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Canada, Australia and New Zealand are undoubtedly feeling the rise of national aspirations.

Regular inspection of fire-fighting apparatus is a wise procedure. The precaution might avert a serious fire loss.

That new 388 1/4-carat, blue white diamond is receiving almost as much advertising as the pearl which Frank Plumley found in his soup.

Sympathy will be extended in full measure to Representative Fred V. Johnson of Somerset over the death of his wife at Montpelier last night.

The conflict between the federal government and the state governments is growing more and more acute as the national government encroaches upon the preserves of the states.

When other amusements fail, there's the fun of throwing a few verbal pellets at Hoover. Certain members of Congress are now showing their bias feeling by indulging in that pastime.

It's getting along toward the time when the groundhog will make his annual prognostication on the length of winter—and still we haven't had any real winter yet, judged by the standards of the 1917-18 brand.

About everybody in Germany seems to have voted on the first general election opportunity, even the idiots having been rounded up at the polls. It was one grand, glorious outburst of new-born freedom of political action.

Three entire divisions of American troops have been told to get ready to come home from France. No. The 26th division is not one of them. Some mystery still surrounds the keeping of the 26th division, inactive, in Europe.

The central powers should be forced to go through a probationary period before they are admitted to the same plane in the league of nations with the entente powers and the neutrals in this war. Let the central powers prove their good faith.

If either William H. Taft or Elihu Root is called to Paris to be the fifth delegate from the United States to the peace congress, to take the place of President Wilson, it will be a matter of considerable surprise throughout the United States. Yet no one doubts the capacity of either Mr. Taft or Mr. Root to fill the position quite well.

With Messrs. Thomas C. Cheney and Collins Graves in charge of the work of shaping the bills, the legislature ought to be reasonably sure that there will be no rough edges by the time the measures get before the legislature. Both are veterans at the business, and on top of that Mr. Cheney was formerly speaker of the Vermont House.

While its payments for death claims were not as large as those of some of the great American life insurance companies, the National Life Insurance company had a very startling total in the sum of \$660,789 among civilians alone. However, it was only one of the possibilities of the insurance business become an actuality, and undoubtedly the National Life company was prepared to meet such a contingency. The showing of the company in the annual statement just issued to policyholders is good.

The marked decline in house construction in Barre during the last year is reflected in conditions all over the country, as well as in Vermont. For instance, only four permits for building houses were granted by the municipality of Rutland during the year, and in Burlington only seven houses were constructed. In Barre not a single permit for building a house was granted by the building inspector or city council, all the construction being confined to alterations, repairs and minor construction like garages, hen-houses, etc. No great impetus to building operations is expected in Barre during the present year because so many families left the city under lure of high wages in the munitions centers and have not yet returned or been replaced. Nevertheless the population is gradually getting back to its stride and, if other conditions be normal, should by the end of the year have reached its former status. There is no reason to feel depressed over the lack of house construction, because conditions in Barre have been no worse than in all cities except where great war contracts were secured.

FINDING JOBS FOR VERMONT SOLDIERS.

While it may be easier for the country districts to absorb the returning service men than it is for the cities, there is no doubt that the process of absorption might be carried out much more swiftly and surely were some recognized organization in each Vermont community to take upon itself a survey of the local situation in order to determine where men are needed for employment; in other words, to act as a sort of employment agency for the time-being. Farmer Jones may be very much in need of a man to

help him carry on his farm work; and Private Smith may be eagerly desirous of securing a position at farming. But Farmer Jones knows nothing of Private Smith, and Private Smith knows nothing of Farmer Jones. So they remain apart unless by some chance one becomes cognizant of the other's desires; and in the meantime Farmer Jones' work suffers and Private Smith has to stay idle when he would really like to be at work.

To prevent such a situation as this and to help very materially in the work of reconstruction following the change from war to peace, some local organization working without pay and purely from patriotic motives could perform a splendid work in nearly all the cities and towns of Vermont. The men are beginning to come back in large numbers and most of them, after a short sojourn at the demobilization camps, are starting post haste for their home towns. A considerable part of them will go into their former positions; but, on the other hand, there will be many who will find themselves without employment or business opening. Why not form a local organization which can act as a clearing house for the labor needs of the community? Such a plan could be worked out to meet the needs of the individual community and would become a powerful agency in bringing about a prompt readjustment of industrial conditions.

CURRENT COMMENT

A Pacifist Offensive Against Clemenceau.

The world's attention is to-day directed to the sharp divergence between Mr. Wilson's Manchester speech and Premier Clemenceau's address to the French chamber on Monday. We hear from one of the correspondents at Paris that M. Clemenceau's remarks "created a painful impression among Americans" there. If it did so, the Americans so affected must be only those who are committed to a particular view, for the Clemenceau speech was clearly in perfect harmony with the sentiments of what seems to be a majority of the senators of the United States, and that this is the prevailing view of the American people is clearly indicated by the majority they have returned to both houses of the 66th Congress. The American people can hardly be pained to see their wishes heeded by the highest representatives of the great powers with which we are associated. What M. Clemenceau does is to emphasize the necessity of maintaining the relation between the four great powers which fought the war to its finish. What Mr. Wilson emphasized at Manchester was the league of nations idea, with Germany in it on a basis of influence equal to that of the victorious nations. The president's statement that America "will join in no combination of power which is not a combination of all of us" is subject to no other interpretation than that. The superior appeal to us of the nations with which we have been associated in war is distinctly repudiated in the Manchester speech. But do the American people repudiate that appeal? We do not believe so, and there is surely no indication in their recent voting that they repudiate it. The American people have not the slightest disposition to reject the earnest demand of President Poincare, communicated in his New Year greetings to them, that they shall stand "side by side and in union with the great sister republic" in the preparation of "a better and brighter future for humanity." There is where we all want to stand.

In the meantime, the Americans who are at present domiciled in Great Britain must be receiving a decidedly painful impression from the attempt which that recognized organ of British pacifism, the Manchester Guardian, is making to force the Wilson 14 points, in their most pacifist interpretation, upon our French allies. "If our friends reject it [the Wilson program], they will have to make their own peace and dispense with our assistance," says the Manchester Guardian. This presents to M. Clemenceau a demand for Wilson at full strength or nothing at all. We doubt if M. Clemenceau will be frightened by the threat. In spite of the intimacy of the president with the Manchester pacifist paper—its editor being the only non-official person whom he has summoned to an interview since he arrived in Europe—the French premier is depending on Mr. Lloyd George and his associates in the peace conference, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Bonar Law, instead of upon the Manchester Guardian, for the definition of England's position. And so far as American sentiment is concerned, these gentlemen know exactly where to look for its expression. They are aware that an election has taken place in the United States, and that it has proved that the view entertained by the American people regarding the war and its consequences and its future guarantees of world peace is quite different from that held by the Manchester Guardian.—Boston Transcript.

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Little Mathilda Swim wishes to thank all who helped her win the beautiful prize at the pharmacy.—Adv.—The Essex Junction news.

Imagine the suspense until the drug-gist came out the next week and confirmed our suspicion that it was a bowlful of goldfish.

Your Conclusion, Aloysius, Seems Almost Valid.

Our local coal dealers, Mr. Wise and Randlett, recently received a carload of furnace coal, thus relieving the needs of fuel to some extent. Others are hoping they may have their allowance as the cold weather calls for fuel.—Lyons, N. H., item.

E is the most unfortunate letter in the alphabet, as it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all the time; but on the other hand, it is never in war but always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no meat, no bread, no life, no newspapers and no heaven. It helps to make honesty, keeps love perfect, and is the end of life. Its place is in the middle of the bed, but last at the table, though its position is better when eating starts. It has a strong embrace, and is never prodigal in expense. It never associates with liars, but shows up in bad company with emperors, Germans, thieves and slackers.—South Pomfret correspondent in Woodstock Standard.

Uncle Sam Honors Franklin.

The 1919 series of war savings stamps are now on sale at the postoffice and appropriately enough they bear the word, "Franklin," in a conspicuous place on the face. The picture of Benjamin Franklin replaces that of George Washington in the 1919 stamp.—Franklin item.

When the last restriction's abated, When butter and sugar and wheat Return to the menus we've hated— And really means something to eat; When nothing is non-essential And living is normal again, When gone is the life penitential— Of what shall we all complain? —Derelict verse.

Easter's a Movable Feast.

Miss Easter was a Christmas day dinner guest of her friend, Miss Nellie Fish, nearby, and was with her rights.—Alstead item.

Sunday at the Wilder church the pastor will precede his sermon on "The Model Wife," with a discussion of "The Power of Choice."

It Looks Like a Big Winter for Indoor Sports.

Harry Peck has revived roller skating at the town hall.—Weston item. A few of the neighbors with bells and pans went down Wednesday evening and gave Carroll and Mrs. Wallace a jolting call for a couple of hours. Then went to

PLAINFIELD

For Rent: Tenement in Batchelder block; \$9 a month.—adv.

The ladies' aid will assist Mrs. A. W. Hewitt in holding a social at the parsonage Thursday, Jan. 23. Dinner and supper will be served at 20c a plate. The public is invited.—adv.

Getting Ready for War Makers. German Proverb—Always when there is a war, the devil makes hell larger.—Boston Transcript.

A Chestnut. Boreleigh—I nearly died laughing last night. Bangs—Which one of your jokes were you telling.—Boston Transcript.

It has been perfectly proper to invite a friend to slip up and see you, for it has been ten changes to one he would slip up if he started to see you.—Personalia in the Ludlow Tribune.

Always be on the alert to liven up your local column with a tidy bit of humor.

Some of Our Clergy Are Many-Sided Fellows.

We congratulate our pastor, Rev. C. W. Carvel, on his engagement to Miss Scooby of New Jersey, and incidentally ourselves.—Fairlee item.

Chance for an inspired composer to practice transposition:

Miss Eva's Little was out of town over Sunday.—Dewey's Mills item.

Although very stormy, the children all took their parts nicely at the Christmas exercises and all seemed to go home with happy faces.—South Acworth item.

No wonder, as you might say, the children were somewhat wild, with nothing to lug home from a Christmas tree but happy faces.

If an Alibi Is Needed, Here It Is.

Passing along the highway one need not be surprised to notice Patrolman C. F. Pierce resting by the roadside and sipping the hot drinks from his thermos bottles. They were sent to him as Christmas presents from his brother-in-law, W. Pearson, of Keens.—Alstead, N. H., item.

They Won't Get Me Alive.—The clown quines.

To paraphrase Ben Johnson's epitaph over the grave of a deceased pig:

While he lives, he lives in clover. When he dies, he'll die all over. M. S.

CHELSEA

Notice. On account of fire, the auction sale will be Feb. 1. Watch for the auction bills. Adams & Barnes.

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