

**WM. SAYERS' BODY FOUND.**  
Remains of Man Missing Three Months Discovered on Saturday.

While hauling stone on the Samuel Leathers farm below Curtin, on Saturday morning, Newton Aikkey came within an ace of driving over the remains of a man, which lay concealed amongst a strip of small pine trees just north of Dowdy's Hole in the Bald Eagle creek. Considerably alarmed over his discovery Mr. Aikkey went to the house and told his story to William Adams, who moved out onto the place last week and with several other men, they went to the place designated to investigate.

They found the remains and they were finally identified from the clothing as those of William Sayers, who lived below Mt. Eagle, and who was stable boss at the new penitentiary at the time of his disappearance on December 26th. A bottle about two-thirds full of aconite was found with the body, but whether his death was the result of having taken some of the poison or whether he died of heart disease could not be told, owing to the condition of the body.

Readers of the "Watchman" will recall that Sayers was last seen at the penitentiary on the afternoon of December 26th, between four and five o'clock. When it was discovered that he was missing penitentiary guards searched all night for him. The next morning, on going to the barn at their home near Mt. Eagle Mrs. Sayers found her husband's gold watch, his wallet containing \$9.75, and a few other personal belongings lying on top of the feed box. It was further reported that the same morning the man had been seen boarding the west-bound train at Curtin. This latter, however, was evidently a case of mistaken identity.

The place where the remains were found is at least three miles from where Sayers lived, and the fact that the body was found in such an out-of-the-way spot points strongly to suicide, though no motive has ever come to light why he should take his own life.

Inasmuch as the body was found in Howard township, undertaker W. H. Neff was notified and came up and got the remains and took them to Howard, where they were viewed by Squire Fletcher, acting for the coroner, and Dr. McEntire. As no indications of foul play were discernible an official inquest was considered unnecessary and the remains were buried the same afternoon.

Sayers was about fifty-five years old and moved onto a small farm near Mt. Eagle in the spring of 1916. Last fall he was appointed stable boss at the new penitentiary and apparently liked the job. He is survived by his wife and three children; also one brother living at Marsh Creek and two brothers in Snow Shoe.

**Big Farm House Burned.**

The big farm house on what is known as the Hezekiah Ewing farm near Meek's church, in Ferguson township, was burned to the ground on Tuesday afternoon. The fire started about two o'clock in the afternoon and evidently was the result of sparks falling upon the shingle roof from a burning chimney. A high wind was raging at the time and the flames spread quickly so that there was no possibility of saving the house, which was a frame structure. Neighbors, however, succeeded in saving some of the household goods and clothing, especially those on the first floor. The house was an eight room building and practically new and it, with an out kitchen and wood house, was reduced to ashes in less than two hours. The house was owned by the Dreiblebs brothers and was insured for \$1,000. It was occupied by Roy Johnson and family, tenants on the farm. Mr. Johnson carried a small insurance on his goods. The Johnson family was taken in by neighbors and will be cared for until they can get a house. The farm house will be rebuilt at once.

**Burned Out of House and Home.**

The house occupied by John Lucas and family, in Holt's Hollow, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night and the family barely escaped in their night clothes. They were unable to save anything and carried no insurance. The family, consisting of seven or eight boys ranging in age from ten to eighteen years, and two girls, one a baby and the other thirteen years old, with Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are now all at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Musser, in Boggs township. Rev. James P. Hughes, a warm friend of the family, has undertaken the job of soliciting aid for them and any person willing to contribute cash, clothing, or anything useful should notify him, or call up Yeager's shoe store and leave word there.

**HEIKEL**—Charles Heikel, a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home on Marsh Creek on Monday following a stroke of paralysis sustained on Sunday. He was aged eighty years and is survived by his wife and one son, Joseph, also of Marsh Creek. Burial was made at Romola yesterday.

**MUNITIONS PLANT BLOWN UP.**  
Over One Hundred Killed and Many Injured at Eddystone Plant.

Chester, April 10.—One hundred and twelve persons, most of them women and girls, are known to have lost their lives, and 121 were injured by a series of terrific explosions today in the shrapnel building of the Eddystone Ammunition corporation at Eddystone, one mile from this city. Many of the injured were mortally hurt and it is feared the final death list will reach 150 while others probably will be maimed for life.

How any of the 300 or more employees in the building in which was stored approximately 30,000 shells, escaped is almost beyond conception as there was scarcely a fragment of the structure left intact. Fire added to the horror and most of the bodies were so badly charred that identification was impossible.

In the absence of any official statement, many theories as to the cause of the disaster, one of the worst ever experienced in this section, were advanced. Rumors of plots and arrests of persons both inside and outside of the plant were numerous, but all lacked confirmation.

**SHRAPNEL NEAR RADIATOR.**

Twenty Philadelphia detectives were sent to Eddystone soon after the explosion on a rumor that it was the result of a plot. After spending several hours investigating, they reported that they had learned from officials of the corporation, who had made an investigation, that a quantity of shrapnel had been placed near a radiator and the heat might easily have exploded it. Their opinion is that the explosion was purely accidental and they scout the suggestion that it was the result of a plot. A canvass of the police stations in the vicinity and inquiries among officials of the company failed to reveal that any arrests had been made.

An official of the corporation in discussing the probable cause of the explosion, declared that at no time did he believe there was more than one-half a ton of powder in the building at one time and that this never was in bulk. "The powder was kept in a magazine on the banks of the creek," this official said, "and was carried to the building in cans that hold about two gallons. From these cans it would be distributed to the workers who use gauges to fill the shrapnel shells. So far as we have been able to learn, there were only three explosions. Two of these were comparatively light, but the third was terrific, so powerful that a boat house 350 yards away was demolished."

**PLANT UNDER ENTENTE CONTROL.**

The Eddystone Ammunition corporation, which was organized originally by the interests identified with the Baldwin Locomotive works and operated by these interests, was taken over last September by a commission representing the British and Russian governments. Since that time this commission has been carrying on the manufacture of munitions for the entente allies. The financial loss as a result of the explosion is estimated at less than \$25,000.

Work will be resumed tomorrow in all departments except the box, packing and base charging departments. All departments will be in full operation by April 24, according to an official of the company. More than 10,000 persons are employed at the plant.

**The many Bellefonte friends of John E. Fryberger, cashier of the First National bank of Philipsburg, will regret exceedingly to learn that he is at Atlantic City suffering with a very trying physical collapse. His condition is one of such complete exhaustion that it may take a long time to effect a recovery to his accustomed vigor. The work consequent upon the recent remarkable growth of the splendid institution of which he is the active head, coupled with the extensive improvements being made to the banking building during the past eight months is believed to have so taxed his strength as to have utterly prostrated him.**

—Joseph Sheets, a Westmoreland county prisoner at the new penitentiary, made his escape sometime between 3 and 3.30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and up to the hour of going to press had not been recaptured. He is a man about 41 years old, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, black slate eyes, light chestnut hair and weighs 145 pounds. He was dressed in the regulation prison clothes.

—After reading the "Watchman" last week a Bellefonte lady remarked: "Well this paper is certainly bursting with news." When she reads this issue she had better handle it gently for it is so full of good stuff that it might bust right in her hands.

—The citizens of Milesburg will raise a flag on Sunday afternoon. The ministers of the town will open the service and there will be speeches by Col. Taylor and Burgess Blanchard, of Bellefonte, as well as others.

—The house occupied by Mrs. Martin Stover, at Axe Mann, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday night between 10 and 11 o'clock. The family barely escaped with their lives and saved nothing.

—Mrs. Charles Rine, of Thomas St., is preparing to move out of her home to smaller apartments. We understand that she has rented her house to John Dunlap.

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**Austria Severed Relations with United States.**

Austria formally broke relations with the United States on Monday. The Austrian Charge Zwidinek, called at the State Department and asked for his passports. He informed the department that an order for his action was issued Sunday.

A short time earlier Minister Stovall, at Bern, cabled the department that the break was ordered Sunday.

There has been no change, however, in the status of relations between this country and Turkey and Bulgaria, it was officially stated.

It would not be surprising, however, if they shortly followed the lead of Austria.

The passports will be made immediately available for Baron Zwidinek, for Count Tarnowski—who has never been received here as Austria's ambassador; for the entire embassy staff and for all Australian consular, diplomatic and commercial attaches throughout the country.

The German party, that sailed with Count von Bernstorff, when he was given his passports, numbered about 200 persons. The Austrian party that will leave with Zwidinek and Tarnowski is expected to reach close to that number.

It probably will be at least a week before the usual formalities can be gone through and the Austrian party started on its way.

This government, of course, will consult with other members of the entente allies as to safe conduct, means of transporting the party, etc. The State Department announced that it will get the party safe conduct and the procedure would be similar to that when von Bernstorff left.

The point was emphasized here this afternoon that, in breaking off diplomatic relations with Austria, America is not at war with Emperor Karl and his people. The situation is parallel with America's break with Germany and before President Wilson's "armed neutrality" plan was adopted.

**Congress Faces Task of Raising Seven Billion.**

Congress began its first week of real war work, faced with the problem of raising \$6,750,000,000 for the "pay-as-you-go" strategy. House and Senate leaders have virtually decided that approximately 50 per cent of the first year's expenditures—\$1,750,000,000—must be drawn from taxes.

A further bond issue of \$2,000,000,000 will be asked to be held in readiness for use by the United States army and navy.

The United States will loan \$3,000,000,000 to the entente allies. This sum will be raised by a bond at 3 1/2 per cent interest, simultaneously with the \$2,000,000,000 issue to be used by this government.

As soon as the subscription is complete the three billions will be turned over to the allied governments for their bonds which will bear 3 1/2 per cent interest. Those holding the United States bonds will be receiving 3 1/2 per cent on an investment backed by this and all the allied governments—and the three billion they lend will be spent in this country.

There appears no likelihood now that serious opposition to the government's financial demands will develop. There is bound to be some difference of opinion, however, as to taxation means of raising great sums.

**TO TAX LUXURIES HEAVILY.**

It is the present intention to tax heavily all luxuries—including large incomes—and put a tax on bank checks, telegraph messages, long distance phone calls, etc. And contrary to the usual complaint which arises in the country at any suggestion of increasing taxes, officials declare there is a marked spirit of patriotism in the word from the country at this time, "showing the people are willing to respond to any call."

The conscription army measure will probably be one of the first bills up. It is believed by a majority of leaders that this bill will go through as President Wilson wants, but that it will require at least two weeks.

A drastic espionage bill is to be pressed immediately. Amendments to the shipping law, giving the government power to take over merchant ships, a censorship law, amendments to the Federal reserve act—designed to strengthen the act and increase its powers, owing to the fact that much of the financing of the war will be done through the medium of reserve banks, and other war measures, are ready for introduction this week.

**BOALSBURG.**

Mr. George Scholl was in town on Wednesday.

Calvin Fisher, of Bellefonte, spent several days with friends in town.

Miss Lillie Dale returned from a month's visit in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Metzler, of Williamsport, was here for the funeral of Mr. Geringerich.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Confer on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mayes, of Milton, were in town for a few days this week.

Marion and Frederic Dale, of Oak Hall, spent Wednesday with friends in town.

B. F. Homan and family and John S. Dale, of State College, were recent visitors in town.

Bruce Lonebarger went to Virginia to engage in the lumbering business, after spending the winter with his family.

Miss Alice Young, of Altoona, visited her sister, Mrs. Henry Dale, and friend, Miss Sweeney, during the Easter season.

Mrs. McGirk and daughter Henrietta, of Bellefonte, are spending some time at the home of Mrs. Henrietta Dale, who is ill.

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**Political Announcements.**

**Jury Commissioner.**  
We are authorized to announce that A. C. Ripka, of Centre Hall borough, is a candidate for Jury Commissioner on the Democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the voters as expressed at the primaries to be held September 18, 1917.

**With the Churches of the County.**

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.**

Christian Science society, First building, High street. Sunday service 11 a. m. Sunday school 9.45. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. To these meetings all are welcome. A free reading-room is open to the public every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4. Here the Bible and Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. Subject, April 15th, "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?"

St. John's church (Episcopal.) Low Sunday, holy eucharist, 8 a. m. Church school, 10 a. m. Mattins and sermon, 11 a. m. Men's bible class, 4:30 p. m. Evensong and sermon, 7:30 p. m. The United States flag dedicated on Easter Tuesday in memory of the late Dr. George F. Harris will be used for the first time, being carried during the processions at the beginning and end of the services. Visitors cordially welcome at all times. Rev. M. DeP. Maynard, Rector.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to infants and children next Sunday morning, in St. John's Reformed church. The Easter offerings, for benevolence, in this congregation, amounted to more than \$250.00.

**Next Sunday at the Lutheran Church.**

The services in the Lutheran church next Sunday will be conducted in the morning at 10:45 by Rev. Dr. Beach, and in the evening at 7:30 by Rev. Dr. Young, chaplain of the Western penitentiary.

Rev. W. M. B. Glandring will attend the dedicatory anniversary of St. Matthew's Lutheran church in York, Pa., preaching the sermon at the evening service on Sunday. Rev. Glandring served this congregation almost five years.

Next Sunday morning the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church will preach on "Preparedness." In the evening on "The Gospel of Peace and Our Present War."

**BIRTHS.**

Monsel—On March 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Monsel of Bellefonte, a son, George Henry Monsel.

Etters—On March 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison Etters, of Bellefonte, a son, Benjamin Harrison Etters Jr.

Henry—On March 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee Henry, of Spring township, a daughter, Fay Irene Henry.

Malloy—On March 5th, to Dr. and Mrs. George Malloy, of Bellefonte, a son.

Taylor—On March 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, of Spring township, a son.

**First Blood Spilled at Shamokin.**

Shamokin, Pa., April 9.—The first serious shooting by the placing of Federal troops on guard in the hard coal region occurred here at 11 o'clock today.

Regarding a warning to halt, a national guard private, on patrol duty at the Pennsylvania railroad bridge, shot Stanley Shilkoskie in the abdomen, fatally wounding him, and Stanley Linolesgie was shot through the left leg, severing an artery. They were rushed to the Shamokin hospital where it was said both will die.

**COLEVILLE.**

Gilbert Nolan was on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Edward Ryan, of Filmore, was a Saturday visitor in our town.

Orvis Lee left Sunday for Lewisport, where he expects to work.

Harry Poorman spent Sunday at Pleasant Gap, at the Sloteman residence.

Miss Mary Helen Beezer and Earle Harter, of Roopsburg, were visitors of Miss Blanche Minnemyer on Sunday.

Mrs. Lattimer Billet and two children spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Barlett, at State College.

Miss Kate Williams and Miss Edith Hassinger were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kellerman several days last week.

Little Dorothy Crissman, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crissman, has been nursing several boils on her arm.

Harry Emenheizer, who has been working in Cleveland, Ohio, returned to his home here and back to his old work at the lime kilns.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Potter and Boyd Potter, of Centre Hall, autoed over the mountain to our town on Sunday. They were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kellerman.

**Sale Register.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.—At the Toner livery stable in the rear of the Bush house, 6 horses, carriages, cabs, buggies, sleighs and all the livery property of the late James C. Toner. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m. L. Frank Mayes, auctioneer.

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**New Advertisements.**

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**NOTICE.**—Is hereby given that a Certificate of Deposit dated July 29, 1915, No. 5761 issued by the Bellefonte Trust Company of Bellefonte, Pa., to the Estate of Jennie M. Tate, late of Ferguson Township Decd, has been lost and the finder will kindly return the same to the undersigned. W. S. TATE, Administrator of Jennie M. Tate deceased, Pine Grove Mills, Bellefonte, Pa. 62-15-3t

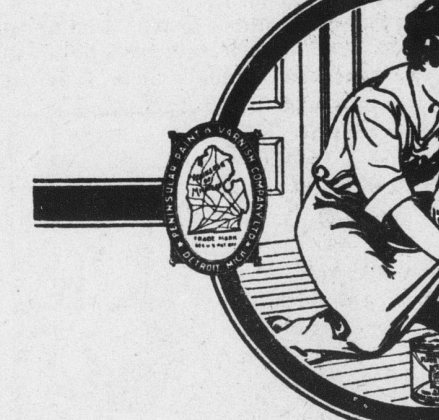
**NOTICE IN DIVORCE.**—Ralph C. English vs. Minnie B. English. In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County No. 64, December Term, 1916. To Minnie B. English, Respondent above named: Take notice and you are hereby notified that an application for divorce has been made in the above stated case, and that the undersigned has been appointed Master to take the testimony and make due report of the proceedings had before him in the suit brought by Ralph C. English against you. A meeting to take such testimony of witnesses interested in the case will be held before the undersigned at his offices in the Masonic Temple Bldg., in the Borough of Bellefonte, Centre County, State of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, May 8th, 1917, at ten o'clock, a. m., at which meeting you may appear in person or by counsel, and produce such witnesses as you desire to have testify, at the same time and place all parties interested may appear with their witnesses and be heard. W. HARRISON WALKER, Master. 62-15-3t

**EXECUTRIX NOTICE.**—Estate of Thomas A. Shoemaker, late of the Borough of Bellefonte, in the County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same duly authenticated, without delay to AUGUSTA C. SHOEMAKER, Executrix, Bellefonte, Pa. 62-11-4t

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**—Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Mirinda Harper, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. LOUISE GARMAN HARPER, GEORGE EDWARD HARPER, Administrators, Bellefonte, Pa. 62-14-6\*

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**—Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of James Toner, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. CLARA TONER, L. J. TONER, Administrators, Bellefonte, Pa. 62-14-6t

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