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Amiens seems to be the best bet of the Germans' next attack.

If you ask us, this is regular Odd Fellow convention weather.

There is no danger of Memorial day dying out, only it will be a wholly national Memorial day hereafter.

Having recaptured one mountain peak from the Austrians, the Italians know where there are a good many more.

If Germany expects she can get more men than the allies by waiting for them to grow she is bound to be mistaken.

Within a day or two interest on the second Liberty loan will be paid to you. No better place could be found for them than in bar savings stamps or thrift stamps, at least.

Yes, write to the boys across the ocean. Write to them often and write to them in a cheerful vein. If ever they are going to need the comfort of cheering news from home they need it now.

The great United States of America ought to be able to produce enough disinterested persons to conduct a fair investigation of the failure, or apparent failure, of some of our war activities.

The names of Vermont soldiers are creeping into the casualty lists with greater frequency as the battle on the western front progresses. This was expected and has been, in a measure, prepared against.

The inadvisability of American girls forming matrimonial alliances with men of foreign citizenship in foreign countries is being demonstrated now that the United States is at war with some of those nations.

panic at the slightest adverse conditions and sporting about in great playfulness whenever the pressure is relieved. So, in gauging the situation as indicated by the stock market it is well not to follow the same impulses as the stocks themselves.

DON'T BUNGLER YOUR DETECTIVE WORK.

It is to be hoped that Attorney General Gregory's request upon American citizens that they constitute themselves a committee of one to report any acts or speeches showing disloyalty to the United States will not result in the formation of an amateur detective force which will go snooping around after evidence and will jump to a hasty conclusion at the mere indication or hint of something unusual. There already is enough hysteria over the spy peril and the alleged spy peril. Some innocent persons are being constantly swept into public obliquity just because someone goes off half-cocked, so to speak, and spreads stories of false nature about them. It is a good thing to act patriotically and report all sure cases of disloyalty but a great deal of harm can be done by reporting charges which have not basis in fact. Better be sure than be sorry.

MYSTIFYING THE ENEMY.

The announcement by the way of Ottawa that the allied war council has decided not to use American troops until they can be mobilized into a vast and fully equipped army was at once put down as more or less camouflage fashion by the commanders of our forces in order to mystify the enemy. It is scarcely likely that the allied war council would hold "over half a million" American soldiers in the background to be mere spectators of the great battle, which seems about to be resumed. That is not what the Americans were sent to Europe for and it is not what Great Britain, France and Italy petitioned for when those countries asked that American reinforcements be sent with the least possible delay. It may be put down as a probable fact, therefore, that the American soldiers are being disposed where they can give the best service against the impending offensive of the still strong foe. The British and the French are not so powerful numerically that they can take any chances on being overwhelmed by an avalanche of Germans.

CURRENT COMMENT

"Missing in action" may not be so bad as it sounds. There is the hope that loved ones included in that list are still alive and being held as prisoners by the Germans. Therefore, the friends and relatives of the men should keep up their courage.

Perhaps the German soldiers have been told to repeat, if taken prisoner, that Hindenburg is dead; and, of course, if a German soldier is told to do a thing he will do it. That may account for the unanimity of the reports being told by the Germans who are gathered in by the various raiding operations of the allies.

"Motoring as usual" seems to apply in Vermont, for there were 5,000 more cars registered up to April 30, 1918, than for the same period last year. This speeding up may be due in part to the fact that the secretary of state required early application if former license holders wished their old numbers, but it is probably due in a measure to the increase in the number of motor vehicles. Vermont has not been "bled white" financially despite the demands of war and should be in position to meet other calls based on necessity.

Congratulations to the Barre Times, which now lets out another peg and nabs the full leased wire reports of the A. P. taken over a special wire running into its own office.—Swanton Courier.

Wise Plan for May 30.

Even without the wholly fitting and appropriate proclamation that President Wilson has issued, it was certain that Memorial day would this year be a holy day indeed instead of merely the spring holiday that there has been a tendency to make it within the last decade or two. Since the May 30 of last year things have happened to give the day a new significance in many thousands of American homes—in all American homes, for that matter, where there are thinking people. The thought of the hundreds of little crosses above American soldiers in France and of the more than half a million of our soldiers now in that far land carried its own answer to the familiar question of a few years ago: "What will become of Memorial day when the Civil war veterans are gone?" In setting apart the coming Memorial day as something more than a decoration day, as a day to be celebrated in the spirit of the fast day of the Pilgrim forefathers, the president has acted wisely. The proclamation will strike a responsive chord the country over. As a day of prayer, as well as a day dedicated to the soldier dead of all our wars, Memorial day will gain new associations that will become its origin and early history. These are sobering times, times that demand new consecration, and a day of "public humiliation, prayer and fasting" after the fashion of the old fast day that we thought that we had outgrown will be good for the soul of the American nation. Memorial day, so freighted with sacred and stimulating memories, is the fitting day for such a program. In the two weeks to come let the plans for the day be made in keeping with the spirit of the president's proclamation.—Boston Herald.

Thus at a dinner given in his honor in 1907 was introduced the hero of an incident of 20 years ago that nearly started a tempest in an international respect. The incident is recalled by the just-passed anniversary of Dewey's May day victory at Manila bay, and a correspondent writes to remind us of the new infusion of meaning given by the events of the last four years to the bit of doggerel recited by a captain of the United States navy at a dinner at the Union League club in New York City at which Elihu Root presided. The nagging tactics of the Germans at Manila they were fresh in all our minds, and while everyone realized that the "Hoch der Kaiser" verses were not calculated to promote international comity, and that Capt. Coghlan had been guilty of an indiscretion, everyone chuckled quietly also, for at last the truth had been spoken. Capt. Coghlan was rebuked, but he died a rear admiral after all. The captain commanded the Raleigh, third in Dewey's line, on the May day of 1898. On Dec. 15 following his vessel was ordered home, the first to be detached from Dewey's squadron. Just four months later he brought his ship into New York bay. Amidst the congratulatory festivities the captain went a little farther than propriety prescribes. He spoke his mind freely about German meddling, and then recited the rhymed satire upon the German emperor. The "poet" has a flavor of who wrote it. Usually it is attributed to Capt. "Jack" Myers of the U. S. M. C., who was at Manila and later in the besieged legations at Peking. The sentiments were rather startling then; to-day they have been expressed in many rhymes, some as bad as these, others attaining the dignity of real poetry. Here are two of the verses which the Union League diners heard with mirth and also with misgiving: "Der Kaiser of die Fatherland, Und Gott on high all things command, Us two—ach, don't you understand? Myself—und Gott."

"Vile some men sing der power divine Mine soldiers as they march in Rhine Und drink der health in Rhenish wine Of Me—und Gott." —Boston Herald.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

War Chest Idea Defended.

Editor, Barre Daily Times: In your issue of the 13th you published a letter from Ingrid Ginkbeus wherein he expressed his fear that the war chest idea which this city proposes to take up would be detrimental to the organizations which it represents and is trying to benefit; and possibly it would be if our citizens were to enter into it in the same pessimistic spirit as Ginkbeus seems to.

Experience in the past has proved that success has always crowned united effort as against individual, and the war chest idea with its proven value of systematic giving loyally supported by all who have the interests of our war and local charities at heart, will bring better results than have ever been achieved by individual effort.

So far as I have been able to find out, every locality which has adopted the war chest idea has been enabled to raise double the amount of money which the several organizations on whose behalf they are working, were able to raise individually; and at the same time save to the individual workers a large amount of valuable time to devote to other useful activities in the various individual organizations, in which they are especially interested.

Opposition may sometimes be beneficial in business but never in a work of this nature, therefore, let all good citizens heartily co-operate in pushing the war chest idea and the results will be such as to prove beyond a doubt that co-operation in this work will bring better results financially, more sustained and widespread interest in our war and other charities, than we have had in the past, worthy though that has been; the end to be achieved is worthy of our best efforts, so let all boast who can, and if perchance there are any who feel that they can't, let them at least refrain from any word or act that would retard a movement that has malice towards none and love and charity towards all. James Mackay.

WILLIAMSTOWN

The horse barn of Frank Boyce was struck by lightning during the heavy storm on the afternoon of the 10th, the bolt entering at the ridgepole near the middle of the barn, splitting and splintering one of the rafters and following down a post to the ground. Fortunately the barn was not set on fire.

Dr. Henry A. Downs, who has been visiting his parents and brother for a few days, returned to his home in Oil City, Pa., yesterday.

Walter M. Williams was in Gayville the 12th, and returned with his wife, who has been a guest of her parents in that village, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Abbott, for about ten days past.

Mrs. Harry M. Lasell and son, Harry James, with the scribe at the wheel and his better half making the fourth member of the party, motored to Springfield last Sunday, going via White River Junction and down the Connecticut to Charleston bridge, thence up the Black river valley to Springfield. After spending an hour looking at points of interest in this thriving village and enjoying a good dinner in company with Harry and Horace Lasell, the entire party started on the return trip, via Woodstock, Barre and Bethel, arriving at home just after dark. Peggy Ford made the 156 miles without drinking anything stronger than water.

Rev. John Robinson preached his first sermon to the members of the Methodist society last Sunday, and also visited the people of East Brookfield in the afternoon. He, with his wife and son, came in his car from Holland the day before, finding some rough going in the first part of the trip, but good roads after passing St. Johnsbury.

N. R. Farnham, local agent for the Mutual Life Insurance companies of Montpelier, was called to Frank Boyce's last Saturday in the matter of the damage done to the barn by lightning the day before.

Charles L. Hayward was in Laconia and Concord, N. H., the latter part of last week, returning home on Saturday.

Miss Bethany Powers and Miss Olive Denmore, teachers in the Boyce and Lynde schools, spent Saturday at the home of the former in Waterbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson, who have been living with their son, Dr. Carl F. Robinson, are now tenants of Melvin E. Burnham's house on construction hill.

A party from Bakersfield, including two teachers from Brigham academy, Miss Jenkins and Mr. Parker, and two students of the academy, Ruth and Richard Martin, arrived in town Friday night and stayed until Sunday afternoon as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harley T. Martin.

A teacher in the schools of Montpelier, Miss Helen Crocker, spent a part of the week end in town with her cousin, Robert B. Parker.

Mrs. George W. Dillingham of Northfield has been in town for the past week as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ada Lasell.

WEBSTERVILLE

Friends of Frank Mayo of New Haven, Conn., formerly of this place, will be interested to know that he has enlisted as a reserve engineer of the navy and expects to go on duty about the middle of June. He is at present manager of the New Haven office of the Sterling Tire company.

Grace MacDonald of Orange spent the week end here as a guest of Mrs. Anna McLeod.

The Red Cross society will meet on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 with Mrs. Robert Mitchell.

George Ferris of Milford, Conn., is visiting here for a few days.

While out walking Sunday afternoon, James Miller stepped on a rolling stone and fell, cutting a gash on his head just above the temple. Dr. N. E. Avery was called and he had to take two stitches to close the wound.

Peter Connor, James Boyce, Thomas Staples and Ed. Clear, returned Friday from Springfield, Mass. Norman McLeod has enlisted for United States service and expects to leave Wednesday for the University of Vermont for training.

There will be a prayer service at the Baptist church Thursday evening. Palace theatre, Wednesday, first episode of "The Voice on the Wire," the best serial yet produced.—adv.



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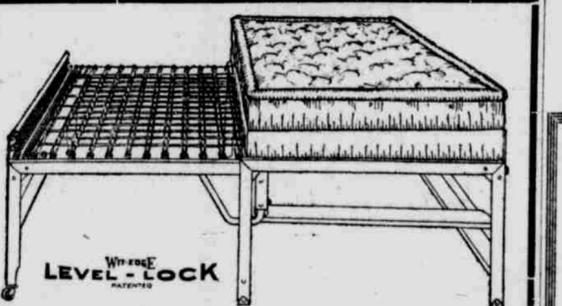
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The buoyancy of the stock market in New York and other financial centers reflects, no doubt, the relief of the tension brought about by the failure of the Germans, after almost two months' efforts, to break through the allied lines in western Europe. It is probable, too, that the reports of internal discord in the central powers have had something to do with the general upward trend of the market. Nevertheless, the public should not bank too much on this indication of such susceptible things as stocks in the open market, for they are swayed by slightest influences, rushing to cover in