELESS SERVICE OVER 3,300 MILES

Easy Communication Between Norway and the United States Has Been Established.

Christiania, March 2.—A new wireless station just erected at Stavanger has succeeded in communicating easily with American stations. Regular service between Norway and the United States will be started when the American government grants permission. From Stavanger to the nearest American point is about 3,300 miles.

PITTSBURG POLICEMAN SHOT BY SUSPECTS

Thomas Farrell, a Veteran of the Force, Was About to Arrest the Men as Suspicious Characters.

Pittsburg, March 2.—Thomas Farrell, a veteran policeman, was shot and killed early today by two unidentified men, whom he was about to arrest as suspicious persons. He fired four times at the fleeing assailants before he died.

RUSSIANS BLEW UP GERMAN BATTALION

Retreating from Pskov, They Caused an Explosion Which Caused Heavy Losses.

JAPAN PLANS OWN PROTECTION

Her Aims in Asiatic Russia Will Not Be for Aggrandizement

NO PROPOSAL MADE TO ALLIES

Another Report Says Latter Asked Japan to Begin Operations

London, March 2.—Reuter's Limited has issued the following statement on an authoritative Japanese source in London: "A few days ago Japan addressed inquiries to the allied governments, asking for an expression of their views on the latest developments in Russia. There has been no proposal, military or otherwise, by Japan. If she has to extend operations, her object will not be aggrandizement. The new menace is one directly threatening the far East and immediately involving Japan's security. The German menace exists in east Siberia."

London, March 2.—According to the Daily Mail, it is understood that the allies have decided to ask the Japanese to take any steps necessary for the protection of the allies in the far east.

COUNT MINOTTO TO ENTER SERVICE

Louis Swift's Son-in-Law Going to Prove That He Is Loyal to the United States, So He Announces.

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 2.—Count Minotto, son-in-law of Louis F. Swift, the Chicago packer, announced here last night that he had waived exemption from the army draft, passed the examination and qualified for service.

Referring to the Washington investigation of the activities which caused him to be under scrutiny as an enemy alien, he said that he felt confident the investigation would prove his innocence and show that he had only the most loyal feelings toward this country.

COMFORTS FOR U. S. OFFICERS. Are Affected in Home Being Conducted By American Y. M. C. A.

London, March 2.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—The newest and most attractive home in London for American officers is called the American Officers' inn and stands in Cavendish square, one of the most fashionable residential districts of the English metropolis. The inn which is operated by the American Y. M. C. A. is directly across the square from the American consulate general's office. The inn was formerly occupied by Sir H. H. Raphael, a member of Parliament, who was on the point of selling it when he heard that the Americans wanted it and generously turned it over to them.

The inn, which is a four-story typical English town house with large rooms and high ceilings, was formally opened by Ambassador Walter Hines Page the other day when it was inspected by several hundred of the leading Americans in England and others. These included Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador at Washington; the earl of Haddo, the countess of Reading, wife of the new special ambassador to the United States; Lady Randolph Churchill, Major General Bartlett, in command of the American forces in England and other widely known on both sides of the Atlantic. A feature was the attendance of a group of veterans of the American Civil war, now in England.

The house has been attractively furnished by the American Y. M. C. A. The walls are hung with a series of paintings lent by John Lane, nephew of Sir Hugh Lane, the art collector who was lost with the Lusitania.

The inn, which combines all the advantages of a first-class club, with dining room, billiard room, library, tea room and about forty bedrooms, is being managed by a committee of American women, including Lady Ward, daughter of the late American Ambassador, Whiteley Reid; Mrs. Spender; Mrs. Cecil Higgins and Mrs. E. C. Carter. They are assisted by about a hundred women, mostly Americans, who are giving up part of their time usually devoted to other war work.

Greeting visitors at the door is Miss Vivian North of New York, who manages to squeeze in a few hours from her hospital work to do this and run the elevator. Just inside the door at the registration desk sits Mrs. Allen Nichols, already called "little Mother" by the Americans. Mrs. Nichols is an American who has been supervising welfare work among munition workers at Coventry. Her duties correspond to those of a chief clerk behind a hotel desk and she is a virtual encyclopedia of information of things that Americans want to know about London. Working alternately with her is Miss Doris Robson, a niece of Countess Reading, who has been working on the land until a few days ago.

Mrs. Spender Clay, who came from Philadelphia and is the wife of a lieutenant-colonel in the British army in France, is general superintendent at the inn. She is the only one to wear the green-grey uniform of the expeditionary force of the American Y. M. C. A.

Pretty pinafores of chintz, designed by a prominent American woman, are worn by the numerous American and English women volunteers who come in to take several hours of duty each day. These women, the majority of whom are widely known in society on both sides of the Atlantic submit to a sort of discipline most cheerfully. Those assigned to the inn put in a regular routine of duty and none has been known to be tardy. One force relieves another and the work is carried on without interruption.

The body of Doris Edith, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanchard of Berlin, who died March 1, was placed in the receiving vault at Elmwood to await interment in the spring.

THE RED CROSS PILE. Additional Donations Are Constantly Being Made to It.

Only four days to the first installment of the Goose Green carnival and winter sale show for the benefit of the Barre Red Cross branch, and still the gifts are piling up. A dozen committees are burning midnight oil in their eagerness to have all preparations completed, and if some of the old Vermont blue laws are violated to-morrow by these same committees, the transgression may be pardoned on the score of excessive zeal for the cause. Meanwhile donations may be left at the Barre Savings bank, with W. A. Drew, or at the store of Reynolds & Son.

The floral hall committee has been designated as follows: Mrs. C. A. Brown, Misses Phelps, Miss Eula Averill, Mrs. N. S. Love, Mrs. Geoffrey Rollason and Mrs. William Cole. Mrs. W. A. Drew will take charge of the sale of carnations, and Mrs. C. W. St. ale of the cluny lace.

Stacks and stacks of donations remain to be recorded. Among to-day's acquisitions was a box of Oregon apples from the United Fruit company, which has also volunteered to install a hook in the carnival barn and donate a batch of laces candy to the fund. Like a bolt from the blue came the announcement late this forenoon that Beattie & Duncan, the millinery firm, had donated a silk "Billie Burke," which is the subject of a good deal of speculation in Goose Green male circles. Here are more donations: 100 carnations, William Emery; gold seeds, E. L. Holmes; 100 carnations, 10 gallons of ice cream in cones, Barre Creamery Co.; two bushels potatoes, Dr. J. W. Stewart; 12 pint cans vegetables and fruit, Mrs. Elmer E. Perry; \$5 cash, Mrs. S. J. Jones and Hattie Waite; hand-patched quilt, eighth grade, Spaulding school; gas hot water tank heater, Barre Gas Co.; three dozen eggs, Peter Thom; one-half box whitening, lines note paper, L. S. Gates; barnyard hot water heater, Mrs. A. W. Persons; five gallons of ice cream in cones, Barre Drug Co.; one quilt, Mrs. J. E. Roberts; 50 Gilt Edge cigars, Wesley Hoffman; \$5 cash, Mrs. L. A. Houghton; one-half dozen solid silver teaspoons, Gretchen Silb; one-half dozen silver coffee spoons, Gwendolyn Sibley; fruit cake, Mrs. Ella Sawyer; George E. Bond, \$5; Dillon insurance agency, \$10; six suits underwear, John Berinato; John F. Cook, \$10 cash; E. L. Scott, \$5 cash; Lamb Printing Co., bookbinder.

In continuation of the Goose Green correspondence: GOOSE GREEN THE 2. Wil Drew, Presdt., Barre Vt. Aour Wil: Them south Barre citizens an Patrun s Hudbunthe sartin are sum aktiv en aour behalf an yew kin jest bet yore bottum doller thet thar iz excitement down that way thin sech wimmin ez Missus Howard, Wooster, Blanchard, Kay Hugbee, Whitum, Duddle an utburn give yore Munder wash ins an luvber there sweepin an kicinint thet nex day so ez tew serlicit hem an rusters for the Kattil department.

Yew know, Wil, they be gud fellers tew. They be goin tew giv ernutur danse thet weke arter the Karnival an giv the proceeds tew us also. Evury body from the Green Hill dew bew chors earlie thet nite an go out thet for the evening. So Wil, all of thet taown iz emmin down tew the Karnival nite in ox temes, hayraks, speahite toems, etc.

Et aour metin has nite et wuz communitly rumored thet J. Corsike hed givin an art show in the Green Hill rustur tew complete thet Ben Missus Smith giv. What dew yore rekords show, Wil? We dew be hopin thet slyain kontinuis gud an the sports from Granitewill, Websterville, an east Barre kum dawn ez sum gud times an this will be shawen tew hem. Yew know, Wil, spehul stages an teams he runn from Orang an blingting down thet road, neppal down tew the Barn, Yores trewher.

Goose Green Community. Hubbub Hill, 1/2 Wide Awake Ave. February 28, 1918. Presdt. Red Cross, Barre, Vermont.

My dear Wil: Since we've red some o' them letters in F. Langley's famous Times asking for donations to make them things for those soldiers over there in "No Man's Land," things they've very buzie up here in Jake Spaulding's barn on Hubbub Hill.

Sum of us fellers up hear that you wooden't kick about cakin another do-fashun. A fue of the smart us sez we want one of those han' patched quilts as we done so.

We calculate that we will all be over tew the village an tak a look in at Howland's big barn. We speot thet all yer city foks will be doller up them nites. 'Wal, we recon that us fellers will show yew a good par of hosses when we cum across the way.

We hope yew will make a pile of money on our quilt becuz we want to sho them city foks we can do just iz good work as youse Goose Green foks.

From Your Young Friends Up in Jake Spaulding's Barn.

DEATH OF WAITSFIELD MAN. Allen Mehuron Was Well Known Citizen of That Town.

Waitsfield, March 2.—Mrs. J. W. Canedy has received word of the death of her father, Allen Mehuron, at Waitsfield. He was born in Hinesburg on May 1, 1838, and was married 53 years ago to Margaret Maxwell, who died last June. He was a veteran of the Civil war, being in the 6th Vermont regiment, and was prominent in G. A. R. circles. He also was a Mason, and the funeral, which will be held at the late home Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, will be under Masonic auspices.

Mr. Mehuron leaves three children, as follows: Thomas Mehuron of Waitsfield, Mrs. Canedy of Duxbury and Mrs. Jennie Perrin of Worcester, Mass. There are also eight grandchildren.

DECLARED A PER CENT. DIVIDEND. Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. Also Carried \$5,000 to Surplus.

The Barre Savings Bank & Trust company has just declared its usual annual dividend of eight per cent, to stockholders, the fiscal year of the institution having ended Thursday. Another indication that it has been a successful year for the bank is that \$5,000 has been carried to the surplus fund.

AUSTRIA BENDS TO KAISER WILL

The Government Decides to Send Troops into Ukraine

PREMIER DECLARES UKRAINE SOUGHT AID

Because Events Threatened to Interfere with the Food Traffic

Amsterdam, March 2.—The decision of the Austro-Hungarian government to send troops into Ukraine was explained yesterday in the upper house of the Austrian Parliament by Premier Von Seydler, as having been taken in response to the urgent request for assistance from the Ukrainian government. The request was made, he said, in consequence of events in Ukraine which threatened to interfere with the transportation of foodstuffs. He said: "In the circumstances we could not refuse our help. The necessity has arisen for participation by the monarchy in an action which was not the least connected with any act of war and which possessed no political character whatever. It rather constitutes solely an act of legal administrative assistance rendered at the request of another state in the interest of the state. Naturally this assistance cannot be given except by the employment of limited military forces."

GERMANS DEMANDED TOUL AND VERDUN

As Guarantee of French Neutrality in Germany's Proposed War Against Russia Alone.

Paris, March 2.—Just before the outbreak of the war, Foreign Minister Pichon announced to-day, Von Bethmann Hollweg, then German chancellor, sent word to Paris that if France decided to remain neutral, Germany would require as guarantee of neutrality the handing over for the period of the war with Russia of the French fortresses of Toul and Verdun.

PERFORMANCE DREW WELL. Large Audience Attended Odd Ladies' Minstrel Show and Dance.

Amateur minstrelsy in the opera house and a dance in Clan Gordon hall, both conducted under the auspices of the Odd Ladies, contributed more funds to the Barre Red Cross branch last night, as one-half the proceeds of the two affairs is to be donated by the I. O. O. F. to the cause for which so many people are working nowadays. People crowded the theatre until the S. R. O. sign appeared early in the evening and the program that followed was of uniform excellence, later most of those who attended the minstrel set themselves to Clan Gordon hall, where dancing was enjoyed until after midnight. Viewed from every angle, the Odd Ladies' benefit was a success.

Fifty-five voices were lifted in the opening chorus and at intervals thereafter the endmen and other soloists acquitted themselves most creditably. Girls in the chorus were garbed as Red Cross nurses and the male singers were conspicuous by their natty white coats. The endmen were Joseph Fraser, John Duncan, William Leith, William Robertson, George Laviolette and Harry Power. In the middle of the circle was Mrs. Nellie Bianchi, who acted as conversationalist whenever any of the endmen felt moved to get their crossfire of local hits and gags under way. The audience was quick to show its appreciation of good singing, and from the beginning to the end the performers were liberally applauded.

The following program was carried out: Opening chorus, "Land of the Free"; "Shadows," Miss Barbara McDonald; "Sunshine of Your Smile," George David; "Is My Goodbye for Me," Miss Leona Lamb; "Because," James Bennett; "Honey Town," Miss Alice Walker; chorus, "Anchored"; "Somewhere in France," Harry Clark; "What Kind of an American Are You?" Joe Fraser; "In an Old Fashioned Town," Miss Isabella McHardy; "I Ain't Got Nobody," William Robertson; "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," Miss Mae Dale; "Alexander's Back from Dixie with His Ragtime Band," George Laviolette; "My Rosary for You," Charles Gibbons; "It Takes a Long, Tall, Brown-Skinned Gal to Make a Preacher Lay His Bible Down," John Duncan; whistling solo, "The Mocking Bird," Harry Powers.

The program closed with the entire company singing "To Thee, O Country." Afterward while most of the audience stood at attention, the chorus broke into "The Star Spangled Banner." Dressed as a Red Cross nurse, little Thelma Leith, accompanied by Master William Robertson, garbed as a sailor, came to the center of the stage and fung out the Stars and Stripes, and simultaneously members of the chorus displayed the colors. The interlocutor, Mrs. Bianchi, was presented a bouquet of roses.

One of the enjoyable features of the opening chorus was a selection by the Barre Pipe and Drum corps, which received a rousing reception. The entire company of an error in the printing of the programs, by which the name of William Leith was omitted, he was not called upon for his solo, "Aha Daba Honny-moon," as the omission was not noticed before the program began.

Just how much money is to be divided between the Red Cross and the Odd Ladies had not been ascertained to-day, although a statement of the receipts will be announced later. Members of the committee labored earnestly to make the affair a success, and the attendance at the concert as well as the dance was wholly gratifying.

The committee consisted of Mrs. Nellie Bianchi, chairman, Mrs. Maria Watt, Miss Josephine Rizzi, Mrs. Helen Stephens, Mrs. Maria Mitchell, Mrs. Mary Walker, Mrs. Isabella Thompson, Mrs. Jessie Lund, Miss Armida Bianchi, Miss Gladys Comoli, and Mrs. Margaret Mowatt. Much credit is also due Mrs. James V. Loring, the accompanist for the company, W. H. Goodfellow, the director, and Miss Elizabeth Stephens and Mr. Cooper, who furnished excellent music for the dancing.

WAS HIKING FOR BOSTON. Paul Kelly, Alleged British Army Deserter, Arrested.

The metamorphosis of Peter Kelly from a soldier to a civilian lasted but a day or two after his departure from the barracks of the 1st Quebec regiment of infantry in Montreal, and to-day Kelly was getting ready for a trip to the Canadian border in the custody of Chief Sinclair, who, with Deputy Chief Harry Gamble, was instrumental in intercepting the flight of the alleged deserter last night. Kelly was trying to reduce the goose-step record between Barre and Boston when Sheriff A. A. Reed of Orange county, at the request of the Barre police, took him in custody just as night was closing over the little village of East Brookfield, Kelly, and American admixture of Canadian and American regimentals, admitted afterward that he was intent on seeking shelter for the night when the Williamstown officer gave him the sign to halt.

Kelly's arrest came about as the result of suspicious aroused in an East Brookfield farmer, who accosted the soldier on the road to Williamstown yesterday afternoon. It is claimed that Kelly wore overalls and a cast-off overcoat over khaki when the farmer met him. Kelly explained his desire to reach Boston by indicating in a rather veiled way, it is said, that the climate north of the Canadian border was too warm for him. The farmer gave him directions as to reaching Boston and then returned to his home, but his suspicions to the police. None of the officers here had been advised to be on the look-out for deserters from Canada, but the farmer's story had the right kind of a ring, and a search for Kelly was instituted. People in Williamstown recalled having seen the stranger hitting a stiff pace through the village in mid-afternoon, and elsewhere down the valley folks told the police over the telephone enough to indicate that the distance between someone and Canada was growing greater every minute.

At last Sheriff Reed was advised of the situation, and the Orange county official proceeded post haste to Williamstown, where he was met by Kelly, who he saw in the distance a figure that proved to be the missing stranger. Kelly made no resistance to arrest, and after Sheriff Reed had turned him over to the Barre officers at Williamstown, he made a statement concerning his adventures.

The man declared that he enlisted in a British war mission rally in Providence, Feb. 7, although he had registered in Milford, Mass., where he resided for seven years before going to Rhode Island. Thursday night, according to Kelly, he slipped out of the barracks in Montreal, made a silent adieu to his comrades in the 1st Quebec infantry, and made for the station. He professes not to know where he crossed the border, but before he left Canada he encountered a deserter from the American army. The latter, he claims, was bound for Canada and after mutual explanations had passed, the two young men traded a part of their wearing apparel. Kelly says he got enough of Uncle Sam's uniform to pass muster before the immigration officials, and while lamenting his own sad plight at present, he expressed to-day the hope that the Yankee deserter managed to get into Canada with the borrowed khaki of the dominion soldier.

Some of the recital offered by Kelly smells of the brook, according to the police, for he claims to have left St. Johnsbury early yesterday morning and beat his way to Waterbury, after which his course veered and he found himself in Barre. Kelly's story as to the exchange of army apparel is borne out by the fact that his underwear bears the number and other insignia of the Canadian military service, as do his khaki shirt and while the trousers, which he wore under the overalls, are of the American shade and pattern.

Immediately after landing the man in a cell at police headquarters, Chief Sinclair communicated with the commanding officer of the 1st Quebec regiment by telephone. It was learned that Private Peter Kelly was among the missing and the officers asked the chief to escort the alleged deserter to the Canadian boundary and there turn him over to the dominion immigration officials. Chief Sinclair has already notified the United States marshal of his capture, and the trip to the border may be deferred temporarily while that official makes an investigation of his own, inasmuch as he may desire to investigate the claim that Kelly registered in Milford.

This forenoon Sheriff Reed, while searching in the woods bordering the road near East Brookfield, found the khaki which Kelly had discarded away when the thought struck him that a Canadian army coat, with its insignia fastened on the collar and shoulders, might arouse suspicion. The coat was brought to police headquarters this afternoon and identified by Kelly as his own.

WEST TOPSHAM TURNED OUT. And Gave Rousing Benefit Performance for Red Cross Work.

Auctioneer C. F. Smith and wife of Washington street and A. L. Smith and wife of Trow hill drove to West Topsham last evening to attend and help out a Red Cross benefit entertainment. The weather and slighting were fine. A patriotic music which Kelly had away when the thought struck him that a Canadian army coat, with its insignia fastened on the collar and shoulders, might arouse suspicion. The coat was brought to police headquarters this afternoon and identified by Kelly as his own.

White brothers, two local patriots, donated to the Red Cross registered Holstein bull calf that auctioneer Smith sold for an even \$80. Quite a bunch of other property was donated, including poultry, eggs, butter, coffee, beans, potatoes, turnips, beets, carrots, maple sugar, canned fruit and many other articles, all bringing good prices, on a bushel of potatoes being sold for \$3.25.

Everything passed off without a hitch and the Red Cross society at West Topsham was very well pleased with the outcome of its efforts and the proceeds received from the same. Down with the Kaiser and three cheers for the American flag and Red Cross society was the sentiment.

A POUND TO A PERSON. Sugar Allowance Will Be Doubled the Coming Week in Barre.

With the supply of sugar on hand in Barre to-day and the prospects of further supplies the first of the week, it has been decided to sell a pound to each person called for on each family's card. The pound per person will be for the one week only as the supply on hand and the prospect will not go any further than that, and the beginning of the following week may see the city without sugar.

ASKS VERMONT FOR CARPENTERS

Government Calls for 50 Men for the Aviation Section

WILL BE TAKEN FROM CLASS ONE

The Class Must Be Furnished During March

Governor H. F. Graham this morning received an order from the provost marshal general to secure 50 men from class one and the quota will be made up by the adjutant general, after which the call will go to the various county boards. These are carpenters, who are physically and technically fit for service in that department and special warning was given that those who are not technically and physically fit should not be accepted. If the boards are unable to get the 50 in March through self-induction, then each county board will call enough to make up its quota.

The men will go to the aviation section of the signal corps at Kelly Field, Tex. The men will be sent there as soon as they have been inducted.

DRAFT COSTLY IN VERMONT. It Was \$17.79 for Each Man Accepted Into Service.

The classification by states of the expenses of the first draft shows that Vermont stood third highest in expense, being exceeded only by Rhode Island and Maine, the latter of which was but two cents higher than Vermont. In Vermont the expense of getting men into the service was \$17.79 per man, against a little over \$1.50 for Louisiana.

The total cost of the first draft in Vermont was \$18,657.74, while the total number registered was 27,244, making the cost per registrant 68 cents. A total of 5,816 men were called, the cost for each man called being \$3.32. The total number of men accepted was 1,414, making the cost per man \$13.18. The net quota called was 1049, or the cost per man of \$17.79. The total paid to the members of the boards was \$12,208.24, against \$1,412.50 in Oregon and \$2,969 in Wyoming, the lowest figures.

The cost of employees for the boards in Vermont amounted to \$4,654.38, while the medical examinations under the first draft cost \$853.40 and the supplies used in the state cost the federal government \$1,283.72.

Of the 5,816 registrants, 1933 filed claims for exemption, and of these, 1469, or 75 per cent, were allowed. Of the 5,816 registrants, the records show 1,209 were married men, of whom 230 were accepted and 916 rejected on claims of dependency, leaving the remainder not disposed of, as far as the records show.

Next Call on Vermont Will Be Small. Although an order went forth from the adjutant general's office the early part of the week that each local board of exemption file its report with the office by March 1, up to last night only four counties had made their report which showed that they practically have their work all done. These are Chittenden, Addison, Washington and Orleans, and of these Chittenden county stands at the top. In addition to this, over 200 registrants have self-inducted into service from that county. If the remaining counties do proportionately well the number drawn from Vermont on the next draft will be very small, on a basis of 500,000.

The report of C. J. Russell, clerk of the Chittenden county board, shows that their classification was completed January 31, and that the physical examinations were completed February 20, with the exception of some in the hands of the district board.

In Addison county Rufus Wainwright, the clerk, states that all classifications have been completed, excepting one or two in which the cases have been reopened and a few in the district board's hands. His report was made so it reached the office Feb. 28 and stated that 26 examinations were to be made March 1, which would complete the physical examinations.

In Orleans county Clerk H. B. Ishman stated that March 1 would see his classification completed and that the physical examinations were completed, excepting those in the hands of the district board and those who had made request for examinations by other local boards.

The Washington county classification was completed Friday, with a total of 686 left in class one, to which must be added those who have self-inducted into the service, something like 150 persons. There are also 67 who have failed to respond for examination in class one. The total number of registrants in the county is 3,179, of which three have been proven over age, seven have died and one other, Michael Brown, who appeared Friday, has not been classified, the matter being left to the adjutant general's department.

On Friday afternoon notice was received that self-induction could occur only into the coast artillery at Fort Slocum; infantry at Camp Greene, and medical corps at Fort Oglethorpe, which is practically the same as announced earlier in the week.

DIED AT AGE OF 73. Mrs. M. Elizabeth Dana Had Been Ill Four Weeks.

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Dana, aged 73 years, died Friday at 8:30 a. m., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, who lives on the East Barre road, just across the Barre line. The cause of her death was a general breakdown, her illness having lasted for the past four weeks. Mrs. Dana died Dec. 9, 1917.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, she leaves five grandchildren, two brothers, Henry and George Hyde of Brookfield and Randolph, and a sister, Mrs. Jeannette Mattson of Chicopee Falls, Mass.

A prayer service will be held at the house Sunday at 9 a. m. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie officiating. Burial will be in Brookfield in the family lot.