

BRITISH ARE HOLDING ENEMY IN THEIR BATTLE POSITIONS

TREMENDOUS CONFLICT IS BEING FOUGHT OUT

Tide of Battle Swayed Back and Forth - Germans Evidently Aim to Recover Hindenburg Line in the Vicinity of Cambrai

London, March 22.—The great battle on the western front continued until late last night. The war office reports that the British are holding the enemy in their battle positions. There was fighting on the whole front between the rivers Oise and Seneze.

The official statement says: "During the enemy's attacks yesterday, his massed infantry offered remarkable targets to our rifles, machine guns and artillery, of which full advantage was taken by our troops. All reports testify to the exceedingly heavy losses suffered by the enemy. No serious attack has yet developed this morning, but heavy fighting is still to be expected."

It is impossible as yet to give more than a vague idea of the fighting Thursday, which continued with swaying fortunes, according to the accounts of the correspondents at the British front in the morning newspapers.

A despatch to the Morning Post says the Germans evidently aim at recapturing all the Hindenburg line west and southwest of Cambrai.

Field Marshal Haig's report received last night was as follows:

"At about 8 o'clock this morning, after an intense bombardment of both high explosives and gas shells on our forward positions and back areas, a powerful infantry attack was launched by the enemy on a front of over 50 miles extending from the river Oise in the neighborhood of La Fere to the Seneze river about Croisilles.

"A hostile artillery demonstration has taken place on a wide front north of La Bassee canal and in the Ypres sector.

"The attack which for some time past was known to be in course of preparation has been pressed with great vigor and determination throughout the day. In the course of the fighting the enemy broke through our outpost positions and succeeded in penetrating in our battle positions in certain parts of the front.

"The attacks were delivered in large masses and have been extremely costly to the hostile troops engaged, whose losses have been exceptionally heavy.

"Severe fighting continues along the whole front. Large numbers of hostile reinforcing troops have been observed during the day moving forward behind the enemy's lines.

"Several enemy divisions which had been especially trained for this great attack already have been identified, including units of the guards.

"Captured maps depicting the enemy's intentions showed that on no part of the long front of the attack has he attained his objective."

BIGGEST ATTACK YET KNOWN.

Bonar Law Says That Some German Success Was To Be Expected.

London, March 22.—The German attack against the British lines yesterday was on a larger scale than any made thus far during the war on any part of the western front, Andrew Bonar Law, spokesman of the government, told the House of Commons yesterday.

"Our outpost troops," he added, "have been withdrawn on one part of the line which was very lightly held. This was nothing more than was expected, and was in accordance with instructions. There was nothing in the nature of a surprise about the attack."

"Mr. Bonar Law reminded the House that he had given warning a week ago that if such an attack occurred, the attacking party would gain a certain amount of ground, and the government's information so far did not lead to the belief that anything beyond that had happened.

"I am sure that with the knowledge beforehand of what has happened in similar attacks on either side," continued Mr. Bonar Law, "the House and country will not be unnecessarily alarmed by information of that kind. Our staff and the Versailles council naturally have been considering what might happen in the event of an attack. And I may tell the House that this attack has been launched on the very part of our lower line we were informed would be attacked, if an attack were undertaken at all.

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GERMANY STAKES ITS ALL.

If This Drive Does Not Go Through, She Will Have to Admit the End.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 21 (afternoon), (by the Associated Press).—The Germans this forenoon launched a heavy attack against the British lines over a wide front in and near the Cambrai sector, and the assault bears all the earmarks of being the beginning of the enemy's much-heralded grand offensive.

Hard fighting is proceeding from a point north of Lagnicourt southward to Gauthwood, just below Gouzencourt. The attack was preceded by a heavy bombardment from guns of all calibers, and the duel between the opposing heavy

AUSTRIAN FORCES ARE IN UNREST

Germany Considers That Conditions Are Altered By Attitude of the Dutch Government.

London, March 22.—Dispatches from The Hague report that a local news agency says that Germany considers her relations with Holland altered by the attitude of the Dutch government toward the entente and the United States and publishes a report that the abandonment by the Dutch government of the remaining restrictive clauses in its shipping laws is regarded by Germany as cause for war.

OSTEND BOMBARDED.

British Monitors Had Success, London Report Says.

London, March 22.—Ostend was bombarded by British monitors yesterday and Helgoland was attacked by sea-planes, according to the official announcement last night.

The admiralty statement says: "Ostend was bombarded this afternoon by British monitors with successful results. Prior to the bombardment four enemy aircraft were destroyed by our naval air squadron. Enemy aircraft attacked the British machines while spotting for the bombardment, with the result that another enemy machine was destroyed.

"British seaplanes engaged in reconnaissance in Helgoland light, attacked enemy mine sweepers with machine-gun fire. There were no casualties on the British side."

POPE IN APPEAL FOR LASTING PEACE

Sends Easter Message to the United States Asking for Peace on Foundation of Justice, Fear of God and Love of Humanity.

Rome, March 22.—A plea for lasting peace is made by Pope Benedict in his Easter message to the United States, which he sends through the Associated Press. He expresses the wish for such peace "based on a foundation of justice, fear of God and love of humanity."

PAGE FAVORED THE BILL.

Agricultural Appropriation Measure Was Passed By Senate.

Washington, D. C., March 22.—The agricultural appropriation bill, with the Government amendment increasing the 1918 appropriation, was passed by the Senate yesterday by a vote of 82-50.

The bill, which was passed without a rollcall, the principal fighting centered on the wheat provision.

Acceptance of the amendment by the House is hoped for by its champions; but despite the overwhelming vote by which the Senate wrote the price increase into the bill, administration leaders do not believe that it could prevail finally, if, as has been reported, the opposition of the food administration would cause a presidential veto.

ONLY LOCAL ATTACKS AGAINST THE FRENCH

Paris War Office Announces That No Success Was Achieved By the Germans.

Paris, March 22.—Local attacks were made by the Germans at various points during the night but they achieved no success, the war office announces.

LIST NOT ANNOUNCED.

Washington County Exemption Board Is Not Ready.

When the local board of exemption was about ready to-day to give out the list of names of men called by the draft to go to Camp Devens, it was found that one of the men had mailed an affidavit supporting a claim for exemption, so that the board had to investigate the case, with the result that it was impossible to give out the list of names to-day. The board at its meeting earlier in the day exempted one of the men who had been called, the evidence that he is engaged in farm labor being sufficient, so that he could not be called for service, at least at this time, and a new man was called in his place.

THE GERMAN CLAIM.

That They Had Penetrated Into Portions of English Positions.

Berlin, via London, March 22.—"Between Cambrai and LaFere," says the report from German headquarters last night, "we penetrated into portions of the English positions."

WOMAN LIEUTENANT.

Miss Mary F. Watkins of St. Albans Is Going Abroad.

St. Albans, March 22.—Word has been received here that Miss Mary F. Watkins of New York, formerly of this city, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. Halsted Watkins, expects to sail soon for France with a women's ambulance corps in which she is a lieutenant. Miss Watkins took the officer's course some time ago, passed the examination and has been working during the winter in preparation for sailing. Miss Watkins' father was for several years a rector in Vermont, first at Arlington and later for about seven years in St. Albans.

EAST MAY LOSE SOME CONTRACTS

Government Is Planning to Send Some Business South and West

TO RELIEVE CRUSH IN CONGESTED PLANTS

Conditions in Other Sections Thought to Be More Favorable

Washington, D. C., March 22.—An extensive survey of the location of war industries being made by the war industries board and several other government departments may result shortly in the transfer of many government contracts to the west and south where the factories are working under less pressure where labor is not quite so scarce and where railroad transportation conditions are better. Attempts are being made to formulate a definite policy.

GERMANY DEMONSTRATES HER "FREEDOM OF THE SEAS"

Holds Up Spanish Liner Which Had Started for New York and Sent It Back to a Spanish Port.

Cadiz, Spain, March 22.—The Spanish trans-Atlantic liner Montevidéo, which sailed for New York Monday, was held up by a German submarine Tuesday and forced to return here.

GERMANY SENDS CONDOLENCES.

To the Relatives of the Late Maj.-Gen. L. A. Grant.

Gov. Graham this morning sent the following telegram to the surviving relatives of Gen. L. A. Grant: "Montpelier, Vt., March 22, 1918. Captain Colfax Grant, Minneapolis, Minn. Vermont extends to you, to Mrs. Grant and to the other members of your family, her fullest sympathy in the death of General Lewis A. Grant, a son of the Green mountain state, distinguished commander of her forces, soldier, statesman, patriot, always steadfast and loyal to his country and his country's cause. Horace F. Graham, governor."

STRAINED RELATIONS WITH NETHERLANDS

Army and Navy Heads Are Said to Be at Loggerheads with Parliament, Washington Gets Report.

Washington, March 22.—Unrest in the Austro-Hungarian army and navy is discussed in a dispatch from Switzerland received here yesterday through official French channels. The message says: "At the end of February Emperor Charles, in an order widely circulated on to-day in Austro-Hungarian circles, appointed as an aide an admiral who would no longer be responsible to the parliamentary delegation. A paper in Budapest assures us that this measure is due to events recently occurring in the fleet. One recalls in truth not long ago an Austro-Hungarian warship surrendered to the Italians. Since then difficulties of a very serious nature occurred in all the Adriatic ports."

"It is besides characteristic to note that the present commander of the fleet, who is a Yugoslav, has just been replaced by a Magyar. The disturbance seems also to have affected the military forces in the interior. For this reason martial law has been proclaimed in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where the Slavs have refused to fire upon the manifestos. This severe measure has just been extended to three districts of Croatia bordering upon Dalmatia. Finally the soldiers have been refused all holidays."

DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY.

His Birthday and 40th Anniversary of His Wedding.

St. Johnsbury, March 22.—O. H. Henderson, the station agent of the Boston & Main railroad, had a double anniversary yesterday, quietly observing his 61st birthday and the fortieth wedding anniversary. During the day he received many congratulations from his friends, and also several floral gifts.

Mr. Henderson has been connected with the railroad here for 42 years and is the oldest station agent in service on the Connecticut & Passumpsic division of the B. & M. He is widely known throughout the state, particularly among the Odd Fellows, having been grand secretary of the grand lodge for several years. He is also prominent in the Baptist denomination.

FORGERY ALLEGED.

Recent Inmate of House of Correction Again Arrested.

St. Albans, March 22.—George Sturgeon has been lodged in the Franklin county jail charged with forging a check for \$10 on the account of M. H. Loukes, superintendent of the house of correction, at the Clement National bank of Rutland, soon after Sturgeon completed serving a sentence for chicken stealing. Soon after Sturgeon's release he came to St. Albans, where the check was cashed at the Roagan drug store. On inquiry it was learned that Loukes had never given the man a check. Sturgeon, who has been out of town, was arrested on his return yesterday.

DESERTED TO AMERICAN SIDE

A Number of Germans Surrendered to U. S. Patrol

WHICH WAS WORKING NORTHWEST OF TOUL

German First and Second Lines East of Luneville Destroyed

With the American Army in France, Thursday, March 21.—(By Associated Press).—The enemy first and second line positions on part of the sector east of Luneville have been destroyed completely by American artillery fire. After the raid into German positions last night, American gunners shelled the positions heavily all night and morning.

In the sector northwest of Toul a number of Germans deserted last night, surrendering to an American patrol. The prisoners were turned over to the French.

ASSAULT STORY TRIED.

A. Perolini Wants \$2,000 From L. Ciardelli for Injuries.

The case of Achille Perolini vs. Luigi Ciardelli was started in Washington county court Thursday afternoon. This is a suit to recover \$2,000 damages for an assault which is alleged to have taken place last fall at the home of one Rosa Brusca. Mr. Perolini told the story of the fracas in which he claimed that for some time preceding the fracas, when he and Ciardelli were at a place together he lost a bottle of liquor, that it was taken from his coat pocket and that when they met at the Brusca house he chided Ciardelli about taking it, meaning it in fun and that Ciardelli assaulted him and beat him rather badly, injuring one leg and giving him other bruises. Rosa Brusca was on the stand during the latter part of the afternoon, telling a similar story of the affair.

Dr. J. H. Woodruff and Dr. William McFarland testified as to the injuries of the bruises on one leg and other injuries, while the latter said he saw the man but once. Other witnesses for the plaintiff this morning were Messrs. Paradis and Sotta, who testified similarly to the others in the case relative to the assault. At recess the plaintiff rested and the defendant took the stand, testifying that the plaintiff charged him with stealing a bottle of liquor from his pocket and that the plaintiff assaulted him, the defendant, by taking hold of his coat near the top and bottom. Mr. Lombardozzi was on the stand at the noon recess time. He testified similarly to Mr. Ciardelli, excepting that he did not see the outcome of the fracas, having left the place.

DEFENDANT GOSLIANT WON CASE.

The jury returned a verdict in the case of An. Tyrrell vs. Moscoso for the defendant to recover his costs, which amount to a little over \$50.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Of Winooski Valley Association Met in Barre To-day.

The regular meeting of the Winooski Valley School Superintendents' association was held at the Spaulding high school building in Barre to-day, opening this forenoon at 10 o'clock and continuing through this afternoon. The forenoon session was taken up with a discussion of matters relating to school superintendents' work, and this afternoon there were papers by Suprs. J. W. Butterfield of Cabot and W. F. Seager of Williamstown, the former on "The Work of Vermont and Massachusetts Schools Compared."

Those present were as follows: J. A. Hunter of Northfield, S. C. Hutchinson of Montpelier, H. S. Reed of Richmond, G. W. Patterson of Randolph, J. W. Butterfield of Cabot, G. J. Seager of Barre town, W. E. Glover of Williamstown and C. H. White of Barre.

MORE CLOTHING WANTED.

Less Than One-Fifth of Barre's Quota Is in Hand.

Scarcely more than 1,000 of the 5,500 pounds of clothing which Barre is expected to furnish for the Belgian and northern France relief had been received at the clothing depot in the old town house this morning. The movement of supplies toward the depot must quicken perceptibly if Barre's quota is to be obtained. Many people have hesitated about sending in articles of clothing and shoes in the belief that possibly they were not good enough. If the articles are of durable material, and not too badly worn, bring them in, advises the committee. To judge of their value imagine yourself in the position of the destitute French and Belgians who have practically nothing but rags to keep them warm, and then decide whether your clothing would help in such a case. Contributions from Washington have been received and supplies from other towns are expected. Remember that if you cannot bring in your articles that if you will telephone 154-R or 181-M, they will be called for.

EAST CALAIS PASTOR DEAD.

Rev. Malcolm Mackay's Death Was Due to Addison's Disease.

East Calais, March 22.—Rev. Malcolm Mackay, pastor of the Community church of East Calais, passed away at his home here yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. He had been confined to the bed in his home for the past four weeks, being in a very serious condition all the time. He underwent an operation at the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington eight weeks ago and since returning home he grew steadily worse. Death was probably due to Addison's disease.

Rev. Mr. Mackay leaves his wife, his aged parents who live in New Scotland, a sister, Miss Kate Mackay, who is in feeble health at a sanatorium in Massachusetts; and a brother, Neil Mackay, of Everett, Mass.

The funeral will be held at the church in East Calais Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

PVT. NORMAN GORDON GOES TO ANNAPOLIS

Barre Boy Appointed By Senator Dillingham to the U. S. Naval Academy—He Is Now in the U. S. Army.

Private Norman S. Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gordon of Barre, has been appointed to the United States military academy at Annapolis, the appointment having been made through Senator W. P. Dillingham; and it is expected that he will soon enter upon his work at that institution. He took the examinations at Montpelier last month, after which he returned to his regiment, the 57th Pioneer infantry (formerly the 1st Vermont infantry), now stationed at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., and he is now at that camp.

Private Gordon was graduated from Spaulding high school last June after a four years' course during which he was one of the leaders in the school life. He was prominent in athletics, being a member of the baseball and football teams. When the United States entered the war he was one of the first from Barre to enlist in the new Headquarters company, being then still in school. He joined the regiment at Fort Ethan Allen and was given credits for his school work so that he was able to receive his diploma with his classmates last June. Subsequently the regiment was transferred to Westfield, Mass., then to Charlotte, N. C., and again to Spartanburg.

Private Gordon was 19 years of age on Jan. 4, last. He has two older brothers in service, John A. Gordon being now engaged as ambulance driver on the Italian front and Paul Gordon being in the army, having enlisted in a New York regiment.

SERVICES NEARING END.

Large Crowd Attended Evangelistic Services Last Evening.

The largest week-night gathering since the evangelistic services began assembled last evening in the Congregational church to hear Evangelist Rueben S. Smith.

Taking his text from Matthew, 27th chapter and 22d verse, he preached one of the most convincing and powerful sermons he has yet delivered. The sermon was Platte's question to the multitude when he had Jesus on his hands, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" Mr. Smith said that the question of the text is the question of the hour. It is the most important question men and women have to settle. Every man has to face the question and none can escape, and it has to be answered by all one way or the other. Every individual does one of two things with Jesus—he either accepts Him or rejects Him.

The question is very important because it relates to two worlds. There are many important questions in life to be settled, but these are not so important, for they relate only to this life, while this question relates to this life and also to the life to come.

On the answer of this question hangs our destiny. We have the power to choose, and we ourselves settle our destiny. God cannot do it for us. The evangelist said: "We do not preach a cruel God. God does not send men to hell. If they go, they go of their own free will and choice. Some say they do not believe there is a hell. The fact that a man says he does not believe there is a hell does not change the Bible teaching concerning it. If there is a heaven, there is a hell, and the same argument which proves there is no hell proves also there is no heaven."

The question is a personal one and no man can relegate it to another. Each must answer to God for himself. The question demands an answer from everyone. The slightest influence may change the destiny of a soul. No man can take a neutral stand, for there is no neutral ground. We cannot serve God and mammon.

Accepting Christ means the forgiveness of sin. It also means a change for the better. Acceptance of Christ means security and peace and joy and victory. Rejection of Christ means sorrow and remorse and defeat.

Christ means heaven, while rejection of Christ means hell.

The evangelist closed his sermon by asking the question, "When sickness comes, when death comes, when the judgment day comes, what will you do without Jesus Christ?" Immediately following the sermon, Mr. Smith sang very effectively, accompanying himself on his harp, "What Will You Do with Jesus?"

"During the evening," Mr. Smith, Mr. Hatch and Miss Faustina Maker sang together.

Subject for to-night, "The Two Classes," Sunday night theme, "The Closed Door."

MRS. ABBIE PIERCE.

Died To-day Just 24 Hours After Sustaining Shock.

This morning at 8:45 Mrs. Abbie Pierce, mother of Arthur L. Pierce of Camp street, passed away suddenly. She was at the home of Mrs. Eva Taft of Mount street, making a short visit. Mrs. Pierce went there on Saturday and was apparently in her usual health up to Thursday morning, when as she was assisting about the morning housework, she was stricken. Just 24 hours later, almost to the minute, her death occurred, consciousness never returning.

Mrs. Pierce was born in Cabot May 29, 1852, and therefore was 65 years of age. Coming to South Barre when a young woman, she made her home with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ball, and there made the acquaintance of her future husband, H. Parish Pierce. Their marriage occurred in the so-called Michael French house on Washington street, an old landmark. Mr. Pierce died April 1, 1884, and since his death Mrs. Pierce, who has engaged in nursing quite extensively, had made her home with different members of her family when not engaged in assisting those in need of her care.

Besides the son before mentioned, Mrs. Pierce is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frances P. H. Bliss of Worcester, Mass.; a brother, Lucius F. Hitchcock of Ludlow, Mass.; a grandson, Raymond E. Pierce of Barre, and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral will be held Sunday at 2 p. m., at the home of her nephew, George F. Ball of 105 Hill street, where she had made her home for the past year while caring for her sister, Mrs. Sarah Ball, who recently died. Rev. R. G. Lipsey will officiate at the funeral.

LISTERS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS

About 130 Officials Listened to Commissioner Plumley

HAVE RIGHT TO CHANGE GRAND LIST

Policy About Bound for Deed Was Outlined To-

The annual conference of Washington county listers at Montpelier to-day called out several officials that it was necessary to hold the conference in the auditorium of the Montpelier city hall rather than in one of the smaller rooms. There were about 130 persons present, the number from Washington county being increased by officials from counties immediately surrounding. Tax Commissioner Charles A. Plumley presided and made an address.

The listers were urged to bear in mind that with the approval of the selectmen they had a right to correct the grand list any time before July 1, and if any real or personal estate that might have been omitted from the grand list by mistake, "I have been asked several times," said Mr. Plumley, "whether a man is entitled to claim an offset because of the debt evidence by a bond for a deed and I have said that he could if the debt bore interest at 6 per cent. Such a debt is a credit and if it is written at a rate of interest not to exceed 5 per cent it is exempt under the money loan law. If it bears interest at a rate in excess of 5 per cent it is taxable."

There was important discussion as to bonds and notes held in trust, bank stock, the question of who have to make inventories, bank deposits, the taxation of corporations, etc.

Relative to the quadrennial appraisal the tax commissioner said: "This is the year for the quadrennial, and I propose between now and June 1 to distribute a bulletin covering the matter of making the quadrennial appraisal, but while we are here let me say to you that in making the quadrennial appraisal this year it is your duty, under the law, to appraise and set in the list apart from the taxable real estate, land sequestered for public, pious or charitable uses. Such list should contain the name of the owner, a description, and the amount of rental of each parcel or part, and the purpose to which the land is applied, and the proportion of rent each owner of a parcel or part of such land shall pay, and in case of school lands it must show the rent paid in an itemized statement. I call your attention to this because this law was inadvertently repealed at the time of the making of the last quadrennial appraisal, and hundreds of dollars of revenue will be lost to the towns if you do not do your duty in this regard. This is no easy task and in many cases will involve a searching of town records and will take considerable time, but it should not be neglected or overlooked, or left until the last."

ROMERI GIVEN VERDICT.

Judge Directed That Case Against Him Be Stopped.

A jury trial consummated in 15 minutes was the record established in municipal court proceedings this forenoon in the case of State vs. Louis Romeri, charged with selling cigarettes to a minor. Three witnesses testified for the state, and Magistrate H. W. Scott, after appointing V. E. Ayers as foreman, directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. Barely a quarter hour had passed when the jury was dismissed. Romeri, a merchant doing business at 321 North Main street, was represented by R. A. Hgar, and State's Attorney Earle E. Davis conducted the prosecution.

Apparently the state's case hinged on the testimony of Leo Enright, a 19-year-old boy, who denied having purchased cigarettes from the respondent, although he admitted telling the state's attorney and the chief of police that he went into the store to get some cigarettes. Enright claimed that he made admissions to the authorities when he was "nerved up," as he expressed it. Chief Enright testified to conversation with the lawyer at police headquarters, and William H. Rock, with whom the first witness resides on Farwell street, denied purchasing cigarettes for him. Attorney Hoar rested the defense as soon as the state had done.

The following jurymen were assembled: H. P. May, Waterbury; Charles A. Canedy and Crawford A. Maxwell of Waterbury and Homer P. May of Waterbury Center. The sixth man was selected because he wanted to go and so the county furnished one more than its quota, and if there are any exemptions on the regular army physical examination this will help out that amount.

GO TO KELLY FIELD.

Six Washington County Men to Enter Upon Federal Service.

Six young men from Washington county left this afternoon for Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., where they will enter the service of the government as carpenters—the aviation section. H. P. May of Waterbury is captain of the party. The men were given their Red Cross outfits by the chapters in Waterbury, Barre and Montpelier to-day. Each wears the green badge on the left coat lapel. They are Harry D. Holt of Barre, Joseph Augustoni and H. E. Duckett of Montpelier, Charles A. Canedy and Crawford A. Maxwell of Waterbury and Homer P. May of Waterbury Center. The sixth man was selected because he wanted to go and so the county furnished one more than its quota, and if there are any exemptions on the regular army physical examination this will help out that amount.

Yesterday dawned a fine spot day and farmers who were caught napping by winter's propensity for lingering in the late days of March missed an excellent run, according to reports received in the city. A number of sugar makers on the outskirts of the city were boiling, and the probabilities are that they will have to repeat to-morrow, as the flow continued to-day. Small quantities of sugar and syrup have appeared in the local markets. Fancy prices are asked and syrup in quart jars 50 cents and 60 cents found a ready sale.