

Letters From the Front

HARRISBURG BOY FINDS LIFE IN FRANCE INTERESTING

A letter just received from George Erb, a member of the Bell Telephone Signal Corps, who left for France in August, contains most interesting description and narration for those who expect to go to France to serve their country. The letter follows: On Active Service With the American Expeditionary Forces Somewhere in France August 24, 1917.

Dear Frank: Well, here we are, you know you can't keep a good man down, so when Uncle Sam decided to send us over, there was nothing to it. The Atlantic Ocean and Fritz's "tin fish" didn't scare us a rap, consequently "you're truly" and his outfit are camping "somewhere" in France.

CONSTITUTION CAUSES OBSTINATE HEADACHES

will usually find the bowels have been inactive, and if you relieve this condition, by clearing the intestinal organs of the fermenting congestion of stomach waste, foul gases and bile, the head is relieved immediately. Remember this the next time you suffer from headache. The combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin sold by druggists under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is highly recommended as a gentle laxative that acts easily and quickly, without griping or discomfort. It contains no opiate, narcotic, or habit-forming drug, is pleasant to the taste, and a most effective household remedy. Mothers find it especially desirable as a laxative for children.

You can buy Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin from your druggist for fifty cents. Get a bottle and have it in the house when needed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 416 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

DOCTORED FIVE YEARS IN VAIN HE SAYS

Couldn't Even Get Temporary Relief and His Work Was a Burden SAYS TANLAC HELPED HIM

"For five years I tried in vain to get rid of my stomach trouble," says W. H. Harmon, of 125 E. Baptist street, York, Pa. "I went from doctor to doctor, but couldn't get any relief and I tried medicine after medicine without result. The pains in my stomach kept getting worse and worse for I got so bad that I couldn't get the gas off of my stomach. I was so constantly taking laxatives, I lost my appetite and had become so nervous that I couldn't sleep and I could feel myself growing weaker. It was awful indeed. Finally after hearing so many good reports about Tanlac I started taking it and to my joy it helped me right away. My stomach was quickly restored to health, my bowels became regular and now I feel better in every way than I have in years."

Tanlac, the famous reconstructive tonic, is now being introduced here at Gorgas' Drug Store, who have secured the exclusive sale of this master medicine in Harrisburg. Tanlac is also sold at the Gorgas Drug Store in Carlisle at W. G. Stephens' Pharmacy; Elizabethtown, Albert W. Cain; Greencastle, Charles B. Carl; Middletown, Colin B. Fox's Pharmacy; Waynesboro, Clarence Croft's Pharmacy; Mechanicsburg, H. F. Brunhouse.—Adv.

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CONSTITUTION BLOCKS MERGER

Because Telephones Were Not Invented in 1873 Companies Can Not Consolidate.

Because telephone companies have always been classed as telegraph companies in incorporation laws and decisions thereon and because the constitution, drafted before telephones were given to the public, forbids the merger of competing telephone lines the Public Service Commission in a decision just handed

down refuses its approval to a merger with a statement of its regret at being compelled to take such action. Commissioner John S. Rilling, however, declines to take the view of the majority of his colleagues and has filed a dissenting opinion in which he holds that there is no constitutional bar to merger of telephone companies when it will relieve a condition where there is "half the service at twice the pay." In its decision, one of the most interesting rendered in many months, the commission states that it finds that the operation of the Cochran Telephone and the Merchants and Farmers Telephone companies, which have lines in Crawford, Mercer and other counties in northwestern Pennsylvania, as competing companies is uneconomical and wasteful, but refuses to sanction a merger of the companies because both were incorporated under the general incorporation act, which was enacted the year after the present constitution was framed and under which consolidation of telegraph companies is forbidden. The companies applied for ap-

proval of a merger and the decision states that it has been ascertained that they have competing lines, but that the operation of the lines results in a duplication of service and facilities which places a burden upon the public and prevents the companies from making extensions necessary to afford adequate service. The decision says that if the question of improvement of the service and benefits to the public was the only one it would unhesitatingly approve the application filed. However, the courts have held and the Legislature has followed the ruling that the act authorizing formation of telegraph companies included telephone companies so that the commission must follow the constitutional prohibition of mergers of telegraph companies. "If it were not for this constitutional provision we would hold that the public service company law has repealed those provisions of various acts of assembly which prohibit the consolidation of telegraph companies owning, operating or controlling competing lines," concludes the decision. Commissioner Rilling has filed a

dissenting opinion containing forty-two points in which he holds that the constitutional prohibition applies only to telegraph companies and that "it is a well established rule of constitutional and statutory construction that the words used must be given that meaning which they had at the time of the adoption of the constitution and enactment of the statute." He says when the constitution was framed there was no telephone and that the framers of the constitution did not mean anything that was non-existent, while when the telephone was invented and it became necessary to organize telephone companies and there was no law on the books for incorporation "the courts by a latitudinous power exercised in rare cases" held that for the purposes of incorporation telephone and telegraph companies might be included as in the same general class. He also holds that the public service company law has repealed former statutes and that the commission has authority to approve a telephone merger which would result in "more adequate service at more reasonable rates."

Wife of Governor Dies in Auto Crash

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 29. — The wife of Governor Townsend was crushed to death beneath an overturned automobile and the Governor sustained painful though not serious injuries when the car which he was driving toward their home at Selbyville upset near Georgetown late Saturday night. A rain-spattered windshield and haste to escape the downpour are believed to have caused the accident which sent the machine from the roadbed, spinning over and over. In the blackness the Governor, who had been thrown clear, groped toward his wife, guided by her groans. She was pinned down by the back of the rear seat. He managed to free her, and she revived as he lifted her. He had taken but a few steps, however, when she expired in his arms. The exact cause of death is not yet known. The Governor is nearly frantic with grief over the accident.

DR. DUMBA COMES TO LIFE

Amsterdam, Oct. 29. — A dispatch received here from Vienna says that Dr. Dumba, former Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, in a speech in the Reichstag asserted that the giant naval program of the United States was mostly bluff.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL MISSING

Petrograd, Oct. 29. — Admiral Vladislavoff, who was in command of the submarine flotilla during the German operations against the Russian islands in the Baltic, has disappeared. It is believed he fell overboard from a submarine.

During Dr. Ellenberger's absence Dr. Phillips will occupy his offices from 6.30 to 8.30 p. m. Other hours including Sunday by appointment.



Handwritten signature of William H. Taft

WILLIAM H. TAFT, former President of the United States, has joined the staff of the Public Ledger as Contributing Editor, the connection becoming effective on November 1.

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which whose duty it was to keep a sharp look-out for submarines, and that made our trip most interesting. We saw a school of sharks, one of porpoises and a whale. After a while, however, the deep blue ocean gradually lost its charm and we became anxious for the sight of land. It certainly was a "grand and glorious feeling" when the "look-out post" shouted "Land ho." I don't think I ever looked so good.

The country around here is beautiful and I was able to take to travel, around and see everything to be seen. The quaint white houses with their red roofs stand out in vivid contrast with the rich brown and green of the landscape. Then, too, the water right off the coast is filled with small fishing boats which make a very pretty picture with their brown, red and blue sails. Everything seems so odd—the houses, costumes of the people, their ways and manners, and last but not least, the language. If you want a man's-size job, come over here and try to understand them; and if you think you are real good try to talk to them. If I am ever unlucky enough to lose both my hands over here, the good Lord only knows how I'll get out of the country, for I certainly know I couldn't get out of the country on my knowledge of French.

The first night we were in camp we were given liberty to go into town and it certainly was some experience looking them over. You can get plenty of French tobacco, but it is too strong and is enough to put you to sleep and you can rest assured when I can't get any American tobacco any more, I will quit smoking.

When you address my mail, make it: Company D, First Telegraph Battalion United States Signal Reserve Corps, American Expeditionary Force, France, via New York City. Prisoners Contented Had my first view of the enemy in the shape of German prisoners. They certainly look contented and healthy and seem to be well taken care of. I may miss my guess, but I don't think they would need anybody to guard them, for I don't believe you could drive them out of here with a gun. I am writing this letter in the Y. M. C. A. tent, and let me state I am for them first, last and always. I never knew what great work they were doing until I entered the Army. You can imagine how good it must feel to be able to walk into a place thousands of miles from home and feel perfectly at home. Be able to sit down and read or write letters, hear someone playing good old ragtime on a piano and further be able to buy candy and tobacco. There, too, during the day they have baseball games and track meets between the various companies and at night band concerts, lectures and entertainments. My advice is that one of the best ways you can help the boys "at hand" is to "back up" the Y. M. C. A.

Finds Boys From Home Was handed quite a surprise the first day I was aboard ship when I ran into two boys from home. I thought I was going to be the first Lebanon boy to set foot in France, but had to divide the honor with the other two. There are a number of State College boys in camp and last night we rounded them up and had a reunion. One of the secretaries at the Y. M. C. A. is a classmate of mine and he had a dinner for us at his home. We sure had a mighty pleasant evening talking over old times, and, best of all, we had a real square meal.

I sure do miss those old pinochle games at the Lebanon Club. There are quite a few of the "boys" in the outfit that can play pinochle and we play quite often, but they aren't like the games at the club. Please remember me to all the boys at the club and tell them I am in the best of health and hope to see some of them over here before long. Write whenever you can and if possible send me some Lebanon papers. GEORGE.

New Rabbi Is Installed With Fitting Ceremonies at Chisuk Emuna Temple

Rabbi Morris Romanoff and Cantor Morris Abramson were installed with fitting ceremonies yesterday at the new Chisuk Emuna synagogue. The churchmen were met at the station by a delegation from the temple and escorted to the synagogue. The Biblical committee was composed of Max Williams, W. Freedman, Emil Goldstein, Abe Freedman, Lewis Baturin and David Goldberg.

Letter List

- LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN THE Post Office, at Harrisburg, Pa., for the week ending October 27, 1917. Ladies' List — Margaret Addams, Genea Alexander, Mrs. John Aught, Hannah Baird, Marie Barnes, Bettytinger, Mrs. Mamie Bolton, Mrs. Celia Bowen, Pearl Boyer, Miss F. Brown, Emma Cambel, Mrs. C. E. Dawson, Mrs. E. E. DeMill, Nettie Engle, Mrs. C. Eppes, Mrs. Martha Finkle, Margaret Fisher, May Fox, Irene Freedman, Atha Gardner, Mrs. Jack Gorman, Olin Hall, Mabel Haney, Miriam S. Hemmings, Mrs. Clarence Hench, Mrs. William Henderson (2), Goldie Hilly, Ella Hobough, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Emma Janice, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Francis Johnson, Gertie Kelley, Ethel A. Knapp, Miss M. Leal, Mrs. E. Noble, Sara May, Mrs. Ruth Markel, Winnie Martin, Gertrude M. Marion, Mrs. Mertia G. Miller, Elsie Mincemover, Miss A. Rivers (2), Mrs. Sarah Roberts, Mrs. Claude Satterfield, Mrs. L. E. Schantz, Mrs. Lucy Schartz, Anna Serch, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. Charles Slobers, Mrs. Alice Swigart, Mrs. Mice Swigart, Rose Payne Therton, Sallie Towler, Hannah Vawen, Ruth Wealing, Emily Wilson, Flossie Williams, Florence V. Yates, Mrs. A. Zimmerman. Gentlemen — Adeleallen, L. M. Allemen, Oliver Barksdale, M. Bolden, J. R. Bowers, John Buehler, Jessie Carey, Charley Cline, R. P. Coward, C. E. Davis, Thomas Egan, Wm. Dossou, Levin F. Fidler, Fred A. Gates, Harry Gieb, J. W. Gordon, Martin Green, E. S. Hart, Andrew Hutchinson, George L. Hykas, Jr., Frank E. Johnston, LeRoy Johnson, Samson Knot, Andrew Lidbetter, Rev. H. B. McConnell, J. E. McPherson, C. H. Markel, W. J. Merritt, N. H. Newhall, George Ramsey, Samuel Richmond, R. F. Ritzenhouse, Mr. Scheefter, Leah Scheeline, Warren Shambaugh, C. Shelby, H. S. Sievert, W. T. Stonebraker, William Stoudt, W. F. Thomas, Frank Thompson, Ralph Thrush, John A. Uhler, George Walters, Louis Weinberger, R. West, Butler Williams, J. B. Woods, W. F. Zartman. Firms — Mechanical Service Department, Pine Creek Lumber and Timber Co. (2). Persons should invariably have their mail matter addressed to their street and number, thereby insuring prompt delivery by the carrier. FRANK C. SITES, Postmaster.

WOMAN REGAINS SIGHT Duncannon, Pa., Oct. 29.—After being blind for a half decade with cataracts on both eyes, Mrs. Abram Krieger, of this place, is now able to see after having a slight operation performed by a Philadelphia specialist.