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LEGISLATURE KILLING TIME.

Takes Week's Vacation While \$1400-a-Day Expense Goes On.

Pennsylvania's notorious do-nothing Legislature has qualified for kidding itself of that unpleasant description. It does do something. It kills time. Indubitable proof of this was presented by the inexcusable recess from May 29 to June 6.

With calendars in a state of congestion rarely achieved; with committees choked with legislation which has not been considered; with state departments and employees facing dreary weeks of no money because of expiration of all appropriations on May 31; with the really patriotic members chafing under a desire to finish their "work" and get home for good, the Penrose legislative leaders nevertheless insisted on adding practically two weeks to the many weeks which already have been wasted.

One direct result is that adjournment sine die (or an indefinite recess amounting to final adjournment, for all present purposes) cannot be taken earlier than June 28, and probably not then.

Virtually no work was accomplished last week; about as much will be done this week.

Holding up the payroll by the do-nothing session is regarded as a shabby trick, generally. It has become not uncommon in recent years. In 1913, the worst example, all state employes had to go without pay from June 1 until well along toward August 1. This isn't particularly convenient even for the man who gets a thousand dollars a month. For the man who get from \$200 down to \$90 a month it's a decided hardship.

Republicans owe their supremacy in Pennsylvania largely to the horse of officeholders on the state payroll, some 6,000 or so. It is to many of these that "the organization" turns on election day and other opportune occasions. They are expected "to deliver" then, and usually do. Naturally, they don't like it when the Legislature dawdles along and holds up their pay. They declare that even if the assembly can't finish its work it at least could shoot thru some sort of a bill to provide for their pay.

Under existing system, appropriations run from June 1 to May 31. Amounts are appropriated for two-year periods. Appropriations made by the 1915 session expired May 31, 1917. No more money can be forthcoming, therefore, until the governor has disposed of the general appropriation bill which the present session will pass. And, unfortunately for those who need the money, that bill, like other appropriations, never gets to the governor in such shape that he can approve it forthwith. He has to prune it, like the others, and that takes days.

For Reduction of Food Prices.

Reduction of the present high prices the consumer pays for food, it was announced last week, will be one of the first aims of the new food administration which will be created with Herbert C. Hoover at its head as soon as congress passes the government's food control legislation.

This will be undertaken by cutting down the margin between producer and consumer through a system of executive under the central administration, each to study means of shortening the speculative chain that handles a particular commodity. The first staples to be studied probably will be grain, flour, meat, and sugar.

Stability of prices, Mr. Hoover believes, is vital to the successful lowering of costs to the consumer, both here and abroad. The executives will have under their boards, on which will be represented producer, middleman and consumer. Their efforts will be in the direction of modification of present trade methods and the stimulation of production.

The food administration it was said will take up its work determined to adopt no irretrievable measures. Mr. Hoover is convinced that with the cooperation of the people the food problem can be solved with a minimum of dislocation. Stabilization of prices, he believes, can be accomplished by lubricating the channels of distribution. Representatives of producers, miller, grain dealers, wholesale and bankers have told them they are for measures proposed.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Abraham Treaster, at Woodward, Monday of last week, aged sixty-four years. Burial at Woodward.

Mrs. William Homan, a native of Haines township, died in a hospital in South Dakota, aged fifty-two years. The family moved west about fifteen years ago. Mrs. Clayton Musser, of near Centre Hall, is a sister of the deceased.

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MEMORIAL DAY IN CENTRE HALL.

Everyone Took Part in Honoring the Soldier Dead.—Large Parade.—Rev. Yocum Delivers Striking Address.—Flag Raising Follows.

Centre Hall has an organization which has proved in its first attempt that it can conduct the annual Memorial Day ceremonies in a manner most fitting for the occasion as well as to bring joy to the few remaining veterans who have been spared to take part in honoring the soldier dead. That organization is the Patriotic Order Sons of America. Those who witnessed the large parade from the sidewalks declared it the finest and largest held on any former similar occasion. The ceremonies proceeded from start to finish without a break, culminating with the raising of a large American flag on the diamond.

At six o'clock the parade started on the move from the Presbyterian church, in this order: The speaker's car, followed by cars conveying the eight remaining veterans, namely, W. H. Stiver, G. M. Boal, B. D. Brieblin, W. A. Bartholomew, Alfred Durst, W. A. Krise, James Smetzler and W. E. Tate; followed by young ladies bearing the stars and stripes; followed by the Coburn band; followed by daughters of the veterans bearing bouquets; followed by seventy-five children, each carrying an American flag; followed by Rebekahs, Odd Fellows, Eagles, and P. O. S. of A., more than two hundred persons being in the march. After reaching the cemetery the daughters proceeded to place a bouquet of flowers on the graves of the thirty-five veterans of previous wars, being accompanied by several of the veterans. During this period the school children sang several patriotic songs. Following prayer by Rev. R. R. Jones, the speaker of the evening was introduced.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. E. H. Yocum, and it was a happy selection. Not a dozen words had left the speaker's lips until he had his hearers with him, and throughout the entire address he was given the closest attention. The subject matter as well as the great enthusiasm with which Dr. Yocum entered into the discussion of the two objects he wished to bring to the attention of his hearers was responsible for those before him to lend attention and show by their manner hearty approval.

The first object of the speaker was to show the newer estimates of the war of the Rebellion—preparing us for what we are: the great leading nation of the world. How impossible this, if secession had succeeded. It has taken the perspective of fifty years to show us how immensely important for us and the world was the preservation of the Union.

Referring to the Spanish-American War the speaker very emphatically showed that that war for this nation was a school in which we might learn to do great unselfish things for the world's welfare.

The second point made was devoted to the task of showing how Germany, the Hohenzollern Dynasty, is solely responsible for the present world war. Many years had been devoted by the Kaiser and his minions to the task of preparing for this attack upon the world's liberties. First, the bulwark of Protestant and Lutheran teaching was broken down by Rationalism. Many prerogatives of God and much of His authority are assumed by the Super-man of this Dynasty. For many years past a great militaristic system was prepared to force world wide submission. The war was precipitated when it was thought England's hands were tied by the Irish troubles. The ample apology of Serbia to Austria Hungary concerning the murder of the archduke, was rejected by Emperor Francis Joseph at the dictation of Kaiser William. Belgium was treacherously attacked and devastated in violation of the most sacred of pacts. A half million Americans were murdered by Turkish soldiers under the command of German officers. Almost another half million Syrians were butchered likewise.

The methods of German warfare are barbarous, the ultimate limit reached in the U boat attacks upon neutrals as well as combatants.

At the door of the German Kaiser and his Dynasty lies the crime of this world war. The patience of our Government was tried beyond all possible endurance. Now we are in this world war for the sake of the world's safety and peace. The welfare of the human race seems now to hinge upon our fidelity to this universal demand. We must go to the help of poor, bleeding France; France, reduced from forty millions to thirty by Germany's unprovoked butcheries.

The speaker referred to two points of peril as he saw them. First, the peril on the west front by a last and desperate attack with the last forces Ger-

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INSPECTION DAY AT FORT NIAGARA

"Ned" Keller Writes Mother Concerning Rigid Inspection in Officers' Training Camp.—Big Heartedness of the Men.

2nd Co. Infantry, Fort Niagara, New York
My dear Mother:
I have just completed studying forty-one paragraphs in my manual of interior guard duty, U. S. A. I have it out now for Monday. I wish you could be here to see the sights now. Nearly all the boys are sitting on their cots writing letters. A few minutes ago the Y. M. C. A. men brought a victrola over to our quarters and we are playing it now for the boys while they are sitting around in groups talking over the work we had today.

I sleep fine and five o'clock comes around all too quick for me. That makes no difference for I must be out in front of the barracks to answer to my name and the thought of being tardy is more dreadful than the desire to lie longer.

So far this week I have not been late for anything, and I don't want to for it is quite an offense to be tardy even a half minute for anything. I am making it a rule to be ready five minutes ahead of each call.

This morning we had inspection of arms and also of quarters. I managed to have my gun cleaned perfectly and he found no fault with my uniform in general. We must have on our very best for inspection; our shoes polished as though we were going to church. After an hour of that we come back to the quarters, and furnishings were examined. We had to have one blanket spread out on the bunk; next our knapsacks must be placed just so at the foot; the cartridge belt properly arranged; next our canteen outfit and mess kit had to be displayed so as to show each part. We also had to have out one towel, two pairs of socks, underwear, tooth brush, soap, comb and brush and every thing had to be arranged properly and I guess it took me twenty minutes to get things ready for inspection. The Captain, 1st Lieutenant and Sergeant inspected it and found no fault. It made me feel good to think that I am getting on to the work. It is awfully hard and so much to learn, but I will do the best I can. Other than that no one can do.

Your cards and letters do me a world of good and it helps to alleviate the hardships while under training. Before I forget it I want to suggest something to you. This is such a wonderful place and the sight is imposing when the 2500 soldiers are drilling, and since we can not tell what will happen when the training is over, I want you to plan to make a trip up here in the car sometime before I am through, say in about five weeks. It would mean two days coming, two days here to see all the work of the camp, then two going home. I think it is a wonderful sight here, especially when reveille is called at six in the evening. All the companies stand at parade rest, and as soon as the big cannon is fired off the captain turns around and every one comes to attention; at once the flag is lowered and then the captain stands at salute while the national hymn is played by the band. It sends a thrill through me every time I hear it and I think how wonderful it must be to overlookers.

Lots of the boys' friends come here in cars to see them. Now you think over this; you will be well repaid for the time it will take for the trip.

The men here are fine and this afternoon I was telling them about the Bethany Home for orphans and our efforts to raise the money for the victrola. One man handed me two dollars and just this minute the fellow next to me handed me a five dollar bill for the victrola. He is quite rich and he and his brother own a big plantation in the South. It makes me happy to come in contact with such big hearted men.

Your boy,
NED.

Paul Musser Fitches Great Game.

Paul Musser, Millheim's baseball pitcher who is earning an enviable reputation with the Des Moines (Iowa) team, pitched a remarkable game on Memorial Day against Omaha, letting that team down with one hit and scoring a 3 to 0 victory. Musser's famous fast ball was working so good in that game that the opposing manager declared that Musser was using some artificial means to put the "hop" on the ball. Musser is a great speed artist.

The annual telephone picnic held during the past ten years at Rhonoy-nede will be omitted this year.

Letters for Miss Alice Spicer and Miss Gail Parker remain unclaimed in the Centre Hall postoffice.

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Auto Trip to Connecticut.

Early Monday morning, B. D. Brieblin and his two daughters, Mrs. B. M. Boon, and Mrs. George Robertson, left Centre Hall in their big Reo car for the ladies' homes in Hartford, Connecticut. The party will take several days in covering the great distance. Mr. Brieblin will be at the wheel the greater part of the time. Few men, indeed, who long since passed the 70-year mark in life would undertake such a trip, but Mr. Brieblin feels more than able for it. He intends spending part of the summer with his daughters in New England before returning home.

Fetterolf-Carson.

Burton Fetterolf and Miss Kathryn R. Carson were united in marriage by Rev. S. C. Stover, at the Reformed parsonage in Boalsburg on Sunday. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fetterolf, of near Centre Hall. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carson, of Potters Mills. The couple will begin housekeeping at Potters Mills in the near future. Their many friends extend congratulations.

Captain Boal to Entertain Troops.

Capt. Theodore Davis Boal has invited a general invasion of his estate at Boalsburg this week, having sent out invitations for a general pilgrimage there for a three days camp by Troop L, of Bellefonte; B, of Tyrone; I, of Sunbury; K, of Look Haven and M, of Lewisburg. The time is June 8, 9 and 10, and the troops are asked to send their tents and picket line ahead so that the machine gunners can have everything in readiness for the visitors upon their arrival. Food for the men, forage for the horses and amusement for everybody will be furnished free by Capt. Boal. The three days' outing will include some tactical marches, other drills and possibly a sham battle. Another feature will be an exhibition flight by Capt. Pierre Boal, the only son of Capt. Boal, who is a member of the Royal Aviation corps of France, and who has been awarded a medal of honor for exceptional work in his line.

Great Aeroplane Invasion of Germany.

Dear Editor Reporter:
The frequent aeroplane raids into the territory of the Western Allies suggests to the writer that such work could be successfully undertaken and performed throughout the German Empire, and tremendous damage inflicted upon their greater cities as well as the masses of the people.

I respectfully suggest to the proper United States authorities that measures be set in motion to combat the destructive aeroplane work of the Germans by inaugurating and prosecuting a similar campaign upon Germany, but with greater vigor and interest.

To that end let our Government build a fleet of the best, latest improved aircraft, 5,000 or 10,000 in number, man them with expert airmen, supply the craft with ample munitions, and ordering the whole force to invade the leading German cities en masse during the night hours at some opportune time, thereby scattering destruction and death in every direction, thus not only inflicting terrific blows upon them, but also compelling their own crafts to return to their own domain.

By such a course, carefully prepared and directed, in a single night practically all of their largest cities could be attacked, and in a large measure destroyed, and a major portion of our crafts possibly escape unharmed, providing strict secrecy be maintained regarding the plan, the building and the time of invasion.

In such a movement fifty million Americans would willingly and enthusiastically join. That a certain degree of success would be won cannot be doubted. Heroes would perish and crafts be destroyed, that being a part of the game of war, of course, could not be avoided.

The plans here suggested are in every way feasible and worth trying out. If successful they would no doubt result in creating tremendous changes of action among our enemies, bringing them to a fuller realization of their inhumanity, and their deeds of destruction inflicted upon millions of innocent, helpless people.

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Dies in the West at 90 Years.

Mrs. Lydia Musser, a native of Aaronsburg, Pa., May 8, 1827, making her age 90 years. She was married in the east to George Musser and came west with her husband and family in 1864. Her maiden name was Miss Lydia Condoe. When the family came to Illinois they settled on a farm near Orangeville, which Mr. Musser farmed successfully. Upon his retirement from active work Mr. and Mrs. Musser moved to Orangeville where they resided more than fifteen years. Mr. Musser preceded his wife to the grave fourteen years ago.

Mrs. Musser is the last of a family who were among the first settlers in Pennsylvania. Her brothers and sisters have all passed into the great beyond. She was the mother of ten children, four of whom survive. Mrs. Musser was a conscientious, christian woman and had been a life long member of the Lutheran church. She was always ready to lend a helping hand in the hour of distress, and her death brings grief to many of her friends who knew her best.

Four months ago Mrs. Musser fell and fractured her hip, and on account of her extreme age the broken bone could not be set without imperiling her life. Since receiving injury she had been confined to her bed constantly. She is survived by the following children: J. M. Musser, of Sherman, Tex.; D. C. Musser, of Orangeville; Mrs. Q. E. Pollock, of Burlington, Kan.; and Mrs. D. L. Ramsdell, of Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Ellen Maria Hechard died at the Sigma Nu fraternity home at State College Tuesday of last week, after a few days illness. She had been employed at the house as a domestic. The body was conveyed to Tusseyville on Thursday, and after funeral services were conducted in the Reformed church there burial took place in the cemetery connected with the church.

Deceased was a daughter of James Glasgow, deceased, and was born on the south side of Potter township. She was a hard working woman all her life, and those who knew her best have but words of love and praise for her.

John Johnson, whose falling through a barn floor in Ferguson township was mentioned in these columns last week, died of his injuries last Thursday at noon. He was a son of Martin Johnson and was born in Half Moon valley January 13, 1881. His wife was Emma Harsbarger, who with one son and three daughters, and his mother, mourn his sad death. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Burial was made in the Gatesburg cemetery Sunday afternoon. Rev. L. N. Fleck had charge of the services.

Mrs. Minnie B. Houser, wife of Edward Houser, died at her home at State College last Thursday, of tuberculosis, aged forty-five years. She was a daughter of Joseph and Harriet Ewy. The husband and two daughters survive. Burial was made in the Pine Hill cemetery on Saturday, Rev. S. C. Stover officiating.

Linden Hall Wallops the Locals.

After playing a broad of baseball for four innings which would have been a credit to any diamond, the Centre Hall team suddenly went skyrocketing and permitted the Linden Hall boys to roll up fifteen runs in two innings, on Memorial Day, the final score being 24 to 10. Grange park was the scene of the carnage and no fan has any recollection of any more humiliating defeat than the one administered last Wednesday. Linden Hall buried the home team under a fusillade of bat wallops and never even marked the grave with an humble tangle.

For four innings the score stood 1 to 1, and what happened thereafter would have to be written in a sort of military style, laying particular stress on the action of the big guns; but we're not qualified for it, so it goes at 24 to 10.

The battery for Linden Hall was, McClinton and Ross; for Centre Hall, Auman, Bradford and Garis.

Centre County Picnic in "Fifty"

Centre countians with their families, who reside in Philadelphia, are anxiously awaiting the annual association picnic which will be held this year on Saturday of next week, June 16th, in Fairmont Park. Some new features this year promise to make the picnic a more enjoyable affair than ever before.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The next holiday will be July 4th. Saturday, June 23, is the time set for the annual Korman reunion on Grange park, Centre Hall.

Miss Elizabeth Booser, student in the Allegheny Hospital, Pittsburgh, is home on a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. C. M. Bower, of Bellefonte, spent several days last week with her brother, D. J. Meyer, in this place.

Mrs. Calvin Harper and daughter, of Bellefonte, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Emerick over Sunday.

Miss Catharine Bradford accompanied the family of Milton Bradford to Krummar, Maryland, last Wednesday to assist in establishing them in their new home.

Friday morning of last week, Christ D. Keller left for Phoenixville where for a week or two he will visit D. C. Keller and other friends in the eastern counties.

Rev. John H. Keller and family, of China Grove, North Carolina, are expected in Centre Hall today. They will be guests of the former's brothers and sister for a short time.

Mercury reached 80 or above twice during May. On the 19th of the month 82 was recorded, and on Memorial Day 80 was reached. Rainfall for the month totaled two and one-half inches.

The Millinburg Telegraph, in its issue last week, mentions the fact that the hardware store formerly conducted by the late I. V. Musser, will be conducted and managed by J. L. Brown, for the widow.

Of the 22,000,000 trees planted on the State Forests to January 1, 1917, over 15,000,000, or about seventy-two per cent, are now living, according to a statement made recently by the Commissioner of Forestry.

Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Snyder and three children—Grace, Samuel and William—motored from Middleburg on Saturday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Daup. Their many friends in this place greeted them on every hand.

The first registration card to be filled out per the prescription requirements and mailed to R. D. Foreman, the local registrar, came from Ralph E. Bitner, son of Dr. H. F. Bitner, who is a student at Cornell University, Ithaca. The card arrived a full week ahead of registration day.

Because they could not devote enough time to the enterprise to insure financial success the owners of the "auditorium," Millheim's picture-play house, have rented the building to Russell Gephart, the restaurateur, who took charge on Friday.

Of the twenty-six county judges to be elected in November, one is the successor of Judge Harry Alvin Hall of the Clinton-Elk district. Clinton county will then become a separate district. Judge Hall's term will expire the first Monday in 1918.

On Saturday, Paul, the young son of Ralph Haines, of Smithtown, had a narrow escape from being killed by a sow having a litter of pigs by her side, says the Journal. The lad was thrown into the mud by the sow, which rolled and tossed him rather roughly before he was rescued.

Prof. W. O. Heckman and Elmer Miller, two members of the borough teaching corps, will be engaged in work during vacation period, the former canvassing all the school boards in the county selling standard text books, while the latter is covering a territory about Johnstown in the interest of a large coffee and tea house in Camden, New Jersey.

The Bellefonte Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, as is their custom, sent flags to Centre Hall for decorating the graves of Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in nearby cemeteries. A committee visited the various cemeteries on Memorial Day and planted flags on the graves of the following 1776 heroes: Michael Stiver, John F. Ream, James Huston, Henry McEwen, Old Fort marker, and two soldiers buried in Indian Lane—Thomas VanDoran and Thomas Shadacre.

The St. Louis Lightning Rod Company is again being represented in Penna Valley by Robert J. Riden, who is canvassing this territory in the interest of the western company. Many of the best farm buildings in the valley were rodged last season by Mr. Riden, and the fact that he is on the same territory this year indicates his company is not fearful of meeting former patrons. The lightning rod business increased wonderfully during the past few years, due largely to the fact that both the manufacturers and people have given the subject more careful study than heretofore.