

# THE WAR IN EUROPE

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## Russian Aggression Casts Dark Shadow Over Europe

The answer to the strange situation existing on the western front, where two great armies face each other without accepting the gauge of battle, is to be found in the uncertainty that still surrounds the intentions of Soviet Russia.

We have an unparalleled quiet on the battlefields, where only desultory skirmishes have taken place. The immense air forces that were expected to drop death and destruction indiscriminately are now strangely immobile. The millions of fighting men, backed by the finest military equipment, idle their days for the most part and only on the sea does the grim fate of ships insist that a great war is being fought.

## Germany Distrusts Russia

Never before, so far as we know, have such immense forces remained suspended after a declaration of war. It excites curiosity and suggests to some observers that the whole thing is a mistake or a ploy. This, it may as well be recognized, is a mistaken assumption but the evidence that points

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## The Bear in the Baltic

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## Allies Face Problem

The same observation is applicable to the Allies, as well. Just at present, and until they secure greater strength, the policy of idleness plays into their hands, but even when they attain superiority, it is doubtful if they will force the fighting and render Germany a helpless victim to the advancing hordes of Russia.

The fact that great armies face each other without going into decisive battle is the only way that either of the two combatant groups can safeguard their uncertain future in relation to Soviet Russia. What avails Germany if in her military losses to her adversaries she suffers such serious losses as to be weak in the face of Russian aggression?

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The small nations of the Baltic have felt the rough paw. Only Finland stands up to fight, and at what cost? After Finland, what of Sweden, Norway and even Denmark? The era of aggression in the Baltic may loose German attacks in the competition that inevitably arises between rulers of Russian and of Germany, each anxious to get what can be obtained at a bargain.

Russia's new aggressor role augurs little good for the Balkans and the question that puzzles southeastern Europe is the extent of German and Russian rearmament. What if Russia and Germany have agreed upon a division of the spoils in eastern Europe and only wait for a favorable time to strike? It is a possibility which may reach Italy, worried by Russian advances, and Turkey, allied to Britain and France, may lead a Balkan federation in defense of common interests. Rumania, it may be assumed, will fight if attacked. How far will the war spread and how many nations will be involved? The answer depends upon Soviet Russia and that is why the guns on the western front hold up their belching fire until the diplomats can more clearly figure out the road ahead.

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## Home, Contents Consumed in Fire

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protect nearby properties. Morristown residents phoned a second alarm to Phillipsburg when the wind shifted and other houses were possibly threatened. Fire Chief Garth Lindsay then dispatched another truck to the scene.

Dense smoke and tongues of flame shot high into the air and were visible at a great distance. Many spectators were attracted.

When the fire finally burned itself out, nothing was left of the single story bungalow or its furnishings.

## Townsend Meeting

A Townsend meeting will be held in the Court House, Friday evening, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome.

Any economic activity will be small-time unless there is a source of credit available upon moderate terms.

## Over The County

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Mrs. George M. Mock, of Phillipsburg, has been appointed Centre County chairman of the women's activities committee for the job mobilization campaign.

Bob Horner of Tusseyville, has found employment in the railroad shops at Altoona. The young man is working under extreme difficulties, since a rubber tube extending through his nose and down to his stomach is necessary for sixteen hours out of every twenty-four in the day. This is to stretch the oesophagus and also permit the partaking of food.

When the Bradford party hung up three bucks at their lodge in Seven Mountains as the result of the first day's hunt, they were surprised to find in the evening that one of the deer had been taken down from the hangers and carried away. Investigation led to a clue, which was transmitted to Game Protector Thomas A. Mosier, at Bellefonte, who found the head and hide of the deer in the possession of Fred Klinefelter at Madisonburg. O-hers were implicated in the theft. No action was taken.

Projects for the benefit of the Centre Hall-Potter high school were proposed at the alumni association meeting Friday night, in the high school building. The proposals included flags of the United States and Pennsylvania for the auditorium, a new mimeograph machine for the office and library books, but the matter was tabled for discussion at the Christmas meeting. The president, Robert Bradford, appointed this nominating committee: Mrs. William Bradford, Robert McCormick, and Bernice Frazier. Suggested dates for the Christmas banquet were Thursday or Friday, December 28 or 29.

Home W. Keen, of Millheim, has a flock of fifty-eight pullets—white leghorns—that seem to take pleasure in laying eggs for their master. Last Tuesday, they laid fifty-two eggs and have consistently produced forty-odd eggs daily for some weeks past. Mr. Keen has the Holywood strain, big type, formerly bred by Bob Meyer at Rebersburg and the birds have made some enviable records for him. One of his hens laid at the age of four months and thirteen days, while another, at this time in the pullet stage, weighs six pounds and nine-ounces.

Miss Jane Parkhill, a member of the 1938 class of the State College High School, has been awarded a MacAllister scholarship valued at \$120 by Penn State College, on the recommendation of P. Glenn Rogers, county superintendent of schools. One of these scholarships is awarded each year to a member of the freshman class at Penn State from Centre County, but this is the first year since 1924 that a State College High graduate has been awarded the honor. Miss Parkhill, who was in the first honor roll of her class last June, lives with her mother, Mrs. Clara Parkhill, at State College. Centre County is allotted one of the MacAllister scholarships each year because it is one of the counties of the State that sends the greatest number of students per capita to State College.

## FAIRVIEW

Mrs. Alfred Lucas of Pleasant Valley, visited on Tuesday with Mrs. Amelia Chapman.

Mrs. Sue Lucas of Curtin, is visiting at present with her daughter Mrs. Miles Eilers.

Frankie Lucas of Pleasant Valley, spent Wednesday night at the Amelia Chapman home.

Miss Almeda Lucas of Bellefonte, visited on Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Lucas.

The Misses Barbara and Imogene Confer of Bellefonte, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Confer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lucas and children of Pleasant Valley, visited on Sunday at the Ralph Nyman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones and son Ernie of Pleasant Valley, spent Saturday night at the Amelia Chapman home.

## YARNELL

Those at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Lutz for Saturday dinner were: Earl Bown, of Bellefonte; Zora Rines, of Centre Hall; Norman and Paul Stover of Millersburg; Dewey Shay of Fairview; Fred Oswald, John Haslinger, Tommy Watson, of Milesburg; Earl W. Brown of Bellefonte; and Albert, John Jr., Baney, of Bellefonte, R. D.; and Rodney Walker, Roy Barnes, also of Bellefonte, R. D. All reported having a nice time and

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Church notes: Sunday Church School on Sunday Dec. 17th, at 9:30 a. m. Choir practice on Thursday evening. There will be no Christmas entertainment, as was announced before, due to some misunderstanding on the part of the committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fisher of Bellefonte, spent Sunday afternoon at the Harvey Lutz home.

Some of our people are on the sick list at the present time, we hope for their speedy recovery.

Most of our men are busy hunting deer, we wish them luck.

Miss Leah Bokley of Reading, who was visiting at the George Harshberger home, and attended the funeral of Lewis H. Beck, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dorman, of Johnstown, spent Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Ed. Dorman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Unkle of Lancaster, spent Sunday Dec. 3 at Kenneth Powers' home.

The Beck family wishes to thank those who in any way shared in the bereavement of Lewis H. Beck.

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