

GERMAN LINES
MOWED DOWN IN
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French Official Eye-Witness
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TELLS OF FIRST ATTACK
Drumfire of Unparalleled Intensity
Preceded Charge; Killed in Rows

Paris, March 3.—The French official eye-witness gives the following description of the defense of Herbebois, three miles to the north of Fort Douaumont, where the great battle of Verdun began twelve days ago:

It was on February 21 at 7.20 o'clock in the morning that the Germans began the preparation for their attack. They unleashed a formidable artillery fire on the positions which they wished to capture and shells of all caliber fell like fatal rain on the 150 millimeters to shells of 305 millimeters. It was a veritable drum fire of an intensity unknown till now, and the drum fire preceded the advance of objective points selected for attack. A zone 500 meters broad and a kilometer deep, for example, was pounded in this fashion that the earth was plowed up on the entire superficial extent in mathematical fashion.

Gas Shells
"Lacrymose" shells and suffocating gas shells were also employed by the enemy to accentuate the moral effect. However, despite the use of gas shells and projectiles, the Germans on the first day succeeded only in entering our first line of defense at Herbebois and making a small supporting work of the lines. It was a miserable result compared with the mechanical effort and the human effort which they had put forth against our advanced line of resistance. It was this that our command was called upon to counterattack and to recapture the first line lost. When I say line, it must be understood that there were only some chaotic elements of trenches and furrows torn up with shell holes.

Prisoners Glad of Capture
At midnight, accordingly, on the 21st, the German position and we were rather happy at having at the first moment of our appearance on the ground taken sixty-three prisoners, who seemed to be very glad not to have to measure themselves against us any further. They rubbed their hands and seemed quite gay at the thought of having ended their share in the war. Among these prisoners was an officer, who having tried to escape, was killed by the sentry who was charged with guarding them.

Our counterattack took place on February 22 at 4.30 o'clock in the morning, but after a moment the hedges attacked again. No one had the advantage of this affair. Then during the day the struggle was an unceasing struggle with hand grenades, while some of our men strained every effort, under the protection of the grenade throwers, to consolidate our position. At this moment we no longer had any natural shelter. On a depth of three to four hundred meters behind Herbebois is an ordinary trench on both sides. Germans had opened up on it a terrible outpouring of projectiles and the wood at certain places was transformed into a clearing. It was necessary, therefore, to maneuver through this confusion by climbing and crawling and to work and raise barricades and to organize the shell holes. It was snowed and I remember that at this moment our men showed in the circumstances.

Howled as They Fell
During the course of the night of February 22 the Germans renewed their offensive. A bombardment of amazing violence and of a mortal precision did not permit them, however, to advance. They tried to take their infantry in turn attempted to strike our men made them suffer sanguinary losses. It was still worse during the day of the 23rd. After having once more captured Herbebois, the Germans sent against us at least the equivalent of a battalion. This attack in a body excited to the highest degree the courage of our men. They sighted the Germans at 50 meters and under volleys the latter fell howling in terrific fashion. It was a veritable massacre.

Our 75-millimeter shells on their side had executed a certain fire, preventing the enemy from returning, and very few of the assailants succeeded in getting to the trench. Almost all were left on the battlefield. That did not prevent the Germans from attacking us once more during the course of the day, but without any better success.

Four of our sentries, posted at the entrance of a communication trench which united our old firing trench, now occupied by the Germans, with a supporting trench which we still held, killed groups of the enemy as fast as they presented themselves. They carried on this work for more than twenty hours. During these fights our men revealed their courage and their ardor of the French. Despite the losses incurred (almost all exclusively from artillery fire, for in the infantry engagements we had constantly the upper hand), they were not for a moment. Our troops maneuvered as during field practice. They saw without a murmur their comrades fall and they continued their work as quietly as an exercise. One has reason to be proud of commanding such men.

Withdraw From Position
At 4.15 o'clock in the afternoon of February 23, while we had not retired a single foot, the order was given us to withdraw carefully, for the Warville wood having been taken, we ran the risk of being surrounded. We waited for the night to come. Some of our men, when they learned that we were to leave Herbebois, protested, asking to be allowed to fight and die on the spot. However, tactical reasons obliged us to evacuate Herbebois, and we had to reckon with the general situation.

Retirement Order Executed
The retirement order was executed and we went to take a position in front of the LaChaume wood, communicating with the units on our right and left.

Glorious Page
"The defense of Herbebois will certainly remain one of the most glorious pages in the annals of our regiment. More than 3,000 Germans came in successive waves to smash themselves against our ranks, although we were in a fighting position of the most disadvantageous kind. We voluntarily abandoned the ground where hundreds of German corpses show sufficiently how effective was our resistance. Neither the bombardment, nor the snow, nor the difficulties of securing provisions, nor fatigue, could overcome the stubborn bravery of our infantry. By thus holding firm in this corner of Herbebois they for their part contributed to win time for the arrival of the necessary reserves and they seriously interfered with the advance of the Germans. It was sacrifices of this kind repeated at numerous points on our front which held back the enemy flood."

NEWS OF SHEET METAL
MISS BERTHA LONG, 16, MARRIED
RICHARD SCHAEFFER, 18, TONIGHT

Middletown's Youngest Couple
Obtain Formal Consent of
Parents and Will Have
Pretty Home Wedding

A pretty home wedding will be solemnized this evening at 8 o'clock when Miss Bertha Long, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Long, of 241 East Water street, Middletown, will become the bride of Richard Schaeffer, aged 18. The ceremony will take place at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaeffer, of South Union street. The officiating clergyman will be the Rev. W. R. Ridginton, pastor of the Methodist church.

The Schaeffer home has been tastefully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. Only the immediate families and a few intimate friends have been invited to witness the ceremony which will be followed by an elaborate wedding supper.

The bride-to-be is one of Middletown's prettiest girls and has a host of friends among the younger set. The groom is employed at the Middletown Car Works. He is a prominent member of the Riverside Drum Corps.

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Obtains Permit.—Borough Secretary C. P. Feidt has issued a permit to A. C. Lonaganer to erect a two-story double frame dwelling in South Front street between Highland and Mohr streets.

Elect Delegates.—The Otterbrien Brotherhood of Centenary United Brethren Church has elected delegates to the laymen's missionary convention in Harrisburg as follows: Clayton Crist, Lester Rhoads, C. F. Saylor, C. W. Wiersman and Edwin Bennett. Goes to Rochester.—Harry Krouse, Second street, has accepted a position with the Pittsburgh Bridge and Iron Company at Rochester, N. Y., as a draftsman.

Plan New Firehouse.—At a meeting of the Good Will Fire Company, En-haus, Monday evening, plans for a new firehouse will be adopted and other details worked out.

Better Service.—Postmaster M. M. Cusack has announced that beginning tomorrow, Steelton will have improved mail service. There will be an additional mail incoming and outgoing every Sunday at 10.30 o'clock in the morning and an incoming mail at 4.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

WENDEL SENJACH
Funeral services for Wendel Senjach, who died yesterday afternoon from typhoid fever, will be held this afternoon from his late home, 203 Francis street. The Rev. Father Anthony Zuvich officiated and burial was made in Mount Calvary cemetery.

M. F. HARLAN
M. F. Harlan, one of Steelton's oldest business men, to-day announced the sale of his grocery store, 163-165 South Front street, to H. E. Herman. Mr. Harlan announces that he will retire from business and devote his time to truck farming.

The retirement of Mr. Harlan marks the passing of one of the borough's oldest grocery stores. Leaving the employ of the Pennsylvania Steel Company just twenty years ago this month, Mr. Harlan established a grocery store at Second and Swatara streets, now occupied by C. J. Young's grocery. Here he built up a flourishing business, and to find larger quarters moved to the present location thirteen years ago.

Mr. Harlan besides being one of the borough's leading grocers has always taken an interest in the advancement of the borough. He just completed serving as a councillor, filling out the unexpired term of Frank Stees. He was not a candidate for election.

Mr. Herman, the new owner of the store, is a nephew of Mr. Harlan and for about eleven years has been one of the clerks in the Harlan store. The store was sold at inventory of stock.

STEELTON CHURCHES
Salem Lutheran, Oberlin.—The Rev. Daniel E. Ruppel, pastor, to preach at 10.30 on "Kept by the Power of God," and at 7.30, subject, "The Impotent Man"; S. S., 9.50; C. E., 6.30.

Monumental A. M. E.—The Rev. W. H. King, pastor, will preach at 10.45, subject, "Christianity, What?" at 7.45, subject, "Loving Kindness." Communication at both services. Trinity Episcopal.—The Rev. William T. Reynolds, rector, 8 a. m., holy communion; 10 a. m., S. S.; 11 o'clock, m. morning prayer and communion; 4 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

First Presbyterian.—The Rev. C. B. Segelken, pastor, will preach at 10.45 a. m., subject, "Approving the Good," Sr. sermon, "Filling up the Sacrifice of Christ," and at 7.30 p. m., on "The Mightiest Weapon for the Christian Soldier"; S. S., 9.45; C. E., 6.30.

Main Street Church of God.—The Rev. G. W. Getz, pastor, will preach at 10.30 a. m. on "The Shout of the Saved," and at 7.30 p. m. on "Christianity," S. S., 2; Jr. C. E., 6.30; S. C. E., 6.30.

ROGUES' GALLERY
FOR STATE'S BUGS

Bulletin To Be Issued Will
Show Over 500 Which Are
in the Nuisance Class



Five hundred insects, crawling and flying, which are considered nuisances to the farmers and truck gardeners of Pennsylvania have been gathered into a sort of rogues' gallery and will be issued as a State bulletin within a short time. The catalog of bugs has been prepared by experts of the State Department of Agriculture and includes specimens from every county and from orchards, farms, truck gardens, every place where plants or vegetables are raised for food and form the most comprehensible collection ever made. In addition to the listing of the insects experts also made a study of the plants or trees for which they have an affinity. For instance, it has been found that Pennsylvania apple trees have no less than 271 enemies ranging from large bugs to the microscopic insects which have cost so much money to get rid of. Other trees are shown to have only a dozen, while the least any plants have is six.

The bulletin is to be illustrated by about twenty-five illustrations taken from specimens which have been brought to the Capitol and photographed.

Reports Come In.—The general active conditions in business throughout the State are believed to be the cause of so many more corporations applying for a license to do business. It is stated that the department of the Auditor General that more corporations have filed their reports for tax on capital stock, loans and gross receipts than has usually been the case. The time for filing ended on February 29. Fewer extensions of time have been asked than in previous years.

No Capital Cases.—The State Board of Pardons will have no applications for commutation of sentences of capital punishment for the first time in many months when it meets on March 15 for its monthly session. There are only twelve cases to be taken up.

Inspection On.—Inspection of the National Guard organizations of the State will be made this week by the officers of the Guard and in spite of grip and industrial activity the attendance at the musters and inspections is reported to have been excellent. The inspection will be continued until the middle of May and organizations which are not deemed efficient will be made the subject of special reports.

No Spring Wheat.—According to reports which have been received at the State Department of Agriculture planting of spring wheat is in little more than one per cent. higher than at this time last year.

Where to Put Salmon.—The State Department of Fisheries, which is now listing applications for young trout and other fish for the planting in Spring, has issued a request to the fishermen of the State not to ask for pike, perch or Susquehanna salmon and yellow pike as it is also being issued a request to the fishermen to refrain from fishing in streams inhabited by bass. It is said that better results have been obtained in such streams. Thousands of yearlings are being sent out by the department as experimental fish which are suited for such fish.

Justice Named.—James M. Knight was to-day appointed justice of the peace for the Warmistown township, Bucks county.

Must File at Capitol.—Under the new ruling, candidates for mine inspectors must file nominating petitions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, it having been decided that they are State officers and not county officers. Twenty-five are to be elected this year.

Bought More Land.—The State Forestry Commission yesterday authorized the purchase of 265 acres to be added to the Pine Grove Furnace forest reservation in Cumberland county.

GERMAN INFANTRY
ATTACKS STOP

looked, however. There have been advances on both the French flanks and indications are furnished of contemplated thrusts at vital points in the German position. At the same time as on the northwest line, where the dominating height of Lemort Homme has been under the fire of German heavy guns for some days.

Confidence in the outcome of the Verdun struggle has been expressed by General Galleni the French minister of war, according to a Paris dispatch. The German statement that the advances to retain the advantage in Douaumont sector, despite the fact that they were driven out of the village, as the German position in the town is dominant and especially at the village. The probability is indicated that the village will frequently change hands during the course of the fighting as the two forces at this point appear so evenly matched.

Russ Made Big Gain
The Russian occupation of Bitlis in Turkish Armenia, is declared by Petrograd correspondents to give the Russians command of all the Lake Van region and to have served to separate the Turkish force operating in the vicinity of Mush. To the west, from that point in the Caucasus district of Persia, eastward from Bitlis.

The German admiralty announced the sinking by German submarines of two French auxiliary cruisers and a British patrol boat. The Admiralty also reports the sinking of the French transport Provence, already announced from Paris.

It is unofficially claimed that the German claim to the sinking of two auxiliary cruisers "off Havre" is unfounded. The German statement as received by wires did not specify when or where the cruisers were claimed to have been sent down. Although the French denial was issued under Thursday's date being delayed in transmission, it probably refers to the claim made by the German admiralty which is believed to have reached Paris before it was transmitted to this country.

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LOCAL ATHLETES
IN SYSTEM MEET

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Two Reading Barges Smashed
on Ledge When Tow Line
Snaps in Gale

ONE CREW IS SAVED
Pass Safely Through Monster
Breakers on Top of
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Scituate, Mass., March 4.—Two light coal barges, the Ashland and Kohinoor, which broke adrift from the tug Swatara, in tow for Philadelphia, were wrecked last night on Milton's Light ledges.

Five men, the crew of the Kohinoor, were lost, while five men aboard the Ashland were washed ashore on the deckhouse early to-day and hauled through the breakers to safety.

The North Scituate coast guard picked up an exhausted man from the Kohinoor who died before the surf boat landed.

The tug encountered a gale soon after leaving Boston harbor. The towing hawser parted and the barges fetched up on the ledges, the Kohinoor going to pieces almost immediately.

Captain Estrand of the Ashland said the Swatara with her remaining barge, the Kimberton, probably kept on to Provincetown. The barges were owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Transportation Company.

Packard Company to Have
Local Truck Show

R. E. Harrington, manager of the Harrisburg office of the Packard Motor Car Company of Philadelphia, has been advised that his company will hold a truck show in their building at 315 North Broad street, Philadelphia, Pa., from March 12 to 18, inclusive.

A complete line of chassis worn driven Packard trucks will be on exhibit in the showrooms. Various styles and designs of truck bodies can also be inspected by the trade. Great interest has been aroused by the announcement of the Packard Motor Car Company that they are manufacturing one, and one-and-one-half-ton trucks. There is a steady demand for this size of motor truck unit and a large volume of the orders placed for motor trucks to-day.

By Associated Press
York, Pa., March 4.—The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church, which is in session here to-day, granted licenses to preach to H. A. Hipple, of Marysville, and Benjamin G. Hoffman, of Milton.

NO DECISIONS UP TO DATE
IN LICENSE COURT CASES

Up until a late hour this afternoon the Dauphin County Courts had handed down no decisions in the contested liquor license applications for 1916, which created the impression in legal circles that there would be no action until early next week.

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By virtue of an indulgent of the Holy See, dated August 2, 1887, the following dispensations are granted:
8. Milk and eggs are allowed.
9. In cooking the use of lard instead of butter is permitted.
10. Meat may be eaten at any time on Sundays, and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except Ember Saturday, and Holy Saturdays.

11. Persons, except from the obligation of fasting may eat meat as often as they please, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. They must, however, abstain from meat on Ember Saturday and Holy Saturday, as above noted.
12. When the principal meal cannot be taken at midday, the collation may be taken about noon, and dinner in the evening.

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