

Odd and Curious News

Beware, Boys!

Fifteen-year-old June Tripp's mother, of Twin Falls, Idaho, never worries about her daughter when she gets the wanderlust.

Survives 6-Story Fall

Going to the roof of the apartment building at Jersey City, in which she lives for an airing, Mrs. May Loden, 46, fell through an open door at the top of the dumbwaiter shaft and dropped six stories to the basement.

He's Got Proof

Harry Walker, of Huntingdon, went hunting for fishing bait and found a two-headed water snake. The reptile lay under a rock that Walker overturned in a search for bugs and worms.

Undressed Man

One way to undress quickly was recently demonstrated by Andrew Wilson, 70-year-old farmer of Valley City, N. D., when his overalls caught in a tractor drive shaft.

Deposits 5,745 Pennies

Using a counting machine, it took a bank teller at Baltimore, more than forty minutes to count the pennies brought into the bank by Mrs. Ideha Vitak in a gallon can.

Anger Causes Death

Irritated by the noise, Roger Huntley Hovey, 53, Boston insurance man, seized a .22 calibre rifle which some small boys had been firing at a picnic, and hit it against an automobile tire.

Dies in Pipe

When a 30-inch pipe used for drinking sand at Woodbury, N. J., became clogged, Charles Muhlber, 33, crawled inside to investigate. Falling to emerge, other workmen took the pipe apart and found him dead, apparently suffocated.

Headache

The European war has killed sales of headache tablets to a new high at Carbondale. Druggists report sales as much as three times above normal because of a rumor that the war would put headache powders at a premium.

Finds Ring in Carrot

Biting into a carrot grown in her garden, Mrs. F. J. Zanon, of Walden, N. Y., struck something hard. It was a ring she had lost in her garden ten years ago.

Recovering From 20 Foot Fall

Frances Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clingan DeHart, of Milton has returned to her home from the Geisinger Memorial Hospital at Danville, after X-ray pictures had been taken of her right arm, fractured near the shoulder Sunday afternoon, when she plunged approximately thirty feet to the ground from a platform she and neighborhood playmates had built in a tree.

Gets Military Commission

Clyde Wesley Duffield, of Lock Haven on Wednesday was launched upon a military career when the War Department at Washington, commissioned him second lieutenant in the infantry reserve corps. The gold bars, insignia of his rank, will be worn by Lieutenant Duffield only during periods of training, or in the event of a national emergency.

APPEALS FOR JOB

The following letter mailed from Cleveland, Ohio, last week to this office is published for the uniqueness of its appeal. The Centre Democrat has no knowledge as to the identity of the writer and assumes no responsibility for the contents. The letter follows:

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 4
The Centre Democrat,
Belleville, Pa.

Dear and kind friends:
This is the S. O. S.—Last Hope—an I'll hope appeal to you and the farmers around Belleville. Won't you please let the farmers who come into your office read this letter? Better still won't you please print it in your fine paper and send a copy of your paper to me with it? Please do. Only wish could pay you for it.

Am a single, Protestant, white young man. Am all alone in this world. Out of work. Broke. Room rent soon due again but, have no money for it. Can't even buy a dish washing job here at no profit. Can't sleep. Don't worry all the time. Go without eating 3 and 4 days at a time. Can't even get an odd job to do.
I need a home above everything else. Would of course, appreciate

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WPA WORKER TO DIE AT ROCKVIEW FOR SLAYING FOREMAN

Death Sentence Imposed on Andrew Schurtz For Shooting Edward C. Fisher in Dispute Over Former's Dismissal

Convicted of first degree murder in the Northumberland county court, Andrew Schurtz, of Shamokin, was sentenced on Friday to die in the electric chair for the slaying of his foreman, Edward C. Fisher, of Sunbury, on a Northumberland county road project last April. The date for the execution will be fixed by Governor James. In the meantime, it was indicated by Schurtz's attorneys, that an appeal will be made for a new trial.



LIEUT. E. C. FISHER, Road Boss Shot to Death by Employee

Edward Burk, of Shamokin, time-keeper on the project where Schurtz was stationed, stated that the defendant argued with Fisher that morning over a warning notice he had received concerning his alleged loafing.

Schurtz asked Burk if he had checked him in that morning and was told he had. Schurtz, it is said then replied: "Don't bother, I just want to have a showdown with Fisher."

When the foreman arrived on the job Schurtz approached him with the remark: "I want to have a private and secret talk with you." Fisher replied "Okay," and the pair walked a short distance away.

Collect Bottles At Hobo Jungle

Agent of Alcohol Unit Visits Lock Haven to Get Evidence for Suit

A collection of bottles from Lock Haven's principal "hobo jungle" was gathered up and photographed last week by a Federal Alcohol Inspector from the U. S. Treasury Department, who is making a tour of the entire state collecting evidence for presentation in a suit in federal court in Philadelphia regarding gallonage authorized for manufacture by licensed wood alcohol and bay rum concerns.

The agent, Joseph F. Wittsch, accompanied by Officer Fred L. Meyer, of the Lock Haven police force, picked up 21 bottles bearing alcohol and bay rum labels, along the old canal bed near the tracks of the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad, where transients often gather for liquid refreshments, apparently including much rubbing alcohol and bay rum.

Despite war in Europe and the fact that wheat will, as usual, help win it, there will be no necessity for bread substitutes in this country. Officials of the American Institute of Baking declare that wheat supplies in the United States are ample and that American bakers will continue to produce the types of bread that everyone wants, without the addition of corn, potatoes, or other substitutes required during the last World War.

Even if you read a book last year, it might be a good idea to read another in 1939.

Tyrone Motorists Injured in Crash

Car Overtaken When Struck By Approaching Vehicle at Intersection

Two Tyrone persons were injured early Saturday evening when their car was struck as it pulled out from a stop sign near East Freedom. John W. Hassler, of Tyrone, driver of the car, suffered lacerations of the scalp, his wife, Mrs. Clara Hassler, received injuries to the head and chest. Their fifteen-year-old son, Merrill, was taken to Altoona hospital for examination. Hospital attendants said the boy was not injured.

According to State motor police, the Hassler car was upset on its left side by a car operated by Homer Smith, of R. D. 1, East Freedom, at the East Freedom intersection of Route 220 and 164. A third car, operated by John W. Lee, Altoona, was also damaged when the Hassler car was thrown over against it.

Damage to the Hassler car was estimated at \$225, the Lee car \$75, and Smith machine \$15.

GAME LAW VIOLATORS FINED AT LOCK HAVEN

Three violators of game laws in Clinton county were arrested Friday and fined before Justice of the Peace W. B. Nunnemacher, Renovo. Daniel Robert Kunes, Lock Haven, arrested on Route 220, was fined \$20 and \$10 costs for hunting without a license.

The Thrill of a Lifetime



WARNING SENT HITLER BY KAISER

Former Kaiser Wilhelm at Dornum sent a personal warning to Chancellor Adolf Hitler, in London Pictorial.

The Kaiser's message, delivered by his aide-de-camp, Baron Moeller, declared, according to the newspaper: "You face disaster which might prove far greater than that in 1918."

Hitler refused to receive Baron Moeller personally, the newspaper said.

Instead, he was seen by Dr. Von Halem, an official of the German Foreign Ministry, who was cynical and told the Baron that Nazi as-

pirates were "not pleased" to see him in Berlin.

Moeller was reported returning to Holland with a message from the German Chancellor, however.

The former Kaiser still is closely in touch with Germany army circles, the Pictorial stated.

The paper is of the opinion Hitler tried to hide from the army the political facts indicating the greatness of the danger faced by a warning German.

Ardent baseball fans are beginning to argue about pennant prospects.

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CONFESSED AFTER 20 LONG YEARS

Death-Bed Confession by 81-Year-Old-Man of Crime Committed in Centre County

The history of Centre county contains many uncommon incidents that will be lost to future generations because of the lack of interest in recording them. One of these strange events was a murder committed near Howard in the early part of the year 1863, a crime that did not come to light until twenty years later, when it was made known through a death-bed confession.

According to the facts surrounding the incident, Patrick Curran, an old man 81 years of age, who was serving a nine-month sentence in the Williamsport jail in November, 1885, was stricken with paralysis, and when told by a physician that his life was almost at an end, confessed to a crime committed in Centre county two decades before.

The old man told the sheriff that he had killed his companion in an old barn near Howard, Centre county, during a quarrel over a girl to whom both had been paying attention.

Curran, in an effort to ease his mind before passing to another world, promised the sheriff to furnish information concerning a number of dark crimes of Lycoming county that had remained myster-

iously up to that time, but he died before he was able to unburden himself. His remains were buried at Williamsport at the expense of the county.

Curran's confession regarding the Centre county tragedy, in which he played the leading role, is given as follows:

"I was born in a small hamlet near the city of Cork, eighty-one years ago. "In my youth I received a fair education, my parents being engaged in the occupation of cotton bleaching. "Upon my father's death I spent what money was left me in gambling and drinking and got into any number of scrapes, but was never arrested. "I joined the Fenians and was leader of a number of men during the insurrection which was started by William Smith O'Brien. My boon companion was a young man named Pat Martin, and this acquaintance caused my ruin. "Martin and I got into a scrape and that, together with our con-

CONSIDERING OUR PAST AND PRESENT NEUTRALITY LAWS

First Proclaimed When World War Developed in 1914—All Warring Nations Sought Market in United States

It might help us to understand the argument over neutrality legislation if we go back a quarter of a century and consider the situation when the World War began.

When war developed in 1914 the United States, proclaimed its neutrality. This was in accordance with international law. A notice was given to the world that the United States would treat all nations engaged in war alike.

Similar proclamations were issued by the Scandinavian countries and other nations throughout the world. As the war continued, both sides turned to neutral nations for supplies. Germany and her allies, controlling the Baltic Sea, imported supplies from the nations on that sea. The Allies, controlling the Atlantic Ocean, turned to the United States for the purchase of supplies.

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Remember that in the World War, Germany, through her control of the Baltic Sea, was able to import material from the Scandinavian countries, while the Allies, through their control of the Atlan-

tic Ocean, bought what they needed in the United States. Let us suppose that, during the World War, suddenly the United States had put into effect an embargo on the sale of supplies.

This would have had the effect of shutting off the Allied powers from a source of supply and would have been considered an act intended and designed to benefit the Central powers. If the States on the Baltic Sea, during the war, had refused to sell Germany the supplies that they had available for export, the Germans would have considered such refusal an unnatural act.

After the World War, the nations of the world, particularly the Democratic nations, greatly impressed (Continued on page three)

Fred Of Blame In Dynamiting Home

Hawk Run Man Exonerated By Clearfield County Grand Jury

Charged with felonious use of dynamite during the soft coal strike, Hawk Run, was cleared of any implication in the dynamiting of the Raymond Schnarrs' home at Hawk Run when the Clearfield county grand jury last week found no true bill in the case.

Pollock was arrested by state police following the dynamiting which climaxed a series of outbreaks and which fueled sentiment in the soft coal field to a fever pitch.

The dynamiting of the Schnarrs' home destroyed a section of the porch but caused no injuries. Mrs. Schnarrs, wife of the coal operator, was alone in the upstairs of the house when the explosion occurred early in the morning, May 7.

At the time the explosion was interpreted as a warning to Schnarrs who operated throughout the so-called shutdown, to cease operations.

Schnarrs was returning from his One Mile Run mine where he had been on guard duty when he heard the blast. A three-foot section of burned fuse was found lying near the porch.

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Resigns as Matron Mrs. Mary H. Ryder, of Lewisburg, has moved into her new home at Milton, after having resigned her position as matron for the aged at the Evangelical Homes at Lewisburg, a post she accepted after the death of her husband, Mrs. Ryder, who before her marriage was Mary Huston, served the home for 12 years as matron.

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By POP MOMAND

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Eddie Has Too Much Money, Now



TRIFLES

Belleville radio stores and repair shops were sold out of a common size radio tube last week. Some blamed it on the war. A new-hungry public had radios put in condition to receive war bulletins, they claimed... It has been suggested that the Chamber of Commerce give Malcolm W. Yeager the job his father, the late Harry C. Yeager, performed so creditably for the past two years.

INVITATION TO BURGLARS?

During the week workmen at the Plaza theatre laboriously affixed pegs into the brick walls of the building, on the side facing the Elks Home. Persons who watched the work were somewhat surprised to learn that the pegs were installed as a convenient parking place for the ladder used in changing the sign on the theatre marquee. The ladder hangs in full view of pedestrians passing down High Street and in easy reach of anyone who might have second-story intentions.

COMMITTEE POLITICS

Centre County candidates seem to like the business of having their advertising matter come from a "committee" supposedly interested in nothing but the election of that candidate. The signature "Snoo-glub for Sheriff Committee" on the bottom of an advertisement or piece of campaign literature has a kind of impressiveness, but we have a constantly increasing desire to know just who is on the various committees.

'SOCIAL REGISTER' NEWS:

This department marvels at the "editor" of Belleville's first "social register." Several weeks ago this brave lad, proprietor of a local taproom, issued invitations to a little party at his place of business. The invitations listed the names of all the other persons who had been invited. Many of the town's best known citizens were on the first list. Monday, we saw a copy of the second (maybe its the third or fourth) list. On it are many of those who occupy the upper crust of Belleville's social strata, including several drops of long and questionable standing. Nothing succeeds like success, however, and from what we learn the parties are entirely successful. But what amazes this department, which cannot with impunity waver so much as an iota from the straight and narrow path of publishing only such material as we're willing to lay down our lives in defense of, is how the taproom proprietor keeps from having descend upon his pate the wrath of people who may not like having published the fact that they might be disgraced by a taproom party. To us it's a vastly interesting experiment.

N. Y. HANGING GARDENS OUTDO THE BABYLONS'

New York's hanging gardens are being enlarged to nearly five times the size of the famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon. For gardens are being laid top the third, fifth and sixth floor terraces of the west sixteen-story structure in Rockefeller Center. By October, the bare concrete rooftops will be transformed with flowering crab-apple trees, yews, and English ivy. The new gardens, covering about 10,000 square feet, will give Rockefeller Center a total of nine landscaped rooftops.

Coal Upswing Is Expected In Area

Centre-Clearfield County Coal Field May Experience Boom

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Advertisement for 'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' comic strip, featuring Eddie. Includes dialogue bubbles and a small illustration of a man with a car.