

BARRE DAILY TIMES  
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MONTPELIER

War Chest Fund Assured of \$6,000 in First Day's Campaign.

As a result of Saturday work by the campaign committee of the war chest fund, of which F. M. Corry is chairman, \$6,000 was raised. This was done by people coming to the headquarters in the Rialto block. This week the canvass will be made and many who were not during the past year will be asked to contribute toward the different war causes by paying to the war chest fund. It is estimated that not over two-thirds of the people of the city gave last year to war causes.

Traffic was tied up for over four hours on the Central Vermont railway by the derailment of the snow plow in the cut about a mile north of Middlesex Sunday evening. The plow was being run ahead of the southbound milk train when it ran into a drift near the overpass north of Middlesex village which threw it off the track. The milk train was delayed at Waterbury until the track was cleared, and it arrived in this city a little after 11 o'clock. The storm interfered with traffic considerably. A snow plow and scraper car was started from Montpelier Junction about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. It was run to White River Junction and returning, arrived here about 11 o'clock. The other plow left Montpelier Junction for St. Albans about 6 o'clock this morning. The tracks were pretty well cleared this morning.

Commissioner of Education M. R. Higgins and Union Superintendent M. D. Chittenden of Burlington have returned from Boston, where on Saturday they attended a conference of the New England board on college requirements in which they made some suggestions as to changes in the requirement. The reason for the proposed changes is that in the last several years new branches have come into the high schools so that the requirements do not meet the new conditions. Fourteen and one-half points are needed for a student to get into the colleges, but the high schools want four of these points changed, so that the head of the school may elect upon which studies they shall be marked in these because of vocational education, domestic science and like agricultural studies being made prominent. This modification would materially improve the requirement. Dartmouth college is doing practically the same thing recommended at the conference, so it is probable that some change will be made.

Prof. L. M. Beach, who has charge of the Smith-Hughes vocational appropriation work in Vermont, left today for St. Johnsbury, where he will start an evening class for the men within the draft in automobile training. The work is to be done in the Gas garage. The class starts with 14 persons.

Insurance Commission J. G. Brown is in New York on insurance matters.

W. H. Jeffrey, state probation officer, is looking after some matters in the eastern side of the state.

A Mrs. Richardson of Middlesex was tipped from her sleigh while coming up State street Saturday night in crossing the street car tracks, which resulted in a dislocated shoulder. This was reduced and the woman was taken to her home. It is expected she will fully recover in a few days.

The first meeting of the creditors in the bankrupt estate of Dean Corliss of Marshfield occurred this morning in the office of Referee W. N. Theriault. In the Gifford bankruptcy case, in which hearing took place Saturday, E. H. Deavitt was appointed trustee, while the appraisers are A. C. Theriault, T. E. Callahan and W. C. Lauphere. In the previous bankruptcy hearing the trustee appointed G. Monti of Barre, while the appraisers are G. L. Morris, W. R. Cameron and Fred Beckley, all of Barre.

The hearing of State vs. Armando Crespo, which was set for hearing this morning in Montpelier on the charge of larceny of beer from a freight car near the Central Vermont station one afternoon last week did not occur in court this morning, arrangements having been made for a hearing to take place Tuesday.

Frank Abair of the water department is ill with pleurisy.

Harold McGratton of Montpelier has received notice that he passed the examination for service in the signal corps of the war department and he will leave in a few days for San Antonio, Tex., to report at Kelly field for training.

Washington county court convenes at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, with Judge F. M. Cutler presiding. Judge E. L. Waterman, who is assigned to this county, is not to preside at this session because he has not yet returned from his southern trip. The petit jury arrives at 10 o'clock. The prosecution opening court will be made by Sheriff H. H. Tracy. The calling of the docket will occupy the morning. The train service will inconvenience the attorneys and Judge G. H. Dale and jurors this term, there being no train from the north until noon, so that attorneys having a case in the morning will have to come here the night before on the night train. Judge Dale expected a few days since to arrange to stay here most of the time.

PLAINFIELD

Mrs. Blanche Perrin, Mrs. W. H. Martin and Miss Ethel Bemis were in Barre Thursday to attend the Goose Green carnival.

There will be a Red Cross meeting at the school house Thursday evening, March 14, at 7:30. Per order of secretary.

Mrs. Arthur Prescott and daughter of East Montpelier visited relatives in town Friday.

Mrs. Reuben Hudson was in Barre last week to visit Mr. Hudson.

Mrs. Mary Hollister and Miss Carrie Hollister spent Thursday and Friday in Barre and Montpelier.

Mrs. Laura Golden spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Mayo Wyman, of Hollister hill.

Mr. Trombley of Washington was a business visitor in town Thursday.

E. P. Whitcomb and Frank Martin were business visitors in Barre last week.

Mrs. J. M. Martin and Mrs. E. F. Martin spent Friday in Marshfield with Mr. and Mrs. John Ennis, jr.

Mrs. Brooks Buxton was quite ill Friday, but is reported much better at this writing.

Mrs. Ralph Wells and son of Marshfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bailow last week.

Mrs. Nat Page was called to Barre Friday to see her father, William Mears, who fell Thursday night and fractured two ribs.

The village improvement society will meet with Mrs. Ella Bruffee Tuesday evening, March 12. Music and selections. Mrs. Gertrude Perrin and Mrs. Flora Whipple.

Miss Lenora Hatchelder is spending a few days in Randolph.

F. J. Bancroft has recently purchased woodlot of Fred Gokley.

Arch Batchelder returned from Bos-

The Weather

Fair to-night and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature; moderate variable winds becoming south.

TALK OF THE TOWN

See those new suits at Abbott's. See Abbott's line of ready-made millinery.

A son was born Saturday, March 9, to Mr. and Mrs. James McLeod of Orange street.

Cane Wilbur in "Blood of His Fathers," an Art drama, and a comedy, "Almost a Scandal," at the Bijou to-day.—adv.

Mrs. Neil Godfrey has returned to her home in Hartford, Conn., after spending several days with relatives in Barre and Montpelier.

Robert Russell, a student at Goddard seminary, has been passing several days in Vergennes, where he was called by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Claude Russell.

At the Barre opera house Thursday evening, March 14, George Adam will tell you of his visit to the trenches with Harry Lauder last summer. Tickets, 50c, for benefit local Red Cross.

At Spaulding high school this evening a series of evening readings will be inaugurated with selections from King by Miss Beveridge of the high school faculty. The public is invited to attend the readings.

There will be a meeting of the Washington County Market Growers' association in the city court room, Barre, March 12, at 7:30 p. m. All market gardeners, greenhouse men and small fruit growers are invited to attend. J. E. Mitchell, president.

Barre Red Men are getting ready to dedicate a service flag in honor of several of their members who have joined the colors. Recently a quantity of tobacco was shipped to camps and cantonments where members of Troquois tribe are assigned to duty.

The Barre Memorial Co., which was established in Barre a few months ago by two young men from Zanesville, O., for the purpose of presenting monuments to the buyers, has moved its office headquarters from the Wood block into a suite of rooms in the Aldrich building.

Among the neophytes at the society initiations at Wellesley college Saturday evening was Miss Ruth Robinson of this city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Robinson of Academy street, who was admitted to "Agora." Miss Robinson is a graduate of Spaulding high school and a senior at Wellesley.

"Polyanna," from the world-famous book by Eleanor H. Porter, with a complete production and a cast that is seldom seen on one night stands comes to the opera house Friday night, March 22. The cast includes Patricia Collins, Orestes, York, Beatrice, Morgan, Joseph Jefferson, Maud Housford, Helen Weatherly, Mattie Ferguson, Stephen Davis, Selma Hall, Glenn Hunter and Harry Barfoot. This attraction is put out by Klaw & Erlanger and is guaranteed to be a first-class company and production.—adv.

Friends of Rev. E. F. Newell, a former pastor of the Methodist churches in Barre and Waterbury, will regret to learn the information contained in the following paragraph from "The Churchman Affair," an article in Boston Transcript: "Rev. E. F. Newell, pastor of the Wesley Methodist church in Amherst, Mass., has resigned, owing to ill health. He will go to Centerville, Cape Cod, with his family, to rest and recuperate." Rev. Mr. Newell came to Barre to preach in the Methodist church, after serving in Waterbury. He left here at the close of the conference year around two years ago.

An enjoyable pre-nuptial shower was tendered Miss Mildred Peer Friday evening at the home of Miss Gertrude Dale, the occasion being in honor of the former's approaching marriage to Arthur A. Manson. A previously arranged program was entertainingly carried out, among other diversions being a mock marriage ceremony, which caused a good deal of merriment. The bride-to-be was showered with numerous packages containing useful gifts, and afterwards Miss Dale, speaking in behalf of 25 friends assembled in her home, presented Miss Peer a dinner set. Refreshments of coffee, assorted sandwiches, cake and chocolates were served, and before departing the guests united in felicitating the prospective bride.

Progress of War Savings Campaign.

The receipts of the treasury department through the sale of war savings and thrift stamps up to February 26 have equalled \$70,000,000.

Receipts are coming in to the treasury department at the rate of about \$2,000,000 a day. In other words, the receipts in this country for three months are already running at the same rate which England has reached after two years.

If the war savings campaign attains the goal set, it will cover the entire cost of the government's ship building program for the year.

Already the government is receiving from the buyers of war savings stamps daily enough money to build more than 10,000 tons of ship. It has received to date, funds for the building of 420,000 tons or 84 ships of 5,000 tons each.

What the government wants from the war savings campaign is a regular weekly income. In order to be assured of this, it asks the people of the country to form themselves into war savings societies.

A war savings society is a group of people who pledge themselves to systematic saving based on an agreement which each member makes with himself and with the government to save up to the limit of his ability and to invest regularly in war savings stamps. These societies may be formed wherever a number of people meet for any specified purpose. For instance: In offices, churches, clubs, fraternal organizations, and the like.

The only steps necessary to form a war savings society are the signing of each member of the pledge card furnished by the war savings committee and the election of a president and secretary. The society may meet periodically for the discussion of war savings and kindred topics, or if this is not feasible, the secretary may assume the duty of seeing that each member is supplied regularly with the number of stamps he has agreed to buy.

Regular meeting of Iron-ore Tribe, No. 16, I. O. R. M. Tuesday, March 12, at 8 o'clock. Business, nomination of great chiefs. Past sachems please be present. A service flag will be unfurled at the close of the meeting. Social dance will follow.

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WEDDED IN SOUTH.

Capt. Vincent P. Rousseau of Burlington the Benedict.

Burlington, March 10.—Announcement is made here of the marriage in Charlotte, N. C., of Capt. Vincent Paul Rousseau, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rousseau of this city, to Miss Ashby Herron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Herron. Capt. Rousseau is quite well known in Boston, having visited at various times his aunt, Mrs. O. B. Crouch of Dorchester.

He was graduated from Burlington high school in 1911 and was bookkeeper in the Howard National bank here until he began a course of military training at Fort Ethan Allen. Getting a commission as first lieutenant last June, he went to the service school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and was sent to join the 39th infantry at Syracuse, N. Y. In November he went with his regiment to North Carolina. He recently received his captain's commission dating from Aug. 5, 1917.

He belongs to the Knights Templar, Royal Arch and Select Masters, Royal Arch Masons and the Ethan Allen club.

EAST BARRE.

The play, "The Deacon," which was to have been presented at the opera house here Tuesday evening, March 12, by the dramatic club of West Topsham, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the illness of some of those taking part.

Labor and Freedom.

The hope of labor lies in the opportunities for freedom; military domination, supervision, checks, bondage lie in Prussian rule. So declares the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor.

This is a right and clear conception of the issues involved in this war for the working man of America. To him freedom means everything.

The test is on whether the autocratic regime of Germany has bred better men than the free institutions of this country has—whether the independent men of America can fight so well, can manufacture such guns and aeroplanes and other instruments and munitions of war and put them into effective use as can the human product of German rule.

There is no doubt of the result, but it depends upon the whole American people and not alone upon our fighting men. We who remain in safety at home must do our part, work, economize, save and support the finances of the government. Industry, saving, and lending to the government are now national needs and national duties.

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  - Boys' Caps, 50c and \$1.00.
  - Boys' Gloves and Mittens, 25c, 35c and 50c.
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SHALL WE STARVE?

By Mark Swann of the Vigilantes.

We need the biggest staple food out put in the coming season the United States has ever produced. If we don't get it, somebody is going hungry.

The farmer says we're not going to get it. He says he's going to produce only 80 to 85 per cent of last year's output. He says he wants to raise big crops but he can't do it because he can't get the labor to plant and cultivate and harvest them.

If the statement of our needs is correct and what the farmer says is true, there is trouble ahead.

The army question is a big question. So is the coal question; so is the ship question and the railroad question; but the food question is the greatest of all, and if we don't answer it, if we don't face it, and examine it and solve it, all the others will subsequently possess only an ancient interest for us.

Everybody knows there is a food shortage in the world at the present time. Some countries are rationed, some are face to face with hunger, and in our own country, where superabundance has always existed until now, we are feeling the first touch of the icy finger of famine, while the high cost of living is rapidly climbing to the top round of the ladder.

Our people, our allies, our army and navy depend upon us for food, to say nothing of certain neutral nations. If we are short what is going to happen? We have to depend on what we take out of the ground—and the farmer has given us fair warning that he can't take it out. We'd better listen to him.

He says much of it has been drafted, by high wages in munition factories. He points out clearly he has the land and the machinery but not the labor.

This is no time for debate, something ought to be done. Something must be done and unless it is done right and done quickly it will be too late, for the planting season is nearly here and the farmer can plant but once a year.

This problem is so vast and so intricate that it cannot be settled by any individual or group. To deal with it an immediate, widespread understanding of the necessity must be aroused—and the resulting activity must be social and governmental.

What has been done up to this time? We have a food administrator—Mr. Hoover—and he's doing good work—say food—but Hoover can't save food

that hasn't been produced. The president has raised the price of wheat to the farmer; but that doesn't bring labor to his aid. What benefit is a high price for grain he can't raise?

There is a large and general activity relating to the cultivation of gardens, on unused plots of land in towns and cities; but while this is an excellent thing, in its way, both as to results and the benefits derived, physically, by those who do the work, it will have no bearing on the great question of staple foods.

This problem cannot be considered in terms of six rows of cabbages and a hill of cucumbers—it must be considered in terms of millions of acres, and millions of bushels of wheat and pounds of pork. We can't feed Pershing on lettuce.

There is one remedy—only one. We must get men to the farmer. No matter how—we must get them. If the wages he is able to pay won't tempt men—and evidently they don't—then we must conscript men.

Revolutionary? This is a revolutionary time. Inconvenient? So is hunger. Unheard of? Nothing like this war was ever heard of. The proposition may seem drastic and despotic and everything else the conscientious objector to toil may call it, but it is an immediate, urgent and vital necessity.

We have the governmental machinery to do it, and surely if we have the right to draft men to preserve our liberties we have the right to draft men to preserve our lives. Surely those who are unable or unwilling to fight ought to be willing to work.

The men are ready to our hand. Call out the rejected men from the first draft. Flat feet kept John Smith from carrying a rifle—they won't prevent him from trailing a plough. George Jones may have lost his trigger finger, yet he may develop into an artist with a hoe.

Call out every boy from 18 to 21 throughout the country. Most of them would be glad to go and it would do them good. Send these men out in squads of ten, under efficient direction, and semi-military control, as near their homes as possible. Pay them the market price for housing and food regulations, and if possible let them camp out. Let them put in eight hours a day. Let them serve from March to September. A couple of million men put to work will double the size of the 1918 crop and that's what we've got to do—double the crops.

The only way to make sure of food is to get men now, put them to work now, and keep them at work until harvest time is over. Will we do it—or do we prefer to go hungry?

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