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Representative From Minnesota Reveals Deficiencies He Witnessed on Trip

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Spanish-American War are being made over again," he said yesterday. "I brought back a mass of facts on how things are going. I am sorry they are so disheartening. I shall present them to Congress and we'll see what can be done to right them. I hesitate about stating them, as I desire above everything not to appear a fault-finder. I make no criticism of the administration, and the information I shall give to Congress will be submitted entirely out of a real purpose to bring about a reorganization of a system that must be changed."

Mr. Miller outlined the general nature of his discoveries at the American debarkation port in France, and the results of his conferences with General Pershing and Army officers in actual charge of the handling of supplies. He declined to give details, insisting Congress should be the first to receive them, as such information given first to the press might place him in the position of administering petty or venting personal criticism of the administration.

"The story of 150 tons of beef spoiled through mismanagement of ship billings," Mr. Miller said, "is but a circumstance, of which, I regret to say, there are many. Our trouble is that we are seeking to administer the most gigantic problem of transportation ever confronting a nation at war with an organization that is inadequate for the task. The Quartermaster Department has resulted in a loss of 70 per cent. efficiency, Mr. Miller said. This means, he said, that all available tonnage is giving only 30 per cent. of complete service. The rest might as well be classed as sunk by submarines. It is out of the game, Mr. Miller said."

PRESS OF ALLIES CENSORED, SAYS U. S. EMBASSY AGENT

"I read the American newspapers to get the war news," says H. E. Young, of the American Embassy at Constantinople, who is visiting J. H. Troup, 2138 North Third street. Mr. Young says that the French and English newspapers are under strict censorship, and that the news comes from America.

Mr. Young is familiarly known to his local friends as "Cy" Young, who played left halfback on the Dickinson College eleven at Carlisle in 1909. He was stationed in Turkey at the opening of the war, and from that time since has been moving through Europe and in the war-stricken countries, on various missions.

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HARRY LAUDER TO SPEAK HERE ON WORLD WAR

Famous Comedian to Address Rotary Club and Commerce Chamber

Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch comedian who has been devoting himself to war work since his son, his only child, was killed in Flanders, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon meeting of the members of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce and the Harrisburg Rotary Club at the Board of Trade 12 o'clock next Wednesday.

Harry Lauder has always taken a great deal of pride in his membership in the Rotary Club. The officers of the two local associations decided to combine in holding the meeting in order that a maximum number of Harrisburg men would have the opportunity of meeting and hearing Harry Lauder.

Arrangements for the meeting are in charge of a committee headed by Arthur D. Bacon, vice-president of the Rotary Club and second vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, who will preside at the luncheon and Captain George F. Lumb, president of the Rotary Club and Secretary E. L. McColegin of the Chamber of Commerce.

Harry Lauder will arrive in Harrisburg at 11:15 a. m. next Wednesday from Baltimore. He will be met at the station by the following reception committee: Presidents Andrew S. Patterson of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce and George F. Lumb of the Rotary Club, A. D. Bacon, George S. Reinhoel, Floyd Hopkins and Joseph H. Wallace.

Lauder will be accompanied by bagpipers who will escort him and the Reception Committee from the station to the Board of Trade and will later play at the luncheon meeting. It is expected that the seating capacity of the Board of Trade, which is but 350 will soon be exhausted by those who desire to hear Harry Lauder. Only members of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce can make reservations. It is requested that those desiring to make advance reservations do so by phoning 4120 at once.

SNYDER ORDERS HIS OWN AUDIT

Wants to Know More About the Finances of the State Workmen's Insurance

Auditor General Charles A. Snyder to-day created considerable stir about the Capitol by informing the officers of the State Workmen's Insurance Fund that he proposed to have his own audit made of the finances of the fund. The fund's affairs were audited by men connected with the State Insurance Department a short time ago and immediately afterwards announcement was made that a dividend would be paid.

The action of the Auditor General may have the effect of holding up the dividend at least for the present. Mr. Snyder declined to comment upon the matter to-day. He admitted that he had directed that the audit be made.

The fund was voted \$300,000 in 1915 for organization and administration and this year \$200,000 more was allowed. The total amount of the appropriation will not reach the payroll or the dividend will be affected.

All departments of the State Capitol will be following Snyder because of Christmas, according to official announcements made to-day. Some of the departments will close on Friday afternoon.

Announcement was made to-day by Governor Brumbaugh of appointment of the following officers for Company K, Second Regiment of the Reserve Militia, Lock Haven: Captain, Captain Richard S. Quigley, Lock Haven; First Lieutenant, H. H. Chaphan, McElhattan, and second lieutenant, Clyde Probst, Lock Haven.

It is believed that the tension between the State Commission of Agriculture and Secretary Patton is approaching the breaking stage. The commission has rejected the offer of the State Bureau of Markets and the secretary is in consultation with the Governor and the Attorney General regarding his resignation. His commission may be summoned here shortly for a meeting when the whole matter will go to the Governor. Some resignations may be made.

Paul MacElree, Burgess of West Chester was here to-day to see the Governor.

The Workmen's Compensation Board, which is at Johnstown to-morrow, is to meet in Pittsburgh to-morrow.

Governor Brumbaugh will go to Washington Friday to attend the Fine Arts Commission meeting.

Ex-Auditor General Sisson, of Erie, was at the Capitol to-day and was warmly greeted by friends.

Ex-State Treasurer James E. Barnett, of Pittsburgh, came here to-day on business.

R. W. Williamson, of Huntingdon; Representative J. S. Eby, Newport, and Bromley Wharton, were among Hill's callers.

In an opinion given to Governor Brumbaugh to-day Deputy Attorney General Emerson Collins holds that voluntary resignation of an officer of the county for which they are commissioned for an offense committed therein in any county is not a bar to their being re-commissioned.

Banking Commissioner Lafean was to-day given these rulings on the private bankers license law: In case of death the legatee of a private banking business must obtain a new license from the state and not even the executor of an estate having such a bank can administer it without a new license being procured.

Service Commission to pass upon a contract for furnishing surplus natural gas to a manufacturing plant was questioned to-day by the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company of Pittsburgh, at the hearing of its complaint against the new tariff of the Equitable Gas Company, of Pittsburgh.

Horris, of Sharon, deputy attorney general for the last two and a half years, has tendered his resignation to Attorney General Brown to engage in private practice. It is understood that the appointment will go to the western end of the state.

A handsome oil portrait of the late Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck was to-day placed in the office of the secretary. The painting was viewed by Governor Brumbaugh and state officials and was much admired.

It is understood that Governor Brumbaugh is getting ready to announce appointment of a new Judge for Washington county shortly. Numerous names have been heard of to succeed Judge L. L. Davis, of Pittsburgh.

The state commission to select the site for the new state insane hospital, which it is likely to be located in the Cumberland Valley, to-day elected Dr. Charles T. Aiken, of Selinsgrove, as chairman and D. M. Wertz, of Waynesboro, as treasurer. The commission announced that it would visit sites.

The State Board of Property held its winter meeting at the Attorney General's office this afternoon and Secretary of Internal Affairs Houck took his seat as a member of the board.

Associated Aids Societies Plans to Distribute Many Christmas Presents to Poor

Harrisburgers who are seeking recipients for Christmas gifts will find the Associated Aids Societies, and willing to dispose of their money and gifts, in a way that will help a large number of people. John H. Wertz, secretary of the organization, tells what gifts will do for the poor people of the city, in the following statement:

"Pay board for twenty homeless children, in homes broken and abandoned by this society. One hundred and sixty-five dollars was paid out in this way last month.

"Find suitable free homes for orphan children, or children who have had to be removed from their own homes because of unusual or vicious conditions there. Eighty-four such children under our care this month.

"Bring home to thoughtless, immoral or ignorant parents, their duties toward their children, holding the law over them when necessary. Twenty-five such cases this month.

"Help us to study each and every difficult family problem coming to our notice, to the end that we may intelligently advise, and show people how to help themselves. Eighty-nine families under care last month.

"Enlist the aid of churches, individuals, schools, hospitals, public officials, legal aid, medical aid and every form of helpfulness which may be needed for any given family.

"Stand by families as long as we are needed."

MIX CHRISTMAS WITH BUSINESS

Rotarians Plan Christmas Dinner For Children and Hear Dr. L. M. Raker Talk

Rotarians mixed good fellowship with plans for Christmas and a fuller understanding of the tremendous demand for shorthand writers and stenographers in these war times at the annual meeting of the club at the School of Commerce, Market Square, with D. L. M. Raker, the head of the institution, as host.

Mr. Raker addressed the club on the work of the school, which has become one of the largest and most influential business colleges in the east, with affiliations extending to all the larger schools and commercial school organizations of the country. Mr. Raker said that he has been compelled to enlarge his school this year, but has not been able to keep up with demands. The government and private business is taking young men and women before they have completed their courses and good salaries are the rule. Further enlargements are contemplated, he said.

The club is preparing to entertain more than 300 little folks of both sexes at a Big Brother Christmas dinner to be given in Chestnut street hall at noon December 27, for which the Rotarians will bear all the expenses. Little people who might otherwise have no Christmas feast, from 6 to 12 years of age, are being listed for the event, which Chairman John H. Nixon says will be one of the best in the history of the club.

The Rotarians will take the children to the hall in automobiles and the lesser ones will be returned by machine after the dinner. Candy and a gift for each child will be a part of the celebration.

At the conclusion of the meeting lunch was served.

STATE FOOD SHOW TO BE NOTABLE

Many Premiums Will Be Offered; Big Meetings to Be Held Here Next Month

The second annual state farm products show under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture and the allied agricultural organizations of the state which will be held here on January 22, 23 and 24 promises to be the most important agricultural event in the history of the state.

Secretary of Agriculture, Charles E. Patton, has called to his aid practically every state agricultural organization. During the week there will be meetings of the State Board of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Breeders' and Dairymen's Association, State Horticultural Association, Pennsylvania Poultry Association, Pennsylvania Sheep Breeders' and Wool Growers' Association, Pennsylvania Potato Growers' Association and several other organizations.

The Farms Products Show will be one of the big features of the week. In an immense hall there will be a display of prize corn from all sections of the state, the best fruit from the thousands of commercial and private orchards, dressed poultry, eggs, wool, potatoes and butter. All these products will be entered in competition for prizes amounting to over a thousand dollars and with the prizes will go state honors and producers. In addition there will be a display of farm tractors of half a dozen or more different makes, the latest farming implements, dairymachinery, orchard implements and many more commercial exhibits.

Corn judging teams from many of the vocational schools of the state will be in attendance and these boys and girls will stage a corn judging contest and have an interesting educational display. Pennsylvania State


College will have several displays that will be of vital interest to every farmer, and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will have important exhibits. Prize lists and entry blanks and programs of meetings are now being prepared and can be had by writing to Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton at Harrisburg or to the State College, Pa. Farmers having good corn are asked to select ten best ears and enter them in competition, while wool growers, fruit growers, poultrymen, potato growers, vegetable growers, and butter makers are urged to plan for entering their products in this war-time agricultural show.

Registrants Able to Volunteer For Service

Announcement was made at the local recruiting office to-day that draft registrants may still enlist in certain departments of the Regular Army, providing they receive written instructions from their draft exemption boards. The infantry, signal corps, medical corps and quartermaster's department are the branches open to registered men. The men must first receive certificates from their draft boards certifying that they are not part of a delinquent draft quota, and then they are inducted into the service by the local recruiting office.

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Boudoir Lamps, \$3.00 to \$10.00	Ash Trays, \$1.50 to \$3.50	Utility Boxes, \$2.50 to \$8.50
Sewing Rockers, \$3.50 to \$12.00	Reading Lamps, \$5.00 to \$37.50	Candlesticks, \$1.50 to \$10
Desks, \$10 to \$60	Tobacco Jars, \$2.00	Desks, \$10.00 to \$60.00
Table Scarfs, \$3 to \$5	Book Ends, \$3.50 to \$10	Boudoir Lamps, \$3.50 to \$10.00
Umbrella Stands, \$8.50 to \$12.00	Foot Stools, \$6 to \$17.50	Piano Bench, \$8 to \$15
Tea Trays, 98c to \$9.00	Bond Boxes, \$5.00	
Basketry, 75c to \$5.00		
For Wife	For Husband	For Baby
Floor Lamps, \$9.95 to \$35	Chiffonrobes, \$52.50 to \$85	Baby Yards, \$6 to \$12
Library Tables, \$12.00 to \$75.00	Secretary Desks, \$50.00 to \$75.00	Cribs, \$10.00 to \$15.00
Toilet Tables, \$20 to \$75	Bookcases, \$35 to \$75	Fur Robes, \$6.00 to \$10
Tilt Top Tables, \$5 to \$15	Fireside Comfy Chairs, \$17.50 to \$55.00	Bassinets, \$6.00 to \$17.50
Gateleg Tables, \$22.50	Magazine Racks, \$16.50 to \$25.00	Safety Straps, 50c to \$1.25
Windsor Chairs and Rockers, \$9 to \$25	Bond Boxes, \$5.00	Go-Carts, \$19.50 to \$50
Mirrors, \$6.50 to \$35.00		Hampers, \$3.50 to \$10
Knitting Bowls, \$3.50 to \$10.00	For "Him"	For the Kiddies
Curtains, \$1.25 to \$25.00	Smokers' Stands, \$2.50 to \$25.00	Doll Carts, \$4 to \$12
Rugs, \$17.50 to \$89.00	Cigarette Cases, \$3.00	Tea Wagons, \$3.50 to \$5
Console Tables, \$18.00 to \$38.50	Card Tables, \$2.50 to \$25	Kitchen Cabinets, \$3 to \$5
Tea Wagons, \$16.50 to \$28.50	Easy Chairs, \$17.50 to \$55	Doll Beds, \$1.35 to \$2.75
Grandfather Clock, \$45.00	Scrap Baskets, \$1.25 to \$10.00	Dresses, \$6.00 to \$9.00
	Foot Stools, \$5 to \$17.50	Wicker and Mahogany Chairs and Rockers, \$4.50 to \$6.50
	Book Ends, \$3.50 to \$10	Doll Utility Boxes, \$4.50
	Book Racks, \$2.50 to \$5	Clothes Trees, \$2 to \$3

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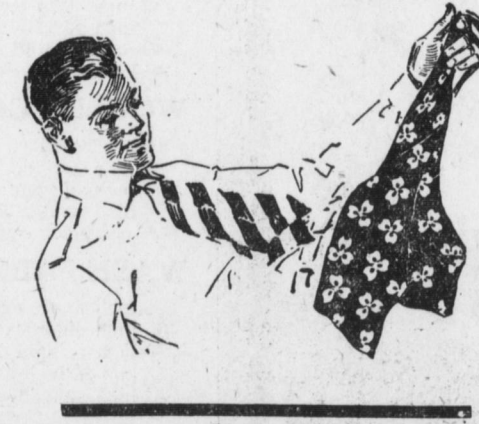
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Underwear, \$1.50 to \$10.00	Boys' Caps, 50c to \$1.00.
Monito Hose, 25c to \$1.00	Mufflers, \$1.00 to \$7.50
Neckties, 50c to \$3	Handkerchiefs, 10c to \$1.00
Shirts, \$1.00 to \$10	Pajamas, \$1.50 to \$5
Felt Hats, \$2 to \$5	Comfort Kits, 50c to \$6
Men's Caps, \$1.00 to \$2	Kid Gloves, \$2 to \$5
Men's Mackinaws, \$10 to \$12	Men's Velour Hats, \$5 to \$7.50

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