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In case the Vermont legislature could adjourn on April 1 it would be considered a good joke.

It is now up to the prosecution to show the indicted ball players anything but a "grooved" ball.

Robert Lansing's book on Woodrow Wilson at the peace conference is largely corroboratory evidence.

Bert L. Taylor, former Vermont newspaper writer, left an estate of \$5,000. What do you make of that, Watson?

It looks as if Governor Hartness had worked his co-ordinating machine to perfection in the matter of selecting a state highway commissioner.

With ex-President Taft calling again the White House with his usual vitality, the gloom seems to lift from the country to a certain extent. Taft's smile goes a long way.

The master plumbers of Montreal have decided to pay their men for work done rather than for time spent on a job. The movement ought to read to automobile mechanics.

The precariousness of ex-President Wilson's health is indicated by the arm which his mild attack of indigestion caused in his household. Wilson is by no means a well man.

The first thing the American government ought to do with Grover Cleveland Bergdoll—when it gets him—is to expunge from his name the name honed in American history. It is a mockery that such a deserter should have carried the name of one of the nation's greatest patriots.

Now that the bureau of internal revenue has given permission to the strawberry growers of Louisiana to utilize their product in manufacture of strawberry wine for non-beverage purposes, ought to be possible for Vermont people to transform their blackberries to a medicine of the well known sort many a Vermont home.

The death of that Rutland man after ending 105 years in Vermont and after being permitted to enjoy every affair right up to a few hours prior to his demise is another indication that those who seek normal life in Vermont. This Rutland man is said to have taken a keen pleasure out of the everyday matters of life. "Come to Vermont."

A Brattleboro man took his three boys to a "movie" show in his town and on returning home he took his pen in hand to write to the Brattleboro former that the four saw "such rotten stuff" that the head of the family could not forbear to enter a public protest. That's right, Mr. Brattleboro, if they are showing anything "rotten" don't fail to say so; that's the only way to censor the unspoken drama.

The British and the American governments seem to have adopted the German idea of expediency in the matter of negotiating with the soviet government of Russia regarding relations. It deserves to be said that the soviet government seems to be substantiating its reason for the control of considerable section of the former great empire—substantiating its control by right, at any rate. Of course, someone Russia must enter into trade relationships with the remainder of the world; and if the soviet government to maintain control the other nations must recognize that government.

Six persons—four women and two men—boated around in Boston harbor the other day, for all the world like toy ducks, only they showed such signs of animation as eating food, drinking milk and, in one instance, smoking a pipe. The reason why they did no lower than their armpits was cause of a new invention for preservation of life in case of shipwreck or being thrown into the water; and when they clambered back on shore it was found that their clothing had not been saturated even. At the same time they were reasonably warm, as the protectors are said to be warmth-insulating as well as buoyant. This invention is along the right line and serves to be developed. If it proves effective, many of the terrors of the sea will be minimized, for if persons are able to float there is hope of E's-aiding, of course, the distress signals have been sent out and answered. It is strange enough that inventive genius has not been turned more often to-

ward the perfecting of equipment for enabling people to float.

**THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO REPAY VERMONT.**

There is a good deal of justice in the complaint by the Burlington Clipper about the action of some government officials in sending several army motor trucks, carrying loads, over the highways of Vermont from Fort Ethan Allen to St. Johnsbury as a test run.

It is said that the trip was intended to be a snow test but the season was so far advanced that it was more of a mud test for the motor trucks. More than that, and immeasurably more important, it was a test of Vermont roads to which they should not have been subjected. In our neighboring state of New Hampshire they have just passed a law requiring that motor trucks keep off designated highways during the spring when the frost is coming out of the ground and the highways are in a soft condition. The new law is reasonable and absolutely necessary if the roads are to be kept from complete demolition. Yet in Vermont these army trucks were sent over one of the most important highways in the state at a time when heavily loaded vehicles were calculated to damage the roads materially. Through the towns of Essex, Jericho, Underhill, Cambridge, Johnson, Morristown, Wolcott, Hardwick, Greensboro, Walden and Danville to St. Johnsbury the army trucks ploughed their way through a combination of snow and mud. At one point, so the news dispatches stated, the trucks were stalled and mired so that tractors which were carried on some of the trucks, ostensibly as "loads" but more likely as motor aid in just such emergencies as were met, had to be used in hauling the trucks out of the mud. It is said that the ruts dug by the army trucks ranged in depth in some places from 10 inches to 20 inches, while the grinding which the tractors subjected the roads to in the places where the trucks were mired added to the destruction of the highway. The damage done to the highways cannot, according to the Burlington Clipper, be repaired at less than \$50,000, thus adding to the tremendous burden of upkeep which Vermont has been carrying for a long time. And that, too, just to make a "test run!" The order which sent the trucks over the highways of Vermont was a serious mistake but was almost equalled by the tacit permission given by the state department of highways and town departments to carry through the so-called test. The federal government ought to pay for the damage done.

**Unappreciative Uncle.**  
 A proud young father telegraphed the news of his happiness to his brother in these words:  
 "A handsome boy has come to my house and claims to be your nephew."  
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 —Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

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**He COULDN'T**—Columbia State.  
 The man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank in his auto was empty.  
**It WASN'T**—Cincinnati Enquirer.  
 The man looked down the barrel of his gun to see if it was loaded.  
**It WAS**—Charlotte News.  
 The man touched an electric wire to see if it was alive.  
**It WAS**—Kodak Park Bulletin.  
 The man didn't bother to put on safety goggles, because "there wasn't any use."  
**There WAS**—Safety News.  
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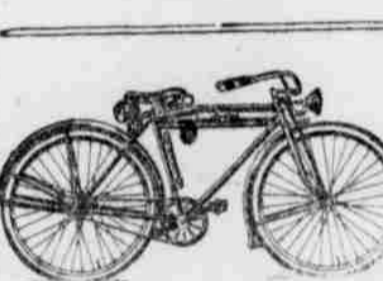
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**CURRENT COMMENT**

Says E. W. Howe Knows Better.

He doesn't like some newspapers and some editors. He doesn't like the art, dramatic and book critics as a class and now he puts the society reporter in the same class because some mythical scribe in some mythical middle western town has over-played some mythical young debutante in the community whose father is the mythical big advertiser, who, of course, dictates the editorial policy of the paper. They always do in such independent lampooning. Again E. W. Howe knows better. —Rutland Herald.

**Leaving the State.**

The matter has been talked about and written about ad nauseam. Meanwhile the drift away from the state continues. It is high time to find out why and do something to head off this emigration that is sapping the very life blood of the state. The best young people are leaving the state. It isn't true to say that a good many of them wish they were back—barring sentimental considerations. They are making good wherever they are. The very native characteristics that would have made them valuable to their native state are making them successful elsewhere. —Rutland Herald.

**GRANITEVILLE**

You will miss a musical treat if you fail to hear the local artists at the concert and ball to be held in the big gym, on Monday, March 28, under the auspices of Mystic Circle. Overture at 8 o'clock prompt. Norris & Sutor's five-piece orchestra in new and catchy dance music. Tickets \$1.25 per couple, extra ladies 25c. Refreshments. Big time assured. Committee—adv.

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