

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

September 20, 1883.—The Potter township school, nineteen in number, will open October 22.

The sharp frost did much damage to late corn in this section, last week. Mr. Lohr, of this place, is on the sick list; cause, an attack of typhoid fever.

Jacob Sharer, living a short distance below town, shot nine grey squirrels in a few hours the other day. [The purchase of a bicycle back in '88 excited as much comment as the purchase of an 8-cylinder car in the present day. An item in this issue reads: Harry S. Meyer, of Williamsport, made his appearance on Tuesday evening, in Bellefonte, on a 52-inch Columbia bicycle. Harry is a Centre Hall boy and in a few days will have the two-wheeled machine on our streets.]

On Wednesday night, the 12th, the log barn on the pike, about one mile this side of Fount's in the Seven Mountains, was destroyed by fire. The property belonged to W. J. Thompson, of Pottery Mills, and until recently was occupied by Mrs. Kate Durst. It is thought to have been set on fire. Loss, \$400.

Rev. D. J. Mitterling, of Ohio, is home on a visit to his parents.

James Koch, of Missouri, a native of this place, is on a visit to his aged mother, who is very ill. Mr. Koch left some fifteen years ago and is doing fine in Missouri.

Linden Hall

Mrs. Blazer and grandson Harry are guests at the Clarence Blazer home.

Mrs. Bradford, of Centre Hall, is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Ishler.

Ray Catherman and family, of Burnham, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. Catherman's mother.

Miss Harriet Hill, of Berwick, was an over Sunday guest of her friend, Edwin Wieland.

Mrs. Samuel Dunkle and son Lee, of Pittsburgh, are visiting at the Henry Houser home.

Mrs. J. I. Ross spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Cunningham.

Miss Madeline Close, of Boalsburg, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Ella Sellers.

Albert Carper, who has been working in the railroad station here, has gone to Dauphin where he is now employed by the P. R. R. in the depot.

Alpheus Wolf and family, of Greensburg, returned to their home last week, after a two months' visit at the W. T. Noll home, here. Mr. Wolf has entirely recovered from the severe attack of rheumatism with which he was suffering when he first came here.

Aaronsburg

Rev. W. D. Donat is not in his usual good health at the present time.

Mrs. Mary Winkleblech and Mrs. Annie M. Stover spent Saturday with friends at Rebersburg.

Henry Kerstetter, of Loganton, is the guest of his cousin, Clayton Bowser.

Mrs. Fred Cranston, of New Jersey, is at the home of her uncle, Dr. A. S. Mueser, where she is canning fruit.

Prof. and Mrs. Lester Bartlett are rejoicing over the arrival of baby girl, born July 17.

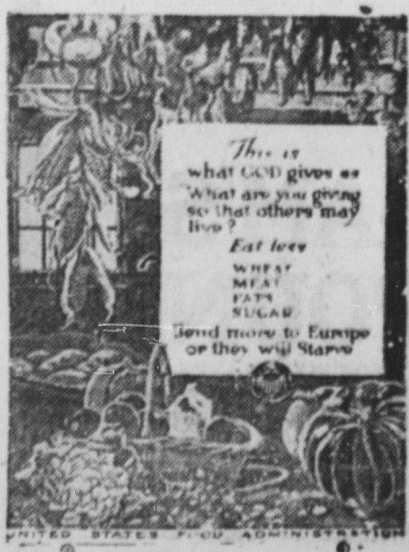
Mrs. Boyd Vondas and little son returned to their home in Bellefonte on Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Mowery and Mrs. Arthur Weaver were both injured in a severe fall, last week, but have since recovered from the ill effects.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holloway made a trip in their touring car from Akron, Ohio, to this place, to spend a few days among relatives.

The Citizens band, of Aaronsburg, accompanied the Red Cross and two of our boys called into the service, to Bellefonte on Sunday where all took part in the patriotic parade.

Department of Agriculture specialists, appealing for increased production of poultry and eggs, make these suggestions: Keep better poultry; select healthy vigorous breeders; hatch early; preserve eggs; cull the flock; grow as much poultry feed as possible; supply the family table; eat more poultry and eggs and conserve the meat supply.



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Send them to Europe or the old world.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF NAVY HEROES WANTED

The Navy Department is collecting photographs of enlisted men who lose their lives in the war that their memory may be perpetuated. Secretary Daniels asks relatives or others having such photographs to lend them to the Navy that copies may be made for the Navy's records. Originals will be returned to the owners as fast as copies can be made.

A photograph of each man is to be forwarded by the Navy Department to the training station where he began his career in the service. At each of such stations a memorial gallery of honor or a hero's corner is to be established so that for all time the face of the man of the Navy who has made the supreme sacrifice may be honored by the youth of the future sent to the station for training.

All pictures, loaned or contributed, should be securely wrapped for mailing after they have been marked with the name, branch of service, and training station the young man entered after enlistment. They should be addressed to the Recruiting Division Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Care will be taken to return safely the photograph to the sender, when desired, together with one of the copies made of it.

SIZE OF ARMY CAMP AND CANTONMENTS INCREASED

More than \$22,000,000 have been expended during the past six months under the direction of the Construction Division of the Army in making additions and improvements to camps and cantonments. This sum does not include the cost of additions to the hospital equipments or the improvements made at other Army stations.

The improvement work consisted of additional buildings for housing the men and providing for their comforts and needs. Among buildings erected were quarters for officers and nurses, repair shops, additional barracks, coffee-roasting plants, kitchens and bakeries, and theaters. New roads were laid and sanitation works improved and extended.

Many additional buildings are contemplated, and general construction work will be rushed to completion during the summer and fall. In some instances the camp work has been extended to drainage of an entire district surrounding the camp to remove danger of disease arising from the proximity of swamps.

Liberty theaters have been erected at all national Army cantonments. Each of these theaters has an average inclosed seating capacity of 2,000. Theaters and amusement halls have been erected also in the National Guard camps and at other points where troops are in training.

NAVY ENFORCES DIRECT PURCHASE POLICY

Manufacturers and dealers are encouraged under the policy of the Navy Department to deal direct with the department. The purpose is to eliminate the middleman in purchase of supplies and materials.

"In my annual report" says Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, "manufacturers were warned against profiteering agents, professional contractors, and brokers. In our regular mailing circular of January 3, 1918, we expressed the hope that manufacturers who have not availed themselves of the opportunity to bid direct will do so, as it will prove of advantage to them in bringing them in more intimate touch with the Navy and thereby make a reputation for the materials which they manufacture.

"The fact is the responsibility of contractors was never so thoroughly investigated and they were never held to a stricter accountability than they have been since this country entered the war. The number of responsible direct bidders has increased greatly and the number of agents and intermediaries has been reduced to a minimum. The safeguards against profiteering have been strengthened, not relaxed."

There are over 14,000 names on the bidders' list of the Navy Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, representing every section of the country. These manufacturers and dealers furnish over 60,000 classes of articles used by the Navy.

BETTER SHIP LOADING HELPS CUR ALLIES

Economies of approximately 20 per cent in shipping weight and 50 per cent in shipping space have resulted from improved methods of packing merchandise for overseas practice by the Army Quartermaster Corps. This is equivalent to about 2,000 tons space per month.

For the shipment of clothing and equipment, including such items as blankets, barrack bags, towels, shelter tent halves, bedding, and other dry goods, in addition to wearing apparel baling has been substituted for boxing,

and other dry goods. In addition to wearing apparel, baling has been substituted for boxing, and the weight of the lumber has been saved. The bales average 30 by 15 by 15 inches and weigh 90 pounds. They are bound with not less than four cold rolled unannealed steel bands. Burlap over waterproof heavy paper is used to cover the bales, and there are two "ears" on either end of the bale for handling.

Women are stevedores on the docks in France. There is a law they shall not be required to carry packages weighing more than 70 pounds. Packages shipped to the American Expeditionary Forces are standardized so they shall not weigh more than 70 pounds for handling by one woman carrier or more than 140 pounds by two women carriers. Men handle the heavier packages and the boxes that must be used instead of bales.

The Quartermaster Corps recommends to manufacturers supplying the Army many similar economies in packing and shipping which will result in even more pronounced space and weight saving. Round cans and containers entail a waste in space of 23 per cent. Square containers are urged. It is estimated that every inch saved through bale compression is worth 65 cents in ship space.

NEWSPAPERS MUST ECONOMIZE ON PRINT PAPER

Because of an acute shortage in the supply of paper the War Department Board announced, effective July 15, the following preliminary economies to be enforced by newspapers publishing a daily and weekly edition:

Discontinue the acceptance of the return of unsold copies.

Discontinue the use of all samples or free promotion copies.

Discontinue giving copies to anybody, except for office-working copies or where required by statute law in the case of official advertising.

Discontinue giving free copies to advertisers, except not more than one copy each for checking purposes.

Discontinue the arbitrary forcing of copies on news dealers (i. e. compelling them to buy more copies than they can legitimately sell in order to hold certain territory).

Discontinue the buying back of papers at either wholesale or retailing selling price from dealers or agents in order to secure preferential representation.

Discontinue the payment of salaries or commission to agents, dealers or newsboys for the purpose of securing the equivalent of return privileges.

Discontinue all free exchanges.

CRACK NAVY GUNNER STOPS SUBMARINE

The fourth shot from a gun manned by a Navy armed guard on an American merchantship struck the conning tower of a German submarine, which attacked the ship May 12 last at 1,000 yards distance. The submarine was compelled to submerge after having launched four torpedoes, two of which missed the steamer's bow by about 12 feet. Chief gunner's mate Harry R. Chambers, commanding the armed guard, was commended by Secretary Daniels for efficient conduct.

INFORMATION SERVICE BUREAU EXPANDS RAPIDLY

The service Bureau of the Committee on Public Information has taken over various departmental independent information bureaus at Union Station, Washington, will consolidate and reorganize them and be prepared to give all visitors accurate information on Government business and the names and location of these clothed with authority to speak and act for the Government.

Since the service bureau opened office May 1 it has built up a card-index system with 50,000 entries, many of the cards being subject to daily revision and correction. In a recent week the bureau handled 1,630 visitors seeking special information and answered an average of 150 query letters daily.

STUDENT NURSES ENTER CAMP SCHOOLS

Three hundred applicants for student nurses to enter training schools in the base hospitals' cantonments were accepted recently. There have been more than a thousand applications for entrance to these Army schools of nursing since the Government sent out its call for student nurses.

The majority of those offering their service have been college women, or women with a complete high-school education. The training units will be assigned, it is expected, during the present month. Each unit will number 25 or 30 student nurses and be supervised by an accredited and competent nursing instructor and by a trained woman, who will be responsible for the physical welfare and recreation.

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FRIEND OF THE FIRE HORSE

In Detroit Animals Showed Affection for the Man Who Cared for Them For Many Years.

For 27 years Martin Cooney has been superintendent of horses for the fire department of Detroit, Mich., says the News of that city. He has bought every horse used by the department in that time; he has tended them through sickness and has been obliged to end the agonies of many of them. So great has been his love for horses that he has never taken a furlough, or even kept his Sundays for himself. Night and day he has watched over the horses.

In winter, when the horses, steaming from their swift run to the fires, have stood and shivered as the blize was fought, it was Martin Cooney who hurried to the scene, and saw that they were blanketed. Back in their barns, it was Martin Cooney who saw that they were rubbed down and made warm and comfortable. When their feet were sore it was Martin Cooney who dressed them, and when the strenuous life of fire department horses made them unfit for such service, Martin Cooney saw to it that they were sold to farmers and not to city drivers, who might abuse them.

But the endless tolls of days and nights has taken toll of Mr. Cooney, and recently he retired from active service. And because he has been a friend to horses he is glad that automobiles are replacing them for fire service in downtown Detroit.

"Pounding over hard, slippery downtown streets shortened the lives of the horses," Mr. Cooney explained. "When we used them all over the city, the average life of a horse in the department was four or five years; now that they are confined to the environs their average is five or six years. Of course some last much longer. There was one that lasted thirteen years, and is now comfortable on a farm near Detroit.

"When I joined the fire department we had about 130 horses. At one time we had 234 horses; that was the high-water mark. Now we have about 150, more than we had twenty-seven years ago, despite the great number of fire trucks. That is because Detroit's outlying districts are more populous now than the entire city was then.

"The horses knew me when I came into any of the stations. They would whinny and crane their necks. I broke them in and they never forgot me.

"The thing which makes me happiest is that all old horses are sent to farms, where there are no hard roads to irritate their weakened feet. A horse is too intelligent and too good a friend to be abused after its full period of usefulness is passed."

How They Shoot in China.

Details of the battle in Peking between Chang Hsun's ill-starred forces and the besieging republican troops indicate that the hostilities were more exciting than dangerous, remarks the Salt Lake Herald-Republican.

The dictator was surrounded by about 4,000 of his followers when he sought refuge in the Forbidden City, and the attacking party numbered at least five times as many.

Chinese soldiers have never been noted for expert skill in handling firearms, as substantiated by the authentic report that "considering the enormous quantity of ammunition used and the number of troops engaged" the casualties were remarkably small, only ten killed and thirty wounded among combatants and three times the number of killed and wounded among "innocent bystanders."

For obvious reasons Uncle Sam was simply giving the Chinese sound and friendly advice when he told them to keep out of the way and harmonize their internal differences.

Master of Proportions.

An eager young teacher was reviewing the Sunday school lesson in a mission church in Brooklyn. The subject was "Moses and the Bush That Burned Without Being Consumed." The boys of ten and twelve had been greatly interested in the story and were now eager to expose their knowledge. Answers followed her questions with the rapidity of a machine gun.

"Now, Harry, it's your turn." "Yessum," was the confident answer.

Tell me what there was about this burning bush that was different from any bushes that have burned since."

The boy knew—you could tell from the snapping of his eyes—but he paused to formulate his words. "Why, ma'am, you see this here bush it burned up—but it didn't burn down!" The teacher herself could not have explained it better.—Youth's Companion.

The Boon of a Short Memory.

A Canadian corporal writes that the condition of the "roads" often appears a perfect pandemonium until one gets used to it. One of the strains that counts in this war is on coming out of the trenches to go to a rest billet. Up in the line a man is keyed up to stand a bombardment, and there is a fierce joy in getting to close quarters with a bayonet. But when the relief is over, and the regiment is on its way for four or five miles to rest billets, the stimulus is lacking, the pack seems doubly heavy, and the road is very hard to feet softened by three or four days of wearing gumboots in the mud of the trenches. In 24 hours, with a bath, a shave, and clean kit, there will be different men; for memory is mercifully short in this war, and the comforts or discomforts of the moment are the things that count.

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Telephone calls should be answered promptly, for sometimes the calling person does not wait and "hangs up." If this happens the subscriber who has been called should not blame the operator when she asks him to "excuse it, please."

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Letters of administration on the estate of John William Smith, late of Potter township, deceased.
Letters of administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated without delay for settlement.

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EXPLAINS THE MERMAID MYTH

Sailors Mistook the Seal or Sea Calf for Mythical Creature They Thought They Saw.

Of course there are no mermaids such as have been depicted to us by imaginative artists for many centuries—mythical creatures, half woman, half fish, with long waving tresses—but it is interesting to note that more than half the ancient pictures of mermaids depicted the creatures sitting on a rock in the sea combing their long hair and looking into a small hand mirror.

Where did man get the idea, that mermaids possessed combs and mirrors? At first one might think it evolved through the belief that mermaids (man once believed they existed) all possessed long hair, and, possessing it, naturally did what all women do—combed it.

And because women have always used mirrors—even the prehistoric women used pools of water for this purpose—these old artists gave their painted mermaids mirrors and combs. But this is not true. It was no supposition on the part of the old artists. They made their pictures from the description that thousands of old sea-faring men gave, men who actually believed they had seen mermaids. And these men frequently quite as solemnly avowed they saw the mermaids with combs and mirrors.

Not the least strange part of all this is the fact that many of these old sailors really believed they had seen mermaids. There is no doubt that they saw seals, or, more likely, the sea calf. This peculiar creature has a habit of half raising its body out of the water. Away back in the olden days, when there were few sailors and they had not sailed far in any quarter of the globe, the sight of a sea calf was a strange, weird thing to them. The sea calf does not look unlike a human being half raised out of the water.

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