



### 800,000 YOUTHS STARVING.

Central Penna. Relief Chairman Tells of Sufferings of Millions.

#### CANDLES KEEP RATS FROM STARVED JEWS

Harrisburg.—More than 100,000 candles and an equal number of boxes of matches were among the supplies recently sent by American Jewish relief agents from Paris to the destitute Jews of Poland, in order to enable these starving people to conform to their ancient creed of lighting Sabbath candles, while they ask a blessing. American Jewish relief workers there report that the candles were used to keep the rats away from the dead, in the cellars where destitute Jewish refugees live.

Harrisburg.—"Turn for a moment, if you will, from your own cozy family circle to those 800,000 starving, ragged, helpless Jewish children in eastern and central Europe, and then you may gain some slight insight into the reasons for our activities," David Kaufman, of Harrisburg, general chairman of the Harrisburg district committee in the Jewish War Relief campaign, said today.

"Consider their lot. You'll have to stretch your imagination to the breaking point—and even then you will not exaggerate the grim, terrible facts," he added.

"Think of it," he continued, "almost a million innocent children robbed of their birthright! Their childhood is awry. Ever since their prattling baby days they have known only war. Peace to them is an utter stranger. For years thousands of them have wandered, refugees from contenting armies. Other thousands are orphaned. Few have known a full meal in five years."

A People Without Hope.

"A people without any hope, waiting to die." This is the vivid impression of the starving millions of children and adults of central and eastern Europe, conveyed by returning travellers to the Central Pennsylvania district offices in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Harrisburg, recently opened to direct activities in the Central Pennsylvania drive in the Jewish War Relief Campaign which aims to raise \$35,000,000 in the United States.

"But for the work of the American Jewish relief agencies in administering to these people, I can't begin to imagine what their condition would be," one traveller writes. "Everywhere I travelled, I found Jewish relief agents handing out soup and milk and bread to long lines of starving people." More than 6,000,000 members of the Jewish faith, in addition to many others, are being fed in large central and eastern European areas by these relief committees. And it is to continue this humanitarian work that the campaign is now being conducted to raise \$35,000,000, under the auspices of the American Jewish Relief Committee, the Central Relief Committee and the People's Relief Committee.

As yet is no barrier among those receiving relief, so yet is no obstacle in the efforts to raise funds for the work. The drive, while primarily under Jewish auspices, is being conducted by non-sectarian workers, which include leaders of every community.

The money raised in the United States in this campaign will be expended through the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe, which has been working in co-operation with the American Relief Administration, Effiebert Hoover, one time food administrator, is chairman. Mr. Hoover says of this work:

"I am glad to see the efforts being made by the American Jewish Relief Committee for sufferers from the war to raise further funds for its work in Europe. As you know, your organization has co-operated with us wonderfully in relief work at the most critical centers of Europe. I cannot speak too highly of the spirit and effectiveness of the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe, nor can I emphasize too strongly the critical necessity for its continuation."

District Quota \$200,000.

Central Pennsylvania has been asked to raise a total of a mere \$200,000 in this drive. District offices have been opened in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in Harrisburg. David Kaufman, of Harrisburg, is chairman of the general committee, and Morris E. Jacobson, also of Harrisburg, is treasurer.

For efficiency's sake, the district campaign will be conducted at two different times. The first drive will be during the week of February 9-13 in Fulton, Franklin, York, Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, Mifflin, Juniata and Huntingdon counties. The second part of the campaign has been arranged for February 23 to March 1 in Tioga, Potter, Clinton, Lycoming, Centre, Union, Snyder, Northumberland and Montour counties. Preliminary drives, however, have been successful in raising the quotas in Montour and Franklin counties.

### RETURN OF SOLDIER DEAD POLICY IS ANNOUNCED.

Wishes of Kin will be Sole Determining Factor.

The policy of the War Department in regard to the return from France of the bodies of deceased American soldiers, was announced by Secretary of War Baker to a delegation of forty-six men and women—all relatives of dead service men—from Pittsburg, Greensburg, Leisling and Scottsdale, Pa., Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore, New York, Birmingham, Ala., Richmond, Va., and Washington, D. C. The Secretary's statement was as follows:

"At the outset the War Department promised that it would return, as soon as practicable, the bodies of all soldiers who died in France and whose next of kin desired the return.

The War Department has never departed from this promise, nor abated any effort to carry it out. So far all obstacles have been overcome in the matter of the return of all bodies from England, Italy, North Russia, Belgium, Luxembourg, Siberia, Germany and outside the war zone in France, and every step which can be taken has been taken to return these bodies at once. The French government temporarily withheld its consent to the exhumation of bodies in the war zone where the largest number of allied dead are buried. The State Department is seeking actively to have this consent given, and as soon as it is given the same steps will be taken with regard to the American dead buried there. No sort of preference will be permitted in the order of the return of our dead, but that system will be followed without exception which will return those who are to be brought back most speedily, without distinction between officers or men upon any other ground.

"The wishes of the next of kin will be the sole determining factor. Those who desire to leave the bodies of their dead on the ground where they fell, or in the great memorial cemeteries in France will be permitted to do so. As between those who represent different views of the action proper to be taken in the matter of bringing home these deceased soldiers, the War Department has only the desire to have free discussion of the circumstances in order that all decisions may be made on the basis of full information and the wishes of those most interested respected."

#### Opening the Roads.

A snow plow was used on the Brush Valley and Boalsburg roads on Sunday by supervisor Bloom. It was an improvised affair, largely the work of Richard Brooks, who has been of unusual service to his neighbors during the time the roads have been impassable on account of snow drifts, but it performed splendidly. The plow, built of boards, was built under a light road scraper, and made a path twelve feet in width. The scraper helped keep the plow running in a straight line and doing much better work than had the plow been left independent.

The opening of the roads will incur some expense, but there is nothing else left to do. The snow plow will help very much to reduce the cost of removing the surplus snow, especially if the Brooks referred to above idea is followed.

A snow plow was also used through Centre Hall and over the mountains as far as the Mifflin county line; also over Nittany mountain. On Monday I. A. Sweetwood got further orders to take the plow on the Spring Mills road as far as Spring Mills, and return over the state road through Brush Valley.

#### Divorces Galore in Clearfield Co.

No less than six divorce actions were begun in the Clearfield county courts on Monday, Feb. 2nd, according to the records in Prothonotary Ralston's office.

#### Brick School House for Sale.

The Potter township school board offers for sale what is known as the Slack School house, in Potter township, a brick structure. Parties desiring to purchase the property may view the same and make bids to the undersigned.

E. W. CRAWFORD, Secretary, Centre Hall, Pa.

#### Girl Meets Terrible Accident.

A rather singular accident took place at the Pennsylvania Match Factory at Bellefonte, a short time ago, when Miss Sarah McClellan came near losing her life. She is a daughter of the late William McClellan and is employed as a packer. While attending to her duties her hair caught in a machine known as the mangle, and her head was almost drawn into the machine. Her screams brought help just in time to save her from an awful death. A screwdriver was thrown against the revolving chain which broke and the machine stopped. In order to release her much of the machine had to be taken apart. The young lady was practically blind when released and suffered other injuries. She was taken home and is now slowly regaining her sight.

### HAVE YOU BEEN ENUMERATED?

If not, or if you have any doubt, fill out this coupon and mail to FRANK E. COSTELLO, Supervisor of Census, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

On January 1, 1920, I was living at address given below, but to the best of my knowledge I have not been enumerated there or anywhere else.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dr. Williams' Lecture.

Dr. Elmer Lynn Williams, the "fighting parson" of Chicago, delivered his lecture, "Everybody's Business", to a good sized audience in Grange hall on Friday night. The impassability of the roads kept many country people from attending.

Dr. Williams is characterized as a man who not only says things but sees that they are done. His life work has been and continues to be the cleaning up of the harboring places of crime of every description as it exists in the city of his residence, Chicago, and the divorcing of rotten politics with the affiliation of the denizens of the underworld, and substituting good government and righteousness in its stead. Dr. Williams long ago discovered that "if you reflect a ray of light into a rat hole, you destroy it for rat purposes." He has thrown the light of public attention into many "rat holes" in Chicago, and while it at first appeared to be a losing fight owing to the alliance of the dive keepers with the municipal police force, Dr. Williams by sheer force and a display of nerve that he could not be cowed, at last received favorable attention from the city's chief and the whole-hearted support of the prosecuting machinery of the city to clean up his ward. Not until then, when he had practically won the fight single handed, did the other ministers in his district dare to wage an aggressive campaign against vice.

Dr. Williams is proud of his sobriquet, "the fighting parson." His problem as a pastor was in the counter attraction of the dance hall, the gambling den, the drinking cafe and the immoral resort. He saw that he must revolutionize the ward or his church would succumb to the forces of evil. "For eight years I have been in a hand to hand fight with the saloon and its attendant iniquities on the lower North Side of the city of Chicago," said he.

Sometime ago Police Chief Schuettler told Dr. Williams that his district was in the best condition ever known. And his church had not gone down.

On Saturday night Dr. Williams spoke at Spring Mills and on Monday night at State College.

#### Prohibition Effort in Schuylkill County.

The following appeared in the Philadelphia Record, under the heading of "Open Letters from the Editor's Mail Bag."

The following statements and figures are taken from a daily paper of Schuylkill county, formerly the wettest county in the United States.

"In wet times from 300 to 400 criminal cases were returned to Court each session. Last term of Court only 63 cases were returned.

"Average number of prisoners in jail in wet times 200. Number in jail at present 70, nearly all hang-overs from the wet period, and jail population expects to drop to 50 in a short time.

"The county will shortly save at least \$3000 per month in jail expenses, and also expects to have its force of judges reduced and all deputies in the District Attorney's office discharged. This means a saving of many additional thousands of dollars to the county.

"The almshouse and insane asylum of this county are also declining in population.

"Then in addition, think of the salvage of human lives and family homes these decreased criminal figures represent. Then candidly give us your unbiased opinion as to whether prohibition pays."

#### Sheep Industry in Pennsylvania Shows Improvement.

According to the estimates made by the Bureau of Statistics, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, there are in this State now approximately 881,000 sheep compared with 806,000 four years ago.

This is an apparent increase of 75,000 or over nine per cent, and may be attributed largely to the attractive prices brought for the wool that have prevailed, the imperative and patriotic necessity for the better protection from the ravages of the dogs under the provision of the present dog law.

Sheep produce two good paying crops, within a year—wool in the spring and lambs in the fall.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

#### Fur Cap Saves Bellefonte Man from Death.

Thomas Rishel, of Bellefonte, for twenty years track foreman on the Bellefonte Central railroad, was struck by a flying stone on Friday morning, and is now a patient in the Bellefonte hospital in a critical condition. Mr. Rishel and his associates were working on the track near the big hydrating plant being erected by the American Lime and Stone company. A blast was "shot" in nearby quarry, several hundred feet from where the men were working, and a stone about as large as a baseball was whirled into the air and came down on Mr. Rishel's head. There was so much confusion in getting an ambulance that Superintendent F. H. Thomas took Mr. Rishel to the hospital in his car after a period of an hour and a half had elapsed. It was found that his skull had been fractured and it was pushing against his brain. A delicate operation was performed by Dr. Reed, who said that the only thing that prevented the blow from killing Mr. Rishel instantly was a fur cap he was wearing.

#### Boy Scouts at Spring Mills.

The Boy Scouts, of Centre Hall, will render their play entitled "A Country Boy Scout", in Grange hall, Spring Mills, Saturday evening, February 14, eight o'clock. This play was given at Centre Hall to a large audience and was pleasing throughout; also, at Boalsburg, where the audience was not so large, but just as appreciative. The scouts are worthy of the support they ask and are always ready to reciprocate.

#### Cow Makes High Record.

Penstate's Torono Blacky, a purebred Jersey, bred and raised by the Pennsylvania State College, has just completed a year's test in which she produced 6854.7 pounds of milk testing 5.4 per cent and containing 532.28 pounds of butterfat. At the beginning of the test she was two years old, which makes her rank third in Class 2 in state. During the test she received ordinary care, but was milked three times a day. She stood in stanchions with the rest of the college herd. She carried a calf 230 days of her test.

#### Officially "Centre" County.

It is Centre county and not Centre, according to the ruling of the State authorities at Harrisburg, the United States Postal guide to the contrary notwithstanding. For some years past there has been a disposition on the part of people corresponding with departments of the State Government to spell it Center and one man who had noticed the replies spelling it Center wrote to the Attorney General for a decision. Attorney General William I. Schaffer, while holding that his office was to give opinions only to people connected with the State Government and that only on official business, referred the inquirer to the act of February 13, 1800, which erected Centre county out of parts of Northumberland, Mifflin, Lycoming and Huntingdon counties. It spelled it Centre. Incidentally, reference was made at the Capitol the other day to the fact that nine other counties were formed in the same year of 1800. They were Adams, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Mercer, Venango and Warren. This was the year of the greatest formation of counties, although 1804 with six soon followed as the result of agitation for new counties on the northern tier.

#### Items from the Millheim Journal.

Considerable sickness the nature of grip is reported in Millheim, but up to the present we have not heard that any cases have been diagnosed as influenza.

At the public sale of the real estate of the late Thomas E. Smith, near Woodward, on Monday afternoon, H. O. Feidjer purchased the homestead for \$2,800, and the tract of timberland was purchased by John H. Brindel for \$50.

On Monday morning Jos. W. Reifsnider had caught three fat rats in a wire trap at his barn. He picked up the trap, carried it to the yard, and supplied himself with a good club with which to kill the rats, left them out on the snow crust. The rats naturally started to run and Joe, in endeavoring to follow them, fell and the rats got away.

Advertise in the Reporter—it pays.

### THE STATE WILL DO ROAD WORK.

Plans To Have Construction Crews of Its Own at Work This Year.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the 1920 season will have construction crews of its own at work, building important stretches of state highways on the primary system. Not only will the state highway department have its own construction equipment, but it will open its own quarries and sand banks; and a new branch has been created which, under the direction of Chief Engineer W. D. Uhler, will have charge of the new activities.

The entry of the state into road building activities follows conferences held by Governor Sprout and Highway Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler, which resulted in the enactment by the 1919 legislature of laws permitting the department not to maintain roads, but to build them. Department engineers have found suitable stone and sand deposits in many new localities; and with hundreds of leases already in effect will be able to secure these materials at reasonable prices without delay.

#### Centre Co. Assoc. to Hold Annual Dinner.

The sixteenth annual dinner of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia will be held on Tuesday evening, February 17th, at seven o'clock, at the Rittenhouse, 22nd and Chestnut streets. The cost of the dinner will be \$3.00 per cover.

#### Six Murderers to be Executed at Rockview.

Times of electrocution of 6 Allegheny county murderers, have been fixed by Governor Sprout, this being the largest number of persons from one county to figure in such a list. The times are: Week of March 15, Buck Dunmore and Benny Rowland; week of March 22, William Russel and Edward Brown; March 29, Don Dolish and Frank Green.

#### Will Give Play.

The junior class of the Gregg Township Vocational School is making preparation to give the play, "A Man Without a Country", dramatized from Edward Everett Hale's great literary masterpiece. A comedy sketch will also be given. The entertainment will be given in three towns, on the following dates: At Spring Mills, Grange hall, Thursday, March 4; Millheim, auditorium, Friday, March 5; at Centre Hall, Grange hall, Saturday, March 6.

#### Government Saves Millions Cancelling War Contracts.

A formal statement to a conference of division commanders, Major General Burr reported that in the adjustment of 23,000 of the 27,000 contracts and obligations by which the War Department was bound at the time of the armistice, the Government had been saved \$1,924,739,000. The settlements thus far made, he said, involved more than two thousand million dollars.

#### Sunbury Pastor Turns Down \$500 Salary Boost.

Rev. Charles E. Roth, pastor of the First Reformed church, of Sunbury, has refused to accept a \$500 increase in salary voted him by the congregation. Mr. Roth declared that orphans, education and missions must be cared for first and that when such needs were met he would give more consideration to the matter of his own pay.

#### Names Spelled Out.

A request has been issued to the public that they spell out the first name of all persons to whom they address mail and that they ask their correspondents to do the same. The postal authorities find similarity of names frequently causes trouble.

#### Bellefonte Lady Makes Numerous Bequests.

The will of Mrs. Harriette Kurtz, an aged Bellefonte lady who died in Florida quite recently, was probated at Bellefonte court house last week. Mrs. Kurtz left considerable money for charitable purposes. Among her bequests are \$2,000 to endow a free bed for invalids in the Bellefonte hospital; \$1,500 for a similar purpose to the Lewistown hospital; \$2,000 in trust for the Bellefonte Episcopal church, same to be invested and earnings used for foreign missions; \$1,000 for the placing of a watering trough for dogs and horses, same to be completed in six months or the money to be given the woman's branch of the American Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in Philadelphia; \$500 to the Presbyterian cemetery in Lewistown, and minor sums to a few close friends. Mrs. Kurtz's maiden name was Harriette Thomas and she was the last of a large family. Her girlhood days were spent in Lewistown, but she lived in Bellefonte with Mr. Kurtz for many years.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Today (Thursday) is Lincoln's birthday.

The United Brethren congregation, of Philipsburg, will build a new church this spring.

Williamsport plans to raise one million dollars, by a bond issue, for municipal improvement.

Pleasant Gap has five or six vacant houses, and thus holds a unique position among towns of its size.

Occasionally, a slight change makes a great difference. "It used to be 'Oh rum seller!' Now it is, 'Oh rum cellar!'"

Mrs. Mary Shoop, who had been staying in Altoona for some time, is located in Washington, D. C., where she will remain with her son for an indefinite time.

Mrs. J. G. King, who had been at the Furey home at Bellefonte for some weeks, returned to her home in Centre Hall, last week.

Noll brothers, of Pleasant Gap, are being prevailed upon by the State road management to re-open their hotel, having been assured of fifteen to eighteen steady boarders during the next season provided the place be opened.

Rev. Louis V. Barber, former Presbyterian minister at Lemont, was received into the Presbytery of Northumberland from the Presbytery at Huntingdon. His installation took place in the church at Beech Creek on Tuesday.

The local State road crew used a large V-shaped snow plow to open the State highway from Old Fort to the Mifflin county line, last Friday, and on Saturday morning put the Nittany mountain road in shape for travel.

The Hotel Irvin, popular Lock Haven hostelry, has been purchased by Edwin and William Boyne, who have operated it under lease. The consideration was \$25,000. Improvements, including an addition of fifty rooms, are planned.

The winter's biggest snowfall came along last Wednesday, and until Thursday morning a mantle of twelve inches was spread. It did not lay undisturbed, however, for an east wind carried the loose snow into the recently opened roads and soon they were again impassable.

The Boy Scouts experienced considerable difficulty in reaching Boalsburg, on Saturday night, where they rendered their play. The audience was not too large, but the experience amply repaid the boys for the efforts which resulted in no loss of money. The main cause for the small audience was due, no doubt, to the bad condition of the roads.

Owing to the bad condition of the roads throughout the valley, attendance at the various religious services on Sunday was light. The roads filled with snow was also responsible for Park W. Huntingdon, a Selingsgrove theological seminary student, not filling the appointments announced under the regular heading in last week's issue of the Reporter.

Samuel H. Poorman, a former Potter township boy, has purchased the Big Spring Garage, at Bellefonte, from Robert Roan and will conduct that well known shop in the future. The Big Spring Garage is popular among automobilists. Mr. Poorman has had wide experience in all branches of the automobile business. He has made a close study of overhauling and repairing cars. The Overland and Paige automobiles will be handled from the garage.

Irving S. Horton, of the firm of Irving S. Horton & Co., operators of the local stone quarries, was in town last Thursday arranging for a settlement with the firm's creditors. Mr. Horton avers that the untoward season last year was responsible for a loss of many thousand dollars on a state road-building contract in Huntingdon county, and resulted in the present financial embarrassment. He further states that a Reading firm has assumed all financial obligations and that by February 10th, creditors will be paid eighty-five cents on the dollar, as per agreement on the part of the various creditors.

The Pleasant Gap correspondent to the "Watchman" says: Huyett, McNitt and McMullen just completed the cutting of timber located at the side of the mountain between Zion and Hecla. The tract yielded 25,000 mine props. Elwood Brooks, the veteran lumberman, is superintending the removal of the props to the Pleasant Gap station for shipment. Some eight teams are engaged in the hauling, a good paying mid-winter job for our farmers. The bustling Ripka farmers have two teams hauling from Greens valley to the station and it is alleged that they are clearing up \$250 every two weeks. That is going some. But it must be remembered that the Ripkas are out early and late, and never keep tab on the clock to know when to quit. They have a reputation as non-quitters.