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The suspending of the American casualty list may mean that the United States forces are about to enter the big battle of the Somme.

With the Massachusetts legislature voting in favor of the national prohibition amendment there isn't much left for the other New England states to do than to go ahead and vote likewise. Massachusetts has long been known as the extremely wet area of New England.

It is to be presumed that Robert Lansing is on his job as secretary of state in Washington, though he has been strangely out of the limelight for many weeks. That may be due partly to the fact that the day of diplomacy has passed in this war and will not come again until the allies get around to dictate terms of peace to Germany.

The field of usefulness of the Rockingham hospital at Bellows Falls is greatly enlarged by the requirement of two provisional bequests aggregating \$25,000, the same to be used for endowment purposes. In addition to that, the hospital association owns its building and its equipment and is entirely free from debt. It is a financial condition such as many a hospital in Vermont might wish to have for itself.

Vermont farmers, who are desirous of securing the temporary return of their soldier sons in order to assist in the farm work, should bear in mind that the government requires that application for furlough must be initiated from the soldier himself and not from the farmer. This applies, of course, only to the soldiers in the cantonments and camps in the United States and does not include those who are in service in Europe.

The German sea adders are again looking for American troops transports, their weekly toll of British merchantmen having been materially reduced during the past week. It may be expected, however, that they will find their work extremely difficult inasmuch as the United States government is not taking any chances after the experience of the Tuscania with a submarine. The transports are being convoyed with destroyers in such numbers as to make attack by the undersea boats all but impossible.

The United States has approximately a million and a half men under arms at the present time, to say nothing of several hundred thousand more in the naval forces; yet that good-sized army does not count, only as it puts its feet on European soil. Therefore, the one big duty lying ahead of the government is to transport those million and a half men across the Atlantic just as fast as possible. The incidental duty will be to back up those million and a half men with a similar number in training in the camps of the United States. Even then we would be considerably short of the number declared by Major General Leonard A. Wood to be necessary for the successful completion of this war.

Although the statement is turned to the advantage of the allies, it is probably true that the German general staff is sending a large part of its wounded men from the present battle to hospitals in Belgium. That move may or may not have been made in order to keep from the German people as much of the gruesome details of the German slaughter as possible. It is certain that the sight of wounded German soldiers returning by the thousands would be calculated to arouse the anger of the German populace, especially in view of the fact that the German Slaughterers were no nearer culminating victory in the war. The German populace, generally docile and tractable, might finally be aroused to throw the rascals out, the rascals being the blood-stained murderers of their own subjects through insatiable desire for world domination. The kaiser and his crew are constantly being menaced by an increasing peril inside the confines of their own empire. So it may be necessary to resort to such subterfuges as to send the vast numbers of wounded Germans to hospitals where the eyes of the relatives might not fall upon them.

LET THE STRATEGISTS CARRY ON THE WAR.

A great many people in the United States are impatient because the allied armies have not begun a counter offensive against the Germans in the Somme district, having overlooked the fact that the allied strategists are on the spot, know what numbers of reserves they can spare and are cognizant of the German power of resistance, while we, here in America, are merely served up with a lot of speculation from so-called military experts in Washington. As a matter of fact, the reports sent out from Washington during the past week have been largely responsible for this impatience on the part of the American people because they have been telling us from day to day that the allies' counter offensive is bound to start within 24 or 48 hours at the latest, and, moreover, that there will be so much power behind it

that the Germans will be surely swept back over their recently acquired territory. A little more strict censorship of the stuff being sent out from Washington would release statements nearer the truth and would have a tendency, perhaps, to induce the American people to let the strategists on the spot pick the time and the place of the next allied move. There is no doubt that the allies have a considerable reserve power, but we should bear in mind that the military leaders are not getting their orders from Washington any more than they are denying the existence of a German gun capable of hurling nine and one-half inch shells a distance of 64 miles just because some so-called ordnance experts in Washington immediately issued a dictum that such a gun was impossible. The best brains of Great Britain, France and Italy, to say nothing of the United States, are directing the allies' war maneuvers in western Europe. Why not let them do it?

STILL AN AMERICAN STATE.

In the present situation it did not make so very much difference whether Lenroot or Davies won the Wisconsin senatorial contest. The main thing was to beat Berger. And the reason for that main thing was because Berger was running on a platform of anti-war, which amounted almost to anti-Americanism. Berger had stated explicitly that if elected to the Senate he would do everything within his power (small though that might have been) to get the government to withdraw from the war and return its armed forces to the United States. That attitude comes about as near to anti-Americanism in the present juncture as it was possible to go, short of direct espousal of the cause of Germany in the war. On the other hand both Lenroot and Davies were running on a known platform of strict support of the government in the prosecution of the war to the successful end of a righteous cause; and Lenroot's activities in the House of Representatives had stamped him latterly as a man who was ready to carry out his convictions. Virtually, therefore, it was a contest between Americanism and anti-Americanism, and with the forces of Americanism somewhat divided into the old party lines of Republican and Democrat. There was extreme danger that the division of the American forces between Lenroot and Davis might result in a triumph for the exponent of anti-Americanism, Berger, a Socialist and a known opponent of the government's attitude in the war. Fortunately, however, the loyalty of a great majority of the people of Wisconsin came to the rescue and though Milwaukee and some of the other sections which are steeped in pro-Germanism were carried by Berger both Lenroot and Davies ran ahead of the third candidate, with Lenroot slightly leading. There would have been cause for satisfaction had either Lenroot or Davies won the election. Wisconsin is doing something to purge itself of suspicion.

RED + NOTES

No Red Cross sewing meeting this week, as Spaulding school building is closed for vacation.

The Burlington branch has received \$60 as the proceeds of a play, "Odds and Ends," presented by young women at the university.

Mrs. Mary F. Perry, of Johnson, aged 83 years, has knit an afghan for the Red Cross and also many other articles. She is an enthusiastic knitter.

A woman from Prince Rupert, B. C., who has been visiting relatives in Burlington, has knit since the war began 312 pairs of socks and is still knitting.

Mrs. Julia Miller of Brattleboro, in her 80th year, knitted for the Red Cross 16 pairs of socks during the month of February, an average of more than one sock a day. She knits one a day easily.

The women of Townshend have devoted much of their time the past winter to making quilts for the Red Cross and at last accounts had sent in 22 and had eight more ready for the lining.

"Aunt" Hannah Martin of Peacham, who is 87 years old and not able to knit or sew, took care of a calf almost wholly herself and when it was sold, gave the money, \$20, to the Red Cross for the purpose of purchasing supplies.

A late Red Cross bulletin was as follows: "General Pershing has requested that no more socks with double heels be sent across for the reason that when they are washed they are rough and make blisters on soldiers' feet."

Recent newspaper despatches are authority for the statement that spiral socks are now considered better for the soldiers than the ordinary ones with feet, and that the Red Cross will later issue directions for making them. It is said that they wear much longer, the wear being distributed instead of coming in the same place each time. The women of a European nation were the first to make the spiral socks and they have passed the word along to America, with the sanction of the boys "over there," it is said.

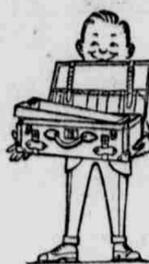
The March shipment of articles from the Barre branch of the Red Cross, including things given to Barre men leaving for service, is as follows: 111 sweaters, 120 pairs socks, 70 pairs wristers, 30 helmets, 12 scarfs, 19 housewives, four pairs hospital socks, 5 knitted afghans, 23 surgical shirts, 86 suits pajamas, 2 convalescent gowns, 54 pillows, 4 patchwork quilts, 3 scrap books, 4 long hand-kerchiefs.

The surgical dressings department has shipped 168 compresses 9x9, 1,776 compresses 4x4, 49 gauze sponges, 140 gauze strips, 5 triangular bandages.

Much of the sewing was done by the Washington and Barre Town members, and very excellent work, too.

Notice.

On and after April 1 the price of horse board in our stables will be \$6 per week. John Papin, Julius Bess, James & Nye.



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TALK OF THE TOWN

Story hour for children under 10 years at the Easter sale, Congregational church Friday at 4 p. m.

There will be a quarterly meeting of the Hospital Aid association at the hospital Friday afternoon, April 5, at 3:30, and all members are requested to attend if possible.

Special sheet music sale of all the latest hits at 10c a copy at Bailey's Music Rooms, 14 Elm street, Barre.

Joseph Weaver of Academy street returned last evening from Morrisville, where he has been visiting during the past few days at the home of his parents. While absent, Mr. Weaver attended the Spaulding-Burlington basketball game at Morrisville Monday evening.

Auction sale to-morrow at Farnham's at Montpelier, Vt.; 28 horses expected from the West to-day, or to-morrow morning. Mr. Farnham has eight or ten second-hand horses of his own, and there will be quite a bunch of second-hand horses consigned; quite a number of pairs of work teams are among the lot. It is expected that this will be a big sale. If you have anything to dispose of along these lines or if you wish to purchase it will pay you to be on hand. C. F. Smith, auctioneer.

Readers of war literature in Barre will be interested to learn that Capt. Louis Keene of the Canadian army, who is to speak at the British recruiting rally in the opera house to-night, is the author of "Crumps," a book that has passed into its fifth edition, so firm a hold has it gained on the reading public. "Crumps" is the plain tale of "a Canadian who went," and that Canadian is Capt. Keene. His book has been in demand at local bookstands ever since the first edition was circulated. At the outbreak of the war Louis Keene was a newspaper man in Montreal. His graphic story of the overseas expedition in which the lion's cub in the western hemisphere proved its loyalty beyond a doubt is incorporated in "Crumps." Next to "Over the Top," "Crumps" is perhaps one of the most widely read stories of the war on the American table. Its plain, withal absorbing, recital of fact has made a strong appeal to fathers and mothers who are sending their boys into the conflict with all the self-abnegation that marked the fine spirit of the Crusaders.

Just One More Day

Money deposited in our savings department before closing time Friday will draw interest from April 1 at 4 per cent.

REMEMBER, every dollar that you deposit in this bank is doing double duty: it is not only earning a good sum for you, but it is also helping the government to finance the war.

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