

YANKEE ARMY IS WELCOMED TO THE RHINE

German Population Turns Out to Greet Pershing's Army of Occupation

Coblenz, Dec. 11.—The last German troops left Coblenz Sunday morning. There was no trouble of any kind when the American army entered and none is expected. Some citizens of Coblenz said they feel better now that the Americans had arrived.

The friendly spirit with which the Germans greeted the American soldiers began to evince itself in the villages along the railroad over which the Americans came to Coblenz. At many places Sunday crowds of children cheered and waved their hands as the Americans passed. The spirit displayed became more friendly as the Americans approached Coblenz.

When the Americans arrived and detained in an outlying section of the city they were met by a large crowd, including municipal officials. Among the others waiting to see the Americans were two professors with all the pupils of a boys' school.

The train which transported the Americans to Coblenz was manned by a German crew, the American soldiers occupying coaches formerly used by German troops. One coach carried newspaper correspondents.

The battalion is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Lockett, with Major Fred Hackett second in command. In addition to their rifles and ammunition, the soldiers carried full packs containing emergency rations, and additional food supplies were brought by the train to tide the men over until ration trains arrive.

Face Great Fortress

When the Americans took up guard of the Coblenz ends of the Rhine bridges, German soldiers were doing sentry duty on the opposite ends. Tonight the American sentries along the Rhine could see the lights of the fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, which stands on a rocky promontory 400 feet above the river, where several regiments of German soldiers are still quartered. It is said that the fortress can accommodate 100,000 men.

The Americans will not cross the Rhine until further orders, the battalion remaining in Coblenz more in the nature of military police until additional forces arrive.

With the arrival of the Americans at the Rhine a company of engineers was prepared to throw a temporary bridge across the stream. There were, however, already four bridges spanning the stream, two here and one in the north and another to the south, over which the American army is expected to cross December 13 in a thirty-mile arc.

Colonel James Rice, of Texas, head of the American commission, has been dealing for four days with the local authorities on questions incident to the taking over of the bridgehead. Instead of antagonism or even passive acquiescence he encountered lively co-operation.

A local committee was appointed to assist the Americans in assuming control and officers of the German army remained behind after the last of their men had marched out, in order to deliver to the Americans great store of supplies.

Clean Barracks

Lieutenant Heinrich Prince, one of the commissioners detailed by the Germans to deal with the Americans, was the officer who transmitted to Major Whittlesey, the German demand to surrender when Whittlesey was commanding the famous "lost battalion" in the Argonne forest. In talking with officers of the Seventy-seventh division to-day, Lieutenant Prince said his comrades and superior officers held the highest admiration for the Americans in that fight. The only motive for demanding the surrender of the "lost battalion" was to save the Americans from what the Germans then believed would be certain annihilation.

The comparatively light yoke the Americans have laid on the Germans appears to have influenced them in their attitude toward the Americans. When the American troops went to the barracks just evacuated by the Germans they found they had been scrubbed to a state of spotlessness and that the mattress coverings had been washed and refilled with fresh hay.

Here, as at Treves, the Americans are dealing with the fact of their titles. The workmen's council is maintaining a commission, but the officials the Americans found were those who long had been functioning and the Americans are leaving to them the problem of arranging their own affairs in the new party's council. As an indication, however, that the determination not to treat with the council will not cause any trouble for the American commission is the receipt of various messages signed by Mathias Erzberger, dealing with subjects which the Americans have discussed with the mayor.

the Firemen's Relief Association, held in the Liberty, Fire Company parlor, the following officers were elected for 1919: President, C. S. Few, Liberty; vice-president, C. R. Bausman, Rescue; secretary, W. J. Roof, Union; treasurer, H. E. Moore, Liberty; board of examiners: G. W. Myers, Union; Ross Houser, Rescue; J. B. Stehman, Liberty; board of directors: John McGarvey, three years, Union.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Emma Bowman was held from her home in Ann Street, yesterday afternoon, with services at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Fuller Bergstrom, pastor of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, officiating. The pallbearers were John Inley, M. G. Witzner, Samuel Beckey and Charles Houser. Burial was made in the Middletown cemetery.

The mass meeting for the Red Cross drive in Middletown will be held in the Lutheran church this evening, when Captain Hutchinson will be the speaker for the evening and the following program will be given starting promptly at 8 o'clock. Music, high school orchestra; invoca-

tion, Community singing, (a) "Keep the Home Fires Burning," (b) "The Long, Long Trail"; music, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"; girls chorus, "When the Boys Come Home"; high school, Community Singing; "Long Way to Tipperary"; "America"; address, War experience, George Cover; announcements; music, New American Hymn, high school; "Star Spangled Banner."

John Houser, Swiler Conklin, Harold Treichler, Earl Rudy, John Whitman and Walter Detweiler, all young men from town and who were taking special training at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, were mustered out and returned to their homes yesterday.

The Jitney Club of town held a meeting at the home of George I. King, North Union street, last evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, of the First United Brethren Church was held in the church last evening. The topic was:

"Childhood, the Hope of the World." The leaders were: Mrs. Harry Engle and Mrs. Benjamin Ulmer.

The Farmers' bank and the Citizens' National bank started this morning to send out Christmas Savings checks, the former sending \$28,000 in checks and the latter, \$13,727, making a total for both banks of \$42,000.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church elected the following officers for 1919: President, John Bowman, vice-presidents, Miss Bowman, and Earl Rudy; recording secretary, Miss Veronia Keiffer, corresponding secretary, Mrs. William B. Sides; treasurer, Miss Rachael McCarrell; pianist, Miss Dorothy George and Miss Ivy Hardy.

C. M. Colquhoun, manager of the Wincroft Stove Works and H. E. Force, a traveling salesman for the firm, have returned home from a business trip to Portsmouth, N. H., and Boston, Mass., in the interest of the firm.

C. W. Bausman, of town, received a telegram yesterday from his broth-

er, Sergeant W. C. Bausman, at present stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., will be transferred to Camp Humphreys, Va., where he will be mustered out of the service, and expects to be home by next Sunday.

Ira Springer is spending several days at Bethlehem on business.

Joseph Jacobs, of Spring street, has returned home from a several days' visit to Philadelphia.

Jacob Weirich, of Brown street, received a telegram yesterday from his son, Arthur Weirich, who was wounded in action overseas. He has been brought to this country and at present is in New York City.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Bible class of the Church of God Sunday school, taught by Mrs. O. M. Kraybill, was held at the home of Mrs. Annie Leggere, Market street, last evening.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Drawbaugh, who died at the home of Mrs. W. E. Lesher near Gever's church, Monday night, will be held from the home of Mr. Lesher this evening with services at 7 o'clock, the Rev. Matt-

ew Brinser will have charge of the services. On Thursday morning the remains will be taken to Greiger's cemetery, Perry county, where burial will be made.

Word was received in town yesterday that the Rev. M. E. Yeager, a former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at his home at Norristown, where he had been transferred by the M. E. conference last March, from Lebanon, Pa.

The funeral of Mrs. Aaron Poorman will be held from her late home in Royalton on Thursday afternoon with services at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Middletown cemetery.

Lester Kupp has secured the position as extra mail carrier for the local post office taking the place of C. L. Lindermath, who resigned some time ago.

A meeting of the A class of the Central grammar school, Emmaus street, was held yesterday afternoon to elect class officers, who are as follows: President, Donald McCord; vice-president, Bill Moore; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Beck; treasurer, Joseph Jacobs.

SIXTY PEOPLE IN MUSICAL

Columbia, Pa., Dec. 11.—The Rev. P. M. Stier, assistant rector of Holy Trinity parish, will direct a musical production in the parish hall which will include sixty people in the cast. It will be given under the supervision of the Sacred Sodality about the first of the year.

Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 265 E. Marcellus Avenue, Manasquan, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.

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This Is The "Real" Christmas Store

When it comes to men's gifts I don't believe there's a store anywhere where you get so much satisfaction as you do at Doutrichs. Every time I make a purchase there the salesmen say to me, "Now, if you don't like this or that when you get home return it for exchange or get your money back." They don't seem to be afraid of the merchandise they sell at Doutrichs. Some of the stores I go into don't want to make exchanges or give back money, say it's a lot of bother and all kinds of excuses. So I hesitate to go to those places.

You'd be surprised at the "lame" excuses some of the merchants make about Holiday gifts—try to fix things up to suit themselves. You can't expect to do business to its full extent unless you cater to the "will of the people." There's only one way to have Christmas, and that's the "same old way." Isn't the whole Christmas idea to make other people happy? Then why not do the things most people believe in? The world is engaged in solving the problem of mutual happiness, so, if it was ever right to give Christmas gifts, surely this is the year of all years. Now, let's all get the spirit.

I'm sure there would be no question in your mind about where to go for your gifts if you would get a glimpse of the enormous crowds who go to Doutrichs—certainly a store that gets the crowds like they do must have the friendship of the buying public. I never saw such enthusiastic salespeople—nothing too much trouble; all so anxious to please. It's the best store I've ever struck, and it's the best store for YOU.

This Is The Store Everybody Is Talking About



308 MARKET STREET HARRISBURG, PA.



Middletown

Lengthen High School Sessions to Make Up Time Lost This Year

The school board met in regular session on Monday evening. Treasurer Siders reported a balance of \$9,375.47 and on special deposit, \$5,600, state appropriation, \$6,205. Bills were ordered paid, amounting to \$248.31. The schools will close December 24, and open December 30. New Year's Day will be a holiday also. The teachers and janitors will receive their monthly pay Saturday, December 21. Starting after the holiday season the high school sessions will be a half hour longer each day to make up for the month that the schools were closed on account of the influenza. It was decided that the motion on the minutes be received permitting all physicians to examine applicants for labor certification. Charles Houser was elected truancy officer for December.

The borough council met in regular session on Monday evening with all members present but G. W. Core, the bills ordered paid, amounting to \$246.58. Action on charges which may be made against Chief of Police Charles Houser, was postponed until Burgess S. B. Glingrich is able to be at the meeting. Council ordered special blanks to be sent to each fire company to make monthly reports. The special committee on the fire truck, reported a demonstration will be held on Saturday afternoon. The highway committee reported that the new overhead bridge would be completed in about ten days.

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