

LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS IN GERMANY

From Norman J. Young. (To his mother, Mrs. Emma Young, at Boalsburg.)

Oelingen, Luxemburg, Jan. 2, 1919. Dear Mother and all: Just a few lines to tell you I am in the best of health and hope you are too.

Well, Christmas and New Year are over and being in Europe I hardly realized that there were two such days for here the people do not celebrate either one.

We are billeted here in a small town and on Christmas morning the children woke up only to find no candy or toys.

I got a Christmas box from my wife and I gave some to the little ones here and some to the old folks as well, and they looked at each other and thought it was the finest in the world.

I have a brother-in-law here but can't get in touch with him. I have written to him but so far have received no answer.

From your son, P. R. NORMAN J. YOUNG.

Co. A, 132 Inf. American E. F. Via New York, France

Capt. Theodore Davis Boal Tells of Christmas Spent in Germany.

Burg Cochem, A. D. Mosel, Germany. Dearest Mother and dearest Aunt— This is the end of a busy day. There has been a dinner to some Generals with a Christmas tree and presents given out by Ivan Hollobaugh dressed in a suit of old armor from the wall.

Major General Hay from the 28th Division has just called on Major General Muir to present to its former commander, now a corps commander, the compliments of the 28th Division.

I have been wondering if you two sweet old ladies dined out today or in the old dining room at Boalsburg. I can see you both there. I am writing two words to Pierre.

From Private C. E. Rishel.

The following letter is from C. E. Rishel, son of George Rishel, who moved from Centre county to Northern Illinois about thirteen years ago.

Today being a nice pleasant day I will try and give a description of the beautiful Rhine Valley in which we are located at present.

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CHILD LOSSES FINGERS IN FEED CUTTER.

Kenneth Slack, Aged 8 Years, Has Serious Misfortune Sunday Evening. Destined to go through life with the handicap of the loss of the four fingers on the left hand, is the lot of Master Kenneth Slack, bright little lad of Mrs. George B. Slack, of Potters Mills.

The little boy, who lost his father by death two months ago, met with the accident on Sunday evening at five o'clock. He had gone to the barn with his uncle, Roy Tressler, who was doing the evening's work about the premises, and in a moment when vigilance was relaxed on the part of the uncle, the lad commenced playing with a feed cutter, feeding some loose hay under the heavy knife and taking delight in seeing the ends fly off under the sharp blade.

Spring Mills P. M. Resigns. T. M. Zubler, postmaster at Spring Mills since 1913, has resigned, and as intimated in these columns some months ago will go to farming on the Zubler farm along the state road immediately west of Spring Mills.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold an examination at Bellefonte to fill the vacancy, March 8th. Salary last year \$986.00. For blanks and other information apply to Mr. Zubler.

Woman Suffrage Defeated.

Woman suffrage met its fourth defeat when the Senate, on Monday, by a vote of 55 to 29, defeated the resolution. Fifty-five senators were in favor of the resolution and twenty-nine against it.

Lewisburg Boy Home After Four Years in Big Fight.

After four years in the British army Earl S. Wolfe has returned to his home in Lewisburg. Wolfe enlisted in Canada when twenty years old, getting into service in 1914 with the First Canadian Machine Gun battalion. He was wounded three times, gassed twice and shell shocked twice.

Detracts From State College.

A bill providing for an appropriation of \$300,000 for the establishment of a state agricultural school in Philadelphia, has been introduced in the state legislature. There is no need for such an institution with the excellent opportunities Pennsylvania State College offers for study and research along these lines and with the awakening interest in agriculture in other Pennsylvania colleges and universities.

These German civilians give us a cordial welcome wherever we have been yet. We are quartered, or billeted, as the A. E. F. calls it, in what was once a beer garden. Cafe. Yes, there is beer here yet but it is no beer like is brewed in U. S. A. The Dutch say it is nothing like it was before the war. This is getting on a very different subject from what I started on.

We have electric lights and plenty of war pictures on the wall. Well, we acted in a lot more new ones for them in the past year.

I can speak quite a little German so I can get considerable information, could not get otherwise. Of course it would not be proper to advertise it so what no one knows will not hurt him. But I was told by an old German that it seldom snows in the valley but it rains without hesitation at all. This I know from experience.

A month ago I thought I would spend Christmas in U. S. A. but now I have another guess coming as it looks very much as if I would spend it right here in Leutisdorf on the Rhine.

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MISS FLORENCE S. RHONE WRITES FROM THE WEST.

Gives Her Impressions on Trip to the Coast.—Kansas With Her Ten Million Acres of Wheat, Aiding the Government.

Dear Sir: Please send "The Reporter" to the above address for a few weeks instead of Wichita, Kansas. My aunt and I started for California the first week of January. The country was new to me after I left Wichita.

We saw the great Rocky mountains in Colorado and made our first stop in Denver. We then went on North passing thru Western Nebraska, where for miles we did not see a tree or house, then thru a corner of Wyoming into Montana.

As we traveled south from Seattle everything began to look more Spring like and when I saw the first palms and orange trees I realized I was in California. It is almost a thousand miles from Seattle to San Francisco.

From my farmer's viewpoint I liked Oregon the best. All the way thru the State there were good looking farm buildings.

As we came South thru the State, we saw great stock ranches, great grain ranches of thousands of acres and large orchards of fruits and nuts and large vineyards.

On one ranch we saw six plows in each of which six horses were hitched. We also saw many tractors plowing and harrowing. And from the Cascade mountains we passed into the Sierras and Coast Range, and the mountains are as different from ours as the climate and vegetation.

I do indeed wish all my home friends could see the wonders of this Western country. I'll be glad to get home news. I have not seen a home paper or received a home letter for a month.

Sincerely, FLORENCE S. RHONE.

THE DEATH RECORD.

SMULL.—Mrs. Sara Jane Smull, widow of Henry Smull, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Tilbert, at Emporium, on Thursday as a result of a paralytic stroke sustained ten days previous. She was aged seventy-four years, six months and twenty-three days, and was a native of Rebersburg, having left that place four months ago to live with her daughter. Besides the daughter mentioned, the deceased is survived by three sons: William, of Freeport, Ill.; Harry and Claud, of Rebersburg.

BROUSE.—Edward Brouse, son of William and Mary Brouse, of Boalsburg, died on Sunday evening of last week of diabetes, aged nine years. The boy had been sick only twenty-four hours and being an unusually bright child his untimely death is a sad blow to his parents. He also leaves three brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. S. C. Stover, after which burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

AUMAN.—John Auman, a Potter township charge, died at the home of Benjamin Conner, in Kohler valley, in the Seven Mountains morning Pottery Mills, on Thursday morning, aged fifty-one years. Burial was made at Sprucetown on Saturday.

It is estimated that over 100,000,000 bushels of potatoes were still in the hands of Pennsylvania growers on the first of the year.

on the line at that time, which will be read in future history. "Hostilities ceased November 11th at the 11th hour 1918, on all fronts." I do not doubt but some of the lucky ones that stayed at home have forgotten the day already. Well if so, when the boys come home they will only have to ask anyone old or young and they will get more information than they will care to hear or believe but there will be a few things told which will make some very good or so-called politicians and money grabbers feel like four cents. Well, now I am getting warm under the collar, so I guess for my own good I had better bring this letter to a close before I beat some one up.

Regards to all. PVT. C. E. RISHEL, 34th Co., 6th Reg. U. S. Marines, A. E. F.

BLUF, BLUSTER AND CRAWL.

Republicans in Senate and House Railed Against Revenue Bill and then Almost Unanimously Supported It.—Peanut Politicians Play Little Games.

The passage of the Revenue bill by the House of Representatives by an almost unanimous vote, only 11 members caring to go on record as opposing it, is a striking illustration of the characteristic Republican policy of bluff, bluster and crawl. Early in the session, when the Democrats being in the majority and therefore responsible for all legislation, outlined the bill as they thought it should be, the Republican leaders stormed and protested. Never would they permit such a measure to be passed, they declared. Sooner than allow it they would filibuster against it and make an extra session necessary. And now, when put to the test, it goes through with only four Republican votes cast against it.

So it was with President Wilson's request for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the relief of the starving people of several European countries—a recommendation that was amply justified on both humanitarian and business grounds. How the G. O. P. Cheap Johns of the Senate railed against it. They misrepresented the President's motives and aired their provincial little ideas about continental politics with great freedom, much to the disgust of sensible people. Then the bill went through with only a feeble show of opposition on the final roll-call.

So it will be with the League of Nations and the treaty of peace to be framed in Paris. Already the jackals who have been yelping at the President from a safe distance are beginning to change their tactics. Their voices are less strident and menacing. For a fortnight now they have been almost mute. It is a safe prediction that when the treaty of peace, framed largely on the lines laid down by Mr. Wilson, comes before the Senate for confirmation the opposition will be practically nominal. The Republicans will be in a majority in the Senate, then, but they will give the treaty their approval. They cannot do otherwise without arousing overwhelming popular disapproval.

There is much talk now in some rabid Republican newspaper about a sweeping investigation of the conduct of the war. Secretary Baker is to be grilled; General Pershing is to be recalled from France for an inquiry; General March, Chief of Staff, is to be heckled unmercifully, and every effort is to be made to throw discredit on the glorious achievements of the American army abroad and at home. There will be nothing to it, we predict. The War Department has the goods to conceal, and has the truth and the facts on its side, as against the gossip and innuendoes of irresponsible persons. The threatened probe will be a boomerang for the G. O. P. Thus may it ever be when partisanship is placed above patriotism and peanut politicians play their ignoble little games of spite and falsification.

P. O. S. of A. Alliance Meeting at Centre Hall.

The Centre County P. O. S. of A. Alliance meeting will be held at 1:30 p. m., February 20th, in Grange Arcade, Centre Hall. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend. No admittance charge. Fred W. Magrady, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., State Master of Forms of the State Camp of Pennsylvania, has promised to be present and deliver an address. State College band will furnish music. The members of the local camp will meet at the Camp hall at 1.00 p. m. and parade to Grange hall.

The Centre Hall Camp will hold their annual social in the evening of the same day. Admission will be by card only, the social being open to P. O. S. of A. members, their families, and those invited by the committee. There will be music all evening and a good program has been prepared.

Military and Naval Discharges.

It is of great importance to each soldier and sailor of Centre county, who has served our country and received an Honorable discharge from the military or naval service of the United States, that a permanent record of such discharge be preserved. We are glad to announce that William H. Brown, the present Recorder of Deeds, will record all such discharges of men from this county, without any charge to them for his services, and will be in shape to do so as soon as he can get the necessary record books.

All discharges should be brought to the Recorder's office or if mailed, return postage should be enclosed.

C. W. Swartz Expresses His Appreciation.

We here express our appreciation for the interest the public have taken in our Closing-out Sale. We certainly have sold a lot of goods since we started the sale, but don't think for a minute that we are sold out,—we yet have a lot of goods for sale to someone.

My intent is to give the patrons of the well known Swartz store, for so many years, the advantages that are always to be had at such times. You must show by your continued patronage that you want the goods, and I will prove to you that you are getting bargains.

Many of the goods are going at less than today's wholesale prices. Store closes Tuesdays and Fridays at 6 o'clock p. m. C. W. SWARTZ, adv. Tusseyville, Pa.

The "Neck-tye" social is given for the purpose of raising funds for the Armenian relief. Give your patronage. In Grange hall, the evening of St. Valentine's Day.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Lewisburg Journal will come out a tri-weekly, beginning March 1st. A son was born on Thursday night to Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Horner, at Colyer. The local Odd Fellows are considering the purchase of a player-piano for their lodge room.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodhart, of Altoona, visited relatives in town for a few days the past week.

Landlord J. W. Runkle is having lumber sawed to be used in building several flats over the meat market.

Robert Bloom, Potter township road supervisor, is stoning a section of road—a mile in length—west of Centre Hall.

Revs. Shuey, Yocum, and Young, the latter chaplain at the penitentiary at Rockview, are holding protracted meetings in the M. E. church at Pleasant Gap.

Roy Miller, of Brierhook, Virginia, spent a few days the latter part of last week at his home in Tusseyville. Mr. Miller has been engaged in big lumber operations in Virginia for a number of years.

Mrs. Clement W. Luse returned last week from a two weeks' visit in Illinois and Colorado, in the latter state visiting her brother, William Armbruster, at McClay. On her journey through Kansas and Missouri Mrs. Luse observed the farmers in their fields husking corn.

Henry H. Garver, son of Elias S. Garver, of Missouri, emerged from a hospital and then went west to Mexico in the interest of 4000 leading manufacturers and financiers of Chicago, to investigate trade conditions and opportunities. Mr. Garver for two years had charge of the Chicago office of Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

John H. Weber is home from Milton where he had been employed for some time in the shell plant. His uniform good work while at Milton caused his employer to delay his laying off until the last, but he has assurance of re-employment when business is adjusted on a peace basis. Mr. Weber's aversion to idleness will not keep him from work long.

George E. Meyer, of Boalsburg, tax collector in Harris Township, last Wednesday reported to the County Commissioners that he had collected every dollar of the 1918 State tax and all but \$34.56 County tax, and that the latter amount was divided among fourteen taxpayers. Mr. Meyer very properly added that he thought the taxpayers of Harris Township had responded splendidly.

Miss Florence Rhone is spending the winter amid the sunshine and flowers of California, being located at Los Angeles. On her trip through that state she stopped off at Berkeley, and visited Prof. and Mrs. C. F. Shaw. Mrs. Shaw being better known as Miss Helen Hosterman, formerly of this place. Miss Rhone has an interesting letter in this issue which her many friends hereabouts will delight in reading.

The Korman Creamery company at Coburn, has purchased the Coburn hotel property and adjacent lands from Lewis E. Stover. The purchase price has not been divulged. It is the intention of the creamery company to erect buildings and install machinery for condensing milk and manufacturing ice for their own use as well as for sale, and if the weather permits the building operations will be started in the near future.

The Supervisors of Centre county will meet in convention in the court house, Bellefonte, on Tuesday, February 18th, at 10 o'clock. A representative from the Bureau of Township Highways will be present, as well as other prominent State road men who will address the convention and point to the proper course to be pursued in order that our roads may be uniformly taken care of. A dinner will be served at the Garman House.

The state forestry commission, on Friday, authorized the purchase of 20,300 acres of woodland in Clinton, Lycoming and Union counties as forestry reserve. The commissioners went over the budget and decided to ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$1,800,000, a million dollars more than the appropriation last session. The additional money is needed for the purchase of forest lands and inauguration of a system of district supervision.

Through the efforts of Postmaster Foster, State College will have a relic of the recent war. A letter from Hon. Charles H. Rowland, representative in Congress from this, the 21st district, states that he has complied with the request made, having introduced a bill in congress authorizing the Secretary of War to donate a captured German cannon to the city of State College—same to be placed upon the site recently acquired by the government for a new post office building. The bill was reported and same was referred to committee of military affairs.