

GROSS EXAGGERATIONS PERSHING DESIGNATES REPORTS OF CRIMES

Recommends to Secretary of War Baker That a Full Refutation of the Charges Made in the French Newspapers Be Placed Before the American Public.

AMERICAN MILITARY POLICE ARE EFFICIENT

CRIMES NEGLIGIBLE, COMMANDER REPORTS

When the Total Number of American Soldiers Who Are in France Is Taken into Consideration.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Gen. Pershing in an official telegram to Secretary Baker to-day characterized the sensational reports in French newspapers of assaults and burglaries having been committed in Paris by American soldiers as "gross exaggerations."

HALL WILL TAKE STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Man Accused of Murdering His Wife Will Tell His Story in Maine Supreme Court.

MILFORD PINK GRANITE CO.'S PLANT BURNED

Loss at Milford, Mass., Is \$300,000. All of the Buildings Being Destroyed Except Office and Manager's Residence.

STOWE GIRL INJURED

Was Whirled Around by Engine Running the Separator.

FIRST DIVISION SUFFERED MOST; 26TH WELL UP

Official Tabulation of Major Casualties Shows That 56,592 Americans Were Killed, Died of Wounds, Were Missing in Action, or Were Taken Prisoner.

THOUSANDS OF TROOPS GUARDING GLASGOW

Are Stationed About Strategic Points in the City and Everything Was Quiet To-day.

HIT IN LEG BY BULLET

Joseph Lavallee of Brattleboro Not Badly Wounded.

AUTO REGISTRATION DOUBLED

In January This Year Over the Same Month Last Year.

MONTPELIER

Andrew J. Howe, First State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Died Last Night.

WHEN ARMISTICE IS AGAIN RENEWED

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FIRST PAY DAY WAS PLEASING TO SOLONS

Visit of State Treasurer Scott Was Doubly Welcome—Only Small Amount of Business Transacted Friday Afternoon.

1,700 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Their Certificates Have Been Distributed to Them.

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GERMANY WILL GET TERMS SOON

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Paris, Feb. 1 (by the Associated Press).—Preliminary peace terms will probably be presented to Germany along with the conditions for a further renewal of the armistice this month. Recognizing the need for a return of the world to a normal peace time basis, the nations associated against Germany are considering making a start toward the actual peace treaty by inserting some of the elementary terms into the terms which will be submitted to the German armistice commission on Feb. 17.

This decision is reflected also in the examination now under way to determine what American troops should be kept in occupied territory. The plan is to get them all out as soon as it seems advisable and it has been thought that a start might well be made in laying down the terms of peace. Some officials who have been closely studying the situation believe that the armistice itself might well be developed into a peace treaty, just as they think a society of nations might be developed out of the deliberations of the peace conference.

President Wilson is known to have examined this view and contemplated its possibilities.

At the outset of his talk, Commissioner Hillegas, on request, outlined the teacher pension bill which is going before the present session of the Vermont legislature. The bill's provisions are not obligatory on anyone in the teaching profession and after six years a teacher can get back what he or she has paid in, with the addition of compound interest at the rate of 4 per cent. There is an equal amount of relief forthcoming from the state.

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The evening session was opened with music by the Spaulding school orchestra which had been brought together by a selection by the Spaulding high school orchestra under the direction of Miss Wallace, supervisor of music, the selection being "The Storm Wind."

Professor Strayer's address was followed with the closest interest by the large audience and the teachers went home with some new ideas along the line of the educational needs of the United States. The speaker prefaced his definition of the "emergency in education" by calling attention to the fact that more than 7,000,000 people in the United States confessed in the last census that they were illiterate, and the speaker added that there is probability there are several more millions who are really not able to read or write intelligently enough to keep up with the progress of events. He estimated that in round numbers there are approximately 10,000,000 of people in the United States who are virtually illiterates.

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TEACHERS ELECT SUP. W. B. LANCE

Plainfield Man Heads the Winooski Valley Association for Next Year

FIFTH CONVENTION CONCLUDED TO-DAY

The Sessions Were Filled With Instructive Conferences

The visiting teachers who have been attending the fifth annual conference of the Winooski Valley Teachers' association, which has been in session at the Spaulding high school in Barre for two days, returned to their homes this afternoon after having had the benefit of attending a very instructive convention. The final session was concluded just before noon to-day, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Supt. W. B. Lance of Plainfield; vice-president, Supt. W. F. Mayor of Williamstown; secretary, Ralph Gray of Cabot; treasurer, Miss Rose Lucia of Montpelier; executive committee, Miss Caroline M. Griswold of Montpelier, Supt. Lyman Hunt of Barre, Although no announcement was made, it is expected that the next convention will be held in Montpelier.

The formal session this forenoon opened shortly after 9 o'clock with music by the eighth grade chorus of the city schools and the speakers of the day were State Commissioner of Education M. B. Hillegas, who talked on "Educational Conditions," and Prin. John G. Thompson of the Pittsburg, Mass., Normal school, who spoke on "What Education Can Do."

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Much of the reason for this lack of physical condition, the speaker thought, was to be found in the inadequate training which the young people receive in school; not enough attention is paid to the play side of school life by means of which the physical side is developed.

E. L. SCOTT NAMED AS CITY JUDGE

Successor H. W. Scott, Who Has Served for 12 Years

HE WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT APPOINTMENT

He Has Been Practicing in Barre for the Past 15 Years

Attorney Elwin L. Scott has been appointed by Governor Clement to be judge of the Barre city court to succeed Judge H. W. Scott, who has presided over the court for the past 12 years. The former received official notification of his appointment this morning but he stated that his acceptance of the position would be conditioned on the possibility of his adjusting his legal practice to continue along with his judicial duties. He was averse to surrendering his private practice in order to take the position of judge.

Attorney Scott stated that the appointment came to him without solicitation on his part although some of his friends had come to him with the suggestion that he be a candidate for the appointment. He told them that he would make no personal effort to secure the position. It is understood that Judge H. W. Scott was a receptive candidate for reappointment. He is at present ill at his home on Richardson street. In case Elwin L. Scott accepts the appointment his commission will begin as soon as he qualifies for the position.

Attorney Scott has been practicing in Barre for the past 15 years, following his admission to the Vermont bar on Oct. 30, 1903, after a period of study in the office of R. A. Hoar. Prior to beginning his legal studies he attended Rochester (Vt.) high school and the state normal school at Randolph Center, graduating from both institutions. His practice includes that of attorney for the Quarry Savings Bank & Trust company.

Other municipal judge appointments made by Governor Clement include the following: Melvin G. Morse, Hardwick, judge of the Caledonia county municipal court; George H. Goddard, Rutland, judge of the municipal court of Rutland; Charles S. Wheeler, Brattleboro, state board of osteopathic examination and registration; Lee N. Melver, Newport, state board of examiners in optometry; Frederick H. Bickford, Bradford, member at large, state fair commission; John B. Condon, Pittsford, member state fair commission; Myron A. Adams, Derby, member state fair commission; George H. Merrill, Morrisville, member state fair commission; George Mann, Hartford, member state fair commission; George K. Stephens, Hartford, member state board of veterinary registration and examination; W. R. McKillip, member from Chittenden county, vice Sherman R. Moulton, resigned.

HEADS VOLUNTEER MILITIA

Preston H. Hadley of Bellows Falls Becomes Colonel.

Gov. Clement to-day announced the promotion of Preston H. Hadley of Bellows Falls from lieutenant-colonel of the Vermont volunteer militia to the rank of colonel, taking the place of H. T. Johnson, who to-day assumed his duties as adjutant-general. To fill the vacancy of lieutenant-colonel, Aaron H. Groat of Newport has been promoted from major, while Capt. Harry W. Ellis of St. Johnsbury has been appointed major of the second battalion in the regiment, taking Major Groat's place. Major Ellis was many years commanding officer of company D in the National Guard, and is a well-posted military man.

Gov. Clement has also appointed Rufus E. Brown of Burlington as judge in place of Joseph Stearns, who was appointed by Gov. Graham.

VINCITIA CLUB DEFEATED

Apollo Took Opening Match of the Winter, 13 to 6.

Vincitia club was defeated by Apollo club last night in the first of their winter tournaments in duplicate whist, pool and billiards, the score of points being 13 to 6. Vincitia won whist but was defeated in both billiards and pool. The results were as follows:

Whist: Cole and Averill of Vincitia beat Lowe and Howland, 9 to 6; Rogers and Jackson of Vincitia tied with Brooks and Laird, 8 to 8; Ballard and Hutchinson of Vincitia beat Pitkin and Templeton, 11 to 3; Phelps and Small of Vincitia beat O'Dell and Hanson, 9 to 7; Love and Averill of Vincitia lost to Bailey and Kemp, 8 to 10; Bond and Sedor of Vincitia tied with Briggs and Keegan, 7 to 7; Mackay and Bisbee of Vincitia beat Whittier and Greene, 9 to 7; Bell and Levie of Vincitia lost to Blanchard and Wheaton, 4 to 6; Laing and Craddock lost to Temple and Tupper, 3 to 21.

In billiards Huntington of Apollo beat Davidson, 75 to 53; Pickard of Apollo beat Holden, 75 to 53; Mower of Apollo lost to Livendale, 72 to 75; Putnam of Apollo beat Maiden, 75 to 46; Scott of Apollo beat McKay, 75 to 46; Phillips of Apollo beat Sassi, 75 to 32.

In pool, Phillips of Apollo beat Nute, 75 to 54; Goodwin of Vincitia beat Langlots, 75 to 61; Leiden of Apollo beat Phillips, 75 to 60; Sherman of Apollo lost to Davidson, 56 to 75; Huntington of Apollo beat Carroll, 75 to 68; Gross of Apollo beat Gordon, 50 to 20.

A buffet luncheon was served. It is expected that a return match will be played soon in Barre.

MILTON DAIRY CORPORATION

Has Been Formed with Capital Stock of \$50,000.

The Milton Co-operative Dairy corporation, with a capital stock of \$50,000, has been formed to handle dairy products, has filed articles of incorporation in the office of secretary of state. The papers are signed by some 20 men who live in the towns adjacent to Milton.

Barre Hospital Drive Amounted to \$9,219.57

Complete Report Submitted by William Barclay, Who Was Chairman of the Committee.

A complete summary of the recent drive for the Barre City hospital is presented to-day by William Barclay, chairman of the committee, showing that a total of \$9,219.57 was raised or subscribed for the support of this Barre institution; and Chairman Barclay and the secretary, Mrs. George W. Tilden, make the following statement:

"On behalf of the trustees and special committee, we wish to express sincere appreciation to those who assisted with their liberal contributions in the recent drive for the benefit of the Barre City hospital.

"To the management of the 'Goose Green' and 'Squag Holler' entertainments, also the dance by the joint Italian club, thanks is particularly due. The captains in Barre City and surrounding towns, who cheerfully gave both time and energy to this worthy cause, are also gratefully commended.

"Coming at the holiday season and following so many other calls upon the generosity of the people the results are very gratifying. Sincerely,

"Mrs. G. W. Tilden, Sec'y. Wm. Barclay, Chairman.

The following is a brief summary of the results:

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