

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

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

September 27, 1883.—The tenth annual picnic of the Centre county P. of H., was held on the mountain, near Centre Hall, on Thursday the 20th. The crowd was estimated at between 5000 and 6000 people. The Cedar Run band, of Clinton county, and the Linden Hall band furnished music for the day.

A sad and fatal shooting affair happened near Coburn, on Monday. A party was out hunting and when about ready to start home Calvin Steyers was in the bushes, and his brother, aged about sixteen years, taking him for a rabbit, shot a load of buckshot into his breast, killing him almost instantly. The dying man was put on the cars and brought here, but died before physicians arrived.

Fine Grove Mills.

Mrs. J. G. Hess is suffering from a nervous breakdown. A baby boy recently arrived at the Harry Bailey home. Fred Goss, of Pittsburg, is visiting his mother in this place. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Musser, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at the Sue Peters home. D. W. Miller spent two weeks with friends in Altoona, returning home much improved in health. Will Wagner and wife and Cyrus Durst, of Altoona, greeted friends in town on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Danley, of Ohio, are visiting the old family home, where the former's aged mother is quite ill. Mrs. Ruth Little and sister, Helen Goss, of Tyrone, are visiting relatives in and out of town this week. Mrs. Sadie Gardner is ill at her home in the Glades. Her sister, Maggie Meek, of Altoona, is attending to her needs. Mrs. D. W. Port, who has been in ill health the past month, was taken to Altoona to recuperate at the home of her daughter, Mary Smith. Harold Breen, last March, fell on the ice, breaking his right arm below the elbow. Last week he fell from a load of wheat, rebreaking the arm at the same place. John Bicketts, while driving into the barn on a load of wheat, was jolted off, alighting on his head on the barn floor. Concussion of the brain resulted and his recovery seems doubtful. The hum of the steam thresher is heard on all sides, hulling the golden grains. C. H. Meyer's new Frick 26-40 threshed fifty bushels of wheat in thirty minutes on the McCracken farm. The executive committee of the Centre County Veterans' Club is called to meet at the commissioner's office, Saturday, August 3rd, ten o'clock a. m., to arrange for the annual reunion to be held in Bellefonte this year.

CENTRE OAK

Corn and oats is growing nicely, with prospects for a big crop. C. S. Musser cut and housed his wheat crop on the Lieb farm. The wheat is all stored; the heads are nicely filled and the grain should thresh well. There arise visions of plenty of buckwheat cakes this fall for lots of the grain has been sown hereabouts. Mrs. Mead (Auman) Scott, of Bucks county, is spending some time visiting in this section. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Homan and daughter Mary, of Coburn, spent Sunday at the Frankenberg home. I. A. Sweetwood, the state road man, and his crew, are busy on the highway and we can boast of good roads.

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Farmers who are experimenting with spring wheat report it in blossom and in good condition. Considerable damage to crops was done in many northern counties by severe frosts on June 23 and 24. An unusually large acreage of buckwheat is reported from all sections of the state. The weather conditions have been most favorable for the blight infection of potatoes and unsprayed fields are seriously damaged in many sections. The Hessian fly has again appeared and done damage to the wheat in Berks, Cumberland and Juniata counties. Butler county farmers report a renewed interest in sheep raising as the new dog law is making a high mortality among the unlicensed dogs. The hay crop in the northern end of the State is not a heavy one, while eastern farmers report splendid clover yields. Franklin county has had a splendid wheat harvest, some farmers reporting the best grain during the present generation of farmers. Every available acre for winter wheat and abandoned fields for rye are urged as a war measure for the farmers this fall.

**SOLDIERS IN FIELD AND CAMP GET MANY BOOKS**  
The War Service Committee of the American Library Association reports that 435,000 books were shipped to American Soldiers in France up to July 1. The books went in tonnage space granted at the request of Gen. Pershing on the decks of transports, where they were used by the men on the voyage and repacked for use in France; in naval vessels for naval bases abroad; and in Red Cross tonnage for the hospitals in France and England. A total of more than 2,500,000 books have been supplied by the American Library Association to the camps and stations in the United States and overseas. Approximately 500,000 of these books were purchased, and others having come as gifts from the American people through the public libraries of the country. Nearly 40 library buildings have been erected, and 600 camps in America, alone, have received collections of books. Two hundred librarians, including leaders in their profession in this country, are giving their time to Library War Service. Most of these are serving as camp librarians, assistants, and organizers in the field; others are in dispatch offices for the shipment of books to France.

**ARMY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OPENED FOR BLINDED FIGHTERS**  
Returning blinded soldiers, sailors, and marines are being received now for vocational instruction and rehabilitation at Hospital Training Schools, General Hospital No. 7, the former home of Mrs. T. Harrison Garrett, at Baltimore, Md. The hospital is outfitting to accommodate 250 men and has large recreation fields and an extensive acreage in gardens. Col. James Bordley, of the Surgeon General's Office in charge of the re-education of the blind, has announced the appointment of O. H. Burritt, of the Pennsylvania Institute for the instruction of the blind, as the educational director of this Army hospital training school, with Miss Jenny A. Turner, formerly designer for the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, as a reconstruction aide. Miss Turner has been working with the returned wounded soldiers at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington.

**SECRETARY WILSON GIVES REASON FOR LABOR MOBILIZATION**  
Secretary of Labor Wilson makes this explanation of the general mobilization of labor for war industries, recruiting for which is to begin August 1 under direction of the United States Employment Service: "Beginning with common labor, this service will gradually take charge of the mobilizing and placing of all labor for war industries employing 100 or more workers. This will profoundly affect all other industries and all other workers. It will correct the abuses and the troubles growing out of the large labor turnover with the consequent disruption of regular work. "Every safeguard must be taken to protect the standard of living and the morale of the wage earners. Especially must great care be taken to keep the age limit of those who enter industry at a high level, lest we rob our future citizenship of its right to growth and time for education. We must also take knowledge of the dangers attendant upon the large entrance of women into heavy and hazardous industries. "The exigencies of war times should not be made the occasion for the breaking down of those standards of hours, wages, and conditions of work which are designed to protect the childhood, the womanhood and the motherhood of the present and of the future. "Experts tell us it takes from 6 to 10 workers at home to keep one soldier on the firing line in Europe. What, therefore, helps to mobilize, distribute, and energize those who do the work of our war industries has become as important a factor in winning the war as the prowess of our armies in the field or our Navy on the seas".

CHILDREN MUST PLAY TO BE HEALTHY AND STRONG

A children's recreation drive is on to continue during July and August, under the auspices of the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, and the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense. It will culminate in "patriotic play week," September 1-7, in which the work of 11,000,000 women in organizing recreation in 10,000 communities will come to an end. "To be strong for victory the Nation must let her children play," said Charles Frederick Weller, associate secretary of the Playgrounds and Recreation Association of America. No time nor money can be spared from war-winning activities, but the winning of the war depends on man power, and man power can not be sustained in any nation without health and wholesomeness in the children. Far worse than exhausting America's financial capital would be the exhaustion of child life, which is man-power capital. "England and France began as the United States has been tempted to begin—by letting the children pay too heavily for the war in child labor, increased delinquency, overtaxed nerves, weakened bodies, and premature deaths, but England and France turned to lift war burdens from the children by giving them a chance to play. There is urgent need to give our boys and girls an American square deal—their safety valve of play."

**AMERICAN TOURISTS TRAVEL IN CANADA UNRESTRICTED**  
American tourist traveling in Canada during the summer will be subjected to as few inconveniences because of war regulations as may be possible with the enforcement of those regulations. Senator G. D. Robertson, chairman of the Canada Registration Board, officially denounces as without foundation reports circulated in Canada and in the United States to the effect that visitors to Canada from the United States will be compelled to register at a post office before being able to secure hotel accommodations or transportation, that women visiting Canada will be detained and that Americans traveling in Canada will require passports. He says that neither in the law, in the regulations for Canadian registration, nor in any instructions issued or contemplated, is there anything that would indicate desire or intention to impose restrictions upon Americans or allied or neutral aliens entering, traveling in, or leaving Canada. The registration act applies only to people permanently resident in Canada and does not affect anyone in the United States. No registration at a post office is necessary for Americans, and no passports are required. On entering Canada, visitors give assurance that their usual place of residence is not in Canada and are supplied with identification cards by the Canadian immigration officials, which enable them to travel freely where they wish without any interference.

**UNCLE SAM PRACTICES THRIFT BY PATCHING SOLDIER'S GARMENTS**  
Methods of thrift now enforced in the Army Quartermaster General's Office, including the repair of clothing and shoes where possible, have cut down the issue of new clothing and shoes from 30 to 40 per cent in some instances. The plants where the mending is done are in connection with forts and camps by the Camp Quartermaster. When a soldier tears or rips a garment he turns it in to his supply officer. When the soles of his shoes wear out or the heel runs down, the shoes go back to the same officer. These garments and shoes are taken to the repair shops managed by the conservation and reclamation officer. When repaired and put in order they are returned to the original owner if possible, and if the original owner can not be located they serve some other soldier. Hundreds of women are being employed by the War Department in the work of repairing the garments of soldiers and in the laundries at camps and cantonments. Preference in this employment is given the wives, sisters, and mothers of men in the service. By paying \$1 a month a soldier is entitled to a weekly bundle of laundry in which the number of articles is not limited. The women mend and repair all garments before they are laundered.

**USE ICE AS A NECESSITY NOT AS A LUXURY**  
Do not waste ice says the United States Food Administration. Its use as a luxury to serve with salads, fruit, and sea foods and to put more than is necessary in glasses of water, tea and other drinks should be discouraged. There is to be no curtailment on the

HORSE RAISING IN ALASKA

Weather in Far North Not Too Severe for Rearing Good Equine Stock.

Horse raising has recently been attempted in Alaska and the Yukon territory. A firm of miners in the Burwash creek country, 175 miles west of White Horse, Yukon territory, made the experiment successfully, says the Indianapolis News. Owing to the abundance of fine lands available for pasturage in Alaska and the Yukon, the growing of horses in the north should spread rapidly if subsequent tests in the Burwash creek country prove as successful as the first recorded. A pasture is maintained on the Duke river, where horses can live all the winter without being stabled or fed. Last summer 25 vooch mares were imported from Vancouver, and these are wintering nicely, all of them being reported as being in good condition. Late in the fall of 1911 a number of horses used in previous summer by the international boundary survey corps were taken to the head of the White river, near the international boundary line, and turned out for the winter. Having been brought from the Oregon ranges the previous spring, a number of mares foaled last spring, and all the colts lived and are doing well, making more hardy animals than their predecessors. Several instances are known in which colts foaled in the far north have grown into the hardest horses, having become fully insured to the severity of the winters. It has been observed that when horses have lived for some length of time in this region they become naturally protected from the extreme cold by the growth of a longer coat of hair. Some instances have been reported in which horses have been seen with a crop of hair similar to that of the buffalo.

SMOKERS BEAT A RAILROAD

Boycott on Subway Lines Causes Revocation of Offensive Rule in Berlin.

The boycott against the underground railway in Berlin by smokers is proving effectual, and devotees of the weed will soon be able to smoke in the subway if Police President von Jagow consents, says a Berlin dispatch. Some months ago the Berlin underground railway announced that smoking would be absolutely forbidden after a specified date. It was declared that the smokers defied the cars and that their running to and fro in search of the smoking coach, which it was impossible to place in the same relative position on each train, caused serious delays and detracted from the efficiency of the service. A tremendous protest went up and every Berlin paper sided with the smokers; but the railway company was obdurate, and shortly after the regulation became effective Von Jagow embodied it in the police regulation. The smokers then began boycotting the underground, despite the fact that it affords quicker communication along its route and willingly sacrificed their extra sleep daily in order to smoke on their way to and from work. The company sought various explanations for the falling off in its receipts, but soon discovered that the abolition of the smoking cars was the cause of the loss of business. Announcement has now been made that the smoking cars will be replaced, providing Von Jagow is willing to rescind the police order.

CAUSED TOURISTS A SHOCK

Pair Thought They Were Being Ambushed by Wild Animals, but it Was All Right.

Only the other day a motorist and his wife were taking a turn through the forest of Fontainebleau when they got a "turn" of the sort they hardly bargained for. They found themselves being ambushed by a lion, and we know on Shakespearean authority how impressionable the fair sex is at the approach of that kind of "wild fowl." The woman promptly fainted, and monsieur shut on the clutch at grande vitesse. No sooner had madame revived than they encountered a panther. This was too much of a good thing. Monsieur was about to say so with all his Gallic eloquence when the explanation turned up. A troupe of pseudo Arabs with berouse and spear came up to explain that they were working off a film for a cinema firm, and the beasts were drugged. It was a sorry climax, but it all came "into the picture," and especially the changing emotions of the motorists' faces from alarm to action, and from indignation to relief.—New York Sun.

England's Breakfast.

It is reported from London that a recent attempt to introduce grape fruit as a breakfast food has failed and that a heavy importation of those delicacies has caused such a slump in the market that costermongers are selling them from barrows for a penny apiece. This will surprise no one who has ever lived in England. That country has known many changes during the last few years. Caste lines have been obliterated; the silk hat is no longer an object of reverential worship; actors have been knighted and bands introduced into restaurants. But the breakfast table is the last ditch of British conservatism. The Englishman eats bacon, and eggs 365 mornings in the year and welcomes leap year because it enables him to indulge in that delightful dish 366 times. The monarchy may be abolished and the house of lords deprived of its prerogatives, but the English breakfast will remain as it was in the days of the Conqueror. Grape fruit will never have a place in it.—New York Herald.

Remembered Grudge.

Queen Wilhelmina's recent visit to Paris has moved the Paris correspondent of the New York Sun to tell again a story of the days when her majesty was the most popular young personage in the world. In the revived edition, the story is to the effect that she found it hard to learn English, and perhaps for that reason did not love England. The first map of Europe she drew showed an enormous Holland, a fair-sized Belgium and France, but an almost imperceptible Great Britain. To draw particular attention to the diminutive island representing England, she wrote below it, "Land of Miss S." (her English governess). Years later the young queen said to the minister plenipotentiary of England: "Be sure to tell her majesty, Queen Victoria, that I love Englishwomen, all Englishwomen." To which the minister bowed, and the Queen added: "All Englishwomen are not governesses!"—Youth's Companion.

Where Poverty Hurts.

Charles Teller, the inventor of gold storage, is a Frenchman of eighty-five years, and having been discovered in a state of abject poverty, Mr. Teller was recently decorated and pensioned by the French government. In the course of an interview with a New York correspondent, Mr. Teller talked with grim humor about poverty. "The advantages of poverty are overrated," he said. "The rich declare that poverty brings out a man's good points. Well so it does—by the roots." Wonderful Crater Lake.

Where once towered the highest peak in this country is now only a part of the shell, and within it lies wonderful Crater lake, in Oregon. This is the view taken by geologists. This was Mount Mazama, a great volcano, which, probably before the dawn of life upon earth, towered high above any mountain now within the boundary of the United States. Thousands of years ago it disappeared into the bowels of the earth. Crater lake, six miles in diameter, is 2,000 feet deep in places, and parts of the walls rise perpendicularly another 2,000 feet.

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Letters of Administration cum testamento annexo in the Estate of William H. Silver, late of the Township of Potter, in the County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, 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. FRANK M. FISHER, Administrator c. t. c., Centre Hall, Pa.

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