

THE WAR IN EUROPE

An attempt to keep up with the war in Europe necessarily concerns itself with developments that occur among the neutral nations which, so far, have furnished the headlines of the struggle.

The British blockade, which has practically driven German commerce off the seas; the quick conquest of Poland; a few spectacular aerial exploits and the underwater work of the submarine have provided about the only important activity on the part of the belligerents themselves.

On the battle-line between Germany and France two great armies are poised but, unless Germany launches an attack, there will be comparatively little fighting until Spring. Whether Germany will undertake a major offensive is doubtful, but there are a few hints that the German high command believes it can complete a devastating attack.

Generally, however, it is believed that no mass assault upon fortified lines will develop for some months, if at all. The peace move, initiated by Belgium and The Netherlands, is not apt to produce results, even if it was inspired, as some suspect, by fear that continuation of the war will eventually lead Germany to invade these smaller nations to get at the French army.

Russia Makes Gains

Since the declaration of war, about ten weeks ago Russia has moved to assume complete domination of the eastern Baltic, practically taking possession of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. The Soviet has not yet ended its march but how far the Red parade will go cannot be determined until agreement with Finland has been attained.

In the Southwest, the Red shadow covers Rumania, shades Turkey and gives an ominous cast to the entire Balkan area. In this territory the Soviet aim is not yet apparent, although Bulgaria looks to Moscow for assistance in recapturing past "wrongs." Undetermined as yet is the nature of the past with Germany as to Balkan expansion and whether the two nations will move in unison.

The Balkan Powder-Keg

In the Balkans, too, lie the interest and concern of Italy, which only a few months ago occupied Albania and sought a foothold across the Adriatic. As Russia and Germany moved to close cooperation Fascist officials conferred anxiously about possible effect upon Italian aspirations.

When the war began Italy's role was indefinite, although sympathetic to Germany. As the full impact of Hitler's amazing reconquest of Italy was appreciated there has been a slow but certain drift from the axis and today there seems to be no prospect that Italy will enter the war upon the side of Germany.

Foreign Commissar Molotov, of the Soviet, referred to Italy as "awaiting only a convenient mo-

ment to attack whoever is defeated to obtain a share of the loot." This suspicion is shared, to a large degree, in other capitals. Nevertheless, in an apparent effort to block German-Russian domination of the Balkan peninsula the Italians have moved toward cooperation with Balkan powers to preserve peace in that part of the world.

Turkey Aids The Allies

The British and French take much comfort from the pact signed with Turkey, guaranteeing the use of the Dardanelles and protecting the eastern end of the Mediterranean in the event of war. Turkey's agreement neutralized possible Italian hostility and the attitude of the Turk government has tended toward stabilization of the Balkan area.

In the last war Turkey fought with Germany and the Dardanelles were closed to British ships seeking to transport supplies to Russia and Rumania. Now, the way is open, not to carry supplies to Russia, but to aid Rumania and interfere with Russian shipments to Germany, via the Danube.

Munitions From U. S.

When the war began the United States, under its neutrality legislation, cut off all war supplies from the British and French, but, since the passage of the revised neutrality statute, the industrial plants of this country are available to furnish war supplies, provided the allied powers can pay for them and safely transport them across the Atlantic.

While Germany, through official spokesmen, derides the importance of access to the American market, the airplanes, munitions and supplies that come from the United States may well prove to be the deciding factor in the present struggle.

Twin Offensive Falls

The twin threats with which Germany expected to test British supremacy—the U-boat campaign and her huge aerial fleet—have thus far failed to indicate that they can successfully accomplish the mission assigned to them.

So far, aerial attacks have not been promising to either side. Losses are reported to be much too heavy for the gains. While a lucky bomb may sink a great ship the fighting in the air has not demonstrated that a navy can be whipped by planes. Of course, aerial activity has been relatively light, considering the number of planes available, and it may be that, tests with large squadrons will prove effective.

On the sea, the British merchant marine continues to ply the trade routes and the convoy system has successfully protected most of the ships. Losses to the U-boats have not equalled the rate of construction in British ship yards. London claims that many German submarines have been lost but, here too, the losses have hardly equalled the rate of construction in Germany.

What About Blitzkrieg?

The great uncertainty, at the present time, is whether Germany will inaugurate an offensive against the French army in a desperate effort to implement the blitzkrieg, or lightning war.

Again such an attack is the enormous losses certain to be sustained in the initial advance but these will be weighed by the gains that are hoped for by the high command. The risk involved in such a venture is great but it will be measured in terms of the dangers that are associated with delay and possible defeat through gradual strangulation.

WHAT MAKES AN 18 YEAR OLD GIRL A DEB?

What makes an eighteen-year-old girl a deb is a question that's baffled the world for years. In a recent survey to answer it, the Rockefeller Center Magazine learned that most debutantes are born to the title—being daughters of families listed in the Social Register. But today many girls also "make" the grade this way: they go around with debs, dress lavishly, go to fashionable schools, and sometimes even employ press agents to launch them in society. With all these precautions, if they've got enough "oomph," they can break into America's peerage.

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due to the tightening blockade.

The German preference for the offensive and the success that usually accompanies a determined German assault forecast a desperate effort to "break-through" in the west at some stage of the present struggle. When it comes the full force of the German army, which is not underestimated by British and French generals, will create an inferno, out of which may develop a decisive result.

Over The County

Junior Girls Lead B.H.S. Honor Roll

The Bellefonte High school honor roll report for the first period indicates that girls, by a ratio of nearly two to one, are better students than boys.

In the four grades of the High school a total of 26 girls' names are listed, while only 9 boys are on the roll.

By the same token, it seems that all classes of students, Juniors are the best students, four of the 26 girls on the list in all classes, 13 are members of the Junior class.

The honor roll roster follows:

Seniors: Willard Kissell, Richard Walker, Donald Wion, and Betty Ann Howard.

Juniors: Hubert Alexander, Allen Hewitt, Earl Muser, James Thompson, Richard Valentine, Gordon Vars, and Gunnel Blaine, Evelyn Flory, Mary C. Hartsock, Georganna Holt, Phyllis Jodon, Patricia Kelley, Eileen Kellough, Barbara McPowell, Jeanette McGinley, Mary O'Hara, Ruth Omer, Virginia Torsell, and Anna Weber.

Sophomores: Anna Johnson.

Freshmen: Evelyn Foreman, Amy McCoy, Geraldine Nathan, Sara Risman, and Mary Swartz.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mary O'Connell, et al. to William E. Smith, et al. of State College, tract in State College; \$1.

S. C. Bower, et al. to Della Leathers, et al. of State College, tract in State College; \$1.

John Gilliland, et al. to C. L. Weaver, et al. of Ferguson Twp., tract in State College; \$1,500.

Charles H. Foster, et al. to Mary O. Foster, et al. of State College, tract in State College; \$1.

Edwin N. Montague, to Esther Pries, Montague, of Arlington, Vt., tract in State College; \$16.

Treasurer of Centre County, to Dorothy Barton, of Jersey Shore, tract in Curtin Twp.; \$11.

Treasurer of Centre County, to John Barnard, of Bellefonte, R. D., tract in Boggs Twp.; \$7.56.

Antonia Gal, et al. to John Scholl, of Clarence, tract in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$1.

Matthew G. Horne, et al. to John Troy, et al. of Philipsburg, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

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Ida Markowitz Goldberg, et al. to Harold Ehrhard, of Philipsburg, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

William C. Ginterick, et al. to Anne Viola Eisenhuth, of Spring Mills, tract in Potter Twp.; \$1.

Bellefonte Trust Co., Trustee, to James G. Sents, et al. of Milesburg, tract in Milesburg; \$1225.

James E. Sents, et al. to Edgar Fisher, of Milesburg, tract in Milesburg; \$1.

L. G. Stanton, et al. to Pearl Ruth Stanton, of Dallas, Luzerne County, tract in Huston Twp.; \$1.

J. Fred Brown, et al. to John E. Bubb, et al. of Potter Twp., tract in Potter Twp.; \$463.

John E. Bubb, et al. to W. E. Bubb, et al. of State College, tract in Potter Twp.; \$280.

Foster B. Ripka, et al. to Mary E. Frost, of State College, tract in State College; \$1.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS AND RELIGIOUS CENSUS

Evangelist O. Bruce Poulson, of Huntingdon, is scheduled to conduct evangelistic meetings in the Fillmore Methodist Church, Buffalo Run Valley, from December 12 to 24 inclusive, according to a recent announcement made by the pastor, the Rev. Wallace J. Cummings.

Preliminary work for the campaign includes a Religious Census of the entire community served by Fillmore church. This census will be taken next Sunday afternoon, following a meeting of workers in the church at 2:30 o'clock. After the meeting several teams of workers will survey the community in an attempt to find the religious affiliations or religious preferences of every man, woman, and child in the community.

It is expected that final details of the census will be completed by Tuesday evening, November 21.

Other features of the preliminary program include a mass prayer meeting at 8 o'clock on Friday, November 24, and a second mass prayer meeting one week from that date—on December 1, Cottage prayer meetings will be held in various homes on December 5, 7, and 8. A Covenant Service will be held on December 10 at 2:30 o'clock for all workers and members of the church. The Covenant Service, led by John Wesley will be a feature of this special evangelistic effort.

JUDGE KELLER GETS VOTE TOTALING 2,650,000

Pennsylvania's 1939 municipal elections brought out the greatest number of votes ever polled by one man in Pennsylvania—the approximately 2,650,000 cast for Superior Court President Judge William H. Keller, nominated by both Republicans and Democrats.

The vote indicated Judge Keller into the exclusive "two million" club whose membership in Pennsylvania is restricted to two others, one former president and the present President of the United States, Herbert C. Hoover, in 1928 polled 2,055,282. Franklin D. Roosevelt held the record in 1936 with 2,253,987.

First president to poll more than a million votes in the Keystone state was Warren G. Harding in 1920; first governor was John S. Fisher in 1926 and the first U. S. Senator was Boies Penrose in 1920.

FORMER MORRISDALE MAN IN SERIOUS CONDITION

A brain specialist has been engaged to examine Edward Curran, Pittsburgh attorney and former Morrisdale resident, whose skull was fractured last week when he was believed to have been struck by a car while walking in the western Pennsylvania city.

According to a diagnosis made at Pittsburgh Curran is suffering from a compound fracture at the base of the brain.

Curran is well known in the Philadelphia-Morrisdale section. He is a brother of Dan Curran, Morrisdale.

Metallurgy Has Big Enrollment

Reviewing the growth of the metallurgy department at the Pennsylvania State College, Dr. David F. McFarland, its head, points out that the department is now stronger in its teaching and research staff than at any previous time in its history.

The department, which is part of the School of Mineral Industries, had a total enrollment last year of 139 undergraduates. All of the 28 graduates in the class of June, 1939, secured jobs in their chosen field.

Jersey Shore Plant Busy

The Jersey Shore Steel Company is completing an order for 40,459 metal snow fence posts for the State Department of Highways. The company is ahead of schedule on the order and more than 8000 units have been turned out every 24 hours. The company is using a night shift as well as a day shift, 100 men being employed.

Girl Fatally Injured

The fortieth highway death in the Clearfield-Centre county area for this year was marked down for this year as Louise Brink, of McGees Mills, R. D., died Wednesday in the Clearfield Memorial Hospital of injuries received when she was struck down by a car while going to school. According to police, relatives of the girl had stopped the car near the school and that the child got out of the car and ran into the path of the car operated by A. M. Mott, of Mahaffey. It was reported that Mott was unable to avoid striking the girl.

Small Blaze Extinguished

Fire which broke out on the roof of the Phi Mu Delta fraternity, East Beaver avenue, State College, early Saturday afternoon was extinguished by members of the Alpha Fire Company before much damage resulted.

Fire Kills Two

Eight months after John Roark of Jefferson City, Mo., was burned to death when his bed was ignited by a cigaret, his four-year-old daughter was fatally burned when she accidentally dropped a lighted match in her lap.

Find Missing Child at Home

After a twenty-hour search in which Boy Scouts, bloodhounds and anxious neighbors joined, Guida Vaughn 10, was found at home at Galax, Va., asleep in her bed having slipped unnoticed into the house.

Romance of Geraldine

More fascinating chapters of the life story of the half-American girl who became the queen of Albania only to lose her throne when a foreign nation invaded her kingdom. An exciting true story in The American Weekly, this big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Even a superficial study of economic conditions in the United States will convince almost anybody that agriculture needs relief.

The way to have economy in government is to reduce appropriations but this is not the way for legislators to hold their jobs.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna Kane Smith, late of Howard Borough, deceased.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the estate will present them without delay for settlement to JAMES KANE, Administrator, Bellefonte, Pa., R. D. 2, W. Harrison Walker, Atty., x50

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alice M. Shover Thompson, late of Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, deceased.

Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly proven, without delay to FRED L. SHOVERS, Executor, 312 7th Avenue, near Altoona, Pa. Johnston & Johnston, Attorneys, x47

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Miss Anna Kane Smith, late of Howard Borough, deceased.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to MISS MARGARET A. KEICHLINE, Administratrix, 1011th St., W. Harrison Walker, Atty., x46

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Clarence E. Hall, late of Union Township, deceased.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to MISS MARGARET A. KEICHLINE, Administratrix, 1011th St., W. Harrison Walker, Atty., x46

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of C. P. Tate, late of Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and those having claims and demands against the said estate will present them without delay for settlement to MISS VIOLETTA A. ZATVE, Administratrix of said Estate, Bellefonte, Pa., or Arthur C. Dale, Temple Court, Bellefonte, Pa., Attorney for said Estate. x46

LEGAL NOTICES

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Laura Kepner, late of Patton Township, Centre County, deceased.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to ZANE B. GRAY, Administrator, Williamsport, Pa. Sprangler & Campbell, Attorneys, x50

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of M. Klise, late of Bellefonte Borough, deceased.

Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present the same duly proven, without delay to BELLEFONTE TRUST COMPANY, Executor, W. Harrison Walker, Atty., x48

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Susan L. Shover, late of Walker Township, Centre County, deceased.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to RALPH J. GROVE, Administrator, Howard, Pa. R. D. 2, R. Paul Campbell, Attorney, x46

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Farmer Found Dead in Box Car

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Shoemaker, found dead to have resulted from a heart ailment. He had lived in the section all his life.

Surviving are eight daughters and sons: Martha, Wilbur, Kathryn, Fay, Kenneth, Mervin and Bertha, all at home, and Betty, who had resided with Mr. Rupert's sister, Mrs. William Sherlock, Altoona, since the death of her mother, six brothers, Edward and Joshua, Beech Creek; William, Blanchard, Harry, Newberry, Ernest, Buffalo, and Lemuel, Milesburg.

Funeral services were held at the Bechtel Funeral Home, Beech Creek, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. Ralph Davis, pastor of the Holiness church, officiated, and interment was made in the Hayes-Pearson cemetery.

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