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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE Estate of HENRY STAFFORD The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, COMMISSIONERS, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Henry Stafford, late of Bennington, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in respect thereto, hereby give notice that they will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the Court House in Bennington, on the 7th day of April, 1916, at 10 o'clock P. M., until 4 o'clock P. M., on said day, and that six months from the 7th day of March, A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance. Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 7th day of March, A. D. 1916. J. O. BURKE, Commissioner.

LITERACY BILL PASSED BY VOTE OF 225 TO 82

Indications That it Could Overcome President's Veto

WOULD CHECK IMMIGRATION

This is the Bill of Which Senator Dillingham is the Author and a Strong Supporter.

Washington, March 27.—The literacy test section of the Burnett immigration bill was sustained, 225 to 82, in the House today. This vote on the principal issue between the advocates and the opponents of restricted immigration presages the final passage of the Burnett measure by an overwhelming majority, probably by tomorrow night. The comparatively small vote cast today against the literacy test also indicates that the House may be able to override the veto of the President should he again disapprove the literacy test clause. It is believed by Chairman Burnett that practically every opponent of the bill was present today, while many of its advocates, assured of the approval of the literacy test clause, were absent.

On two occasions opponents of the Burnett bill have registered less than 100 votes. The vote against the adoption of the special rule calling up the Burnett bill was only 82.

No roll call was taken on the literacy test clause today, as the measure was being considered informally in Committee of the Whole. It is expected that Representative Sabath, who moved to strike the clause from the bill today, will renew his effort when the bill is put on final passage.

Although a two-thirds vote is required to override a Presidential veto, Mr. Burnett estimates that when practical the entire membership of the House is present there will be an ample majority for the motion to override.

DANGERS OF A COLD

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BRITISH CAPTURE TRENCHES NEAR YPRES FRONT

Germans Admit Loss of Solient at St. Eloi

ATTACK ON 900 YARD FRONT

German Losses Are Said to Be Heavy But British Claim Only 170 Prisoners.

London, March 28.—The British and Germans have been fighting fiercely in the region of St. Eloi, just south of Ypres, and the British, through the explosion of a big mine and by infantry charges, have captured or destroyed a considerable portion of the German trenches. The British infantry stormed and took first and second line trenches along a front of 600 yards. London officials announced, and Berlin admits that German trenches in this region were blown up, to an extent of 100 yards, and that "casualties were caused among the company occupying the position."

The British official account issued last evening reads: "This morning after exploding mines, infantry of the Northumber and fusiliers and Royal fusiliers assaulted the German salient at St. Eloi successfully, taking first and second line trenches on a front of some 600 yards. Heavy casualties are known to have been caused to the enemy. Two officers and 168 men were made prisoners."

"The artillery activity today has been mainly confined to the neighborhood of Angres, Wulverghem, St. Eloi, and Westille."

"Last night and today there has been much mining activity. At La Boiselle we successfully exploded a mine. South of Neuville-St. Vaast and near the Hohenzollern redoubt there has been crater fighting in which we were successful. Opposite Hulluch the enemy exploded mines last night, damaging our trenches and causing some casualties. We are establishing on the crater formed by the explosion."

THE FORTNIGHTLY

"A Woman's Exchange" a Feature of the Saturday Meeting.

Once more Bennington merchants have shown their progressive spirit and at the fortnightly on Saturday the members will have an opportunity of seeing some fine exhibits of their own and other grocers, druggists and confectioners' stocks. The displays will be made up entirely of products listed in the Westfield book of pure goods.

Miss Dorothy Patchin, a student in the domestic science department of the Bennington high school will give a brief outline of the Westfield movement. The rest of the program is to be a "Woman's Exchange." To this each member is asked to bring or send her favorite recipe (which may be left at the door) and a plentiful supply of paper and a pencil for her own use.

NORTH CAROLINA FOR WEEKS

Strong Sentiment for Senator Among Delegates to Chicago Convention

Raleigh, N. C., March 24.—With the choosing of R. W. Ward of Raleigh and J. D. Parker of Smithfield, as delegates from the Fourth Congressional District to the Chicago National Convention, it was declared today that the State delegation is solid for Senator Weeks for the Presidential nomination.

Neither the State nor district conventions have instructed their delegates, but the national committee, the delegates at large, and the delegates from seven Congressional Districts are in favor of the Massachusetts Senator. Former National Committeeman E. C. Duncan is one of the delegates defeated in the convention today.

DORSET WOMAN A SUICIDE

Mrs. Halleck Rowell Shoots Herself With Shot Gun.

Dorset, March 27.—While in a fit of temporary insanity, it is believed, Mrs. Halleck Rowell, about 1 o'clock this afternoon killed herself by shooting a charge of shot being fired into her head. She had suffered two strokes of apoplexy within two years. The woman's rash act was committed at her home in South Dorset. Besides her husband, Mrs. Rowell leaves two sons and two daughters.

LOCAL OVERFLOW

Henry Dietyel went to Philadelphia Monday.

Miss Carolyn Clark has returned, after a month's vacation spent at her home here, to Bernardston, Mass., to complete a year's work as teacher.

VILLA IS FLEEING BEFORE FORCES OF GEN. PERSHING

Stopped Long Enough to Peat Band of Carranza Troops

TRANSPORT QUESTION IS ACUTE

Pershing's Column is Now 300 Miles From Border and Line to the Rear is Weak.

San Antonio, Tex., March 27.—Francisco Villa's escape from the region about Namiquiqua was preceded by a smart defeat of a part of the Mexican de facto government's troops and was unopposed by other constitutionalist detachments, according to unofficial but credible reports reaching here today.

The cordon of Mexican troops that the Mexican authorities announced would be drawn across his path, gave way, according to reports, indicating their cooperation with Villa rather than with the American forces. United States army men here were inclined to believe reports of inefficiency and half hearted cooperation.

Advice from General Pershing to General Punston dealt only with routine subjects, principally with the transportation of supplies. The positions of troops were not revealed but it was known American cavalry still was riding hard along the trail of Villa and was rapidly nearing points 300 miles from the border.

It was realized here that the early capture of Villa would be little better than accidental.

With their knowledge of the country and with the assistance they can procure along the way, Villa and his followers, it was feared, will have little difficulty in keeping ahead of the pursuing Americans. The only hope for an early ending of the chase, it is felt here, is that Carranza's troops will check Villa's flight or that Villa himself, after joining one or more of his wandering bands, may decide to fight. That Villa will be able to effect a junction with a considerable force before he is brought to a stand again is regarded at United States army headquarters here as probable. Canuto Reyes, one of his generals, who has been operating in the vicinity of Torreon, has a strong mobile force, and in the state of Durango it is said the Arrieta brothers are in a position to move northward to his support.

Unofficial observers have offered a theory that Villa, after joining these and others, will continue his movement southward with the hope of gathering strength as he goes and, with Zapata and other enemies of the Carranza government will attempt once more to gain possession of Mexico City.

PATROL SYSTEM FOR ROADS

To Be Emphasized at County Meeting, April 4th.

One of the chief things to be considered at the Bennington County good roads meeting in Bennington on April 4th is the "Patrol System."

One of the big questions which confronts every town in Bennington County is "How shall we maintain our roads after we have built them?" By the "Patrol System," certain stretches of the selected roads are taken in charge by a special patrolman, who gives his entire time to maintain them, thus keeping the selected road in good condition all the time and leaving the road commissioner free to put more time and attention on the remaining roads. All of the extra expense incurred by the System is met by the State.

The advantages are so evident that States are being placed under the system. In fact, the only reason why many more roads are not so handled is because it is as yet a new thing and is not clearly understood.

The advantages are many. In the first place it keeps the road good all the time, and avoids the inconvenient and expensive way of letting roads go to pieces and then repairing them. The patrolman gives his full time to the work, insuring that things will be done when needed. The road commissioner, not working full time, often must look after his own affairs just when he is most needed on the road.

It causes men on adjoining sections of selected roads to rival each other as to whom can keep his road in the better condition.

We often hear it said, "That road needs fixing, a small expense now would save a much bigger expense later on," but still the road commissioner has no money with which to fix it until another summer. Under the Patrol System the road is kept up when the money is expended the State foots the bills.

We are very rapidly completing the building of our main roads. The problem now is to maintain them with the least expense. This can be attained best by the "Patrol System."

VAGUE STORY THAT END OF WAR MAY BE AT HAND

Peace Rumor in Guarded Dispatch From Stockholm

BASIS OF DISCUSSION WANTED

President Wilson and King Gustave Said to be Trying to Arrange Meeting of Belligerents.

Stockholm, March 28.—The meeting of the allies war council at Paris this week is said to have a bearing on possible peace proposals.

It is alleged, on the authority of the ambassador of neutral power, that Germany has already made known to Col. House of the United States and to a leading Swedish statesman the terms on which she would meet the allies in discussing peace.

The same authority declares that the meeting in Paris is in part to discuss the terms on which the allies would be willing to meet Germany and Austria in an attempt to end the war. The result will be communicated to King Gustave of Sweden and President Wilson.

If the belligerents are not too far apart in their demands it is expected that Sweden and the United States will try to bring about a meeting of representatives of the powers at war to see if peace terms can be reached.

It is said that all the nations in the conflict are tired of war and are willing to concede points which they held to be vital earlier in the struggle. The greatest difficulty is said to be to get either party to make the first move lest it be considered a sign of weakness.

PARIS WAR COUNCIL

Leaders of Allies Meet to Plan For the Future.

Paris, March 27.—The conference of the Entente Allies, the most important since the outbreak of the war, began this morning in the great salon of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where many other historic meetings of diplomats have taken place. No previous meeting there, however, has been of such grave import or has been attended by such a representation of world figures in war and diplomacy. The table at which the conference sits is the same one at which peace terms were discussed at the close of the Spanish-American war.

The subject of the first sitting was the military situation. That is all that can be said definitely, but it is thought likely that General Joffre, Earl Kitchener, General Sir Douglas Haig, Lieutenant Count Cadorna, General Castellano, and General Roques, the new French War Minister, addressed the conference.

The entire company took luncheon at the Ministry at noon. The afternoon session was devoted to consideration of the economic resources of the Allies.

\$150,000 MORE FOR WILLARD

Champion to Go on Road with Circus—Will Not Retire.

Chicago, March 27.—Jess Willard arrived from New York today with his right hand in bandages. Otherwise he showed no ill effects of his contest with Frank Moran in New York Saturday night.

The champion will remain with his family here until he starts his season with a circus April 29. It was said that his contract with the circus calls for \$150,000.

"I did not knock out Moran because a knockout would have a bad effect on the fighting game in New York, and there is enough feeling against it now," said Willard. "I don't intend to retire. I am not that much of a fool, even if they do say things about me."

BASKET BALL ENDS

Y. M. C. A. Closes Season Tonight with Big Game.

The last game of the season by any of the local teams will be played in the gymnasium tonight.

A close contest is predicted between the "Y" first team and the No. Adams Y. M. C. A. boys. The Massachusetts boys gave the "Y" a bad beating recently, and it is hoped to hold them down if not turn tables. To this end there has been hard practice. At North Adams the Bennington boys were without two of their best players. The team will be at its best tonight, and will have the advantage of its own floor.

A good preliminary team will be played between the second team and the North Bennington.

The capacity of the gymnasium is limited and those who do not wish to stand should be on hand early.

ARLINGTON—1791

Play to be Given Here by Public Welfare Association.

"Arlington in 1791," the play written by Dorothy Canfield Fisher and which was so successfully given in Arlington last autumn will be given in Bennington April 28th by local talent under the auspices of the Public Welfare association. In connection with the play "The Old Singing School" will be introduced which altogether should make an enjoyable full evening's entertainment. The play itself depicts scenes and characters of the early days of Arlington and as the history of the town at that time is so much allied to that of Bennington, the play should appeal very strongly to a Bennington audience.

"The Old Fashioned Singing school" is always popular but a program based on this idea has not been presented in Bennington in several years. The entertainment is to take the place of the annual winter festival that has previously been held in the opera house and is in charge of the joint committees on dramatics and community festivals of the Welfare association. The members of these committees and those assisting are Jeanette E. Perkins, Mrs. William H. Wills, Amy Cutler, Molly Robinson, J. L. Griswold, Mrs. Mary H. Adams, H. M. Ritchie, Hilda Pratt, Mrs. H. W. Tirrell, Mathilde Vossler and Irving H. Hare. The cast for the play is now complete and rehearsals will start this week under the direction of Mrs. Arthur C. Elliot.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Probably rain.

SUSSEX'S SINKING SEEMS TO BRING NEW CRISIS

Believed Certain Steamer Was Sunk By Torpedo

NO AMERICANS WERE LOST

Two or More Were Injured, But All Are Reported to Have Reached Shore Alive.

It is now believed, through information coming from Paris, that no Americans lost their lives when the channel steamer Sussex was blown up. One or more Americans may have perished when the British steamer Englishman was sunk.

It was authoritatively stated at Washington late yesterday that President Wilson would communicate the situation fully to Congress before taking any definite steps which might lead to a rupture of diplomatic relations as a result of the attacks on the (Continued on Page 2.)

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