

KIN TO BE TOLD SITE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Removal of Bodies, However, Cannot Be Made for 3 Years Under French Law

8 BIG CEMETERIES USED

Within a short time 12,000 "next of kin" of soldiers who died overseas during the world war, will receive official government notification indicating exactly where they may find the graves of their loved ones.

Permission will be given them to exhume the bodies and bring them to this country for burial, or they can rest among their comrades in French soil, in an American cemetery. Removal of the bodies of soldiers buried in France, however, cannot be made under the French law, until after three years. This is a rule of the military authorities. Four and one-half million allied and enemy dead lie under French soil.

Awarded D. S. C.

Colonel Charles C. Pierce, former rector of St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church, of this city, who has just returned from overseas, was in charge of the Graves Registration Service, under General Pershing. He saw to the burial of 78,000 American doughboys. For his work he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the mark of the government's approval of the way he performed his arduous service.

"Should America demand the return of her dead," said Colonel Pierce, "the same concession would have to be made to England, to Belgium, Italy and even to Germany, to say nothing of France herself, whose people would also desire their dead disinterred and removed to a place nearer their homes. I emphatically deny the rumor which says that officers whose kin fell in battle in the army were granted the favor of having the bodies shipped home. Every dead A. E. F. man went through my hands. Their bodies lie in France."

"There is no such thing as 'pull' in the American army, when it comes to having a body removed from French soil. The buck private who gave his life has just as great a chance of being transported home as the body of the general, or the general's son. I emphatically deny the rumor which says that officers whose kin fell in battle in the army were granted the favor of having the bodies shipped home. Every dead A. E. F. man went through my hands. Their bodies lie in France."

Deaths of a Day

HERMAN C. BARTHMAIER

Wholesale and Retail Shoe Dealer Dies

Herman C. Barthmaier, for many years a prominent wholesale and retail shoe dealer, died Tuesday at his home, 3110 North Broad street. He was sixty-seven years old.

Mr. Barthmaier is survived by three sons, Frank J., Eugene V. and H. C. Barthmaier and one daughter, Mrs. Frederick M. Devlin, all of this city. Funeral services will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Broad and Butler streets, at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

George Stahl

George Stahl, who served as a private with Company C, Nineteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil War, died Tuesday. He was seventy-eight years old. He was a member of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the Oliver H. Bair Building, 1820 Chestnut street. Interment will be made in North Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Abisha Stetson

Abisha Stetson, of Woodbury, N. J., who served as a captain with the Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry in the Civil War, died yesterday. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the Oliver H. Bair Building, 1820 Chestnut street. Captain Stetson was a member of Post No. 2, G. A. R. Interment will be made in North Laurel Hill Cemetery.

William Miller Hannum

William Miller Hannum, eighty-five years old, died yesterday at his home in Village Green, Delaware county. He was county tax collector for many years. He was a native of Concord, Delaware county. His wife's death preceded his by several years. He is survived by a son and two married daughters, all living in Haddon Heights, N. J. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his home, 206 South Orange street, Media.

One of Drowned Boys' Bodies Found

The body of Robert Forrester, fourteen years old, son of Edward Forrester, of Germantown, Pa., was recovered last night near Burlington, Vt. The body of Warren Conrad, fifteen years old, also of Germantown, drowned when the boat in which he, Forrester and three other Germantown boys of Camp Penn, Valcour Island, capsized July 24, is still unrecovered.

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25-YEAR-OLD DEBT PAID ENGLISH TOWN BY FOE OF SPOONERS

Money Sent Abroad by Fining Squire to Be Used in Repairing Roads

Robert Thomas, the "fining squire," and foe of spooners, has made reparation to the small town in England from which he is alleged to have absconded with the public funds more than twenty-five years ago.

This was made known when it was learned today from England that his stepdaughter, Julia Mortimer Babb, had forwarded a draft for \$700.85 to cover the shortage in his accounts in Cullompton, county of Devonshire, England.

The actual shortage was \$750. Squire Thomas, who was then known as "King Jacobs," was assistant overseer of the poor and rate collector, a. i. e., according to the charge in a warrant filed for his arrest in England, absconded with the \$750.

Word from Cullompton says that the funds are greatly needed at the present time, the village treasury being depleted after the various war activities, and the fund probably will be used to improve the roads.

Neither Squire Thomas, his stepdaughter, nor Chief of Police Hillissey, associated with the squire in his Haverford activities, would comment on the case.

The squire comes up for re-election in the fall.

Hero of Argonne Killed in Mine

Mahoney City, Pa., July 31.—Buried under a fall of coal at No. 14 Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company mine today, Willard Mock, aged twenty-three, a hero of Argonne and the Marne, being connected with Co. B, 112th U. S. Infantry, was instantly killed. His parents and a brother who served in the world war survive.

ROPER MAY COMPEL INDEPENDENTS' HELP

Town Meeting Leader Gains Strength for Council in Sixth District

Independent leaders in the Sixth senatorial district may be forced to take up W. W. Roper as one of the councilmanic candidates of the district.

Mr. Roper, who entered the field early has the endorsement of such big independents as Francis B. Reeves and Bayard Henry.

He is making an independent fight and has served notice that if he is not endorsed by the committee of one hundred he will make the fight single-handed against both Republican factions on a purely independent platform.

Efforts are now under way to smooth out the situation by having Mr. Roper and Common Councilman W. W. Mentzinger withdraw in favor of Common Councilman Robert E. Lambertson.

Mr. Roper, who is a former Princeton football star, was appraiser of the port under the first Wilson administration. He did not like some of the President's policies and resigned. In 1917, he was one of the big figures in the Town Meeting party fight.

The three Democratic candidates from the Sixth district will be selected from a list of five men.

The five are Common Councilman John E. Graham, Twenty-second ward; David B. Hamilton, Thirty-eighth ward; Joseph P. Lodge, Forty-second ward; A. Raymond Raff, Forty-second ward; and James Fagan, Twenty-first ward.

John Haugher, a printer, in the Sixteenth ward, has been designated as the Democratic candidate for the Third district.

West Philadelphia Democrats have formed a permanent organization to conduct the councilmanic campaign.

IGNORE CONTRACTORS, HAVE BUILDERS' PLAN

Six Thousand Will Erect North Philadelphia Houses, Hiring Labor Direct

The North Philadelphia Tenants' Protective Association plans construction of 6000 houses by eliminating the contractor and working directly with trade unions. It is estimated that this number of homes is needed immediately.

In South Philadelphia it is expected that the 780 houses in the neighborhood of Broad street and Oregon avenue will be sold by the government housing corporation to home buyers, and that real estate agents will be kept out of the deal. A step in the campaign to abolish the housing corporation was made in Washington yesterday, when the Clark bill repealing the creation act was reported from the public buildings and grounds committee.

The tenants' organization in North Philadelphia met last night in Thompson Hall, Sixth and Venango streets. A committee was appointed to draw up a letter setting forth the violation of moral and social questions involved in evictions resulting from demands for exorbitant rentals. This letter will be read in the churches of North Philadelphia.

Two meetings of the association will be held Saturday evening—one at Germantown and Lehigh avenues, the other at Chelton and Germantown avenues.

STATE ROAD BIDS ASKED

Proposals on Construction of 74.7 Miles are Solicited

Bids will be opened by the State Highway Department August 19, for the construction of 74.7 miles of roadway in various parts of the state. There are eighteen projects and the total number of feet to be built is 393,301.

Among the stretches of road to be built under these lettings will be the Lackawanna Trail. Former bids for this work were rejected because the bids were too high. The stretch will be for 71,063 feet of either bituminous surface on a concrete foundation or for reinforced concrete.

SAYS 3D DIVISION HELD ENEMY BEFORE PARIS

Soldier Writes Credit Is Not Given Men Who Fought at Chateau-Thierry

MARINES AT BELLEAU WOOD

"Tell the boys in Philly who fought on the Marne that the Third Division is erecting a monument at the bridge of Chateau-Thierry in honor of the boys who gave their lives there."

Private Charles J. Trunkes, of Company L, Fourth Infantry, Third Division, now in Mesenhem, Germany, with the army of occupation, writes this message to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER. The soldier was prompted to write after reading a published query about the division he has been connected with for eighteen months. The query was made by "Reader," who lost one of her brothers who went over with the Third.

"The division is made up from men from all over the states," he wrote. "It earned the name of the Marne Division after it stopped the German rush for Paris in the battlefields they will learn which division first crossed the Marne river. The regiment never received much credit in the states for what it did."

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Calls Third Men "Real Heroes"

Private Trunkes enclosed a clipping from the Stars and Stripes with the headline, "Former Third Division Chaplain Tells People in New York to Save Welcomes for Real Heroes." Another article from the Stars and Stripes

graphically describes the work of the Third Division. Part of it follows: "During the days from May 31 to June 4, 1918, when the Seventh Machine-Gun Battalion of the Third U. S. Division was making its gallant stand at Chateau-Thierry itself, the other organizations of this division were guarding and improving other crossing places of the Marne along an extensive stretch of the river, both east and west of that city. During the month of June the elements of the Third were gradually brought together into a more compact sector.

"The great German offensive began on July 15, the extreme right of the attack falling on the Third Division." The fifteen-day struggle is then described in the article in detail.

Decisively Defeat Germans "In its two weeks of battle the Third Division had decisively defeated a German major offensive and then advanced approximately fifteen kilometers through a terribly difficult country, fighting every foot of the way, and when it retired from action its losses had amounted to forty officers and 876 enlisted men killed and 126 officers and 3135 enlisted men wounded, with an additional thirty-nine officers and 3723 enlisted men gassed; a total of 5986, though this was probably considerably increased later by other casualties not at first reported."

The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER received a second letter today on the same question. John Murtha, of Cedar Brook, N. J., sent clippings from newspapers of the work of the Third Division which he received from his brother, Sergeant Philip F. Murtha, who fought with the Thirty-eighth Infantry and is now with the United States composite regiment touring Europe with General Pershing.

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SERVICE CLUB CLOSES

St. Stephen's Will Direct Efforts in Helping Newsboys

Old St. Stephen's Club, on Teenth street, between Market and Chestnut, which has been for the last two years a service club for enlisted men, will close its doors tonight as a service club and will reopen tomorrow as a newsboys' club.

The Rev. F. B. Keable, associate rector of Old St. Stephen's Church, of which the club is a part, said that the club motto would be, "Some one does care." If the newsboys are shown that somebody does care for them, he said, they will become better men and better salesmen.

Access to the club will be free, including shuffleboard, checkers, shower baths and many other attractions. Luncheons at the lowest prices possible will be served. During the war 280,000 service men were entertained there and letters of thanks were received later from them from all parts of the world.

Louise C. Duffield to Aid Mothers Miss Louise C. Duffield, of 4508 Walnut street, has received an appointment to the staff of the Mothers' Assistance Fund in this county. Miss Duffield is a graduate of the Pennsylvania School for Social Service. She has been associated with the Pennsylvania Hospital, social service department; the Philadelphia Housing Association, and for the last four years has been with the Children's Bureau of this city.

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