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Reports of the assassination of the former emperor of Germany appear to be correct except as to the main fact.

Ex-President Roosevelt has had a long and tedious stay in the hospital, and the American people—most of them—will rejoice that he is able to go to his home somewhat improved in health.

One of the duties of the entente allies may be to send out an investigating commission to determine whether or not Nicholas Romanoff is still alive and sequestered in some out of the way corner of the Russian domain. The stories persist that the ex-tsar is still alive albeit they are not thoroughly substantiated.

Talk of an Anglo-American entente which is heard in London following the conferences between Wilson and Lloyd George rather go contrary to the notions of President Wilson, one might suspect, not because Wilson is not friendly to Great Britain but because he has announced himself in favor of open diplomacy.

It was a well-deserved honor that the 26th division was given the pleasure of entertaining President Wilson on the occasion of the chief executive's visit to American headquarters at Chaumont and Langres. The New England men had fought well in the war and with consciousness of the principles of humanity which Wilson had from time to time enunciated.

Von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States and intimately connected with German propaganda of various sorts in the United States, expresses the opinion that President Wilson's 14 points make a good basis for a peace treaty. It is particularly unfortunate that such a person as Von Bernstorff should have given his approval to the 14 points.

The American people have not learned their lesson of conservation in vain, so they will not agree to any proposition which purports to sink millions of dollars which are invested in German warships just because of some quarrels among the victorious nations over the division of the ships. Those nations, having shown themselves big in victory, ought to be able to show themselves big enough to compose their differences over the separation of the German navy.

The revelation that Von Hindenburg had a bomb-proof cellar at his headquarters some distance back of the German lines and that he was frequently seen scurrying for the safety of that refuge when allied airplanes made their appearance indicates that he was not one of those blood-and-iron men himself, however much he wanted his men to be such. In the light of that information, it seems to have been quite fitting that the German people should have erected a wooden statue to this leader. He was more or less of a wooden hero.

The esteemed Rutland News speaks with some assertiveness that Rutland is to be the "seat of the state government" during the next two years. We had not heard that the various departments of the government were going to move from Montpelier, bag and baggage, but we had heard that Governor Clement was to make an occasional visit to Rutland. However, that does not seem to indicate that Rutland is to be the seat of the government. Montpelier will still be the capital of the state even though Clement does motor over the mountain to Rutland now and then.

The reception which has been accorded President Wilson in England seems from the cabled reports to have been most cordial and in keeping with the friendly relations which exist between the United States and Great Britain. King George set the example for the British people (if such an example were needed) by welcoming the president to London in the most hearty manner; and the people along the route of the trip to Buckingham palace followed suit. It is to be expected that the visit of President Wilson to England will be productive of a closer binding of the relations between the British and the American people.

It is a pity that Capt. Hobard (Hobey) Baker should have gone through the war only to lose his life in the last practice he was taking before leaving for the United States. The accident calls attention to the fact that just as close surveillance of airplanes is needed in time of peace as in time of war, for it seems probable that the fatality was due to a defect of the machine rather than to fault of the operator because Capt. Baker had been long in the service and was credited with two victories during the last few days of the warfare. Capt. Baker will be recalled as the famous Princeton athlete and an idol of the sporting world because of his proficiency in sports and his fine spirit in competitions.

CHARGES NEED CLEARING UP. The sponsors of the Y. M. C. A. war activities are acting wisely in asking for a

Retrospect

As the close of 1918 draws near, it is proper that we should turn our minds for a moment to some of its accomplishments.

The outstanding feature has been the success of the Allied arms, made possible earlier than was anticipated through the quick and continuous transporting of troops and the unprecedented co-operation of industrial and financial forces here at home.

Production on such a gigantic scale had never been dreamed of, and the fact that it was vital to the winning of the war, prompted those in authority to subordinate their theories as to the relative merits of monopoly and free competition, and accept the only practice that could bring results—"Unified Control under Competent Management."

This insistent demand of the government for practically all classes of commodities, labor included, resulted in a much higher price level, and the inflation due to heavy government borrowing and necessary expansion of credit was also a contributing factor.

This brings us to a point which we wish to emphasize particularly. It is a fact that many industrial enterprises have been enjoying what seems to be an unusually high degree of prosperity, and figured out on paper the conclusion is justified. But the fact remains that profits consist of dollars which are worth about fifty to seventy-five cents, based on the earning power of a dollar under normal business conditions.

Wealth consists in goods, not dollars, and a dollar is worth only what it will buy in goods. The world is just so much poorer as the result of the war, as the ratio of goods produced is to goods destroyed.

Therefore, it might be well for those who have accumulations on hand to consider the investment of part of this, at least, in the form of tax-free bank deposits or some good class of securities.

By doing this you will be putting aside dollars with a relatively small earning power where they may be exchanged later for dollars of a greater earning power. In other words, you will be exchanging cheap dollars for good dollars.

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thorough investigation of the charges that the Y. M. C. A. charged exorbitant prices for goods in the war zones and that the Y. M. C. A. stations were not sufficiently supplied with service men. For some time there have come rumors of dissatisfaction with the kind of service which the Y. M. C. A. was giving the American soldiers in some parts of the battle areas. These rumors were not given general credence because of the high repute in which the home organization of the Y. M. C. A. was held; but it was thought possible that there might have been a few scattered cases in which the best service had not been done for the American soldiers. However, these rumors have persisted and have now reached a stage which has had a tendency to disturb public confidence in the Y. M. C. A. war work to a certain extent although by no means destroying that confidence. To clear itself of the charges the Y. M. C. A. overseas organization should, as John R. Mott states, court investigation to get at the truth or falsity of the accusation. If it should be established that there was some foundation for the charges, then the Y. M. C. A. should take immediate steps to remedy the trouble in so far as it is possible to do so; if, on the other hand, the charges should be proven false, the Y. M. C. A. needs exoneration. The future of the organization in the United States and the world will be considerably affected by the outcome of such an investigation. By all means, let there be a full and frank inquiry of the charges.

WEBSTERVILLE

Leo Boissonneau of Bridgeport is visiting friends here. George Bennett and Frank Moran of Claremont, N. H., arrived here Monday to spend a few days with friends. Florence Finnigan, who teaches school in Northfield, is spending her Christmas vacation at home. Philip Snow of Bristol, Conn., is visiting friends and relatives here for a few days before leaving for an extended visit to England. William Crawford of Kinnears Mills, P. Q., is visiting his brothers, John and Andrew Crawford. Albert Boucher of Springfield, Mass., spent Christmas with his parents. Thomas Bagley returned yesterday from a few days' visit to Canada. Mrs. Henry Libersont went to Montreal, P. Q., to-day to visit relatives. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie of Enosburg Falls was in town Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Couillard of Trow Hill were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Libersont Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colombe returned to their home in St. Albans yesterday, after spending Christmas with the former's sister, Mrs. Joe Rivard. Miss Margaret McDonald of North Montpelier is home for the holidays. Miss Jane Foley was in Northfield on Thursday. Enrico Castello, Ralph Depelo, and Nick Peiterallo returned Tuesday from a short business trip to Boston. Mrs. Henry Turcott of Barre is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Amedy. Julio Ganuzzo returned from Springfield, Mass., Tuesday.

EAST BARRE

A. M. Whitcomb of Hyde Park spent several days the past week with his son, M. J. Whitcomb, and daughter, Mrs. Wallace Jones. Mrs. Ralph Lowrey of Springfield, Mass., is home for the holidays. The members of the N. E. O. P. are requested to hand their dues to the financial secretary at once. Angeline Loarno of Albany, N. Y., is spending the holidays at the home of her parents. Mrs. Dow has been ill at her home the past few days. An excellent Christmas program was rendered by the Congregational Sunday school last Tuesday evening. A good crowd was out in spite of the bad weather. The collection for Armenian and Syrian relief amounted to a little over nine dollars.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

TIMES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP AND SUBJECTS OF SERMONS

Church of the Good Shepherd—Rev. F. Barnby Leach of Montpelier will conduct a communion service and deliver a short sermon Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Services are being held in the Worthen block every Sunday. Sunday school at 2 p. m. and regular preaching service at 3 p. m. Everyone welcome.

Christian Science Church—Service at 10:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. To these services all are welcome. The reading-room is open Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays from 3 to 5.

Berlin Corners Congregational Church—Frank Blomfield, pastor. 10:45 a. m., morning service. The pastor will give an address on "Thoughts Suggested by the End of the Year 1918." Sunday school at noon.

East Barre Congregational Church—James Ramage, pastor. Morning service at 10:30; sermon theme, "The Voyage of Life." Sunday school following. Christian Endeavor service at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Graniteville Presbyterian Church—Bible school at 1:45. Preaching by Rev. Bert J. Lehigh of Barre at 3 o'clock. All are welcome. On Friday, Jan. 3, Rev. Mr. Lehigh will speak in the church on the subject of "Peace." A message relating to the peace conference at Versailles. A silver offering will be taken for the Bible school.

Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church—Bailey Gatzert Lipsky, pastor. Morning service at 10:30; sermon theme, "The Measure of a Man." Evening service at 7. Union service of the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Universalist churches at the Congregational church. Hon. Thomas Heald, a British Red Cross worker in the Caucasus, will give the address. Sunday school at 11:45. Epworth league at 6. Cottage prayer meetings.

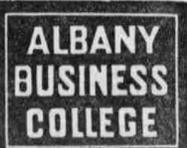
First Presbyterian Church, corner of Seminary and Summer streets—Edgar Crossland, pastor. Morning service at 10:30; sermon subject, "The Soldier's Use of Prayer." The concluding sermon in the series on "The Christian and His Armor." Bible school at noon. Classes to suit all ages. 7 p. m., sermon topic, "Stock-taking, 1918." The attendance of all not regularly worshipping elsewhere is cordially invited. Seats free.

Websterville Baptist Church—Dr. Christian Petersen, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30; subject, "The Meaning of the Cross." Evening service at 7; topic, "The Untrodden Pathway." The pastor will preach at both services. Sunday school at 11:30. B. Y. P. U. at 6 in small vestry; speaker, Miss Annie Miller; topic, "Rules for a Happy New Year." The choir will render special music, "Again We Never Pass This Way," and others. All are welcome.

Congregational Church—F. L. Goodspeed, D. D., pastor. 10:30 a. m., morning worship and New Year sermon by the pastor; subject, "The Heritage of Time." 12 noon, Bible school. 7 p. m., union service of the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Universalist and Congregational churches in the interests of Armenia. Address by Thomas Heald, British Red Cross worker in the Caucasus. Wednesday, 12 noon, New Year dinner and annual meeting of the church. Heartily invitation to all services.

Universalist Church—John B. Reardon, minister. Public worship and sermon at 10:30; subject, "The Heritage of the Hitherto." Bible study at 11:45; sub-

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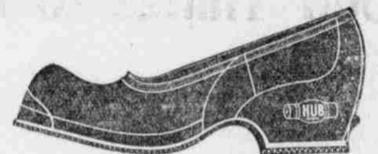
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