

LOCALS

When something seems drudgery, think of the trenches.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Maritz, last week.

Every food-saving kitchen takes three pot shots a day at the enemy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodhart, of Altoona, spent several days the past week in Centre Hall.

The ivory equipment of L. L. Smith will be sold at public sale on Saturday afternoon of this week.

Unclaimed letters in Centre Hall post office: Mrs. J. B. McCormick, Mr. Ed. Moyer.—S. W. Smith, postmaster.

Go hear the Venetian Trio, a company of artists in the musical world, in Grange hall Wednesday evening of next week.

Fields, sidewalks and street were in fine shape for skating last week, and Young America took advantage of the sport.

Mrs. James Feterolf attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Erma (Treaster) Challenger, at Lewistown, last Thursday.

A special freight was run over the L. & T. branch Tuesday afternoon in order to relieve the congestion that has resulted from various causes.

Mrs. William McClintock and children, of Linden Hall, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Treasler, in Centre Hall.

Cleveland Mitterling and Fred Fisher, the latter from Collegeville, are buying up a carload of cows which they expect to ship east on Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McKinney, of Juniata, spent Sunday with the former's aged father, at Potters Mills, who has been in ill health for several weeks past.

D. W. Bradford, the implement dealer, has just received a four-cylinder International tractor which he has at his barn and invites all farmers to come and investigate it.

Mrs. W. W. Will, of Franklin, attended the funeral of Miss Sarah Guisewite, at Aaronsburg, on Friday, and also visited at the C. D. Bartholomew home, in this place.

Miss Edith Sankey, on Monday, returned from a visit among friends in Tyrone. Before returning to her home at Potters Mills, she spent a little time with Miss Florence Rhone.

A stay of execution has been issued for the hen—the feathered bird—until April 30. Now, if old biddy goes to work and runs her factory on full time, she may gain favor and save her neck.

A valuable stallion, valued at \$5,000, was received by the Penna Valley Stock Company, at Millheim, on Monday, to replace the one which died some time ago. The horse was purchased in the South.

The company of local talent which so successfully rendered a patriotic concert in Centre Hall two weeks ago, has been invited to give the concert at Salons, for the benefit of the Red Cross. The company will likely make the trip after the roads are in better condition for auto traveling.

The Lutheran Sunday school next week, provided present plans work out, will canvass among their members for the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps. This is in accord with a general plan mapped out by those having in charge the management of the sales of the "baby bonds". The work should be entered into in real earnest.

Former Congressman Deraham, of Lewisburg, who has been representing Internal Revenue Collector Kerendall in Centre County in the matter of collecting income tax, is a gentleman just the type for the place. His kindly manner and willingness to aid in straightening out the tangling figures presented by taxpayers wins for him deserved praise.

Farmer Charles E. Flink, who for several years farmed the E. C. Wagner farm south of Elyriestown, purchased the John Ishler home, one-half mile east of Colyer, and will move there about April 1st. This will necessitate Mr. Flink making public sale of the greater part of his farm stock. Daniel Frohinger, now tenant on the Sploher farm, will succeed Mr. Flink on the Wagner farm.

While in Williamsport, the guest of a friend, Miss Grace Smith had the experience of having a sneak thief enter her room and getting away with her purse containing a little over five dollars in cash. Noise was heard about the place, and finally suspicion was aroused sufficiently to cause investigation. When one or more doors were found locked, a policeman near by was called, but the thief made his escape before being surrounded.

While on his way to Bellefonte on Sunday, Lawrence Meeker, in driving a Ford car, lost control of the machine on account of the icy road in descending the mountain in the vicinity of the bridge on this side of Pleasant Gap, with the result that the Ford went down over a five-foot embankment. "Larry" was alone and escaped without a scratch, while "Lizzie" suffered a damaged radiator and bent front axle. Mechanic Harry Harper was required to put the car in working order before the trip home could be made.

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Tuesday it rained the greater part of the day, increasing the water supply for many farmers.

No applications were made for liquor licenses in Mifflin county, consequently no license court will be held.

Centre Hall proper purchased War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps at the rate of over two dollars per capita.

The ladies of the "Busy Bee", circle last week contributed a very liberal amount of money for the benefit of the Armenian and Syrian relief.

Miss Lena Breen has taken up telephone exchange work and is now a supply in the local Bell exchange, located in the Reporter building.

The names of the purchasers of "Smileage Books" for the boys in the camps will be published from week to week until all the books on hand have been sold.

The high winds and a temperature which rose to a height of 57 degrees, within the past week, were mighty agencies toward reducing the mountain snow which January deposited so freely.

Monday, like all other days former Congressman Deraham was in Bellefonte on the mission to collect income tax, was a busy day at his quarters in the grand jury room. The Reporter is informed that a large number of taxpayers in Centre county, and not a small per cent of them farmers, find that their income is in excess of the sum exempted. The number coming before the collector was so large that the time was twice extended. Of course, reports may be sent in to the collector until March 1st.

On Monday evening a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Sharer, who occupy the D. L. Barges farm at Earlstown, passed the time very pleasantly at the big farm home in a social way. At a seasonable hour refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClenahan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bohn and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Homan and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Luse and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reish and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franz and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Homan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanGorder, John Delaney and daughter, Mrs. C. M. Smith and son, Mrs. E. B. Ripks and children, Mrs. John Coldren, Mrs. Musser Coldren, Madaline Spady, Sephrona Fye, Adaline McClenahan, Florence Krape, William Luse, Ralph Luse, and William Miller, of Altoona.

Before closing I want to tell you of my success as an insurance agent. Several weeks ago I was appointed to talk insurance to the men of my Company and realizing that delay was dangerous, for insurance means preparedness, and preparedness means victory, I put in all the spare time I had, talking it over with the men and met with great success. Last week I wrote up over \$300,000 worth and this morning before sending my final report to the headquarters I was able to say that I have every officer and every enlisted man in Co. F, 823 Inf., insured. The amount to date, counting that of the men on detached service and those transferred from the Company, is \$795,000.00.

We have been having ideal weather here of late and it reminds me of late spring weather you have up north. Yesterday was really very warm and I had to give the class frequent rests so as not to over work them. For the last ten days we have been working without coats and I can't help but remark to the men about the cold weather you are having at the same time. Yesterday I had a colored soldier, otherwise known as "Shines", here in camp, working on the bayonet course and sometime during the forenoon I noticed a number of blue birds flying over head. I asked him what that was and he answered by saying, "That's a sign that cold weather is all done gone."

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Spring Mills.

BORD, to Ammon Decker and wife, on February 17, a daughter.

Union services, Sunday February 24, in the Reformed church. Preaching by Rev. R. B. Jones.

Mrs. Harry Mensch and children spent Sunday at the Louis Roseman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harter, of Altoona, attended the funeral of Mrs. Harter's father, on Monday.

Mrs. Zuber to Lewisburg on Saturday to help care for her daughter, Mrs. Charles Grenoble, who is ill.

Mrs. Theresa Gordon, of Mt. Union, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Horner, for a few weeks.

Mrs. Bruce McCormick spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Osman, and attended the funeral of Robert Smith.

The farmers' institute was well attended at every session. Much interest was taken by the farmers in this section.

The funeral of Robert Smith was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends, who will miss the kind neighbor and good friend.

James Krape, of Seattle, Wash., who spent two months with friends, started home on Monday. His daughter, Mrs. G. C. Klug, went with him to Johnstown.

Aaronsburg.

Clayton Musser, of Centre Hall, spent a short time Friday at the Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stover and son Marvin, of Wolf Store, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Bowersox.

Mrs. George McCormick and two sons—Robert and William—of Potters Mills, spent a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mingle.

Mr. and Mrs. Zina Stahm, of Mifflinburg, were guests of the latter's sisters, Misses Amanda and Cora Haines.

Prof. Bartlett, the High school principal, was called to Delaware on Friday on some important business matters. He is expected home the middle of this week to resume his work in the school room.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral of Sarah C. Guisewite on Friday were: Mrs. William Bower and son Fred, of Chicago Junction, Ohio; Mrs. Calvin Eby, Mr. and Mrs. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. William Malz, of New York City; Mrs. W. W. Witt, of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Bressler, of Spring Mills; Lloyd Brown and family, of Linden Hall; Mrs. Lucy Russell and daughter Gertrude, of Lewisburg.

Lieut. Keller Aid to British Captain.

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bandaged nearly all the time. They are just little cuts here and there, and principally consist of little pieces of skin pinched away. I don't mind that in the least for it is nothing compared to the chances I take with the men at the end of the course. Every one says that he has more confidence in going into battle now than they did before taking the course and many of them will say that they think they would stand at least an equal chance with a German in a bayonet fight. When they say that I tell them that I must test them, so I tell them that I am going to put the point of a bayonet four inches from their breast and if they are brave enough and good enough they should be able to defend themselves with only their bare hands. They always backed down and were afraid to try it. Then is the time that I must face the men and prove to them that one must have confidence in his ability to defend himself. As an example I bare my chest and have anyone in the class come up to within six inches of me and defy him to stick his bayonet in me if he can. So far I have been able to ward off all blows made at me in that manner, but at the expense of several nasty cuts on my hands. That works wonders with the men and they leave the course feeling that they are not going overseas handicapped as far as the use of the bayonet is concerned. I will admit that this work requires lots of nerve to back it up and I would refrain from telling anyone but you, for not understanding all the facts other people would naturally say that I was trying to camouflage them.

To sum it up in a few words let me say that the infantry soldier relies mainly on fire action to disable the enemy, but he should know that personal combat is often necessary to obtain success. Therefore he must be instructed in the use of the rifle and bayonet in hand-to-hand encounters. The object of this instruction is to teach the soldier how to make effective use of the rifle and bayonet in personal combat; to make him quick and proficient in handling the rifle; to give him an accurate eye and a steady hand; and to give him confidence in the bayonet in offense and defense. When skill in the work we give them is acquired, the rifle will still remain a most formidable weapon at close quarters should the bayonet be lost or disabled.

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Ever your soldier boy,

NED.

Georges Valley

Albert Lingle made a business trip to Bellefonte on Thursday.

William Lingle and daughter, Miss Bertha, of Tusseyville, visited at the home of W. P. Lingle on Saturday.

Mrs. Lydia Lingle has returned home after spending a month with friends in Lock Haven.

F. M. Ackerman killed a porcupine last week and it has been viewed by quite a number of folks who had never before seen an animal of that type.

CENTRE MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubler visited at the Reish home on Sunday.

Mrs. Gentzell came home to care for her mother, Mrs. Garrett, during the latter's illness.

Mrs. Claude Helms and Mrs. Frank Auman spent a day recently with Mrs. Orie Oreba.

Little Vernon Godehall, who has been ill with pneumonia at the home of his grandparents in this place, has recovered and will soon be taken to his home at Spring Mills.

The little daughter of Paul Hackman was seriously ill one day last week.

Weekly War News Digest.

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States. He claims to be so busy organizing farm-loan associations that he needs help, but will take time to teach others for a monetary consideration. All such representations are fraudulent. In order to borrow under the farm-loan act, it is necessary for farmers to organize cooperative national farm-loan associations in their local communities. It is a violation of a ruling of the Federal Farm Loan Board, published more than a year ago, for a national farm-loan association or a joint-stock land bank to spend any money for promotion purposes. Associations thus organized will not be chartered by Federal Farm Loan Board. Farmers are warned therefore against anyone asking a fee for his proffered service in connection with applying for a loan under the Federal farm loan act.

DEATHS IN BRITISH FORCES IN ACTION AND FROM WOUNDS ESTIMATED AT BUT 7 PER CENT

Now that American troops are taking their places in the trenches, attention is again directed to an estimate by the Secretary of War, that the losses up to June 1, 1917, of the British expeditionary forces from deaths in action and from wounds amounted to but 7 per cent of the total of all men sent to France since the beginning of the year.

The ratio of losses of this character today, because of improved tactics, is less than 7 to every 100 men.

GERMAN SOCIALIST SEEK NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE

The Committee on Public Information has received the following excerpt from a speech in the German Reichstag by Herr Liebknecht, joint leader of the Independent Socialist:

"Again has an opportunity been neglected to satisfy the world's longing for peace. It is plain that a step backward has been taken and that the political authorities have completely adopted the military views of the Conservatives. It is very disquieting for friends of peace to hear the Chancellor say that we now have a free hand in the west. Czernin's speech is a striking refutation of Hertling's, for Czernin accepts Wilson's proposals as the basis of understanding whereas the Chancellor rejects them. We hope, nevertheless, that we shall soon have the negotiations, which Czernin's action permits us to expect. We can not agree in Czernin's and Kuehnemann's interpretation of the right of self-determination. We want general peace on a democratic foundation.

The pretended popular manifestations in the occupied territory were brought about under the influence of the German administration. The creation of the kingdom of Poland was a tremendous mistake. The German Government must give up its false methods, and we shall soon have peace in the east. The true opinions of nations can only be expressed by a referendum after evacuation. The Fatherland Party wanted to replace Hertling with Prince Bulow, but that is no longer necessary. Militarism has won the day, and the proletariat must force peace on the basis of the reconciliation of all nations."

Several additions have recently been made to the list of trains discontinued in Canada.

Secretary Lane has recommended a bill for the further protection of men engaged in the present war who prior to entering the service had initiated claims on public lands.

Men who are capable of handling horses are still wanted for the Veterinary Corps. They must be physically fit and not of selective-service age.

But 5,000 men have been exempted on the ground of "moral deficiency". This phrase was defined by the President's regulation to include persons convicted and sentenced for felony in any court record.

Statements that reports show men in Army camps have made remarkable improvement in physique and bearing Secretary of War Baker has advised that troop parades be held in cities near the camps and cantonments.

A large harvest of natural ice is being strongly urged. The Food Administration states that assurance can not be given that there will be a sufficient supply of ammonia for the manufacture of the customary amount of artificial ice next summer.

According to a statement by the manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, the Shipping Board now has 716 shipways, of which 312 are for wooden ships and 404 for steel construction. The program calls for the construction in 1918 of eight times the tonnage in 1916, at a cost of more than \$1,000,000,000.

Women with a fluent knowledge of French are being trained in several cities for work in France as telephone operators with Expeditionary Forces. They will not be sent over in one unit but ordered to go in groups from time to time. No information can be given as to the locality in which the telephone operators will be stationed.

Several employees of the United States Lighthouse Service have received letters of commendation from Secretary of Commerce Redfield for courageous acts performed under conditions which were more than ordinarily hazardous on account of severe weather of the present winter season. Skillful seamanship was required, lives and property were preserved, and flames were extinguished.

FOLKS WE ALL KNOW



Every kid knows the Brakeman, who goes through Town like this on a String of Cars, and every kid wants to be either a Brakeman or a Pirate when he Grows Up. The Brakeman's chief Amusements are waving at the Pretty Girls and throwing Small Tramps off the Train.

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