

N. I. HENCH, ONE OF CITY'S OLDEST MERCHANTS, DIES

Fought in Civil War and Conducted Big Wholesale Business

Nicholas I. HENCH, aged 81, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Guy I. Davies, of Carlisle.

Mr. HENCH was the son of Nicholas and Katherine Hamilton HENCH. He was born in Ickesburg, Perry county, January 17, 1837.

He was a member of the Market Square Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Douglas E. Dismukes and Mrs. Wilbur F. Harris, of this city, and Mrs. Guy I. Davies, Carlisle.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence, 1015 North Front street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. George Edward Hawes, pastor of the Market Square Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Mr. HENCH was singularly reticent about relating his war time experiences, but this letter was written to one of his daughters who had made a trip to the Gettysburg battlefield and who asked him for the part his regiment had taken in the battle.

"We went to Gettysburg, near the Heights opposite Washington on the last day of June, 1863, and by the time we reached the outskirts of Washington, we were just rising.

We marched all that day and night and the next morning, July 1, we stopped to make coffee and eat breakfast. I imagine that about six or eight miles from Gettysburg, near Hanover, there a messenger reached us telling that General Reynolds had been killed the day before.

"We arrived at Gettysburg directly to the rear of Little Round Top and as our lines were giving way just to the right of Little Round Top, on the peach orchard, our brigade was sent in and drove the enemy back.

Reserves were filed to the left, right in front of Devil's Den where the sharpshooters picked off our artillerists on Little Round Top.

After dark, we took possession of Big Little Round Top where our regiment monument now stands, and threw up the stone breastworks as nearly like they are to-day as can be.

The next morning the trees were felled with sharpshooters who succeeded in wounding a number of our men. My brother, Frank, went down about fifty steps from our line and was shot through the head.

U.S. FIGHTERS IN TRENCHES EQUAL GERMANY'S BEST

Abundant Proof That American Army Will Be Decisive Factor in War

With the American Army in France, March 11.—The past fortnight's fighting by the American troops in three different sectors of the west front shows conclusively the importance of the United States Army in the world war and proves that it will be a powerful factor on the front from the very start.

It refutes at the same time the German's contemptuous statements that it would require two years to train even the smallest army to be ready to take the field.

In the American sector north of Toul, in the other Lorraine sector and along the Chemin des Dames the Americans met the shock of picked German storm troops, hurled them back and inflicted serious losses, and emerged from the conflict smiling, ready and eager for another try.

Many of the most optimistic military leaders and critics are surprised by the aptitude the Americans show in picking up knowledge of modern position warfare four months after the others had been engaged. The French and Germans picked up the new tactics slowly, building stronger entrenched positions as the enemy artillery grew heavier, devising masks to evade gas, perfecting the masks as the gases became more powerful, building deeper dugouts as the penetration of high-velocity shells became greater.

But the Americans entered the struggle in the thick of it, after three and a half years' fighting. Readily and rapidly they adapted themselves to the advanced stages of scientific fighting reached by the others.

No small part in the success of the Americans so far is due to the fearlessness of the high command in discarding tricks that have been found obsolete, and concentrating upon training in matters long proved in the field to be of value.

The big and powerful .45-caliber machine pistol, for example, the handling of pistol, rifle and bayonet is drilled, drilled, drilled into the American troops, despite the reports that the infantryman with the gun is long since over and that the cartridge and the bayonet have been superseded by hand grenades.

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DEPARTMENT IS DETERMINED TO BAR ADDRESSES

Officials Will Be Notified of Death; No Other Way to Determine Casualties

Washington, March 11.—General Pershing's casualty report to-day shows 4,000 American troops killed in action, four severely wounded, twenty-one slightly wounded, four died from wounds, eight from disease and two from unknown causes.

The list follows: Killed in Action—Private Frank J. Osgood, Cook Linnie G. Fillingsim, Private Francisco Disabantine and Otis B. Green.

Wounded Severely—Privates Joe E. Bush, John E. Frayne, Hancel Van Hise and Charles Godskuy.

Wounded Slightly—Corporal Edward J. Smith, Privates Charles A. Roberts, Floyd R. Leseman, Nazario Deight, Emory Wolfe, Henry E. Stetman, Elmore Murley, Corporal Henry W. Dawson, Private Walter E. Moore, Corporal Herbert L. Livingstone, Private Joseph Marcy, Chief Mechanic Sidney S. Land, Private Ben A. Kosse, Sergeant George H. Brandle, Corporal H. G. Witting, Privates Harold J. Perkins, Carl H. Hanson, Paul G. Nelson, Verd F. Smith.

Died of Wounds—Privates Lawrence Wenell, Henry J. Sweeney, Sergeant Theodore Peterson and Jim P. Eckard.

Died of Pneumonia—Private William H. Rhodes.

Died, Fractured Skull—Wagoner John C. Collins.

Died, Meningitis—Private Fell Hall.

Died, Pneumonia—Sergeant C. H. Hild, Accident—First Lieutenant Arthur J. Perrault.

French Camp Occupied by Americans Is Sea of Mud; Real Hardships Endured

A Port in France, March 11.—When the first American troops reached this base in June and July of last year they were outspokenly delighted with the camp which lies three or four miles from the sea.

All succeeding troops that have disembarked here have been quartered for a time at the same camp, which between times has doubled its capacity and acquired a number of new features, but never a word of praise escapes the soldiers now, for as a wet weather and winter camp it has developed disadvantages with which its authorities have constantly to wrestle.

Its very distance from town, which at the beginning was regarded as an advantage because it took the soldiers away from the country, away from the city, and away from the mud, is to-day a disadvantage.

The camp was originally believed to be unusually healthy because of its position overlooking the harbor, high above the town. But the site itself, which is on a sort of plateau, is perfectly flat and every bit of rain that descends remains on the plain.

The weather this winter has been peculiarly rainy, and the shacks in which the men live have, with the earth floors, become ever and again seas of mud through which the men must wade and over which the men must sleep.

As a result the carpenter force of the camp has been kept busy all winter making repairs, though it has been difficult and generally impossible to substitute wooden for the earthen floors.

Great strides have been made in providing recreation and amusement for the men. The camp, which will hold 20,000 men if necessary, now has two Y. M. C. A. "huts," which really are big double halls arranged so that the men can play basketball on one side or give entertainments on the other.

The committee on public information maintains its stand that the mere names of soldiers, without home addresses, is all that is needed to notify the relatives.

Each "hut" has its outdoor athletic field also where baseball and football are the rule every fine day.

WEST SHORE NEWS

'Experience Party' at Marysville Church

Marysville, Pa., March 11.—Final arrangements are being completed by members of the Ladies' Mite Society of the Trinity Reformed Church for their annual "experience party," which will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the school room of the church.

The purpose of such a party is to earn at least one dollar to be turned into the coffers of the society. The person is then required to tell the method used in earning the money.

Instrumental solo, Ray Lilley; vocal duet, Miss Leah Sears and Miss Victoria Hipple; instrumental solo, Howard Adams; reading, Miss Helen Roberts; instrumental solo, Miss Jeanette Sellers; selection, Marysville orchestra; vocal solo, Miss Salome Collier; selection, Marysville orchestra; vocal, Edgar Roberts; selection, Marysville orchestra.

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ILLUSTRATED LECTURE Enola, Pa., March 11.—The Rev. Ernest E. Waeber will give an illustrated lecture in the St. Matthew's Reformed Church, Wednesday evening, March 27.

PARTY FOR GUNNER'S MATE Camp Hill, Pa., March 11.—Harold Fry, a gunner's mate on the Minnesota, was guest of honor at a surprise party given Saturday evening by Miss Marianne Worley.

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Personal and Social Items of Towns Along West Shore

Dr. and Mrs. Cohean and son, Samuel Cohean, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eichinger, in Bridge Street, New Cumberland.

Lilwellin Musser, of Hummelstown, was a weekend guest of Jacob Kinley's family at New Cumberland.

Mr. Joseph Seitz and son, of New Cumberland, spent Sunday with Mr. Seitz, who is stationed at Camp Meade.

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New Drive For Red Cross Members at Marysville

Marysville, Pa., March 11.—Under the direction of the Rev. Ralph Z. Hartman, pastor of the Trinity Reformed Church and chairman of the Red Cross membership committee in Marysville, a strenuous drive is being made this week to secure 452 new members to the Marysville Red Cross Society.

The goal in this campaign is 1,000 memberships in Marysville. Five hundred and forty-eight are already enrolled.

Solicitors have been appointed to canvass every Marysville home. The crew includes: Miss Emma Roberts and Mrs. Ralph E. Hartman, North and South Main streets; T. N. Barbinger, Dahlian-Lincoln district; east side of Valley and south of Lincoln, Miss Hazel Hain; west of Valley and south of Maple avenue; Albert Miller; west of Valley and north of Maple, Merle King.

BIBLE CLASS WILL MEET Shiremanstown, Pa., March 11.—The Young People's Organized Bible Class of the United Brethren Sunday school will meet to-morrow evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Wolfe, Main and High streets.

NEW CLUB SECRETARY Lemoyne, Pa., March 11.—Harold H. Haag, a well-known young man of Lemoyne, has been elected secretary of the Wharton Study Club at Harrisburg to succeed Norman J. Rintz, who resigned.

Miss Esther Hagerman has returned to her home at Greencastle after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. C. Faust, at Shiremanstown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clouser, of Shiremanstown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George S. Eupp at their country home near Mechanicsburg.

Miss Effie Brinton, of Shiremanstown, is home from a visit with her sister, Mrs. George L. Romberger, in Harrisburg.

INCREASE IN HOUSE RENTS Enola, Pa., March 11.—Announcement was recently made by the Enola Realty Company that the rents for company houses in town would be increased on April 1.

WEST SHORE UNION TO MEET The monthly meeting of the West Shore Firemen's Union will be held at the Midway firehouse this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Age Times A Book for the hour, by G. B. M. Clouser. Prophecy made plain. A reliable answer as to who will end the war. Price \$1.00, at the EVANGELICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE Cor. Second and Locust Sts., Harrisburg, Pa.

HONOR ROLL OF SCHOOL Liverpool intermediate school for the sixth month is as follows: Buelah Dressler, Hazel Watts, Mary Kling, Isabel Barner, Kathryn Libkicher, Marguerite Moyer, Bertha Martel Deekard, Elizabeth Klinkner, Ruth Kniesly, Ray Long, Ernest Lower, Willard Dressler, Blake Dressler and Verne Moyer.

Bandit Is Identified as Escaped Convict Williamsport, Pa., March 11.—The automobile bandit who, on August 15, 1917, wounded Dr. J. L. Mansuy, of Ralston, after Mrs. Mansuy had thwarted an attempted holdup on the highway near Marsh Hill, this county, has been positively identified by Mrs. Mansuy as "William Harris," a convict who was sent to the Huntingdon Reformatory from Sullivan county for assaulting a young girl near Eaglesmere a few days after the holdup.

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