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Fifty-first Year

Ayer, Mass., Saturday, December 14, 1918

No. 15. Price Four Cents



Where you'll find what's best for "his" Christmas

No one is going to feel like giving and doing useless and impractical things this Christmas. The war lesson is still uppermost with everyone. At this store you'll find nothing else but useful gifts—things that men need and buy for themselves. Many of the articles are enclosed in handsome Christmas boxes. We will be pleased to help you make your selections.

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| Hart Schaffner & Marx suits
—for long wear—nothing more useful | Smoking Jackets
—the kind he wants | Slippers
—for the whole family—many kinds and colors |
| A Hart Schaffner & Marx overcoat
—warm and comfortable—valuable health insurance | Bathrobes
—every style and color | Rubber footwear
—all kinds |
| Shirts
—silk, madras, wool | Pajamas and nightshirts
—all kinds and prices | Umbrellas
—something he'll be sure to like |
| Neckwear
—all styles and prices | Sweaters
—always useful | Suits cases and bags
—he'll appreciate one of these |
| Underwear
—light, medium and heavy weight | Mufflers
—of silk or wool | Mittens
—in leather or wool |
| Gloves
—all kinds—strong values | Suspenders
—a gift he'll appreciate | Mackinaws
—nothing more useful |
| Belts
—with initial or plain | Hose
—cotton or silk, any color, box or pair | Wool socks
—fine health protectors these days |
| Handkerchiefs
—plain or with initial | Garters
—a useful, inexpensive gift | Hats and caps
—all styles and colors |

FLETCHER BROS., Ayer

A. G. Pollard Co.

LOWELL'S BIGGEST AND BEST CHRISTMAS STORE

The Store of the Christmas Spirit

Where every department radiates the happy, cheery sentiment of the coming yuletide. A glorious Christmas is before us, made more glorious than any other in our time by the wonderful thoughts of the splendid victory across the seas. Get your lists ready. Be about your shopping. Your glad Christmas is here again.

- LOOK OVER THE BOOKS**—The Book Store was never more attractive. You're giving a pair of Silk Stockings to —, well here's the biggest selection and best values. A Bath Robe for Father—Our Men's Furnishings Section shows a lot of 'em; all prices. Aprons? There's a suggestion for you. Our department offers thousands to choose from. **GLOVES**—They carry more sentiment of romance than any gift selection possible to find. **Women's Mocha Gloves**—Prix and P. K. Sewn, self and contrast embroidery; Khaki, Butternut and Beaver. \$2.85
Women's Washable Mocha Gloves—In mode shades, extra heavy quality. \$3.25
Women's Suede Gloves—Silk lined, wool lined and knit lined; grey and tan \$2.00 to \$3.98
Women's Washable Cape Gloves—Prix sewn, Paris point backs; tan and grey. \$1.75
Women's Washable Cape Gloves—Prix and P. K. sewn, spear backs and contrast embroidery; ivory, tan, grey and khaki. \$2.25
Women's French Kid and Lambskin Gloves—Overseam and P. K. sewn, with self and contrast embroidery. Black, black with white, white with black, white \$2.00 to \$2.98
Women's Kid Gloves—In P. K. and overseam; tan and grey. \$2.65 and \$2.75
Women's Gloves—In new "Elwool" material, unlined and wool lined, in one clasp, strap wrist and gauntlet styles; khaki and oxford. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.79
Women's Wool Gauntlet Gloves—White, silver grey, oxford and brown. \$1.25 to \$1.69
Women's Angora Gloves—In gauntlet style; white, oxford, heather. \$2.65
Children's Wool Gloves and Mittens—In nearly all styles and prices

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND SALE—Eng and Drapery Department

- Our New Madras Lace Curtains—Just received from Scotland, in all the latest designs and also colored combinations. All in Dutch sets. \$2.50 to \$5.00 a pair
New Rope Portières—Also some Tapestry Bands; red, green or brown. The very newest drapes. \$4.00 to \$13.98 each
Dutch Scrim Curtains—With lace edges, made 2 1/4 yards long, full width, 2-in. hemstitched; worth \$2.50. Special. \$1.75 a set
New Nottingham Lace Curtains—Very large assortment. \$1.00 to \$7.50 a pair
Solid Oak Magazine Rack—36 inches high, with four 18-inch by 11-inch deep shelves for your books or magazines; made to sell at \$5.00 each. \$2.98
Tabourette or Plant Stands—Solid Oak, with 12-inch octagon tops, 22 inches high, 1-inch square legs, double cross bars. 79¢

STAIR CARPETINGS

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| 1/2 Granite Carpet..... 49¢ yard | 3/4 Woven Colors Velvets.... \$2.00 yard |
| 1/2 Granite Extra Carpet..... 59¢ yard | 3/4 Woven Colors Wilton..... \$3.00 yard |
| 3/4 Granite Extra Carpet..... 69¢ yard | |
| 3/4 Printed Tapestry..... 98¢ yard | |
| 3/4 Printed Velvets..... \$1.69 yard | |
- All new designs and colorings of this season. Useful gifts to beautify the homes.

LITTLETON

News Items.
Alonzo V. Moore is confined to the house with an illness of decided persistency.
James Nixon, Jr. has bought John A. Wright's farm in Pingryville and will soon take possession. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Willard O. Gibson will live with them.
Mr. Rooney has sold his Newtown farm (the James Parker place) to Mr. Howe of Brookline and the papers have been passed. Mr. Howe buys for occupancy.
The Catholic Mission will hold a whist party in the lower town hall on Friday, December 20.
G. Frank Hibbard is sick with influenza.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ireland, although far from well, returned to their home in Gardner Tuesday.
Hugh Mitchell, son of Prof. and Mrs. Wilmore Mitchell, was one of the ballonists who conveyed the George Washington out last week. He also writes that he and his comrades of the "balloon ate" their Thanksgiving dinner of turkey with all the "fixin's" out over the sea and it tasted good.
Mrs. Thomas H. Stephens has been sick with a very severe cold.
Mr. Kelley, who recently moved into his new home on King street, fell this week and broke his arm.
E. P. Wilcox has a position with the Fore River Ship Building Company as purchasing agent. He has recently returned from Bethlehem, Pa., where he went on business. He tells us that the company is building one ship that is to cost \$20,000,000 and the time required for its construction is four years.
John Howard bought two cows at

the Brattleboro sale last week, and Edwin Taylor of the W. H. Ticcomb farm, bought five, all full-blooded Holsteins. Mr. Stobins, foreman at Mr. Taylor's farm, was present at the sale.
The church finance collectors visited the various parishioners of the Congregational society last Sunday afternoon and reported at the evening meeting. The entire sum fell somewhat short of the amount needed, but was very good indeed. A service of praise and devotions and a lunch of sandwiches, doughnuts, pies and coffee completed the evening program.
The Merrifield brothers, with their mother and her maid, closed their bungalow and returned to their Somerville home last Saturday.
Mrs. Chambers and her brother have gone to Attleboro for the winter. Miss Vera Smith is with her brother Raymond and family in Lynn.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roberts have gone to Bridgeport, Conn., where he has secured a position in his liking.
Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cash plan to spend the winter in Florida.
Joseph Lovejoy was at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb, over Sunday.
We wish to remind the public of the Junior dance in the town hall this week Friday evening for the benefit of the graduation fund.
Lecture.
The lyceum meets again next Tuesday evening for the great lecture of the course. It is to be given by Wm. R. Balch, whom the Berlin Times refers to as the "Kept clown of the Boston Transcript who is enough to damn the Kultur of a dozen Hubs." If he is not liked in Berlin his appreciation in America more than makes up. He is personally acquainted with many

of the military and civilian leaders as the people engaged in the present conflict. Five years spent in Germany. He has a real grasp on the war, its immense dimensions and the great changes which must follow the conclusion, and he has a wonderful power to impart it. "He is one to win the interest and sympathy of any gathering in this country." His subject will be "Armageddon—what will the world do then?" The hall should be crowded to hear him in the following lecture of the course.
Clipping.
We are very happy to quote from the Boston Herald of Monday, December 2, the following article headed, "Mother says her son is still alive," over which the many Littleton friends will rejoice: Lt. Karlton K. Priest of

"WHY didn't I have this bathroom put in long ago. It is so clean and beautiful that I feel provoked thinking of all that time that I worried along with the old bathroom." Don't wait until you can say that when a "Standard" bathroom put in by us will mean so much to you now.

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Plumbing and Heating
Phone 72-W Leominster, Mass.



Buy His Christmas Gifts at Brown's

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS IN SELECTING GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS

The place to buy Men's Gifts to the best advantage is a Men's Store. Our store is full of articles suitable and appropriate for his Christmas gift. Most men appreciate a carefully selected gift as to its practicability, usefulness and style. You will find here, also, many articles suitable for Christmas gifts for the women and children in the family.

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| GIVE HIM HOSIERY
Hosiery in great variety; in silk, fine cotton or in wool, both heavy and light weight—all colors.
Fine Cotton Hose, black or colors 25¢ to 50¢
Silk Hose, black or colors 65¢ to 85¢
Fine Wool Hose, black, natural or gray 50¢ to \$1.50
Heavy Wool Hose, in mixtures 65¢ to \$1.50
Silk and Wool Hose. \$1.25 | GIVE HIM NECKWEAR
Always appropriate; a fine assortment to select from. Some beautiful patterns.
Four-in-hands, with wide ends. 35¢ to \$1.00 |
| GIVE HIM A SWEATER
Nothing better or more acceptable for a gift than a Sweater. Colors run Gray, Crimson, Navy and Khaki.
Men's Coat Sweaters, all colors. \$1.50 to \$10.00
Men's V-neck Sweaters \$8.00 and \$10.00
Regulation, khaki color, all wool. \$7.00 and \$8.00
Sleeveless, khaki color \$3.50 to \$7.00 | GIVE HIM GLOVES
Cape Gloves, unlined, for dress wear \$2.00 to \$3.00
Cape Gloves, lined, for dress wear \$2.50 to \$5.00
Mocha Gloves, unlined, for dress wear \$3.00 and \$3.50
Buck Gloves, lined and unlined. \$3.00 to \$5.00
Fur-lined Gloves \$5.50
Fur Gloves \$4.50 to \$6.50
Men's Woolen Gloves 75¢ to \$2.00
Men's Lined Leather Gloves 75¢ to \$2.50
Boys' Woolen Gloves 50¢ to 75¢ |
| HANDKERCHIEFS
Men's Embroidered Initial 15¢ to 25¢
Men's Japanette Initial 15¢
Men's Linen Initial 40¢ to 75¢
Men's Silk Initial 50¢ to 75¢
Men's Linen Hemstitched 35¢ to 65¢
Men's Cotton 10¢ to 25¢ | MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Mufflers \$1.00 to \$3.50
Umbrellas \$1.50 to \$5.00
Bath Robes \$5.00 to \$9.00
Suit Cases and Bags \$4.50 to \$20.00
Mackinaws \$10.00 to \$17.00
Sheep-lined Coats \$9.00 to \$20.00
Underwear—two-piece \$1.25 to \$3.50
Underwear—union \$1.75 to \$6.00
Suspenders 35¢ to \$1.00
Cotton Pajamas \$1.50 to \$3.00
Outing Flannel Pajamas \$2.00 to \$3.00
Night Robes \$1.00 to \$2.50 |

Holiday Footwear for Every Member of the Family

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| Christmas Slippers for Men —In a great variety of styles, in Black and Tan Leathers, or in warm Felt Goods. \$1.25 to \$3.50 | Christmas Slippers for Women —In a great variety of warm Felt Goods, in fancy colors, some with Fur Trimmings; also, Kid and Patent Leathers. \$1.00 to \$2.50 |
| Christmas Slippers for Girls and Children —In Patent Leathers and also in warm Felt Goods in fancy colors. \$1.00 to \$1.35 | Indian Moccasins for Men and Boys |
| High Buckle Arctics for Men and Boys | Indian Moccasins for Women and Children |
| High Buckle Arctics for Women and Children | High Cut Skating Shoes for the Boys |
| Rubber Boots for Boys and Children | |

George H. Brown

Reliable Clothier Ayer, Mass.

PEPPERELL

News Items. No letters have been received here from Ray Willoughby since September...

The sons of P. J. Hayes are not yet discharged from the service, Harold Hayes being still at Fort Newcastle...

George W. Pierce has been negotiating for the purchase of a \$10,000 piece of property in Southwick...

Mrs. Mary Barnes returned on Monday from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua...

Mrs. Arthur Elliott is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, from Gardner...

Acoma Rebekah Lodge held its regular meeting in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening...

A very pleasant gathering was held at the Main street school building on Monday evening...

The second appearance of the 212th Field Signal Orchestra from Camp Devens...

The program consisted of orchestra selections, piano and vocal solos, character sketches, camp songs and an instructive talk...

On this occasion, as well as their previous appearance at the high school dance, the orchestra certainly added to their laurels already established in Ayer.

At the Methodist church on Sunday the pastor will preach morning and evening: morning topic, "Cohesive goals"; evening topic, "The extra year..."

At the meeting of the Special Aid society on Monday afternoon four boxes of garments for the refugees were packed, a generous donation being received from Mrs. Wilbur, South road...

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. M. A. Farren, of Boston, secretary of the Seaman's Friend society, will preach...

Next Tuesday evening the Pilgrim training course will be continued in the church vestry at 7.30, taking up chapter three, "The plan of the lesson..."

Next Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock, the Women's Missionary society hold their monthly meeting at the parsonage.

The Christmas roll call or campaign for membership will begin on Monday, December 16, continuing until December 23...

Pepperell had a fine membership list last year and it is hoped it will be even better this year, as there is still a vast amount of Red Cross work to be done...

The J. B. Hendersons, who entertained a house party Thanksgiving at their summer home in town, closed their place here soon after and will winter as usual in Boston.

The East Village Social club will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. John Pierce, Wednesday, December 18...

best of our local talent, a whistler, Miss Fish, from Boston; formerly at Keith's, has been secured...

Ray Murray was mustered out of service at Fort Delaware, Dela., where he has been in the limited service for the past four months...

Mrs. H. N. Tower is entertaining her sisters, Mrs. Towne, from Peterham, and Miss Mabel Spooner, from Annisquam...

The Mt. Lebanon Community Associates will hold a meeting next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John H. Hot...

The Special Aid society finds it necessary to hold a meeting on Monday next at their rooms to finish some of the refugee work on hand...

The all-day meeting of the L. S. C. Branch Alliance of the Unitarian society, was held in the limited service for the past four months...

The presentation was made by the president of the circle, Mrs. Greene, accompanied by a most appropriate poem...

It proved too much for Mrs. Child to respond and she called upon Rev. D. R. Child to perform the acknowledgment...

Besides his widowed mother, he leaves a half-brother, John Kiley, and half-sister, Miss Nellie Kiley, of Fitchburg...

Arrangements are being made for a mass to be celebrated in St. Joseph's church here for the dead soldier...

POTATOES FOR SALE—if you want potatoes, you want the ones that are so good, so healthy, so delicious...

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who rendered aid at the recent fire at our house in Pepperell, especially for the efficient work of the firemen...

MRS. EFFIE PILLSBURY, Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 11, 1918.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL LOCATIONS FOR POLES.

Respectfully represent the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Ayer Electric Light Company...

Wherefore your petitioners, pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they may be granted joint or identical location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires...

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so much needed as the winter comes on.

A new allotment of refuse was also at the rooms, and all other things like a busy time for those who are ready to do their share...

The drive of last week for clothing for the Belgians resulted in a generous donation and three large boxes of serviceable garments, shoes and baby wear were sent also...

The Red Cross room is open for work every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon from two until five o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. S. Ippant, Townsend street...

Another one of our Pepperell boys has given his life for his country. On Wednesday Mrs. Bartholomew West, of Groton street, received a letter from Chaplain G. W. Wyman, 3d Battalion, 51st Infantry...

He was a member of the 76th Division, going from New Devens to Camp Upton, and overseas in July. It is evident that he had been transferred to the 51st Infantry...

He was about twenty-two years of age and generally liked by his companions here in town. He was employed as assistant cook for some time at the New Prescott; also, at the Groton Inn.

Besides his widowed mother, he leaves a half-brother, John Kiley, and half-sister, Miss Nellie Kiley, of Fitchburg; also, a brother, Bartholomew West, and a married sister, Mrs. Clarence Hemenway, of Groton.

A cable has been sent to Chaplain Wyman acknowledging his letter and asking for further details of the death. Arrangements are being made for a mass to be celebrated in St. Joseph's church here for the dead soldier...

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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RED CROSS SANTA TO FILL SOLDIERS' SOCKS

An Old-Fashioned Celebration of Yuletide for American Soldiers in France.

A Christmas tree in every ward of every American hospital and in every hospital recreation hut in France!

Every wounded or sick American fighting man to receive two socks filled to the brim with fruits, nuts, candy and smokes!

These are the most interesting features of a tentative Christmas celebration program for the American hospitals arranged by the American Red Cross in France in co-operation with the commanding officers of our fighting forces in that country.

Details of the plan to make Christmas as merry as possible for the soldiers in these institutions have just been received at Red Cross headquarters. Nurses and enlisted men on duty at these places will also share in the distribution of Christmas cheer.

Because of the limited amount of available shipping space the Red Cross was compelled to abandon its original plan to send special Christmas parcels from here to soldier patients in France.

All the articles distributed will be obtained over there. This is to be an old-fashioned celebration in every sense of the word.

Every soldier will hang his socks on the tree. The socks will be tied with red ribbon and in addition to the goodies mentioned above will contain a handkerchief and a card, on which will be outlined the services the American Red Cross is prepared to render our soldiers.

Each soldier will receive a sufficient number of Christmas postcards—now being designed by artists in the Red Cross service—to enable him to write to his family and friends back home.

The Christmas dinner, of course, will be one of the features of the celebration. After dinner there will be musical entertainment, motion pictures and general singing.

RED CROSS FIGHTS DEADLY EPIDEMIC

Besides the special work conducted by hundreds of Red Cross Chapters throughout the country in checking the recent epidemic of Spanish Influenza, the organization through its headquarters at Washington is preparing to fight a repetition of the experience that was so disastrous this fall, educating the public thoroughly regarding the symptoms and the proper care at the beginning of an attack.

In addition to this, the American Red Cross is fighting tuberculosis. The recent appropriation to the National Tuberculosis Association will be used for educational as well as relief work throughout the country.

So much has been said about the aftermath of the epidemic that special attention is being given to the work along this line. The weakness which follows influenza leaves the patient in a condition which makes him a good field for the germs of tuberculosis. A thorough physical examination, proper food and clothing, the use of mild preventives, will check the progress of the disease at once.

Tuberculosis, or consumption, as it is frequently called, is both preventable and curable, provided the treatment is too far advanced. Medicine plays a comparatively small part. The frequent use of fresh air and sunlight, proper food, sufficient rest, fresh air and sunlight and living, if possible, according to the plan prescribed by a good physician. This renews the patient's vitality and soon kills the disease entirely.

For several years the National Tuberculosis Association has been financing its work by the sale of Red Cross seals at Christmas time. The seals are sold for a penny each and by making a concerted effort enough money was usually raised to carry the work through the year.

This year there will be no seals sold because the American Red Cross has made an appropriation for the anti-tuberculosis work, and those who formerly spent their time selling seals will join in the work for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call during the week of December 16 to 23.

SONG OF LITTLE THINGS.

By Jeanne Judson. This is the song of little things, a clean, white, bed in a quiet place, a cigarette and the saving grace of smiles that illumine the nurse's face.

These are the joys the Red Cross brings.

This is the song of little things, An old man brought to his home again, and children who play, forgetting pain.

A but that shelters from mud and rain— This is the rest the Red Cross brings.

Aerial Compasses. Many difficulties had to be overcome in the production of a satisfactory compass for aerial work.

Chief among these was that of neutralizing the magnetism of the engine (and in particular the magnet) and of preventing the effect of centrifugal force, which caused the card or dial inside the compass to swing in a direction quite independent of north when the airplane was banking on a turn.

However, a truly excellent compass is now in use.

The Helix in Motion. "Another thing that I've noticed in my adventurous career," observed the almost philosopher, "is that a fellow who has a breezy way about him is usually pretty fresh."

Civil War Medical History. The medical history of our Civil War comprises six volumes, whose preparation covered a period of twenty-eight years from the end of the war.

DO YOU KNOW?

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call December 16th to 23rd

Do you know the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call? Do you know when it's going to be? Do you know it's the call of our brothers, who are far away, over the sea?

Do you know that if you answer "present" you'll be helping some boy over there, and you'll show that you're backing our soldiers and willing to do your full share?

Do you know that to millions of children this sign of a haven, indeed, for they know it means food, clothing, shelter and love to supply every need? Do you know what the millions of members all over our well-beloved land have been able to do through the Red Cross in offering a kind, helping hand?

Will you be a member this year? If you will you'll receive the "love button"—a token of Christmas good cheer.

MAKE ROLL CALL UNANIMOUS. The official designation, and the only proper characterization of the demonstration that will occupy the attention of the American people, under the auspices of the American Red Cross, immediately preceding the coming holiday season, is "The Red Cross Christmas Roll Call."

The object of the Christmas Roll Call is to register in terms of active participation the spirit of a nation. The spirit in question is personified in Red Cross membership. It is not to be a "campaign" to raise a war fund nor a "drive" to strengthen the material resources of the Red Cross organization. Its main objective is the extension of Red Cross membership to the uttermost limit.

See to it that no false conception of the purpose of the Roll Call finds lodgment anywhere, and, while emphasizing the grandeur of the movement under its only logical name, keep everlastingly in mind the idea—"Make it unanimous."

NEW FACES FOR OLD. The American Red Cross has undertaken varied tasks. These range from darning the socks of the soldiers to making new faces for those disfigured by war.

Mrs. Ladd, the wife of Dr. Ladd, now doing service in Red Cross hospitals abroad, is working in her Paris studio making masks to cover disfigured faces. A photograph of the soldier showing how he looked before being wounded is obtained and then a mask of copper or silver is made that is so like the original that it is possible to hold on, as a rule, with both behind the ears like spectacles. The soldier cannot eat or sleep in these masks, but he can see and breathe through them. Sometimes a nose is put on so lifelike that it cannot be detected, and sometimes it is a chin or in rare instances almost the entire face. This great humanitarian work enables the victim to mingle with people without being made conspicuous or conscious that he is being avoided.

WHAT HOME SERVICE MEANS. So many questions are constantly coming to the Home Service Section of the Red Cross that a few words as to its objects may not come amiss. The Home Service Section aims to serve the folks at home, to bring them nearer to the man in the field, and to bring him nearer to the ones at home.

Sometimes it means helping to straighten out a financial tangle, sometimes help in the training of the child, a young lad who needs a big brother to counsel, or advising a young wife who may be worried about the coming due of the mortgage and what her rights under the law may be.

Then, too, there are sometimes delays in the mails or lost letters, and sometimes delays in the allotment, or errors in the amount which should be forthcoming. These problems and many others are being straightened out by the Home Service Section, without charge to the families, and with an efficiency which is daily growing more valuable. More than 300,000 calls have been answered.

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Opposite Railway Station

PETITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan herewith marked 43/0, dated 11-8-18, proposed pole locations and relocation of the N. E. T. & T. Co. of Mass.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the town, and used for municipal purposes.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to: At the Junction of Third and Maple Streets, one relocation. Third Street, south-easterly from Maple Street, seven poles.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

By GEO. H. DRESSER, General Manager.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1918.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ayer, Mass., December 2, 1918.

ORDERED, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1918, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition in the Ayer News, a newspaper published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting along that part of the way upon, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH, ELWIN H. LONGLEY, Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: DOUGLAS C. SMITH, Clerk.

Union Cash Market

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SMALL HAMS 25c lb.

SMOKED SHOULDERS 25c lb.

GOOD SIRLOIN STEAK 10c lb.

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Change of Address Subscribers wishing the postoffice address of the paper changed, must send us both the old and new addresses and also the name of the paper they receive.

Saturday, December 14, 1918

GROTON

News Items.

At the next regular meeting of the Rebekah lodge the officers for 1919 will be elected. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

Russell Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, enjoyed a few days' hunting trip in Greenfield last week.

William Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley, of Farmington, Tex., for a Christmas vacation. He expects a short furlough at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shattuck had the pleasure of having their son Mason with them for a few days recently. Mr. Shattuck is in the Newport naval training station at Newport, R. I.

Mrs. Everett Hudson entertained friends from Lawrence over the weekend.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will meet at Kendall's hall, North Leominster, on Wednesday, December 18.

Mrs. Herbert C. Rockwood, Mrs. Sumner Bangs, and Miss Mary Parmenter constitute the committee on the Christmas entertainment to be given at the Baptist church.

Cadet Claude C. Farwell, who left home and enlisted in the naval reserve in June, is enjoying an eleven days' furlough at his home on School street.

Charles Eddy is ill at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital.

At the meeting of E. S. Clark Relief Corps next Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Stella LaRose of Leominster will make an official visit.

Mrs. Etta Armstrong of Malden, daughter of Mrs. Mary Shattuck, was in town for the day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moyle and infant daughter have been visiting relatives in town during the Thanksgiving season.

Roy Bennett spent the week-end at his home.

Miss Elsie E. Shattuck of Boston has been at home on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Shattuck, Chicopee row.

Miss Susie Shattuck was the leader of the last meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Baptist church.

The meeting of the Grange scheduled for next Tuesday evening has been postponed to Tuesday evening, December 17.

Miss Margaret Bruce and Hon. George Smith, who have been spending a few weeks at W. H. Bruce's, have returned to Lakewood, N. J.

Herbert Williams Mason of the navy was married on Sunday, November 24, to Margaret Ella Tyson, daughter of Mrs. Horace G. Tyson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Elizabeth Blood, who is a pupil at Cushing academy, Ashburnham, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blood.

The Red Cross quota for December is 100 pairs of socks and 50 sweaters. The Red Cross room will be open on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from two until five o'clock for the distribution of wool, and we hope for a hearty co-operation of all our splendid knitters.

On Thursday afternoon, December 19, at 2:30 o'clock, the Ladies Benevolent society of the Congregational and Baptist churches are invited to a meeting of the Unitarian Alliance at the church parlor. Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton, will be the speaker. Tea will be served and a social hour will follow.

Other Groton matter may be found on the opposite page and elsewhere in this paper.

Red Cross Roll Call. The Red Cross Christmas roll call for membership begins December 14 and will last a week. Groton does not need to be reminded of the great work that the American Red Cross has done and is doing at home and abroad. Its achievements have never been equaled by any organization in the history of the world. It is hoped that every citizen will help on the work by enrolling as a member of the organization. Its aims are to give to the poor as well as always done in the past by a 100 per cent enrollment. Have your roll ready when the collector comes. The world needs the Red Cross. The Red Cross needs you.

The chairman of the roll call committee is Mrs. W. P. Wharton. Other committee members are Mrs. Rose Davis, Mrs. Clarence Ebert, Mrs. C. S. Green, Mrs. Moseley Hale, Miss Harriet Lawrence, Mrs. Fred Mansur, Mrs. S. J. Sabine, Mrs. C. A. Shaw, West Groton, Mrs. A. W. Adams.

James D. Rogan, Chairman Groton Branch Red Cross.

To the Editor: The name of Dr. Samuel Abbott Green has headed the list of presidents of Lawrence academy as president of its board, and while the death of late years prevented him from visiting the school and entering fully into its life as he would have liked, he constantly maintained an interest in the institution, was always ready to meet and talk with teachers and pupils, and ever ready to contribute the best, when they gained any honors or distinctions in school, college or professional life.

As he recounted events of civil and political history, giving exact dates and locations, I have many times been impressed with his knowledge and remarkable memory, and when questions of events connected with the alumni of the school required solution I knew that Dr. Green could always be relied upon for verification.

While he took an active interest in the life of the world's activities, I am sure that Lawrence academy and his town of Groton stood uppermost in his mind and soul, and I am sure that

Lawrence academy (when it re-opens) will be ready to make worthy mention and ever cherish the name of Dr. Samuel Abbott Green.

The foregoing tribute, addressed to a resident trustee, was received last Saturday evening.

Large Number of Public Bequests. "At my funeral the minister will not indulge in any gloomy remarks about me."

This is the concluding statement in the will of the late Dr. Samuel Abbott Green, who died December 5 at Hotel Lenox, Boston. The will was filed at Cambridge Tuesday. George C. Lee of Westwood is named executor. No valuation of the estate is given.

Among the large number of public and private bequests are: To Lawrence Academy, Groton, 400 shares of Boston and Albany capital stock and certain real estate in Groton; to the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, \$5000; the Peabody Museum, Harvard College, his collection of Indian relics and curios; Boston Dispensary, \$2500; Gwynne temporary home for aged colored women, Boston, \$5000; Orthodox Congregational church, Groton, \$5000; Baptist society, \$1000; First Parish, Unitarian, \$1000; Church of the Sacred Heart, \$1000; West Groton Congregational society, \$1000; Groton Public Library, \$3000.

To Harvard college, where he served many years as overseer, he leaves two \$5000 scholarships; to the Massachusetts Historical society, all of his papers; the parish of St. James, Boston, \$1000, the income of which is to be used for summer outings for poor children; his library is to be divided between the American Antiquarian society of Worcester, the Newberry library of Chicago, and the Wisconsin Historical society.

All of his property now in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts he leaves to the museum, and to the town of Groton he bequeaths 15 bonds of Fitchburg Railroad Co. The income to be used for the worthy poor of the town.

Channing Home at Longwood is bequeathed five shares of Boston and Providence railroad stock, and to his nurse, Miss Mabel L. Warren of Worcester he leaves \$1000 a year for life. The residue of the estate is to go to Lawrence Academy.

The will was dated July 9, 1909. Dr. Green expressed the wish in his will to be buried in a plain coffin.

Clipping. The following is an editorial taken from the Boston Post of December 7:

"A long, useful and worthy honored life came to its close in the passing of Samuel Abbott Green. In the many capacities in which he served the community he has left an example of efficiency in performance and wide-spread utility of purpose. He was a good citizen in the best and widest sense of that phrase.

"Born when Boston was a city of only eight years corporate existence, taking his academic degree at Harvard in 1851, establishing himself in the practice of medicine here more than half a century ago, his life has been practically contemporaneous with the development of the New England metropolis.

"And he showed himself a typical New Englander. At the outbreak of the Civil war he went to the front in the capacity of assistant surgeon of the First Massachusetts Volunteers, being wounded with the brevet of lieutenant colonel for gallantry and distinguished services in the field.

"His election of Mayor of Boston in 1882 followed many years of quietly effective service as the head of the health department and a member of the School Board. The Peabody education fund took him as trustee; Harvard named him one of its board of overseers. As an author he was prolific of works along the lines of New England history; for years previous to his death he had the care as librarian of the great collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"Personally, Dr. Green was beloved as well as respected. He was a most amiable, kindly nature. He was a man of the people. Children found in him a sympathetic companion, even a playmate. To men and women in embarrassment or distress, his hand was ever ready to extend relief.

"It is a fragrant memory that Dr. Green leaves behind him."

Obituary. Dr. Samuel Abbott Green, former mayor of Boston and for many years librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, died at Hotel Lenox, Boston, last week Thursday morning in his eighty-ninth year. He had been in failing health since his return about a month ago to his home, his summer home here and had been deeply affected by the death of a relative, a close friend, a sister, and a son of his name, Mr. Harriet Boston, who was killed in the war.

Dr. Green was born in Groton, Massachusetts, on December 14, 1829. He was educated in Groton and at Harvard University, where he received his medical degree in 1851. He practiced medicine in Groton and Boston, and was a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

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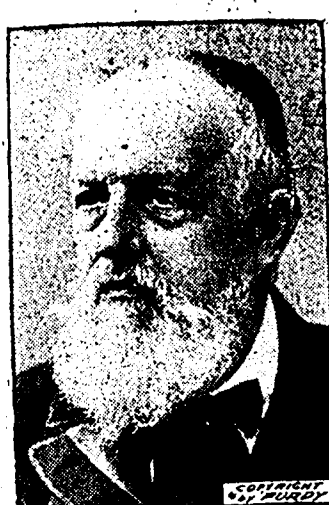
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Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D., L.L.D. Born March 16, 1829—Died Dec. 5, 1918. Trustee Lawrence Academy 1866-1918

From the war in 1865 he became superintendent of the Boston Dispensary. Six years later he was appointed city physician and served eleven years at that position. In 1881 the republicans joined with an independent organization of citizens in nominating him for mayor and he was easily elected. On news of the popular mandate reaching him he said: "My action shall be based on my own judgment with the consideration to the ideas of others, and my course shall be independent of politics or party.

My desire shall be to give to the citizens of Boston a government that will be truly non-partisan in its character and for the best interests of all administration was his removal of the police commission for the purpose of improving discipline in the force. Though nominated again in 1882, Dr. Green failed of re-election, being defeated by Albert Palmer, the democratic candidate, and did not again re-enter politics.

He made it a point to drop in occasionally at city hall and to be present on inauguration day when not absolutely prevented by the pressure of his private affairs. For the last fifteen years he had missed the ceremonies of the inauguration of a city government only once or twice.

Previous to his service as mayor Dr. Green had been a member of the school board, 1860-62 and 1866-72, trustee of the Boston public library, 1868-78, and acting librarian from October, 1877, to October, 1878.

One of the most interesting lines of work for Dr. Green was that of trustee of the Peabody education fund, a service that he gave from 1883 practically until the time of his death.

He was an overseer of Harvard university from 1869 to 1880. In 1870 he was appointed by Gov. Claflin one of a commission to care for disabled soldiers. In 1878 he was a member of the board of experts authorized by the state to investigate the causes and prevention of yellow fever, and he gave long and tireless service to this work.

Another interesting experience was his service on the board of commissioners to investigate the condition of the records, files, papers and documents of the state department of Massachusetts. From 1871 to 1891 he was one of the editors of the American Journal of Numismatics.

In his later years ex-Mayor Green was most closely associated in the public mind with the Massachusetts Historical society. At first he lived at 72 Harrison avenue, and clung to his residence there long after the well-to-do had left the locality for more fashionable districts. He had there, during forty-three years, accumulated a valuable library, and it was there also that in his leisure moments, surrounded by a population made up largely of Armenians, Italians and Chinese, he wrote many of his books.

Dr. Green had on twelve times made the Mediterranean trip and visited the Nile.

He was a bachelor. His nearest relatives are a cousin, Miss Caroline Lawrence, of Stockbridge, who recently has been in Boston on a visit; a nephew, William Lawrence Green, of New York, and a niece, Mrs. William A. Merrill, of Norfolk county, England. There are several grand nieces and a grand nephew; also, a great-grand nephew living in England.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 o'clock last Saturday morning at the Old South church, Boston, and were of the utmost simplicity, in keeping with his expressed wishes. There were present besides the representatives of the city of Boston, which the doctor served for years in various capacities, and the delegations from various organizations and numerous friends.

Dr. George A. Gordon, D. D., minister of the church, officiated. Henry W. Wain, the church organist, presided at the funeral. The service was held in a quiet room at the Old South church. The following selections were read: "While I sleep, my power is gone," "Lord, send us, O God, our help in ages to come," and "God, our help in ages to come."

Dr. Green's remains were placed in a casket and were surrounded by the colors of the United States flag. On the platform with the casket and state flags were the members of the Loyal Legion, but the organization took no part in the services.

Dr. Collins, president of the Loyal Legion, represented the city in the presence of Mayor Peters. Former members Hart, Curtis and Fitzgerald were present, as were also Dr. Charles W. Elliot and Bishop William Lawrence.

The Massachusetts Historical society was represented by a group of its members, including Winfield Warren, vice pres.; James F. Rhodes, 2d vice pres.; Edward Stanwood, sec.; William R. Thayer, cor. sec.; and Worthington C. Ford, editor.

The Loyal Legion sent a delegation consisting of Capt. Charles Hunt, Gen. Samuel M. Mansfield, Paymaster

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Saturday, December 14, 1918

AYER

News Items.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild on Thursday evening, December 19. A full attendance is requested; also, reports from officers and committees. Hostesses, Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild and Miss Evelyn Sanderson.

At the annual communication of the Caledonian Lodge of Masons held on Monday evening the following officers were elected: Kimball W. Martin, master; Herbert H. Proctor, senior warden; Timothy Gleason, junior warden; Warren L. Creble, sec.; E. A. Richardson, treas.; Frederick Whitney, trustee of charity fund for three years; Robert Irwin, trustee of charity fund of the grand lodge; A. A. Fillebrown, proxy; E. H. Edgelow, who has held an office in the lodge for the past thirty-nine years, most of the time as secretary, declined the position again. The installation of officers-elect will be held Monday evening, January 6.

The next payment of 20% on the Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds is due at the Federal Reserve Bank, Boston, on December 19th. The First National Bank of Ayer requests that all subscribers on the partial payment plan through their bank have their payments in the hands of the First National Bank of Ayer on or before December 18 in order that payment may be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank on the due date.

Married in Ayer, December 10, by Rev. J. W. Theobald, J. W. Wells, Jr., a soldier, and Marion D. Deveneau, of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas spent a few days last week in Worcester, visiting relatives.

The young people's meeting at the Baptist church was led Tuesday evening by Miss Clara Thomas. A number of soldiers were present and spoke very feebly of the benefit they had received in attending services at this church. On Sunday morning the pastor will speak at 10:45. Sunday school at twelve. Service of song at 6:45 in the evening; preaching at seven, it is expected, by Chaplain Hart of the camp. E. Y. P. U., Tuesday evening at 7:30. Mid-week meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30.

The following is the motion picture program for Page hall theatre for the coming week: Monday, Elsie Ferguson in "Under the wire"; Tuesday, Shirley Mason in "Come on in"; Wednesday, Bert Lytell in "Boston Blackie's little pal"; Thursday, Jewel Carman in "The fallen angel"; Friday, Alice Brady in "Ordeal of Rosetta"; Saturday, the twi Lee kids in "Doing their bit."

At the Christian Science services on Sunday morning at 10:30 in Turner's block the subject is "God, the preserver of man." Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. The reading room and writing rooms are open daily.

Miss Graham, the milliner in Barry block, is having a reduction in price of hats this week.

Representative Roland D. Sawyer of Ware has filed a bill in the state legislature asking for an investigation as to the feasibility of establishing permanent state institutions on the site of Camp Devens.

Wives, mothers and other relatives of soldiers who are entitled to immediate benefits from the war risk insurance must make applications to the war department for benefits rightly due them. Capt. Johnson, war risk insurance and allotments officer, states that his office cannot give aid to such beneficiaries until they have received blanks from Washington.

The federal employment service is to establish agencies in every city and town in the country to aid returning soldiers in getting jobs. Instructions to begin setting up these organizations have been sent to regional directors of the service by Nathan A. Smyth, assistant director general. The service previously had decided to have an agent at each demobilization camp to direct men to jobs, but these additional agencies were decided upon as the assumption that the returning soldiers will desire jobs in their home town.

Happy Jack thanks his club members for purchasing 120 thrift and 10 war stamps this week.

Federation day will be observed by the Woman's club in Hardy's hall on December 18. Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney, president of the State Federation, will speak. It is hoped that all club members will take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

Other Ayer matter will be found on page six.

Important Decision. A decision of great importance to owners of automobiles in public service has been handed down by the full bench of the supreme judicial court, to the effect that towns and cities may adopt regulations requiring that vehicles to be licensed even if only passing through a town where no passengers are received or delivered.

The question arose as the result of the conviction of Emile Theberge, proprietor of a "jitney" operating between New Bedford and Fall River on a charge of having violated a regulation of the town of Dartmouth in not having obtained a license to pass through that town. In addition to a license fee of one dollar, Dartmouth also required the giving of a bond of \$2500.

Judge DeCoursey, who wrote the opinion, states that the town did not exceed the law given it by the statute, and that the legislature intended to make "jitneys" which pass through a town amenable to control. One purpose of the statute, if not a main one, was the protection from injury of persons properly using the public ways, and the legislature may well have considered that one frequent and serious cause of danger to the reckless or careless automobilist rushing through country towns.

Camp Notes. The statement officially coming from war headquarters that the 76th Division has been reduced to 1000 men from the 27,000 which originally comprised it has been misconstrued by the great many people who think that the division has had 26,000 casualties. As a matter of fact the losses in killed and wounded in the original division has been very small. The diminution

of the number as given above is due to the fact that practically the whole division has been used as replacement troops to fill the places of men in the other divisions who have been rendered unfit for duty. It is understood that many of the men have been transferred to the famous fighting 26th Division to fill the places made vacant by the above causes.

A battalion of the 36th regiment of Infantry at Camp Devens has been ordered for service in Boston. It is not known what specific duty will be given to the 1000 men in the battalion, most of them enlisted volunteers from the middle west.

The 42d Infantry regiment has been ordered to Camp Upton, N. J., where only limited service men are now known to be located. According to reports the regiment is intended for service in the front lines and to receive returning men from overseas.

About 1300 men per day are being discharged from Camp Devens, beginning last week Tuesday. Previous to that time smaller numbers have been discharged daily. That the men returning to civilian life are pleased to be relieved from military duty is shown by their conduct coming to the railroad station from the camp to start for home.

Limited and domestic service men will continue on duty in the permanent camp units, which they have creditably performed. General service men are filling the ranks to full strength.

The review of the 74th Infantry regiment, which was postponed on account of the inability of Major General Clarence R. Edwards, recently returned from France, and Governor McCall to be present, took place last week on the division parade ground in the presence of a great crowd.

To Camp Devens has come the distinction of being selected as one of the sixteen camps in the country for the entire American army for demobilization.

Major General McCain, commander of the camp, addressed the entire 12th Division recently for the last time. Among other things he counseled the men to take back to civil life the lessons they had learned in the army; to keep what they had, clean bodies and the government a high sense of loyalty to the government.

Up to this week Friday night 10,000 men will have been discharged from the Depot Brigade and development battalions.

Six hundred spruce lumber men have arrived from Maine to be discharged.

Up to date 7000 jobs have been offered to discharged men, chiefly from railroad companies.

The Boston Red Cross opened a canteen at the discharging station on Tuesday. Hot coffee and biscuits were served.

Another fine entertainment was given at the Soldiers' club on Monday evening, which was largely attended by the soldiers and their friends.

Eleven wounded soldiers arrived here last week from a hospital in Washington, D. C. and went at once to the base hospital at Camp Devens, where they will remain until fully recovered.

Federated Church. At 10:30 Sunday morning Rev. George K. Carter, secretary at Y. M. C. A. hut 30, Camp Devens, will preach. At twelve o'clock the Sunday school meets. Herbert J. Webb is to lead the men's bible class. The young people's meeting will be held at 8:30, the pastor being the leader. All are invited, especially the soldiers. The mid-week prayer service will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30.

Last Tuesday evening the young people's society met at the church and elected these officers for next year: Ralph H. Richardson, pres.; Lucy Smith, Amy Nixon, vice pres.; Jessie M. Cronin, sec. and cor. sec.; Roger Johnson, treas.; Etta Greas, organist; George W. Burgess, chairman looked; Doris Dickerman, chairman prayer meeting com.; Ruth Harlow, social com.; Hilda Osgood, flower com.

The every-member canvass of the Federated church was held last Sunday. Dr. Frederick E. Gerrish, of Boston, preached in the morning. The canvass visited the homes in the afternoon, two by two, reporting at the church at five o'clock, when a supper was served. There was a splendid result of this annual visitation.

Chaplain Borwick, of the Depot Brigade, addressed the Boy Scouts Troop last Tuesday afternoon.

The pastor baptized Clarence E. Hardy, of the Depot Brigade, on last Monday night.

Federated House Notes. Saturday afternoon and evening, at 2:30 and 7:30, motion pictures—Pathe News; "The girl of the golden west," with all-star cast, and cartoons. Sunday evening, at 7:30, religious service, with speaking by the superintendent. Singing by Miss Ruth Mitchell, contralto, of North Andover.

Wednesday evening, December 18, at 7:30, motion pictures and musical entertainment; free to soldiers and civilians.

Friday evening, December 20, at 7:30, the First Baptist church at Fitchburg will furnish entertainment for the soldiers and their friends.

District Court. Fred Halcob, who was found guilty of an unnatural act last week Thursday, and whose case was continued until last Saturday morning for reaffirmation of sentence under the law, appeared in court on the latter date when sentence to two years in the house of correction was again imposed. He appealed and was held by Judge Atwood in \$1000 bail for the January session of the superior court, in default of which he was committed to the East Cambridge jail to await trial.

Monday morning Struaslus Parleucus was arraigned for violation of the town automobile law. In answer to the Clerk Parsons' query as to whether he wished to plead guilty or not guilty the defendant caused a ripple of humor when he said he was guilty "a little bit." Judge Atwood decided that he was guilty to the extent of a five-dollar fine, which was imposed.

Henry Roach was found guilty of a similar offense and was fined ten dollars. After this sentence was given it developed that Roach had been found guilty of a serious infraction of the state automobile law several months ago in the local court, when the court increased the fine to twenty dollars, which the defendant smilingly paid. Under the last-named complaint Roach was found guilty of recklessly driving an automobile when he ran into an automobile containing soldiers on the East Main street overhead bridge, knocking the machine with its occu-

pants through the fence, down the steep slope of the bridge, wrecking the car and slightly injuring the soldiers. Roach, upon being asked if he had a state license on account of this accident, springing a joke when he said he had no license to lose, it being the first time that this fact became known.

Julius Washington was found guilty of violating the town by-law and asked for a continuance until Thursday, which was granted.

John McCoy was found guilty of violating in Ayer and his case was placed on file. McCoy, who is badly crippled as a result of an accident, and being unable to walk, only by the aid of crutches, applied for lodgings at the police station on Sunday.

To the People of the Town of Ayer: "Since most of the food rules and regulations have been rescinded and as the great emergency for which the food administration was organized in the past, the necessity for maintaining the local food administration ceases to exist, and myself and associates are released from further responsibilities.

I am unable adequately to express my personal feeling to the people of the town of Ayer as factors in this great work, but I take this opportunity to thank you for your willingness and the fine spirit of patriotism in which you entered into the work. It was such co-operation as the people of the town have shown that Middlesex county has been able to stand first among the counties of the state.

George L. Osgood.

Extracts from a Letter.

The following extracts are taken from a letter written by Harvey McColester of this town, dated Sept. 28: "We are bunking in a barn and I like it fine. We have bunks and plenty of hay to fill our mattresses and we sleep warm. We are near our work too and the meals are first rate. We are in a small town which was held by the Germans and some of the buildings are destroyed. We can hear the booming of guns in the distance, but are in no danger. We see a great many flying machines.

We stopped at a number of towns on the way here and at one place I happened to see Secretary Baker. We were not allowed to go right seeing, but I enjoyed the trip just the same. They sure are fixing the Germans over here and I hope they keep on."

GROTON

News Items.

Many Groton residents will well remember Mr. Stevens, one of the instructors at Lawrence academy, under Headmaster Clough, who, with Mrs. Stevens had charge of the boys in the Dana house. It has recently been learned that Mrs. Stevens, having fallen a victim to the influenza, passed away in Devens, Pa., where Mr. Stevens was teaching in a boys' private school. Their daughter, Barbara, is convalescing from the same malady, and Mr. Stevens was at last report very sick with pneumonia.

A delightful day was spent on Thanksgiving at the home of Joseph B. Raddin, where a family gathering numbering twenty-six met to enjoy the festive day together. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Black, of Everett, were present and the families of George Madison, Charles Raddin and Samuel Raddin of this town.

Miss Annie Floyd has been suffering from a severe cold a part of the week, causing an absence from her teaching at the Trowbridge school. Miss Isabel Floyd substituted for her during her absence.

On account of several cases of influenza at Groton School and other cases with some temperature, it was decided to dismiss the pupils of the school for the Christmas recess. The head nurse, Miss Burnett, who has been at the school for a period of about twenty-five years, was recently operated upon for appendicitis and is reported as doing well. The night nurse is also ill with influenza. Three nurses from Boston arrived on Monday to assist in this time of need.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woods had with them over Thanksgiving their children and grandchildren, numbering seventeen. Those coming from out of town were Charles H. Bartz and family and Frank Woods from Greenfield, and Frank Mahony and family of Middleboro.

Join the liberty chorus on Sunday afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall at 9:30. A regiment of soldiers passed through town on Wednesday.

In a letter recently received from Lewis Knapp, dated three days after the armistice was signed, he wrote that he was well and had been five weeks at the front, and is looking forward to his home-coming and to a hike down Chicopee river.

Mrs. Ellen Barrows entertained the Book and Thimble club at its last meeting. The afternoon was enjoyed and each member did her part in the way of entertaining by reading an interesting selection. Mrs. J. Sims entertained this week Friday.

George Floyd enjoyed an automobile trip to Dorchester the latter part of the week, where he called on friends; Mrs. Dodge, who has been receiving treatment at Dr. Ayer's hospital, was moved to her home on Hollis street, Tuesday.

Tickets are now on sale for the concert and ball to be given by the senior class of the high school on December 20.

To the Editor:

Perhaps some of the subscribers to this paper might be interested in a letter received recently by Mrs. Richard O'Leary, of Holyoke, from her son Martin, somewhere in France. It was dated October 29 and reads in part as follows:

"I am receiving my mail regularly now. It takes a little over three weeks for your letters to reach me. I have several letters to answer, but it is impossible to get any paper. I had to borrow this from a friend.

"I met two Holyoke fellows last week. They belong to the 101st Engineers, Co. C. You said there were some Groton boys with Co. B. I had breakfast with that company a week ago. If I had known there were any Groton fellows among them I would have looked them up. Do not think the war is over just because they are talking peace, because the hardest battle the world has ever known is being fought right now.

"I am glad you are helping the Red Cross. There is no one doing as much for us as they are. The Knights of Columbus are doing their share; anything they have to give us. The Y. M. C. A. sells everything they have. If you have the money you are all right, but if you haven't you are out of luck."

I have had a couple of tough days of it this week. We were in our tent and the rain and wind were blowing something terrible. It blew down our tents and I got wet and have not been able to get dry since. We had our overcoats issued to us the day before yesterday and they were given wet. What ever called this "Sunny France" doesn't know what they were talking about. Rainy France would be more like it. When we got out of this jam and some place where it is dry and the shells are not bursting over our heads I'll try to write you a good long letter. Did you ever get that German helmet I sent home? It was a dandy.

Clipping. The following is taken from the Tuesday evening Boston American:

Private Frank Curtis, of Groton, a member of I Company of the 23d Infantry of the 2d Division, whose left leg was single-handedly mangled by machine gun bullets and who was a prisoner on the Comfort, had one of the most thrilling experiences yet reported by any soldier returning to this country.

After being disabled by enemy machine gun bullets, Curtis fought eight hours as a single-handed man until he was surrounded and forced to surrender. He was a prisoner behind the German lines from eleven o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night, when he escaped by dragging himself to the German front line trenches. He remained hidden in the darkness until he found an opportunity to crawl into "No Man's Land."

Suffering intense agony and facing instant death from the German machine guns, which intermittently swept the intervening territory between the two lines, Curtis dragged himself 1500 yards back to the American trenches and fell unconsciously into the arms of three of his comrades.

"We were up at St. Mihiel and the going was pretty heavy," he said. "We had been wallowing the Boche and he had been handing it back to us the best he knew how. We got an order to move forward on September 17 and we kept going. The following morning I found myself practically alone and was caught by a machine gun which sent several bullets burrowing into my left leg.

"Almost at the same time eight Germans showed up. I fought the best I knew how, but they were better than so much I had to give in and they took me prisoner behind the German lines. All that day I lay back of a hill listening to the shells of my comrades whistling over my head.

"The Germans were not paying much attention to me. They thought I was too badly hurt, I guess. But when night came I planned to get away and at eleven o'clock I started. I got as far as the German front lines and clambered into No Man's Land. My leg was bothering me badly at this time, so I tied both my legs together with handkerchiefs and headed for our own lines. I had to drag myself by my hands and German machine guns were whistling all around me. Once I was forced to take refuge under a tree when a German aviator, flying low to the ground, passed over the spot where I was lying.

"After much effort I finally caught sight of three American soldiers and I signalled to them. They came and got me and I passed out in their arms." Curtis is the son of Mrs. Agnes Miller, of Boston.

West Groton. The conservation afternoon at the Red Cross on Thursday afternoon of last week was a decided success. Very appetizing dishes were served; vegetable soup, Welch rarebit, Swedish rolls, carrot jelly, oatmeal cookies and brown sugar cakes were some of the delicious foods served. Mrs. Eastman gave a demonstration of fancy wafer making. Tea and sandwiches were served at five o'clock. Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Adams poured.

The Spanish influenza has broken out again, the sufferers being Mrs. William Bixby, her son Harvey and daughter Edith. Mrs. Lee Bixby, Ruth and Helen Blood, daughters of E. L. Blood.

Mrs. John Robinson is substituting in Mrs. Lee Bixby's school during her illness.

Webster Harrington and Arnold Gasley were discharged from their respective military training schools on Tuesday.

William Baker is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Smith. Mr. Baker is a chemist in Virginia.

Mrs. R. E. Burgess spent Tuesday in Lowell.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth has been visiting in Shirley with relatives. She returned for a few days to visit with her niece, Miss Marion Melish, who made a short stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Melish. Miss Melish returned to Brookline on Thursday.

The result of the canvass for funds for 1919, which was made on last Sunday after noon by the Christian Union church, was announced at the evening meeting. The most chosen for the work were Mr. W. M. Adams, Mr. Cottrell, E. K. Harrington, G. H. Bixby, C. E. Bixby, F. L. Blood, Mr. Melish, Donald Bixby, Robert Bixby and Robert Bates. When the reports were all given everyone was surprised to learn that \$1100 had been received in money and pledges. The remainder of the evening was devoted to an illustrated lecture on China, which was most interesting.

Mrs. John Robinson spent the weekend with her mother, Richard Lawrence, and his wife in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Smith have received the sad news of the death of their nephew, Thomas Crowley, in France, November 4.

"Two boxes were packed for the Belgians by members of the Red Cross on Wednesday afternoon. As the day was stormy not a member of the group, and the regular work was omitted.

Miss Freda Humilton has been spending three weeks in Lewiston, Me. The entertainment given by the Ladies' Aid society in Squannacook hall on Monday evening was a great success. The hall was packed to overflowing and the people in the audience, as well as the entertainers, were eager and enthusiastic and everybody was pleased and satisfied and enjoyed the evening immensely. The Camp Devens boys possessed real talent and displayed it easily and gracefully. The soldiers were assisted in their entertainment by Mrs. John Lawrence and her two daughters, Mrs. Sabine and Mrs. Geraldine Lawrence, of Groton, who kindly gave their services for the benefit of the cause. Mrs. Lawrence accompanied her daughters, who played first and second violins. They all played splendidly and were greatly appreciated as they added the finishing touch that made the evening the success that it was. Mrs. Lawrence brought beautiful pinks which decorated the piano during the evening,

and then were distributed among the sick.

An Interesting Letter. A very interesting letter was received this week from Miss Elsie Tarbell, a part of which is as follows, dated Paris, France, November 18:

"I wish you could have been here when the big guns announced that Germany had signed the armistice. Everyone went just wild. We all rushed out of the building where we work, as a holiday was immediately declared, and gathered about the statue of Joan of Arc, which stands in a square nearby. The flags of the allied nations were placed in her hands and the people sang the 'Marseillaise.' 'The Star Spangled Banner' and 'God save the King.' Then somebody suggested that we march, so we set out, several hundred of us, down the principal street. Soon officers, soldiers and French joined in and we had a great procession. I think that ours was the best parade to start after the news came.

Everywhere we Americans were greeted with 'Americaines' or 'Vive l'Amérique' by the French, and I tell you it made us proud that we were citizens of the dear old U. S. A.

Tuesday was a holiday also for the French and a celebration that took place was the most remarkable that I have ever seen. There was nothing organized about it, but all races and all classes, old and young, joined together in one merry time. Yesterday there was a big parade planned in honor of the return of Alsace-Lorraine, and the Red Cross was in it, of course, and that meant us. There were 100,000 people in it, and it would have been a splendid affair, but the police lost control of the crowd and before we had marched the full length of the course we had to disband because the avenue was choked with people. However, we were in the first procession which has marched down the famous Avenue des Champs Elysees since the war began. All the time we were out about thirty aeroplanes were flying over us and doing all sorts of stunts.

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Mrs. Oron N. Kidder, who went to Townsend to assist in the care of the sick members of the family, has taken a sick herself and is still on the sick list.

Alfred E. Felch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, has concluded his studies for the students' army training corps at Boston university.

The new electrical apparatus for furnishing the power to the tannery has been installed and during the past week the power has been in operation.

A plea, which awaits the owner at the Public Spirit building a few days ago. The owner can have it by calling for it.

Unitarian church—Sunday service at 10:45 in the morning; preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall; subject, "The approaching time."

There is an urgent appeal again for Red Cross knitters and the women who keep on knitting sweaters and socks for some time yet. Headquarters have asked for 8000 sweaters and only 1000 have been sent in.

St. Andrew's church—On Sunday morning, at 8:30, there will be a celebration of the holy communion. The service at 10:30 will be morning prayer and the litany.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Veron Pillsman, and was entertained by Mrs. Pillsman, Mrs. Ruth Fillebrown, Mrs. Benjamin Taft, Mrs. Pickard and Miss Lillian Wright.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held on Monday evening. There were reports from all the committees, and the following officers were elected: Dr. B. E. Hopkins, clerk; Warren Winslow, assistant.

A great crowd was at the railroad station on Wednesday afternoon to greet more than a thousand aviators who were bound for Camp Devens.

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A break-down in the electric power service early Thursday morning put all the places using power in town out of business until noon, causing a serious set back to the concerns.

William G. McAvoy, late secretary of the treasurer and director-general of the railroads of the country, passed through Ayer on a special train Thursday with a party of railroad officials to make an inspection of the Boston and Maine railroad.

Michael Connors received a telegram from the war department on Tuesday night, stating that his son, Sergt. Joseph M. Connors, was severely wounded in action on October 3. Sergt. Connors was serving with the famous Fighting 26th (Yankee Division).

Horace N. Hammond died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Justin Spaulding, last Saturday, at the age of 86 years, 2 months, 30 days. The cause of death was heart disease.

At present am quartered in Pont-A-Mousson in a battle scarred house, but manage to eat and keep warm, which is my chief aim in life next to getting home. Haven't any dope on that yet.

Took a 22 mile hike Thursday up to look over a couple of towns the Germans had been driven out of and to get some souvenirs. If I hadn't been tied up the day after the armistice everything would have been lovely.

Have a fire in the fireplace and it has had a good effect. The soldiers were invited over to Batter's E's chateau for a party last night. They sat me at the piano and we played and sang until ten o'clock.

On last Tuesday the W. R. C. elected the following officers for 1919: Mrs. Sarah J. Lucy, pres.; Mrs. Dora T. Putnam, Mrs. Amy Robblee, vice pres.; Mrs. Selma Bradley, miss; Mrs. Minnie Gleason, chap.; Miss Elizabeth Gilson, cond.; Mrs. Mary Messenger, guard.

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Some of our Groton boys overseas have not been heard from since September, causing much worry and anxiety to the mothers.

Walter Cleary has been discharged and is taking a vacation before entering upon his duties in Nashua, where he has been employed for some time.

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The regular weekly drill of Co. K, 19th regt. M. S. G. was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, December 11, at 7:30. After an hour of practice in close order work the company was dismissed and was treated to coffee and frankfurters in the lower town hall. The following men have qualified during the season of 1918 in the rifle practice: Expert Rifleman, course—Capt. Bramigan, Sergt. Shaw, Sergt. Robinson, Corp. Benson, Corp. Peterson, Mus. McKean, Pvt. Cronin; sharpshooter course—1st Sergt. Lamb, Sergt. Bryant, Pvt. H. Davis; marksmen course—Lieut. Torrey, Supply Sergt. Lawrence, Sergt. Powell, Corp. Ebert, Corp. Robinson, Cook, Lacos, Mus. Call, Pvt. Abbott, Pvt. Anderson, Pvt. L. E. Blood, Pvt. Crowley, Pvt. Harrington, Pvt. Heath, Pvt. Jones, Pvt. P. Malley, Pvt. Park, Pvt. Wilson.

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LITTLETON

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Miss Ella Williams, a former resident, has been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Hazen.

Ralph Thompson at the North was fortunate enough to bag a deer last Saturday. His wife also got one earlier in the week.

It is planned to hold the Christmas tree for the Sunday school children of Trinity chapel on some evening during the week of December 16, although the exact date has not yet been set.

On account of illness Rev. Roscoe Thomas of Groton School was not able to conduct the service at Trinity chapel Sunday afternoon and it was conducted by two young men from the school. It is expected that Mr. Thomas will have charge of the service next Sunday afternoon at 3.15.

Word was received Monday of the arrival in New York of Raymond Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, who has been across in the aeroplane service.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves went to Springfield on Monday to attend the session of the State Grange.

Mrs. Bessie Moulton was a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, at the North last week.

Miss Carrie G. Bradford has been spending a few days in Everett with her sister, Miss Vera Bradford.

Miss Helen M. Winslow has closed her home on Center road and has taken an apartment in Boston for the winter.

Mr. Smith, who has been staying at the home of Albert Adams for several weeks, has moved to the village and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen.

The young ladies who recently met for the purpose of forming an organization were entertained by Mrs. Marion Sibbey Tuesday of last week. They are known as the Thrift club.

The Odd Ladies held their poverty party Wednesday evening and had a jolly time. There were not a few amusing costumes, displaying more or less originality and ingenuity.

The annual Back-log banquet was held in the Unitarian vestry this week Thursday evening, too late for an account in this issue of the Gudon.

Rev. F. W. Lambertson will give an illustrated talk on "The two candles," to the children Sunday morning. A week from Sunday there will be a Christmas service with special music.

The young people are planning a sleigh ride and singing of Christmas carols Christmas eve.

Mr. Cora D. Pfeirs is housed with a severe cold.

Frank Hibbard is reported somewhat better.

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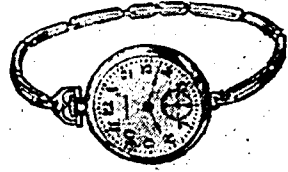
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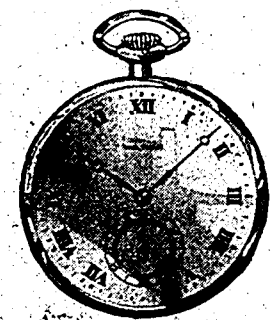
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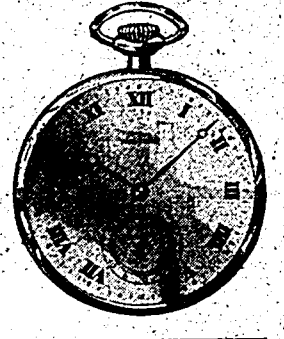
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Saturday, December 11, 1918

PEPPERELL

News Items. Mrs. J. J. Willoughby has rented the furnished rooms she has been occupying over the store, corner Cross and Main streets, to Mrs. E. P. Nowell, and will make an extended visit with her daughters and relatives in Smithville, N. H.

A delegation from Prescott Grange visited Hollis Grange last week Tuesday evening to witness the working of the third and fourth degrees on a class of candidates. Miss Gilboley, of this town, who is teaching in Hollis, assisted in the program by a reading.

The canteen service of the Boston Metropolitan chapter of the Red Cross, captained by Mrs. James Lawrence, Jr., of Groton, is preparing to meet the troops arriving in Boston with soldiers and some of the career workers, under Mrs. G. W. W. Brewster, are to serve hot lunches to the mustered-out men at Camp Devens. Among the latter are included the names of Miss Gertrude Keyes and her niece, Miss Gertrude Baker, of Boston.

Among the names of the children who assisted in serving Thanksgiving dinners to the 1500 children of the Salvation Army social center in Groton, we note the name of Miss A. thea Sartelle, of this town, in St. Thomas church, Boston.

Miss Nellie Landon, formerly employed in the American Express office here, was recently at home from Boston, where she has resigned her position.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bell and children have gone to Chassett, where Mr. Bell has a position offered him.

Mrs. Ernest Bartlett and two children returned to Everett last week after spending their Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bemis, River street. Mr. Bartlett has recently purchased a home in Everett and moved there from Dorchester.

Eight inches of snow fell on Friday morning of last week and slicks were out, but the warm weather of Monday caused the snow which was very light, to melt rapidly, and brought back the wheels.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Aid society, on Wednesday afternoon of next week, will be held in the ladies' room at the Methodist vestry, to prepare for the sale and supper the following day.

Louis Tarbell has closed his house on Main street and is boarding with E. S. Grenache.

William H. Annis is making very good recovery from the illness caused by his broken hip, and is able to sit up each day in an easy chair. His

general health continues good, with a fairly good appetite.

There seems to be a return of the influenza epidemic, to a limited extent, the cases being for the most part light. Dr. N. S. Wood and wife and son John have been afflicted the past week, since their return from Springfield.

J. Orrin Williams, Jr., who went to Fort Slocomb, N. Y., September 30, being placed in Class C, limited service, was discharged last week and arrived home on Saturday.

Work of the L. H. Shattuck Construction Company, on the new power plant for the Nashua River Paper Co., is progressing as rapidly as the colder weather will permit. It is expected that the sixty-foot foundation, being built of cement, out from the bank of the river, will be completed for the erection of the building, about the last of this month.

Bernard Slocombe, who has been carpentering at Camp Devens, as a member of the Depot Brigade, is expected home this week with honorable discharge from service.

The family of John Willis removed last week after the adjustment of their furniture, from the burned house on Chase avenue into one of the mill houses on Crescent street.

Mrs. Joseph Bergeron, Groton street, has gone to Nashua to spend the winter with her daughter, Miss Emeline Bergeron.

Miss Eda Whitney returned on Monday from Nashua, where she passed Thanksgiving with relatives.

The metal work industry has been busy by many the past weeks. The only business already made several shipments to Boston.

The sisters Mrs. New Hampshire, Messrs. Kemp and Bennett, and their relatives, returned home the early part of last week without any name.

John A. Dean returned here from Middleboro on Saturday, visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Paul, and wife, Sunday, when the family moved to town. He is to resume his former work as day watchman at the telephone international card shop, commencing with Jerry Flynn.

Richard Hardy received his discharge from the development of Camp Devens last week Wednesday, and is in town with his wife at Walden Spaulding's, before starting up his work again.

A supper and entertainment was held at Oak Hill hall on Monday evening, December 16, commencing at six o'clock. Committee, Mrs. A. J. Starr, Miss Lucy Blood and Robert Blood. The proceeds will go toward the Christmas tree for the children.

We mentioned last week that the townspeople interest in the sailing of the Pennsylvania as convoy of the President's ship was largely because of their interest in the Pepperell boys. Boynton Merrill, who is charged with the same, and the same interest extended across seas to the Wagoner, one of the fleet-meeting parties, because of another Pepperell boy, Earl Pillsbury, on board. Now it seems the Wyoming is to be given the honor of being made Admiral Sims' flagship of the fleet of nine battleships which are to meet at Brest. The entire fleet is to be under the command of Admiral Mayo, whose flag flies from the Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Humbert Oulton and family are intending to move next week from their tenement in the Pike house, Main street, to Fitchburg, where Mr. Oulton has had a position with an insurance company since last summer.

Mrs. Lindol French returned last week Friday from the Memorial hospital, Nashua, with her small son, Lindol French, Jr., to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford DeWane.

The Men's club meet on Monday evening, December 16, at Grange hall. The speaker will be Mr. Gettemy of the bureau of statistics, Boston.

Contrary to the first supposition that the Millford branch station here in Pepperell would be used as well as the flag stations, that is warmed and lighted, it remains closed up tight, to the serious inconvenience of the score or more early morning patrons and a few for the later trains. It seems incomprehensible that a station at which from \$400 to \$500 were to be taken every month, formerly, should be thus summarily abandoned for good.

Formerly, a well signified protest might have affected something, but it is stated by those in other towns, with similar grievance, that protests to the government officials in authority had no results. People have submitted patiently to many caprices and apparently unnecessary changes imposed by those in authority, but this is a grievance, coming in the coldest winter weather has lasted long enough, according to the universal sentiment in town.

A quick blaze at the Grenache garage on Tuesday afternoon caused alarm to be rung in from box 27 on Railroad square. E. S. Grenache was holding a small quantity of alcohol, and the water in the radiator of his Buick auto, which somehow became ignited, and sent up a flame like a torch. The alarm signal was almost immediately sounded, stopping the fire department as the owner got the flames under control with extinguishers, without serious damage to the car, other than the upholstery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Deware recently moved to the home of her son, Richard Deware, for the winter, coming from Lynn with her daughter, Mrs. M. Jordan, who had been visiting at home there.

Women schools close on Friday of last week for the Christmas vacation. They reopen on December 17, and it is expected there will be but one session.

From Sunny Florida. In a letter received here on the day of our snowstorm, Mrs. L. E. Starr speaks of arriving at Green Cove Springs, with roses in bloom, their house all opened, and big bouquets in the rooms there, making quite a contrast to the gloom of the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr, who left here on November 14, expecting to sail from Boston that night, only arrived at Jacksonville on November 18, owing, she states, to head winds and running into the end of a hurricane off Cape Hatteras. She speaks of a good company on board, among them Mr. Patrick, and his daughter, the person, who had visited in calling, Mrs. Harris, just previous to sailing. "I found him very pleasant traveling company," who looked and acted twenty years younger than his age. He was going on to Orlando, where he spends his winters, and Mrs. Starr speaks of a lively Boston school teacher,

who was also going to Orlando for her health. She says the meals were good on board, and although at the first of the trip they only had small envelopes of sugar served, later on they had plenty.

The Clement family, who left by train the Saturday before they did, arrived at the spot the day after, and did not get settled in their house for a week. Much property has changed hands in the last two years, and there are now no very desirable places to be hired. Provisions are not much different in price than here—potatoes \$2.00 a bushel, sweet potatoes \$1.25, and oranges thirty cents a dozen. She says their Pepperell apples, shipped three weeks before they started, only arrived December 2, having been tied up in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Starr writes of the pleasure of meeting the young people from the north, who now reside there—Mr. and Mrs. Ned Harmon and Mrs. Elsie Northrup Sapp, with her ten-month-old daughter, whom she describes as a "handsome, black-eyed child, of the type that one wants to toss up to hear it laugh."

Mrs. Starr still keeps her lively interest in all the doings of Pepperell people, evidently, and it remained for her to call the correspondent's attention to some of the Thanksgiving work in Boston, according to the daily papers, where a Pepperell girl assisted.

Report of Special Aid Society. The following is a report of the work of the Special Aid society since the organization of the local branch in April, 1917, by the chairman, appointed at a mass meeting at that time, Mrs. Nellie S. Peapett:

The organization of the branch of the Special Aid society for American Preparation was in April, 1917. Under the guidance of the committee, the various lines of work we have followed most satisfactory results.

The first donations were sent to the Special Aid society, Boston. Mrs. Abbie Woodward, chairman of this committee, proved a willing worker, and her work was untiring. One hundred packages of pillows, 12 dozen handkerchiefs, 12 dozen hospital bags, 10 gray hospital bags, and 200 handkerchiefs were sent to the hospital, and 100 face bandages were sent to the first consignment, and all through the year the same supplies were repeated, showing the generous spirit of the workers.

The North Street Square Bird club of young girls, under the direction of Mrs. Woodward, has served on the food conservation committee under Henry B. Endicott, of Boston; the public safety committee, under Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer; the liberty loan committee, and attended the monthly meetings of the Special Aid and the house, and other places in Boston. Many communications by telephone and letter have been answered, her time being used for war relief work in all its phases so far as possible. Boxes of articles for relief work have been sent by her, with all charges paid, the Aid society being credited for the same and all expenditures, as carefully and incidentally have been cheerfully given during the time of serving the society as chairman.

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being credited to the Special Aid. For them and for our own boys who have been cared for in French hospitals, we have sent many comfort pillows, handkerchiefs, bandages, rolls of cotton and linen, comfort bags, wash cloths, hospital garments, bed covers and garments also for the refugees.

Complete outfits for 188 out of 148 of our Pepperell boys who have entered service have been furnished and a number of partial outfits for boys out of town, in response to calls received from Fr. Malley and others. Generous boxes of knitted garments were sent to Boston before the call for the boys at home.

We appreciate the assistance rendered by the South Road Guild and their large donations of handkerchiefs, pillows, bandages, floor cloths and other articles. The Oak Hill Woman's club and the East Village Social club have also assisted, showing interest in the Special Aid work.

A large number of Christmas bags sent to France in 1917 were one from each of the church societies, the Bird club, Social club and various friends. We received acknowledgment for the finest and best filled bags received.

Meetings were held each week in 1917, until the hottest days of August. During the coldest of the winter months, also, the society did not meet in their rooms, but worked faithfully in their homes. Work was resumed in the rooms in the spring, and until hot weather a large number of ladies assembled. At the suggestion of Mrs. Joseph Saunders was voted to close the rooms until cooler days, and on her invitation held meetings at her home, until interrupted by the epidemic of influenza.

Miss Anne Hamilton, the district nurse, gave six very instructive talks on first aid during 1917, which were much appreciated, as were also the lectures of Dr. Winsor, who spoke to the mothers and to the boys and girls on physical efficiency, and how to be pure-minded and physically pure people. We heartily co-operated in this work, as also in child welfare, which work was preceded by a speaking and afterward developed into a campaign of weighing and measuring of all children under five years of age, showing the remarkably healthy condition of our town.

The chairman of the society has attended committee meetings in Groton, for community service; also, in Ayer for service outside of Camp Devens, and girls' club service; has served on the food conservation committee under Henry B. Endicott, of Boston; the public safety committee, under Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer; the liberty loan committee, and attended the monthly meetings of the Special Aid and the house, and other places in Boston. Many communications by telephone and letter have been answered, her time being used for war relief work in all its phases so far as possible. Boxes of articles for relief work have been sent by her, with all charges paid, the Aid society being credited for the same and all expenditures, as carefully and incidentally have been cheerfully given during the time of serving the society as chairman.

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helmet, scarf, wristlets, two pairs of stockings, and well filled comfort bag, his many trips to Camp Devens, and the carrying of many packages of goodies to the boys while they were in camp, are all appreciated.

We gratefully recognize the aid of senior and junior scouts, Camp Girls, Willing Workers and all efforts made to assist us in any way. Special attention has been given to war gardens and food conservation. The chairman purchased a large quantity of "Food facts" at the bureau of this department and received valuable instruction. Many food demonstrations have been visited by her also, as well as the various cottages erected on Boston common for war service, and inspected the vegetable gardens there. Attendance at these and the instructive meetings at Ashburton Place and the state house have all been beneficial to our Special Aid, affording us knowledge to better serve our town, and thereby our country. The Special Aid reports at these monthly meetings have been well received, and we have been credited for ideas of value, and for our loyal support in the work.

The entertainments given for the Special Aid have been well patronized and all money-making affairs, adding substantially to our treasury.

Our hearts were warmed by the appreciation tendered by the town committee to the Special Aid for prompt response to their call for aid in furnishing supper for the day of our peace celebration, November 12. While the parade was being viewed, and those in the line of march were representing the patriotism of the various societies the Special Aid committee remained "behind the guns," making ready the shots to fill the stomachs of the guests, when the trumpeter's call was heard for supper for the guests. And all through the evening they remained at their post, to serve the final repast at 10.30. Great credit is due the entire committee, from the solicitors to the serving line.

The society has enjoyed the kind loan of chairs, tables, sewing machines and stove, not forgetting the old-time desk and clock. The room in Tarbell's block was occupied until November of this year, loaned by E. E. Tarbell for the work. Then, thinking we did not care to use the rooms longer, he rented the same to Mr. Swasey, and the vacant store in Mrs. Butler's block was offered by her to the society and made ready for occupancy for the meeting of November 11, and for the food sale of November 12.

Letters received from our boys in the service show that they have conducted themselves with bravery, and we attribute it to the tradition of the American mother. While the chairman had no sons to send to the great war, she has sent a prayer with every boy, and spent much time and thought in planning more efficiency for substantial aid in the great conflict.

This report is respectfully submitted, thanking one and all for their loyal assistance.

About Town. Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will hold their next meeting Monday afternoon, December 16, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Tea Party Day. Red Cross work will be held in the member can write one guest. Please bring sewing bag. Tea will be served. The Woman's club will hold their next meeting Tuesday afternoon, December 17, at the Congregational ves-

try. Mrs. Olive P. Lewis will give a talk on "The old Spanish missions of California." Mrs. Etta B. Spaulding, vacation notes and music.

Other Pepperell matter may be found in other columns.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Word has been received that Rev. E. P. Kelly sailed for overseas Tuesday, November 26.

Mrs. Marshall Swallow of Groton, Mass., is a guest of Mrs. Mary Gerrish. The Ladies' Aid society held a supper at the Congregational vestry on Tuesday evening, which was well attended. A social time followed the supper and games were enjoyed by all. The sale of rummage articles was well patronized and the proceeds were \$24.56.

Mrs. George Rockwood and Mrs. Ella Rockwood spent Thursday at Wilton, N. H.

Mrs. Hyer has moved from the Cox residence into the tenement recently vacated by Walter Fessenden.

Mrs. Nellie Gilson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Weston, at Boston.

Mr. Clifford was a visitor in Lawrence, Mass., last Saturday.

Miss Ethel Taylor is visiting friends in Nashua.

Mrs. Clara Russell attended the State Grange held at Rochester, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and visited at the home of Charles Russell at Exeter the week-end.

Mrs. Bertha Brown and son Harold spent the day in Lawrence, Mass., on Saturday.

Mrs. William Brown is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hannah Abbott, at Lawrence, Mass.

Mrs. John Andrews is visiting her daughter in Somerville, who is ill with influenza.

New Advertisements

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