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LIEUT. "NED" KELLER WRITES FROM FRANCE.

Former Linden Hall Boy Has Great Experiences in New Land.

A few of the privations and hardships being endured by the French people are set forth in the following intensely interesting letter recently received by Mrs. J. W. Keller, at Linden Hall, from her son, Lieut, W. Nedson Keller. Mrs. many friends of the officer will enjoy reading it.

In France, Aug. 25, 1918.

To My Dearest Mother, Almost a month has passed since I left the good old U. S. A. and all my

loved ones, but I hope not many more days will pass until I shall get the first news from home.

It seems years since I left you mother. and though I am enjoying every minute of my time yet many, many times do I think of you and most of the time I picture my return to the States and then I know that the years there after will be cramed full with 365 days of supreme

happiness for you and myself. This is only the third bit of news from me since I started over seas. The first letter was written on board ship and then I sent you a card stating that I had arrived overseas safely. The card should have reached you first. We were on the water about twelve days and no sooner had we set foot on English soil when the American Red Cross was on hand to see that we had something to eat. They soon had every one feeling fine and anxious for the trip by rail across England. It was most inspiring to witness the welcome we received at their hands and especially did the thrills go through us and tears came to our eyes as we sailed into port of a foreign country surrounded by a flotilla of submarine chasers and over head were the waterplanes ready to detect any "sub' that ventured too near.

The trip across England was great and some wonderful farming country along the route. It was quite unique from the fact that the cars we rode in were so different from the cars in the States. They are made up of small compartments that hold but eight people and once you get in the cars you cannot get out until the guard comes along and opens the door for you. The engines are only half as large as the ones over home but when it comes to speeding they can hold their own with any in the states. We made the trip across England on the average of fifty miles per hour. All along the way were coffee stations where we would get the men off and give them all the coffee they could drink. Needless to say it had very little sugar in it and it did not take us long to realize how pinched England is with regards to the food situation. From the port of debarkation we went direct to a rest camp and remained there a few days but only long enough to allow the men to get rid of their so called sea legs. From the rest camp we hiked about ten miles to a port of embarkation and shortly after that we were on our way to France. This time we were only on board ship for a day and a night and never shall I forget the sensations we had when we entered the harbor prior to landing in France. This was on August 15th, just one year after l left Fort Niagara at the close of the first

Thousands of French soldiers and peasants were on hand to welcome us and I was quite proud of the fact that I could be there when I was to help redeem bleeding France from the awful Hun. From the port we marched through a French city of possibly 40.000 inhabitants. While resting along one of their main streets we were told that ninety per cent. of the male inhabitants between the ages of 20 and 40 of that city were killed during the four years of war. We debarked about three o'clock in the afternoon, and after marching through the city and out through the outskirts we came to another rest camp.

officers training camp.

Sept. 1, 1918. Sunday, 9:30 p. m. Dearest Loved Ones at Home :

Words cannot express the sacredness of this Sabbath day. First let me tell seven miles so that we might get our me after my short visit from Camp Mills. hope to live long enough to get back water every time. home so that I can really tell you how much it did mean to me. After reading this part of the country for they have them over several times I went to the not had a rain in four months and wells drill field where services were being

held by our regimental Chaplin. It w the first service I was able to attend in month and I can assure you that a Epidemić of Spanish Influenza a silent prayer was said for you, mother. We were out in the open and so confident were we of our cause that we had no fear of hostile aircraft and never once did I look up to see if any were in sight. After the services I was invited to take dinner with the officers of the regiment and from there the Co. F. officers assembled in the orderly room Keller has kindly given the letter to the and settled up the company's accounts Reporter and we feel sure that the for the month. After the meeting I week. went to the drill field again where we style. All the French people of the town were out to see it but from all indications it did not interest them very much. After the game I came back to he town where I am billeted and after standing retreat and eating supper I Kentucky. The men were to have gone the day long to be remembered from the fact that it was just a month since I left home and also the day I received my first home news. I shall now start in where I left off

last Sunday, when I attempted to write for the first time after landing in France. Our time is so taken up with the intensive training we are getting that our spare moments are few, and then the accommodations are far from what they are over home. Before going any further I must tell you of our first night in France. While traveling through England we were only getting one-third rations, that is one-third of what we got in the States and every where we saw children slowly starving to death. It was pretty bad at times but we managed to get a bit some how and every one realized that we were nearing the war zone. That was the piggest problem we had to solve while enroute. But after landing in France and hiking to our rest camp we were first brought face to face with the real thing, for while every one was peacefully sleeping that night about two enemy air raid was about to take place. On being awakened we heard the bells ringing and heavy guns being fired and we had to make a hasty dress and get the company formed so as to move them out of the camp which was the target for the boches' planes. Every one was dead tired but we managed to get the next day and moved up toward the yet very inconvenient for the men were we would handle cattle in the States. After traveling all day and night in this now quartered in French villages and ooo barrels every twenty-four hours. only about two or three companies' to a with F Co. for I have my first platoon every week as much as ever." quartered in a little village all to myself and wish you could be here to see

These villages are very quaint and one would say that they are at least a thing. The buildings are all made of take part. stone and have nothing but stone floors.

The barn, sheds and houses are all under one roof which as a rule is made of straw and they don't believe in separating their stock from the family for where the room is big you will find the cows, donkey, rabbits and chickens all in the living room. Most all of the French peasants eat, sleep, and live in this one room and the barn yard extends right up to the front door.

My men are quartered in barns, sheds and lofts that were not being used by the peasants and as a rule are faring very well. They have straw to sleep on and most of them have their quarters looking quite home like. I had a terrible time at first to make them understand what I wanted and it was quite amusing to see the jestures I was compelled to go through in order to get something to eat, For instance, when I wanted some eggs I was compelled to place my fingers in the shape of an egg wanted milk I had to go through the motion of milking a cow and then moo like one. Their mode of travel is mostly done with a donkey and a two wheeled cart. About the second day I was here I wanted to hire one so I jump- apportion it. you with joy abounding in my heart ed between the shafts and then brayed Don't wait until the spring work is at that I received my first news from home like the donkey and pointed toward the this morning. News came to our village town I wanted to go to. It only took lem now. The committee as announce last night that there was some mail at me a few days before I did away with ed is as follows: Headquarters for the regiment and one the sign language and now we get along of the men volunteered to hike about very nicely. While I have not acquired a very large French vocabulary yet I almuch coveted home news to-day. The ways get what I go after-le vin news rejuvenated us really as much as (wine) included. I know a few other though we had heard that the war was words but will save them for the next over. Well, when I came to Co. Head- time. It's true that they never use quarters I was happy to find a letter water for anything except to wash and from mother and also your first letter to never do they sit down to the table with out a bottle of wine to be used instead It is needless to say that I was a happy of water. Up to this time I have limited boy after reading both the letters and I myself to only light wines but give me

At present every thing is drying up in

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DRAFT CALL IS CANCELLED

Camps Prevents Departure of Centre County Boys.

week of October 7th, will not depart until the epidemic of Spanish influenza Centre county was notified of the can- equipment. celling of the call the latter part of last

Provost General Crowder cancelled had a ball game in good old American calls for entrainment between October 7

was a delay.

Elmer E. Yeager, Howard William L. Jones, Milesburg Edward D. James, Tyrone, R. F. D. 3 Thomas L. Whitehead, Philipsburg Perry I. Aikens, Milesburg Joyce E. Blair, Philipsburg Frederick R. Hartsock, Bellefonte Lestes R. Paul, Philipsburg

Stiver Farm Sold for \$7350.

Averaging seventy cents over one hundred dollars per acre, the farm of the late William H. Stiver, tenanted by Morris Burkholder, near Potters Mills, was sold at public sale last Thursday, the purchaser being Maynard Meeker, proprietor of the Old Fort hotel. Con sideration, \$7350.00. The farm contains seventy three acres of tillable land and was in the Stiver name for a long period of years. Other bidders at the sale were Mifflin Moyer, of Rebersburg, and Edward Zerby, of Penn Hall.

Whether or not Mr. Meeker will move on to the farm next spring has not been learned. Rumor bas it that a son-ino'clock the signal was given that an law of Mr. Meeker will operate the farm. A tract of forty acres of timberland situated in the Seven Mountains was sold the same day to Frank Royer, of Potters Mills, for \$260.00.

Where they Make Some Flour.

W. J. Finkle, of Buffalo, New York, in the following letter to the Reporter, men out of danger before the enemy shows the immensity of one of the large could do any damage. We left there the flour mill's daily output during these strenuous war times: "At present w front by rail. This proved quite novel are Joing mostly government work (Washburn & Crosby flour mill). We packed into cars and were handled as are making daily 22,000 barrels of flour. which means about one hundred carloads of wheat every twenty-four hours, manner we finally arrived at our desti- at the Buffalo plant. The entire output nation. At present the regiment is of this firm at their several plants-Buffscattered all over the country for we are alo, Minneapolis, and Louisville -is 50.

" Enclosed you will find check for the village. At present I am not quartered Reporter, which we appreciate receiving

Community Singing.

Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, community singing will take place on the diamond in honor of the boys who have hundred years behind us in most every gone from here. Everybody is urged to

Solving the Farm Labor Problem for

Centre County. Several weeks ago this paper published a complete report of the efforts made Council of National Defense and committee of Public Safety to supply boy county. It was not a sporadic movement. It is intended that it shall be continued until the close of the war and kins, beets and other produce. In fact labor conditions become normal again, the ambulance was scarcely large

To this end John L. Holmes, of State College, who is farm labor manager for Centre county, under the county Branch King, Mrs. W. H. Kreamer, Mrs. S. W. has appointed committeemen in every part of the county whose pleasure it will to collect and assort it. be to take up the labor situation in their various communities.

Now is the time to lay plans for next season and now is the time to present and then cackle like a hen, and when I prospective needs to this committee. If you anticipate a shortage of help next season get in touch with your nearest committeeman so that during the winter make a survey of available labor and mercy.

hand. Start the solution of your prob.

J. Will Conley, Bellefonte Thomas M. Tressler, Bellefonte R. D. Charles E. Lutz, Beilefonte, R. D. J. H. McCracken Pennsylvania Furnace Newton Neidigh, State College, R. D. John Bathgate, State Coll ge, R. D. Daniel C. Harpeter, Port M stilda, R. D. Collins Mattern, Port Matilda, R. D. Arthur Ellenberger, Warriotsmark, R. D. John B. Meek, Waddle John B. Wert. Tusseyvi'le J. A Nall, Pleasant Gap

C. D Bartholomew, Centre Hail T. M. Gramley, Spring Mills r. O. Hos'erman Millheim 8. L Gephart, Rebersburg Holloway Hoy, Hublersburg W. G. Mothersbaugh, Boalsburg Oscar E. Miles. Milesburg

J. Will Mayes Howard

J. H. Turner, Julian

Fisher Homestead Sold.

The Frank M. Fisher homestead at Penn Hall was sold by Mr. Fisher, on Saturday, to Charles S. Bartges, of Spring Mills, for \$3250. The property was offered at public sale, Friday, but The 118 boys from Centre county who the highest bid was not deemed suffiwere to have gone to Camp Lee, Va., the cient and the sale was postponed. The property comprises a nine-room brick dwelling house, about four acres of is fully eradicated. The local board of land, apple orchard, and poultry plant

Two More W. S. S. Limit Holders. Centre Hall, within the past week, added two more limit holder of the and 11 of more than 142,000 draft regis- War Savings Stamps. The new limit holders are Miss Eliza Moore and Mrs. John M. Luse. The local postmaster On Friday of this week the following has several limit holders prospectives six men will leave for Fort Thomas, The limit holders previously reported are Messrs. Adam C. Ripka, Jacob Sharer, started to write this. Thus did I spend on Monday, but for some reason there John A. Heckman, E. M. Huyett, Wallace Ilgen, William S. Brooks.

The Game Season Soon Here.

It is less than two weeks until the opening of the game season in Pennsylvania. On the 15th of October bear may be legally hunted and killed and five days later the squirrel season opens. The opening season for various game is: Bear-October 15 to December 15. Deer-December 1 to December 15. Rabbit-November 1 to December 15. Raccoon-Sept. 1 to December 31. Squirrels-October 20 to Nov. 30. Wild Turkeys-Nov. 15 to Nov. 30 Pheasants-Season closed for 1918. Quail-October 20 to November 30. Woodcock-October 20 to Nov. 30.

Eugene Gramley, Second Lieut.

The Reporter is pleased to mention hat Eugene Gramley, youngest son of T. M. Gramley, is a commissioned officer. The young lieutenant would have been a senior at Pennsylvania State College this year. Through his college he was given an appointment to go to Plats burg, N. Y., for the last six weeks' military training course, beginning August 8th and closing September 16. He expected to return to State, enlist in the S. A. T. C. and probably complete his regular course before being called into active service. At the close of camp, however, he qualified as an officer and was given a commission as 2d Lieutenant. He along with nine others from Plattsburg were assigned to Boston, ass. as instructors in Wentworth Institute. His appointment was quite a surprise to his friends especially since he has not yet reached his 19th birthday.

He returned from Plattsburg Friday a week for a few days furlough with the home folks and left on Tuesday following for Boston to report there on Thursday, stopping enroute for a day's visit with his brother, Bruce Gramley, in New

Splendid Donation for Bellefonte Hospital.

The Bellefonte hospital acknowledges with great appreciation, the splendid do nation made by the Granger's of Centre county through the exhibitors at their encampment and exhibition (wo weeks

As has been their custom for several years the Association announced that all exhibits of fruit, vegetables and other articles of use to the hospital not claimed by their owners would be donated to the Bellefonte hospital on Friday afternoon, during the past season by the Centre the last day of the encampment. Ac-County Branch of the Pennsylvania cordingly the ambulance was taken to Centre Hall to receive what the good people who had made exhibits had deand man labor to the farmers of the signed that the institution should have.

There was a splendid lot of apples nions, beans, cabbage, rhubarb, pump enough to carry it all and the ladies of the Centre Hall auxiliary, Mrs. J. G. Smith and Miss Grace Smith were there

The exhibitors' cards were on many of no means represent all who left their exhibits for the hospital we publish their names with the hope that they will let others whom we could not discover know how much the hospital values any public movement that is designed to months there will be ample time to help it along in its unceasing work of

The cards found on the articles re ceived were Mrs. John Spearly, Willard Dale, Bellefonte; Mrs. John Tate. Pleasant Gap; Franklin Runkle, Ruth Runkle, Aaron Lutz, Mrs. W. S. Brooks, Mary Osman, Elsie Moore, Mrs. Thomas Grove, and Ralph Luse, Centre Hall; Milward Gingerich, Boalsburg; Myrtle Houtz, Walnut Grove ; J. M. Harter, Liberty Bonds-and make his job Aaronsburg; Mrs. Mary Williams, Le- easier. mont!; Mrs. Witmer Lee, Sara Goodhart and Mrs. C. H. Eungard, Spring Mills. THE BELLEFONTE HOSPITAL.

September Was Wet.

A total of more than four inches of rain fell during the month of September, according to the records kept by this office. On ten different days, or one-third of the total days for the month, there was rainfall, the heaviest recipitation occurring on the 17th, with a fall of 1.05 inches.

Liberty Bonds are winning the fight BUY

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SID SAYS:

It Was the United States of America That Yelled Down That Stairway, Mr. German Major.

By JOHN M. SIDDALL, Editor of the American Magazine.

I have just had a talk with Floyd postpoped a week or more -- adv. libbons, the famous war correspondent of The Chicago Tribune who pushed so far to the front for news that a the arm and side and put out one of his eyes, "Tell me about our boys over there,"

said. To which Gibbons replied. "Well, listen to this true story of a German major who was taken prisas fighters. He said that he knew

nothing whatever about the fighting qualities of the Americans. He added, however, in perfect English, that he had found them 'extremely persua-

"Then he described exactly how he was captured. He said that during a terrific barrage delivered by the Allies he was in an underground com-German soldiers. When the barrage ceased the Americans came over. The The very thought of that fresh priing to the major, the private appeared with a hand grenade in each hand and his tin hat pushed back on his head. Armed and rigged in that the face of the German major and velled at him:

blankety blank-or I'll spill a whole basket full of these things on top of your bean.

"No, sir, there was not the sign of smile on the major's face as he told it. Not a trace of humor was in him. Just plain disgust. The very idea of taking a prisoner that wayand a high and mighty major at There you have the difference be-

tween the United States and Germany in a nutshell. It is the difference between a free people and a people who get down on their knees and bow and scrape before the idea of authority. It is the difference between a people who stand up and express their real thoughts and a people who suppress them.

The private was spilling hand grenades, but he was also spilling his mind-in the good old American way -exactly as he spills it on the street cars or at a bail game or at the factory. This does not imply that be does not know how to obey. Look how he is obeying in the world today! But just because he obeys is no reason why he should give up the right to think for himself, and to speak what is in his mind, in the language that is in his mind. He delivered himself as he is-without fear and without disguise.

The war is a war between these two ideas-and Germany was doomed the minute she found herself lined up against a nation that produces that kind of men. Because, with the freedom of speech so comically Illustrated the articles and while the following by in this story, there goes a freedom of action that sweeps everything before Men who are free to think for themselves and speak for themselves also act for themselves. They develop amazing self-reliance. If their leaders are killed or injured those below them have the initiative to gather up their forces and go forward. They do it here at home and they are doing it over there.

The United States is a country where human beings learn to travel under their own power-without the aid of tugs or other towing machines. The private who captured that mafor so impudently would step right up and collar Hindenburg. He only wishes he could get the chance! Buy

DESTROY AUTOCRACY!

SOME TOWN WILL NAME SHIP Cargo Carrier Will Be Christened in Honor of Getting Big Loan

Subscription. The Liberty Loan Committee has completed arrangements with the Emergency Fleet Corporation to have the naming of one of the 7500-ton (Continued on next column)

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS,

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Good morning! Have you bought your Liberty Bond?

Miss Mary Wagner is learning the keyboard at the local Bell telephone exchange with the view of becoming an

Franklin Moyer, west of Centre Hall, advertises public sale for Friday, November 29th, at 10 o'clock a. m. Mr. Moyer will retire from farming owing to the labor shortage.

C. H. Meyer, rural mail carrier, of Reedsville, visited his parents here last week, and on Wednesday he and his father, D.J. Meyer, motored to Williamsport in the former's Chevrolet car.

Owing to the illness of both Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Burkholder, with "Spanish Influenza," Mrs. Person attending them, her trip to Centre Hall will be

G. O. Benner, proprietor of the Star Store, left on Monday for a two weeks' vacation to points in the east, including German machine gun peppered him in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. He will combine business with pleasure

while away. The Reporter is in receipt of a card rom William B. Kerr, a former Centre Hall boy, who is enjoying a trip in the oner by the Americans. We asked far west, The card was mailed at him for his impressions of Americans Green River, Utah, one of the stopping points enroute.

Miss Anna Stover, formerly of Centre Hall, who has been stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonia, Texas, . since August, 1917, as a trained nurse, is now at New York City, making preparations for oversea duty.

A pipeless furnace was recently installed in the local United Evangelical parsonage. Rev. J. A. Shultz, the pasor, effected a big saving to his parishoners by doing the work of installing the heating plant himself.

Dr. J. R. G. Allison, proprietor of the National hotel at Millheim, was a business caller at this office last Friday. Dr. Allison's only son, Gross Allison, was recently sent to Camp Grant, Illinois-an officer's training camp-and will work for a commission in the army.

The Snow Shoe district of Centre county went over the top in its quota on manner he looked down the stairs into the Fourth Liberty Loan, the first day of the campaign-Saturday. The allotment for the town and district was \$76,ooo and at 710'clock on Saturday evening a total of \$112,000 worth of bonds had been taken-and the sales were still going on.

The infant son of Judge and Mrs. A. W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, was buried under a fall of plaster from the ceiling last Friday morning as it lay in its cot, escaping serious injury. The babe and ts bed were covered with large pieces of plaster, and the child was scratched and cut from the falling fragments, which completely covered it.

In order that their sons might have the news from home, and realizing that the home paper is just what the boy in France wants, William Martz, of Tussevville, and E. W. Crawford, of Centre Hall, ordered the Reporter sent to their boys-Clayton S. Martz and George Alfred Crawford. These are the nost recent names added to the Reporter's subscription list for mailing papers to soldier boys in France. Who is

Five valuable cows, out of a lot of seven, died from the effects of eating too many apples and too much corn. The cows were the property of Harry S. Warntz, near Fiedler, and while the family was away from home the bovines broke down a fence and entered the orchard. When Mr. Wantz returned the cows appeared ill and although a veternarian was called five of them died in a short time. A herd of cattle belonging to John Bair, near Penn Hall, suffered from a similiar cause but with no fatal

D. Earl Fleming, of New York City. spent several days the past week greeting his many friends in Centre Hall. The Reporter takes pleasure in noting the fact that Mr. Fleming, after giving years of faithful and efficient service to the American Audit Company, has entered into business for himself, and since February last has been a member of the firm of R. G. Rankin & Co., accountants, with offices at 30 Broad St., New York City, and in the Hibbs building, Washingtor, D. C. Mr. Fleming's advance in the business world is the result of his thorough training, coupled with hard work. His success has been most deserving and Centre Hall is proud to own him as a native son.

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steet ships now being built at Hog Island. The name will be chosen by a con-

test during the Fourth Loan drive. In this way it is planned to make a long lived record of the work of some hustling Pennsylvania community. The details of the contest will be announced later by Richard E. Horton, Director of Publicity, in connection with the Hopor Roll.