

WILSON TO TALK OVER WITH KING VICTOR HOW MUCH TERRITORY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ITALY IN DRAWING UP A JUST PEACE

The Ruler of Italy Is Expected to Be Received by the President To-morrow, and the Latter Is Likely to Argue Against Extensive Claims by the Former.

WILSON FAVORABLY IMPRESSED AT INTERVIEW WITH FOCH

PEACE TREATY MAY BE SIGNED IN JUNE Shortly Afterwards Marshal Foch Will Lead the Allied Army Under the Arch of Triumph

Paris, Dec. 18.—Another ray, we say kept President Wilson indoors to-day except for a ride in a closed motor car. The only conference on his program was one with Gabriel Hanotaux, formerly French foreign minister.

The president worked late last night after his return from the reception given by Ambassador and Mrs. Sharp, and slept late into the morning.

Much interest attaches to the conference which President Wilson will have with King Victor Emmanuel, who is expected to arrive here to-morrow. The president's associates here said he will go further into the subject of Italy's position at the peace conference in his conversation with the king, having already had several informal talks during his voyage from America to France with Count Maschi di Celera, Italian ambassador and high commissioner to the United States, as well as another discussion of the questions yesterday.

It is known the president feels the warmest sympathy for the purposes which led Italy to enter the war. Nevertheless, the tentative lines laid out in consequence of an investigation by Col. E. M. House respecting the probable extent of territory which should go to Italy, on the principle of just self-determination, do not fully accord with the ideas of the Italian government, which feels that it should go further than is indicated by this outline. This is one of the subjects which Mr. Wilson discussed with Count Celera.

The president is missing the entertainment he customarily gets from attending the theatre, and he is planning to witness a theatrical performance here soon. A gala night at the opera is being planned for him, but he intends also to witness a variety entertainment.

The president has expressed a desire to meet Lieutenant Rene Fonck, the noted French ace, and the aviator will be brought to the Murat mansion in the near future.

Among those who signed the visitor's book yesterday at the Murat residence, the temporary home of President Wilson, were Viscount Northcliffe and Paul Painleve and Jules Milne, former French premier.

Wilson Talked to Foch. President Wilson and Marshal Foch talked for half an hour last night. The subjects under discussion were mainly in reference to the armistice between the allies and Germany.

Mr. Wilson was most favorably impressed by the nearness of the long-expected conversation he has had with the marshal, according to Marcel Hutin of the Echo de Paris.

Mr. Hutin states the treaty of peace probably will be signed at Versailles about the beginning of June and that Marshal Foch will lead the allied armies under the Arch of Triumph in Paris within fifteen days after peace is declared.

ASK SLOWER CANCELLATION OF WAR CONTRACTS AT BRIDGEPORT, CONN., FACTORIES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—A resolution calling upon the secretary of labor to secure a slowing up of war contract cancellations at Bridgeport, Conn., munitions plants, was adopted to-day by the war labor board.

The board had been asked to take this action by employes and manufacturers of Bridgeport. It was stated that some 6,000 men already have been released from the 66 war plants there and that 7,000 or 10,000 more are facing the prospect of immediate discharge. The text of the resolution follows:

"Resolved, that the serious consequences to the munition workers, which are resulting and are more likely to result, from wholesale cancellation of government orders, be respectfully referred to the secretary of labor, to be taken up with the war and navy departments with the request that he use his efforts to secure such modifications of these cancellations as may reduce the hardship to labor at the beginning of winter, and assure a graduated decrease in the number of munition workers employed in Bridgeport."

At the office of the secretary of labor in the absence of the secretary, Hugh L. Kerwin, his assistant, stated that the department could take immediate action along the lines suggested by the war labor board.

BOSTON ARENA BURNED WITH LOSS OF \$400,000

Fire Is Supposed to Have Started From Cigar or Cigarette Thrown By Some One Who Attended Boxing Exhibition Last Night. Boston, Dec. 18.—The Boston arena, a brick structure built in 1909, with seating capacity of 12,000, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at \$400,000. The fire is believed to have started from a lighted cigar or cigarette thrown on the floor by some one in the crowd which attended a boxing exhibition there last night.

TORONTO POLICE STRIKE

Because Some of Their Members Were Discharged. Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Toronto police force began a strike this morning in protest against the dismissal by the police commissioner of thirteen members of the police union, which the commissioner had refused to recognize because of its affiliation with the trades and labor council. Policemen, who were officers of the union, had been summarily dismissed by the commissioner after they declined to resign.

TALK OF THE TOWN

H. A. Rugg has returned to White River Junction, after a few days' business visit in Barre, his former home. Mr. and Mrs. L. Thompson have returned from Jeffersonville, where they attended the funeral of a relative.

In a letter received to-day by Joseph Brusca from Rene Bernasconi, the young man states that he has received a shrapnel wound in one hand. Mr. Bernasconi was serving in the 303d infantry at the time, but since then has been transferred to the 308th. He wrote that he expected to be sent back to the United States soon.

DENIES POPE INTENDS TO LEAVE VATICAN

Official Organ of Vatican Corrects Reports Which Have Been Scattered Throughout Europe. Rome, Tuesday, Dec. 17.—Reports that there has been a settlement of the controversy between the Vatican and the Quirinal and that there is a possibility that Pope Benedict may leave the Vatican are emphatically denied by the Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican.

Dispatches from London on Nov. 27 stated that it was rumored that Pope Benedict would give up his residence in Rome after the Versailles peace conference has finished his work. Since 1871, when Pope Pius IX refused to recognize the annexation of Rome by the new kingdom of Italy under Victor Emmanuel, the pontiffs of the Catholic church have never left the Vatican.

26TH ENGINEERS ORDERED TO RETURN

Cos. A and B Are Among the Units Designated By Gen. Pershing for Early Trip to United States. Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Additional units overseas, including about 1,500 officers and men, assigned by General Pershing for early convey home, were announced by the war department to-day as follows: 35th, 149th, 158th, 173d, and 301st Aero squadrons; companies A and B, 26th engineers; 102d and 11th trench mortar batteries; headquarters, 39th brigade, coast artillery.

MADE POOR START.

Leon D. Smith, Aerial Mail Carrier, Went Back to Another Machine. New York, Dec. 18.—The first flight in the daily mail service between New York to Chicago began to-day at 7:20 a. m., when Leon D. Smith took to the air at Belmont park, L. I. His biplane carries 400 pounds of mail. At Bellefonte, Pa., he will descend and put his mail in the care of another air pilot, who will transport it to Cleveland, where a third aviator will carry it to Chicago. Three machines will be used during the entire flight, and the service is expected to reach Chicago between 4:30 and 5 p. m.

Smith, formerly a civilian aviation instructor, made a start at 6:37 a. m., but motor trouble developed and he returned and obtained a new machine. Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 18.—Leon D. Smith, the aviator piloting a mail airplane, who left New York early to-day, for Chicago, intending to stop at Bellefonte, near here, for mail, landed at State College, about 12 miles from Bellefonte, shortly after 10 o'clock.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Albert Lyon, who enrolled in the students' army training corps at Dartmouth college, is employed in his father's grocery store during the holidays. Private Thomas Forbes, one of the Company C boys who volunteered in the early days of the war, writes his mother, Mrs. Georgianna Forbes of Boston, that he survived the great war without a scratch. The letter, written under date of Nov. 26, was altogether reassuring to his mother, who had not heard from her son since the armistice was signed.

Private Forbes said he was in the front lines when the big wind-up came Nov. 11, and at the time of writing he had been sent back to a rest hospital in England. Each day at 10 o'clock, other boys in the company to which Mr. Forbes was assigned are in excellent health, according to the letter.

Many of the dependents who call twice weekly at city hall to obtain supplies from the charity department had their first contact with the social worker, Miss Louise M. Gridley, who began her work in Barre Monday. Each day at 10 o'clock, Friday Miss Gridley is to assist the overseer in his office. Her personal investigation of the needs of indigent people is expected to figure conspicuously in the dispensation of charity. Yesterday she had a personal greeting for each applicant and in some instances received an invitation to investigate circumstances in the home.

The social worker is occupying the mayor's office near the west end of the corridor and her office hours are: 8 to 9 a. m., and from 4 to 5 p. m., daily. At the home of Mrs. George O. Pratt at 26 Cliff street last evening 25 young ladies called to extend their best wishes to the hostess of the evening, who was recently married in Boston. The home was tastefully decorated and an impromptu program given during the evening was only interrupted when Miss Margaret Murry presented Mrs. Pratt a handsome blue silk bed puff as a token of their friendship. Mrs. Pratt responded fittingly. Solos were contributed by Misses Anna Robertson and Alice Downing. Music and games furnished diversified entertainment. Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, fruit and candy were served by Mrs. Robert Findlay and Mrs. R. F. Sargent.

The music department of the Barre Woman's club, under the direction of Miss Gladys Gale, chairman of the department, gave a unique entertainment last evening in Howland hall, in the form of a Christmas musicale. The stage represented a home and Mrs. Stella Averill acted as the mistress. A group of a dozen or more little girls approaching the house through an avenue of evergreen trees sang Phillips Brooks' "Star of Bethlehem." As they approached they were invited to enter the home, where the hostess had a Christmas tree in all its glory and told the children a number of stories about the origin of the tree and the old Christmas customs. An interesting feature of the performance was the serenading of the house by five or six little Syrian tots in their national attire. A number of young ladies in old-time costumes, who were hidden behind the trees, helped with the music and the entertainment closed by the entire audience joining in singing several old-time Christmas favorites.

NATIONAL GUARD WANTED BY SOME

Other Governors Advocated a System of Universal Military Training. DANIELS SEES END OF NAVY COMPETITION

But He Says We Must Have Ships for International Police Force. Annapolis, Md., Dec. 18.—At least a year, possibly two years, will be required before the nation can return to normal peace conditions and "we will be fortunate if conditions abroad make demobilization possible as early a date," said Secretary Daniels here to-day, addressing the conference of state governors.

The navy, the secretary said, must be increased and strengthened to enable it to meet the needs of a new navy unit as any other nation to an international police force, but he added: "I look to see the peace conference put an end to competitive big navy building."

Secretary Lane, also addressing the conference, urged the governors to do everything in their power to keep state branches of the council of national defense from disintegration. He emphasized Secretary Baker's recent declaration that these local councils should remain in existence to keep with federal agencies although not acting as federal institutions.

The cabinet members' addresses followed a discussion by the governors of future policies for the state National Guard organizations. Wide differences of opinion developed, some governors advocating return to the old National Guard system, some advocating universal military training by the national government, and others urging that the time is not ripe for determining future internal military policies.

Warning against over-optimistic hopes for the return of all American soldiers from abroad, Secretary Daniels said: "It required a year and a half, with ability to contract with British ships to help carry two million soldiers to France. Even if there were no need for soldiers overseas—and that need is apparent—it would be a fine organization that could land them home in a year. Naval ships have been turned into transports to help in this big job, and men in the naval service are being rapidly brought home. But some ships and some men must stay until a permanent peace blesses the world."

Turning to the growth of the navy, the secretary said: "The American navy must be increased and strengthened. I am not asking Congress to make any new departures, but to authorize another three-year program. The United States lost less by the war than any other great nation. It is the richest nation and has the longest shore lines. It should, therefore, contribute to the international police a large and powerful force. And for this the three-year program is necessary."

Of the prosecution of the war, Mr. Daniels said the government has "conducted the greatest war in history and expended more billions than ever before in the history of the world. The people's money has stuck to the hands of those entrusted with its proper expenditure."

Returning soldiers, said the secretary, are coming back "to win the greatest peace in the spirit of fellowship and high resolve that no privileged class shall monopolize the fruits of their valor. Men are equally resolved that no red flag of anarchy shall float to the breeze in fair America."

RURAL NEW ENGLAND REALLY AT STANDSTILL

Declared Rev. William Shaw in Address To-day Before Methodist District Conference at Montpelier. "The rural population of New England is practically static," said Rev. William Shaw of St. Albans, addressing a Methodist district conference in the Methodist church at Montpelier to-day.

"Lack of opportunity for advancement in the rural community," he continued, "sends the young people to the city and the community life thus impoverished deteriorates both intellectually and socially."

"The church is planning to meet this situation by establishing adequate centers of training and education for the rural young people. Efficient churches are to be established in the scores of small towns where no church services are held.

The church will provide rural workers for sparsely settled sections, who will infuse new life and ideals into the impoverished life of the community. "Morgan memorials are to be established in several cities, which will have public forums, schools of religious education, and recreational facilities for the young people, to meet the need in the congested districts."

The problem of Americanization is also facing the church. Out of a population of more than 6,500,000, according to the last census, nearly 4,000,000 are of foreign extraction. These figures range from 33 per cent in Maine to 68 per cent in Rhode Island and 66 per cent in Massachusetts. The government cannot meet the religious needs that are so basic and the New England churches must help to take care of the multitudes who are drifting into infidelity and atheism.

"We are also facing the question of the supply of men. New England is no longer providing its own leadership in religious affairs. In Boston, there is not a single leading evangelist church manned by a New England pastor. Leaders are being trained to meet these needs in a new school planned in conjunction with Boston university, Morgan memorial and the Deaconess association."

Other speakers were Rev. W. W. Bowers of Salem, Mass., Rev. George A. Martin of St. Johnsbury, Rev. I. W. LeBaron of Pawtucket, R. I., Rev. George H. Spencer of Dorchester, Mass., and Rev. H. G. Hagan of Lynn, Mass.

The conference was attended by the representatives of nearly 30 churches. The sessions will close to-night.

TWO BULLETS STRUCK HEATH

Witnesses Testified To-day of Wound in Hand in Addition to One in Body

FACE WAS BRUISED, ONE EYE BLACKENED Trial of George Greenslit of Warren Made Good Progress To-day

The nature of the wounds sustained by Oscar Heath of Warren one night last summer was explained by witnesses in Washington county court to-day in the trial of the case of State vs. George Greenslit, who is charged with shooting Heath, his neighbor.

Alex Downs, who resided in the building which used to be the Stoddard Hollow schoolhouse, testified that Heath came to his house the night of the fracas and that he took Heath back home. He said Heath's face bore marks, one eye was blackened and his nose was lacerated as if he had been hit by some heavy instrument. He helped the physician care for the injured man and saw a wound in the right hand which looked like a bullet wound. He saw a wound over the right hip and an incision in the abdominal region which had been made by the physician. He helped put Heath to bed and cared for him during the night.

Len Brown testified that Mr. Downs called upon him that night to go for a doctor and that he went to Warren village, some three miles away, taking about an hour and a half to make the trip. Dr. J. L. Campbell responded. He (Brown) saw the bullet removed from Heath's abdomen.

After these two witnesses had concluded to-day they were advised not to leave Montpelier, for they would be used by the defense in presenting its case.

Dr. Campbell told Mr. Brown's calling him and that he went by automobile to the house. He found a bullet through the right hand of Heath, the hole being small and the wound clean-cut. The hole was near the third finger. The witness could not say whether any bones were broken. He also described the wound in Heath's side, the hole being over the right hip bone. He felt a lump near the center line of the body. He made an incision and removed the bullet, which article he identified in court. It having been marked with a cross. He described bruises on the top of Heath's head, as well as about the eye and nose; but he did not think the flesh on Heath's nose was broken.

James Lovett of Warren was the first witness heard in the case, he being on the stand yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lovett testified he owned the place on which Greenslit lives and that Greenslit rented the first floor of the house and one room on the second floor and that the only land he had possession of was the garden. On cross-examination, it developed that Greenslit and Lovett worked another patch at halves and that Greenslit fertilized the soil.

Frederic Easton of Barre explained about the taking of three photographs of the location of the alleged crime. One of the pictures showed the house in which Greenslit lives and another where Heath lived, the latter picture also showing the road. The third picture gave another view of the Greenslit house and the land near by. (The houses are located near the Stoddard Hollow bridge on the main road from Warren to Granville. The Heath house is a weather-beaten structure with a ladder on the roof and one window boarded up, with other signs of dilapidation, while the Greenslit house looked fairly well kept.)

H. S. Morse of Barre testified relative to a blueprint of the location made by him at the request of the state, showing the distances between the houses, a beet patch, a brook and a hole in the stone wall, where it is alleged a fight between Greenslit and Heath took place. The witness concluded to-day.

The jury which is hearing the evidence is composed chiefly of farmers and is as follows: John Henry Barre, town quartermaster; Lewis D. Coburn, East Montpelier farmer; P. H. Kerin, Moretown, retired farmer living this winter in Montpelier; H. J. Tuttle, Marshfield, farmer; Edmund Eddy, Woodbury, farmer; W. H. Berdan, Waterbury, retired from New York police department; E. D. Waldo, Cabot, retired farmer; John Greenwood, Northfield, farmer; Fred Fuller, Northfield, farmer; H. L. Bell, Berlin, employed by E. W. Bailey & Co. in Montpelier; David Ring, Montpelier, choroman in the Montpelier Argus office; James S. Haley, Montpelier, granite manufacturer.

Williams' Trial Dec. 30.

The trial of the case of State vs. F. C. Williams, charged with malfeasance in office as state commissioner of banks, will be started in Washington county court Monday, Dec. 30, it was decided after a conference by Presiding Judge Stanton with Attorney General Barber, State's Attorney E. R. Davis and J. Ward Carver, attorney for Mr. Williams. It was not thought advisable to start the trial next week because of the fact that the Christmas holiday would necessitate a break.

MORE AID TO HOSPITAL

Several Subscriptions Swell the Total Considerably. Subscriptions for the hospital fund are still being received and before completing a tabulation of the campaign results the committee is desirous of having all pledges cards outstanding returned. In a few instances granite manufacturers have not returned complete reports of the canvass in their stonesheds and to them is made a special appeal for action. Anyone who wishes to give toward the fund need not search far for the opportunity, and as long as contributions continue to come in, the account will be held open.

Returns from the canvass of last week reveal a number of sizable contributions hitherto unreported, among them being: Trow & Holden, \$200; Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson, \$60; World Granite Co. of East Barre, the Martinson Estate Co., \$50; Tilden Shoe Co., Dr. J. H. Woodruff, J. B. Sanguinetti, Waldron Sheld, Dr. M. L. Chandler, Mrs. G. E. Varnum, Mrs. William Barclay, L. R. Hutchinson, E. A. Brown, Dr. O. G. Stickney, D. M. Barclay, \$25 each.

BE READY WITH A DOLLAR. For the House-to-House Canvass for Red Cross Membership.

For a dollar a year you can become a member of the Red Cross and thereby contribute your share to the tremendous task of rebuilding to which this relief organization is committed. Every one of its war of mercy remains to be completed, among the wounded soldiers of America and her allies; but the program for the future looms large and to perpetuate an institution that has performed the most exacting of services in the name of humanity this year's Christmas roll call must be a success. The appeal goes out to every man, woman and child. "All you need is a heart and a dollar."

Barre is ready to take its quota of membership. On the eve of a house-to-house canvass which will cover every inch of territory not included in the stoneshed drive, the workers will meet this evening in the assembly hall at Spaulding school. The hour is 7 o'clock and the presence of every ward captain, lieutenant and solicitor is urgently needed. Supplies for use to-morrow will be distributed and instructions given. Mrs. G. N. Tilden and H. A. Phelps are in charge of the Thursday canvass, which is to include the business section and the residential districts. Every ward will be covered by an efficient group of canvassers, most of whom gained their experience in previous war drives.

Granite manufacturing plants have set the pace for to-morrow's canvass. Under the direction of Fred W. Bancroft, who was assisted by a selected band of hustlers, arrangements were completed yesterday for visiting every industrial plant in the city. Already a number of 100 per cent plants have been reported at the office of J. F. Higgins, the campaign director. This means that in several stonesheds every granite worker has enrolled in the Red Cross. It is expected that the stoneshed district will be able to present a complete report by Friday night.

Cittadini della Lingua Italiana.

La Bandiera Italiana eventola assieme all' Europa non sono seconde a quelle degli Olleati La Croce Rossa estende a tutti la sua opera di carita e di aiuto. Non vorrete voi aiutare la Croce Rossa come facete nei Liberty bonds, divenendo a membro della Croce Rossa per un anno con \$1. Tutto cio che abbisogna e di cuore e un dollaro. Vi sono migliaia di soldati degli alleati negli ospedali e nelle prigioni dei campi e s'affidano sulla Croce Rossa per simpatia ed assistenza arruolatevi oggi. Voi avete il dollaro. Non abbisogna che il cuore.

First of all the Red Cross desires membership. To have as its principal support a nation united in good works is the essential need, and without a great popular enrollment the Red Cross cannot be truly representative. The roll call is so timed as to make possible a membership whose dues will expire at a given time. All who paid their dues before Sept. 1 are asked to renew with the new members, while the memberships of those who have paid their dues since Sept. 1 will find that their membership will not expire until Christmas, 1919.

In Barre Town the campaign is being directed by Supt. G. J. Seager of the town schools. Plans are being made for a systematic canvass in every village, South Barre, Granville and Websterville will figure in intensive drives and the rural sections of the town will not be neglected.

HONORED BY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. E. J. Owens Was Also Given a Fitting Token. Last evening at the convent hall on Summer street, Mrs. E. J. Owens, who has been the president of the ladies' aid of St. Monica's church and a very active worker, was surrounded by a crowd of her friends in the society and carried to a decorated chair of honor at a special meeting called for this purpose. An informal program was carried out, consisting of instrumental music, a chorus of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning," then a little talk and a warm welcome to all by the director.

A very fine address was pleasingly rendered by Mrs. A. Burke, who in behalf of the members regretted the retirement of Mrs. Owens from the office of president. She warmly voiced the feelings and thanks of all who had the pleasure of working with her. A beautiful prayer book was then presented to her, which called for a response, but words failed her, as she was affected by the entire surprise and she could only articulate, "I thank you." A dainty repast of coffee, sandwiches and cake followed and in a few moments the most joyous meeting of the season was enjoyed by each and all. Prizes were awarded the ladies who aided in making fun. The committee in charge of the affair deserves a great deal of praise.

Officers for 1919. President, Mrs. Wetmore; vice-president, Mrs. Walker; secretary, Mrs. A. Burke; treasurer, Mrs. Bugbee.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

By Barre Quarriers' and Manufacturers' Association. Officers were elected for 1919 and reports which included a survey of the year's associational work were read at the annual meeting of the Barre Quarriers' and Manufacturers' association to-day. The meeting, held in the association rooms in the C. W. Averill building, was called to order soon after 9 o'clock.

The new official slate follows: President, John C. Booth of the Martinson Estate Co.; vice-president, James K. Pirie; secretary-treasurer, to be named; directors for two years, J. K. Pirie, J. G. McLeod of the Wells-Lamson Co., Joseph Calagni of Novelli & Calagni, Alex. A. Milne of Hoyt & Milne; director for one year, J. C. Booth, W. T. Calder of Marr & Gordon, A. J. Young of Young Bros., auditors, J. A. Healy of Canton Bros., W. B. Mackenzie of Littlejohn, Odgers & Milne.

SUES GRANITE FIRM.

Bonazzi & Bonazzi of Montpelier Are Defendants. The Gopher Granite company has brought suit in Washington county court against Bonazzi & Bonazzi, a granite firm in Montpelier, to recover \$1500 on a contract and has caused the defendants' funds in the First National bank of Montpelier. The suit is over slabs of granite which the plaintiff claims the defendants did not complete according to a contract.

J. B. REARDON LAW OVERSEER

E. M. Tobin Named as Chief of the Barre Fire Department

JOHN T. AVERILL IS APPOINTED AUDITOR Head of Poor Department Outlined Some of His Plans

Three vacancies which recent resignations have created in the city government were filled last evening when the board of aldermen confirmed the mayor's appointments of Rev. J. B. Reardon as overseer of the charity department, E. M. Tobin as chief of the fire department, and John T. Averill as a member of the city auditing board.

Of the three appointees, Rev. Mr. Reardon already has qualified for the office to which he was appointed. At the request of Mayor Glysson, the clergyman appeared before the aldermen, and after presenting a statement in which the board of trustees of the Universalist church gave its approval of his contented acceptance, Rev. Mr. Reardon sketched some of the reforms which, he said, had suggested themselves to him. Unanimous confirmation of the mayor's appointment then followed and before he left the council chamber the new overseer had taken the oath of office.

Mayor Glysson's appointment of Mr. Tobin as fire chief came after the resignation of Charles B. Gladding had been read and accepted. The mayor's choice was confirmed by the vote of 4 to 1. As already announced, Mr. Gladding's resignation was submitted that he might accept election as superintendent of cemeteries to succeed Alex. Hanton. In his letter to the council the retiring chief expressed his appreciation of the assistance and co-operation extended him during his connection with the department. Whether Mr. Tobin will accept the appointment is a matter of speculation. He holds a responsible position in the manufacturing establishment of Trow & Holden, although he is not a stranger in Barre's organized fire department, having been the efficient first assistant engineer of the department for a number of years. In any event his appointment means that his services in the department are signally recognized by the city fathers and that if other interests permit him to accept he is regarded as Chief Gladding's logical successor.

The appointment of John T. Averill as a city auditor followed the receipt and acceptance of Lee O. Tracy's resignation. Mr. Tracy is with the colors in France, having self-inducted in the motor transport corps last spring. The aldermen unanimously confirmed the mayor's choice. Mr. Averill is to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Tracy.

First a council session, then an aldermen's meeting and finally an executive session before they emerged into another brief open session made up one of the few long official evenings of the present administration. Assessor A. M. Rossi was present toward the latter end of the aldermen's session it was stated that no action had been taken in the claim made by the assessors for back pay.

In venturing to assure the council that he would accept the appointment of overseer if the aldermen confirmed, Rev. Mr. Reardon presented a letter from the church trustees saying that they not only approved of his selection, but would hold themselves in readiness to co-operate with him in the discharge of his new duties. At the outset, the clergyman said he desired the sympathy and co-operation of the council. Turning to practical aspects of the charity problems, he said he had understood that the department was accustomed to buying supplies from retail dealers. Recently, moreover, the supplies had been purchased of one retail dealer, who did not have meat for sale. This condition, according to report, asked the clergyman, made it necessary for the dealer to purchase the department meat elsewhere, thereby making it necessary for the city to pay two profits on the supply. Charity department expenses, Mr. Reardon quoted, aggregate \$3,900 monthly, of which he had been given to understand, one-third went for food supplies. Instead of buying from the retailers, he thought that a saving of 25 per cent might be made by purchasing from wholesalers, an arrangement which would permit the department to operate a supply store of its own. Continuing, he said he had in mind a vacant store where a meat market could be utilized. He also knew of a meat cutter who could be engaged at a reasonable stipend.

Adding to his remarks, Rev. Mr. Reardon said that retail dealers naturally might protest against such a course. He mentioned the matter of fuel saving and suggested that cast-off clothing might serve, in some instances, the purpose of new garments. He said that the city was already ready to let the new overseer go ahead with his plans, although it was generally agreed that a month's study of conditions in the department might well precede any attempt to change the present arrangement.

Through the building inspector, H. A. Rugg, acting as agent for Bertha Rugg Gillard of Lowell, Mass., asked permission to raise a small shed at 8 Hall street with the object of erecting a more substantial building on the site. The shed is under official ban, the council having directed the owner to remove it before Dec. 21. A difference of opinion as to the proper action to be taken on the application, which the inspector had fortified with careful specifications as to how the proposed building should be constructed, led to a rollcall. Alderman Milne moved that the permit be granted. His motion was seconded by Alderman Healy and on the count the mayor and Aldermen Alexander and McMillan opposed. Their strength was enough to defeat the motion. Presently a motion carried. Its intent is to have the council's removal order carried out before a permit for a new building is issued.

Mayor Glysson, as chairman of the committee appointed to investigate medals for Barre's soldiers, reported progress. A Board of Trade request for the use of the opera house Jan. 29 was granted with the usual restrictions. T. C. McCarthy's

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