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SOME STARTLING FIGURES.

U. S. Had Nearly 2,000,000 Men in France When War Closed.—Great Figures Made Public.

The extent of America's military effort in France at the time of the armistice was declared in a report by figures which the Associated Press is now permitted to make public. The stupendous figures show only a part of the great effort made in war preparations in men, money and material.

On the morning of November 11 the United States had in France 78,391 officers and 1,831,376 men, a total of almost 2,000,000. There was 750,000 combat troops in the Argonne region, exclusive of the American units engaged elsewhere.

The American army has brought to France and has in operation 967 standard gauge locomotives and 13,174 standard gauge freight cars of American manufacture. It also has in service 350 locomotives and 973 cars of foreign origin. To meet demands which the existing French railways were unable to meet, 843 miles of standard gauge railway were constructed. Five hundred miles of this have been built since June 1. The department of light railways reports the construction of 115 miles of road and 140 miles of German light railway were repaired and put in operation. Two hundred and twenty-five miles of French railway were operated by the Americans.

53,000 MOTOR VEHICLES.

Modern warfare is motor warfare. The American expeditionary forces had in operation on November 11 more than 53,000 motor vehicles of all descriptions.

Even at the present stage of the armistice, it is not permissible to hint at the vast stores of munitions and armament brought over and held in readiness.

The American expeditionary forces were in no danger of being placed on short rations had the war continued. For instance, the Americans have 390,000,000 rations of beans alone; 183,000,000 rations of flour and flour substitutes; 267,000,000 rations of milk; 161,000,000 rations of butter or substitutes; 143,000,000 rations of sugar; 89,000,000 rations of meat; 57,000,000 rations of coffee and 113,000,000 rations of rice, hominy and other foods. There are requisites such as flavorings, fruits, candy and potatoes in proportion, while there are 761,000,000 rations of cigarettes and tobacco in other forms.

Ten steamer berths have been built at Bordeaux, having a total length of 4,100 feet. At Montoir, near St. Nazaire, eight berths are under construction with a total length of over 3,200 feet. Great labor has been expended in dredging operations, repairing French docks and increasing railway terminal facilities. Warehouses having an aggregate floor area of almost 23,000,000 square feet have been constructed.

These figures serve in a measure to show the magnitude of American accomplishment, and the great machine is in operation today as the American third army moves forward into German territory.

\$1,000,000 Institution for Snyder.

The Eastern State Hospital for the insane which was authorized by the last session of the State legislature, has been located at Selingsgrove, Snyder county, by the State Board of Charities, and the Reporter hopes the good people of that county will be better pleased with an asylum than old Centre is with the State pen.

Dr. Charles T. Aikens, president of Susquehanna University, was chairman of the committee to select the site. \$1,000,000 was appropriated for the site and the construction of the buildings may be consummated within the next ten years.

Farm Bureau Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Centre County Farm Bureau will be held in the Court House, at Bellefonte, Friday, December 6th.

This is a meeting that every farmer in the county interested in the Farm Bureau should attend. At this time the officers and executive committee will be elected and reports of the president, secretary, treasurer and county agent will be heard and also a good speaker or two will be present. Mr. M. T. Philips, of Pomeroy, Chester county, a successful breeder of cattle and farmer and at the present time a member of the Agricultural Commission, will no doubt speak at the forenoon session.

The forenoon session starts at 10 o'clock and the afternoon session at 1:30. The Farm Bureau is your organization, come and enter into the discussions.

Dates Set for 4 Electrocutions.

Governor Brumbaugh has fixed the week of December 9 as the time for electrocution of Lazar Zec, of Beaver, and Luther Knox, of Armstrong. The State Board of Pardon refused to recommend clemency for Zec.

The week of December 16 was fixed for execution of William McMiller and Samuel Garner, of Lancaster.

PVT. JAMES AUMAN DIED IN FRANCE.

First Miles Township Youth to Make Supreme Sacrifice—Pneumonia Cause of Death.

The first youth from Miles Township to make the supreme sacrifice in France is James Auman, who died from pneumonia in France, October 31st.

Private Auman left for Camp Lee, July 22, 1918, sailed for France September 13th. He was born at Rebersburg, January 23, 1894, and was married to Florence Wolfe, November, 1917.

The deceased was a son of Clayton and Cora Auman, and before entering the service lived at Wolfs Store. His wife, parents, and two brothers—Charles and Alton—survive.

He took advantage of the governments liberal insurance scheme and provided insurance in the sum of \$10,000.

Letter from Norman Young.

Somewhere in France

Oct. 29, 1918

Dear mother and all,

Just a few lines to let you know I received your ever welcome letter the other day, which finds me in the best of health. We are at the present time camping at a place that the Germans were driven out; and I will not say that they were not in need of anything as far as comforts were concerned, for they had everything imaginable. When they gained a piece of ground they never figured on losing an inch of it, so they built bungalows and in case our artillery shelled near them they had deep dugouts in the ground which they ran into.

But in the end they got chased 18 miles in one trench. Some of them were in bed when they found they were caught. They started burning all the buildings they could but didn't have much success for the flying Yanks were soon there to put out the many fires they started and by doing so managed to save many fine houses. They burned all of their quarter master stores and many dollars worth of equipment but that was their own loss.

I couldn't begin to tell you everything they had here. Last night they got their duds up and started to shell us and I am not kidding you a bit but they sure put a few of them big ones pretty close for when they exploded they jarred the windows pretty nearly out of the sash; a great many of their shells are "duds" as we call them, a dud is one that is fired over and fails to explode. Last night we heard that the Austrians were withdrawing their troops and if it is true it will be up to Germany to surrender soon for she is facing the whole world in this war. I think, too, that if she would have known at the start what she knows now this war would not have been started. Right where I am they held this land for four long years with the French in front of them and when the Yanks arrived it only took them about four days to lose it all. The devil, to my estimation, will be even more welcome than an American in Germany after peace is signed.

Tell Roland I have been in France nearly seven months and never had a line from him. And Bessie changes addresses so often I don't know where to write to find her.

Where are Stuffy Stover and Paul Rupp? They must be in the service somewhere for Uncle Sam has been omitting no one so far as I can see. I hope if they are in France that I can locate them.

Tell Bricker I wrote him a card some time ago and am still waiting to hear from him.

Well, I just came from dinner which consisted of boiled beef, cabbage, coffee, and bread. We fare fairly good considering the distance our rations are being shipped.

My wife wrote to me a few days ago and in her letter she had written that her brother had come across, too.

Some of the men are getting their ten day leave by now. I think when the Colonel gives me mine I shall visit London. I have been in some of the largest cities in France. And on one trip I was in the city in which Joan of Arc was burned to death. It was a very historic city.

Well, mother, as there is nothing else of any importance that I can write I will close sending you my best regards.

YOUR SON,

NORMAN.

Pri. Norman K. Young,

Co. A, 132 Inf.

American E. F.

No New Road Work.

No further new road work will be undertaken by the state highway department for the present. This was announced a few days ago by J. Denny O'Neil, state highway commissioner, who said:

"Owing to the lateness of the season and due to the fact that it is impossible to do work during the winter months, it is felt that we would not be justified in making awards or in advertising for proposals at this time. It is thought that by spring much better conditions will obtain and prices would be much more favorable."

TRAVEL LECTURES TO OPEN LECTURE COURSE.

First Number to Appear Thursday, December 5.—Countries Torn by War Subject of Ostrander's Talk.

The season of education and instruction which Centre Hall and vicinity has been privileged to enjoy for some years past through the medium of the Centre Hall Lecture Course, is at hand again and will open Thursday evening of next week in the Grange hall with the appearance of Harry C. Ostrander, writer, traveler and lecturer.

Mr. Ostrander has toured the world, and because of his forceful manner of speech, is able to picture vividly the wonders of the various foreign lands. He has consented, upon the request of the local committee, to speak on Turkey and Palestine, because of the prominent part these countries played in the present war. Mr. Ostrander will illustrate his lecture with colored slides.

The single press comment which is given below is typical of many others on this great traveler's ability.

From the Washington, D. C. "Herald":

Harry C. Ostrander, traveler and lecturer, gave the first of his series of travel talks at the Belasco Theatre last night before a large audience which thoroughly appreciated the delightful charm of the speaker in his intimate talk of the people and lands of the Far East. His subject was Bruma and Java, and it was a delight to wander with him through the charms of far-off lands.

Remember there will be no single admission tickets sold. Purchase a season ticket of the secretary, Rev. J. A. Schultz, and enjoy five great, wholesome entertainments this winter, at a trifling cost.

Claude Whitehill Saw Service in Front Line Trenches.

(Letter to his mother, Mrs. Charles Whitehill, at Oak Hall Station.)

Somewhere in France,

October 15th, 1918.

Dear mother:—

Just a few lines this dreary day to let you know that I am still alive and well, hoping this finds you the same. It has been a long time since I had a chance to write to you but I am doing my best. Paper is very scarce over in this "No Man's World". I received a letter from Edward and was sure surprised to hear from him. You said you have written a letter to me every week since I left camp. Well, mother I only have received about ten letters from you since I landed over here. I was never so glad to receive mail in my life as I now am.

I only hope that Maurice will never need to come across. I have had some wonderful experiences and there is nothing pleasant about war. Well, I will have to ring off for a while as they are getting ready to give us our chow and that is something we all are glad to see coming.

I will now try and finish my letter which I started yesterday. I am a guard at the present time and I have a little time to write.

Mother, don't send me any more money as I have all the money I know what to do with and more as there is no place to spend money here. I have received all you sent. I am surprised to hear that Oliver is in this country—what is left of it.

You said you were knitting a sweater if Maurice has to go. Put it on him and tell him to keep it on, but never mind any for me. No, I haven't seen any one here that I know.

I guess you know what I would be doing today if I would be home—out in the mountains with my old pump gun bringing down squirrels but I have a different kind of game to hunt this year and I have been after some already. I have served my first term at the front was released about two weeks ago.

Love to all,
CLAUDE L. WHITEHILL,
Co. A, 314 Inf.,
American E. F.

Marklesburg Leads in W. S. S.

Marklesburg, a small Huntingdon county borough, claims the honor of being the banner war savings town of the county. According to C. M. Taylor, Chairman of the National War Savings Committee for Huntingdon, Marklesburg had up to November 16th, sold \$122 63 worth of stamps for each man, woman and child of its population of more than 300.

Deeds of Little Men.

From Lewistown Sentinel

Some of the Senators and other people express themselves as very certain that President Wilson is doing wrong by going to the peace conference in Europe. Yet, do you know that if they felt sure that he was about to do something wrong they would keep strictly silent until it was all accomplished, and then—

Right now is a splendid time to redeem your War Savings Stamp purchase pledge. It will help going over the top this month, and get your financial calendar clear for the holiday season.

INTERESTING FIGURES IN REPORT OF RED CROSS.

Annual Meeting of State College Chapter Held Last Week.—All Auxiliaries Did Splendid Work.

The regular annual meeting of the State College Chapter of the American Red Cross was held on Monday evening November 18, in the Assembly room of the Liberal Art building. Mrs. Edwin Earl Sparks, Chairman of the Chapter presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. John S. Gardner, and were approved. Reports were then heard from most of the officials of the Chapter and its fifteen auxiliaries. As report after report was submitted and one heard members, dollars, garments, and sergical dressing numbered by the thousands and tens of thousands, the mind was well nigh staggered in the attempt to grasp the immensity of the task performed during the last fiscal year by our local chapter and its auxiliaries. It would seem that no demand can be laid upon our locality which the communities represented in the State College Chapter are not only willing, but able to meet. Every part of our organization, even into the smallest and most remote auxiliary, more than did what was asked of it. First the officers of the chapter and the directors of the several bureaus and then the representatives of the auxiliaries reported in detail on the work of the year.

Mrs. John S. Gardner, the secretary, reported a total membership for the whole chapter of 5092, classified into 3596 annual members, 276 magazines, 40 contributing, 1 sustaining, 179 Junior. The total membership is divided among the auxiliaries as follows:—State College, 255; Snow Shoe, 743; Millheim, 587; Centre Hall, 335; Pine Grove Mills, 316; Spring Mills, 212; Baileyville, 199; Boalsburg, 223; Stormstown, 69; Lemont, 195; Pine Hall, 97; Oak Hall, 20; Gatesburg-Narengo, 70; Scotia, 55; Buffalo Run, 16; Centre Line, 17.

The treasurer, Mr. D. R. Kapp, followed with the financial report which had been duly audited by a committee consisting of Messrs. J. D. White, F. H. Snider and H. E. Heberling. Space does not allow me to give the report in detail, but it showed that our district the past year has raised to carry on the work of our local chapter the extraordinary sum of \$11,492.69 contributed by State College and its auxiliaries as follows: State College, \$6047.17; Snow Shoe, \$1867.96; Millheim \$898.24; Centre Hall, \$346.38; Pine Grove Mills, \$410.00; Spring Mills, \$171.75; Baileyville, \$260.68; Boalsburg, 297.10; Stormstown, \$118.00; Lemont, \$133.09; Pine Hall, 143.33; Oak Hall, \$21.50; Gatesburg-Narengo \$65.00; Scotia \$62.50; Buffalo Run, \$16.00; Centre Line, \$14.00. In it is printed survey certain discrepancies between the general account of one of the auxiliaries are properly corrected and the proper moneys are duly accredited.

Professor R. I. Weber then gave the results of the second war fund raised last May. The figures show that our district raised the sum of \$7942.11, surpassing our allotment of \$5000 by \$2942.11. Practically every community went over the top. We have therefore within a year supplied for the work of the Red Cross both local and national the unprecedented sum of \$10434.71.

The report of the Department of Hospital and Refugee Garments read by Mrs. Henry P. Armsby enumerated in detail the clothing and hospital supplies made by our women. This makes interesting reading. The following articles have been made and shipped; 2 emergency cot outfits (value of \$150.00) 120 sheets, 2250 pillow cases, 2000 towels, 160 napkins, 90 tray cloths; 30 comfort bags, 106 bed spreads, 25 hot water bag covers, 40 scrub cloths, 50 pr. bed sock, 150 undershirts, 150 undershirts, 185 suits of pajamas, 35 bed jackets, 33 hospital bed shirts, 100 convalescent robes, 320 woman's house gowns, 112 layettes for French and Belgian babies (3606 different articles). Also there are ready for shipment 300 bed side bags, 325 property bags, 500 individual toilet cases. The linen shower collected by Mr. and Mrs. George T. Graham more than satisfied our allotment.

Mrs. W. W. Brown then reported on the production of knitted articles. There have been made during the year: 1,096 sweaters, 196 mufflers, 845 pr. socks, 234 pr. of wristlets, 12 helmets, 6 ambulance blankets, 200 comfort kits, 30 of which were fully equipped. The total number of pounds of wool used is 1,463 and the value is \$3,620.

To the Department of Surgical Dressings, Mrs. Frear, the Supervisor, accredited the enormous total of 34603 dressings of various types.

Professor W. D. Crockett of the Bureau of Accounting then described his work, the results of which are included in the report of the treasurer. Professor Crockett of the Committee in charge of collecting material for gas masks reported the shipment of 118 pounds of material, the possession of 200 lbs. ready for shipment, and large quantities

not yet sent in by the auxiliaries.

Professor R. I. Webber and Professor C. C. Harris who had charge of the first and second drives for Belgian clothing then made informal reports. Professor Webber said that last spring he collected and shipped 2000 lbs. of clothing.

Professor Harris reported that for the second drive we had been allotted 6000 lbs. and that although the clothes already collected had not yet been weighed, he estimated that in this as other things we had more than exceeded the demand and that about 6000 garments had been contributed.

After these reports which summarized the work of the whole chapter, each auxiliary presented its own report. Every auxiliary may well be proud of its work, for each one contributed its full share to the honorable record made by our chapter.

At the close of the reports the nominating committee consisting of Mr. J. L. Holmes, Chairman, Mrs. T. I. Maire, and Mr. L. D. Fye made their report and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Mrs. E. E. Sparks; 1st Vice Chairman, Mrs. H. E. Stocker, Head of Womens' Bureau and Vice Chairman, Mrs. W. W. Brown Supervisor of Knitting; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Gardner; Treasurer, Mr. D. K. Poot, Director, Mrs. H. P. Armsby, Supervisor of Hospital and Refugee Garments; Mrs. Wm. Frear, Supervisor of Surgical Dressing; Dr. J. P. Ritenour, Bureau of first aid, Rev. B. A. O'Hanlon, Bureau of Accounting, Prof. F. D. Kern, Bureau of Conservation, Mrs. F. H. Haller, Bureau of Junior Membership, Mr. J. M. Williams, Bureau Relief Mrs. T. C. Blaisdell, Captain of Motor Corps, Professor Mr. M. D. Crockett and Professor R. I. Webber, Chairman of Special Committee, Dr. C. C. Harris, Bureau of Publicity.

Millheim Gives \$549.

For united war work Millheim contributed the sum of \$549. The Millheim knitting mill subscribed \$50, Hosterman and Stover, hardware firm, \$30.00; S. Ward Gramley and family, \$25.00; A. A. Frank and Sons, and Dr. S. G. Frank and wife, \$20; D. J. Nieman, L. W. Stover, and R. S. Stover, \$15; C. H. Breen, \$10. The remainder subscribed was in sums from twenty-five cents to \$5.00. The four schools subscribed a total of \$56.00.

Will be Glad to Get Back.

"Guess I'll be coming back pretty soon to dear old Pennsylvania and the Nittany mountains, maybe I won't be glad to see the old place and old friends once again."—Corporal L. G. Barnes, Siemscarey, Washington.

41 Tractors in Centre County.

Farm tractors in Pennsylvania have come into almost universal use during the past year when there was an increase of over 122 per cent. in the sales throughout the State bringing the total estimated number of tractors in use this fall to 2,439.

Reports just received from crop correspondents and assessors throughout the State by the Bureau of Statistics of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture show the rapid increase in the use of tractors.

One year ago it was estimated that there were 1,080 tractors in use, but during the past year the farmers realize that there were a number of makes of standard tractors that were adaptable and dependable for Pennsylvania agriculture conditions and the farmers have not been slow in adopting the power form of farming. Much of the success in getting the largest acreage ever sown to wheat this fall was due to the assistance of a tractor.

There is not a county in the State that does not have one or more tractors according to the figures furnished the Department of Agriculture.

Lancaster county has the greatest number of tractors in use—209. Cameron has only 2; Centre county has 41, while its neighbor, Union county, employs 20.

Women in Agriculture.

Due to the extreme labor shortage, many women are taking over lines of work in agriculture which have formerly been handled by men. While much of this work has been new to them, and much skepticism prevailed as to their ability to handle it successfully there is no question but that they have made good and that, as time goes on, more and more women will be employed in agriculture work.

In view of the demand for trained women in agriculture work, the Pennsylvania State College this winter intends to make special effort to train women in agriculture. The eight-weeks short course starting January 1 and closing March 2, will give special instruction in the care and handling of livestock, crops and soils. Special instruction will also be given in tractor handling, creamery work and cow testing association work. All who are interested in this course should write to the Dean of the School of Agriculture, State College, Pa., for catalogue and further information.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The first snow flakes blew in November 22nd.

If you haven't had "it" you are scarcely in style.

Long hours and poor pay induced C. C. Roseburgh to resign as postmaster at Alexandria, Huntingdon county. His successor is John B. Keane.

Mrs. Elmer Miller, who had been visiting at the home of John Eungard, at Rock River, Ohio, for the past six weeks, returned home last week.

You can get your auto license by December 1st, and why not do so? Why wait until the last days of December to do something that can be better done December 1st?

William H. Stover, who is regularly employed on the state road, was a caller the other evening. Mr. Stover is a close-at-home man, but he made his visit here worthwhile.

Reports from the various camps indicate that our soldier boys will be so plump and fat that they will scarcely be recognized. Their splendid physical condition is the result of correct living.

If you want to make a really acceptable Christmas gift, one that will be appreciated to its fullest extent, buy War Savings Stamps at the November price, and hold them over for December 25th delivery.

A Lewistown citizen who objects to the publication of his name, gave a \$10,000 check to the War Work Fund, putting that town as well as the county away over the top in contributions to the good work.

The meeting of the Lutheran church Synod of Central Pennsylvania, which was to have opened at Belleville, Mifflin county, next Monday, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the influenza epidemic.

Roland Zettle, of Spring Mills, was a caller the latter part of last week. He will make sale of his farm stock and implements on December 19th, and next spring will move to Spring Mills where he purchased a home.

Private Earl C. Weber, of Rebersburg, who left for Camp Lee, Virginia, June 27, returned home, having received an honorable discharge. He is the first Miles township soldier to return with a discharge, and was heartily welcomed.

A sign something like this is posted above the feed boxes in the Kerlin poultry houses: "Egg, 5 cents each; do your best." Some of the old hens as a consequence are almost cackling themselves to death after leaving their nests.

Isn't it strange that those that did the most bowling over the President's war program are the leaders in the bowl opposing his going to the peace table "some where in France". This element would howl just as loud if the President had said he did not think it proper for the chief executive to leave his country no matter what the cause.

A measly sausage grinder badly mutilated the second finger on the right hand of W. Frank Bradford, the station agent, one day last week. He had been invited to take dinner at the home of his brother, Clyde Bradford, on the day the latter butchered, and to help along the work was feeding the grinder, when one of his fingers got caught by the auger-like feed.

Centre Hall received a bit of notoriety for having been first in Centre county to go over the top in the war work drive, its quota having been \$800, or \$1.60 per capita. The amount raised was almost \$1.75 per capita. While we have a right to feel proud of this record, our contributions to this fund should have been at least \$1000, and we all know from where the remainder might easily have come.

The following is reprinted from the Millheim Journal: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reifsnnyder, of Linden Hall, and Mrs. J. W. Tressler, of near Centre Hall, spent several days during the week at the home of Mrs. Sarah Reifsnnyder, assisting her in arranging for her sale of personal property on Tuesday afternoon. On Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Reifsnnyder, accompanied by the former's mother were motored to Linden Hall. The aged lady will make her future home there with her son.

The area sown to wheat in Pennsylvania this fall for next year's harvest is estimated at 1,568,270. This is over eight per cent, or 117,680 acres, larger than last year. The farmers knew that it was imperative as well as their patriotic duty to heed the request of the food administrator for an increased acreage of wheat. The acreage is probably the largest acreage ever sown in this State. The weather conditions have been favorable for and since seeding and the grain has made a splendid growth, and is going into winter in better shape than for many years. The outlook is good at the present. Very little damage is reported from the Hessian fly.