

PATRIOTIC SERVICE BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN.

The Centre Reporter, Centre Hall, Pa.
Dear Editor Reporter:

To be of proper age to serve one's country in a time like this should be a source of great satisfaction to every young man, and should inspire all with noble and patriotic aspiration.

Many fields are open in which to render valiant service to the nation, and millions are heroically responding, which fact portends ultimate victory, lasting peace, and universal democracy.

Being of an age which prevents us from entering the military service, we are endeavoring to render a little assistance to the cause along other lines. To that end we have written several patriotic songs, and a number of articles for the public press bearing on conditions that are at present confronting the nation, the Allies and the world.

Our first article, that one relating to "lasting world peace, and a world peace court," was written in 1916, and was printed in a number of leading papers in Pennsylvania, and in three Chicago daily papers, the suggestions, briefly stated, being as follows:

- 1st. The free use of all maritime highways for all nations.
- 2nd. The disbanding of all standing armies except such as are needed for domestic service.
- 3rd. The prevention of any nation to wage war for conquest.
- 4th. Universal freedom for all nations toward the development and distribution of their commerce.
- 5th. The establishment of a world peace court.
- 6th. That any nation refusing to abide by the mandates of a peace court shall be socially, diplomatically and commercially denied the privileges of further intercourse with all other nations, thereby either to be forced into submission or made to perish.

The foregoing views were submitted to President Wilson by letter prior to the time of their appearance in the public press, and antedating his famous "Peace without victory" message.

GERMAN PRISONERS ON AMERICAN FARMS.

During last May we conceived the idea that if several hundred thousand German prisoners now held by the Allies were brought to the United States and put to work on farms to grow and harvest crops, to feed the Allied armies and the destitute of Europe, much needed service could and would be rendered.

This idea became so impressive that we were about to give it to the Associated Press, but before action was taken Senator Hale, of Maine, who also thought of it, introduced it in the United States Senate, where action is now pending.

AN AEROPLANE ARMY OF INVASION.

Several weeks ago, while pondering over the dire results of the great War and the fact that slow progress is being made in defeating Prussianism, the pregnant thought occurred to us that if our Nation would create an aeroplane army of 5,000 or 10,000 to invade the German Empire en masse and attack their chief cities, much effective work could be accomplished, since at present those countries cannot be invaded in any other way. Such a plan had not been publicly proposed previously by any one so far as has been ascertained.

A letter embodying that idea was prepared by us, and copies forwarded to both President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker. In due time the Secretary of War, through the Adjutant General of the Army, made reply to the suggestion as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON.

Dr. Alfred Beldry,
Chicago, Illinois,
Dear Sir—

I am directed by the Secretary of War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, in which you made certain suggestions deemed to be of interest in connection with military operations against Germany, and to inform you that the contents of your communication have been carefully noted.

Very respectfully,
H. T. McCLAIN,
The Adjutant General.

That the aeroplane invasion idea first proposed by the writer has attracted extended public attention is fully attested by the fact that soon after the proposal, a message approved by a very high authority was heralded over the Nation that an aeroplane army of 100,000 at once be organized.

LATEST AEROPLANE NEWS.

"Washington, June 17.—President Wilson will approve estimates which will go to Congress this week calling for an immediate appropriation of \$600,000,000 to perfect the American aircraft program projected by the Council of National Defense.

"The President's spokesman in both houses will lead a drive for quick action.

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HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER

This, the Last Week, Closes a Legislature Whose Six Months of Service Have Availed Practically Nothing.

Democracy, without any prearranged plan, gave to the thirty-three third class cities of the state the police civil service bill which became a law when Governor Brumbaugh approved it several days ago. Republican reactionaries, who had gone to sleep at the switch and allowed the bill to be sent to the governor contrary to plans, tried to kill it by familiar tactics. But A. Ramsey S. Black, the young Harrisburg Democrat who set new records by beating the Republican organization in Harrisburg last November, jumped into the breach. He led anti-gang assemblymen into a formation which broke up the half-past-the-eleventh-hour assault on a bill. Governor Brumbaugh for some reason which is regarded as inexplicable in view of his general record, backed up Black's notable play by prompt approval of the bill. Possibly the governor was led to do the right thing because the Penrose forces were opposed to the bill.

The last week of June is the most notable in the political calendar of Pennsylvania for the year. It marks the final adjournment of the do-nothing Legislature. Everyone can well breathe several sighs of relief. The Legislature has been little but a gnat, buzzing around, accomplishing nothing, annoying everyone. Its few real achievements, like the third class city bill, and some other measures which may and may not become laws, according to the slant of them taken by the governor, merely serve to emphasize the generally useless character of what has been done. Admitting the local excellence of a few measures, the whole six months of time-fritting have brought not one bit of truly great construction which would make the session worth while. Efforts of the Republicans and Democrats who have courage to think for themselves and work for the people have failed miserably; the session ends with committees files choked with laws which should have gotten somewhere.

The real story of the session of 1917 will not be written in the pamphlet laws. It will be found in the records of the bills which died in committee, died on the calendar or which otherwise were gillotined effectively, if not neatly.

The 1917 record, however, is not unique. It is more pronounced than in former sessions. But it is simply another chapter in the big volume of broken pledges of the Pennsylvania Republican organization. Retaliation is in the hands of the voters in November, 1918.

As a sample of what the Republican bosses of the Legislature can do when they wish, men about the Capitol at Harrisburg are pointing to Senate Bill No. 1247. This is a choice measure authorizing so many new jobs in the State Treasury Department that should it become a law, the department probably would have to seek some additional office room to accommodate everyone on the payroll.

But the bill was introduced by William E. Crow, of Fayette, and the earmark of the Republican state chairman is sufficient to insure any measure the most favorable consideration by the Senate Republican ring. Crow introduced the bill May 23, and it was referred to the Judiciary Special Committee of which he is chairman on the same day it was reported from committee. Likewise, on May 22 it was passed on first reading, under suspended rules. Three bites out of the same apple at the same time. This was just after Harmon M. Kephart became state treasurer. Kephart is not only a staunch Penrose man but he is a co-boss of Fayette county with Crow. So anxious were the Penrose senators that some provision should be made for lame ducks who had been ousted by the Brumbaugh faction that they passed the bill finally on May 23, six calendar days from its introduction. It was handled with almost equal expedition in the House.

Approval of the bill by Governor Brumbaugh is regarded as unlikely. Brumbaugh approves every bill raising salaries and creating jobs which comes to him, provided it affects departments where he has the say. But he hasn't the say in the treasury; Penrose has. Therefore, it is figured that Brumbaugh will pause when he sees Senate Bill No. 1247.

First of all, the Crow bill creates a deputy state treasurership at \$6,000 per annum. This place, it is said, is carved to fit Charles Johnson, of Montgomery, treasurer of the Republican state committee, who has been looking hungrily at the public crib ever since he resigned as state instructor.

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Community Picnic, at Centre Hall, July 4th

Everybody is invited to join in the Community Picnic, on Grange Park, Centre Hall, July 4th. An excellent program has been prepared, and the complete success of it depends upon your coming early and taking an interest in every feature. Help to make this the banner picnic of all community picnics. It's for you and your friends. A safe and sane way to celebrate the birth of American freedom. Below is the program for the day.

COMMUNITY PICNIC PROGRAM.

- 9 30-10 30. Band concert on grounds.
10 30-11 30. In the Auditorium—
Devotional exercises Rev. W. H. Williams
Song, "The Star Spangled Banner," by the Tusseyville Union Sunday School.
Recitations, { Verna Rowe
Miriam Ross
Five Minute Addresses—
1. Some things we can do in war time. D. C. Rossman, Tusseyville Union S. S.
2. Advantages of our community. A. J. Cummings, Linden Hall U. E. S. S.
3. Why I go to Sunday School. Ralph Sweeney, Sprucetown M. E. S. S.
4. Some facts concerning the history of our community. Joshua T. Potter, Centre Hall Presbyterian S. S.
5. Why should we have a community picnic. W. F. Riehel, Farmers Mills Union S. S.
Recitation Margaret Emery
Election of officers.
Song, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," by Sprucetown M. E. Sunday School.

DINNER.

- 1 30. Band concert.
2 00. Amusements.
3 00. Baseball game.
Ice cream, candies, chewing gum, peanuts, etc., will be on sale on the Park.

We trust everybody will close up shop and spend the day with us. Make this the biggest day of the year 1917.

COMMITTEE.

THE CORMANS IN REGION.

Two Hundred Attend Annual Gathering on Grange Park on Saturday.

The third annual Corman family reunion was held on Grange Park, Centre Hall, Saturday. A conservative estimate placed the attendance at two hundred. Each year some new one of the clan attends, thus making the gathering of more importance and interest each year. The forenoon was spent in friendly greeting and association. The noon hour was a feature of unusual importance; the tables were loaded with good things enough for those connected and the outsiders who came in. Expressions were every where audible, "my, how much I ate." In fact there were some groanings, not of the tables at this time but of those who helped sweep them. After dinner many gathered in the auditorium, and, by the way, let the writer say this much, that he doesn't believe there is a better place in the country for such a gathering than Grange Park; there is the spacious auditorium, many other buildings, splendid shade, water, tables, benches, all ready for such an occasion. Then the friendly greeting of Mr. Rhone: "Now help yourselves; this is yours today."

The exercises in the auditorium consisted of the foreword of family genealogies, by Miss Cella Brungart; a letter of appreciation of the author of their family genealogy, by Ira Corman; and the historical part by Harry C. Muser; the great grand sketch by Irvin Moyer, the grandfather (George Corman) sketch by Mrs. A. N. Corman; the grandfather (Andrew Corman) sketch by Warren Corman. These were followed by the president, taking the family coat of arms, explaining uses, custom and significance of them and also gave a short outline of origin and meaning of names, their meaning and importance. A short interval was taken in singing "America." The leader just knew how to bring this home to these loyal hearts, and showed how competitive singing can be made pleasing and effective, and also in a large measure bring out the shade and character of an audience.

A threatening rain caused some uneasiness, cutting the program somewhat short. Those who remained were favored with an excellent talk by Rev. Still, on what family reunions and genealogies mean, that it's time well spent, and the genealogy gives an inestimable value to coming generations and should receive our hearty support. This family genealogy can be secured from Chas. A. Korman, 638 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, Pa.

The following officers were elected for 1918: President, A. N. Corman, Rebersburg; vice pres., Ira Corman, Oak Hall; secretary, Warren Corman, Coburn; treasurer, Nathan Korman, Bellefonte; committee on entertainment, C. W. Korman, Warren Stover and Emanuel Korman. Grange Park was again chosen as the next meeting place. Time to be determined by the executive committee.

Attendance of the family members during the three years, 660.

Be a backer—not a slacker.

Many Make Trip to Niagara Falls.

The Penn's Niagara Falls excursion, on Sunday, over the local branch, was a well patronized affair. Forty-four tickets were sold from Centre Hall, and the following number from other points: Glen Iron, 45; Coburn, 21; Spring Mills, 26; Linden Hall, 11; Bellefonte, 203. Several other coaches were added at Bellefonte, making up a train of eleven coaches.

The train left Centre Hall at 11:34 Saturday night, reaching the Falls at 8:30 Sunday morning. Many of the visitors paid a dollar for a ticket taking them over the "belt line", which is another name for the route of the gorge through which the waters of the famous falls flow on to the Niagara river. Stop-overs were allowed at various points of interest, including the Cave of the Winds, the Maid of the Mist, Whirlpool Rapids, Brock's Monument, etc. Most there was a certain thrill to more of these "adventures", they paled in comparison with the trip over the rapids in the cable car at a height of 150 feet above the water. Many who started out to "take it all in" halted at this station and decided that terra firma appeared decidedly safer.

Fort Niagara, the officers' training grounds, and nine miles from the Falls, was sought by many of the visitors and proved a worth-while trip. Nedeon Keller, of Linden Hall, who is in training at that point, was at the depot when the Pennsylvania train arrived and greeted his mother and Centre county friends.

One could not fail to be impressed with the indications of war that are in evidence everywhere. The presence of soldiers at Niagara Falls, the close scrutiny given visitors as they crossed the line into Canada, and the guard duty being done by Canadians and Americans on the big bridges, who patrol back and forth with loaded rifles, all tended to relieve the mind of any doubt as to the gravity of the situation.

The return home was begun at five o'clock p. m., Centre Hall being reached at three o'clock Monday morning.

Centre Hall, 8; Bellefonte, 3.

The weak spot in Centre Hall baseball team was made air tight in the game with Bellefonte, on Grange Park, on Saturday afternoon, which made it possible to trim the Bellefonte boys to the tune of 8 to 3. In fact, Bellefonte had the same serious trouble for they went to Milesburg to secure the services of Oswald on the pitching hill. The home team, while above average with the willow, are weak in the pitching line this season, and in order to make victory certain called on Eugene Granley, of Spring Mills, who showed marked ability this spring as a curver on "State's" varsity team. Granley pitched a fine game, striking out sixteen of the enemy and allowing only four hits. He was well supported and had easy sailing, for Centre Hall was going after Oswald with telling effect, and the eight runs were mostly earned ones.

The following is the score by innings: Bellefonte —1 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—3
Centre Hall—0 3 0 1 2 0 0 2 x—8

LESSONS ON CANNING, ETC.

Miss Tippman Will Give a Public Demonstration Thursday Evening, in Grange Arcadia.

This (Thursday) evening a public meeting will be held in the Grange Arcadia under the auspices of the Centre Hall auxiliary to the Centre County Committee of Public Safety. The chief work of the evening will be done by Miss Tippman, connected with the School of Domestic Science, at Penn State. She will speak as well as give demonstrations how to can, preserve and dry vegetables.

Those in charge are particularly anxious to have the young ladies of the community assemble, because of the fact that it is believed Miss Tippman will be able to interest them in both her talks and demonstrations. Of course, men are not excluded from this meeting, but are urged to come and bring their families, if they have one.

Everything you can get at this meeting is free. Your presence and respectful attention is all that is asked.

Another Month's Trout.

Not all the shade-trout were caught when ex-Sheriff Lee landed that record 27-inch beauty two weeks ago. One day last week Emanuel White, of Farmers Mills, while fishing in the Sinking Creek waters near Egg Hill, got a "stike" that felt as though a German submarine had become entangled in his line and was making its way upstream. A quarter of an hour's skillful angling brought the prize to the surface minus all the fight and energy characteristic of the species. It was a 23-inch California trout and tipped the scale at three pounds.

P. O. S. of A. Elects Officers.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term in the Washington Camp, No. 889 P. O. S. of A., in this place, on Thursday evening.

President, Robert W. Glasgow.
Vice President, I. A. Sweetwood.
Master of Forms, R. D. Foreman.
Financial Secretary, S. C. Brungart.

Conductor, F. K. Frank.
Inspector, J. E. Noll.
Chaplain, G. H. Emerick.
Guard, J. Elmer Noll.
Trustee, C. W. Boczar.

Installation will take place at the next regular meeting night—Thursday, July 5th. A full attendance of members is desired. There will be refreshments.

Subscriber Seeks Information.

The undersigned, a subscriber of the Reporter, is desirous of knowing if anyone is living in or about Centre Hall who can remember the marriage of Nathaniel Brown to Adna Dunkle, which took place at Centre Hall, May 31st, 1860. The ceremony was performed by John Shannon, J. P., and the witnesses were Mrs. John Shannon and Miss Harpeter.

If any of the Reporter readers remember the event and make it known, the information will be thankfully received.

W. A. BROWN,
Huntingdon, Pa.

Sunday Next Patriotic Sunday.

Next Sunday has been designated as Patriotic Sunday throughout the United States, and all churches have been asked to receive offerings for the Red Cross. Keep this in mind during this week and if you do not have an abundance of cash on which to draw, practice a bit of self denial until Sunday. No matter what your circumstances are, your bit of cash is needed more to care for the soldiers at the front than you have need for it.

School Teachers Salary Raised.

The bill increasing the minimum salary of public school teachers was passed by both houses of the legislature and awaits the signature of the governor. The measure provides the following minimum salaries: Teachers with provisional certificates, \$45 per month; with professional \$65, and with permanent, \$80.

Melville-Harlacher.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harlacher, in Halfmoon valley, Miss Edith Cornelia Harlacher became the wife of Andrew H. Melville, of Madison, Wisconsin, on Monday last week. The couple left for their western home following the wedding.

The legislature appropriated \$100,000 for Pennsylvania village for feeble minded women, located just as you emerge from the narrows, near Laurelton.

Next Sunday has been designated as Patriotic Day. It is up to you to act the part by making a liberal contribution to the Red Cross fund.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

No paper next week.
A borough tax of nine mills has been adopted by Millheim councilmen.

George W. Bradford and son Paul, of near Millroy, were in town one day last week.

Bellefonte's Chautauque season begins on July 25th and will continue for seven days.

Fisbel & Bros., of New York, have been awarded the contract for the erection of the post office at State College.

Daniel Louder, of Oak Hill, last week was appointed a supervisor of College township to take the place of I. J. Dreese resigned.

Millheim's local authority purpose to enforce to the letter the borough ordinance which prohibits the wanton use of fireworks on July 4th.

The rooster has been added to the swatting list along with the fly. The Department of Agriculture tells why, in another article, he should be given the ax.

A fire broke out in the vulcanizing department of the Palace garage at Bellefonte, Thursday night, but the flames were subdued before much damage resulted.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Helen Foster, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Foster, Tuesday afternoon in honor of her twelfth birthday anniversary, says the State College Times.

Every minister in the country has been asked by Food Administrator Hoover to preach upon the subject of food conservation on Sunday, July 1st. That day has been designated "Food Saving Day."

E. Clayton Wagner has a big contract on his hands and is now busily engaged in filling it. He is to supply the State Highway Department with a thousand tons of limestone from his quarry near the railroad station for use on the State roads nearby.

Owing to the discharge of about twenty-five members of Troop L, of Bellefonte, who have dependent families, a gap has been made in the troop which it is hoped will be filled by volunteers. Application can be made at the armory at Bellefonte any day.

T. R. Stam, a native of Millheim, and his wife, made an auto run from Des Moines, Iowa, reaching Millheim the early part of the week. The distance covered was over eleven hundred miles. Mr. Stam, until recently, was engaged in the mercantile business in West Union, Iowa.

A young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hartline, of Millheim, was brought home from a Philadelphia hospital last week where he underwent an operation on both legs which had become badly crippled from the effects of infantile paralysis. The lad's limbs are encased in plaster paris and must remain so for a period of five weeks.

A new boat, sufficiently large to accommodate from thirty to forty persons, has been constructed by carpenter Lawrence Runkle for R. P. Campbell, owner of the Penns Cave, the State's scenic wonder. With the coming of summer the Cave is being sought by tourist and every day finds a string of autos whose occupants take in the wonderful sights to be seen from the boat.

One day recently while A. M. Harter, of Coburn, was working about the barn on the Harter Bros' farm, a Jersey bull attacked him and tossed him about rather roughly for awhile, says the Millheim Journal. Mr. Harter sustained three broken ribs and numerous body bruises in the fray. The animal had never before shown any signs of being cross, nor has he attempted any capers since, although he is now being closely watched.

Not all deeds done under cover of darkness escape observation by parties interested. This was especially emphasized the other night when a quid of tobacco about the size of a land turtle was carefully laid just in front of the main entrance of a home in Centre Hall. It is presumed, judging from the make up the person, that he is the same individual who has been occasionally spitting a pint of tobacco juice on various porch pillars in the up town districts. Any one disposed to do such bits of devilry no doubt has continuous pleasant thoughts, and the fact that he is now known will no doubt add one more reason why he should always sleep peacefully. If you were to see the person's name in print here you wouldn't wonder so much at the deeds he engaged in at night time, but you would be astounded at the gall displayed in day light. There may be another chapter to this song.