













ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

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Monday, February 16, 1918

AYER

News Items. Married in Ayer on February 6, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Joseph B. Gerson, a soldier, and Alice S. Marx, of Springfield.

Harold F. Jackson, manager of the telephone exchange, has changed his quarters from Clinton to Ayer. His territory now includes Ayer and Camp Devens.

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Mrs. Huntley S. Turner is very ill and under the care of Mrs. Harbinger.

Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will hold a special communication on Monday evening at six o'clock.

Married in Ayer on February 13, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Winifred L. E. Brandt, a soldier, and Ruth E. Lynch, of New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. George H. B. Turner returned on Wednesday noon from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., and is very weak from having had her tonsils and adenoids removed.

John H. Turner, of Washington street, has the German measles.

Other Ayer matter on first page.

Alliance. One of the most delightful meetings of the Alliance was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. H. Bon House, East Main street.

At the close of the business meeting Mrs. Eldridge, mother of the White Ribbon House, was introduced by the president, Mrs. Fisher, and pleasantly welcomed the ladies.

Mrs. Claude Gilson, community and social service worker of Ayer, gave her experience of the past three months here. For obvious reasons she omitted the personal experiences in many cases.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses at the close of the dress after which, through the kindness of Mrs. Alta Hollis, secretary of the W. C. T. U., the ladies were invited to inspect the home.

Red Cross Notes. The monthly report of the Ayer branch for January is as follows: 14 sweaters, 20 pairs socks, 7 helmets, 14 mittens, 39 gaiters, 18 "red jackets", 23 hats, 21 hospital handkerchiefs.

The Bureau of Military Relief, New England division, for the month of January, has distributed to Camp Devens 1,200 mittens, 1160 sweaters, 528 pairs socks, 180 helmets, 1,812 hats, 220 pairs socks, 440 comfort kits were given the soldiers at Camp Devens.

There is still the call for socks—and more socks.

Illustrated Talk

The civic committee of the Woman's club fortunate in securing Clifflia Davis, who delivered a very interesting talk of his experience at the front on Thursday evening, February 21, at eight o'clock, in the town hall.

"I left for France to join the American Ambulance Field Service and I was sent to join Section Four, which was then attached to the 31st Aviation Corps. I got my first baptism of fire on March 3d, and shortly after that became what is called a front line driver, who only evacuated the wounded from the zone under fire.

The following clipping is taken from Dumb Animals for February. The following clipping is taken from Dumb Animals for February.

The condition of the animals in the corrals has been far better than one would expect to see in a large city.

"The number sick in the hospitals from cold, pneumonia and troubles of various kinds, has been surprisingly small. The death-rate at that time was only four or five a day.

"Of course conditions are not such as our private carriage and best city touring horses are accustomed to. The conditions here are understood, but for the men no little hardship and deprivation.

The Irish Catholic Benevolent society, at its regular meeting in A. O. H. hall, last evening, elected its officers for the year.

The National Jewish Board of Welfare Work is planning to erect a building at the camp.

Architect's Report. A notable piece of engineering work has been accomplished during the past two months in the First Unitarian Parish church.

The horsemen in the division are interested in the claim of Private Henry Lebois of the veterinary corps to be the champion horseman at the camp.

C. Sherwin, who says that he had to

erected, charged with failing to answer his own best judgment, but in fact he was a Bulgarian and did not want to fight against his country's allies.

A movement has been started by burning up the great amount of waste wood found about the camp.

The Warren truss that runs longitudinally of the building spanned a length of over eighty feet.

Upon examination, after measuring the Warren truss as plotted, it was found, curiously enough, in places it should be held in place or to take the reactions.

The tower had been condemned as unsafe and acted in a gale of wind as a lever for opening joints and causing slacking of bolts and rivets.

The Warren truss, running longitudinally of the building, has been shortened in span, strengthened at weak joints and supported at reactions.

The transverse trusses composed of two three by seven members placed together resting on the plate below.

In all several hundred bolts, large screws and other appliances have been used to do this work of taking the members of this skeleton together.

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Monday, February 18

The long expected embargo on soldiers visiting the license city of Lowell was put in force on Thursday with an order prohibiting the presence there of any soldier not actually a Lowell resident.

A Boston firm has taken over the handling of coal at the cantonment in order that the government auto trucks may be free for other army work.

The new soldiers' club at Robbins' pond, to which brief reference was made in this paper last week, is one of the finest structures of its kind in the country.

On Monday afternoon a battalion of soldiers, including infantrymen, artillerymen and engineers was detailed to clear the road of snow from the main street to the railroad station in Ayer.

The 201st Regiment of Engineers received its regimental banner on Monday. The emblem is made of crimson silk on a blue ground, and bears the words "301st Regiment U. S. Engineers" stamped in gold.

A display of patriotism rarely seen came to light on Monday with the discharge of Thomas Butler, of Jorches, member of the 301st Infantry, Butler insisted in spite of the fact that he is lame and a married man, the main support of his wife and two children.

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Wm. S. Hart The Silent Man AN ARTCRAFT PICTURE. Monday, February 18. Page Hall Theatre, Ayer. WILL BE SEEN AT. "THE SILENT MAN" IN ONE OF HIS BEST PICTURES. WILLIAM S. HART, the foremost portrayal of western characters, will be seen in "THE SILENT MAN" one of his best photoplays, at this theatre on Monday afternoon and evening.

hold on Tuesday to discover if possible the alleged "leak" in the premature publishing of the alleged thirty-five year sentence of Col. William Nimke, was suspended after three officers and four correspondents had been called. No finding was announced.

Union Services. Unitarian, Federated and St. Andrew's churches at the Federation House, West Main street.

Cash Discount Store. Now that the time for giving is over, women are beginning to think of something for themselves. January is one of the best months of the year in our CORSET DEPARTMENT. We have just received the new Spring Models in the R. & G. Royal Worcester and Her Majesty Corsets at the following prices:

H. H. Proctor. PAGE BLOCK. AYER, MASS. Dealer in Hardware and Groceries.

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PEPPERELL

News-Items. Born on Friday, February 8, at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., a daughter...

It will be a sad notice to many readers that the public library is indefinitely closed on account of fuel shortage...

These meetings furnish a broad platform for considering any matters of moral and community welfare...

WHO OWNS THE AIR? Switzerland believes that the air above her is Swiss air. She is of the opinion that when a belligerent airplane enters the air above a Swiss frontier...

Habits of Crayfish. The crayfish may be described as a fresh water lobster, and usually lives a purely aquatic life, keeping to the river-beds...

Feb 16 Saturday Sale Feb 16. Make it a habit to visit Fitchburg once a week. You will soon realize it to be the best habit you ever acquired...

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PEPPERELL

About Town. The result of the annual membership campaign of the Red Cross Branch given 442 members in this town...

THE WAR

The war has had no noticeable effect on crime in Britain among females, according to Basil Thompson...

BIBLE MENTION OF EBONY

There is only one reference in the Bible to ebony. It occurs only in Extra 27:15...

LETTER FROM FRANCE

The following letter from a Massachusetts boy in France, a soldier with the American Expeditionary Forces...

THE WOMAN

The woman's position in the world is being steadily improved. She is being recognized as a partner in the progress of the world...

THE COUNTRY

The American people are bearing the burden thrust upon them by the war extremely well. There is no general disposition to profiteer among those who have commodities to sell...

THE FUTURE

The future of the American people lies in the hands of the young men who are being trained in the military service...