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The United States government is being kept in the dark regarding the progress of the battle. Pershing plans to do his talking afterwards perhaps.

Keep in mind that you are to turn ahead the hands of your clock a whole hour next Sunday in order to keep up with the remainder of the country.

The allies' official statements make no assertion as to the definite number of enemy casualties. That reckoning will be done later when the allies have more time to deal with big figures.

Gen. Leonard A. Wood is again giving us some expert testimony. If the nation had heeded General Wood some time ago it would not have been struggling, as it is now, to get started against the kaiser.

The kaiser undoubtedly has his bonfire ready for the big celebration. However, some American colleges can testify to the fact that it is sometimes silly to prepare your firewood too early, or ahead of the event itself.

The Germans must be calling greatly upon their reserve strength in order to concentrate so many men in the area of the present offensive. Possibly the drain will come to light at a time not in the far distant future.

The recent decision of the executive committee of the Vermont state fair commission not to hold a state fair during 1918 seems to be wise, in view of the general situation of the country incident to participation in the war.

The myth about the Germans agreeing not to transfer troops from the eastern to the western front is pretty thoroughly exploded by this time. The present drive could not have been staged unless such a transfer had taken place.

It is fitting that the sponsor of the law which enabled Washington county to provide a tuberculosis sanatorium should be the chairman of the board to establish the institution; therefore, Governor Graham's appointment of Frank G. Howland of Barre to be chairman will meet with general approval throughout the county.

The average American turns up his nose in disgust when he hears that the politicians have begun their game. Politics is a matter of small consequence as compared with the big events going on in Europe and the significance of them to the United States. Yet the politicians rise to the surface as readily as scum under any and all conditions.

As far as the press reports would indicate, England remains comparatively calm although intensely interested in the great combat. No doubt the censor is using his sharpest judgment about the material he permits to go out to the remainder of the world but even so it would not be possible to cover up all the signs of English panic, were there a panicky feeling there. It must be inferred, therefore, that the English are really confident.

One of the most important city meetings to be held in Barre for a long time will take place at the opera house this evening, and it behooves the voters of Barre to attend in large numbers. One of the most important matters to come before the citizens is the proposal to ratify the action of the city council in accepting the proposed franchise of the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. On such a far-reaching matter there should be a large vote.

The statement is made in the U. S. Employment Service Bulletin of March 25 that reports to the department of agriculture indicate that "large numbers of women will be tried in farm work in Vermont," along with other states. If that is the case, it must be more or less of silent enlistment in the work, for nothing has been said about it publicly. Nevertheless, the women have always been powerful factors in the agricultural life of Vermont and they probably will continue to be during the season almost at hand.

No slight surprise will be occasioned by the information that the "authorities have decided to place the recruiting machinery in operation again throughout the country," in view of the drain being made by the German drive in western France. There will naturally be wonderment that Great Britain has stopped recruiting efforts for a single moment during the entire time since war was declared. Possibly the dispatch means that vigorous measures for recruiting have been held in abeyance for a time and that those measures are to be taken up again, the normal procedure of recruiting having been maintained all the time. Surely Great Britain could not expect to win the war without constantly filling the drain incident to the war.

The German drive is undoubtedly deflected southward from its original course. This may be due to the fact

that the British resistance in the northern sector of the battle front proved too stubborn for Von Hindenburg to overcome and the momentum of the drive was naturally deflected toward the French; or it may be that the original intention of those who planned the drive was to move toward Paris. Whatever the purpose of the offensive it is likely that the weight of the fighting from now on will be toward the southern part of the original battle front; and there the war will be decided. It is probable that the Germans will make further advances toward the capital of France before the crucial test comes. The followers of the battle (and who is not at the present time?) may expect that.

THE SPECTACULAR GERMAN AGAIN.

Always delighting in the bizarre in war enterprise, the Germans certainly accomplished their aim and delighted their souls over the wonderment of the world at the great gun which is capable of throwing nine and one-half inch shells a distance of 74 miles. Ever since the war started, and even before that time, the Germans have been past masters in the line of war novelties and innovations. They put the far-famed Zeppelin airships into commission for the purpose of getting at the throat of England if the navy should be unable to break a way through the British fleet cordon. They developed the submarine service for the purpose of destroying the commerce of the allies. They adopted the use of gas as a weapon on land. They contrived, if we remember correctly, the device for throwing liquid fire at the enemy in the opposing trench. They resorted to the use of mustard gas shells to be utilized for the purpose of suffocating the inhabitants of a town or for snuffing out the lives of soldiers in the trenches. No doubt, too, the list of war inventions and developments traceable to the Germans might be strung out to a great extent. The Germans have entertained the world with one surprise party after another from August, 1914, down to April 1, 1918; and that the world has been surprised more than once goes without saying. We have marvelled at the German ingenuity at turning out weapons of warfare—and then we have gone about the steps to thwart those various agencies. Again and again German subtlety has been met with inventive genius on the part of the allies until the power of the new war weapon has been weakened and its keen edge dulled; and again and again the new agencies of death have been dealt with successfully. Germany has learned from time to time that all her bizarre performances do not get her anywhere, as far as the ending of the war is concerned, albeit German egotism probably does get a measure of satisfaction at seeing the world open its eyes in surprise as the strange things of war are unfolded. So it will turn out to be with the monster cannon (if such there really be) which is capable of throwing a nine and one-half inch shell 74 miles. The performance accredited to this instrument of death astonishes the world but it does nothing further except, perhaps, to inflict a few casualties on innocent women and children in an allied capital. This new contraption, whatever it is, will not get Germany anywhere nearer to final victory in the war.

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The funeral was at the home March 14, Rev. Mr. Smith of the Methodist church, of which she was a member, officiating. The casket was banked with beautiful flowers. Burial was at the Center, the bearers being Jule, Napoleon and George Boudro and R. E. Slack.

Mrs. Boudro was a true wife and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Little House on Wheels.

Editor, Barre Times: In a recent issue of The Times, there was an item regarding the "little house on wheels" of Everett Hood, the facts of which are familiar to the readers.

It seems that Mr. Hood changed his plans somewhat and giving up his job at A. Tomasi's, he proceeded at once to Orange, but, according to his story, upon his arrival at that place they refused to let him stay, whereupon he once more turned his face toward the rising sun.

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