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WESTFORD

Center. The home guard drill on Tuesday evening at the town hall was quite well attended.

town, is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home in Pelham, N. H. Butter in England is \$2 a pound, and eggs \$2.25 a dozen, and milk so scarce that it is not quoted.

Corporal Frank Curtis and Private Charles Morris at Camp Devens at an entertainment given by Co. L at Liberty theatre.

last few weeks, most of his work having been done on Lake Nagok. A half-dozen Littleton farmers were present at the agricultural meeting held in Waltham last week.

was very unfortunate that men favorable to the idea could not have been found to take charge. We all know and the managers of the room at themselves admitted.

Mrs. Minnie Pantan, of Lowell, is a guest of Mrs. George F. White, Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Dustin, is also staying with her.

At the last farmers' institute, Dracut last week, the speaker of the morning, R. W. Merrick, of Quincy, said many bright things.

Officers installed. Healy's hall was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on last Sunday afternoon when the officers of the Westford branch of the U. M. W. were installed by Charles M. Ryan, Jr., G. E. R., and suite, from Haverhill court.

Next Sunday is the anniversary of Christian Endeavor. The topic of the evening will be the best things in Christian Endeavor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN SPRAGUE late of Shirley in said County deceased.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. O. L. Brown's morning subject will be "The city with twelve gates" and in the evening "The drift toward religion."

At the business meeting of the Philodelfian class last week Friday, the officers were re-elected: Mrs. H. F. Works, president; Miss Marion W. Flagg, secretary; Mrs. J. W. Dods, sec. and Mrs. J. G. Crane, treas.

News items. The United Workers will meet with Miss E. Chacker on next Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Dexter, of Northbrook, will address the ladies.

Littleton. Announcement was made that the money for the support of a French orphan has been collected and forwarded to headquarters.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. LAND COURT. To MICHAEL BRADLEY and EMMA COLLIER, of Groton, in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth.

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Himalayas Highest Mountains. The highest mountains in the world, that is, continuous range of greatest average height, are the Himalaya mountains in Asia.

Knowledge of Cyclones Grows. Within a few years modern science has done much to increase our knowledge of cyclones and the sailor of today knows not only in what region to expect them, but he has also learned the path in which they move and direction of the wind.

Sargasso Sea. A large area near the middle of the north Atlantic ocean is known as the Sargasso sea, the name being derived from "Sargassum baciferum," the Latin name of a floating seaweed or gulf-weed found in great abundance in this part of the ocean.

Great Dismal Swamp. The great Dismal swamp is a tract of marshy land beginning at the south of Norfolk, Va., and extending into North Carolina. It contains 150,000 acres, is 50 miles from north to south and ten miles in width.

Just Missed Perfection. When Mrs. Langtry was at the summit of her beauty and fame she met at a dinner an African king who was visiting London.

Dire Day in Russian History. November 30 is the anniversary of the defeat of Peter the Great in 1709 by Charles XII of Sweden.

Eraser Hint. When the eraser becomes well worn it is apt to smudge the paper when it is used to erase a letter.

Chance for Trade in Japan. The native Japanese door slides on a rail or track, and is said to answer all purposes, but despite the fact that the scheme is perfectly satisfactory the importation of door hinges is increasing.

Removing Ink Stains. To remove black ink stains, the article should be washed immediately in several waters and then in milk, letting it soak in the milk for several hours; the stain will disappear.

Passed Away. Notice in a country store—"We regret to inform our honored customers that our good and generous friend, Mr. Credit, expired today.



THE FIRST AMERICAN FLAG TO ENTER GERMANY WITH OUR ARMY OF OCCUPATION

The Victorious Fifth Liberty Loan will pay the bills for maintaining our Expeditions to Europe overseas. Illustration copyrighted by Committee on Public Information from Underwood & Underwood, N. Y.

SELLING A BOND BLOCKS PEACE SAFETY BONDS VS. WILD CATS Each Holder Who Drops His Liberty Loan Sets Up a New Obstacle to the Government.

Liberty Bonds, the bonds of the United States which will be forever famous because of the way in which they won the war for us, are today most important in what they will do toward establishing peace.

Everyone who shares in the building of this monument should do his best to keep it unimpaled, unmarred, the tower of strength to the nation. It is injured when a bond holder sells his liberty bond for a slight or negative reason.

There was no contract to supply a market, but the promise was implied in the offerings and the faith has been kept. To sell a Liberty Bond, except in an urgency, is not meeting the Government squarely.

BRINGS PEACE TO THE SOLDIER The Fifth Liberty Loan Will Give the Fighting Men What We Enjoy Now.

The Fifth Liberty Loan, the VICTORIOUS FIFTH, will go to give the splendid soldiers and sailors of the United States what the people at home have had for two months already. It will bring them back to enjoy peace.

They have won it for us, at what expense to themselves the long, long roll of casualties has told in part, but they are still abroad or on the way back to us. We are welcoming those who have come with joy at their return and in pride for their glorious deeds.

To care for them in these months that intervene, to demobilize the millions with due care, to give them back to the ways of peace at home is the work of the Fifth Loan.

Deep Sea Staff. He looked her over and asked her to sail the sea of matrimony with him. When she said "O. K." (or words to that effect) they launched out with a little smack. A wave of color swept over her cheeks and her eyes swam in tears.

Ever Tried It? Half the excitement of being in love is trying to make the other person confess it while you assume a carefree indifference.—Record.

NO DIMMING YANKEE SPIRIT Soldier in Midst of Stern Duties of War Found Time to Play Little Jokes on Dad.

The Yankee spirit in the midst of the carnage and travails of war is exemplified in a letter written two weeks before the signing of the armistice to Edwin C. Brandenburg, former president of the Washington board of trade, by his son, Sergt. Milton F. Brandenburg, who has been in France a year.

"I dislike very much to have to write this letter to you, but the time has come when I must ask your advice on a matter of great importance to me, the complication of which has caused me nights of restlessness and many a day of anxiety.

"Even though I am in France, I dare not communicate the state of my mind to any of my friends here, so go to you. I know I am asking a good deal of you, but your loyalty more than warrants it and I am going to ask you and expect you to tell me from deep down in your big heart if you think that Jeff will ever be as tall as Mutt?"

CHINESE IS MADE BISHOP Ceremony, Unique in Records of the Anglican Church, Performed at Shanghai.

For the first time in the history of the Church of England in China, a Chinese bishop, in the person of the Venerable Archdeacon T. C. Shen, has been consecrated.

The new bishop was presented in due form by Doctor Molony, bishop of Chekiang, and Doctor Norris, bishop of North China, who were assisted by Doctor Graves, the presiding bishop, in the laying of the hands. Bishops Roots and Huntington of the American church, Bishop Hill of the Church of England and Bishop White of the Canadian church. All these bishops are also bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.—Canton (China) Times.

Where Women Rule. A little village exists on the Cape of Shima, in Japan, the name of which in Japanese means "the Settlement of Nymphs." Woman in this village is the predominant partner. The chief industry is pearl fishing, and it is the women who are the fishers. The men stay at home and do the housework.

Dreadful Malady. "Seasickness," said Lieut. Synnor Harrison, the novelist, "is a dreadful thing. It will unman even the doughboy." A doughboy on a transport bound for France, was seasick. His corporal, to get him out on deck in the fresh air, roused him one morning and said: "Come on, Jack! Up with you! We've been torpedoed and the ship'll sink in ten minutes!"

Y. M. C. A. Casualties. To carry on its work with the A. E. F., the Y. M. C. A. has had more than three thousand secretaries in Europe, supplemented by more than one thousand French civilians. These have been operating about fifteen hundred huts and stations in the sectors held by American and French troops.

Why We Weigh Gold by Carat. The weight used by goldsmiths in gauging the quality of gold apart from the alloy, i. e., carat, is derived from that of the seed of an Abyssinian carat flower, which, being exceedingly uniform in size, was employed in weighing gold and precious stones.

Holland's Great Dike. One of the great dikes of Holland is 40 miles long, starting far up in the country, near the Yssel river, and continuing across the Hook of Holland to the sea. It was built in sections, and for seven centuries has held back the waters from the low-lying fields.

Finger Prints Invaluable. Of course it is in connection with the detection of criminals that the fingerprint record is most used. It is claimed that China used it 4,000 years ago. It is in use in Scotland Yard and in Paris and in the big cities of this country. But it has proved invaluable in identifying honest folk as well as criminals.

Instinct of Brotherhood. The moment we can use our possessions to any good purpose ourselves, the instinct of communicating that use to others rises side by side with our power.—Ruskin.

PLAITS AND PANELS MODEL. GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR POPULAR SAVINGS



Accordions plaits and panels are very popular this season. This skirt is of lustrous black satin and the panels are edged with broad silk fringe.

CARE OF SILVER GRAY HAIR

Tonic Containing Glycerin Should Not Be Used—Ornaments Distract More Than They Add. Gray hair, more than hair of any other color, should be beautifully arranged. The hairdress is three-fourths of the trick of an admirable coiffure.

HATS MUST BE PRACTICAL Becomingness, Serviceability, Individuality, Always Figure Prominently in All Headgear. War has not robbed woman of her natural desire to please, but it has taught her that discrimination is a far better part than display.

SAPPHIRE TO SUPPLANT RUBY Precious Stone Has Increased in Price on Account of War and Imitations Are Almost Impossible. According to advices from London jewelers, the sapphire is to supersede the ruby as a fashionable jewel. For a long time the ruby has held first place, having succeeded the sapphire in favor, which was deposed by the fashionable world, despite its magnificence of color, as it had become cheaper in price.

The Rose's Name. The name "rose" varies only slightly among different nations. The Romans called it rosa—a form adhered to in Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian. In Polish it is roza, in Dutch roos, in Swedish rosa, and in French, German and Danish rose.

Appreciated Cats. When Mulat Hafid, sultan of Morocco, succeeded to the sultanate he found the sacred city of Fez infested by rats. Without any loss of time he at once nationalized all the cats of Morocco and issued a command that many thousands of them should be brought into Fez for service. For some time a law has existed in Hongkong, making it compulsory to keep cats in every house, the number varying according to the size of the house.

Optimistic Thought. Keep good company and you'll be of them.

Closing Out

Our Over Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices

We are listing a few of the many different items in this sale:

- \$1.00 Lanterns, now 69c
60c. Enamel Kettles, now 35c
70c. Enamel Drip Pans, now 40c
35c. Linen Paper, now 25c
40c. Correspondence Cards 25c
5c. Bond Pads, now 4c
\$2.00 Ladies' Skates, now \$1.50
60c. Trench Mirrors, now 25c
45c. Stand Mirrors, now 25c
25c. Decorated Soups, now 19c

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By MARIAN T. CARTER.
Say, Jack, that is a crackerjack idea... Tom Stevens, as his chum finished explaining his plan to bring Beth Butterfield...

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All foods contain some of the building material for the teeth. Some foods contain all of them except when man ignorantly removes them.

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LOSING DELIGHT IN BEAUTY

Writer Bemoans "Degradation of the Arts," Which He Asserts is Going on Today.

All the arts but one, says Layton Crippon in his book, "Clay and Fire," show degradation today, in many cases degradation so great that they have virtually ceased to exist. They have not only forgotten how to make beautiful things, but we have even acquired an instinctive dislike of beautiful things.

ONE OF WAR'S GREAT DEEDS

Crossing of St. Quentin Canal by British Troops Conceded to Be Remarkable Exploit.

Probably one of the most remarkable exploits of the war was the crossing of the St. Quentin canal by a brigade of South Stafford and North Stafford (British) troops in the course of the advance on Cambrai.

Tact Saved the Situation.

The newly created English high commissioner in Siberia, Sir Charles Elliot, has served in official capacities in Russia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Morocco and the United States. His tact in Siberia is a delicate one, but his Sir Charles' quick point.

Memory Course.

J. Leonard Replogle, the government's official steel buyer, was an errand boy at fourteen and a millionaire at thirty-five.

Non-Combatant Tanks.

Not all army tanks are destructive of human life. Those of the sanitary corps are dangerous only to germs. The necessity of eradicating these from the drinking water of the soldiers has been met by the organization of purification units or mobile water trains.

Most Aggressive Religion.

Mohammedanism is the aggressive religion of India, says the World Outlook, and has increased its membership 9 per cent in a decade, while the general population has increased only 2 per cent.

TOWNSEND

A dance was held in Memorial hall on last week Thursday evening under the auspices of Fitchburg parties with music furnished by Leo Hannon's orchestra, and refreshments were served by a caterer from Fitchburg.

The body of Mrs. L. G. Chandler was brought to town last week Friday afternoon by auto from Somerville for interment in the Hillside cemetery. Committal services were held at the grave in charge of her pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, with prayer by a former pastor, Rev. B. A. Willmott, of Quincy.

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Miss Eva Whitcomb, of Salem, with Miss Ruth Sargent, as guest, spent the week-end with Miss Whitcomb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb.

Mrs. F. B. Higgins recently visited her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Franchini, at the Framingham Normal school.

The call comes to the Townsend branch of the Red Cross, together with other branches in the New England division, that speed in the completion of the garments for the refugees is absolutely essential if they are to be of use this winter.

The Birthday club will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. George Davis.

Mr. Bennett has just returned from a hospital in Boston, where he underwent a serious operation at Christmas time, and every effort is being made to secure the services of a nurse to care for the patients and the children.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Brown has been named Richard Anson. Mrs. Brown, who has been quite ill with the influenza since his birth is rapidly recovering.

Miss Bertha Boynton returned on Saturday from a few days' visit to relatives in Lowell.

One of our old residents, Atty. Alvah M. Levy, of Fitchburg, visited the village, stopping at the Squannock Inn last week.

Charlotte and Francis Hodgman, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman, are on the sick list, suffering from severe colds.

Mrs. E. E. Waite, from Waltham, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver.

Miss Marie Lewis, primary teacher, spent the week-end at her home in West Berlin, and Miss Mylykangas, the grammar teacher, visited her home in Fitchburg as usual.

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Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR. The policy of the Ford Motor Company, to sell its cars for the lowest possible price, consistent with dependable quality, is too well known to require comment.

FUNERAL. The funeral of Clarence Howard Proctor, who was accidentally electrocuted January 18, was held on Tuesday afternoon of last week and was attended by a large concourse of people, who brought many and beautiful floral tributes to the expression of the love and respect which all who knew him felt for him.

LUNEBURG. The union meeting at the Methodist church on Sunday evening was well attended, the chapel being filled. The meeting was held in the interest of the centenary movement, and two speakers from Fitchburg, sent out and designated as "minutemen," presented the matter in a very able and interesting manner.

New Advertisements. FOR SALE—Six-room Cottage and bath, furnace, refrigerator, electricity, all conveniences, fruit trees, etc., on Fitchburg road (5 miles); close home; beautiful country town; good neighborhood; price \$2000 (cash). Mrs. ANNIE JENKISON, Lunenburg, Mass.

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Car due Daily from Fitchburg at 11.30 A. M. Freight may be shipped to Shirley, Leominster, Fitchburg, Worcester, Gardner, Athol and other places.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of KATHLEEN M. CLEARLY late of Ayer in the county of Middlesex, deceased, and in said estate and all persons interested in said estate are called upon to make payment to TIMOTHY CLEARLY, Adm., Ayer, Mass., January 13, 1919, 320.

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