

**Every Want of Soldiers  
in France Provided by  
Uncle Sam, Writes Officer**

Here is a letter from an American soldier in France to his mother which has the sincere ring of the wholesome sentiment and the confidence that should inspire every man from the firing line. It was received recently by Mrs. H. Cheston Frank, of Glenside, formerly of Harrisburg, from her son Lieutenant Harry H. Frank, now located at Camp De Neuen, France. After explaining the difficulty in getting and sending mail with promptness the lieutenant gives an interesting picture of soldier's life "over there."

"I had another interesting Sunday," he writes, "spending it with some French friends on a small island in the Gulf of Morbihan. A short boat ride through a narrow channel dotted by numerous islands made a delightful trip. I am learning French from my acquaintances in everyday life and I feel glad for the privilege, though I am sorry to be away from my organization, thus losing intensive artillery train-

ing. Let me caution about sending things. There is really no need, nor are far better off than you suppose. Our eats and sleeping quarters are of the finest, we have plenty of American tobacco and even Lowney's chocolate. Uncle Sam is giving us the very best to be had; the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. are doing excellent work. You may be mightily proud of the way our government is handling its soldiers, for whenever a thing is needed it will be got if possible."

**Tells of Life at Front  
as Ambulance Driver**

In a letter to his friends here, Ernest A. Doeple, S. S. C. M., Convois Automobiles, Par S. C. M., French Army, describes life in an auto truck company in a French army. It incidentally shows the brighter side of the war, as well as grimmer experiences.

He describes a vacation at Aix Lee Bains in the French Alps, on Lake Bourget, near Mount Blanc. He tells of a pleasant vacation with lots of nice young French and American, and tennis, boating, swimming, picnics, dancing, etc., and men in his camp.

"then last but not least a nice hotel to sleep in."

To show that the work of the ambulance is not all pleasure, however, he cites an experience of a fellow driver. The latter says:

"During the Boche retreat these fellows had no regular post—they just ran up as close as they could to the Huns and then load their cars and go on. Well, one of them a very quiet, slow talking fellow that looked and acted as though he'd fall dead at the sight of a Boche, somehow got lost with a load of 'blesses' and finally ended up in the Boche lines and there is where he showed the real stuff."

He is the French officer who was riding on the seat with him inside, then smeared mud and clay all over his car to make it unrecognizable and then put on an old Boche helmet and with a revolver on his seat next to him he made one dash through the masses of Boche troops and the old boy got back safe.

Afterwards the officer questioned him about his trip to Germany he said very slowly, "I told you that they couldn't get me."

Doeple adds that American newspapers are much appreciated by the men in his camp.

**Railroad Man Dies of  
Scalds Received at Work**

George W. Clingan, 1831 North Fourth street, gang leader on the Pennsylvania Railroad, died at the Harrisburg Hospital this morning as a result of the scalds he sustained last Saturday at roundhouse No. 1, when a cylinder under a locomotive blew off. He died at 10:40.

Clingan and Adam W. Hostler, a brakeman, were both caught in the exploding steam. Hostler died soon after he was taken to the hospital. Clingan was aged 45.

**ARRESTED LAST NIGHT**

James Reagan was arrested last night on the charge of being drunk and disorderly at Fourth and Market streets. David Jackson was also arrested charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He is said to have threatened to beat Mrs. Maude Shultz, 105 North Seventh street, when she refused to give him money.

She also charges him with trying to force her into a room against her will.

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**FAIRS NEEDED TO  
BOOST FARMING**

State Not in Accord With  
Some of the Latest Ideas  
on Fuel Conservation

Officials of the State Department of Agriculture have informed representatives of the federal fuel administration that they are not in accord with the proposition to discontinue county fairs this year because of the cost of production and possibility that the attractions may take miners away from production. Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Paton is flatly against the suggestion in a statement made to the fuel administration that this year county fairs will have greater value than ever in stimulation of production of foodstuffs.

In the last year special efforts have been made to develop the agricultural features of such exhibitions and by introduction of cotton shows and fruit and wool contests greater interest has been stirred up among farmers. The educational advantages of the fairs are of great importance just now, says the secretary.

Attendance at fairs has declined since the war began in some countries but the premiums offered have increased. The fairs held in coal regions are not the great drawers of people, it is stated here.

**Absorbing Bonds** — Building and loan associations of the state which had been notified of the ruling of the attorney general that they could not invest in Liberty Bonds are sending word here that officers and stockholders have been absorbing the securities. It is believed that the holdings of associations considerably over a million dollars.

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**Care For Women** — State Industrial Board regulations will shortly be issued to urge that care be taken to safeguard women workers.

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**Captain Albert A. DeLapp**, Ordnance Department, National Army, is in town. He is in charge of the Ordnance Depot, making arrangements to place about 400 white soldiers who will be assigned there. He made an inspection of the buildings recently taken over by the government. The buildings are the ones recently finished by the Wells Brothers Construction Company.

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**Lewistown Typhoid** — Five cases of infantile paralysis have to-day been reported to the office of the State Department of Health from Franklin county. Two cases in Green castle, one in Fayetteville, one in Waynesboro and one in Letterkenny township, which has just died. Dr. Royer, the acting commissioner of health, has ordered an absolute quarantining for all cases.

**Lewistown Typhoid** — A small outbreak of typhoid fever exists in Lewistown, Mifflin county. Four cases have been diagnosed as typhoid and there are four suspects. The location of the suspect is under investigation and the question is being investigated by the county medical inspector who is co-operating with the Board of Health of Lewistown.

**Battley to Command** — Richard C. Battley, a sergeant in Company I, Second Regiment of the Reserve Militia, Harrisburg, was to-day appointed captain of command the new truck train of the militia which is to be organized here. The appointment was announced to-day. Mr. Battley, who was one of the main active in organizing the Harrisburg Reserves, is connected with the State Water Supply Commission and is an officer in the Harrisburg Rifle Club. He will form his company as soon as possible.

Captain W. L. Hicks, in charge of the State Arsenal, was to-day appointed a captain and quartermaster and assigned to the headquarters of the Reserve Militia. He was formerly in the United States service and had charge of the arsenal during the encampment.

Sergeant S. H. Cregar, Jr., Philadelphia, was appointed second lieutenant of Company E, First Regiment.

**To Discuss Bonds** — A conference for discussion of the building and loan situation created by the decision of the Attorney General that such concerns may not invest in Liberty Bonds, has been arranged for the office of Attorney General Brown in Philadelphia Tuesday.

**On Three Tickets** — Senator Raymond S. Smith, Crawford, was to-day substituted for E. A. Montgomery Prohibition candidate for senator in the Fifteenth district. He is on the Democratic and Washington tickets.

**Railways Increases** — Strike Outside State

Railways companies throughout Pennsylvania are not the only ones which have made and are contemplating fare increases, according to information received here to-day. An order was made by the Committee on Ways and Means to obtain additional revenue of the American Steel Railways Association, that Cleveland, widely known as the low fare city and where for years a three-cent fare has been charged, has been placed, because of the increased cost of labor and materials in the five-cent fare. In addition the railways company there is now charging an additional cent for a transfer—and because of the routing system in vogue there, more than one of every three riders must use transfers. Under this arrangement Cleveland is now practically in the six-cent class.

**Charged with Robbery**

Patrolmen Anderson and Shaffner last night arrested William Johnston, charged with being implicated in the robbery of Elmer Brown and Silvio Gandy in Suite 101, Hotel Penn, Wednesday morning, when they claimed to have been robbed of \$5 and two watches. He will be given a hearing to day.

**MIDDLETOWN**

**J. H. BRANDT  
IS INJURED**

Well-Known Middletown Resident Is Hurt in an Accident at Coal Yard

John H. Brandt, residing in Pike street, was seriously injured yesterday morning at the coal yard of Carson Long, Wilson and Catherine streets. He with several other workers was hoisting a large piece of lumber which struck a plank, falling down and striking Mr. Brandt on the side of the head, cutting an ugly gash and breaking his jaw. He was removed to his home and Dr. J. F. Blecher was summoned to dress the wound. He was removed to the Harrisburg Hospital where the X-ray was used.

James Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Young, Sr., East Main street and who works with his father at Marsh Run, was doing some work on one of the fellings and in some way fell from the roof to the ground. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the Hospital. Here it was found that he had sustained a broken wrist and a fracture of both arms.

Homer K. Baldwin, the ice dealer, was knocked over and was unable to get up along the Swatara creek, near Clinton, will empty both next week, and will be manufactured ice from Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crown, who had been living in New York City for the past several years, have returned to town and will reside with the former's father, Joseph Crown, Susquehanna street.

Samuel Shroy, of Witherspoon avenue, received a letter from his son, Daniel Shroy, who is in the 3rd Regular Army in Wilson, somewhere in France, and is in one of the battles over there. He was gassed and has been in Base Hospital No. 50. The letter states that he is improving and there is no danger. He expects to be able to be in battle again in a short time.

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