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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

VON MACKENSEN'S ARMY IN RETREAT

Burning Village As It Falls Back in the Province of Dobrudja

BERLIN MAKES DENIAL OF RUMANIAN CLAIM

In Macedonia the Entente Allies Are Winning Further Successes and the City of Monastir Is Almost Within Their Grasp.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's army in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja is in retreat, the Petrograd war office announced today, burning villages as it falls back. Bucharest reported a further advance yesterday toward the important Cernavoda-Constanza railroad which the Teutonic allies captured in their drive. Berlin today entered a denial of the Rumanian claim. Fighting in the Somme region of northern France shows little diminution in intensity.

The invasion of Rumania is continuing successfully, Berlin announces, although increasing resistance apparently is being encountered along the Wallachian border. Nevertheless progress is claimed for the Teutonic forces with the capture of more than 1,200 prisoners. In Macedonia the entente allies are winning further successes in their campaign for Monastir.

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Attacks by British troops on the German line along the road from Mailly to Serre and also to the south of Beaumont north of the river Aisne were beaten off by the Germans in hand grenade fighting, the war office announced today. Strong British forces attacked Grandcourt, but the assault broke down under the German fire. South of the Somme the eastern section of Saillist was taken from the French and French trenches on the northern edge of St. Pierre-Vaast wood were captured, together with more than 300 prisoners and five machine guns.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—French and Russian troops from the Macedonian front are now within four miles of Monastir, it was announced officially. The war office says the pursuit of defeated Bulgarians continues.

On the eastern end of the line British troops have again assumed the offensive, defeating the Bulgarians in the region of the river Struma and capturing the village of Karakusha.

During the night the Bulgarians abandoned their principal position west of the Cerna river. The French and Serbians took 400 prisoners and made progress toward Yarezhok in the Cerna bend west of Monastir. South of Monastir the French and Russians are reported to be making substantial progress. It is in this region to the north of Kenali that they have advanced to within four miles of Monastir.

DENIAL BY GERMANS.

Submarine Did Not Fire Upon Rowanmore's Life Boats.

BERLIN, Nov. 16, by wireless.—Assertion that the German submarine which sank the British ship Rowanmore, on which there were several Americans, fired upon life boats containing members of the crew are dismissed as utterly false in the report of the commander of the submarine. Further details of which became known today. On the contrary, it is said, the men on the Rowanmore owe their lives to the precautions taken by the Germans.

Centre Congregational Church

Friday, Nov. 17, at 6 p. m.—Meeting of teachers and officers of the Sunday school, with supper in the parlors.

Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week meeting of the church. The first chapter of Pilgrim Deeds and Duties, which will be studied during the next six weeks, will be considered. Copies may be secured for 20 cents each from the pastor.

First Baptist Church

Christmas sale of fancy work and novelties Thursday, Nov. 16, at 4 p. m. Chicken-pie supper, 6 p. m. Tickets 50c. Children 35 cents.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Oasis Encampment. Patriarchal degree will be conferred on a class of candidates.

EXPLOSION WRECKED AMMUNITION SHIP

Caused the Death of 150 Persons and the Wounding of 650 Others at Archangel.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A Stockholm newspaper says that some days ago an explosion occurred on board the Russian ammunition steamer Baron Dreeczi at the Russian seaport of Archangel, causing the death of 150 persons and the wounding of 650 others, according to despatches from the Swedish capital to the Exchange Telegraph company. The Baron Dreeczi and another steamer, the despatch adds, were destroyed. Several buildings near the harbor and two barracks were set on fire and burned down.

SOLDIERS SUFFER ALONG THE BORDER

Badly Disorganized as the Result of the Extreme Cold and Unusual Sickness.

DEMING, New Mexico, Nov. 16.—The fourth separate brigade, which left here on a practice march, culminating in maneuvers at Fort Bayard, is badly disorganized as the result of the extreme cold and on account of sickness, according to reports received here today from Fort Bayard.

AUTHOR OF QUO VADIS.

Death in Switzerland of Henry Sienkiewicz, Polish Novelist.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Henry Sienkiewicz, the Polish novelist, best known in this country as the author of Quo Vadis, is dead at Vevey, Switzerland, according to a cable despatch received here today by the Polish victims' relief committee. Sienkiewicz had devoted much of his time recently to Polish relief work and had been in frequent communication since the European war began with a committee here and with the National American Red Cross. The message said the novelist died suddenly in a Vevey hotel yesterday.

CABRERA MAY OBJECT.

Not Present When His Associates Approved Border Control Plan.

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 16.—Interests in the session of the Mexican-American joint commission was today in learning what would be the attitude of Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission. During his absence at Philadelphia the other Mexican representatives virtually agreed with the American commission on the essential points of a plan of border control. They express confidence of the support of Mr. Cabrera, notwithstanding the opposition offered by him on Tuesday the last time he appeared in conference. Their optimism, however, was not shared by all those in touch with the conference early today.

FORCED TO RETIRE.

Serbian Attack Causes Retirement of Germans and Bulgarians.

SOFIA, Nov. 16, via London.—The retreat of German and Bulgarian forces in the Cerna bend, under the assault of the Serbians, is admitted officially. According to the statement, the Bulgarians have fallen back on a line four to six miles west of Iven, the last town west of the Cerna reported captured by the Serbians.

CONGRATULATES GEN. HAIG.

King George Pleased with Great Success of Past Few Days.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—King George today telegraphed congratulations to General Sir Douglas Haig, British commander in France, "upon the great success" of the last few days, reflecting credit on all ranks. Gen. Haig replied with a message of thanks.

VOTING IRREGULAR.

Some Evidences of Fraud Already Discovered in Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 16.—Discovery of 35 irregularly sworn-in voters was the first fruits yesterday of the investigation ordered by Attorney General Peterson into the suspected election frauds. The prosecuting attorney of Washington county added that 35 additional voters probably had been irregular.

GERMANS DRIVEN OUT.

French Retake Portion of the Village of Pressoire.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—The French last night recaptured the portion of the village of Pressoire on the Somme front which the Germans occupied yesterday, according to the official announcement.

WHEAT FROM INDIA.

Four Hundred Thousand Tons to Be Shipped to Entente Nations.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The India government has sanctioned the exportation to England, France and Italy in November, December and January of 400,000 tons of wheat.

50 VILLA BANDITS SLAIN IN BATTLE

Badly Routed by General Carranza's Forces in a Clash Near Ortis

VILLA INTENDS TO KILL ALL AMERICANS

Refers to Them as "White Chinese," When He Entered Parral Following Its Evacuation by Gen. Luis Herrera Recently.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Nov. 16.—An advance guard of the Carranza forces met a Villa band near Ortis, a point half way between Chihuahua City and Center Rosalia and routed the band, which lost 50 killed, according to reports received last night by General Trevino. It was stated that the government casualties were 11 wounded.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 16.—Francisco Villa referred to Americans as "white Chinese" at Parral when he entered the town at the head of his troops following its evacuation by Gen. Luis Herrera, declared a Mexican refugee from Parral who came to the border disguised as a peon. In a speech to the people of Parral Villa said he intended to kill all Chinese and "white Chinese," meaning Americans, the refugee reported. Three Chinese were said to have been killed there by Villa bandits. Villa also announced intention to go to Chihuahua City and capture it from the Carranza troops the refugees said.

NOT TO REQUIRE BAGGAGE VALUATION

Easton & Maine Railroad Issues Orders Canceling Present Regulation After December 1.

The Boston & Maine railroad has issued orders that after December 1 declaration of the value of baggage or property transported in baggage cars of the road will not be required unless desired.

On June 1, 1915, the road, in common with others in the East, issued orders requiring that the owner or shipper of each piece of baggage for interstate traffic should declare its value before checking it. This has caused much delay at the baggage rooms and the change will be welcomed by traveling public and railroad employees alike.

BELLOWS FALLS.

Handsome Memorial Windows.

Two handsome stained glass memorial windows have been placed in the Congregational church, one by Fred C. Hildreth and the other by the Woman's association. Mr. Hildreth's window is in memory of his mother and sister, Harriet A. Hildreth, and Hattie A. Hildreth. The general color here is a light tone. The Woman's association window is in colored glass of various hues and is a beautiful color combination. It shows ivory columns about which are intertwined grape vines bearing ripe purple fruit. In the distance are seen mountains and plains, with a river winding through. At the top of the window appears "I am the vine and ye are the branches." At the bottom is the following: "Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Rev. xiv. 12." This window is in memory of those who have departed to the higher life.

Good Homes Exposition.

Tonight will be the closing evening of the Good Homes Exposition and Food Fair, which began Tuesday morning in the drill shed of the A. T. R. Co. It is being held under the direction of the Housewives' League committee of the Bellows Falls Woman's club, and the proceeds will go toward the district nurse fund, a work which is carried on by the Woman's club. Local merchants and societies and manufacturers of national reputation have booths at the exposition and their goods are on display. Speakers from out of town have given addresses of interest to women and the evening entertainments have consisted of vocal numbers by local singers and of music by the Bellows Falls band. This is the third annual affair of its kind held by the Woman's club. The attendance has been large.

Shrapnel Makers Released.

As work on making shrapnel has about finished at the plant of the Vermont Farm Machine company many men have been released from the company's employment. New work has been begun on making high-powered explosive shells for the Canadian Car & Foundry company, under a sub-contract from the Russian government. This work has just begun, and it is understood that later some of the help who have left will return to work. Those who have gone are mainly unmarried men who were working in the night shift.

RAILROADS UNITE IN GENERAL ATTACK

Will Fight the Eight-Hour Law, Which It is Estimated, Will Cost Them \$50,000,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The railroads of the United States have begun in earnest their fight to wipe the Adamson eight-hour law off the statute books and the federal department of justice has performed an organization to meet in court the legal forces of the transportation companies.

Large railway systems in various parts of the country filed injunction suits in the federal courts yesterday, using in their actions identical avenues of attack upon the constitutionality of the eight-hour law passed by congress at the instigation of President Wilson to avert a national railway strike called by the four big railway brotherhoods to take place the first of last September.

Suits attacking the law were filed last week by these roads: Union Pacific, Santa Fe, St. Paul, Rock Island, Chicago & Eastern, Chicago & Great Western, Burlington, Louisville & Nashville, Missouri Pacific, and the Illinois Central. Suits were brought yesterday by several large eastern roads and by the Hill systems.

It is considered probable that one or more eight-hour suits, as test cases, will be rushed through the lower courts and to the United States supreme court so that there may be a decision by Jan. 1, the date set for the law to become effective.

The railroads have estimated that it would cost them \$50,000,000 a year to give the members of the four brotherhoods the eight-hour day, and they are by no means assured that other workers, such as telegraphers and switchmen, will not try to come in under its benefits, thus increasing the cost still further.

PUBLIC DANGER BEING REMOVED

New Owners of O. J. Pratt Building Remodeling Roof So as to Prevent Snow and Ice Dropping.

The new owners of the O. J. Pratt building are having changes made to the roof of the building that will bring benefits to all residents of the town. A straight front is being built up past the mansard roof, and the roof will be pitched back a short distance and a gutter made to carry the water down through the building instead of permitting water, snow and icicles to drip and fall down on the sidewalk.

It has been necessary every winter to shovel snow off the roof, roping off the sidewalk in front of the building after each storm, in order to prevent the snow from sliding off the roof and possible injuring pedestrians.

EAST DEERFIELD HOLDUP.

Real Masked Robber Gets Away With Loaded Slot Machine.

GREENFIELD, Mass., Nov. 16.—A quite matter-of-fact holdup at the West End lunch in East Deerfield early yesterday morning was reported by John C. Dougherty, the proprietor. The property taken was a slot machine and its contents, estimated at from \$50 to \$60. The robbery was effected with very little disturbance. Night Chef Pelech was alone in the restaurant at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He was busy at the rear of the room when he heard some one enter. Without turning, he finished what he was doing. When he did turn he was just in time to see a stranger disappear through the door with the vending machine under his arm. The chef hurried to the door, only to be confronted by a handkerchief-covered face and the shiny end of a revolver. He was invited to walk back into the lunchroom and accepted the invitation. The holdup man, the machine and its small change contents are all still at large. A similar machine disappeared at another East Deerfield lunchroom recently, but at that time the thief made his getaway without being seen.

MRS. FLAGLER WEDS.

Widow With \$70,000,000 Marries Friend of 23 Years.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Mary Lily Flagler, widow of Henry M. Flagler, one of the organizers of the Standard oil company, was married in this city yesterday to former Judge Robert Worth Bingham of Louisville, Ky. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Penelope Jones, Rev. Dr. George Morgan Ward, rector of the Flagler chapel at Palm Beach, officiated. Only members of the immediate family attended.

MANY WOMEN ELECTED.

One Hundred and Fifty-one Chosen to County Offices in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kansas, Nov. 16.—Of 255 women candidates for county offices in 91 of 105 counties in Kansas at the recent election 151 were elected, according to reports received here today. Kansas now has 126 women holding county offices.

BROOKLINE.

Mrs. Frank Potwin was at Don Boutelle's in Townshend several days last week.

The lumber for William Simmons's "ready cut" house came Saturday and G. M. Albee, G. E. Ware, George Osgood, Glenn Howe and James Brown each took their teams and helped him draw it over from the station.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wellman attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Helen Boutelle, in Townshend last week. His aunt, Mrs. Mary Waitman, of Brattleboro, came home with them for a short visit.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Albee, Arthur Cutler and Walter Columbus of Townshend, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeWitt of Newfane, Hubert Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stebbins of Brattleboro, attended the harvest supper Friday night.

There will be preaching services in the Baptist church both morning and evening next Sunday, Nov. 19. The morning services will begin at 11 o'clock, the preacher being Rev. Sanford K. Meek, now pastor at West Topsham and East Orange. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

NEGROES MENACE TO NORTHERN WORKERS

Resolution Designed to Eliminate Them Adopted by Federation.

BROUGHT TO OHIO TO REPLACE UNION MEN

President and Executive Council of Federation Instructed to Inaugurate Movement to Organize Negroes in the Southern States.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 16.—The emigration of Southern Negroes to northern labor centers was brought to the attention of the convention of the American Federation of Labor today, when the committee on organization favorably reported a resolution designed to eliminate what was characterized as a "menace to the workers in the northern states."

The resolution, which was adopted by the convention, recited that investigation in the state of Ohio had demonstrated to the satisfaction of labor leaders in that state that Negroes were brought North for the purpose of filling the places of union men demanding better conditions, as in the case of freight handlers.

ILLEGAL KILLING OF DEER CHARGED

Ernest Parmenter of Guilford Before Judge Barber This Afternoon—Jury Trial to Be Held.

Ernest Parmenter of Guilford was brought before Judge Frank E. Barber in the municipal court this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Frank L. Wellman, charged by State's Attorney O. B. Hughes with killing deer out of season. Attorney A. F. Schwenk entered a plea of not guilty for the respondent and bail was fixed at \$150 for trial before a jury at a date to be determined later.

Deputy Sheriff Wellman was notified yesterday that a hunter had come upon the carcass of a buck and the carcass of a doe, both of which had been dressed and had been dead, the officer's informant believed, two or three days.

About midnight the deputy sheriff obtained from the state's attorney three search warrants and with Officer Charles Wood left early this morning for that section of Guilford near the Massachusetts line.

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MAPLE GAVEL OF HISTORICAL VALUE

From Tree Planted by Senator Morrill and Presented at Convention of Agricultural Colleges.

An interesting episode in the opening exercises of the convention of the Association of American Agricultural colleges and experiment stations at Washington, D. C., yesterday was the presentation of a gavel made from the wood of a sugar maple tree planted many years ago on his lawn at Stafford by the late Senator Justin S. Morrill.

This gavel was made from a limb of the tree which was wrested apart in a storm in September, 1915, the wood being selected by Dean J. W. Votey of the college of engineering of the University of Vermont. The gavel was shaped in the college shops and suitably inscribed as to its origin. It was presented in behalf of the University of Vermont by Dean J. L. Hills, who for the last 12 years has been secretary-treasurer of the association.

It will be remembered that Senator Morrill was the father of the state universities and Land Grant colleges of the country, and that the original enactment in 1862 which founded these institutions was the product of his brain, and on every state college campus the country over his name is honored.

It is certainly very fitting that this central organization should possess this historical gavel.

MEETING MONDAY IN INTEREST OF SCOUTS

Plan Under Way to Put Boy Scout Movement in Brattleboro on More Substantial and Useful Basis.

A meeting will be held Monday evening in the choir room of St. Michael's Episcopal church of all men in Brattleboro who are interested or will interest themselves in the Boy Scout movement.

In the meeting of the Brattleboro Ministerial union Monday morning Rev. D. E. Trout of the Universalist church and Rev. J. Fredrik Virginal of the Episcopal church were appointed a committee to try and co-ordinate the varied Scout interests of the town and organize a Scout council.

Invitations have been extended to a number of men prominent in town to be present and aid in putting the Scout movement in Brattleboro on a substantial and useful basis. There are Scout troops connected with several of the churches, but these separate organizations are small and there is lacking the interest that would be established if they were organized in one large body.

MISTAKEN FOR A DEER.

Clarence Campbell Killed Near Roxbury, Maine, Yesterday.

ROXBURY, Me., Nov. 16.—Clarence Campbell of Worthley Mills, while hunting here yesterday with Charles Dane, was accidentally shot by Harry Marston of Mexico, Me., who mistook him for a deer.

The charge entered Campbell's side and he lived only five minutes. Dane and Marston hurriedly summoned aid, but to no avail. Dr. W. T. Rowe of Rumford, medical examiner, was called. The body was brought out of the woods late in the afternoon.

Mr. Campbell was 40 and leaves a wife and two young children.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

The bans of marriage were published Sunday in St. Michael's Roman Catholic church between Thomas Emmet Long and Miss Mary Catherine O'Neil, both of Brattleboro.

State Councillor W. H. Jeffery of East Burke was present last evening at the regular meeting of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and gave a short address. Several members from Putney also were present.

Robert Edson, the well-known actor, and his company arrived in Brattleboro on the 11 o'clock train today from Holyoke, Mass., to present the drama, His Brother's Keeper, in the Auditorium tonight. From here they will go to Springfield, Worcester and Boston. There is likely to be a large audience tonight.

The fuse blowing episodes of Monday and Tuesday afternoons reported in The Reformer as affecting the east side of Main street it appears was restricted to the American building and the annex thereto. The fuse blown both days were those in the American building and plunged only that building into darkness instead of the entire east side of Main street.

Charles S. Wilkins, who has had much experience in the meat business, will open his public market at 12 High street, the quarters formerly occupied by the American express office, Saturday. The room has been finished in white enamel and is equipped with numerous conveniences for conducting a meat business, including a modern cold storage plant of considerable proportions. The new store will be conducted on a strictly cash basis. Vegetables and canned goods will be carried in stock as well as western and native meats.

THE WEATHER.

Party Overcast Tonight and Friday—Temperature Unchanged.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The weather forecast: Partly overcast tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh west winds.

SPUDS EXPENSIVE FOR JAMAICA MAN

Diverts Few Bushels From Employer and Lands in Court

SETTLES WITH BOTH OWNER AND STATE

Brattleboro Man Fined \$15 and Costs for Disturbing Peace in Halifax, and Halifax Man Pays Fine for Intoxication.

From a roll of \$100 Arthur Dorset of Jamaica paid in the municipal court yesterday afternoon \$42.80 as a penalty for having attempted to reduce the high cost of living in a manner and by a method not in accordance with the law. Of the amount paid \$25 was in the nature of a fine and \$17.80 were taxed as costs.

It appeared from the evidence that Dorset had been engaged by Edward Rawson to dig from mother earth that almost priceless article of food known in less expensive days as Murphies. For this labor Dorset was to receive, and it is claimed did receive, \$2 a day. Nothing was said, it was claimed, about allowing him to select from the fruits of his labor with the potato digger the largest and most symmetrical of the spuds and reserve them for his own use.

As it panned out, he reserved six bushels, or thereabouts, but was detected and his employer confronted him with the facts. Dorset paid Rawson for the potatoes which he had segregated, the amount being around \$25 it is understood and he supposed the matter was ended until he was arrested. On his way to Brattleboro to appear in court he drew from the Jamaica Savings bank \$100 that he might be prepared for an emergency. The amount required by Judge Frank E. Barber brought the expense of the potatoes up to more than \$10 a bushel.

Frank Edwards of Brattleboro, who is employed in Halifax, also appeared before the court yesterday afternoon. He was charged with breach of the peace in the town of Halifax, residents thereof claiming to the state's official that Edwards and others had been making Sundays hideous with brawls. Edwards claimed that the only thing he did Sunday that might have disturbed the peace of Halifax was to go to church there, but the court inclined enough against his version to assess him \$15 with costs of \$13.80. Edwards arranged to pay.

Paul Hovey, of Halifax pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication said to have been one of the several cases of the Sunday epidemic caused by Shelburne Falls brewer, and he arranged for the payment of a fine of \$5 and attendant costs.

COL. J. P. BRADLEY NOT A CANDIDATE

Declines to Run for the Position of Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army.

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—Col. J. Payson Bradley of this city today announced the withdrawal of his candidacy for commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. His name had been put out forward by New England veterans at the last annual encampment at Kansas City as their choice for the post next year. In a statement explaining his withdrawal Col. Bradley said that as the national encampment would be held in this city he thought it unfair to ask delegates to vote for a Massachusetts man for the highest office in the order.

PERSONAL.

Thomas Lynch is ill in his home on Elliot street.

N. D. Clawson and A. V. D. Piper are spending several days in Newfane hunting deer.

Mrs. S. W. Heseock and daughter, Isaphine, of Greenfield have returned home, after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Alger of Reed street.

Mrs. W. F. Mixer of Western avenue has returned from Readsboro, where she had spent a week with her cousin, Mrs. L. D. Blanchard. Mrs. Blanchard recently underwent a serious operation.

Eloise Twiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Twiss of 9 Harris place, observed her third birthday anniversary in her home yesterday. She enjoyed a birthday cake with three candles, which was cut for supper.

IS COURT CASE NOW.

Negligent Shooter Who Caused Death Held to Appear in March.

RUMFORD, Me., Nov. 16.—Harry Marston of Mexico, Me., was held for the March term of the supreme court today on a charge of negligently shooting and killing Clarence Campbell of Rumford.