

OUR REVOLUTION

A DIARY OF THE DAYS OF '76 NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED.

Stirring Record Kept by a Lancaster Man of Warlike Doings in the Days That Tried Men's Souls.

By the Intelligencer. The following are extracts from the diary of the Rev. Kropstrup kept in Lancaster in 1776 and the years following during the time of the Revolutionary War. This diary is among the archives of the Moravian church at Lititz, and the first name of the author is unknown, as he is always referred to in the diary as Brother Kropstrup.

May, 1776.--In the beginning of this month there was a very restless and uneasy time in the city. The militia were divided into various companies, for the purpose of being exercised in drilling.

June 12th, 1776.--There is a terrible mutiny among the prisoners tried to force their way out, and the soldiers were gathered around the prison, and as the prisoners would not keep quiet they fired upon them and wounded 20 of them, but no one was killed.

December 10th, 1776.--To-day a great number of soldiers, who were taken from Canada, they are to occupy the barracks.

July 7th, 1776.--This day has been very quiet in the barracks. Having been received from Philadelphia that the militia should be ready to proceed to that city in a few days.

December 1st, 1776.--In these days the city is in a very quiet state, because the Royal soldiers who were taken in the battle of Brandywine have left the city.

December 22d, 1776.--The militia met at 2 o'clock in the Lutheran church, where General Mifflin addressed them, and exhorted them to Philadelphia, and whoever would expect it to fight with the British.

January 4th, 1777.--In the evening 900 Hessian prisoners were brought here and quartered in the barracks.

January 11th, 1777.--This evening at 9 o'clock there was a great noise and excitement in the city. The prisoners in the barracks were alarmed, and many of them were taken away.

September 7th, 1777.--This week the militia of the 1st and 2d class went from Lancaster to join the army at Red Bank.

September 23d, 1777.--During these days the Congress and Council came to Lancaster. The former, however, went to York on account of the capture of the English army.

October 20th, 1777.--In the evening at 9 o'clock, all of a sudden, an great alarm was given in the barracks, because an express messenger is said to have brought the news that the English had left the camp at Red Bank.

April 17th, 1778.--This day many soldiers from Virginia passed through here.

May 1st, 1778.--This evening the cannon were fired here at 12 times, because an alliance with America. Many windows in the various houses were shattered.

May 11th, 1778.--The cannon were again discharged, and the court house was again shelled to signify the joy of the people in regard to the alliance with France.

May 28th, 1778.--This day many soldiers came from the camp. It is intended to march against the Indians, who are said to be very strong on the frontier.

A CLEAN SWEEP

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SUICIDE OF A YOUNG MAN

JOSEPH BERKHOFER KILLS HIMSELF WITH A PISTOL ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

At a belief that he contemplated killing His Uncle, With Whom He Had Trouble About Work at a Brewery.

Friday evening the western part of the town was started by the report of a terrible suicide, and an investigation proved the story to be entirely true.

The man who took his own life was Joseph Berkhof, a young German, formerly employed in the brewery of Frank A. Rieker, on Columbia street.

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A TERRIBLE RUNAWAY

An Old Man Drugged Around by a Frightened Horse.

The horses of this city, which leads all others in runaways, seem to have taken a rest for a time, but they have again gone to work.

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THE REIDENBACH CASE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WEAVER ORDERS A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

No Witnesses Available to Prove Arson Against Him--Laws to be Turned Over to the Illinois Officials.

Friday Afternoon.--Upon the re-assembling of the court at 3 o'clock, counsel for Wm. Reidenbach, called out the testimony of Ella Hughes' child, filed reasons for a new trial.

The jury in the case against A. L. Skiles, for setting a battery on George I. Edwards, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. Sentence was deferred.

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MAJ. GRIEST APPOINTED.

CONGRESSMAN BROUSIER PERSUADES THE PRESIDENT TO NAME HIM.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.--The president has appointed Ellwood Griest postmaster at Lancaster, Pa., vice Henry E. Slaymaker, removed.

The news of the appointment of Major Griest was first made known to the people of Lancaster by the INTELLIGENCER. It was placed on the bulletin board, but neither of the Republican offices saw fit to make any special mention of it.

The appointment was not much of a surprise to the people here as it was generally believed that it would be made after Griest had received the endorsement of Congressman Brousier. The other candidates gave up the fight at that time.

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