Gas Regiment of 1,500 Loses Half of Its Men

By Associated Press

New York, Feb. 3. — The White Star liner Celtic arrived here yesterday from Brest, bringing 3,114 American officers and men from overseas. On board the Celtic was the entire personnel of the First Gas Regiment, the only offensive gas troops employed by the American Expeditionary Force. The remainder of the passenger list was made up of casuals from all parts of the country.

Major John B. Carlock, of San Francisco, commander of the gas regiment, told a first hand, gripping story of the organization's activities, from the time it went into action with British forces, in January, 1918, until the war ended. The regiment, he said, fought successively on every American front, suffered casualties of half its enlisted strength of 1,500 men and returned with eighty of its members wearing the Croix De Guerre, twenty wearing the Distinguished Service Cross and with twelve of its officers recommended for Distinguished Service Medals.

The gas troops, Major Carlock said, did their bitterest fighting at Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and in the Argonne forest, working continually for forty days at the battle of Argonne.

One of the casual officers arriving on the Celtic was Captain Edwin Sterole, of Williamsport, Pa.

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

CAPITOL PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED

Board of Public Grounds Will Have a Meeting on Thursday Afternoon

The detailed plans for Capitol park extension will be submitted to Governor William C. Sproul on Thursday, when the members of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings will discuss them with Superintendent George A. Shreiner, Arnold W. Brunner and other experts. The Governor has shown the liveliest interest in the plans and is disposed to get action.

It is probable that there will be early steps taken in regard to estimates for the work to be done the next two years on the landscaping, and the first appropriation for the Memorial Bridge will be taken up. The city authorities will share in this matter, as the municipality will pay for certain approaches, and all steps are being taken in co-operation.

Governor Sproul is desirous of getting something started on the new office buildings, so that the state can stop paying rent for scattered offices and centralize the offices in Philadelphia and other places in Harrisburg. The need of storage space is also becoming apparent, and the state has recently had to rent rooms in buildings about the city.

American Flag Again Flies Over Scorpion

Washington, Feb. 3.—Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol has arrived at Constantinople and has hoisted the American flag again over the U. S. S. Scorpin, a cablegram to the Navy Department today reported. The Scorpion had been detailed to Constantinople for several years before the war began.

WWhen the United States broke relations with Germany the ship and its crew were interned.

LOCAL LOAN BILL UP IN SENATE

Measure to Authorize Elections on Transfer of Loan Will Be Passed

The Eyre bill providing that third-class cities shall have the right to hold elections for transferring of money voted for certain purposes which may be found impracticable will be on second reading in the Senate to-night and will reach the House to-morrow. The bill is designed to enable Harrisburg to hold a special election so that the $300,000 voted for the Walnut street bridge may be transferred for the city's share of the memorial bridge. There is no opposition to it.

The Senate also has the deficiency bill for the state givernment, which will reach the Governor this week. It will be completed to-night.

The House calendar contains the prohibition amendment and the Walker bill to repeal the non-partisan judicial election act.

The Senate will likely adjourn for the week to-morrow. It will have many bills tonight. The House will adjourn Wednesday. A rush of new legislation is expected.

Speaker Spangler is urging that committee chairmen get their committees at work on the bills in hand and many may be reported out this week.

Efforts will be made to get some action in the judiciary special committee of the House on the Bolard bills abolishing requirements for advertising in German newspapers throughout Pennsylvania. There are four such bills in hand, and no sentiments in opposition to them have been heard from any of the members. The Bolard bills go clear back to 1813, and cover not only the state at large, but acts requiring such publications in the various classes of cities.

Chairman George W. Williams of the House committee on public roads is planning to have a talk with Governor Sproul about his plans for highway legislation. Mr. Williams has a number of bills in his committee which will not be acted upon until the Governor announces his program.

The Governor is dividing his road construction into four periods of one year each. The roads to be constructed are being studied, and the connection of roads stretching across the state and those going north and south will be worked out. It is probable that some conferences with fiscal authorities regarding the bond issue enabling legislation will be held.

Nothing more has been heard about the reduction of the size of the Public Service Commission. Considerable sentiment against any cutting down of the commission because of the large number of complaints pending has been heard of.

Changes in Game Code Suggested to Legislature

Several suggestions for changes in the game code have been heard of among members of the legislature since the start of the session and the disposition is to allow the bills to appear before taking any stand in the matter. State Game Commission authorities are asking for information and not announcing any line of policy, although they will probably urge that no radical changes be made in the code.

One of the suggestions is to make the small game season wholly in November except for blackbirds, for which authority to kill in August or September, when they are a nuisance to many farmers, may be asked. The blackbird caused more complaints last year than for a long time. The plan to take the protection off red squirrels is also meeting with favor from rural counties.

Some suggestions for changes in bag limits, such as reducing the limit for grouse and rabbits have also been heard of. It is contended that because of the state's propagation and protection efforts the grouse should be given a show and rabbits have been so scarce that the kill should be reduced, say some gunners.

Deer will be trapped by State game protectors in Clearfield and other central counties to be placed in preserves in various other sections of the State. This work is now under way under direction of Field Superintendent Kelley, who has been looking up the number of animals. The State bought a number of deer for the Dauphin preserve from North Carolina and is after some in Michigan. It is the intention to trap others in this State and distribute them to the preserves this winter.

Work on new preserves, especially in the western part of the State, will go forward in the Spring when it is hoped to have legislative authority to buy land outright. Tracts of from 2,500 to 4,000 acres are desirable, say the officials.

Thus far fully 8,000 pheasants have been distributed throughout the State, some having been liberated weeks ago and they are reported as doing well.

State officials have hopes of obtaining quail from Mexico early and they will be ordered in when conditions are right. Places where they will be liberated are being discussed.

PENNSY ADOPTS ECONOMIES.

Altoona, Feb. 3.— Economies are being adopted wherever possible in every department by the Pennsylvania Railroad. he Middle Division has reduced the train dispatching force to the 1916 basis of operation. he power bureau, a feature of the heavy wartime traffic, has bene abolished as a separate beureu nad its work is being done by other officers.

FOOD PRODUCTION TO BE BOOSTED

Keystone State Has Every Kind of Farming Activity

"Pennsylvania has almost every kind of farming activity found in this latitude and it will be our aim to help along the food production, but, after all, it is economic conditions that bring about such activities. The thing we shall try to do will be to bring to attention of people the opportunities afforded by such conditions in our State," said Prof. Frederick Rasmussen, the new secretary of agriculture, in talking about his plans for the department. The new head of the department, who is a student with a strong practical bent and a life spent on farms and observing farms, remarked that he had no intention of turning the department inside out, but he did want to make every dollar that went into it just as productive as the seeds that a farmer sows.

Prof. Rasmussen regards Pennsylvania as a farming State as well along in popular estimation and rather than indulge in praises he said that he would like to predict that the advantages of some counties for cattle and sheep raising and others for potato and vegetable growing would be better realized as a result of what the Keystone State had been doing in response to the call for more food. Governor Sproul, he said, had been a student of Pennsylvania for years and knowing the State and its people in a remarkable way, felt that the Department should be made of as much service to the farmers in the back townships as those along the main highways.

"Since I have come here I have been observing the methods and system of the department and in time we shall work out plans to make it useful," said he. "We have certain supervisory work which is committed to us by law and then there is other work which has to develop. The activities of this department are numerous and this is the time to study rather than to talk much about what we are going to do. Our task is to make the Department of Agriculture of the greatest possible use to the people of the State."

Middletown

Report of Lutheran Sunday School Read

The ninety-ninth annual report of the St. Peter's Lutheran Sunday school was read at the session yesterday afternoon. The receipts for the year were $1,621.80; expenditures, $1,621.80. Enrollment school, 694; home department, 63; cradle roll, 100; total, 857; attendance for the year, 16,338; loss in attendance compared with 1917, 4,738; largest attendance, Rally Day, November 22, 540; visitors during the year, 567; deaths, 12; removals, 87; new members, 56; Sunday school members received into church membership, 23. H. S Fisher missed two Sunudays in twenty-five years. Fred Eshenhauer, four Sundays in twenty-five years. Miss W. J. Roop, two Sundays in eighteen years. F. Y. Fisher, present every Sunday in eighteen years

Superintendent John Tritch of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school is making some improvements to the various classes of the Sunday school. Each class has been numbered and given a name as follows: Foreign and Home Missions, Africa, Men's Bible Class, China, Miss Nancy Hanna; Japan, Mrs. Harry Hamaker; Porto Rico, Miss Lillian Weller; Girls of India, Miss Louise Hanna; Korea, Miss Romaine Kennard; North American Indian, Mrs. H. C. Hanna; Negro of the South, Miss Irene Chinchman; Norman Territory, Mrs. William Lindemuth; Mexico, Miss John Groupe; Alaska, N. C. Fuhrman; Boys of India, Wiley Walton; Latin America, Mrs. Jennie Slack; Hawaiian Island, Professor H. J. Wickey; Methodist College in Rome, Mrs. A. G. Banks; Borneo, Mrs. Wessley Ruby; South America and Panama, A. G. Banks; Frontier Territory, W. G. Schriener; Maylasia, Miss Clara Beck; Asia, Mrs. Edward Seiders. The primary department is also being graded. Mrs. H. S. Roth, who was recently elected superintendent has charge of this work.

Roosevelt memorial services will be held in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church next Sunday afternoon. It will be a union meeting of all churches of town. The principal speakers for the occasion will be the Rev. William N. Yates, of Harrisburg.

The Pastor's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be entertained at the home of Miss Ida Beaverson, New Cumberland, on Tuesday evening.

The meetings for men and women held in the Church of God on Sunday afternoon were largely attended. The men's meeting was held in the main auditorium. The Rev. C. R. Beiddel, pastor of the Royalton United Brethren Church, had charge of the services. The meeting for the women was held in the Sunday school room and was in charge of Mrs. Fannie Hostetter, of Elizabethtown.

The official board and the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet on Wednesday evening after the prayer meeting service.

The Rev. William F. Sunday, of Gettysburg, preached the morning service in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Sunday morning.

Services on the Centenary World Program of the Methodist Churches started on Sunday morning to continue during the month of February.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. John Frank Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The church council of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church will meet on Wednesday evening after the prayer meeting service.

The congregational prayer meeting of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the church on Wednesday evening. After the services a meeting will be held to elect elders and trustees.

Frank Shenfelt, a gunner on the United States gunboat Galveston, spent the past several days in town with his mother, Mrs. Linneaus Heagy, Pike street.

Jerome Easterday is spending several days at Camp Dix, N. J., with his son, Charles Easterday, who recently returned from overseas.

Sylvester Strauss, of South Wood street, will leave for Colorado, on Tuesday, where he will spend sometime with relatives.

Jacob Kinsay, son Lester and daughter will leave on Tuesday for Camp Dix, N. J., where they will spend several days with the former's son, Daniel Kinsay, who returned from overseas last Tuesday.

Trial of Chas. Reinecker For Bushman Murder Opens at Gettysburg

Gettysburg, Feb. 3.—This morning the trial of Charles Reinecker began for the murder of George J. Bushman, for which Clarence Collins was found guilty on Saturday of murder in the first degree. In the investigations of the detectives following the committing of the crime, Reinecker did not figure in the case until after the capture of Collins, who then confessed and implicated Reinecker as his accomplice. According to that confession Reinecker is the gunman in the case, he having shot Bushman with a revolver furnished by Collins, while Collins sat in the front seat of the automobile to take charge of the machine as soon as the shot was fired.

Judging from what was experienced in the Collins case it is expected considerable difficulty will be met in the securing of a jury, but once that is accomplished the case will go on in much the same manner as the one last week.

Literary Program For Orbisonia High School

Orbisonia, Pa., Feb. 3.—Next Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the Orbisonia High School will render a literary program in the High School room.

The finances from the entertainment will be used for the purpose of purchasing a piano for the Orbisonia schools. he program includes:

Music by Glee Club; recitation, Esther Cummins; report, Edith Snyder; impromptu class, Earl Frownfelter, chairman; violin solo, Kenneth Scott; oration, Lloyd Piper; report, Mattie Brown; quartet, Elma Enyeart, chairman; recitation, Cleo Conner; report more for the development of our from Digest, Lillian Parks; debate—country than navigation," Affirma-Resolved: "That railroads have done tive, J. F. Slaybaugh and A. L. Carothers; negative, the Rev. D. A. Sower, and R. J. Coons; judges, J. M. Steese, H. N. Gutshall and Dr. J. A. Puckey; high School paper, Anna Magee; music, Society; Miss Gwendolyn L. Grove, class A, '19, is chairman of the committee on arrangements for the entertainment.

CLASS TO GRADUATE.

Liverpool, Pa., Feb. 3.— Liverpool High School will graduate a class from the public schools this year. The class consisting of Arna Grubb, president; Pauline Shuler, secretary; Julia Albright, treasurer; Sarah Kiser, Harry Deckard, Alvin Williamson and Chester Deckard. Class colors are purple and gold.

NAMES ON HONOR ROLL.

Liverpool, Pa., Feb. 3.—Honor roll of the public schools for the month of January contains the following names: Viola Coffman, Hazel Watts, Alice Freed, Ethel Albert, Hilda Dresler, Helen Wagner, Dorothy Rumfelt, Margaret Barnes, Marguerite Moyer, Isabel Barnes and Ralph Murray.

RETURNS TO HOSPITAL.

Liverpool, Pa., Feb. 3.—John Shumaker, son of Mrs. Jacob Shumaker, and a member of Liverpool Citizens Band, who recently returned from Harrisburg Hospital after undergoing a second operation for an abscess on the side, was taken back to the hospital Sautrday in a critical condition.

Petrograd Shelled by Kronstadt Artillery

Stockholm, Feb. 3. — Petrograd has been bombarded by Kronstadt artillery andmany people have been killed, according to travelers who are quoted to this effect by the Finnish papers. Serious disorders are prevalent in Petrograd.

The great fortress of Kronstadt lies about twenty miles west of Petrograd, at the head of the gulf of Finland.

The Bolsheviki forces reported on January 23 last in a dispatches from Helsingsfors to be evocuating Petrograd.

BELL-ANS FOR INDIGESTION

SOUTTER'S 25 CENT DEPARTMENT STORE

Buy Here Not Alone Because Prices Are Lower, but Because Qualities Are Better

Radical Price Reductions Distinguish Our

INVENTORY SALE

Taking inventory revealed an overstock of certain lines that must be moved out quickly, regardless of any loss we must sustain. It's your BIG opportunity to enjoy rare buying advantages in seasonable merchandise of dependable quality — it's ours to secure much needed room which incoming stocks will soon demand.

Inventory Specials in Jewelry

10c spectacle cases .....5c each
25c hand bags .....11c each
25c elastic belts .....5c each
25c gold top pins, three on a card.....7c
10c beauty pins, 12 in a card 5c
25c pin cushions 11c
25c small sized belts 8c

Inventory Specials in Notions

Hooks and eyes .....1c card
Snap fasteners .....3c card
Children's hose supporters .....7c card
Pearl buttons .....3c card
5c hair nets with elastic .....3 for 5c
Basting cotton .....2 spools for 5c
Cap hair nets .....2 for 25c
Slip on veils 10c

Inventory Specials in Laces

Oriental laces, value 25c 10c
Filet lace and insertion, value 8c 2c
Filet laces, value 10c 5c
Shadow flouncing cream, value 25c.....15c
Cluny insertion, value 10c 5c
4-inch Val. laces and insertion, 10c values....5c

Inventory Specials in Ladies' and Children's Ribbed Underwear

50c value ladies' vests and pants.....25c
50c value children's vests, odd sizes,.....25c
59c value 12-year unbleached union suits, ..39c
$1.00 and $1.25 value children's union suits, 8-10-12-14 year sizes 89c

Inventory Specials in Men's and Boys' Furnishings

69c to 85c boys' fleece-lined and ribbed shirts and drawers 25c
$1.25 men's heavy ribbed work shirts, 14 to 17 size 98c
39c men's dress suspenders with leather ends, 25c
$1.25 boys' fleeced lined and ribbed union suits, sizes 4 to 17 years 98c
59c men's half wool hose, in gray and black, 45c
98c men's derby ribbed shirts and drawers, all sizes 85c
39c men's black hose with split soles, sizes 9½ to 11½ .....25c pair
$1.00 boys' ribbed union suits, sizes 4 to 6 years only 69c
$1.98 men's heavy ribbed union suits in ecru colors sizes 36 to 46 .....$1.59
35c men's double grip garters.....29c

Inventory Specials in Household Goods

35c and 43c berry bowls 29c
50c Japanese cake baskets 25c
43c fancy china 25c
39c fancy china 19c
29c and 39c glass vases 25c
25c cups and saucers, choice of 4 styles.....19c
75c large bedroom pitchers.....29c
39c bread slicers 25c
69c and 75c mayonnaise sets 50c
25c 10-oz. goblets 12½c
China tea strainer, sets 25c
50c cedar oil polish, qt. size.....39c
25c platters 15c
10c bread and butter plates 5c

Inventory Specials in Dry Goods, Etc.

36-in. bleached muslin, 19c value 12c
36-in. unbleached muslin, 19c value.....12c
27-in. flannelette, 22c value 12c
27-in. apron gingham, 19c value 12c
27-in. apron gingham, 25c value 19c
36-in. colored novelty voile, 50c value.....25c
36-in. light and dark percales, 35c values....26c
27-inch. fancy striped voiles, 29c value, yd...19c
27-in. plain white striped voiles, 29c value, 19c yd.
36-in. plain white crepe, 42c value 29c
36-in. white novelty voile, 59c value 39c
45-inch plain white tennis suiting, 59c value, 39c yd.
36-in. plain rose and garnet poplin, $1.00 value, 79c yd.
26-in. colors poplin, 69c value .....50c yd.
27-inch Canton flannel, bleached and unbleached, 33c value 25c
36-in. plain colors repp, 50c value.....25c yd.
27-in. colored stripe outing flannel, 33c value 25c
Cotton twill toweling, 15c value .....10c yd.
Cotton towling, 22c value .....16c yd.
39c all-linen toweling .....25c yd.
25c value turkish towels 19c
59c khaki color turkish towels 48c
$1.00 khaki extra heavy turkish towels, 75c each
15c value honey combed towels.....10c
Remnants of 39c curtain scrim and marquisette, 20c yd.
Remnants of 19c and 25c curtain scrim and marquisette .....10c yd.

Inventory Specials in Miscellaneous Articles

Calendars with the picture of General Pershing and Marshal Foch, $1.00 value.....25c
Ladies' initial handkerchief, 10c value.....5c
Ladies' crepe handkerchiefs, 19c value.....11c
Ladies' colored handkerchiefs, 10c value.....5c
Lot of children's hose, 29c value, size 6 and 6½, 19c
$6.00 ladies' velour and Lyons silk velvet hats, $1.98
$2.50 and $3.50 ladies' velvet hats 98c
$1.00 children's trimmed hats.....98c
50c children's trimmed hats.....25c
50c soiled collars and sets.....9c
29c soiled collars and sets.....5c
25c soiled collars and sets.....3c
39c 4-in. satin ribbon, very good value, 25c yd.
Fancy plaid ribbon, 50c value .....39c yd.
50c sleepers 15c
35c corset covers 15c

Inventory Specials in Art Needle Work

69c cretonne covered tie racks 49c
17c and 19c novelty braid 9c
Lot of 2 for 5c embroidery cotton.....1c pkg.
25c stamped linen centerpieces 12½c
$1.25 and $1.50 ladies' batiste gowns.....98c
39c stamped made-up corset covers.....25c
25c stamped pin cushions 12½c
50c infants' embroidered bibs 25c
25c lace pin cushion covers.....15c

Inventory Specials in Ready-to-Wear

59c value children's knit sets.....25c
25c value children's knit caps.....11c
Ladies' sateen skirts 33c
50c value children's flannelette shirts.....23c
75c knit shawls 43c
50c knit shawls.....23c
50c black spats 21c

New Models in Spring Millinery

Attractive new models in trimmed and untrimmed hats for early spring wear; styles that are suitable for immediate wear; in all the leading colors,

1.95, 2.25, 2.48, 2.98, 3.48, 3.88, 4.48

Also new showings of the latest trimmings — flowers, fruits, quills, etc., at lower than elsewhere prices.

SOUTTER'S

25 Cent Department Store

Where Every Day Is Bargain Day

215 Market St. Opp. Court House

Thicken Your Hair With Cuticura

If you have dandruff your hair will become dry and thin. Cuticura Ointment gently rubbed on spots of itching, scaling and dandruff and followed by a hot shampoo of Cuticura Soap will usually remove the worst cases. Nothing better than Cuticura for all skin and scalp troubles. Ideal for every-day toilet uses.

Sample Each Free by Mail. Address post-card: "Cuticura, Dept. 22A, Boston." Sold everywhere. Soap 25c. Ointment 25 and 50c. Talcum 25c.

GERMANTOWN LADY GETS NEW ENERGY

Mrs. A. Wackwith, 850 Carpenter lane, Germantown, Philadelphia, tells of her new-found energy. "I suffered from indigestion, gastritis and a rundown system. Gas caused a bloated and distressful feeling around the heart. I had bad dreams, a poor appetite and an extreme lack of energy. I heard about a case like mine where Tanlac had helped. After using Tanlac I soon began to lose that draggy, all-in feeling. My energy returned. I was able to do my work with vim and snap, and I eat heartily. I find Tanlac a good thing."

The genuine J. L. Gore Co. Tanlac is now sold here at the Gorgas Drug Store.

Wm. Strouse

Pleased Customers

¶ *Mr. Wm. Strouse didn't order this advertisement to be put in the paper this way, but after hearing him tell how pleased the customers were who came to the Overcoat Sale last week, it seemed too good to keep.*

¶ *Said he, "You know we had 85 of those overcoats to sell at $14.75 last Thursday and we said in the paper that we had only 85. They're nearly all gone. There are about a dozen coats left—and they'd have gone, too, but the right size fellows just didn't happen to come in."*

¶ *Do you think for a minute that a good piece of news like that ought to be kept in the background? Not much!*

¶ *When a store can advertise 85 Overcoats of a certain line at a certain price to be sold on a certain day, and they sell, all but a dozen coats, isn't that worth talking about? It surely is.*

¶ *It goes to show that the people believe the Wm. Strouse advertising. And it goes to show that they get what they go for. It proves that the people have confidence in the Wm. Strouse Store.*

¶ *Many a time Wm. Strouse has said, "The best advertisement is the pleased customer." He's right. All the printed advertisements in the world wouldn't do any good for a store if the store didn't back them up with the kind of merchandise advertised.*

¶ *Wm. Strouse Store stands back of its printed announcements, with the merchandise. Read the advertisements of this store and you know the full facts of the goods.*

¶ *Take the Wm. Strouse 15-Day Clearance Sale as an example. There's a sale that is worth attending. No half way measures in that sale. Everything in the sale is a genuine reduction. And it's a mighty fine opportunity for any man to outfit himself and save a good bit of money.*

¶ *If you've been in the service and you're returning to civil life—get in on those reductions in the 15-Day Clearance Sale. Buy a suit and overcoat in Wm. Strouse Store now. It's a sensible thing to do. The styles are just right, you'll wear the clothes with the same pleasure and satisfaction as though you paid full prices for them.*

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Wm. Strouse Store 310 Market St.