CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA NEWS

SERVICE FLAG FOR 21 FIREMEN

Washington Fire Company, of Mechanicsburg, Honors Members Enlisted For War

MEN IN ARMY AND NAVY

Many Soldiers From Camps Spend Christmas Furloughs at Home

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—The following men who are members of the Washington Fire Company were honored on Sunday, when a large service flag with twenty-one stars was unfurled: John Hart, Geo. Martin, Willoughby Nichols, Robert Fisk, and Cecil Finkenbinder, Camp Hancock; Paul Gronbeck, Tacoma Park, Washington, D. C.; Fred D. Mumma, Camp Meade; Bernard Stansfield, Benson Spangler, Robert Bentz, Albert Rupp and George Berkheimer, Texas; John Davis, Herbert L. Hershman, Edward Kleckner, Clarence Herman, Camp Hancock; Alvin Murdock, William Fink, Camp Meade; C. R. Fair, Frank Lucas, France; George W. Wagner, Naval Reserves.—Lee Strock, of State College, is spending his vacation at home.—The Rev. J. Ellis Bell, Mrs. Bell and daughters, Misses Marian and Lois, who teach school in Pittsburgh, spent Christmas with Mrs. Lewis Buckingham.—Miss Myrtle Sours was hostess for the Standard Bearers' Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Thursday evening at her home in South Frederick street. The evening was spent socially after the business session.—Miss Janet Roberton, left on Wednesday for New York City, and will be the guest of Mrs. Beasley.—William Koller, in service at Camp Meade, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Koller.—Miss Florence Underwood, who teaches in the High school at Jersey City, N. J., is spending her holiday vacation with her father, John M. Underwood, West Main street.—Raymond Barnes, of New York City, who is studying theology, is home with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Barnes.—Mr. and Mrs. William R. Kline, daughter, Miss Violet and son Alfred, of Carlisle, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ashenfelter, West Marble street.—The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aurand, of York, were guests of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fahs.—D. Roy Miller, of Chester Springs Academy of Fine Arts, spent several days with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Miller.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stuart, of Carlisle, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Ployer.—Mrs Alice S. Hauck and son Walter, have returned from a visit to Washington, D. C. and Hershey.—Milton Houston, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting his mother, Mrs. S. F. Houston.—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Houston have returned to their hime in New York City, after spending Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. S. F. Houston.—Lieutenant Will Neidig, of Washington, D. C., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Neidig, east of town.—William Kaley, in service at Camp Meade, Md., spent his furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kaley, North York street.—Miss Kathryn Kimmel, who holds a position at Washington, D. C., spent her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kimmel.—Lieutenant Lawrence Landis in service, at the National Armory, at Springfield, Mass., spent his Christmas furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Landis.

"Bunkies" in Same Outfit at Camp Hancock, Georgia

M. PETERSON—WM. NAUSS

New Cumberland, Pa., Dec. 28.—William Nauss is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nauss, in Second street. With him in the photograph is his comrade, M. Peterson, of Braddock. Both young men are in the same company and are stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Everybody in Mt. Union Enrolled in Red Cross

Mount Union, Pa., Dec. 29.—It looks very much as though every man, woman and child in the town will be members of the Red Cross. Solicitors claim that every person in the town is signed up and Mount Union chapter is sure of one of the state banners for the highest percentage of population enrolled.—Fire at the Aetna Explosive plant on Christmas Eve caused about $60,000 worth of damage. No one was hurt.—Herman Smith, Sergeant at Camp Lee spent Christmas with his parents.—The Kistler band furnished music on the streets of the town on Christmas day.—The Sunday school of the town as a patriotic move, dispensed with the regular Christmas treat to the members of the schools as a whole. — George Shover, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with his parents here.

DOLLAR BILLS ON CHRISTMAS TREE

One Hundred Given by Members of Millersburg Church to Quincy Orphanage

WILL REPEAT CANTATA

Soldier Boys From Camps Spend Christmas at Millersburg Homes

Millersburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—The United Brethren Church sent out a handsome present of useful articles to the Quincy Orphanage and Old Folks' home at Quincy this week, consisting of groceries, shoes and other merchandise. Upwards of 200 pairs of shoes were donated by the shoe companies at Millersburg. A feature in the Sunday school of the above church was a Christmas tree on which was tied 100 one dollar bills, contributed by members and friends for this worthy cause.—At to-morrow evening's service in the Methodist Church the choir, by special request will render the Christmas cantata, "The Light Eternal."—Soldier boys who ate their Christmas dinner at their homes were as follows: Corporal R. H. Bournan and Private Ray M. Blasser, of Camp Meade; Privates Robert Bender, of Jersey City; Walter Loomis, of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., Ralph Spong, of Fort Slocum, N. Y.; Mark Wingard, of the Cruiser Chicago.—The Brubaker Brothers Tap and Die Company, the Johnson Baillie Shoe Company, the Alvord Reamer and Tool Company, and other manufacturing plants in Millersburg gladdened the hearts of their employes on Christmas by substantial money gifts, ranging from $5 to $50 to each one.—Millersburg was well represented at Harrisburg on Wednesday night at the Harry Lauder entertainment.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambert, of Carlisle, spent the week as guests of their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Mumma.

Miss Elsie Eisenberger Weds J. D. Child at Baltimore

MRS. JOHN D. CHILD

Marietta, Pa., Dec. 29.—Announcement was made to-day of the marriage of John D. Child, of Marietta, and Miss Elsie Eisenberger, daughter of A. H. Eisenberger, of Klinesville. The ceremony was performed at Baltimore, Md., several months ago by the Rev. Joel T. Rossiter, of the First Reformed Church. The groom is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as weighmaster at Billmeyer, and they will be at home in Marietta after the holidays. Mr. Child is well known in Harrisburg.

CHRISTMAS AT MT. ZION

Allen, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Mount Zion Lutheran Sunday school held Christmas exercises in the church last Sunday evening.—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Markley, of Mechanicsburg, spent Christmas Day at the home of J. H. Nickey.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Herr, of Atlantic City, spent Christmas with Mrs. Herr's mother Mrs. Sarah Goodyear.—Mr. and Mrs. Linden Gates, of Mechanicsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Addison Gates, of Boiling Springs, spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Enck.—William Senseman and Miss Ida Wetzel, of Boiling Springs, spent Christmas with Miss Wetzel's sister, Mrs. Smith.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker and family, of Carlisle, and Mrs. Harriette Freeby and daughter, Harriette, of New York, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Freeby's and Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Francis Shelley.

Family Reunion at Home of Mrs. Rebecca Baker

Linglestown, Pa., Dec. 29—A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Baker on Christmas day. The following guests were present: Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Baker, of Lykens; Dr. W. F. Baker, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. John Geyer and daughter, Miss Ruth; Dr. and Mrs. Harry Schaner and children, of Harrisburg.—Miss Marion Smith was the week-end guest of Miss Ellen Merryman at Steelton.—Miss Swartz, of Harrisburg, was a recent guest of Mrs. Fannie Care.—Robert and Frank Hoke, of Camp Meade, Md., spent several days at their home this week.—Mr. and Mrs. McConnel and daughter, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas week with the family of G. W. Shreiner.—Joseph Ball, of Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. W. G. Ball.—Miss Sara Shreiner, of Philadelphia, is spending a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shreiner.—Misses Dorothy and Mabel Feeser, of Hershey, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Carrie Feeser.—Miss Vera Care is spending her vacation at East Petersburg.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Getz, of Mt. Joj, on Sunday were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bolton.—Fleck Meixel, of Camp Meade, Md., spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meixel.—Miss Marion Smith spent Monday with friends at Mount Joy.—Mrs. Fannie Care is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Lydia Hill, at Progress.—Miss Ellen Merryman, of Steelton, and Paul Kistler, of State College, were recent guests of Miss Marion Smith.—Mrs. John Cassel, of Harrisburg, on Tuesday was the guest of friends here.—Miss Esther Early, of Penbrook, on Wednesday was the guest of Mrs. Sevilla Longenecker.—Miss Emma Stuckey, of Highspire, on Thursday was the guest of friends here.—Mrs. Kate Keffer, of Harrisburg, on Thursday was the guest of friends here.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bernhardt and daughter, Miss Anna, were the guests of C. B. Care's family on Tuesday.—Mr. and Mrs. John Reese and son, Clair, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Elizabeth Reese at Penbrook.—Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Holland, of Paxtang, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hicks.—The Rev. and Mrs. Reiter and daughter, Miss Lillian, of Pleasant View, spent Thursday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bergner.—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Landmesser, of Chester, spent Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. G. Ball.—Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Walker, of Harrisburg, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. William Lutz.—Mrs. J. F. Wilt, of Harrisburg, spent Thursday with friends here.—Mrs. Annie Buck spent Thursday with friends at Harrisburg.—Mr. and Mrs. Adam Walmer, of Steelstown, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leese.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA PERSONALS

Halifax.—Mrs. Lydia Bowman and granddaughter, Ruth Bowman, who spent sometime at Harrisburg, returned home on Monday.—Mrs. Jennie Stroup and children have gone to Williamsport to spend the holidays.—Carl Koones was at Linglestown this week.—J. J. Gipple was at Elizabethville this week.—S. J. Bowman and family were at Enterline on Tuesday, the guests of Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lebo.—John H. Fetterhoff, of Whiting, Ind., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Fetterhoff, of near town, who had been seriously ill of typhoid fever for some time, is improving.—Miss Esther Wagner spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wagner, at Matamoras.—Mrs. Harry Kline and daughter, Miss Pearl Kline, spent Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Poffenberger, at Marysville.—Charles Zinn is spending several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zinn, at Speeceville.—Elmer E. Dougherty spent Monday at New Buffalo, Perry county.—T. J. Hoffman, of Lancaster, was at his home here over Sunday.—Myles Albright, a student at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, is spending his holiday vacation in the service of the United States Government as a mail clerk, running between Harrisburg and Williamsport.—Miss Frances Smith on Monday returned home from a several months' visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Singer at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.—Christian Shott, aged 88 years, is seriously ill at his home in Second street.—Edward Miller, of Steelton, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller.—Lester Wilson, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday at the homes of Thomas Hoffman and Curtin Pottiger and family.—Charles Sheetz spent Monday with friends at Lykens.—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Boyer and daughter, Grace, of Middletown, spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Boyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lentz.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Westfall, of Marysville, visited over Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. G. W. Westfall. Mrs. Westfall spent Monday and Tuesday visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Keim, at Harrisburg.—Charles Romberger, of Rockville, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Etzweiler over Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Benton Straw and Mrs. S. B. Alleman, of Altoona, spent Sunday in town visiting at the homes of Amos Dunkel and C. W. McClellan.

Elizabethville—W. Emory Tschoop and family, of Lafayette, Ind., are guests of his mother in East Main street.—John A. Fauber, of Broad street, has been seriously ill.—George H. Temple, of Washington, D. C., spent several days with his family here.—I. Blair Mattis and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Byerly at West Milton.—Percy A. Swab and Ralph Spacht, of Camp Meade, Md., spent Christmas with their parents here.—Miss Bob Dye, of New York City, spent several days with Miss Ruth A. Miller.—Bryant D. Stroup, of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., spent Christmas with his mother here and returned on Tuesday evening.—Joseph A. Buffington and family, of Mount Carmel, spent several days with John A. Messersmith and family.—Mrs. Ralph Shertzer, of Reedsville, spent several days with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Daniel.—Allen Ban, of Weatherly, spent several days with his sister, Mrs. Ralph Lehman.—Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Stevenson spent Christmas with his parents at McVeytown.

Berrysburg.—C. Joseph Daniel, of Philadelphia, who has been traveling in the South, was home for Christmas.—George and Harry App are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis App.—Harry Hartman, who had been at Camp Meade, Md., for several weeks, has been rejected on account of physical disability and arrived home on Saturday. Homer Stine also returned.—Mrs. Daniel Weaver and son, William, spent several days with relatives at Sunbury.—Mrs. William Keboch and Mrs. Focht, of Allentown, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Metz and spent Christmas at the home of Henry Daniel.—Mr. and Mrs. Moody Raker, Mrs. Roscoe Garber and Miss Marie Hartman, of Harrisburg, and Ottie Hartman, of Elizabethville, spent several days in town.

Liverpool.—Dr. John Blossom, dean of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, wa sa Thursday visitor at S. A. Robison's.—Miss Puera M. Robison was at Millerstown on Friday.—Miss Elva Shirker, employed in Millerstown, is the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Spicker.—Maurice Shuler, game warden of Perry county, was a visitor at Millerstown.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hamilton spent several days at Harrisburg.—Frank Potter made a trip to Harrisburg on Friday.—Mrs. Duke Snyder, of Coatesville, is visiting her sister, Miss Madge Stailey.—Miss Mellie Shuler, a trained nurse at Girard College, Philadelphia, is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Caroline Shuler.—Mrs. Alice Zaring is visiting relatives at Newport.—George M. Deckard made a trip to Harrisburg on Wednesday.—Wesley Feehre, of Harrisburg, spent Wednesday here with his sister, Mrs. Lily Stailey.—Jay Snyder, who is employed in Harrisburg, is spending the week here with his family.—Mrs. J. Park Holman spent several days this week with relatives in Harrisburg—Mrs. George Wert visited her sister, Mrs. S. H. Branyan, at Millerstown on Wednesday.—Miss Alice Freed, of Harrisburg, was a recent visitor at C. E. Deckard's.

Wiconisco.—Ira F. Keiter, of Philadelphia, is spending several days with Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Keiter.—Wilhelmina Seimons and Laura Leigh, of Strayer's Business College, are visiting their parents here.—Prof. J. N. Dodd and sister, Margaret, of Freeport, Long Island, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Thomas Dodd.—Alva E. Powell, of Norristown; Edwin Powell, of Philadelphia, and Chester J. Powell, of Camp Meade, Md., spent Christmas with Mrs. S. J. Powell.—Jennie Seip, Margaret Lewis and Mary Byerly, of Shippensburg, are home over the holidays.—Prof. J. E. Shambach and family are visiting relatives at Middleburg.—Ammon Bordner has returned to Philadelphia after visiting relatives here.—Guy R. Smeltz, of Lancaster Business College, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smeltz.—Mrs. Maryann Samuels and family, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of Eliza Evans.—David P. Evans, of Pittsburgh, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans.—Mary Diefenderfer, of State college, is spending a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Diefenderfer.—John A. M. Keen and R. E. Minnich, of Dickinson College, are home over the holidays.—Mrs. John Buckley and daughter, Florence, are visiting R. C. Batdorff and family at Philadelphia.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lawrence, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with R. C. Orndorff.—J. S. Prout is visiting his son, Hayden, and family, at Mauch Chunk.—Mildred Koppenhaver entertained friends at her home Christmas evening.

Malta.—Kay S. Witmer, of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, is at home for the holidays.—Miss Edith F. Zerbe, of Millersburg, visited her parents over Christmas.—Ray and Stella Klinger of new Mandata, paid a visit to their sister, Mary, at the home of A. L. Zerbe on Sunday.—George H. and William Deppen, J. M. Schroyer and M. T. Wertz transacted business at Millersburg on Saturday. — William Farnsworth and granddaughter, Sarah Farnsworth, visited relatives at Sunbury over Christmas.—Miss Ida Bohner, who spent several years at the home of Charles Zeiders, left for her home near Herndon last week.—Miss Jennie L. Witmer, of Philadelphia, is staying among relatives here for several weeks.—Mary Klinger called on her grandfather, Emanuel Klinger, at Mandata, the fore part of the week.—Mrs. Robert B. Zerbe and sons, Palmer and Belford, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Schlegel, of Danville.—John Quincy Adams, a private at Camp Meade, Md., spent Christmas with his parents here.—Miss Meda Lenker, of Countyline, paid a visit to the home of C. H. Hepner and family this week.

Millerstown.—Miss Annie Thompson, of New Buffalo, is visiting James Rounsley and family.—Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Crane were guests of their daughter, Mrs. George Lentz, over Christmas.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hopple spent Tuesday with their son, Herbert Hopple, and family at Mifflin.—Mr. and Mrs. John Wingert, of Renovo; Mrs. Charles Snyder and daughter, Frances, of Liverpool, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wingert, on Tuesday.—Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Cockran and sons, George and James Cockran, of Pittsburgh, are guests of D. M. Rickabaugh and family.—Mrs. John Slatterback, of Lewistown, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Banks Page.—Mr. and Mrs. John Wiser, of Milwaukee, Wis., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Light.—Foster Bollinger, of Ithaca, N. Y., and Miss Margaret Bollinger, of the Millersville Normal School, are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bollinger.—Miss Anna McDonald, of Harrisburg, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Annie Eckels, at the Ward House Christmas Day.—Prof. J. Otis Charles, of Macungie, joined his family at this place Saturday and will spend their Christmas vacation with Mrs. Charles' mother, Mrs. Samuel Rounsley.—William Bollinger and family spent Christmas day at Harrisburg with William S. Snyder and family.—Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor are visiting their son, William Taylor, at Greensburg.—Miss Anna Rowe, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Rowe.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dimm and son, Calvin, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Patton, Mr. and Mrs. James Kipp and children, of Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. John Brinton, of Camp Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kipp and children, of McAllisterville, spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kipp.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parson, of Port Royal, spent Tuesday with Mrs. William Moore and the Misses Sarah and Jessie Kipp.—Mrs. Brushart and sister, Miss Annie Menghes, spent Tuesday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Menghes.—Mrs. Ellen Sellers was called to town on Wednesday by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Rebekah Weimer.—Mr. and Mrs. George Stackpole, of Lewistown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Rowe over Christmas.—D. Gilbert Rickabaugh went to Mount Holly Springs on Wednesday to visit his brother, G. Beaver Rickabaugh, who has been ill with blood poisoning.—Mrs. David Snyder left Saturday for Harrisburg to visit her son, William Snyder and family.—Holman Cathcart, of Hartford, Conn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Cathcart.—Mr. and Mrs. William Rounsley and children, of Penbrook, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bumple and son, Harold, of Cardiff, Md., spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rounsley.

Shippensburg.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mowery, of Steelton, are spending several days here. — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walch, of Alliance, Ohio, are spending several weeks in town.—Lieutenant Walter Rebuck, of Camp Meade, Md., spent Christmas with his parents.—Albert Green and Melvin Rosenberry are spending several days with their parents.—Misses Ethel and Hazel Powell, of Lewistown, are spending Christmas with their parents.—Frank Phillippy is confined to his home with rheumatism. — Miss Vera Long, of Penbrook; Miss Ruth Long, of Millersville, and Miss Esther Long, of Pottsville, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Long, of East Orange street.—Miss Anna Martin, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with her mother in Spring street.

Pillow.—Abram Snyder, a student at the State Forestry Academy at Mont Alto, is spending Christmas vacation at home.—Harry Underkoppler and Alonzo Laudenslager, of Philadelphia, spent several days in town.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pedigrew and son, of Sherrill, N. Y., are spending several days with Mrs. Pedigrew's parents here. — Harry Hepner, of Harrisburg, visited his parents here this week.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder spent Tuesday at Berrysburg, visiting the latter's sister.—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wiest are visiting at Sunbury.—Fannie Aurand, of Kramer, spent several days with her aunt, Mrs. Milton Snyder.

Drives Duplex From Michigan Through Snow

The Harrisburg Auto Company, like lots of other distributors, have had to adopt unusual methods of getting cars in from Michigan to fill their orders.

They started a young and enthusiastic truck man by the name of Joe Heckart, one of their employes, from the Duplex truck factory at Lansing, Michigan, on the evening of Saturday, December 22, driving a large 3½-ton Duplex truck chassis, on the top of which was loaded a Model F Reo ¾-ton truck.

It probably was a stunt that no one in their right mind would have attempted on account of the road and weather conditions that existed for the last couple weeks, but the necessity of having these trucks to fill orders made it compulsory to take the chance.

This young man had an unusually fine trip, and his telegraphing and telephoning the news all along the line kept the local concern free from worry.

He reached Altoona, the destination of the Reo truck on Wednesday the 26th, and unloaded his truck there and proceeded to Tyrone, where he delivered the big four-wheel drive Duplex on the morning of the 27th.

The road and weather conditions were simply fierce, but his report was that he did not encounter any snow drifts or roads that the Duplex could not plow through without any hesitation at all.

All along the line he was compelled to break the road after the heavy snows, and he said that there was a string of other automobiles following him all the time, traveling in his tracks.

Word of this foolhardy trip had preceded him, and lots of automobile owners who wanted to come east were waiting until he came through first and opened a path.

Joe is so enthusiastic over his successful trip that he is starting west again for another load of trucks.

Corporal to Wed Niece of Recruiting Officer

On Christmas Eve the engagement of Miss Harriet G. Bowman, Allentown, to Corporal Harry C. Blank, assistant director of publicity at the local recruiting office, in the Harrisburg recruiting district, was announced by Mrs. Cora M. Bowman at her home in Allentown. Mrs. Bowman is a sister of Lieutenant Robert W. Lesher, who has charge of the recruiting party in the Harrisburg district. Miss Bowman is a high school teacher in Allentown. Corporal Blank was city editor of the Allentown Morning Call. He was educated at the Allentown High School, the Allentown preparatory school, and Muhlenberg College. Corporal Blank enlisted for recruiting service October 24, and soon received an appointment as a corporal. Since that time he has directed recruiting publicity campaigns in Allentown, Reading, Lancaster, Pottsville and Johnstown. At the latter place it was through his efforts that more than four hundred men were raised for the Regular Army in less than a week.

1918 Budget Ordinance Passed on First Reading

Ordinances including the 1918 budget providing for expenditures in city departments totalling $875,453 and fixing the tax rate at ten mills next year, one mill higher than this year, were passed on first reading last night at a special meeting of City Council. If the ordinances can be printed until next Tuesday morning they will be passed finally at that time, otherwise a special session will be called to act on them later in the week.

With the final passage of the budget ordinance provision will be made for five additional patrolmen and one more sergeant on the city police force. As there are three vacancies now in the uniformed force and one in the detective service the civil service board will soon arrange for examinations of applicants for appointment to the police department it is said.

1,000,000 Is Loss of Germans on French Front

French Front, Dec. 29. — One million casualities have been suffered by the German armies along the front occupied by the French troops during the 1917, according to statistics carefully compiled here. French territory amounting to many hundreds of square miles has been freed from German domination by the year's fighting, and the German crown prince Frederick has been compelled to suffer the mortification of leaving between 60,000 and 70,000 prisoners from among his best troops in French hands. His cannon to the number of 1400 have been captured, and, in addition, thousands of machine guns and hundreds of trench mortars.

MERCHANTS TO CUT THEIR DELIVERIES

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upon in Wilkes-Barre was shown to several merchants of Harrisburg today. Up there they propose to charge 10 cents for each delivery stop and a 3 per cent. charge added to all book accounts. But this did not appeal to Harrisburg merchants, or seem to them logical.

"It is no help to the Government to pay cash," said J. W. Bowman. "The stores of this city have their regular customers who for years have been paying by the month, and that is satisfactory to merchant and customer. What is needed is that the public enlist and carry home what it can. The change this will make in the delivery work will instantly show. A merchant can little by little diminish his expenses in delivery and that money will not be put in his pocket. Competition alone will prevent that. The customer will get this return in a short time through cheaper prices. Let the whole public enlist. I do not believe in taking away credit. Credit is a national institution. Where would any nation be without it? Saving of man power and fuel is the object of this, and not tacking on any extra charge.

"Harrisburg should show its patriotism by giving this campaign a boost right now. It is almost certain that the Government will come down hard in the near future."

The first move toward cutting down the delivery service here is evidenced in the most of the firms limiting the service to two trips a day. No one will call twice at the same house. They are also discouraging persons ordering trifling purchases such as thread and asking that they be delivered. But this is only a beginning.

Merchants of every type are alive to the situation and a big delegation will go from this town to the delivery conference, at which a universal plan for reduction in this expense and conserving man power to the Government will be adopted.

Consumer Benefits

Just how far the "cash and carry" plan can be carried merchants were unable to say to-day. It was pointed out however, that savings on delivery charges mean a reduction in overhead charges which ultimately result in a benefit to the consumer.

One merchant pointed out that all big stores figure in all items of cost and investments and then endeavor to charge a certain percentage of profit to make up this sum. Anything, he said, that reduces the overhead costs means something to the consumer.

Academy Alumni to Hold Annual Smoker

Former students of the Harrisburg Academy will hold their fifth annual reunion at the University Club, Monday night, at 8 o'clock. Luncheon will be served, followed by a smoker. Short addresses will be given by the graduates. Some of the addresses will portray war-time conditions in the various colleges. Many alumni are in various branches of the service, and a large number of the "old grads" are expected to be present. The sixth form students will be guests of the alumni at the affair. Mr. Robert McCormick is president, and Ehrman B. Mitchell, Jr., is secretary-treasurer of the association.

Suspected Spy in Wright Plant Had Airplane Secrets

Chicago, Dec. 29. — Maps, drawings, and the secret minutes of the Dayton-Wright Airplane Company's strategy board, were found in the rooms of Paul H. Billhuber when he was arrested recently, it was testified yesterday in a hearing here.

Billhuber was an aero engineer in the employ of the Dayton-Wright Company, at Dayton, O., where he worked on the planning and construction of airplanes which the company is making for the United States Army. He was arrested on charges of failing to report for the selective draft and violating the espionage act.

TWO AUTOS CRASH ON MULBERRY STREET BRIDGE

A large automobile moving truck owned by William H. Dare, collided with a roadster on the Milberry street bridge shortly before noon to-day. The drivers of both machines were unable to see each other because of smoke issuing from a railroad locomotive below the bridge. The smaller machine was left partly suspended over the viaduct as a result of the accident. No one was injured.

PRINCESS FINED $100

Geneva, Dec. 29. — The Princess Von Wrede, wife of a chamberlain in the entourage of the King of Bavaria, has been condemned by a court at Vevey to pay a fine of $100 and costs for buying up and storing large quantities of foodstuffs in her villa at Territet, contrary to Swiss law.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT

New York, Dec. 29. — The actual condition of Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold $112,376,830 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $35,135,620 from last week.

SMOKE FUND IS GIVEN BIG BOOST

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service in France, who fought for two years there, was severely wounded and discharged and who came home and won fame by his book, "Over the Top," talked to an immense audience in Chestnut Street Auditorium last evening. He told thrilling tales of life in the trenches as he saw it and took part in and made an eloquent plea for funds to buy smokes for soldiers.

Raises Fund For "Smokes"

At the conclusion of his lecture Mr. Empey offered at auction an autograph copy of his book, "Over the Top," the proceeds to go directly to the soldiers' tobacco fund. The bidding was not at all brisk, the first offer being $25 and the lecturer himself immediately jumping this price to $100. Other bids were tendered and Empey knocked the book down to himself at $250. As the audience was leaving the hall, however, a number of persons got together and through Lesley McCreath, assured the lecturer that they would take the book at $300. Others today hearing of the plan to subscribe to the fund through the purchase of the autographed book have sent Mr. McCreath their checks and before he forwards to Mr. Empey his check for the total amount he will be very glad to receive any further contributions for the tobacco fund. This money is all utilized, every cent of it, for the purchase of "smokes" for the soldiers at the front and Mr. McCreath will be glad to forward any additional contributions. There are indications that several hundred dollars more may be subscribed.

To Encourage Enlisting

"I'm here to further enlisting," said the speaker. "All talk against the British is pro-German. Britain is our blood ally. We can't lick the world by waving the American flag. The war won't be over in a few months. Perhaps there will be three more years of it. And if any peace is to be handed out, we, the allies, will hand it out."

Speaking of the fact that this country does not yet realize it is at war, Sergeant Empey said that Canada is an example of what we shall have here before the conflict ends—lame, halt, sick and blind soldiers everywhere. "If you would know what war means and what we are escaping," he continued, "go to France. See the ruined villages, with everything in them smashed; see the dark, still forms in the ruins; see the newly-arrived United States soldiers out on the battlefield, where the artillery guns are smashed by shells, the dead horses, the bodies of soldiers, muddy and bloody, scattered about and intermingled. See the casualty list. There appears the name of your own dear one. He gave his all for those who stayed at home. Go farther and see more graves; more pineboard headstones, where "unknown" comes under the caption of "missing." The friends of him whom sleeps beneath this slab will never know when, where or how he died."

"Do Your Bit"

"Do your bit if you want your boy to come home with the firm of 'Me and Gott' by the back of the neck," was one of the lecturer's striking sentences. "The American soldier is afraid of nobody, but he can't fight the insidious German agent back home who is nullifying his efforts at the front, and I'm out after this type of German-Americans."

The difference between the German officers and those of the British, he said, "is that the Germans say: 'Go on boys,' while the English say, 'come on boys.'"

His graphic story of his own experiences was told in an easy, modest manner that won his audience completely. He showed his audience the various "tools" used in trench warfare, from a loop of barbed wire used to bring prisoners quietly from enemy trenches, to trench knives and "persuaders," which are long clubs used in close quarters. He told of his own varied experiences from the time of the sinking of the Lusitania, which prompted him to go to England and enlist, to the time he was wounded and lay for three days in a shellhole in No Man's land, sorely wounded, without water and most of the time unconscious. He was out with a detail of twenty men on a trench raid when a Tommy sneezed. A little later this same chap in cutting a barbed wire made such a nise that the Germans were aroused. Star shells were thrown and the raiders stood out revealed before hundreds of German guns. They started to run back to their own trenches, but only three of them ever got there. Empey was shot in the face and twice through the shoulder and as he fell he hurled a bomb he had in his hand back into the German trench, killing a number of the enemy. Then he stumbled into a shellhole and was unconscious. For three days he lay there, until advancing British found him and carried him off to a hospital.

PAID BONUS BUT LOST HIS PLANT

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000 in bonds which tied me up so I could not raise any more money on the property," the witness answered.

At first McDonald said, he had more business than he could attend to but later he began to feel competition and the bank commenced to press him for money. To satisfy their demands, he said, he gave up bit by bit all his property, lost his health and finally the plant, but paid his indebtedness in full.

In adjourning the sessions to enable the commission to return to Washington this afternoon, Mr. Heney said the surface had only been scratched in New England and that he planned to return soon to finish the investigation.

President John J. Martin, of Exchange Trust Company to-day denied testimony given at the Federal Trade Commission inquiry into the packing business, to the effect that his bank had charged William McDonald, formerly an independent renderer, ten per cent. interest on a loan, or that the bank had accepted a bonus for making the loan.

Member of Committee Objects to Cancellation; Brother Has Contract

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 29.—The profitable "scrap sorting contracts" in connection with making of Army uniforms, which testimony at the Senate committee investigation of war activities, has led into the committees of the Council of National Defense, came up again at to-day's hearing while Quartermaster General Sharpe was still under examination.

It was developed that Samuel Kaplan, a member of one of the supply committees had protested against cancellation of a sorting contract in which his brother was interested, and it was further developed that his brother was treasurer of the Mill Brook Mill Company, owning one of the Connecticut woolen mills commandeered by the government.

Senator McKellar asked whether Eamnuel Kaplan, treasurer of the Mill Brook Mill Company was not a brother of Samuel Kaplan, a member of a supply committee. General Sharpe said he thought so.

Senator Weeks brought out that on April 3, Boston wool dealers offered all their wool to the government at prevailing prices, but the offer never reached General Sharpe, being referred to the general munitions board by Secretary Baker.

When orders were given to prepare to clothe the one million more men, General Sharpe said, soaring prices, rather than a shortage, was the worst factor in the situation.

Railroads Not Entirely Responsible For Coal Shortage, Says Mead

Washington, Dec. 29.—Although there has been suffering in the national capital for lack of fuel, A. L. Snead, distributor for the fuel administration, told the Senate investigating committee to-day, enough coal had been shipped here to supply normal demands.

Coal was unavailable, he contended, because persons who could afford it overbought, local dealers did not co-operate with the fuel administration and distributing facilities were inadequate.

"The railroads are not entirely responsible for congestion due to crosshaulinng," said Snead. "The operators desire it in many cases, as it often extends their distributing field."

MERCURY TO HUG ZERO MARK HERE

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rived they were directed to the W. H. Hunt Carriage Works, 549 Woodbine street, but workmen there knew nothing about the alarm. It could not be learned who sent in the call. The police department is investigating in an effort to locate the person who sent in the alarm.

COLDEST DAY OF YEAR

Philadelphia, Dec. 29. — Steam and electric car service was interrupted and telephone and telegraph wires were damaged by a snow storm which ushered in the coldest day of the winter here to-day.

12 BELOW ZERO

Easton, Pa., Dec. 29.—This morning marked the coldest weather of the winter in the Poconos, the thermometer registering 12 degrees below zero at Pocono Station at 7 a. m.

MUCH SUFFERING

Baltimore, Dec. 29. — This region awoke to-day to one of the coldest days it has experienced since the local Weather Bureau was established. The temperature dropped to six degrees above zero at 7 a. m. with a high wind and light snow fall. The storm brought a decided increase in suffering among the poor of this city and added to the already serious situation in regard to coal shortage.

LACK FUEL

Boston, Dec. 29. — The most severe cold wave experienced in New England since 1914 swept in from the northwest early to-day and caused widespread suffering because of the general lack of fuel.

Carbarn Employes Have Hundred Per Cent. Flag

The Harrisburg Railways Company carbarn employes have a Red Cross flag of the hundred per cent. kind. Including in the forty-seven employes who subscribed is one Austrian who cheerfully put up his dollar.

THREE INJURED IN REVOLVER DUEL

By Associated Press

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Captain Wylie J. White, of an artillery regiment; Lieutenant St. Clair, deputy provost marshal, and Edward Mebus, a city detective, were seriously wounded last night in a three-handed pistol fight at the home of Captain White, near Fort Bliss.

DANES PROTEST

By Associated Press

London, Dec. 29. — According to a German newspaper the Danish Government has protested to Washington against the internment of German sailors at St. Thomas. Before taking over the Danish West Indies, the United States is said to have guaranteed that the Germans there would be treated as neutrals until the end of the war.

BANK MANAGER RELEASED

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 29—B. R. Stevens, manager of the National City branch bank in Petrograd, and his assistant, a Mr. Link, arrested when the Bolsheviki seized the bank, have been released, reported American Ambassador Francis to-day.

NOT EASY TO STOP FRENCH WINE SALE STATES PERSHING

Mooted Question Is Being Discussed With Officials of French Government

By Associated Press

With the American army in France, Friday, Dec. 28.—General Pershing in an interview with correspondents to-day, said the question of prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating liquors to American troops, which he favors, is being discussed with the French government. He explained his recent order prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants except light wine and beer and the conditions prevailing in France which caused it to be drawn as it was.

"It was not by any means intended to convey an injunction to the American troops to drink light wine and beer, but quite the reserve," he said. "t was drawn to conform to French regulations on the subject.

"Although I am heartily in favor of prohibiton for the American expeditionary force, the situation in France and the United States is not the same. Comparatively few French people drink water as we do; they drink wine instead. This is partly because the French water supply is not as pure as ours. French wine is light and much less intoxicating than is generally supposed. An intoxicated Frenchman is a rare sight indeed, French beer also is by no means strong. The French government issues to its soldiers a regular wine ration.

"Obviously their are obstacles to forbidding wine shops in the zone of the army to do business at all which practically is what the French would have to do. Local sentiment will play a large part in the determination of the question.

AMERICAN STEAMER SINKS HUN U-BOAT

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Fanning immediately headed for the spot and about three minutes after the periscope had been sighted dropped a depth charge. The Nicholson also speeded to the position of the submarine, which appeared to be heading toward a merchant vessel in the convoy, and dropped another depth charge. At that moment the submarine's conning tower appeared on the surface between the Nicholson and the convoy and the Nicholson fired three shots from her stern gun. The bow of the submarine came up rapidly. She was down by the stern, but righted herself and seemed to increase her speed. The Nicholson cleared, the Fanning headed for the U-boat, firing from the bow gun. After the third shot, the crew of the submarine all came on deck and help up their hands, the submarine surrendering at 4.28 p. m.

"The Fanning approached the submarine to pick up the prisoners, both destroyers keeping their batteries trained on the boat.

"A line was gotten to the submarin but in a few minutes she sank, the line was let go and the crew of the U-boat jumped into the water and swam to the Fanning.

"Although the crew all wore life preservers," the statement continues, "a number of them were exhausted when they reached the side of the destroyer. As the submarine sank, five or six men were caught by the radio aerial and carried below the surface before they disentangled themselves. Ten of the men were so weak that lines had to be passed under their arms to haul them aboard. One man was in such a condition that he could not even hold the line thrown him. Chief Pharmacist's Mate Elzer Harwell and Coxswain Francis G. Connor, (N. N. V.) jumped over board after this man and secured a line under his arms. When he was hauled aboard every effort was made to resuscitate him but he died in a few minutes. The four officers of the submarine and thirty-five members of the crew were all taken prisoners.

"After being taken on board the prisoners were given hot coffee and sandwiches. Though kept under strict guard they seemed contented and after a short time commenced to sing. To make them comfortable the crew of the destroyer gave them warm coats and heavy clothing.

"Kaiser" and "Gott"

"The German officers said the first depth charge had wrecked the machinery of the submarine and caused her to sink to a considerable depth.

"The submarine bore no number, nor distinguishing mark. She was, however, identified by lifeboats and by statements of an officer and men of the crew. One of the lifebelts, the report said, had 'Kaiser' marked on one side and 'Gott' on the other.

"The Fanning proceeded to port and transferred her prisoners under guard. As they were leaving in small boats the Germans gave three cheers. The commanding officer of the Fanning read the burial service over the body of the dead German sailor and the destroyer proceeded to sea and buried him with full military honors.

"In his report the commander of the Fanning praises the conduct of his officers and crew and gives particular credit to Lieutenant Walter O. Henry, officer of the deck, and to Coxswain Loomis, who sighted the periscope. He also commends Pharmasist's Mate Harwell and Coxswain Connor, who pumped overboard to save the drowning German.

"The British commander-in-chief, under whom the destroyers were operating, said this in his report to the British admiralty:

Affair Reflects Credit

"'The whole affair reflects credit on the discipline and training of the United States flotilla,' and added that the incident showed the Fanning a man-of-war in the best sense of the term, well disciplined and organized and ready for immediate action. He also praises her commander, Lieutenant A. S. Carpender, and commends Lieutenant Henry, Coxswain Loomis, Pharmacist's Mate Harwell and Coxswain Connor. The British admiral also commended the prompt action of the Nicholson, which he says completed the success of its sister ship. The Nicholson was commanded by Lieutenant G. H. Fort. The British admiralty sent a telegram to the commander-in-chief directing him to express to the commanding officer, officers and men of the Fanning, its 'high appreciation of their successful action against enemy submarines.'

"Vice Admiral Sims, commanding the American forces operating in European waters, commended the officers and men of the Fanning and Nicholson. Coxswain Loomis was advanced to the next higher rating in recognition of his vigilance in sighting the periscope."