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They are eating whale meat in Boston and not blubbering about it either.

April is a big month in the calendar of the United States. May, April, 1918, prove to be up to the usual standard!

By going into the region of shell fire and running the risk of being hit by a German missile, King George of Great Britain shows that he is not a kaiser.

The German crown prince is not building up any great military prestige on which to assume the throne of Germany—if there is a throne by the time he is supposed to take it.

The Barre district is urged to get ready for the third Liberty Loan. In the first two campaigns Barre "came across." There is every reason to expect that Barre will "come across" in the third campaign.

Austrian troops are fighting with the Germans on the western front and against the American forces, too. Still the United States and Austria are not at war.—Montpelier Argus.

The United States declared war on Austria-Hungary on Dec. 7, 1917.

Premier Clemenceau of France demonstrated to the French army that he was also a soldier, as the German shells fell about his motor carriage. The premier's courage in venturing so near the front line must have proved inspiring to the Poilus.

Returns at the city clerk's office would indicate that Barre's dog population has been greatly decreased during the year, but a glance about the streets does not bear out the idea. Apparently the owners are flush with money and are willing to pay the increased cost of licensing.

Windham county fell into the draft machinery without slipping a cog. For the present, therefore, Windham is on the same basis as the other 13 counties of the state, although that does not dim the glory of its early preparedness, which prevented the operation of the draft when the first increment of men was sent to Camp Devens.

The report of American Consul General Murphy at Sofia that no Bulgarian troops are fighting against the allies on the western front saves Bulgaria for the time being from being forced into war against the United States. It is probable that just as soon as Bulgarians become engaged against American soldiers there will be a declaration by Congress.

That 105-mile range gun which American naval men are figuring on might be useful in shore defense to keep away hostile warships, the range of whose guns would necessarily be much less than the monster guns on shore; but there would have to be a large number of the weapons to keep any enemy fleets away from our numerous harbors. Otherwise, the guns would be of no use because of their immobility.

It is not yet explained why a loaded shotgun was left in the corner of a room in a West Haven house so that a child of five years could get the weapon and begin experimenting with it. It is not yet explained why similar lapses in prudence are permitted to happen in many other households, even though no fatalities may result, as it did result in the West Haven case. It is to invite disaster and tragedy to let this sort of carelessness go on.

While not exactly unsinkable, the good ship Celtic has demonstrated that it can stand quite a lot of hammering from German submarines. It is good news that the big liner was able to limp back into a British port after being considerably damaged in a brush with one of the sea pests and after it had been generally believed that she had gone down. It is probable that the Celtic will be about her work of beating the Germans within a short time.

While the German casualties in the St. Quentin offensive are, according to the French estimate, not as large as some of the rumors flying about the United States had them, the loss was sufficiently large to bite far into the lessening man-power of the enemy, while on the other hand the allies' forces are multiplying by tens of thousands. Instead of strengthening herself by the big drive, Germany actually made herself more vulnerable.

Proposal in Congress to fix a sentence of 20 years for disloyal acts against the United States during the present war does not make the sentence imposed on Rev. Clarence H. Waldron seem so severe as it did when Judge Howe announced it in U. S. court at Burlington some days ago. That sentence was for 15 years. Evidently the complacent attitude of the American people toward those who are disloyal is giving place to a more rigorous regime as long as the war continues. It is worthy of note in

this connection that all the disloyal acts are not done by aliens but some are committed by those who are native-born and whose ancestry runs back into several generations of Americanism.

VERMONT AND THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

Beginning next Saturday, April 6, the campaign for the third Liberty loan will be instituted in Vermont as throughout the entire country. The nation is asked to raise \$3,000,000,000 for the prosecution of the war, and Vermont's quota of that amount is approximately \$7,000,000. The matter has been before the people of the country so long in tentative form that they are probably better prepared for this loan than they were for either one of the previous loans. For the most part there is a better organization because of the experience gained in the floating of the other two loans. Nevertheless there will have to be a very general quickening on the part of the people in order to raise the desired sum. Particularly is this true of Vermont, where the people are somewhat slow to get started in a big movement of this sort. But, though Vermont is slow to get aroused, she is nearly always sure to come along fast toward the end. In this case the Green Mountain state cannot afford to be outdone in a display of patriotism; we should raise our quota within the four weeks that are allotted for the drive. By so doing, and by the nation so doing, we can show to the German war lords that the morale of the American people has not been weakened during a year of participation in the war and that they are as ready as ever to stand back of their fighting men abroad and to aid our allies in the common purpose of breaking down the sway of militarism. Let us in Vermont do our full part.

CURRENT COMMENT

Competition in W. S. S. Purchasing.

The Pythian War Savings Stamp club has been started under as favorable auspices as its predecessor, the Rutland County Club W. S. S. association. Such a club should be formed in connection with every fraternal organization in this city. It is a fine way in which to encourage the young people of the community who are making a good record in doing their bit on a small scale, earning the pennies for the purchase of these "baby bonds." Indeed a healthy spirit of competition between all organizations in Rutland might well be stimulated to the end that the members may vie with each other in their display of thrift and patriotism.—Rutland News.

Industrial Accident Insurance Direct.

If the opinion of the attorney-general, refusing the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association the right to carry their own risks under the state workmen's compensation act, is good law, then we have some bad law on the statute books. When the afore-said workmen's compensation act was pending, some friends of the system urged that provisions be inserted for the state's carrying the insurance called for, or for a provision permitting employers to enter into voluntary associations and carry their own risks. This was not done, the progenitors of the bill fearing to create too much machinery.

Well, it seems that some employers can carry their own risks cheaper than and just as safely as the regular casualty companies, yet, under Vermont's insurance laws, designed for an entirely different purpose, they cannot do so. We say this is poor law and it calls for a remedy. Certainly there can be no good reason why such respectable organizations as the Granite Manufacturers' association, the Quarrymen's association, the marble and slate manufacturers' organizations or the railroads should not be permitted to carry these risks themselves, under such regulations as the commissioner of industries or the insurance commissioner might prescribe. Furthermore, The Herald has a notion that such employers will very speedily and effectively demand that right before long.—Rutland Herald.

An Old-Time Idea.

More than one newspaper that ought to know better persists in manifesting and promulgating a belief that the daylight-saving law will be an entirely new experiment in this country. The contrary is the truth.

Many years ago, long before what is called standard time had been adopted by the railroad companies and accepted by the people, daylight-saving was practiced by some, if not all, of the mill corporations in various sections of New England. Clock hands were moved back for winter and forward for summer without hesitation and without proclamation. Everybody in the mill towns became accustomed to the semi-annual changes, and, although whole hours were not saved in that manner, it was a simple daylight-saving project.

One disadvantage of the pioneer reform was the fact that it was necessary to keep in mind always two measurements of time—the fixed schedule, used by the railroads, and the "corporation" standard, so called.—Boston Traveler.

Conditions in Germany.

An intelligent American, who has just arrived from Europe, but whose name we cannot disclose, reports that conditions in Germany have become exceedingly serious, and that if people could ever be starved into submission, this would soon be the fate of the Germans. From what he knows of their temper of mind, however, he feels that they will bear their misfortunes in sullen silence, even if starving is necessary; and that only a military decision can end the war. He says that Germany, with all her real and feigned preparedness, never had in contemplation a war of such duration and intensity as this one has become. In consequence, she has gone to pieces in most of the great fundamentals of life. The rolling stock of her railroads has sunk to deplorable condition, far worse than we know anything about here. Her railroads were prepared for a sharp strain, but not for so long a pull. In food and in apparel, the war has witnessed a steady lowering of the standard. The government did not shut off articles all at once, for that would have had effects on the public, but has, instead, withdrawn one thing after another, instituting a substitute or equivalent, and then a substitute or equivalent of that, until the articles now in use bear



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The Sixth Sense of a Policeman.

April 11th, 1914, two-thirty a. m., fire at West Side hotel. On this night I anticipated there would be a fire occur in this particular building, with the result that I discovered it from the railroad yard at the time above-mentioned.—Report of Chief J. M. Donahue, Northfield.

Add ORIGIN OF SLANG: "Poor Tom, that woman, and poetry were constantly ringing changes in my senses."—Letters of John Keats.

Will Hickory Stick?

Reub Hickory has gone to Deweys to work on a farm, \$45 per month and board and washing done.—Briggs item.

Deuces Are Running Wild Again.

Editor Vermont Journal: I read with some interest the reference in your issue of March 15th concerning the Sunday closing of business establishments in Windsor. After that is tended to satisfactorily, it might be a good idea to see if playing poker could be stopped. Yours truly, Cadillac Magneto.

Rubber.

The Streetcar shop started up last Thursday, having been idle most of the winter.—Cavendish item.

Pausing on the threshold of the 1918 sugar season, Zenas Zim, one of the Thim Whomers of The Col. perpetrated the following:

Put two spoons to the bucket. Two buckets to all big trees—The sturdy Vermont maples. Are built to stand the squeeze.

Perhaps Zenas will thank the St. Johnsbury Republican and the Northfield News for denying him the honor of authorship.

A young Vermonter with the colors made the final sacrifice, and back in his home town a friend of the lad dedicated the lines that follow to his memory. We suspect that his friend is not a professional verse-maker, yet there is a fine effect of imagery in the poem, and one may be grateful to the Manchester Journal for giving the verses a place in its columns.

To You.

Yours was a sunny nature. Yours was a happy smile. Yours was a heart of the purest. For you were a lad worth while.

You were there just doing your duty. It seemed cruel to have you go! You were young, so the hurt is keener. Oh! boy, we will miss you so.

You were there so we would remember The Cause we were fighting for. And while men like you stood brave and true With God's help we would win this war.

Last night I had a strange new dream. The stars in the heavens seemed To be the souls of those brave men Who in answering the call of duty Had sacrificed willingly their lives; And suddenly out in the night sky, Lit with its many lights— Away off in the distance. As if seeking a better goal, Among the shining myriads burst— A bright new star—your soul!

Green Mountain Echoes.

Seems good to have the birds with us once more.—Grafton item.

Quite a few in town are enjoying liberty measles.—Weston item.

Sunday was a fine day, but nothing doing in the sugar place.—Felcherville item.

F. A. Robie had his first tramp to look after Saturday night.—Glenduff item.

The last cold weather froze tomato plants with three leaves for Mrs. Pliny Smith.—Lower Cabot item.

Alton Spencer is at home enjoying the chicken pox, rather an early hatch.—East Burke item.

The snow that fell last Thursday p. m. was of red-brown color.—Twenty Mile Stream item.

The moving season is on. John Jones is moving to my house and I am moving to his. Everyone change, seems to be the slogan.—Everts item.

If a merchant requires ten cents per dozen for putting eggs from one case to

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another, how much ought a farmer realize who takes care of the hens and buys grain at the extortionate price?—Cornish item. Change ne'er a cloot Till May be oot. M. S. A service flag in the window of the Oldsmobile show room in the Drown block carries two stars in honor of men from the agency who have joined the colors.

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Some of the farmers have begun sugaring, and some are waiting for the snow to settle, so they won't have to gather buckets near the limbs.—Bull Run item. Famous Zones. Barred Temperate War. Beware the seductive appeal of phantom spring, lest the imminent April

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