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Closely following Norwich university's centennial celebration comes the observance of Dartmouth college's 150th anniversary, beginning yesterday. Already the University of Vermont and Middlebury are well started on the second hundred-years of their history. These New England colleges are hoary with antiquity.

The bolshevik government has failed to take hold on the people of Russia. Otherwise there would not be the present spectacle of the people passively standing by and letting the forces of the anti-bolsheviks be overwhelmed. The bolshevik government is not suitable, even for Russia, it would seem. It is being repudiated in every part of the United States.

The New York board of aldermen has unanimously approved of the daylight saving system. Many other municipal governments would do the same but they might vary the present system by setting the clock back to normal before Oct. 26. Those who go about their tasks early in the day find that there is not a great deal of daylight saved and light bills avoided in the month of October with the clocks set ahead.

According to the prophecy of the great stone face on the top of Mount Mansfield, winter will set in on Nov. 23, inasmuch as the first snow of the season was noticed on the old man's brow Sunday, Oct. 12, and the old saying goes that winter comes six weeks after that first appearance. The prediction fixes a date considerably later than usual, and it behooves people not to be caught napping through reliance placed on the prophecy. Signs sometimes lead one astray.

In view of the fact that the estimated cost of federal buildings almost always exceeds the appropriation secured from Congress for any specified town, the discrepancy of \$25,000 in the St. Johnsbury job is not to be wondered at. Indeed, one would be inclined to think that the balance of estimated cost over the appropriation would be considerably more than that. But Congress has been known to increase such appropriations, and St. Johnsbury people should not feel discouraged over the present situation.

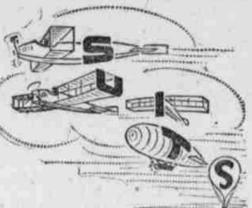
Such events as the burning of a passenger steamer in mid-ocean and the rescue of the hundreds of persons on board by another steamer are given but comparatively scant attention in the rush of the news of the day; yet the destruction of the steamer Venezia and the rescue by the steamer Niagara must have been full of thrills for those who participated in the event. Undoubtedly, this was another triumph for the wireless, without which instrument the fate of the several hundred people might have been sealed then and there.

The vote of the United States Senate on the Shantung amendment to the treaty of peace may have no bearing on the lineup of the Senate on final ratification of the treaty, as the leaders of the Lodge contingent assert, but it is quite evident that the cause is lost to those who have been clamoring for amendments to the treaty. The only hope left for them is the interposition of reservations; and the temper of the Senate seems to indicate that few, if any, reservations will be permitted before formal ratification takes place.

A summer resident in Greensboro has offered a prize to the pupil in the village school who shows the greatest advancement in the ability to spell. Those who can spell perfectly now will, of course, have no chance to win the prize; but we suspect that all the pupils of the Greensboro school will have a chance to get the prize. Anyway, if they are like the pupils in the public schools of 246 other cities and towns of Vermont, they will be eligible to compete and have a chance to win the prize. Spelling is one of the most neglected studies in nearly all our public schools.

A collision between an automobile fire truck and a coal team at a Burlington street corner calls attention to the possibilities of similar collisions in any place where motorized fire apparatus is in use. Motorized fire apparatus travels more rapidly than horse-drawn vehicles—that is one strong reason why it is being installed in many places every year; and there is, therefore, marked necessity that the right of way be given to the firemen, as the greater speed of the motor apparatus makes it difficult to avoid collision. In the Burlington accident, the driver of the coal team did not hear the siren and bell of the fire apparatus, but it is a rare case when the screech of the siren can be heard. When you hear it, get out of the way immediately.

The gifts which the Henry W. Putnam family has made to the founding, the enlarging and the endowing of the Henry W. Putnam Memorial hospital in Bennington have reached such a large total as to make it easily the most valuable public donation in recent years. In addition to the original gift of the Bennington water system, which was conservatively estimated to be worth



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SAVE YOUR UNIFORMS.

Perhaps it is not necessary to caution all former service men of the United States to retain the uniforms which they wore during that period of service; but there undoubtedly are some who value the uniform too lightly and who are careless about preserving the khaki or the blue, whatever may have been the branch of the service they were in. For two years the khaki was a common sight in the United States. Every hamlet had its man, or men, who came home clad in the olive brown of the standard uniform of the United States. Every city had its small army of soldiers. So the khaki came to be a familiar hue on the streets and, in a way, the novelty of the appearance wore off for the casual observer—the khaki got to be recognized as almost a commonplace. The soldiers themselves soon discarded the uniform, being glad to get back into civilians' clothes. The transformation was sudden and abrupt—from khaki to the various colors of the tailor's delight almost overnight. Now the khaki is a very uncommon sight on the streets of any place unless it be in the neighborhood of some army camp or demobilization center. The khaki-clad soldier attracts attention just as he did during the early stages of the war; and the sight of the cloth is welcome to the civilians if not to the soldiers themselves. And some day it will be an almost sacred reminder of the days that were, as well as a symbol of consecration to the nation. Some

day the khaki will arouse the patriotic fervor of the public just as the complete uniform of the Union soldier in the Civil war stirs unwonted emotions in the heart of the beholder. And in this connection it might be well to say that one of the great regrets of the present day is that there are not more uniforms of the '61-'65 period extant. So the boys of 1917-19 ought to treasure their uniform of 1917-19 ought to treasure their uniform for the enjoyment of future generations of Americans who will read of the great struggle with as much avidity as we to-day read of the days of the Civil war. Keep your uniforms.

DIGGING POTATOES.

(Written for The Times by Daniel L. Cady.)

Of course, you'll pick the dustiest day There's been since planting time in May, And, as from out the shed you start, To haul the old red dumpty cart, It hooks against the old green pung, Which falls and snags the tedder tongue; And then you stop and hunt around, For Mr. Tailboard can't be found; And then you stop and dust the seat, For Mrs. Hen is not so neat; And then you start, no more to stop, Until your cart adjoins your crop.

But just as digging hours begin The boys commence to act like sin; It's hard to make 'em shake the tops Until the last potato drops; And some they maul and some they mash, And every good one gets a gash; And next they pelt the old stone walls Like Thunder, with potato balls; And picking up they more than hate, Unless it's getting noon or late, And jest to show they're awful smart They toss a snake inside the cart.

By four o'clock the load's aboard And Johnny goes and gets the team; You brace your feet and take the reins, The neekyoke humps, the even strains, The forrard wheels go up in the air, The hind wheels stay exactly "there"; At last the combination works, The big load moves with little jerks; The basketfuls you've set on top Bejiggle 'round till off they drop; A punkin that you stop and pick Along the way looks green and sick.

At last you reach the bulkhead door And back and gee and back some more, But when you start the cart to tip, She tips too much and gives a slip, And down she comes, ker-smash, and splits The bulkhead casing all to bits; The murrhies make a Hun retreat And land beneath the horses' feet; Behold your cart of old renown, The tongue in air, the tailboard down; The boys jump 'round and slap their shins, The hired man, he kinder grins.

But don't indulge in deep dismay, The system works the second day; The boys behave, the yield is good, The hired man laughs when he should; Eight loads you get of spuddings fine, And one of small, and that makes nine; There's nothing more to do or say, But put the old dump cart away, And sigh because you lost the load You sold that German, Bumbletoad; And so you seek your pillar slips And dream of Saratoga chips.

CURRENT COMMENT

You're Right, Joesault.
 Barre's successful hustle to secure \$250,000 to make sure of a knitting mill is greatly to her credit. They know the difference up there between "knit" and "nit."—Ludlow Tribune.

Deserving Towns.
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Restoring the Railroads.

Steps preliminary to the return of the railroads to private control are under way. On the face of the brief announcement of Director General Hines' order to begin inventory of supplies on hand as of Dec. 31, next, it might be taken that the preliminary steps are to be followed on the date named by culminating ones. More likely, however, we shall witness the spectacle of Congress suddenly rushing through a resolution depriving the president of the right to return the roads at all. Their owners, it is no secret, do not want them returned until some real assurance can be given of their future status.—Springfield Republican.

Camp Grounds for Motorists.

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Dear Friends:
 You know there was a fool, or rather I will put it this way, "A Fool There Was," but really when you come to think of it, this sounds so ridiculous—just as if the number were limited. Now it seems to me that we are all foolish, relatively foolish. Each of us is doing something which seems foolish to the other. It is a difference in degree rather than kind, and what seems more strange still, the wisest are often the most foolish, foolish wise men, so to speak. The Kaiser, for instance; he was supposed to have been endowed with a fair amount of earthly wisdom, but he appears so foolish now. Still, at that, if Bill's footwork had been as good as his headwork, things might have been different. So it goes. Then there are people who appeared foolish at one time who were really so far ahead of their neighbors in thought and perspective that they will never catch up. Ben Franklin was laughed at; George Westinghouse was called a fool in no general terms; Langley was an object of mild derision; Watt was more or less ridiculed; Lake, a prophet not without honor save in his own country, Bell was called a dreamer and Edison a crank. So that I say that it is impossible to determine whether one is wise or foolish. But I do know this. It has always been considered, even by the very wisest men, a sensible thing to save money and the part of wisdom. No matter how many other foolish things a man may do, when he begins to save his money, he is doing a wise thing, and I know it. And what's more, he knows it, too. Drop in at the Peoples National Bank and let's talk this over a little more, and believe me, Your sincere friend,
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