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Safe to say that President Wilson never had such a birthday as that of Saturday in London.

If Champ Clark knows where he is wise he will not run for the presidency of the United States. He has about as much show as an icicle in the furnace.

In case Mrs. Wilson gets through this European maze of social amenities without becoming very much confused, if nothing worse, she will prove herself to be quite a remarkable woman.

King George and President Wilson wasted few words in salutation on the occasion of the latter's arrival in London. Said the king: "I am very glad to greet you to England"; whereupon the president said: "I am very happy to come." Democratic language it was at any rate.

Since his arrogant denial that he had abdicated anything, followed by his summary haste in announcing, under pressure, his abdication, the former crown prince of Germany seems to have settled back contentedly into very private life but he has not yet gone to work in that German factory, so far as we have been able to learn. A little gainful physical labor would be a fine thing for this opera bouffe soldier.

William Hohenzollern has lived for nearly two months after his abdication from the throne of Germany and every added day gives him a new lease of life, as the interval serves to quiet the passion of the people of the whole world against him, the instigator of the great slaughter of four and one-half years. The government of Holland, with which he has found a haven, is no doubt greatly pleased that it has got by nearly two months without feeling the heavy hand of its own dissatisfied people or of the entente nations, which are reported to be clamoring to bring Hohenzollern to trial for his crimes.

The fact that four Vermont towns failed to furnish a man for the United States service during the war, according to reports in the adjutant general's office, is not to be taken as a reflection on the patriotism of those Vermont communities. Glensburg and Baltimore might be considered at the outset as exempt inasmuch as the former had only 29 population in the last census and Baltimore had only 72. Both Kirby and Fletcher are small towns, the former with a population of 297 and the latter with 737. Just what reason they have for not appearing in the service list at the adjutant general's office is not known; but it should not be taken as a conclusive fact that neither furnished a man for the service, because the records in the adjutant general's office are not complete. There is a chance that Fletcher, and even Kirby, furnished some men for the service in the army or the navy.

The United States government has succeeded in forcing the recall of Minister Von Eckhardt from Mexico by the German government. It should not rest until Von Eckhardt has been forced to leave Mexico, if it be possible to bring that about through representations to the German government as well as to Mexico. Von Eckhardt, who gained notoriety as being the Mexico end of the German plot to foment war between Mexico and the United States with Japan coming in as an ally of Mexico, could be handled satisfactorily were he to change his residence from Mexico to the United States should he refuse to return to Germany as directed by his government. The main thing now is to get him out of Mexico, where he has a wide attitude for making trouble both for Mexico and for the United States, to say nothing of his own country. Let there be great pressure brought to bear on Von Eckhardt.

The re-election of the Lloyd George government in Great Britain is a fitting recognition of the great service the coalition ministry did through the period of the actual warfare; and the size of the majority accorded it is positive proof of the confidence which the British people have in the good purposes of their representatives. Premier Lloyd George and his fellow cabinet members have probably the best grasp of the war situation as it affects Great Britain of any coterie of men in that whole nation and are, therefore, best fitted to bring Great Britain satisfactorily into the new era of peace if anyone is able to do it. Here in the United States the result of the British election brings a feeling of stability among the entente allies and it is hailed with a feeling that is akin to satisfaction. Lloyd George can go to the peace conference in Paris with a pronounced stamp of approval from the British electorate.

One of the oddities of the British election system is that a candidate defeated for a seat in the House of Commons is not necessarily barred from membership in Parliament if some successful candidate, or someone already holding a seat, is willing to resign in favor of the defeated candidate, no matter from what

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.'

Peoples National Bank of Barre (REMEMBER YOUR WAR SAVINGS PLEDGE)
The president's public speeches in London contain no pronouncements of great moment nor do they convey any definite information as to the results of his private conferences with the British premier and foreign minister. It is too early to speak of results, in any large sense, but the British and American policies must harmonize broadly if the results which the president desires are to be obtained. It seems that the president, at any rate, is still hammering hard at his idea of a society of nations to safeguard peace in the future as a substitute for the old balance of power; for in his London addresses he has advanced that idea in a positive way indicating no intention of abandoning it.

AN AMERICAN VICTORY OVER SELF.
With more than twice as much wheat on hand Dec. 1, 1918, as there was on Dec. 1, 1917, the United States shows the results of the self-denial practiced by the people of the country in behalf of our allies in the war. If the people had indulged in the usual lavish use of wheat during the year it is probable that the stock would have been reduced below the mark of a year ago and there would be great need for restriction on the use of wheat now, and until the first harvest of the year 1919. By saving during the past year we have warded off the necessity for self-denial during the first part of 1919 and we have, at the same time, given material support to our allies in the line of food. The self-denial has been beneficial to the American people in other ways, chief among which, perhaps, is the confidence it has given them in their ability to restrain themselves under the force of necessity. The experience has been a good lesson for us.

WEST BERLIN
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sleeper from Montpelier spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Delary. Mrs. Clara Jenkins and her daughter, Doris, from Barre, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stockwell last week. The ladies' aid will meet with Mrs. Mark Glines next Thursday afternoon. There will be work on sunshine bags. Miss Allard from Northfield visited her sister, Mrs. Ed Provost, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Provost and daughter were in Northfield Thursday. Mrs. Florence Clark from Holyoke, Mass., visited friends in this place last week, also in Montpelier. Mrs. Joe Delary and children go to Burlington Tuesday to visit friends. George Parsons from Montpelier spent several days at his home in this place last week. Mr. Freeland, station agent, was in St. Albans Sunday. Miss Helen Glines from Putnamville spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Glines. Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Kimball spent Christmas day with their son, C. D. Kimball, in Montpelier. Their daughter, Addie, and son, Gerry, were with them.

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Williamstown
Special meeting of Summit lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., next Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 1919, for work in the third degree. Refreshments. Miss Rachel Bruce, R. N., who has been in Montreal for some weeks past, came home last week. The annual meeting of the Williams-town Cemetery association will be held at the town clerk's office Monday, Jan. 6, at 2 o'clock p. m. William Lasell, who was in training at Potsdam, N. Y., when the armistice was signed, has been honorably discharged from service and has gone to Washington, D. C., where he was formerly employed. Mrs. Jennie Dickinson picked a pan of dandelion greens in her garden the day before Christmas, and they were given an honored place on her table the next day. The masquerade and dance held last Thursday evening was well attended and a goodly sum was realized for the benefit of the Eastern Star home. First and second prizes to those in costume were awarded to Misses Ruth and Grace Bruce, who were garbed to represent George Washington and Martha Washington. The third prize was won by J. A. Jamieson, who appeared in the role of an awkward boy. Other characters that were conspicuous for their skill in make-up were the Goddess of Liberty, sailor boys clad both in blue and white, the bashful school girl, Red Cross nurses and their proteges, the cream of wheat man, Dolly Varden, gypsies, clowns and many that were not readily recognized. Music was furnished by Gilbertson's orchestra, and Perley Keyes of Brookfield acted as floor manager and prompter. Refreshments of coffee, cake and sandwiches were served in the dining room.

Sweaters!
A good Sweater will give you more real comfort than any garment you wear. We have them for men and boys. Slip-over style, or made like a coat, small or large collar, and in all colors: Oxford, Navy, Red, Green, Brown, etc. Boys' Sweater, \$1.50 and up to \$7.50. Men's Sweaters, \$2.00 and up to \$12.00. F. H. Rogers & Company

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Over \$43,000.00 paid to 1918 members. With the return to peace conditions, the coming year should see a much larger sum accumulated to be distributed in December, 1919. Come in this week and join. Everybody invited. Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. Howland Building F. G. HOWLAND, Pres. W. A. DREW, Treas.

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