

Bill Bailey (abbreviated)

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SOLDIERS' LETTERS TO HOME FOLKS.

William Bailey Is Guarding German Prisoners in France.—Russel Goodhart Writes Another Interesting Letter from Germany.

"Bill" Bailey Guarding German Prisoners.
Nantes, France.
January 29, 1919.

Dear folks:
I thought I'd be on my way to God's country by this time, but I have another thought coming. We are equipped, ready to go, but as yet no order has been issued.

I have been assigned a new duty—guarding German prisoners of war. I go on duty at 4 a. m., and am relieved at 12—eight hours on and 16 off. All I hear out of them is a lot of "gibberish", and it's all foreign to me. Maybe they're telling one another what they would do to me if I were their prisoner; who knows?

I have learned quite a bit of them, and by this time I know what work every one of the seventy prisoners was engaged in before they made the mistake of tackling the world with the intention of mastering it. I am not a harsh guard; oh, no, have no reason to be. I get along grand—simply grand.

Since I've been over here I have seen some terribly wounded soldiers. Oh, how these men have suffered. It would open the eyes of the stay-at-homes to witness the sights that the A. E. F. have witnessed. God help them in my plea.

I have a bunch of Colliers Weeklies and Saturday Evening Posts and I manage to keep booked on things in the States. I hardly ever see a daily and when it gets here,—good night, it's moldy.

Have any of the Centre Hall boys arrived home yet? How I envy them. I don't care how much the waters of the Atlantic toss and how sick it may make me on my return, I am anxious now that this terrible war is over to get back to the U. S. A. The fellow who said "See America first," made no mistake.

I have a bunch of souvenirs that I am anxious to take back with me. I may have some trouble in keeping them, though, because they are so bulky. A bit of interesting history attaches to one piece, and I prize it highly.

At the present time Boches surround me, working diligently at the work assigned them. They talk, laugh, and best of all, when work is over they sing church anthems.

Have recently received letters from E. S. Ripka and "Jack" Emery. Tell them I appreciated them, indeed. Trusting all are well, I will close.

BILL.
Pvt. William Bailey,
Evacuation Hospital No. 23
A. P. O. 767, France

From Russel J. Goodhart.
Plaidt, Germany.
Jan. 4, 1919.

Dear Grandma—
Have just come in after inspection and having no drill the remainder of the day I will write these few lines home.

not arrive. While with the kitchen when on the Verdun front I saw him pass in his car but we were five or six hundred yards from the road and didn't get to see his face.

How is Wendell and all the rest? Wendell says he is trapping; how is he making out? Tell him to stick to his books and study hard. Now since the Hun has been beaten, I would be glad if I could have a chance at my books at once. Tell him to spend a little time each evening reading the Bible and things will go more smoothly. I prize my testament very much and still carry it in my pocket at all times. It was a great help to me at the front and at all times especially when down-hearted or discouraged. I would like very much to go through a theological seminary and earn money in the summer, finish school in the winter and if possible borrow the rest of the money, for I feel we have been spared for that purpose especially.

In this terrible conflict one could see the wonderful handiwork of the Almighty much more than any other time or place.

I have written briefly before about the fronts I've been on and can scarcely write much news without repeating, however, when I get back I can tell ten times more than I could ever think of writing. Have any of the town boys yet returned from the army? Probably some of the casualties may return soon.

Well, I must scrub my equipment this afternoon, so I will have to cut this a little short. Just came from dinner a short time ago. We had rice, beef loaf, and tomatoes—a pretty fair meal.

Will close, hoping you all continue in good health and happiness till I return.
RUSSELL GOODHART,
Co. D, 4th U. S. Inf.
American E. F.

Mail Aeroplane Goes Back Empty.

A mail aeroplane, which had been at Bellefonte for the past three weeks, since the discontinuance of the aerial mail service, was started back, empty, toward Cleveland, Friday afternoon by Pilot Ebersole. The plane is said not to have come up to requirements for mail service although the pilot had no trouble in getting started away from the field.

It is understood a new type of plane will be used when the mail service is resumed which is expected to be in about a week.

Mail Man's Auto Takes Fire.

Adam Brungart, rural mail carrier from Rebersburg to Livonia, almost lost his automobile by fire, one day last week, while carrying the mail on his route. A short circuit in the electrical part of the machine caused a breaking out of fire which soon threatened to consume the auto. Fortunately Mr. Brungart had the immediate assistance of Edwin Bierly, whose home the mail carrier had reached, and together they soon had the flames under control, little damage having resulted.

Not Longer the "Sparr Farm."

Last week Judge Quigley handed down a decision setting aside a proviso in the will made by the late Mrs. Rebecca Sparr, of near Boalsburg, which eliminates the title of "Sparr farm" since that farm has been purchased by Dr. L. E. Kidder. The doctor paid \$12,600 for the place, but did not cherish the idea of having his possession bear the name of the former owner, who in disposing of the homestead farm, located near Boalsburg, to her heirs, incorporated the proviso in her will that the farm shall always known as the Sparr farm. When Dr. Kidder made the purchase he had proceeded brought in the Centre county court, with the above noted result.

230,000 Autos Licensed.

Pennsylvania receipts from license of automobiles have gone to unprecedented figures and the number of cars licensed has also broken records.

The receipts for 1919 licenses have passed the \$2,800,000 mark, which is hundreds of thousands of dollars beyond the total for this time in any previous year, and the \$3,000,000 figure is expected before the end of the month. The number of cars licensed thus far is 230,000.

Yeagertown's New High School.

To-morrow (Friday) evening, fitting exercises will be observed incident to the dedication of Yeagertown's High school building. The principal address will be made by Rev. Dr. Spangler, while other speakers on the program will be H. C. Swyers, president of the school board; Dr. William S. Taft, of Harrisburg, a high school inspector, and L. C. Ruble, county superintendent of schools.

DECLARES GOV'T WILL KEEP FAITH WITH THE FARMERS.

Wheat Price \$2.26 An Obligation as Sacred As A United States Bond, Says Senator Gore.

Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, chairman of the senate agriculture committee, in an address in the senate declared that the farmers of the United States could rest assured that the government would keep faith with them in carrying out the guaranty of a price of \$2.26 a bushel for wheat. The government, he said, should pay the difference between the guaranteed price and the price dictated by the law of supply and demand, for to do otherwise would "create a state of unstable economic equilibrium."

The Presidential proclamation proclaiming the price for 1919 wheat, Senator Gore asserted, "creates an obligation against the government—an obligation which is as sacred and an obligation which is held as inviolate as that of a thrift stamp or a United States bond."

Of two methods of carrying out the guaranty—requiring the customer to pay the difference between the fixed price and price in the unregulated market and authorizing the government to pay this difference, Senator Gore said economic considerations recommend the latter which has been endorsed by the house agriculture committee and embodied in the bill.

To make the consumer pay the difference, the senator said, would only mean a continuation of the inflation manifested during the war which might cause serious consequences.

Bought the Whiteman Home.

Domer S. Ishler, on Friday, purchased the Mrs. Belle Whiteman home, on Hofer street; consideration, \$1050.00. Mr. Ishler will vacate the Fiedler home, next to the Grange hall, on April 1st and move into his new possession. Prof. N. L. Bartsches will follow the Ishlers.

Old Fort Blacksmith to Leave.

Jay Vonada, who has conducted a blacksmith shop at the Old Fort for several years, has purchased the home and blacksmith shop at Fiedler, and will move there in the near future.

Pres. Wilson on Way Home.

President Wilson left Brest on his return to the United States aboard the U. S. S. George Washington shortly after 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

The boat is expected to land at Boston on February 25.

COST OF WORLD WAR REACHES 179 BILLIONS.

Money Advanced to Allies by United States is Over 18 Billion Dollars.

One hundred and seventy-nine billion dollars represents the total cost of the world war up until Jan. 31, 1919, according to official figures.

Of this vast sum of money the Allies and America spent \$119,581,000,000 and the Central Powers \$59,500,000,000. That the United States did its full bit is shown in the fact that America's total expenses were \$18,481,000,000 or were the third largest amount spent by any of the nations fighting against the Teutons.

In addition to this great amount the United States loaned her Allies another \$18,375,000,000.

This loan total represents more than ten per cent of the total Associated Powers' war expenditures.

America put overseas more than two million men and at the close of hostilities stood next to France in the number of men in France.

Great Britain's financial outlay was the largest of any of the allied nations, being \$37,100,000,000; France was second with a total of \$27,000,000,000 and Japan last with \$1,000,000,000.

Comparison with other wars follows:—The war of 1812, army \$66,613,000, Navy \$26,326,000. The Mexican war, army \$88,499,000, Navy \$33,546,000. The civil war, army \$2,753,000,000, navy \$338,134,000. The Spanish American war army \$595,557,000, navy \$213,239,000.

Centre Countians in Philad'a Renew Pre-War Festivities.

Centre countians residing in Philadelphia, belonging to the Centre County Association, held their annual dinner at the Rittenhouse Hotel, the first since 1916, on Thursday night. Now that war glooms have vanished, the association will renew the old-time festivities, for which there are two for Centre county folk who live in Philadelphia, a picnic in summer and a banquet in winter.

Ira D. Garman presided and introduced the speaker of the evening, Charles E. Beury, who has just returned after extensive traveling in Armenia, Turkey, and Russia. Mr. Beury is connected with Red Cross and with Armenian relief work. He told of the devastated condition of Russia, particularly. The hardships of travel between Siberia and Russia were graphically described.

There are nearly 500 in the association at the present time. At Thursday night's function, the committee on entertainment consisted of William S. Furst, Herman Haupt, Charles R. Kurtz and Forest N. Magee.

Liberty Loan Levity

"The Victory Liberty Loan," says Maloney, Addressin' his neighbor, "can't be any phoney. An' April, dear neighbor, is near an' there's labor That has to be done in preparin', ol' croney."

FINISH THE JOB

The success of the Victory Liberty Loan, the fifth government war loan, will depend largely on the savings of the people of the nation.

THE DEATH RECORD.

KRAPE.—Samuel A. Krape died suddenly in the Bellefonte hospital on Thursday evening of last week, at five o'clock. His death was the direct result of injuries sustained while at work at Akron, Ohio, a brief local mention of which appeared in these columns a few weeks ago. Mr. Krape was janitor in one of the city's large buildings, owned by a public utility corporation. Some time in January, while in the discharge of his duties about the building, he walked into an open elevator shaft and dropped a distance of twelve feet to a concrete floor. He spent a short time in a hospital, but it appears that a thorough examination of his injuries was not made, with the result that his mind became affected, presumably from an injured spine. He was never able to resume his work, although the firm employing him continued to pay his wages.

He came to Centre Hall a few weeks ago, and after disposing of his household effects at public sale, returned to Akron to collect his pay. Relatives in that city noticed a decided change for the worse in his condition and brought him to Bellefonte last Wednesday. He was taken to the hospital and passed away the next day.

A post mortem examination revealed four ribs to have been broken by his accident, besides other internal injuries.

Deceased was born at Spring Mills, sixty-four years ago, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Krape. He was a carpenter by trade and a skilled mechanic. He worked for years with the Hagans and they together formed a group of excellent workmen, erecting many farm buildings in this valley. Mr. Krape was a member of the Reformed church. He was twice married, his first wife (deceased) having been Miss Sadie Bartsches, of Spring Mills. One son, Elroy, of Waterford, Erie county, survives. His second marriage was to Miss Minnie Ziegler, who survives with a daughter, Alice, at present living with an aunt in Akron. The widow, who is in a serious condition, lives with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Neff, near Centre Hall. There also remain the following brothers and sisters; namely, W. B. Krape, of Aaronsburg; James S., of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Harriet Best, of Mill Hall; Miss Chestie A., of Pasadena, California; A. P. Krape, of Centre Hall; Howard, of Rebersburg; Chas. A., of Spring Mills, and Mrs. Florence Rearick, of New York.

The remains were brought to Centre Hall on Friday evening to the home of the deceased's brother, A. P. Krape, where funeral services were held by Rev. R. R. Jones, on Monday morning. Burial was made in Heckman's cemetery, near Spring Mills.

BURRELL.—Miss Louise Burrell, of Spring Mills, passed away at the Bellefonte hospital on Wednesday afternoon of last week. She was taken to that institution a week or so previous, suffering with cancer, but owing to her feeble condition, an operation was deemed inadvisable. The remains were taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Edward Rubl, with whom the deceased had lived, and on Saturday morning funeral services were held and burial made at Spring Mills, Rev. D. S. Kurtz, of the Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a member, officiating.

Besides the sister mentioned, the mother, also of Spring Mills, survives. The deceased was aged about fifty-six years.

ARMBUSTER.—William Armbruster, son of Mrs. G. D. Armbruster, of Potters Mills, Centre county, died recently at his home at McClave, Colorado. He had been in a hospital several weeks suffering from typhoid fever, and had gained strength enough to return home and while there suffered a relapse. He was born in Centre county and was forty-five years of age. He is survived by his wife and four children; also by his mother and the following sisters: Mrs. George Heckman and Mrs. Clement Luse, of Centre Hall; Mrs. James Bilger, Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Dolly Heims, Potters Mills; Mrs. Daniel Rossmann, Penns Cave, and Miss Mattie Armbruster, at home. Interment at McClave.

Intermediate School Report.

Report for fourth month, ending February 7th: Those in attendance every day during the month: Ruth Runkle, Elizabeth Bartholomew, Miriam Moore, Helen Runkle, Louise Smith, Dorothy Odenkirk, Emely Brungart, Esther Mats, May Smith, Romie Smith, Marian McClanahan, Mildred Bitts, Orie Wagner, Elwood Smith, George Luse, Wilbur McClellan, Harold Bohn, Byers Ripka, John Meyer, Ralph Mats, Frank Gross, and Joseph Ruble. Louise Smith, Byers Ripka, Wilbur McClellan have been present every day since beginning of the term. Percentage of attendance for the month—girls 95, boys 94. Number on roll 22 girls, 13 boys, total 35—Olive Way, teacher.

Court opens on Monday of next week.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Saturday is Washington's birthday. Mrs. Louisa Weaver, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in Millheim.

J. A. Grenoble and family have moved from Yeagertown to Aaronsburg. Miffius Moyer, of Rebersburg, was in town last Thursday, looking to the purchase of a home.

It's just as easy to get coal now as it was a tough job to get it last winter at this time. Local dealers say everybody wants to sell them coal.

"Somewhere in France" was the name of a play given by the senior class of the Millheim High school, in Millheim, on Tuesday evening.

A large representation of local P. O. S. of A. members and their families is expected at the annual social to be held this (Thursday) evening in the Grange hall.

Mrs. Mary McClellan celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday anniversary at her home at Philipsburg, on Thursday. She is in splendid health, mentally alert and vigorous.

That indestructible smile that fits across the countenance of Domer S. Ishler is all due to the arrival of a baby girl at his home on Monday morning. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

The lime quarries and knitting mill, the two principal industries of Pleasant Gap, are running on half time at present, but both give promise of going on full time soon.

Miss Carribell Emerick, of the Reporter typographic force, has been off duty for several days the past week on account of neuralgia in the face, which resulted in affecting the eye.

Contributions and pledges to the amount of \$15,632.00 were made by parties from Bellefonte and vicinity to give the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. a new lease of life. The money was raised in a short but intensive campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. William Homan, of near Centre Hall, are home from a trip to Ohio, where they visited friends in Canton, Columbus and Oxford, at the latter place being the guests of Prof. and Mrs. W. V. Godshall, formerly of Spring Mills.

Lawrence township, Clearfield county, has a murder mystery. Geo. Ardary, a well known farmer, was found in a dying condition in bed at his home about a mile from Glen Richey, with a bullet wound through his head, early Sunday morning.

About March 1st, the town of New Berlin, Union county, will turn on the electric current for lighting its streets and homes. The town has its own power plant, which has been installed in the silk mill, and the water of Penns Creek will furnish power for generating the current.

The revival in the interest in the sheep raising in Pennsylvania during the past three years has brought about an increase of approximately 60,000 sheep on the farms and promises to soon place the industry on a basis of twelve years ago when there were over a million in the state.

Harry M. Showalter, the representative in the General Assembly from Union county, introduced a bill at Harrisburg last week asking for the regulating of the brilliant headlights on automobiles so that they must be dimmed when approaching any vehicle. The bill also calls for fines of from \$25 to \$100 for failure to obey the law.

The Bellefonte post office, located for a number of years in the Temple Court building, will be established July 1st in the Brookerhoff House just across Allegheny Street, but at the opposite end of the latter building. The new location for the post office will take in the Blair's jewelry store room, the present bar grill and sample room. In all likelihood the Blair jewelry store will be located in the present rooms of the post office.



Your government asks you very earnestly not to sell your Liberty Bonds unless you have to. To part with your Liberty Bonds means giving up your pledge of patriotism and citizenship, and handing your responsibilities and privileges over to some one else. Liberty Bonds will be worth much more money presently and it is good business to hold them.

If you must sell, get the full market price. Go to a responsible banker and let him give you information and advice. Do not sell to just anyone, who may not treat you fairly.

The Victory Liberty Loan.

Now guns are rusting,
No more the legions smash,
The weed springs in the dugout,
The battle fire is ash,
So hats off to the doughboy,
And hats off to the job,
The Victory Loan is coming.
Let's finish up the job!

I PLEDGE

That peace will find me backing Uncle Sam as strongly as I backed him in the war.
That between now and April I will lay every possible stone of the groundwork for the Fifth Liberty Loan and leave no act undone which will tend to keep alive and, if possible quicken the consciousness of the nation that Saving and Thrift are Peace essentials.
That I will exact my every effort to stop trafficking in bonds of the first four loans.
That I will work tooth and nail from now on till the last day of the April drive to over-subscribe that Fifth Liberty Loan.
That I will help finish the job.