

FRENCH AND BRITISH ADVANCED IN DETERMINED DRIVES AGAINST ST. QUENTIN-LA FERRE DEFENSES

The Former Captured Village and Fort of Vendeuil North of La Fere and Then Pushed Their Way To the Oise River

BRITISH ADVANCED LINE TOWARD LE CATELET

German Counter-Attack Between Cambrai and St. Quentin Was Broken Down, the Enemy Sustaining Heavy Losses

(By the Associated Press).

About St. Quentin the war operations are centered on the towns of Vendeuil and Vendhuile. The French, after capturing the town and fort of Vendeuil, pushed on to the Oise river and, as a result, have driven a sharp salient into the German defenses between St. Quentin and Laon.

Vendhuile is nine miles north-northwest of St. Quentin and on the Scheldt canal two miles west of Le Catelet. Northwest and southwest of the town the British have captured German strong points and rapidly are closing in on it from three directions.

Farther north Field Marshal Haig's men have carried out a successful local attack south of Villers-Guislain, taking one hundred prisoners. In a local operation northeast of Arras, the British captured 60 prisoners southeast of Gavrelle and made some progress.

PLACE LITTLE WEIGHT ON GERMAN "CRISIS"

British Newspapers Are Inclined to Believe That the Furor Is Just Another in the Fruitless Series of "Revolutions."

London, Sept. 23.—Although reports of a German political crisis arising from the supposed movement for parliamentary government are printed at greater or less length in the papers here and the situation is watched with mild interest for any possibilities it may contain, the whole thing is mostly regarded as merely an integral part of the German "peace offensive."

The Telegraph, discussing the rumors, says this is the eighth political "crisis" in the course of the war and adds "all of them have left things very much as they were before."

The Graphic describes the discussion now filling German papers as a strategy to lure the allies into making peace by depicting Germany as a democracy.

The paper believes the emperor is following the example of some of his Hohenzollern predecessors and is gladly playing his part in "the farce which is about to be re-staged with the centerist majority and the Socialists as joint managers."

The inwardness of the move, the paper adds, is that Matthias Erzberger hopes, with the help of Philip Scheidemann, the Socialist leader, and his followers, to cut Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling and secure the center of the stage as peacemaker for Germany.

"Allied democracies are led to believe it will be quite safe to negotiate with a German parliamentary government," the Graphic says. "The whole movement is clearly preparing the way for a resuscitation of the notorious Reichstag resolution in revised edition in the hope that the allies have forgotten how completely that sham has been exposed."

During the night other English troops made progress in the direction of Tombois farm after several hours of hard fighting and farther north captured a group of strongly held trenches and strong points on the spur northwest of Vendhuile, taking a number of prisoners.

"During the night also over one hundred prisoners were captured by us in a successful local attack south of Villers-Guislain."

"East of Gavrelle, English troops made progress on a front of about three-quarters of a mile, capturing sixty prisoners."

"Early last night the enemy attacked Arrahout under cover of a heavy artillery barrage and penetrated our line at one point. An immediate counter-attack by our troops completely re-established the positions."

Paris, Sept. 23.—French troops yesterday and last night made notable progress in their drive for the encirclement of St. Quentin. They pushed in far on the south and captured the village and fort of Vendeuil, close to the Oise, nine miles southeast of St. Quentin, says today's war office announcement.

From Vendeuil the French pushed on to the river. North of Ly-Fontaine they penetrated the wood in the direction of Hinacourt.

The statement follows: "In the region of St. Quentin the French troops continued their advance yesterday evening and last night. They penetrated the wood north of Ly-Fontaine, captured the fort and village of Vendeuil and pushed on to the Oise."

"French reconnoitering parties took prisoners north of the Aisne and in the Champagne in the direction of Butte du Mesnil. German raids north of the Vesle and in the Vosges failed."

WILL NEVER LET THE AMERICANS THROUGH

So the German Troops on the Alsace-Lorraine Front Are Reported to Have Promised the Kaiser.

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—"We never will let Frenchmen or Americans through here," was the promise given Emperor William by his troops when he visited the Alsace-Lorraine front on Sept. 19 and 20, according to Karl Rosner's Sunday dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger.

The purpose of the visit was to thank the troops for having bravely held out and, according to a possibly significant remark by the emperor's chronicler, "at the same time giving them inspiring words for the fresh fighting on the threshold of which we are perhaps standing on the southwest of the empire."

The emperor first visited the section between Mulhausen and Colmar, where "in sight of the Vosges front on whose heights and slopes the German positions run and within hearing of the dull roaring cannon fire, Emperor William, conducted by Field Marshal Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg, the commander-in-chief of the army group, went from division to division, camp to camp and hospital to hospital."

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CLEMENT RESIGNS LOCAL OPTION OFFICE

Quits Presidency of the League to Relieve Republican State Committee of Any Possible Embarrassment.

Rutland, Sept. 23.—For the avowed purpose of giving his whole energy to the pending campaign and to relieve the state committee of any possible embarrassment, Percival W. Clement of this city announces his resignation as president of the Vermont Local Option League.

The Republican nominee for governor does not in any way retreat from his life-long position on the principle of self-government as applied to the regulation of the liquor traffic, but asks to be relieved as president of the league in order to devote his whole time and strength to the campaign, and, if elected, to the business of the state.

HAND BADLY CUT.

Fremont O. Brown of Bethel Mangled in Corn Cutter.

Bethel, Sept. 23.—Fremont O. Brown met with a painful and serious accident Saturday afternoon when cutting corn for the silo. The machine becoming clogged, he used his right hand to clear the compartment, when one of the knives cut a large slice of flesh from the palm of his hand, exposing the tendons and creating a condition very hard to treat.

Dr. F. C. Fletcher was called and had been four times in about 26 hours up to yesterday afternoon.

LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF BERLIN.

Lemuel Chandler, Father of Dr. M. L. Chandler of Barre, Died Saturday.

Lemuel Chandler, father of Dr. M. L. Chandler of Barre, died Saturday afternoon at his home in West Berlin Saturday, after two years of declining health. He was one of the oldest, and, in his younger years, one of the most prominent farmers in the town of Berlin. Besides the son mentioned, he leaves two sons and two daughters, as follows: Ervin L. Chandler and George W. Chandler of West Berlin, Mrs. Marion L. Hopkins of West Berlin, and Miss Mabel W. Chandler, also of West Berlin, who is a teacher in the public schools of Barre.

The deceased was born in Berlin, on the farm where he died, Sept. 29, 1832. His marriage to Lucretia E. Crockett took place May 1, 1852. Her death occurred in April, 1917. In 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Chandler observed their golden wedding anniversary. The deceased was one of nine children, and until his latter years he took an active part in town affairs, serving a number of terms as selectman and holding other local offices.

The funeral will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in the family lot in the West Berlin cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN WILFORD.

Williamstown Woman Had Just Been Brought to Barre Hospital.

Mrs. Josephine Wilford, wife of John Wilford of Williamstown, died Saturday night at the City hospital, where she had been brought Saturday afternoon for care and treatment. She had been ill for a year with cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. Wilford was born, Josephine Lavine, in Plattsburg, N. Y., 48 years ago last May, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lavine. Her marriage to Mr. Wilford occurred at Montpelier April 27, 1858. Besides her husband, she leaves two children, Mrs. Harry Anderson and Master Leon Wilford of Williamstown. She also leaves a brother, George Lavine of Williamstown.

The funeral will be held at St. Sylvester's church in Granville Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Richard Ludlow has returned to her home in Ryegate, after accompanying her daughter to Barre. The latter is enrolled at Goddard seminary.

25,000 TURKS TAKEN PRISONER

And 260 Guns Captured by Gen. Allenby in Palestine

TWO WHOLE ARMIES NEARLY WIPED OUT

Very Great Victory Won as Allies Push Northward

London, Sept. 23.—(By Associated Press).—Twenty-five thousand Turkish prisoners and 260 guns had been counted up to yesterday evening by Gen. Allenby's forces pushing northward through Palestine, according to an official statement issued today by the war office.

The war office announcement says the 7th and 8th Turkish armies had virtually ceased to exist. The entire transport of these two armies was captured by the British.

Seleucia by the British of the crossings of the Jordan at Jas-ed-Damer on Sunday morning shut the last avenue of escape to the Turks west of the Jordan.

London, Sept. 23.—Reports from the Palestine front this afternoon indicate that none of the Turkish force of at least 40,000 men trapped by the British through the seizure of the last of the passages of the Jordan can possibly get away.

MONTEPIELIER A. & P. STORE WAS ROBBED OF \$235

Someone Acquainted with the Habits of the Manager Is Thought to Have Been Responsible.

A burglary took place at the Atlantic & Pacific store in Montpelier either Saturday night or Sunday night and about \$235 was missing this morning when Manager Baker opened the store. A window was broken in an alleyway between that store and the Montpelier Argus office but the cobwebs in the window opening were not disturbed enough to indicate that a person had used that opening.

It is understood that the robbery must have been perpetrated by someone acquainted with the habits of the store manager, for the money was kept in a nearby place, where it would not be likely to be looked for unless the robber knew just where to go.

This robbery brings out the information that two weeks ago the store of L. C. Rivers in Montpelier was entered, but robbery was prevented when Mr. Rivers went back to the store in order to turn off the light in an advertising display and saw a man disappearing through the rear door.

APPOINTED PUBLICITY DIRECTOR.

H. P. Hinman of Barre to Aid in United War Work Campaign.

Barre is to be the seat of the publicity work to be done in connection with the united war work campaign to be waged throughout the country in November. This follows as the result of the appointment of Sec. H. P. Hinman of the Granite Manufacturers' association to serve as publicity director for the state of Vermont. He is one of several state publicity directors who are to co-operate with the director for the department of the Northeast, George Sullivan of Boston. Mr. Hinman is to serve without compensation, yet he is to devote a good deal of his time, in common with other state directors, to the work. To-day, along with other Barre men, he attended a state conference in Rutland, where working plans for the Vermont campaign were considered.

MRS. M. F. STRANAHAN DEAD.

Waterbury Woman Was Born in Ferrisburg.

Waterbury, Sept. 23.—Mrs. M. F. Stranahan died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lyons, at the Center. She was born Susan Gregory, at Ferrisburg, Feb. 8, 1850, being the daughter of Enoch and Susanna Band. She was educated in the public schools and taught at Westport, N. Y., later going to Grinnell, Ia., where she became acquainted with Mr. Stranahan and married him. They returned to Vermont and Mr. Stranahan was for many years a tailor here. He died three years ago.

She leaves three children, Merrill Stranahan of Montpelier, Mrs. Lyons of the Center and Miss Blanche Stranahan, a teacher in Bradford. She was a member of Queen Esther chapter, O. E. S., the Rebekah lodge at Bradford, the Pieta club of this place and was a charter member of the Philomathean club.

The funeral will be held at the Congregational chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"FIGHTING FOURTH" LIBERTY LOAN BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 28

Get ready; save to buy; buy early.

SERBIANS CUT FOE'S RAILROADS

Severed Main Railway Line Between Uskub and Saloniki

ALSO GERMAN LINE RUNNING TO PRILEP

The Enemy Reinforcements Have Been Compelled to Retreat

London, Sept. 23.—Serbian troops have cut the main railway line between Uskub and Saloniki and are on the western bank of the Vardar river, says the Serbian official statement Sunday.

West of the Vardar the Serbians have cut the railway line to Prilep which is the main line of German communication in this region.

Serbian infantry units now are in the mountainous regions and advanced twenty-five miles in one day. The number of prisoners and the amount of war material captured increases daily.

The neighboring German and Bulgarian sectors now are feeling the loss of their communication lines. Enemy reinforcements have been forced to retreat. Since September 15 the Serbians have advanced 40 miles.

ORDER COAL NOW OR GO WITHOUT

Barre Fuel Committee Summarizes the Coal Situation in Barre in Plain Language.

So much has been said and written about the conservation of food and fuel that there had been a tendency lately among some of our people to let it go in at one ear and out of the other as the saying is, but those who have taken this attitude are going to get the balance of what they will need in the form of No. 1 Buck coal. This is a fuel which we have been fortunate enough in receiving a good fair supply, and it can be used to good advantage in conjunction with nut, grate or egg coal while it cannot be used advantageously alone. Do not play the part of the foolish virgin any longer, but prepare at once for winter and get in your supply of coal and avoid the suffering which is otherwise sure to follow.

Your local fuel dealers have made all possible superhuman efforts this year to secure coal enough for all your needs, but they have reached their limit or rather the limit set by the government beyond which they cannot go, and that limit is far short of the amount needed for this winter. Through their supreme efforts we were enabled to go through last winter with comparatively little discomfort, while other sections of New England suffered. You can supplement their efforts at this time by getting the amount of coal that is at their disposal. Winter will soon be with us and they will be unable to help you then. Therefore, get what coal you can now, and those who have, supplement your supply with No. 1 Buck. Get your coal for winter. Get it at once. We can help you now if you will only help yourselves. Later on we will be unable to do so.

CALL ON CITY FOR HELP

To Fight Threatening Fire in South Barre Last Evening.

Fire Sunday evening quickly destroyed a house and barn, with a part of the contents, belonging to John J. Lee of Barre town, and occupied by the family of Allie Spencer. Help was solicited from the city fire department and the appeal was answered by the auto chemical truck, manned by a crew of regulars and volunteers, but the assistance arrived too late. The buildings were valued at \$1,500, covered by insurance to the extent of \$1,000, while the household furnishings of the occupants, partially destroyed, were uninsured.

A defective chimney is believed to be responsible for the blaze, which was discovered at 8 o'clock, when Mrs. Spencer, hearing a suspicious cracking, rushed outdoors to discover the roof in flames. She gave the alarm, but the villagers who responded soon found that nothing was at hand to stay the progress of the flames. Some household furnishings were removed, and the contents of the barn were taken out. Attention then centered on the preservation of adjoining property and to save a large tenement house, owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Arbuttle, a connecting chain of sheds was razed with the aid of ropes. Undoubtedly this precaution forestalled a more disastrous fire.

For some distance the countryside was illuminated by the flames and the local central office of the telephone company was besieged with queries as to whether the entire village of South Barre was aflame. The "hello" girls qualified their negative replies somewhat when the fire was at its height, but as soon as the danger of a general blaze had passed, those who inquired were told that only one piece of property had been destroyed.

John J. Lee, who purchased the buildings from A. A. Sargent a few months ago, is uncertain as to whether he will rebuild. He is employed by George E. McFarland. The Granite Mutual Insurance Co. of this city carried the loss on the property.

THIRTY NEW CITIZENS, 13 NOW IN U. S. ARMY

In Addition, Eight Applied for Final Papers and Ten Were Granted Their First Papers at Montpelier.

There was considerable naturalization done Saturday in the session of United States court held in Montpelier, when 10 were granted first papers and eight applied for final papers and 30 were granted final papers. Those granted first papers were: Frank C. Bednaski, Randolph, native of Russia; Annie E. Crozier, Montpelier; James Crozier, Berlin, Albert Kingsbury, Edmond Gingras, Montpelier, George E. Gingras, Montpelier, natives of Canada; Louis C. Bards, Montpelier, Greece; Joseph B. McDonald, Middlesex, Prince Edward Island; Louis P. Fredette, Montpelier, Canada. Miss Crozier is the superintendent of Heaton hospital.

Those who applied for second papers were: Alfred J. Watkins, Berlin, England; Henry Goodell, Randolph, New Brunswick; William Twomey, Roylton, Quebec; Sherwood Christopher, Brookfield, Quebec; William Levesque, Richmond, Quebec; Anton Yvanuk, Montpelier, Austria; Francisco Fuffaro, Montpelier, Italy.

Those who were admitted to citizenship were: Norman D. Hamel, Waterbury; Dino Berte, Barre; Charles J. Kamosky, Barre Town; Michele Gaccioni, Barre Town; John Torchiana, Waterbury; Luigi Leani, Barre; Auguste Belanger, Barre Town; William A. Scott, Barre Town; William Murray, Barre Town; Renato Cressol, Barre; James P. Scott, Barre Town; Pauline P. Jensen, Alexander Hens, Theodore J. Smith, Renzo Cantu, Barre; Achille Corti, Orange; Enrico Colombo, Ernest Letourneau, James J. Travers, James McDonald, jr., Alexander McKinnon, John McAndrew, Gunnar W. Erickson, James W. Clubb, Andrew D. Falconer, Barre; John T. Bryant, Barre Town; Archibald Neal, Barre Town; Domenico Berini, Domenico Peduzzi, Leonardo Tomata, Roberto C. Colombo, Arthur Vallieres, Anthon T. Michelson, Barre, Michele Arizalone, Woodbury; Napoleone Benedini, South Ryegate; Thomas B. Ellis, Morrisville; Joseph P. Roy, Morrisville; Enrico B. Rossi, Waterbury; Guido Rossi, Waterbury; Gerolamo A. Trenti, Waterbury; Carlo DeMori, Montpelier; Angus J. Beaton, Cabot; Leonard McCambridge, Burlington.

Total admitted, 30, of whom 13 are serving in the army; dismissed for negligence to appear for two years, Spaniards 3; continued at request of applicant because of various reasons, 12; deceased, 1.

SUGAR FOR PRESERVING.

Households Having Fruits or Vegetables to Preserve May Obtain It.

Frank H. Brooks, federal food administrator for Vermont, announced today a plan whereby all those households who have fruits or vegetables to preserve may obtain sugar. Mr. Brooks has striven faithfully to see that first those households which did not get sugar for canning last summer could get a supply. Such households have now had such an opportunity and for the most part have improved it.

The food administration is striving to see that in spite of the sugar shortage, fruits and vegetables will be preserved. To this end, the public are informed of the rules applying to the distribution of sugar now available for this purpose:

Rules Governing Plan.

1. Apply to your local food administrator for one of the new "sugar permits" for home canning," stating how many pounds you need up to 25 pounds, and how many pounds you have on hand for all purposes. If you have had any sugar for canning, state how much and what has been preserved with it.

2. Do not ask for such a permit until a few days before you actually need the sugar.

3. State the nature and quantity of the fruit or vegetable you wish to preserve and whether it is home-grown or to be purchased.

4. Furnish any further information that the county or local food administrator may require.

5. When you receive the permit, take it to any dealer in sugar.

6. Permits will be issued only to those whom the local administrator believes will use the sugar properly. The right is reserved to refuse any application.

7. Additional permits may be obtained where absolutely required.

Jellies and Jams Not in Favor.

Do as much canning and preserving as possible, but do it with a minimum amount of sugar. Putting up jellies and jams is not favored, as the proportion of sugar necessary is large compared with that of fruits preserved.

8. Do not attempt to obtain a canning sugar permit in order to get sugar for other purposes. The penalties for abusing these permits are severe, and every pound wrongly used is one pound less for our army in Europe and our allies.

9. These rules supersede all previous announcements. Slight modifications may be necessary.

The public is hereby notified that they are not to apply to their local food administrator until he makes an announcement in the local paper that he is prepared to issue declarations and permits, to meet their requirements.

The Barre food administrator, F. E. Langley, has these permits and is ready to give them out.

NORTHFIELD FAIR TO-MORROW.

Horses and Exhibits Arrived at the Grounds To-day.

Northfield, Sept. 23.—The 45th annual fair of the Dog River Valley association will open to-morrow and will continue through Wednesday and Thursday. Two carloads of race horses arrived Saturday and a carload belonging to J. M. Boutwell of Montpelier will arrive to-day from Lebanon, N. H., as will those belonging to C. L. O'Clair of Waterbury. An express car containing a motorhome and a number of side show attractions arrived Sunday from Malone, N. Y., where they were star attractions at the Malone fair last week.

John H. Plunkett of Northfield, who officiated as starter last year, will occupy the same position this year.

Wednesday's races will consist of the 2:40 pace and 2:30 trot and 2:26 pace and 2:22 trot.

Thursday's races will be the 2:30 pace and 2:26 trot, and the 2:15 pace and 2:12 trot.

VERMONT MEN DIED AT DEVENS

Corporal Raymond S. Parks of Plainfield, Who Entered Service from Barre

PVT. PHIL NOBLE OF BETHEL VICTIM

of the Young Men Were First Taken by Spanish Influenza

One of the Washington county boys who marched down the streets of Barre and entrained at Depot square for service in the national army died at Camp Devens Saturday evening in the person of Raymond S. Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Parks of Plainfield, for a year previous to the beginning of his military service, was a clerk in the Smith & Cummings store. Corporal Parks fell a victim to Spanish influenza, which is ravaging the army and navy camps just now, and his death was wholly unexpected.

News of his death came in the form of a telegram received by his parents at 8:30 p. m. Earlier in the afternoon there came to the Parks home a letter, written came to the Parks home a letter, written Thursday, in which Corporal Parks said he was recovering from the influenza. The deceased soldier, first of the native sons of Plainfield to die in the great war, was born 27 years ago. He was educated in the schools of Plainfield and after having been employed by W. H. Martin of that town for some time, he came to Barre early in 1917 and entered the employ of Smith & Cummings. He made many friends and was most highly esteemed by them. His name was in one of the spring quotas and he left for camp May 26 in a contingent that received a rousing send-off, both in Barre and Montpelier. At Camp Devens he progressed rapidly and at the time of his last illness he had a responsible assignment in the commissary department. Besides his parents, he leaves his brother, Ryland Parks of Plainfield, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Willis and Mrs. Susan Parks. Harry S. Parks of Barre is his uncle.

The body will arrive in Plainfield this evening, and it is expected that the funeral will be held in the Methodist church in that village Wednesday afternoon, with interment in the village cemetery. Rev. A. W. Hewitt will be the officiating clergyman.

Bethel, Sept. 23.—Philip D. Noble, who went to Camp Devens less than a month ago as a member of the national army, died in the hospital Saturday evening, after a few days' illness, beginning with the influenza which has been so prevalent, and developing bronchitis first and then pneumonia. He was one of the new registrants this year, having recently reached the age of 21 years. Universal regret is felt in this community and the bereaved parents and brothers have the sincerest sympathy of all.

Philip was a graduate of Whitecomb high school and attended the University of Vermont one year. He was a member of the Universalist church and a young man of excellent character. His mother, Mrs. Robert Noble, and his aunt, Miss Anna Brown, were with him at the last and his brother, Postmaster John Noble, was hovering by his bedside, having visited him a day or two earlier. His brother, Austin, is a soldier in France and his brother, Robert, is a teacher in Goddard seminary.

The remains were expected to arrive this afternoon, but the funeral arrangements are not yet made definitely.

GRIP IS WIDESPREAD.

Hundreds of Cases in Barre and Physicians Are Hard Pressed.

A malady closely resembling the old-fashioned grip and indeed in some quarters to the Spanish influenza is pandemic in Barre, and while there is hope that more bracing weather may eradicate the disease, local physicians believe that it will make still greater inroads before its progress is stayed. Older doctors in the city are recalling the winter of 1891, when there was a case of the grip in nearly every family. There were numerous deaths, and the doctors had to work day and night to cure those who eventually recovered. The present form of the grip does not seem to be so virulent, although patients have a high temperature and are apt to be very ill. Then, too, there is the ever-present danger that pneumonia may be developed.

One physician alone treated 68 grip patients Sunday. Six were in one household and 13 were ministered to at Goddard seminary. Other doctors report similar volumes of business, and the rather paralyzing effects of the malady may be seen on all sides. Out-of-town folks who came down to the village Saturday to be groomed up for Northfield fair found difficulty in getting service at local barber shops. Nearly every tonorial establishment was running short-handed, and in one establishment, which is among the largest of its kind in the city, the proprietor, after noting that his journeyers were all down with the grip, closed his doors. Other places of business also felt the grip epidemic, and in the granite manufacturing plants an unusually large number of absences were traced to the grip.

WOUNDED IN ACTION.

Lieut. George L. Watkins, Grandson of John F. Cook of Barre.

John F. Cook of East street received a telegram Sunday afternoon saying that his grandson, Lieut. George L. Watkins, with the American expeditionary forces in France, was seriously wounded in action July 29. Lieut. Watkins is a member of L. Company of the 165th infantry regiment, which is a part of the Rainbow division. He was a student in the first Plattsburg training camp, where he received his commission, and he had been on overseas duty for several months. The young man was a student at Dartmouth college when the war broke out, but abandoned his studies to train at Plattsburg. During his years at Hanover, he was an occasional visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, and he is well known in Barre.