

Automobilists Claim That Present-Day Gasolene Is Deficient in "Kick." We Have Heard No One Complain That It Is Lacking In Odor

KAISER WILHELM SAYS KUEHLMANN IS TO BE OUSTED

Has Consented to Resignation of Foreign Secretary.

IS KAISER'S SCAPEGOAT

Is Cast Aside Because of Statement to Reichstag That Military Alone Could Not Win.

Copenhagen, July 9.—Emperor William has consented to the resignation of Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, according to the Wolff news bureau of Berlin.

Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann was named foreign minister on August 6, 1917, succeeding Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, whose retirement followed the exposure of his plot to involve the United States in war with Mexico and Japan in the event that this country showed any inclination to join the entente allies.

Dr. Kuehlmann's conduct of the foreign office appeared to be more than usually successful until June 25 last when he appeared before the Reichstag to discuss the political aspects of the situation facing Germany.

During his address he said: "In view of the magnitude of this war and the number of powers, including those from overseas, that are engaged in it, it is hardly to be expected through purely military decisions alone and without recourse to diplomatic and negotiations."

This statement, which flatly contradicted speeches by the German emperor, who but a short time before had referred to peace being won by "the strong German sword" was received with consternation in the Reichstag and with sharp criticism by the country.

It was later reported that Dr. von Kuehlmann's words had been approved by Gen. Ludendorff, the German commander on the western front. This brought to notice rumors of friction between Ludendorff and the German crown prince and his coteries, who comprise the radical pan-Germanic elements in official circles.

Soon after the address in the Reichstag, it became common knowledge that Dr. von Kuehlmann's retirement from office would be forthcoming. Some reports were to the effect that his address was intended to inform the German people that their armies could not win the war and was delivered with the cognizance of the emperor, who, when he saw what a storm had been stirred up resolved to make von Kuehlmann the scapegoat.

It is believed that the emperor has decided to cast aside Dr. Kuehlmann as a scapegoat for the political situation facing Germany.

Advertisement for Grape-Nuts and cream, Delights and Nourishes, 'THERE'S A REASON'

FOOD SITUATION

Better Than Any Time Since War Was Declared.

Washington, July 9.—Definite assurance that there is no danger of a sugar famine was given by the Food Administration today. The food situation generally was declared to be better than at any time since America undertook the feeding of the Allied world.

FOR STATE NATIVE BIRTHDAY

Dr. E. E. Potter, secretary in the town of Pownal, Vt., July 8, 1918.

Editor of the Banner.—Will you permit me the use of your columns to announce that I will be a candidate for town representative at the September primaries on the republican ticket?

If the voters should see fit to make me their choice for this office I will endeavor to give the town the best representation in my power.

Respectfully yours, E. E. Potter.

DEAD NOW NUMBER 107

35 Unidentified Negroes Among Victims of Railroad Accident.

Nashville, July 10.—Revision of the dead and injured in yesterday's collision shows one hundred seven dead and eighty-six in hospitals. Among the dead are thirty-five unidentified negroes.

FUTURE CONTROL OF N. Y. EVENING MAIL

All German Equity in Property Will Be Seized According to Law.

New York, July 10.—With Dr. Edward Rumely, publisher of the New York Evening Mail, under arrest charged with having financed the newspaper with German money, the question as to the future ownership and management of the newspaper, was in abeyance yesterday. It will be decided in Washington at a conference today or tomorrow among Henry L. Stoddard, chief bondholder of the property; Paul Block, who is said to own \$50,000 worth of the stock; and A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

Francis P. Garvan, investigator for the Reichstag, announced that he had referred to Washington to confer with Mr. Palmer and that for the time being these two would conduct the paper. All German equity in the property would be seized according to law, he said, and meantime there was no reason why advertisers and subscribers should not continue to do business with the paper.

Dr. Rumely was arraigned yesterday on a complaint charging perjury, and was released on furnishing \$35,000 bail.

ARLINGTON

Perry Gardner of Bennington was in town recently.

John L. Burdette of New York spent Sunday in town.

Rev. S. H. Watkins of New York has been in town for a few days.

Miss Mabel Chase and friend of New York are at the Burdette house.

Mrs. Harrington of North Bennington is with Mrs. Condorsia Mattison.

Bishop Bliss will administer confirmation at St. James church this Sunday.

Friends Carleton Bellis, who spent a short furlough in town, returned to Camp Devens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jones and son, Lesley and Miss Ella Andrew were in town Sunday.

Miss Lena Andrew, Mrs. Monahan, Albert Luck and Mr. and Mrs. William Cullinan were in Walloomsack Sunday.

Lesley Jones, who has been spending a furlough of a week, returned to his duties at East Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Charles O. Adams, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. H. D. LaBatt returned to his home in Castleton Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Margaret Killian, who teaches school in New York is spending the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Killian.

Mr. and Mrs. McCree of Brooklyn, Mass. have opened their summer home here. Mr. McCree has returned home but Mrs. McCree is entertaining.

Miss Mattie Bixby, who attends the Art school in New York received one scholarship for designing and another scholarship for a specialty in flower coloring. She is at present with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bixby and expects to enter the school again this fall.

Mrs. Carleton Bellis, and Miss Hazel Bellis with Mr. Bellis accompanied Carleton Bellis back as far as North Adams Sunday. Mr. Bellis proceeding on to Camp Devens and the rest of the party were met in Bennington by Mrs. Margaret Barrett and Mrs. Bellis with a car bringing them back home.

At the Neighborhood club meeting last week very interesting letters were read by Rev. S. H. Watkins from his daughter, Mary, who is in the territory of Boston as an ambulance driver also letters were read from Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher. The letters were all enjoyed by the large number of people present. Both Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Fisher are Arlington girls and their letters are most interesting and also give their old friends an opportunity to learn of their field of work.

FRENCH TROOPS PUSH FOE BACK MORE THAN MILE

German Counterattack in This Region Repulsed.

530 PRISONERS TAKEN

Unusually Quiet on American Sector—German Artillery Active in Region of Amiens.

Paris, July 9.—Attacking early this morning west of Amiens, between Montdidier and the River Oise, French troops carried a two-and-one-half-mile front, piercing it to a depth of more than a mile at some points. Five hundred and thirty prisoners were taken.

A German counterattack upon the French lines at the Loges Farm, in the area of this advance, was repulsed, the French entirely maintaining their gains.

In the longest region, south of the Aisne, the French increased their gains of yesterday and took additional prisoners.

With Americans in France, July 10.—American fronts west and east of Chateau-Thierry have been unusually quiet, but it is believed that heavy fighting may break loose any moment. Last night the enemy artillery fire was far below normal.

Paris, July 10.—Artillery duels north of Montdidier and south of Aisne where French troops have recently made inroads upon German lines, were announced by war office.

London, July 10.—Considerable activity developed early this morning by German artillery and machine guns east of Amiens from Villers-Bretonneux to Amiens, the war office announced. German attacks in Villers-Bretonneux area were repulsed.

Paris, July 9.—French troops today attacked the German lines on a front of about two and one half miles, on the front between Montdidier and the Oise River, penetrating the German positions and realizing an advance of a mile at certain points, the war office announced.

German counter attacks were repulsed the French entirely maintaining their gains. Four hundred prisoners were taken, including fourteen German officers.

KAISER HAS "GRIP"

Has Gone Home From Front Because of Attack of Malady.

Rome, July 10.—Emperor William has fallen victim to influenza that has been so prevalent in the German army, says the Swiss advices. They declare that the emperor has gone home from the front because of an attack of "Spanish Grip," as it is called, and that several members of his family are also suffering from the same malady.

EAST ARLINGTON

Carl Buck was in Rutland, Tuesday.

Roger O'Brien was in Troy on business Tuesday.

Miss Rose Hayden of Bennington is spending a few days in town.

John Doyle of Schenectady passed Sunday in town visiting friends.

Miss Tressa Mann, who has been ill with tonsillitis, is better at this time.

V. L. Smith, who has been visiting his parents at South Horicon, returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dean of Wallingford passed the Fourth in town visiting relatives.

Carlton Bellis and Edward Curran were in town Sunday on a short leave from Camp Devens.

Mrs. James Price was in Troy Monday to visit her husband at the Samaritan hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Andrew of Springfield, Mass., passed the week-end in town visiting relatives.

J. R. Judson and his son, P. O. Judson left Monday for Prince Edwards Island on their annual fishing expedition.

Cyrus Secoy and Francis LaBatt leave here Sunday for Burlington to attend the army training school at Burlington.

Phillip Billings, who accompanied Leon Cole on his auto trip to Boston and visited a few days in town, returned to Poultney Saturday.

Until further notice those desiring to pay their Red Cross installments can do so to R. A. Shumilton who will give them a receipt for same.

THE COURAGE OF FRANCE

Incident Showing Supreme Devotion to Great Cause.

Following is an extract from a letter from France, written by Captain Percy Hall Jennings, dated June 11th, 1918:

"Saturday night I had dinner with eight other officers and a little incident happened that you would be interested in. It was at a restaurant, and we were at a large table in the center of the room. Over in one corner we had noticed a French polli. He was decorated with the Medaille Militaire, Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre, with about ten palms and a star or two on it, and the medal they give them for wounds.

"When we were about half through, he got up to go out, being helped by the lady with him. He had only one arm and only one leg. As he went over our table, we all stood up and saluted. After he had gone the waitresse d'Hotel came rushing over, exclaiming 'Bon pour les Americains bon!' She leaned over me and asked if I understood French. I told her 'a little', and she said: 'He has been in the war since the beginning. He has lost his arm and his leg, and his three brothers, and his father. He has nothing left—nothing at all. There you have a complete description of war, right in that little story.'

This may interest your readers as an illustration of the many little acts of appreciation and respect shown by our officers to the common French soldiers—those splendid men, who have fought with such superb devotion for France and the whole civilized world for nearly four years. Such incidents help to cement the nations together in this great crisis of the world's history.

DORSET

Thomas Bebee of Williamstown, Mass. has been visiting friends in town.

Miss Elva Hollands of Waterbury passed the week end with the family of E. H. West.

Silas Lanfear spent the Fourth with friends in Granville where he witnessed horse races.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Gilbert spent Saturday in West Rupert where they visited Mrs. Jennie Klune.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mears attended the funeral of Mr. Mears' sister in North Bennington Tuesday.

Henry Barden and party from Rupert motored through town the Fourth and "called" on friends.

Mrs. E. H. West with her daughter, Miss Hollands were guests Friday of Mrs. Prentiss Kent in Rutland.

F. F. Gilbert, Jr., conducted a party to the dance at Idlewild last Friday evening. His guests were from Fort Slomus, Northampton and Pawlet.

Minor Gilbert returned to Fort Slomus on Sunday after spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Gilbert. Private Gilbert expects to be with troops soon outgoing to Texas.

News was recently received of the death in Rutland of the widow of Duane L. Kent. Mr. Kent was brother of the late Judge Chas. H. Kent and was once prominently known here in the marble business.

A reception was given Wednesday evening by the Grange to Bro. Lewis Catchelder and bride of Hartford, Conn. A large number of friends were out to offer congratulations and good wishes to this worthy couple.

Ray O'Connor arrived Thursday evening from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was given a months furlough following his severe illness and took the shortest route to Vermont and home. He travelled 1950 miles to reach here.

Members of the F. F. Gilbert family with guests formed a party on the Fourth and visited the "Battery."

The weather was very warm while ascending the mountain, but upon entering the cave, ice and snow was encountered and so cold a reception was met that the friends beat a retreat and enjoyed a lunch on a sunny slope.

An interesting Grange meeting was held last week at which A. W. Platon and others gave instructive talks on wartime topics. At the close of the meeting an invitation was given by the members of the Dorset Band to join in a serenade to Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey who had arrived at the Chapel home from Brooklyn where they were married on Tuesday. "The Band" was kindly received by Mrs. Chapin, altho it was a decidedly novel experience, and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey were shortly dispensing confections and cigars in right good humor to their unexpected guests, who had so loudly "horned" them a la Dorset.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shuffleton, their daughter Mildred, Miss Marjorie Sawin of Gardner, Mass., and Paul Shuffleton of Worcester, Mass., visited relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Buck and Mrs. Bucka mother, Mrs. Sculley of Cobleskill were in town over Sunday. Mrs. Sculley is to remain a few days with her daughter, Mrs. William Morrissey.

Loula Clevin of Dorset, who worked at Hais Co., plant and enlisted from here in the navy, has been spending a few days in town. He belongs to a gun crew on the South Carolina and has made seven trips over and back as convoy.

THINKS GERMANS WOULD DISCUSS TERMS OF PEACE

Berlin Editor Submits Some Proposals.

NOT VERY ATTRACTIVE

Would Have Some Countries Restored to Per-War Status—Russia's Future Not Mentioned.

Copenhagen, July 9.—While claiming no official sanction, and even admitting that their realization would encounter strong opposition from the German government and people, George Bernhard, political editor of the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin, submits the following peace conditions:

France and Italy to discuss with Germany and Austria their future frontiers, without the intervention of third parties.

All the German colonies to be returned.

Belgium to be restored completely as an independent state.

All merchants of the central powers who have been deprived of their property overseas to be restored to their former rights of possession.

Great Britain to evacuate unconditionally all parts of the Turkish empire and Persia.

The situation before the war to be restored in Egypt.

The Dardanelles, on the basis of a treaty applying to the states bordering the Black sea, to be free for the passage of Russian ships.

SANDGATE

Fred Stickle spent Sunday at his home here.

Ernest Hamilton and daughter, Marjorie spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Mears, Mrs. James Jackson and Evelyn Stickle spent Saturday in Bennington.

Mrs. Minnie Homig is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Harvie Hayes in Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mason and son Donald of Niagara Falls, N. Y., spent several days last week at their farm here.

Miss Beatrice Harris of South Shaftsbury was the week end guest of the Misses Bessie and Evelyn Stickle.

There will be a Red Cross dance at Hurd Hall Friday evening, July 12th. Everybody come and help the good cause along.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

Four Hearings Before Commissioner Simonds Today.

Industrial Commissioner R. W. Simonds held hearings in four cases here today. The session took place at the Putnam house. No awards were made. The cases were as follows:

Nicholas Petras, employed by the Holden, Leonard company, injury to hand on January 25.

Maude Hughes, employed by the Bennington Sanitary Laundry, injury to hand in April.

William H. Saldwell, employed by Plunkett-Webster Lumber company, injury to leg December 22, 1917.

A. W. Moore, employed by Bennington Wax Paper company, injury to hand.

BASEBALL SATURDAY

Black Cat Team Will Play North Adams at Morgan Park.

The Black Cat baseball team has arranged a game with the North Adams team to be played at Morgan park Saturday afternoon. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock and a good contest is promised.

The Black Cat players have been rounding into shape during their recent games. The athletic organization among the employees is lending its influence to the project for Saturday afternoon sports and is meeting with good support.



MRS. HALSEY W. WILSON

National Secretary to Speak on Suffrage Saturday Afternoon.

The recently elected recording secretary of the National American Woman Suffrage association, Mrs. Halsey W. Wilson, will speak in Bennington in the Young Woman's Club Saturday afternoon July 13th at 4 o'clock, her subject being "Suffrage as an Immediate War Measure."

Mrs. Wilson made a national reputation as a leader of suffrage schools in 1917, when she was one of a flying squad of suffrage leaders to give courses of training in the principles of suffrage in many states.

Combining in an attractive degree the patience and power of the teacher with the warmth of the enthusiast, Mrs. Wilson is one of the most popular instructors that the National American Woman Suffrage Association has sent forth to teach suffrage students throughout the country. She is able not only to impart facts accurately, but to infuse a life into them.



MRS. HALSEY W. WILSON

That makes their acquisitions a pleasure to the pupil.

"I believe in the philosophy of 'service,'" she says in her lectures. "Woman suffrage is but a part of the big movement toward democracy. It is the business of woman to arouse social consciousness and further the coming of democracy by assuming political responsibilities."

Mrs. Wilson was educated in Minnesota at the State Normal school and the State university. She was for three years principal of a High school in Minneapolis and for seven years editor of the Book Review Digest.

When she moved to White Plains, N. Y., she became interested in the woman suffrage cause and has served it faithfully and efficiently.

Every one, whether interested in Suffrage or not, is cordially invited to this meeting.

READSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bouvier spent Thursday at Williamstown.

Miss Viola Duperrault is spending a vacation at Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Cifers and Miss Anna Paskus returned to their home in Troy after spending a few days with Mrs. Cifers' sister, Mrs. F. W. Sinzig.

Elbrid Shattuck of Worcester, Mrs. I. L. Cain of Jacksonville and Miss Grace Cain of Skowhegan, Maine, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cain Sunday.

Miss Mable Brown is spending a vacation at Worcester, Mass.

Carlo Franchisetti returned to Camp Devens Saturday after a five days furlough.

Mrs. Dary and daughter, Miss Lilian visited friends in town Thursday.

Crosby Perry of North Adams is spending a vacation at his home here.

John Harris and Clyde Gould of Greenfield, visited friends in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Banchard motored to Williamstown Thursday.

Miss Nellie Ross spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Reed.

The Readsboro baseball team played the "Night Hawks" of North Adams on July 4th. Two games were played the first was in favor of the Readsboro team the score being 10 to 5. The "Night Hawks" took the second, the score being 7 to 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eiler returned to their home in Springfield Saturday after spending some time with relatives in town.

Mr. Maloney and daughter, Miss Doris of Springfield, Mass., spent the week end with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ross of North Adams spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Bert Chase of School street spent Sunday at Ashfield, Mass.

Harold Chase is home from Brattleboro where he has been attending High school.

A. P. Bishop died at his home on Main street Thursday, July 4. Mr. Bishop suffered from a shock on April 19, but had recovered very well. He had been able to be around and his death was not expected. Mr. Bishop was born in Readsboro July 19, 1847. He was the son of Chaney and Samantha Bishop. He had been twice married, first to Annette Hicks. His second marriage was to Corliss T. Cook. They had four children, two of which are now living. Mr. Bishop had run a general store but for the past 25 years he has conducted a drug store. He is survived by his Clarence Carter and one granddaughter, Mrs. Clarence Carter and one granddaughter, Marion Louise Carter.

LUXURY TAXES SUGGESTED BY TREASURY DEPT

Would Levy \$15 to \$50 On All Automobiles.

COMMITTEE DISAPPROVE

Tickets, Hotel Bills, Club Dues, Clothing, Household Furnishings Are Included.

Washington, July 9.—Taxation on so-called luxuries—all articles of wear selling beyond a nominal price, jewelry, automobiles and whisky—based upon the French and English luxury taxation systems, is suggested in a memorandum submitted by the Treasury Department to the Ways and Means Committee today. The suggestions contained were read to the committee by Representative Claude Kitchin, the chairman, and were generally disapproved because of their radical nature and their approach to a consumption tax.

Chairman Kitchin said that the luxury taxes were working well in France and England and it might be necessary for the committee, in writing the bill, to adopt some of the ideas advanced by the Treasury Department in the memorandum submitted today.

It is believed that there will be a luxury tax, perhaps as high and radical as recommended, in the event that it is not possible to get \$6,000,000,000 in excess profit and income taxes.

The suggested tax on retail sales the fifty per cent. on the retail price of jewelry, including watches and clocks, except those sold to army officers.

Twenty per cent on automobiles, trailers, and truck units, motor cycles, bicycles, automobile, motor cycle and bicycle tires, and musical instruments.

A tax on all clothing above specific prices, house furnishings, handbags, toilet articles. Ten per cent on all hotel bills of over \$2.50 per person per day.

Also ten cents per gallon on all gasoline to be paid by the wholesale dealer. Also a tax on wire, cables, soft-drinks, motion picture shows and films, automobiles graduated according to horsepower from \$15 to \$50 in increased tax on alcoholic beverages, distilled and fermented spirits, wine, tobacco and cigars, club membership, household servant wages and theatre admissions.

Washington, July 10.—Preparations for framing the new war revenue bill has progressed in the House, says the Ways and Means committee, with attention centering upon the list of suggestions for new and higher taxes on luxuries and necessities.

CHRISTY-STOPIELLO

Providence Young Man Takes Bennington Girl for Bride.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the St. Francis de Sales church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock when Alice Stoppello, daughter of Frank Stoppello of Depot street was united in marriage to Joseph Christy of Providence R. I. Rev. T. R. Carly officiating. Miss Helen Hurley presided at the organ.

The bride was very prettily attired in white satin with silver trimmings, and bridal veil with wreath of orange blossoms and carried white roses.

They were attended by Philomena Stoppello, sister of the bride, and James Christy, brother of the bride groom. The bridesmaid was very pretty in pale blue taffeta with gold trimmings and carried pink carnations.

A number of friends were entertained at the bride's home after the ceremony. After a wedding trip including Utica, Rochester and Boston the couple will reside in Providence.

There were many beautiful wedding gifts including \$300 in money a gift of the brides father.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Troy, N. Y., and Mrs. Christy, mother of the bride groom and two brothers of Providence, R. I.

AIDED FOOD CONSERVATION

London, July 10.—People of the United States by self-imposed food restrictions, have aided greatly in maintaining the food supplies of the European Allies, Sir William Goode of the Food Ministry announced today. He gave striking figures showing the extent of American self sacrifice.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, partly cloudy tonight, and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—2 acres of land, 12 room house, barn, henhouse, hothouse and garage. House may be occupied by two families. One new milk cow, two other cows, a 1 year old calf, and a two-wheeled wagon. Apply to Eli Archer, Park street extension, 4167.