

# MATTERS IN MAINE

The Maine Music Festival, which was scheduled to take place in Portland October 7, 8 and 9, has had to be postponed on account of the prevailing influenza. As soon as new dates with the artists can be definitely secured and the embargo is lifted by the board of health notices will be run and lists opened for the sale of seats.

Professor Caroline Colvin of the University of Maine has been granted a year's leave of absence to continue the work for the war department which she has carried forward so effectively since the first of July. Professor Colvin is the executive head of the women's division of social hygiene, training camp activities, for New England, and her headquarters are in the Little building, Boston.

Professor Garrett M. Thompson, Ph. D., for 10 years head of the department of German of the University of Maine, who was to have been head of the department of English the coming year, has resigned to take a position on the editorial staff of the New York Tribune. Professor Thompson has written several books on German subjects and has been organist and musical director of All Souls church, Bangor, for the past four years. He is a graduate of Amherst, 1888.

With four bullet wounds in the head and the forehead crushed in as if with a club, the dead body of Arno Burr Cayting of Bangor was discovered on Saturday in the woods bordering the river road in the town of Greenbush. Cayting, who was 34 years old, and leaves a wife and two small children, had been employed for 10 years by the American Tobacco company, and left home Monday morning last week for a trip north. Nothing was heard from him until Saturday morning when a woodchopper informed the Oldtown police that a motor car had been standing in the edge of the woods for several days. Investigation resulted in the discovery of the body.

The opening of the School of Fine Arts of the Portland Society of Art has been postponed to October 7 on account of the prevailing epidemic and will open its fall term on that date, unless conditions should warrant a further extension of the time, in which case notice will be published.

An equity suit for \$12,500 has been filed in the supreme court at Portland against the Cumberland County Power and Light company by the J. G. White company, Inc., construction contractors, organized under the laws of Connecticut, with its main business office in New York city. The action is to recover damages allowed Edward O'Brien of Westbrook in a suit brought against the corporation. Claiming that the consolidated company was responsible for the accident, the White company now brings suit to recover the amount of damages awarded after deducting \$5,000 which was paid over by a casualty company on the termination of the O'Brien suit. Justice Wilson has ordered the suit returnable Oct. 11. Symonds, Snow, Cook & Hutchinson appear for the plaintiff company.

Harvey R. Pease of Cornish, the agency examiner of the Maine Banking department, in charge of the Blue Sky and Small Loan laws, has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of clerk of the house of representatives. He has been sending out letters to the representatives-elect and has been assured of gratifying support. Mr. Pease has had considerable experience with legislative work, being connected with the important committee for examination of bills at the last session, and has a wide acquaintance throughout the state. His friends are confident of his success and that he will make a good clerk of the house.

The University of Maine opened Monday with a large registration in the students' army training corps. It is expected that the number of new students will be the largest in the history of the university.

President Arthur J. Roberts of Colby college, announced Monday night that on account of the Spanish influenza the opening of the college has been postponed to Oct. 10.

With last week's issue the Maine Woods at Phillips ceased to be published and its subscription list was taken over by the Chronicle, printed at Farmington. The Maine Woods, formerly the Phillips Phonograph, has been published by the J. W. Brackett company for many years.

The Ellsworth Foundry and Machine Works of Ellsworth has begun work on an auxiliary fishing schooner for McCoy Brothers of Dayton, Fla., the contract calling for completion on January 1. The craft will be 110 feet in length over all, 20 feet beam, and 12 feet deep, with a draft, light, of only 5 feet. She will be equipped with a 100 horse power Fairbanks-Morse oil engine, and is to be ketch rigged. In the pilot house will be electric controlled power equipment for hoisting, hauling seines, loading, discharging, etc.

With a view of facilitating the disposal of the equity matters requiring the attention of the resident justice of the supreme court, a system that had met the approval of the Cumberland Bar association has been arranged by Justice Wilson whereby every afternoon except Saturday will be devoted to orders and decrees and hearings on motions and other interlocutory matters. Wednesday of each week will be set apart as "hearing day," and hearings will be assigned in the order of assignment.

At the meeting of the Maine Womens Suffrage association in Lewiston, Monday, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. E. ...

second vice president, Mrs. Benjamin B. Brewster, Portland; recording secretary, Mrs. George M. Chase, Lewiston; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. R. Pattangall, Augusta; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Luce, Old Orchard; and Mrs. Alton C. Wheeler, South Paris; congressional counselors, Miss Helen N. Bates, Portland, chairman; Miss Margaret Thompson, Kennebunk; Mrs. E. M. Lawrence, Portland; Mrs. Julia Gatchell, Waterville; and Mrs. A. W. Averill, Oldtown.

Bangor, Me., Oct. 1.—William Kibney, aged 50, his daughter, Gladys, aged 18, of Bloomfield, N. B. were killed, together with Mr. Kibney's two brothers, Stanley, aged 37, and Hanford, aged 48, prominent Washburn farmers late Monday night, when their automobile in which they were riding was struck by a backing freight train on the Aroostook Valley railroad, at Parsons crossing. The three men and girl were killed instantly but not seriously injured. William Kibney and daughter had just arrived from New Brunswick to visit Mr. Kibney's aged mother, Mrs. Charlotte Kibney, who is critically ill.

The report filed by Treasurer Hawes with the Cumberland county commissioners Tuesday shows total receipts for the month \$24,148.41, with expenditures amounting to \$23,075.10, leaving a balance on hand of \$55,043.77, against \$53,970.41 for August.

A number of the citizens of the town of Montville have the clearing up of the old trotting park under consideration. The park 40 years ago was a popular trotting park with large crowds every year in attendance, but has fallen into decay and grown up to bushes, but can be put into shape and fixed up for a recreation park.

Hereafter the big steamers to be built by the Texas Steamship Co., at Bath, will install their water tube boilers and engines while on the stocks, thus avoiding the expense and time lost in towing them to New York and back, as has previously been the case. These steamers are tank snips for the transportation of oil in bulk, their construction requiring great care, so as to have them extra tight.

Fire which broke out about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Town Landing, Falmouth Foreside, burned one cottage, badly damaged two others and for a time threatened the whole summer colony along the seashore. Had it not been for the prompt assistance rendered by Engine 1 of the Portland fire department, which was on the scene shortly after the fire broke out, the flames might have spread and destroyed everything in the near vicinity.

Plans are well under way for the erection in Lewiston either on the city park or in Union square of a handsome memorial honor roll to the soldiers, sailors and Red Cross nurses who have gone from that city to serve the country in this war. The plans call for a strongly built structure of steel and wood, finished in gold and white. It will have space upon it for 1,500 names in three divisions, and the plans provide for annexes on either side in case they are found necessary. The cost of the memorial will be about \$1,500.

A fire which started in the machine room of the Great Northern Paper company's plant at Millinocket, Tuesday, destroyed the roof of the building, put five of the paper machines out of commission, and will cripple the output of the plant for some time. The loss, which is covered by insurance, is very large. A rough estimate of the damage to the property and by loss of production would be in the region of \$250,000. A brick fire wall through the center of the room alone saved the entire eight machines from damage.

Just to show, by the way of illustration, what a change has taken place in the price of fuel, the Copescook mill at Gardiner recently had a consignment of 558 tons of soft coal. The freight was \$6 a ton or pretty near enough to buy the schooner. The tonnage was \$185, the delay in unloading over a stated period at the wharf which is called demurrage was \$411, the war tax was \$110, cost of discharging from the vessel to the wharf \$279, hauling by team to the mill \$338, or a total of \$4,667, being \$8.36 per ton for handling the coal alone.

Maine has received the sum of \$566,159.50 since the first of the present year in auto licenses, against the sum of \$480,764.25 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of \$85,395.25. Since the first of the year 53,516 operators' licenses have been issued and 39,961 automobiles, 4,069 trucks, 417 automobile dealers, 1,477 motorcycles and 18 motorcycle dealers have been registered, while for the corresponding period last year 46,563 operators' licenses were issued and 39,906 automobiles, 3,229 trucks, 415 automobile dealers, 1,489 motorcycles and 24 motorcycle dealers were registered.

Races at Fryeburg. Both races on the card for the opening day of the annual fair of the West Oxford Agricultural society at Fryeburg, Tuesday, were won in straight heats, Sonora capturing first money in the 2.15 pace and Oakland Myrth in the 2.28 trot or 2.30 pace. The attendance was good for the first day and there are fine exhibits in all departments. Two more good races were promised for today and the feature of the closing day will be the free-for-all, the entries including some of the fastest horses that have ever appeared on the track.

# JUDGE SYMONDS DIES SUDDENLY

## Noted Maine Lawyer Was Ill but Two Days.

Portland, Me., Sept. 28.—Judge Joseph W. Symonds, one of the noted leaders of the legal profession in Maine, died suddenly today at Bethlehem, N. H. He went there Wednesday by automobile for a brief rest and was taken sick yesterday. Judge Symonds was elevated to the bench of the superior court here in 1872 and after six years of service was made an associate justice of the supreme court. Six years later he resigned and resumed the practice of law. He was 78 years old and a native of Raymond. He was graduated from Bowdoin college in 1860. Judge Symonds was widely known and was prominent throughout the state. He was president of the board of trustees of Thornton academy and always took a great interest in the Saco institution.

## LEFT NO WILL.

In Memorandum Gives Choice Volumes to the City of Gardiner. The late Weston Lewis of Gardiner, reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in central Maine, left no will, but merely a memorandum, and in this the city of Gardiner is the only one to receive from him. In this he desired that a set of books, 98 in number, be given to the city, that they be placed in the public library and they be not allowed to leave the building. These books were considered the most valuable ones of his library of over 5,000 volumes. They consist of bound volumes of all the local papers published here and date back to before 1850. They contain much data and references that are probably the only records to be had and a personal of the copies is most interesting. These books have been accepted by the city and as soon as a suitable place can be found at the public library and a case built, this being given by the family, they will be there placed for the public use. The memorandum also desired that the sum of \$700 also be placed at interest to continue the work he undertook. This will be done.

Mr. Lewis' very large estate, one of the most valuable ever to be administered upon in Kennebec county, will descend to his wife and heirs according to law.

## INFLUENZA IN BIDDEFORD.

Purely as a sensible precaution, and not because of any dangerous spread of the prevailing influenza, the Biddeford board of health has ordered the closing of all schools and places of amusement, the order taking effect immediately. There are believed to be about 175 cases of influenza in the city but they are all light, and so far as appears not one is likely to result fatally. As a general thing they are reported by the attending physicians as nothing more than colds, accompanied in some instances by decided preliminary symptoms of the prevailing disease. Before taking action the members of the board of health consulted with the physicians of the city and almost without exception these advised that for a time at least all schools and theaters be closed. To close the former and permit the latter to remain open was considered by all concerned as folly, inasmuch as such procedure would only result in bringing additional crowds to the playhouses and probably an unusual number of school children. The avoidance of crowds is one of the essential things urged upon people by all physicians. It is not known how long the board of health restriction will remain in force but at all events no longer than is deemed necessary. Probably not more than one week. Superintendent of Schools Allen makes the suggestion that during this brief respite from school work, both teachers and pupils make the most of this fine Indian summer weather by taking hikes into the country, thus breathing in all the pure, fresh air they can get. There was no opposition to the closing of other schools or theaters, teachers and parents as far as appears favoring it, and the theater managers willingly assenting. The board of health has issued the following suggestions:

## Defendant in Case in Superior Court in Portland.

Among the cases for trial in the superior court at Portland are the following: Samuel Berson of Portland seeks to recover \$500 from Henry Miles of Old Orchard on account of a collision at Scarborough, Aug. 17, 1918. Timothy J. Casey of Portland claims that while replacing the tire of his automobile at Saco, Aug. 17, he was run into and severely injured by a motorcycle operated by Louis Dubuc of Biddeford. He asks \$600 damages.

## TO LIFT BAN SOON.

M. L. Requa, general director of the oil division of the United States fuel administration, announces that the request that automobiles be not operated on Sundays, as a war measure looking to the conservation of gasoline, may be withdrawn by October 15. He qualifies the statement by adding that whatever is done will depend upon how much gasoline will have been saved during the first half of the month. As a result of the saving already made, 500,000 barrels of gasoline have already been shipped to France. The time is near at hand when local motorists will not care much whether the Sunday request is in force or not, as the roads as a rule are in bad condition and the weather is too chilly to permit of much pleasure in motoring, particularly in open cars.

## DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

Sarah E. Leonard of Scarborough has brought divorce proceedings, charging cruel and abusive treatment, against her husband, George E. Leonard.

pneumonia, were held at St Ignatius church, Sanford, Monday. The body was taken to Somersworth, N. H., for burial. He was 23 years old and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lebreux of Jackson street, Sanford. Besides his parents, he is survived by four brothers, two of whom are in the United States service, and five sisters.

## ACTON FAIR IS OFF.

The annual fair of the Shapleigh Agricultural association, scheduled to open at Acton today for three days, has been called off because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza. This action was decided upon Monday after a conference of the officers of the association.

# FORMER SACO MAN DIES AT CAMP DEVENS

A letter received in Saco gives information that Frederick L. McClure, formerly head office man of the Sears Roebuck shoe shops in Saco, died at Camp Devens a week ago today from influenza.

He came to Saco when the shoe shop was first opened for business and was placed in charge of the office force, proving an ideal man for the position. He made friends rapidly in Saco, becoming a constant attendant at the First Parish church, where he was well and favorably known.

Following his return to Massachusetts he was drafted from the town of his residence, going to Camp Devens July 26. His genius for once work was recognized soon after he went to camp and he was given a special detail.

Two weeks ago he came to Saco where he was a guest at the home of former Mayor and Mrs. Elroy H. Mitchell for the day. Letters received from him soon after he returned to camp indicated that he was not well and had been heard of him since until a letter was received from City Solicitor Clayton Hewes, stating that he had found a record of Mr. McClure's death on the hospital records. Mr. McClure was born in the South and came north a few years ago.

# GAME PLENTY BUT HUNTERS ARE FEWER

The deer season opened in eight counties in Maine Tuesday. The counties are Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset and Washington. The law in the remaining counties in this state goes off November 1. In York county hunting for deer is only allowed during the month of November.

Chief Game Warden Frank M. Perkins of Bangor went on duty at the Union station to inspect game shipments, but no deer were transported on the trains up to a late hour Tuesday night. Several were reported shot in towns near Bangor.

The number of hunters in the woods for the opening of the season is comparatively small and a dull season is expected by the sporting camp proprietors and guides. The deer are as plentiful as usual in the game regions and it is believed will increase this year. Hunting conditions are fairly good, with the woods very wet from long-continued rains, although there have been only few heavy frosts to take the leaves off.

## BIDDEFORD MAN

Mrs. Isla Davis Hall died Tuesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivory E. Davis, 30 Union street, from pneumonia. Her age was 29 years, nine months and 13 days. Mrs. Hall was taken ill with an attack of the grip and a physician was called and at first she seemed to show improvement. Pneumonia set in and her condition grew worse. Everything possible was done for Mrs. Hall.

She was born in Biddeford and was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ivory E. Davis. She attended the public schools and went to Biddeford high but did not graduate as she was taken ill and had to give up the studies. She was one of the patriotic women in this city and was a member of the Womens National Defense League of America, having gone to New York and taken a course and qualified as a chauffeur, and was waiting a call to go to France. Mrs. Hall was also a member of the Rebekahs and her many friends were pained to learn of her death. She was considered one of the best women drivers of automobiles in the state.

Mrs. Hall is also survived by her husband, Horace Hall, who is at Camp Devens.

## IT IS COMPULSORY

On Part of Enlisted Men To Alloit \$15 Monthly to Family. The Maine committee on public safety, of which Hon. Harold M. Sewall of Bath is chairman, in a bulletin issued Monday says that it is compulsory on the part of every en-

# REGISTRANTS CLAIMING DEFERMENT

## Must Answer All Questions Complete in Sections Pertaining to Claims.

(Special to the Journal.) Augusta, Oct. 2.—Adjutant General George McL. Presson, the provost marshal of Maine, today sent a bulletin to the various legal advisory boards, stating that in assuming registrants to complete questions to them, it is requested that each legal advisory board take the necessary steps to see that its members and associate members answer every question complete in the sections pertaining to the specific deferment claim.

Regardless of Appeals. Provost Marshal Presson today received a telegram from the provost marshal general of the United States saying that immediately upon the receipt of the second edition of the selective service regulations, local boards will proceed forthwith to the physical examination of all registrants who have been placed in class one regardless of the pendency of an appeal to the district board unless there is also pending a claim for deferred classification on the ground of engagement in industry, occupation or employment, including agriculture.

# BAR MILLS FIRM ORDERED TO PAY DOOLEY \$5 WEEK

Augusta, Oct. 2.—Hon. Eben J. Littlefield of Belfast, the chairman of the Maine industrial accident commission, today rendered a decision in the case of James H. Dooley versus the George C. Page Box company, both of Bar Mills, and the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, insurers, finding that the incapacity existing in this case as the result of an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, and it is ordered that the respondent, the George C. Page Box company, pay to the claimant, James H. Dooley, a weekly compensation of \$5.05 to begin as of May 10, 1917, and to continue for the period of total disability.

The claimant, who was employed in the respondent's box mill, states that on April 26, 1917, the superintendent of the mill was anxious to complete loading or succeed in loading as many ends on a car that was about to be taken out as it was possible within the limited time before the removal of the car, that while attempting to swing a truck used for moving products of the mill and which was loaded with end ready for shipment on the car that was being loaded, he slipped on a piece of sheet iron on the mill floor and thereby caused what was then thought to be a severe strain of the back.

The claimant states that he suffered severe pain in the lumbar regions of the back for a few moments, that after resting a short time he completed his day's work until noon of the following day when he was obliged to leave and go to his home.

# ISLA DAVIS HALL FALLS VICTIM TO PNEUMONIA

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## CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE BROWN BRAND. For Constipation, Biliousness, Headache, Indigestion, and all ailments of the bowels. Sold everywhere.

listed man on entering the service to allot \$15 of his monthly pay to wife and children (this includes former wife divorced to whom alimony has been decreed)

# LETTER FROM VENICE.

In a very interesting letter to friends at home, which the Journal is privileged to reproduce in part, Mrs. Gertrude Slaughter, wife of Professor Slaughter, of Madison, Wis., who with her husband is engaged in Red Cross work, writes from Venice, as follows: "We have taken a lovely little house on the Grand Canal for the coldest winter months. The rooms are small and the ceilings low, so there may be some chance of keeping warm. But at present, of course, we are in the full flush of summer, and I have found time and opportunity to run all square of late to the baths. A small square of sand and a small space of water is allowed to civilians. All the rest is mined or fortified, covered with trenches and barbed wire entanglements and guarded by sentries. We are, however, to have one more little space on the beach for our 300 children whom we are taking over there for a month's outing—150 of them at a time—poor little undernourished soldiers' babes from three to eight years old. There has been assigned to us for the children to sleep in the big ball room of the Grand Hotel des Bains, and won't they open their eyes at the mammoth vine-covered terrace which will serve as a nursery and playroom! The sand and the sea are directly in front of the hotel. It is a perfect place and the furnishings of a children's hospital, now closed, are being removed from Venice and installed in the hotel we have taken over. I wish you could see our office. All the rooms with mosaic floors, about nine long French windows on one side and as many doors on the other—and it is airy in the hottest days, and hot with business in the coolest! What with constant emergency appeals from hospitals, shoes to buy for several thousand children, materials to supply for several factories and their products to destitute children, a trained nurse to direct every day, a complex system of giving food and clothing to families whom we visit, appeals from soldiers' and soldiers' families to be passed upon, packages of underwear and cigarettes to distribute to soldiers who leave well, you simply cannot imagine how numerous the soldiers are and how many and ever-so-kind are the demands upon us.

"And, of course, this same work is going on all over Italy, the only difference being that here we have civilian, military and hospital affairs united, while in other places they are separated. Our district is small in extent but the work intensive. I ought to tell you so many more picturesque and human things but for this time I got started on the system and now I must leave the rest for another time. We are very proud of our Third army and I lined up with the commanding general in a house near the Piaze, where the destiny of us all was probably decided and was there when the news of the final victory that sent the Austrians reeling back across the Pave came in."

# FIRST NUMBERS DRAWN IN DIVISION 2

Eight Biddeford and four Saco boys are among the first 10 to be called to service by the drawing of draft numbers, which took place in Washington yesterday. The numbers and names of the Division 1 boys are:

- 322—Howard M. Small, R. I. D. No. 2, Saco.
- 1027—Ludger Rene, 18 Whites Wharf, Biddeford.
- 1697—Michael H. O'Connor, 118 Prospect street, Biddeford.
- 2781—Eugene Rouillard, 26 Taylor street, Biddeford.
- 438—Frank Burnham, 80 Lincoln street, Saco.
- 901—Alphonse Daudelin, 11 Judge street, Biddeford.
- 4808—Alonzo James Moulton, R. F. D. 2, Parsonsfield.
- 1240—Theodore Z. Langevin, 5 Mitchell Lane, Biddeford.
- 1907—Orrin N. Hatch, 142 Prospect street, Biddeford.
- 2073—Ernest H. Dennett, Buxton.
- 20—Lester R. Raymond, Pepperell street, Saco.
- 1275—Eugene V. Cordeau, 1 Whites wharf, Biddeford.
- 2132—William B. Traynor, 31 Union street, Biddeford.
- 3235—Vernon C. Ward, Hollis Center.
- 739—Henry A. Graffam, R. F. D. No. 3, Saco.

President Wilson, when he drew 322 as the first number out of the box for the new call for fighting men to help in knocking out old "Gott Mit Uns," conferred a signal honor on George Ludger Authier of West Kennebec, for young Authier holds that lucky number.

Among others whose numbers are found in the list now given out by the officials of exemption board No. 2 are the following: 1027—George Francis Bowden, Emery Mills. 1697—Fred Mathews, North Berwick. 2781—William Foster, York Harbor. 438—William Leslie Cottrell, North Berwick. 904—Elroy Edson Wentworth, Springvale. 1523—Harry Brewer Wallingford, East Lebanon. 1240—George Oliver Hawes, Sanford. 1997—Arthur William Philbrick, South Berwick. 3073—William Roberge, Kittery. 20—Frank Arthur Phillips, Kennebec. 1255—Enoch Alfred Haddock, South Berwick.

# YANKS BUILD UP VAST WIRE COMMUNICATION

## Thousands of Miles of Lines Are Installed on French Soil.

Tours, Central France, Oct. 2.—(The Associated Press.)—Along the railway routes and the great national highways of France one sees mile after mile of the new telegraph and telephone lines set up by the American army with squads of linemen in khaki stringing the wires and laying out new lines. The telegraph offices all through the war zones are crowded with khaki-uniformed operators and a personnel of American officers and enlisted men.

It is one of the extensive systems actually installed on a huge scale with the coming of the Americans, pre-empting a vast wire network over all France and realizing government operation of telegraph and telephone on foreign soil even before it was under way on home soil. This military nerve system is not alone telegraph and telephone lines, but cable lines across the channel so that American headquarters in France can be in immediate intercourse with American officials in London; wireless receiving and sending plants for detecting enemy exchanges and carrying on our own radio work, couriers and dispatch riders, weather observers to warn, when storms may impede military operations, and all those modern methods of rapid communication which have become indispensable to warfare.

It is a complete linking together of the army, front and rear, headquarters, staff and line, keeping the commanding officers in constant touch with every division and every other branch in the huge field of operations. The movement of troops and the actual fighting of battles are largely dependent on this highly developed army communication, which not only joins our own army but keeps up the liaison of a vast united command.

It is something over 500 miles from the French coast to the battle line in eastern France, and throughout this distance there is a complete system of 10 and 20-wire American telegraph lines, linking the squadrons with the front and also spreading through the vast ramifications of warehouses, camps, hospitals, construction shops and military establishments of all sorts extending from the ports inland to the firing line.

There is another multiple line running southward toward the Mediterranean and over to the Spanish frontier. These are the trunk lines, extending clear across France and, besides these main arteries, every division and branch of the army has its own telegraph and telephone lines keeping up constant intercourse with headquarters. In every area occupied by the army along the front a complete system of lines runs back to switchboard central stations, from regiment back to the brigade, brigade to division, division to corps, corps to headquarters.

On the first day of the big battle above Chateau-Thierry when the Americans began their famous drive, there were 27,000 messages averaging over 60 words each—all the way from an extended report on an operation to a short, sharp order for some new move in the swiftly-moving drama. Within six weeks, since the Americans had got into action, the communication between front and rear had quadrupled, and six weeks ago had quadrupled over the service on April 1 when the American activities were beginning to get in motion. The culmination of the great battle in June stirred into intense activity every branch of communication, with orders flying to hospitals, supply centers, ordnance works, and to the steady movement forward of fresh troops.

BROTHER OF JUDGE AYER. Frank P. Ayer, Native of Cornish, General Solicitor for Bangor & Aroostook Railroad. Frank P. Ayer of Portland, a brother of Judge Harry B. Ayer of this city, the last two years an attorney for the Maine Central railroad, has accepted a position as general solicitor for the Bangor & Aroostook railroad, Henry J. Hart, who was formerly at the head of the law department of the system, having been made a vice president. Mr. Ayer takes to his new position valuable experience gained in several years of association with the N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad, first at New Haven and then in the Providence offices. He came to Portland two years ago and with Charles H. Blatchford, senior, has been identified with the legal department of the railroad in peculiar conditions, agitation leading up to federal control and finally the government management and control of this and all other American systems. He is a native of Cornish, one of five sons of James C. Ayer, for many years a deputy sheriff in York county. He is a graduate of Bates, 1900, and of the Boston University Law School, having taught high schools in Rutland, Mass., and Nutley, N. J., previous to taking a course of law in the Boston University Law School. The banner potato story of the year is being told in the Saco Lowell shops. One of the war gardeners relates that he dug from his war garden a potato which furnished both