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EDITORIAL

Verdun As Prize

The French military authorities did not make the mistake of placing final reliance on the ability of any great fortress to hold out against the Germans. The Frenchmen learned at Liege, at Namur, at Maubeuge, the impossibility of such reliance. There has been no panics in Paris about the terrible attacks upon Verdun. The French people do not assume that to lose Verdun is to have their line crumpled up or Paris rendered untenable. The French army will not be trapped in Verdun or any other fortress.

—New York Press

Wilson Struggle Against Teutonism

The opinion was expressed by the Herald nearly a week ago that there was only one way in which the contest forced upon the President in Congress by Count von Bernstorff and his followers could be settled. This was to have a vote on the resolution warning Americans to waive their rights and abstain from traveling on "armed merchant ships." The President has taken that view. In his letter to representative Pou Mr. Wilson burns his bridges behind him. Those who are for him are against the resolution. Those who are against him are for the resolution. The issue is clear cut and should be met.

—New York Herald

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TOPICS IN BRIEF

The planet Mars is now relatively near the earth but no great alarm is felt, it's still out of airship range.

In time of trouble mobilize the moving picture actors. They know how to take the cri out of crises.

Stealing a Roosevelt policy doubtless comes under the head of petty larceny.

Another pathetic little feature of every-day life is a man with about fourteen hairs on his bean, importantly directing the barber which side to brush 'em on.

The report that Hon. John W. Weeks will get out of the Presidential race will be the first intimation that this illustrious patriot was ever in it.

In pointing so earnestly to dreadful ravages of beer, it is funny that revered prohibitionists never cite Germany.

Chicago is the most lawless city in the entire world, yet the Chicago Tribune is never tired of lecturing the South because they lynch a few worthless beasts once in a while, while Chicago murders a hundred times as many.

A hyphenated society claims that President Wilson insulted it, impossible.

No longer does big business tremble when the president says, "We mean business", the phrase being a promise and not a threat.

Favorite sons are complaining that Col. Roosevelt is standing in their limelight.

THE NEW BABY.



—Marcus in New York Times.

Another important difference between President Wilson and the Colonel is that the former wants the war over and the latter wants it over here.

We all like to cuss out the Pampered Rich for the way they waste their money. But, if we had it we would make just as big fools of ourselves.

War would be deprived of much of its terror if fighting craft could be limited to Zeppelins.

Mr. Brandies must now be prepared to be talked about and not behind his back either.

The patriotic appropriation is not as readily obtained as the patriotic speech.

A successfully preserved neutrality is of far more value than a victory in war.

Should Mr. Wilson lecture in Nebraska, Mr. Bryan is likely to retaliate by a brief summer lecture tour in N. J.

The independence of the Philippines will not be attended with much fear that they will immediately add to the complications by deciding to become a world power.

President Wilson did not yield to the custom which reserves the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington as great speech making dates.

Chasing the armor magnate is a good indoor sport only in the time of peace.

Strict neutrality in film kiss censorship calls for a definite observance of the 3-mile limits.

**PENNSYLVANIA
NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Interesting Items From All Sections
of the State.**

CULLED FOR QUICK READING

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout the Keystone State.

Three new silk mills will be built by a Danville concern.

The population at the Bucks county almshouse is decreasing.

Central Market house is wanted as Lancaster's new convention hall.

A. S. Rhoads, Milton's Burgess, has ordered all games of chance stopped. Grangers of three counties, in session at Danville declared against liquor.

The Northumberland County Anti-Saloon league was formed at Sunbury.

The board of health of Sharon Hill is planning a clean-up week for early in April.

H. H. Finchbaugh has been appointed justice of the peace for Logansville, York county.

Joseph Wright, of Butler valley, was arrested at Hazleton as a deserter from the army.

Moving pictures are blamed by school authorities for truancy among Johnstown lads.

W. Scott Jenkins, Blossburg, has been appointed a trustee of the State hospital at Blossburg.

Nearly 1000 employees of the Erie railroad shop in Meadville are to be given an increase in wages.

Palmyra is all topsy-turvy politically over a fight for the postmastership, with eight active aspirants.

County auditors allege that the coroner of Northumberland charged mileage for miles never traveled.

A valuable vein of the best quality of coal has been discovered at the Herbine colliery, at St. Cloud.

William H. Rodgers, Republican, of Mifflintown, was the first aspirant to file a petition at the state capitol.

Miss Loretta Gerster, of Mauch Chunk, has been appointed stenographer at Kittersville Insane asylum.

Richard Jackson, aged eight years of St. Mary's, was shot and instantly killed as he played with a revolver.

Numerous counterfeit silver quarters, half dollars and dollars are in circulation in Chester and the vicinity.

Game Protector Boyle has liberated three-ring pheasants at Mauch Chunk, East Mauch Chunk, Lansford and Palmerton.

A crusade against keeping hogs in Connellsville is on. Dozens of owners have been ordered to dispose of their porkers.

John, four-year-old son of Joseph Rocco, of Freeland, swallowed a nail with which he played, but shows no ill effects.

So many incendiary fires have been reported recently that business men of East Harrisburg are employing private watchmen.

The McClintoc-Marshall Construction company has granted a general increase in wages to shopmen at its Pottstown plant.

Application has been made to the Cumberland county court for a charter for a firemen's relief association in Mechanicsburg.

John A. M. Rife, of Jefferson, has filed a primary petition for the Democratic legislative nomination in the Fourth York district.

College songs of the most approved type are to be recorded by State college's glee club for a manufacturer of phonograph records.

The Lehigh Valley railroad has stored sufficient soft coal at Delano to supply its Hazleton and Mahanoy division locomotives a year.

John J. O'Donnell, Allentown; A. King Weise, Altoona, and H. E. Taylor, Scranton, have been appointed deputy factory inspectors.

The court has appointed Patrick Maguire, a prominent Hazleton mine worker, as a member of the miners' certificate examining board.

E. L. Bullock, a retired independent coal operator, of Hazleton, is a candidate for delegate to the Progressive national convention at Chicago.

J. Edward Wanner, president of the Reading school board, has announced his candidacy for national delegate to the Democratic convention.

The unusual charge of selling liquor to his son, a minor, was preferred against John Wilcox, of Birmingham, Huntingdon county, by his wife.

The plant of the Aetna Explosives company at Russell, Warren county, started operations, employing 300 men after being closed down two months.

The 150 Syrians living in Allentown have organized a congregation, and have bought the old Central hotel, which they will turn into a church.

Brentwood Civic club had an exhibition of old-fashioned quilts in Pittsburgh. Many of the "crazy" patterns were shown. Some are of great value.

Theresa, twenty-months-old daughter of Michael Krumpke, of East Lebanon, has died of scalds after falling into a bucket of hot water while at play.

Mayor George M. Bailey, of Uniontown, issued an anti-spitting order. Signs will be posted and all persons violating the order will be fined \$1 and costs.

The Lehigh Valley railroad will erect bunk houses at Delano to shelter men who will unload ash trains hauled from all the divisions of the system.

Mayor Filbert, of Reading, has named a committee on preparedness, headed by General D. McM. Gregg, civil war hero and former auditor general.

McAllister scholarships at the Pennsylvania State college will be awarded this year to students from Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Forest and Juniata counties.

After taking 143 ballots on ninety candidates, Centre county commissioners elected Deemer T. Pierce, of State college, sealer of weights and measures.

Although seventy-six years old, Mrs. Annie Freese, of Somerset, read a paper before a recent meeting of the W. C. T. U., vigorously denouncing the liquor traffic.

Mrs. Lucy Ann Miller, thirty-six years old, of Johnstown, poured gasoline in mistake for kerosene on a fire in her kitchen stove and was killed by the explosion.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cramer, of Carlisle, have celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary. Mr. Cramer is eighty-three years old, and his wife eighty-one.

A school for consumptive children and children of tubercular tendencies is to be built at Washington through the efforts of the civic division of the Current Events club.

The United States Steel corporation will spend about \$10,000,000 in the erection of open hearth furnaces and by-product coke ovens in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys.

Louis Young, a Freeland miner, prominent in the union and in church work, is a candidate for representative on the Republican, Democratic and Prohibitionist tickets.

Dealers in rags in West Chester are offering \$3 per 100 pounds for rags not sorted. Woolen rags are being bought at 15 cents per pound, the highest rate known there.

The state executive board of the Young Men's Hebrew association of Pennsylvania held a meeting in Reading to discuss plans for promoting the work of the organization.

Farmers in all sections of Washington county report that the peach crop for the year is doomed. The last cold snap killed buds which the previous warm spell brought out.

The Farmers' Institute has requested the governor and state highway commissioner to macadamize the other half of the road in lower Salford township from Lederach to Skipack.

A trust fund of \$1000 to be used in educating young men for the Lutheran ministry was one of the bequests in the will of Rev. J. Milton Snyder, of Homer City, probated in Indiana.

A greater production of coal, with fifty per cent less loss of life, is shown in Mine Inspector Fenton's annual report for the Mahanoy district. Eleven miners lost their lives during the year.

Eight-inch ice was harvested at Pequa, along the Susquehanna river, recently. Near the town a funeral cortege of forty people crossed on the ice. The corpse was borne on a sled.

C. Tyson Kratz, of Norristown, has announced his candidacy as Republican national delegate from the eighth congressional district, with Brumbaugh first choice and Roosevelt second.

A movement has been started to procure Carnegie medals for J. William Ball and Carl Strandquist, who lost their lives in the Ernest mine disaster while trying to save companions.

Mrs. Wilbur Nelson, of Cold Point, will receive \$4.50 a week for 300 weeks from the Alan Wood Iron and Steel company for the death of her husband, killed at the company's plant.

The Eddystone Munitions company is putting more girls to work daily. More than 1000 will be employed for piercing fuses to be inserted in shells. Later girls will be employed in loading shells.

Preliminary plans for the celebration next June of the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of Indiana as a borough were arranged at a mass meeting of citizens in the municipal building.

Depositors of the defunct private bank of Gardner Morrow & Co., of Hollidaysburg, will shortly receive a dividend of ten percent. The bank failed in 1893. This makes fifty per cent the bank has returned.

The Pennsylvania Wool Growers' and Sheep Breeders' association at Harrisburg elected R. L. Munce, Canonsburg, president; C. A. Hurd, Harrisburg secretary, and B. O. Severson, State College, treasurer.

John P. Crozer, a millionaire manufacturer and the largest land owner in Delaware county, will install a mechanical milking outfit of twelve units, having a capacity of 120 cows an hour, in the barn on his estate at Upland.

As the result of a student's prank, five students at Allegheny college at Meadville, were arrested for taking several pairs of white duck trousers from the tailoring establishment of Frederick Lorz. They were fined a small sum.

The Reading police department has unearthed a scheme of second-hand automobile dealers in Philadelphia, by which they are taking 1915 state license tags, painted blue with white letters and changing the color to the orange and black of 1916.

A gas well having an estimated pressure of 2,000,000 cubic feet a day was brought in on the D. W. Lesnott farm, near Elmwood City. The pressure was so great that it is being found difficult to cap the well. The well is owned by the Ellwood City Oil and Gas company.