PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

TELL ENGAGEMENT AT INFORMAL TEA

Mr. and Mrs. Stark Announce Engagement of Daughter, Miss Mary Stark

MISS MARY STARK

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton A. Stark, of 236 Kelker street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Stark, to John E. Carroll, of Altoona.

The announcement was made at an informal tea given this afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock, by Miss Stark for her house guests, Miss Ann Meginniss, of Denmore Park, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Jeannette Sherry, of Spring City, Pa., and Miss Marie Carroll, of Altoona.

The tea was one of the prettiest of the holiday events, with attractive appointments of the seasons' greens cleverly arranged about the tables where Miss Esther Hutman, Miss Dorothy Bothwell, Miss Ruth Rexroth, assisted Miss Stark to pour.

The engagement of Miss Stark comes as quite a surprise to her many friends. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. Carroll, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carroll, of Altoona, is a graduate of the 1915 class of Penn-State College, and is connected with the Curtiss Aeroplane Company, at present located at Elmira, N. Y., as senior inspector of material.

The bride-elect is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Stark, of 236 Kelker street. She is a graduate of the Central High school in the class of 1915, and one of the most popular girls in school activities as well as a general favorite among the younger set.

Sunday Musicales Begin Wth a Chopin Program

Frederick C. Martin will inaugurate the winter series of Sunday musicales to-morrow afternoon at his residence, Front and Lewis streets, Riverside, with the following delightful Chopin program, beginning at 3.30 o'clock:

Six Etudes Op. 10, 1 to 6, Arthur Nesbit; three songs from Op. 17, "The Maiden's Wish," "Elegy," "My Joys," Miss Mary Worley; six Etudes 7 to 12, Op. 10, Arthur Nesbit; three songs from Op 74, "My Beloved," "Lituanian Song," "The Homecoming," Miss Worley; concerts in F minor, Op. 21, Arthur Nesbit; 2d piano by F. C. Martin.

Miss Helen Irwin and Charles Williams, of Philadelphia, have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irwin, of 2128 Green street.

William Whitmeyer, of Renovo, is the guest of Jay Skinner, of 203 Kelker street.

Miss Katharine Martin, a trained nurse of Frederick, Md., is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, Colonial Acres.

Miss Mary Martin, a nurse in training at the Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C., has returned to her duties after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, Colonial Acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrison Bair, Ellsworth Parthemore Bair and John Parthemore, of Bethesda, Md., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parthemore, 1923 Derry street.

Corporal Harry D. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wilson, 1235 Kittatinny street, who is stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., is home for a ten-day furlough.

Miss Sarah Ogelsby, 160 North Fifteenth street, is entertaining as her house guest Miss Ivy Davis, of Trenton, N. J.

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REPEAT CANTATA TOMORROW NIGHT

Choirs of Olivet and Immanuel Churches to Again Sing "The Light Eternal"

Henry Petrie's beautiful cantata "The Light Eternal" sung so successfully last Sunday evening to a capacity audience in the Olivet Presbyterian Church will be repeated to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Immanuel Church by the choirs of both churches directed by D. Hammond and R. B. Manley. Members of the Olivet choir singing are: Miss Miriam Himes, Mrs. J. Henry Steele, Mrs. Roscoe Bowman, Miss Gertrude Huber, Miss Effie Blouch, Miss Helen Gable, Miss Mary Huber, Carlton Donmoyer, Charles Hoover, Ralph B. Manley, Cameron Stamm, Miller Bricker, John Gates, J. A. McDonald.

Those of the Immanuel choir are: Miss Lillian Speakman, Miss Agnes Miller, Mrs. H. D. Hammond, Mrs. George Vint, Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. Joseph Rehn, Mrs. Violet Bolan, Miss Elizabeth Workman, Mrs. John Myers, Miss Evelyn Speakman, Miss Clara Bitner, Frank Witherow, Douglas Andrews, George Witt; cello, Dr. Strasbach; first violin, Dr. J. Moore Campbell; second violins, Paul Beck and Earl Unger.

Carlton Donmoyer, tenor, songs: "It Speaks to the World"; Miss Elizabeth Workman sings with much expression the contralto solo, "The Dawning." Miss Miriam Himes takes the soprano solo, "Angel Voices," with great expression. The bass solo, "Born in a Manger," by Cameron Stamm deserves special mention, also the trio, "Star of Bethlehem," which will be sung by Miss Lillian Speakman, soprano, Carlton Donmoyer, tenor, H. D. Hammond, baritone. The cantata comes to a fitting finale by the wonderful chorus "Lead Me Eternal Light."

New Year's Dances Listed For Various Club Members

The largest dance of the holiday season will be that of the Triangle Club, to be given New Year's eve, Monday, December 31, in Winterdale hall. A large attendance is expected judging from the number of acceptances received to date. This is an annual affair of the club and one of the most successful of their social doings. The Updegrove orchestra has been engaged to play for the many dancers who will include many out-of-town guests and many boys and girls home from the various schools and colleges for the holiday recess, as well as the regular members.

The club night for the month of December at the Colonial Country Club has been changed to New Year's night, January 1, for the members. A dance has been arranged with the Updegrove orchestra playing an unusually fine and up-to-date dance program for the many members expected to attend. The committee in charge of arrangements for the affair include Albert L. Allen and Redsecker Brinser.

Sergeant Major Harry W. Solomon, of Caisson Company No. 1, 103rd Ammunition Train, Camp Hancock, Ga., spent Christmas with his wife ,at 2118 Green street.

Mr and Mrs. Walter Gordon and small daughter, Alice, of Lynchburg, Va., are guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Smith ,of North Third street.

Miss Ellen Kennedy has gone home to Pittsburgh, after a brief stay among relatives in the West End.

Miss Mary Fisher, of Steelton, is spending a week with friends in Philadelphia.

A. M. Aurand, Jr., Beaver Springs, is spending the weekend in Harrisburg. Mr. Aurand is editor of the Snyder county Herald.

Jay L. Spangler, Sunbury, visited friends here last week.

Miss Elizabeth F. Taylor, McConnellsburg, is visiting Harrisburg friends over the weekend.

The Misses Mary Fuhrman, Williamsport, and Bertha Douglas, Dauphin, are visiting Miss Goldie Douglas, 2253 North Fourth street.

Mrs. Laura Wolfinger Shannon, of Altoona, a former resident of this city, arrived yesterday for an extended visit with friends and relatives in this city and vicinity.

Samuel Etter, of 1515 Derry street, was a recent visitor with relatives in Deodate.

STORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry ,announce the birth of a son, Charles Michael Berry, Wednesday, December 26, 1917. Mrs. Berry was formerly Miss Casilda Barbush.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Grose, of 231 Harris street, announce the birth of a son, Robert Lee Grose, Wednesday, December 19, 1917. Mrs. Grose was Miss Rose Sachs prior to her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spencer, of Washington, former Harrisburgers, announce the birth of a son, James Duane Spencer, Thursday, December 20, 1917.

Well-Known Nurse Stricken in Midst of Red Cross Work

MRS. STANLEY BACKENSTOSS

Mrs. Stanley G. Backenstoss, of the Hillside Apartments, was operated upon yesterday for appendicitis at the Polyclinic Hospital, Front and Harris streets.

Mrs. Backenstoss, who is well-known in this city, is an alumna of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, in Philadelphia, and is at present awaiting an appointment from the official board at Washington, as a Red Cross nurse of the National Red Cross organization.

She is an ardent worker of the local Red Cross Chapter. It was while in the midst of her duties for the Red Cross that she was stricken with a chronic attack of appendicitis. She was at the time soliciting members in the recent drive of the chapter as the chairman in charge of the booth at the Reading station.

Cupid Claims Sisters Just at Holiday Time

Yesterday J. Fred Bowers, of 1540 Derry street, announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Ellen F. Bowers, to D. H. Flanagan, of Bethlehem, a graduate of Girard College, and an employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Later in the day Mr. Bowers made another announcement to the effect that his younger daughter, Miss Catharine P. Bowers, was married at Elkton, Md., yesterday to Paul Haertter, by the Rev. Dr. Luther DeYoe, of Germantown, a former minister of the Messiah Lutheran Church, this city. The bride was graduated with the class of 1917, Central High school, and Mr. Haertter, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. G. Haertter, 134 South Thirteenth street, is an attache of the Central railroad of New Jersey. They will reside in Allentown after January 15.

Merritt Singer's Dance at the Colonial Club

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Singer, of 2007 North Second street, gave a holiday dance last evening in honor of their son, Charles Merritt Singer, and his house guests: Miss Louise Zebley, Miss Margaret Wall and Miss Dorothy Wall, of Philadelphia; Miss Mariam Scattergood, of Lansdowne; Frances Fanning and Peter Lever, of Philadelphia.

The invitation list included: Miss Kathryn Darby, Miss Rachel Darby, Miss Marguerite Robinson, Miss Marie Stucker, Miss Caroline Patterson, Miss Helen Wallace, Miss Clara Segelbaum, Miss Katherine Middleton, Robert Sites, Harry Leonard, William Eby, George Doehne, Richard Robinson, Harry W. Stubbs, Arch Botts, Dr. Harry M. Vastine, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Delmotte, Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Witman, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Haehnlen, Mr. and Mrs. Anson P. Dare, Mr. and Mrs. Redsecker Brinser, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Bass, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Lane S. Hart, of Duncannon; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Alden, Dr. and Mrs. William J. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Delamater, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert S. Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. William Darbey, Mr. and Mrs. Claud A. Binser, and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Nell, of Steelton.

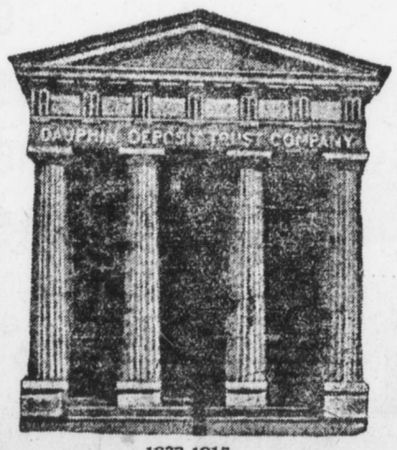
Mrs. David Shelby and Miss Amalie Shelby, of Washington, D. C., are weekend guests of Mr. and street.

Miss Kathleen Young went home to Baltimore this morning after week's visit with her cousin, Miss Roberta Fought of Penn street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Myers and Miss Margaret Myers, of 530 Peffer street, are home from Augusta, Ga., where they spent a fortnight with Corporal Heath Brasselmann, who is stationed at Camp Hancock.

Miss Edith Thompson, a student of the Institute of Musical Art, New York city, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Thompson, at Stoneleigh, Paxtang.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ladd and children, of Genessee, Potter county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Warden, at 107 Calder street, Mrs. Ladd was formerly Miss Blanche Warden of this city.



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WEST SHORE NEWS

Marysville Lodges Ousted From Quarters by Fire

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 29.—Loss in the White store fire yesterday will not run as heavy as at first thought. While no accurate statement has yet been compiled, it is not believed that it will exceed $15,000. Most of this is covered by insurance.

As a result of this fire, a number of secret orders will be obliged to find new quarters, temporarily at least. Included among these are: Blue Mountain Lodge No. 694, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; Lady Maccabees, Belle of Blue Mountain Lodge, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; Patriotic Order of Americas, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Modern Woodmen of America, Improved Order of Foresters and the Odd Fellows. Some of the fraternal orders will find temporary quarters in the castle of Buehler Lodge No. 269, Knights of Pythias.

ARRANGING FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Chautauqua in Marysville this winter by the Swarthmore Winter Chautauqua Association will be given on January 31 and February 1 and 2. A meeting of the guarantors will be held within a short time when further arrangements for the event will be made. This meeting will likely be held on Monday, January 7.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 29.—Extensive arrangements are being made by the five Marysville churches for the usual week of prayer which will be held alternately in the several churches next week. The services will open on Monday evening and continue until Friday evening. Monday evening's service will be held in Trinity Reformed Church, with the Rev. Wesley Wright, the new pastor of the Church of God, as the speaker.

SERIES OF MEETINGS

Enola, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Rev. F. Grant Sleep, pastor of the Methodist Church, will open a series of evangelistic meetings in the church to-morrow evening. Services will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings. The revival will continue for at least a month. The quarterly communion will also be observed at both services to-morrow.

DORCAS SOCIETY MASQUERADE

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 29.—On Thursday evening members of the Dorcas Society of the local Lutheran Church attended a masquerade at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bitting, in South Main street. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Claster Entertains For New York Visitor

One of the prettiest of holiday events was the tea given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Joseph Claster, Second and Briggs streets, in compliment to her houseguest, Mrs. S. Solomon, of New York City. The tea was delightfully informal and a goodly number of Mrs. Claster's friends had the pleasure of meeting her visitor.

Beautiful roses of several varieties adorned the house in baskets and vases and graced the teatable where Mrs. Claster poured, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Shapiro, of Lebanon, Miss Clarabelle Claster and Miss Sylvia Claster.

Thrills Younger Soldiers With Civil War Tales

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hoover, 1721 Forster street, entertained at dinner on Christmas Day, in honor of their nephew, Corporal Fabian T. Bumgardner, Company B, 316th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md., who spent a four-days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bumgardner. Among the guests was Mr. Hoover's father, ex-Sheriff Hoover, of Lock Haven, a member of the famous Bucktail Regiment of Civil War fame. The sheriff is 82 years young, and can tell some wonderfully interesting stories of Civil War times.

AMONG WEDDING GUESTS

Among the out-of-town people here for the Witmer-Boas wedding, Monday evening, are: Pay Director of the United States Navy and Mrs. John N. Speel, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Kinnard, of Wynnewood; Miss Anne Cassell, of East Radford, Va.; Alex R. Speel, Mrs. Walter A. Jones, Washington; Miss Laura Hetzel, of Lewisburg, and Miss Olive Barnett, of Markleton.

NEW YEAR'S AT MANSION

The Governor and Mrs. Martin Grove Brumbaugh will be "At Home" at the Executive Mansion Tuesday afternoon, January 1, from 4 to 6 o'clock, keeping the usual New Year's "open house." No invitations are issued and all reputable Pennsylvania citizens have the privilege of greeting the chief executive of the state at this time and meeting the mistress of the Mansion.

A. M. STEEVER IN TOWN

A. M. Steever, metallurgical inspector in the Signal Corps of the U. S. government, spent "over Christmas" with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dyer, of 601-A Peffer street. After visiting a number of his friends in Harrisburg he will return to Detroit, Mich., where he is an inspector of the U. S. Liberty aircraft motors.

HOME FROM GEORGIA

W. R. Pendergast, Battery F, One Hundred and Eighth Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Ga., is home on a seven days' furlough, brought here by the serious illness of his father. Mr. Pendergast left Harrisburg in the Governor's Troop. The Governor's Troop is now part of the One Hundred and Eighth Field Artillery, he says. He reports that all the boys from Harrisburg at Camp Hancock are well and happy.

HOME FROM HAMILTON

Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Spangler, of Hamilton, Ontario, are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Bright, 227 Hummel street. Mr. Spangler will leave for Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., Saturday, January 5, where he has been assigned to the Officers Training Camp. During his absence Mrs. Spangler will reside with her parents.

VISITORS FROM BALTIMORE

Herman Stein, of Baltimore, is spending the holidays among relatives at 621 Herr street.

Harry Witten, of Baltimore, is visiting his cousin, Harry Witten, at 247 South Cameron street. Both young men leave for home to-morrow.

Mrs. C. S. Dickert and Miss Dorothea Dickert, of 123 Sylvan Terrace, are holiday guests of Prof. and Mrs H. C. Menold, in Bellefonte.

Luther Reily Moffitt, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is spending a fortnight with his father, Dr. R. H. Moffitt, North Front streets.

Wright's Orchestra
of Columbus, Ohio, will play for dancing at Winterdale Saturday evening, December 29th. A great treat at 25c and 50c.—Adv.

Social and Personal Items of Towns Along West Shore

Mr. and Mrs. John Spangler and son Curtis Spangler, of Wellsville, and Mrs. Emma Kessler, son, William Kessler, of York, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Miller, at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. Richard Baker, of York, visited Mrs. R. E. Wolfe, at Shiremanstown, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Isaac McKonly and daughter, Miss Eliza McKonly, of Shiremanstown, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Meloy, at Boiling Springs.

Mrs. Scott Brinton son Charles, of Shiremanstown, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barlup, at Camp Hill, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Braught and Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson Stock of Shiremanstown, were entertained at dinner Christmas Day by Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Cromleigh, in Mechanicsburg.

Mrs. Mary Drawbaugh and son, Russell, have returned to their home at Trindle Spring, after visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Noah R. Heikes, at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. H. M. Rupp and Miss Jennie Stephens, of Shiremanstown, were entertained at dinner Christmas Day by Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dodge, at their residence, at Camp Hill.

Miss Myra M. B. Comfort, of New York City, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Comfort, at Shiremanstown, on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Bertha Strock, of Harrisburg, visited her mother, Mrs. H. M. Zearing, at Shiremanstown, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Myers, of Mechanicsburg, spent Christmas Day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Drawbaugh, at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. Harry Spahr, of Philadelphia, visited, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Wolfe, at Shiremanstown, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edward Blair and son, John, of West Fairview, spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Mary Carson, at Harrisburg.

Ammon Witman and son, Melvin, of Wormleysburg, and Mrs. Grace Slusher and son, Manerd, of Harrisburg, spent a day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reitzel, at West Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lantz and daughter, Carrie, spent Thursday, at the home of their son, J. Harper Lantz, at West Fairview.

Mrs. Armstrong, of West Fairview, spent Thursday at Harrisburg.

Mrs. Annie Bender, of West Fairview, visited at the home of her father, William Rice, at Mechanicsburg, on Thursday.

Mrs. Amos Bretz and children, of West Fairview, spent several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Shearer, at Harrisburg.

John Ponesmith, West Fairview, visited at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Bidlack, of Marysville.

Mrs. Daniel Stiles, of West Fairview, spent Friday, at Harrisburg.

Clyde Luse and son, Robert, of West Fairview, spent a day at Harrisburg.

Kenneth Bidlack, of Marysville, spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Ponesmith, at West Fairview.

John Blair, of West Fairview, who has been ill, is improved and is out again.

Mrs. George Rhiver and son, of West Fairview ,spent a day in Harrisburg.

Mrs. Jennie Feight, of Lewisburg, is ill with pneumonia at the home of her sister, Mrs. William James, on Market Square, New Cumberland.

Miss Carrie and Florence Garver, of Third street, New Cumberland, have returned from a visit to Sparrows Point, Md.

Robert Cook, who has been spending a ten-day furlough at his home, in Fourth street, New Cumberland, has returned to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shover, of Bridge street, New Cumberland, attended the funeral of Andrew Shover, at Mechanicsburg, yesterday.

John W. Clemens, of New York city, Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Chambers, John M. Chambers and Miss Rhoda Chambers, of Coatesville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Chambers at Wormleysburg.

Miss Ida Sweger, of Wormleysburg, has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Sweger at Harrisburg.

Mrs. R. E. Schrack and daughter, Gladys, of Wormleysburg, are visiting friends at Columbia.

Mrs. Samuel Barr and daughter Mary, of Harrisburg, and Miss Dorothy Yetter, of Lebanon, were guests of Mrs. George Hoover at Wormleysburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Fever Rhinehart, of Enola, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Rhinehart, at Wormleysburg on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Sweger, of Harris burg, and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lau, of Washington, D. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sweger at Wormleysburg on Wednesday.

Miss Frances Myers, of Harrisburg, visited Miss Ruth Myers at Wormleysburg yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Evans, of Harrisburg, was the guest of her sisters, Misses Elizabeth and Edna Eckert, at Wormleysburg, on Thursday.

Mrs. Annie Knier, of Overview, and Mrs. Frank Morrett, of Harrisburg, were guests of Mrs. H. G. Knier, at Wormleysburg, yesterday.

Miss Margaret Jenkins and Miss Mary Rishel, of Wormleysburg, visited Miss Margaret Schaffstall and Miss Helen Miller at Harrisburg.

Mrs. G. M. Fisher, of Wormleysburg, spent several days with Mrs. Fisher, of Marysville.

Miss Mary Deckard, of Marysville, visited relatives at Camp Hill.

Cassius Kennedy has returned to his home at Marysville after visiting at York.

The Rev. Ralph E. Hartman, of the Marysville Trinity Reformed Church, visited relatives at Cavetown, Md.

Mrs. R. Deckard has returned to her home at Camp Hill after being entertained by relatives at Marysville.

Miles Neidig, of West Fairview, visited at Marysville on Friday with Dr. and Mrs. George H. Eppley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burkheimer, of York, are guests of Mrs. Emma Sellers, Valley street, Marysville.

Miss Adella Smith, of Marysville, is visiting at Green Park, Perry county, with relatives.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Enola, Pa., Dec. 29.—Almost three hundred persons attended the second annual Community Christmas tree celebration held last night under the auspices of the Enola P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. Public Playground League in the association rooms. A program of music and addresses was presented. The Rev. M. S. Sharp, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Life of Christ."

TURKEYS 25 CENTS PER POUND

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 29.—Hucksters are paying twenty-five cents per pound, live weight, for turkeys that are really fat in the Sandy Hill district and are getting all they want.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE WITH EMPEY

By Arthur Guy Empey

(Continued)

A Little Black Bird

While loading guano at Lobas, the Fourth Engineer had gone on a shooting trip and killed several huge pelicans. He skinned these and gave me one of the skins. Bill and I worked a scheme. That morning a little black bird fell on the deck, and I picked it up and took it to my glory hole. It was in a dying condition. I told Bill that that night, about ten o'clock, I would go aft on the poop deck with the pelican's skin down my back, and, with my face smeared with black, would do a mystic dance. He was to take Monday and hide behind the ventilator, and while I was doing my war dance, he would explain to Monday that I was in communication with my father, the great American Medicine Man. He did this and it made quite a hit. The next morning Monday came to me and, bowing low, requested a token as he called it; a message from my father. I promised to give him one, but we were sure up against it. Then I thought of the little black bird in my glory hole, and the solution was at hand. I very solemnly informed Monday that at eight o'clock that night my father would send a message to me in the form of a little land bird. All day Monday kept away from me, adoration and awe in his eyes. Bill and I immediately repaired to the glory hole, and certainly took tender care of that bird, praying that it would live until eight o'clock. About ten minutes to eight I put on my feathers and sneaked aft with the little bird, placed it on the steerage gear, and commenced my mystic dance. I chanted a little song: "Oh, Father, greatest of Medicine Men, a token is desired for the esteemed friend of your son. Oh, Father, send me this token." Then, with a few mystic grunts, I beseeched Bill and Monday to come and receive the token. Monday came trembling aft and I pointed to the little black bird which was weakly gasping its last, but it saved the day for us. How we honored and respected that little bunch of black feathers. Curious to see what Monday would do, we left him. He sat by the bird for over an hour, chanting in that weird, sing-song patois of the British West Indies. From that time on Monday was our slave.

Two days before reaching St. Lucia, the Captain sent for us, and said that he knew Bill and I had stowed away Monday. We, like a couple of fish, fell for this and admitted it, whereupon the Captain cooly informed us that we had forfeited all pay and allowance due us for the entire voyage. The joke of it was that, under the Board of Trade Laws, the "Cushko" had to go two hundred miles out of her way to get to St. Lucia and put Monday ashore.

We dressed him in a long pair of white pants; the carpenter gave him a red vest; Bill placed a derby hat on his head and he went ashore in a small boat. When the boat returned we lifted anchor, and as St. Lucia again faded into the distance we could see a solitary little figure on the dock waving his white pants around his head. He had removed them upon reaching port. We felt a pang of regret as he faded out of sight.

After an uneventful trip we went into quarantine in New York Harbor. At the first sight of the Statue of Liberty a rush of independence and patriotism surged through me, and I sat down on the hatchway and absolutely refused to work. The Captain threatened to put me in double irons, I told him to go to hell, and do it; that I was a free American in a free American port, and I claimed the protection of the Stars and Stripes, and in accordance with my rights as a sailor, I demanded the Consul's flag to be hoisted at the foremast. The Captain gave me a hard look but wilted.

The next afternoon at eight bells I landed in New York, free again. I was dressed in a pair of blue overalls, barefooted, a Panama hat on my head, black as a negro from sunburn, a red handkerchief around my neck, and wearing a white negligee shirt. On my left shoulder I had a small monkey, and in my right hand a wooden cage with a parrot in it. In my pocket was $8.40 in silver, but I did not care. I was again on terra firma with the Stars and Stripes floating above me.

I received a wonderful welcome at home, and was of the opinion that the hardships of my cruise were well worth enduring, in view of the reception I was receiving.

But of course all wonders die out in nine days, and mine sizzled out like a wet firecracker on the Fourth of July, and it was up to me to get busy and find something to do.

This ended my First Real Adventure.

My Chance

It was in 1914, and the Great World's War was on, and here was I in the United States and neutral. For thirteen years I had been soldiering but had never been under fire. In my imagination I could hear the guns booming on the Western Front. I admit I was a trifle afraid; nevertheless I had a great desire to get into the mix-up. How could I get over? I planned out many ways, but none of them were practical.

One day while walking down Greenwich Street, New York, I passed an employment agency. Staring me in the face was a great flaring sign, "Horses for France." Under this "Men Wanted." Here was my chance.

Upon returning to my office I immediately got in touch over the telephone with two prominent men in New York who I knew to be distinctly pro-Ally. After outlining my desire, an appointment was made for me to meet a certain gentleman at the Hotel Astor at four o'clock that afternoon. I met him. He introduced me to a Frenchman. At that time in my eyes a Frenchman was a hero, a man to be looked up to, a man fighting in the Great Cause. But now a Frenchman to me is more than a hero. After being introduced I went up into the Frenchman's room and talked over the matter of horses for France for about twenty minutes.

Upon leaving the Frenchman I was told to report to him three days later, at the same time and place. I left, bubbling over with enthusiasm and anticipation.

During this interval of three days I mapped out a story of my life to present to him upon our second interview. The eventful day at last came, and once more I was closeted with him. I started into tell him my story. He interrupted me by waving his right hand to the right and left. It reminded me of the butts on a target range during rifle practice, when the man marking the target wigwags a miss to the firing line. My heart sank. Then he spoke, and I was carried from despondency to the greatest height of expectation. His words: "Pardon me, Monsieur, I already know your life," and in an amazingly short time he told me more than I knew about myself. I had been carefully investigated.

My instructions received from him are confidential, so I will not go into them. Anyway, he handed me an envelope and told me to follow out carefully all details as contained therein.

I immediately went back to my office, opened the envelope and on a typewritten sheet I read: "Report at Goldsmith's Employment Agency, No —— Greenwich Street. Ship as an ordinary horseman and during voyage carefully follow the verbal instructions received by you during our interview, making careful note of all details immediately after happening. Be cautious in doing this. Upon landing in France report to the Prefecture of Police, Bordeaux, and to the letter obey his instructions. Good luck."

I went home and put on my oldest clothes; an old black suit, olive drab shirt, a heavy pair of army shoes and a woolen cap. I had let my beard grow and certainly looked rough.

In passing through City Hall Park, New York, one sees many derelicts of the human race sitting on the benches. I sat down between two of these wrecks of humanity and engaged them in conversation, trying to blend into their atmosphere. About ten minutes later a policeman came past and told the three of us to move on. I slouched away with the other two. Telling them that I was going out "panhandling," I took my leave, but not before one of them made an appealing and successful touch for a nickel. The method used by him in securing that nickel would have done credit to the greatest financiers in the country in putting through a deal involving millions.

Going down Greenwich street, slouching along, looking at the ground, I ran plump into a young lady of my acquaintance. I had a feeling of affection for this particular young lady, but it soon died out upon hearing her remark as I collided with her. "If you cannot look where you are going, I will have you arrested." Of course, she did not recognize me and I took no pains to argue the matter with her. I was glad enough to slink by.

When I came to the Agency, there was a long line of bums, two and three deep, trying to ship as horsemen for France.

It would be impossible to get a rougher and more unkempt gathering of men. It looked as if some huge giant had taken a fine comb and carefully combed the gutters of New York.

I fell into this line and waited my turn. Upon arriving at the desk, in front of me sat a little fat, greasy Jew. To describe his manner of handling men as being impolite would be a great exaggeration. The way he handled that line of human cattle would do the Kaiser's heart good.

It came my turn, and this conversation ensued.

"What do you know about horses?"

I answered: "Six years in the U. S. Cavalry."

The Agent: "What Regiments?"

"Eleventh and Twelfth."

"You're a liar. You never saw the Cavalry."

I felt like punching him on the nose but did not do so. I wanted to ship as a horseman. I showed him my discharges. He said: "They're faked. What did you do, desert or were you kicked out?"

I was getting sore and answered: "Deserted the Twelfth; kicked out of the Eleventh."

"What's your name?"

"Arthur Guy Empey."

"You're a German."

This was too much even for me, and I answered: "You're a damned liar." I saw my chances of shipping vanishing in smoke.

The Jew grinned and rubbed his hands and said: "You're all right. Go into that room and get a card made out, and come back at two o'clock."

I received a card and went to a beanery across the street and had a wonderful meal of corned beef hash, muddy coffee and huge slices of bread and butter. This cost me fifteen cents.

At two o'clock I reported back, and with seventy-two others was herded like cattle, and in a long straggling line, flanked by three of the employees of the Agency, we marched to the ferry and landed "somewhere in New Jersey."

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