

LOCAL PEOPLE DONATED MUCH TO WAR SUFFERERS

The National Relief Association Commendates the Harrisburg Committee on Energetic Work—Merchants Give Seeds to Homeless Refugees

Recognition of and thanks for the splendid work of the Home and War Relief Committee during the winter in sending materials and clothing to the war sufferers, is given in a letter received by Miss Mary B. Robinson, of the Red Cross division, from Miss Mabel T. Boardman, of the national association.

"You have a most energetic and able committee in Harrisburg, and I congratulate you on the good work." Is the wording of the letter, which continues, "I hope that very soon the port of Archangel will be open so that we can get off a large shipment of these supplies for Poland, where we know they are very much needed. Please thank your committee for this continued interest and assistance."

Seeds for use by the homeless refugees now living in districts where they may raise crops, have been donated by local merchants, and about \$50 worth will be shipped abroad this week. Shipment of thirty boxes have been made to date, the countries receiving the supplies including Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Poland, Serbia and the British relief. Of the materials sent, all, save the knitted goods and the bandages, was made by local women who were paid from 20 to 25 cents for each garment sewed, or more than \$3,500 to date.

The Red Cross division is offering for sale a "first aid" leaflet for home or factory, to raise funds to purchase materials and supplies. The leaflet, cut in the form of a cross, with the cover of red paper, contains valuable information concerning treatment of aches, bleedings, burns, cuts, drowings, fainting, frost-bite, hysteria, poisons, sunstroke and various other ailments. They may be bought at headquarters, 7 South Front street, which are open daily, from 10 to 12 and from 2 until 5, excepting Saturdays, when they close at noon. Visitors are welcome.

THE RUSSIAN WAR OFFICE GIVES VERSION OF ROUT IN EAST PRUSSIA BY GERMANS

Petrograd, Feb. 22.—Explanation of the Russian retreat from East Prussia is contained in a communication given out last night by the general staff. Successes of the German coup are attributed largely to the lack of strategic railways which prevented the Russians from concentrating "with necessary rapidity on our East Prussian front forces indispensable to ward off this drive of the enemy."

The general staff asserts that the massing of German troops in East Prussia was revealed to the Russians on February 4 but that the magnitude of the concentration did not become known until several days later. Because of three conditions, it is stated, withdrawal of the Tenth Russian army from East Prussia towards the frontier was decided upon. This was followed later by a further retirement towards the Niemen and the Bobr rivers. The communication follows:

"The Germans, after a series of exceptionally obstinate and tenacious attacks which cost them innumerable victims, became persuaded of the impossibility of dislodging us from the left bank of the Vistula and proceeded at the end of January to put a new plan into operation.

"Having finished the formation in the interior of their country of several new corps and deciding to continue the transportation of troops from their west front in order to make a supreme effort against us, profiting by their network of railways, the Germans were enabled to launch an offensive force against our Tenth Army, which occupied strongly organized positions along the Angerapp river and the Mazurian lakes.

"To assure the success of this coup the Germans transported also part of their contingents from the fronts on the Rawa, the Bzura and the right bank of the Vistula. This gathering of Germans in East Prussia was revealed to us on February 4, but the magnitude of the concentration was not determined until several days later.

"Not being able, through lack of railroad facilities, to concentrate on our East Prussian front with the necessary rapidity forces indispensable to ward off this drive of the enemy, our chiefs decided to withdraw the above mentioned army from East Prussia towards the frontier and further retirement towards the Niemen and the Bobr has followed.

"In these movements the right wing of the Tenth Army, pressed by great numbers of the enemy and threatened with being surrounded on the right flank, was compelled to make a very swift turning movement in the direction of Kovno.

"This maneuver exposed the flank of the corps following which, owing to this fact found itself in an extremely dangerous position and only broken and disorganized positions succeeded in escaping from this district.

"Other corps of the Tenth army, fighting continuously and stubbornly, slowly retreated in the direction marked out for them by their commanders. On taking up these positions the Russian troops bravely repulsed the attacking enemy, inflicting upon him several losses and overcoming incredible difficulties caused by the deep snow which covered all the roads. The roads being impassable automobiles were not able to run and trains were delayed, frequently not reaching their destinations.

"Retreating slowly step by step one corps forming the left wing of the Tenth army held the enemy for nine days on lines which ordinarily are traversed in four days.

"On February 19 these corps fell back through Augustow, retired from the battle at Spicz and assumed the fortified positions indicated for them.

"At the present moment actions on the German front continue before Oswodet, upon the roads from Lomza to Edvabno and north to Kadizkiy on the road between Plotk and Pionek. In some places the fighting is very stubborn.

YOUNG FOR CHANGES URGED BY ECONOMY COMMISSION

State Treasurer Endorses Particularly the Plan for Sinking Fund Sufficient to Permit the Commonwealth to Carry Its Own Insurance

State Treasurer Young has been making a study of the report of the Economy and Efficiency Commission, prepared by Harry S. McDevitt, which was the forerunner of a number of recommendations made by other State Commissions, and pays it a high compliment, saying there is much to commend in its recommendations. To begin with he favors the recommendation that Governors be inducted into office in the year in which no legislative session is held, so that he will have had a year's experience when the Legislature meets. The present plan, Mr. Young thinks, is neither fair to the Governor nor to the Legislature. Regarding other recommendations in the report Mr. Young says:

"The Commission's commentaries on the absurdity of imposing duties upon the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings that they are now discharging should have the prompt attention of the Legislature."

"The recommendation with reference to the adoption of a law regulating civil service for the State government, taken in connection with a plan for service pensions, is highly commendable, as is also the recommendation with reference to a Capitol post-office."

Favors Publicity Bureau
"The idea of a Publicity Bureau is to me entirely novel but met with my instant approval, and within certain limitations the establishment of such a bureau is a timely recommendation. No State has such a variety of activities; no State has such a variety of natural resources, and it is altogether proper and desirable that the people of this State as well as of sister States should know of the immense amount of highly commendable work which is going on within her borders through the instrumentalities of the State government."

"The adoption of the recommendation with reference to the assumption by the Superintendent of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings of all janitors, charmen and charwomen employed in and about all departments of the State government would fill a long felt want."

Urges State Insurance Plan

"No recommendation seems to me more timely than that one relating to the establishment of a State fund sufficient to enable the State to carry its own insurance, especially in the light of the fact that the loss of State property by fire is negligible. The amount of money contributed in premiums by the State government to private enterprises in the form of insurance companies conducted for profit is enormous and constantly increasing. This proposition should be considered by everybody in the subject of economy and efficiency of the administration of the State's affairs."

"I have called attention to only a few of the splendid recommendations contained in the report, and those commented upon do not by any means embrace a catalogue of the most important. Taken as a whole, the report is surprisingly sane, comprehensive and progressive in tone and is entitled to the highest consideration, and if its recommendations are adopted they will, in my judgment, without a single exception, work an improvement in economy and efficiency, and having said this what more need be said."

ORCHARD DEMONSTRATIONS

Lessons in Spraying and Pruning by Division of Zoology Commence in Many Counties Next Week

The public demonstrations in the various orchards known as the State Demonstration Orchards, under the direction of Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist of the Department of Agriculture, will commence in many counties of Pennsylvania on Monday, March 2. The demonstrators have been carefully trained in the most modern features of pest suppression, making and applying spray materials and pruning and fertilizing trees to insure their increased vigor and the production of fruit of the highest quality. These demonstrations are for the purpose of showing the public how such work should be done. They were started eight years ago, but the call for them continues greater than ever as growers in every county of the State realize that they really are helping in the best and cheapest methods of producing first class fruits.

An extensive schedule has been arranged which calls for the presence of the demonstrator at each orchard during two days. At 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the first day the public meeting will be called, and the demonstrator will make and apply spray liquids, do pruning on trees of different ages and kinds, and speak of the modern methods of pest suppression and fruit production. If the weather is too bad for meeting on the day announced, it will be held on the following day, but the demonstrator will be there according to schedule regardless of weather. The schedule for next week includes the following:

Berks County—Cyrus T. Fox, demonstrator; Monday, March 1, P. M. Bowers, Hamburg; Wednesday, March 3, W. H. From, Sinking Spring; Friday, March 5, John P. Dauth, Mombton. Lancaster County—E. C. Bowers, demonstrator; Tuesday, March 2, Charles L. Landis, Paradise; Wednesday, March 3, Adam B. Vogel, Lititz, R. No. 3; Friday, March 5, L. K. Stubbs, Peach Bottom.

Lebanon County—S. W. Kerr, demonstrator; Monday, March 1, E. S. Kake, Lebanon; Wednesday, March 3, John E. Light, Lebanon, R. No. 1; Saturday, March 6, Allen E. Reist, Palmyra, R. No. 1.

Perry County—T. C. Foster, demonstrator; Monday, March 1, George E. Hess & Sellers, Duncannon; Tuesday, March 2, Sharon Fruit Farm, Newport; Thursday, March 4, C. W. Otto, New Germantown.

York County—E. F. Peirce, demonstrator; Monday, March 1, O. C. Eberhart, Dallastown, R. No. 1; Wednesday, March 3, H. B. Gooding, Glen Rock; Friday, March 5, T. S. Snyder, Brodhead.

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SUBURBAN HUMMELSTOWN

Fire Company to Hold Ninth Annual Banquet To-morrow Evening

Special Correspondence.

Hummelstown, Feb. 22.—The ninth annual banquet of the Hummelstown Fire Company will be held at the Keystone hotel on Tuesday evening and will be largely attended. An excellent menu has been arranged by Fred Graupner, proprietor of the hotel. Robert T. Fox, Assistant District Attorney, will be toastmaster and toasts will be responded to by E. Z. Etter, Richard B. Earnest, LeRoy O. Holler, C. P. Haehlein, Samuel Zerfoss and Dr. J. Irwin Ruff. Short addresses will also be made by members of the company. The banquet was arranged for by the following committee, Howard Ritts, Thomas Jacks and LeRoy O. Holler. The officers of the company are: President, H. R. Hummel; vice president, Jeremiah Nitrauer; secretary, Calvin U. Hoffer; treasurer, U. L. Balsbaugh; chief, LeRoy O. Holler.

The third anniversary of the dedication of the United Brethren church will be observed next Sunday. The anniversary sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. K. Wier, of Steelton, at 10:30 o'clock. The evening service will be in charge of the pastor, the Rev. A. S. Lehman, and at the service new members will be received into church fellowship and a baptismal service held.

The Rev. Elmer L. Coblenz, pastor of First Reformed church, Carlisle, will preach at the special Lenten service in the Reformed church on Wednesday evening.

A moving picture show and band concert will be given in the Star theatre on Friday evening for the benefit of the Acme band. An excellent program has been arranged for the band concert.

The band hall has been secured for the mop manufacturing industry which will soon be started. Stock subscriptions are being solicited and the company will soon be organized. It is expected that the new industry will give employment to about twelve men. In addition to the mops, several kinds of oils will be produced by the plant.

The public school of the borough were closed to-day in observance of Washington's Birthday. The banks also remained closed and the postoffice open only from 7 to 8 a. m. and from 7 to 8 p. m.

Mrs. Grover C. Buser and daughter, Sara Jane, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ebersole at Penbrook.

Miss Ruth Kramer, of Harrisburg, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Loretta Wheeler, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Henschen have returned from a visit to Reading.

Samuel R. Spidle, of Steelton, was in town yesterday calling on friends.

Miss Marion Espenshade, of Harrisburg, spent yesterday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Espenshade.

There will be no preaching services in the Reformed church next Sunday morning. The pastor, the Rev. Robert A. Bausch, will conduct services at Union Deposit.

Mrs. Lavina Weber left yesterday for Reading to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Ziebach.

ELIZABETHTOWN

Harry R. Schneitman the Borough's New Postmaster

Special Correspondence.

Elizabethtown, Feb. 22.—Harry R. Schneitman is now the postmaster of this place, his nomination having been confirmed by the Senate. He is a son of William Schneitman, the implement dealer and local committeeman of the Democratic party for the borough. He is one of the young and active members of the local Democratic reorganized forces.

Harmon H. Nissler, whose commission expired January 26 and who four years ago was appointed to the office after a bitter and fierce fight by his opponents.

MIDDLETOWN

Knights of Pythias Hear Sermon by the Rev. H. F. Hoover

Special Correspondence.

Middletown, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Susan Manning and daughter, Rachel, and Miss Blanche Ebersole, of Penbrook, spent Sunday in town as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner, Sr., Ann street.

Mrs. Harry McGuigan and son, of York, spent the past several days in town as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moore, Ann street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Schiefer and son, Karl, spent Sunday at Elizabethtown as the guests of relatives.

A. M. Rife, of Altoona, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Mary Lynch, Market street, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Etter is visiting relatives at Marietta.

Howard Lukens, president of the district league of the C. E. Societies, delivered an address to the members of the league and their friends at the meeting held in the M. E. church last evening.

Eighty-five members of Middletown Lodge No. 267, K. of P., met in the lodge room last evening and from there marched in a body to the Church of God where the Rev. H. F. Hoover delivered a special sermon to them.

The members of the borough Council met on Saturday afternoon and went in a body to view Susquehanna street in regard to grading. They have decided to fill up the street two feet. Most of the property owners are satisfied to allow Council to go ahead with the work. It will be brought up before the next meeting of Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schellenberger spent Sunday in town as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Markley, Pine street.

C. N. Jackson spent Sunday at Philadelphia.

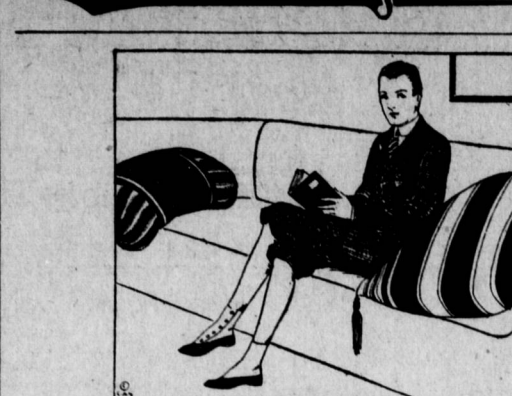
Mrs. John Core and daughter, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday in town as the guests of relatives.

Lloyd Lindemuth, of Philadelphia, is spending several days in town as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lindemuth, Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Crull entertained in honor of the 5th birthday anniversary of their granddaughter, Miss Laura Crull, Saturday afternoon at their home, Spring street. Games of various kinds were played. Those present were: Dorothy Yost, Ruth Donley, Irene Forre, Lois Murray, Charles Donley and Carl Arnold. Refreshments were served.

Harry Rudy, of Lititz, spent Sunday in town as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Myers, Pine street. He was accompanied home by his wife and son, who spent the past several weeks in town.

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Last Week of the February Furniture Sale

Many pieces have been marked to go at exactly half price during this, the last week of the Furniture Sale. It is the desire to have the floor clean of broken lots and odd pieces and prices are made so attractive that a thorough clearance should be easily effected.

\$14.50	golden oak leather rockers,	\$7.25
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\$12.50	golden oak leather rockers,	\$6.25
\$6.50	reed chairs,	\$3.25
\$29.50	walnut chiffoiniers,	\$14.75
\$22.50	walnut dressers,	\$11.25
\$22.50	walnut chiffoiniers,	\$11.25
\$31.50	fumed oak Davenport,	\$15.75
\$11.75	fumed oak chairs,	\$5.87
\$35.00	leather chairs,	\$17.50
\$35.00	leather rockers,	\$17.50
\$52.25	set mahogany dining chairs,	\$26.12
\$35.00	mahogany china closets,	\$17.50
\$15.00	Early English serving tables,	\$7.50

Parlor Suites		
\$59.00	three-piece leather parlor suites,	\$39.00
\$55.00	three-piece leather parlor suites,	\$39.00
\$69.00	three-piece leather parlor suites,	\$49.00
\$154.00	two-piece walnut bed room suites,	\$95.00
\$35.00	and \$39.00 golden oak buffets, 7 patterns to select from,	\$29.50
\$95.00	walnut vanity dresser,	\$59.00

28 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Third Floor—Three Elevators.

Special Clearance of Broken Pieces of Fine Millinery Ribbons, Yard, 15c
28 Fourth Street Aisle, Street Floor.

Specially Priced Towels & Toweling Offered for To-morrow

10c	hemmed cotton towels; good size; subject to mill stains. Special, each,	5c
11c	red border huck towels; extra good quality, subject to mill stains. Special, 4 for	25c
10c	large size red border huck towels; 18x36 inches. Special, 3 for	25c
25c	bleached Turkish bath towels in large size. Special, each,	18c
Initial bath towels, 22x44 inches, with red initial which stands 2 3/4 inches high. Special,	25c	
Seconds of 50c fancy Turkish bath towels, in pink, blue and lavender. Special, each,	33c	
7c imported cotton toweling with white and colored borders. Special, yard,	5c	
10c brown part linen toweling. Special, yard,	8c	
Heavy quality red border linen finish toweling, 17 inches wide. Special, yard,	9c	

28 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

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Choice Fast Color Wash Weaves for Women's and Children's Dresses

There are many new materials this season of silk and cotton, that are particularly desirable for women's and children's dresses, and there are scores of specially priced weaves that will bring rich savings to thrifty women.

Dresden silk, 36 inches wide; one-half silk; grounds of blue, pink, putty, helio, green, corn and white with floral designs. Yard,	50c
Silk voile, 34 inches wide, a grenadine half silk weave; white and tinted grounds and floral designs. Yard,	75c
Printed voile, 44 inches wide; in white grounds; organdie printing and border designs. Yard,	68c
8c seersucker gingham; neat stripes in choice styles. Special, yard,	6 1/4c
39c diamond dot pongee, 36 inches wide, with self color figures. Special, yard,	25c
25c dress gingham; 30 inches wide; neat and fancy checks. Special, yard,	15c
25c wash suiting; neat colored stripes on white and colored grounds. Special, yard,	15c

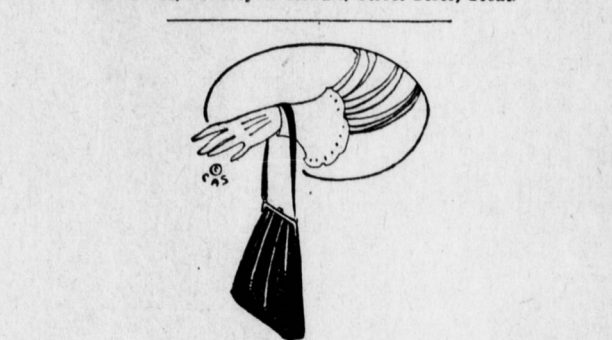
28 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

\$1.50 Crepe de Chine at \$1.25

Crepe de chine is one of the season's most popular silks, as it has been for some time past. This particular fabric is an extra fine quality, equal to that which we have sold regularly at \$1.50 a yard. We were favored in this transaction and are privileged to sell the best crepe de chine that was ever sold at \$1.25.

Shades are light blue, taupe, navy, new rose, wistaria, Rocky Mountain blue, reseda, Nile, peach, lavender, sand and white.

28 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Front.



These \$1.50 Gloves Are Down in Price Because of a Torn Thread or Dropped Stitch

Centemeri's 2-clasp kid gloves in several styles that were taken from the maker's regular \$1.50 line on account of a dropped stitch or a torn thread. Each pair has been skillfully mended and will be found in a special sale at 69c.

2-clasp tan kid gloves. Pair,	85c
2-clasp kid gloves, in colors, white and black, with self and contrasting embroidery. Pair,	\$1.50
2-clasp real kid gloves, in colors, white and black. Pair,	\$1.75 to \$2.25

28 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

ents, Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman, and his brothers, Frank and Milton.

Miss Janet Reiff, a student of Dickinson College, spent several days at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coble, of New Market, announce the birth of a son, John Ephraim, born Thursday, February 18.

Mrs. John Fehl, of Bellavista, is still ill with the grip.

Mrs. Parke Stough, of York county, visited her sister, Mrs. William Fite, on Saturday.

J. G. Davis, who has been ill for some time, was taken to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment, Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Bond and Robert Bair, of York, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beckley visited their son, Samuel, in Harrisburg.

Mrs. C. H. Hoyer visited her son, Anthony, in Harrisburg, Sunday.

Ray Pasick, of Carlisle, spent the week-end with friends here.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. H. W. Linebaugh on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Emma Best visited friends in Steelton on Sunday.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Review of Progress Made During Past Month Given Out To-day

A brief review of the progress woman suffrage has made during the past month, from New England to the Gulf States, was given out to-day at headquarters of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association.

In New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, the Legislatures have approved resolutions calling for a suffrage amendment to their constitutions and the question will go to a referendum vote of the people this fall. Similar action has also been taken in West Virginia, although the suffrage amendment will not be voted on at the polls there until the general election in 1916.

The Pennsylvania suffrage resolution has been passed by the House and is now in the Senate where a favorable vote is expected shortly after the Legislature reconvenes. Pennsylvania will then become a "Campaign State." The people of Iowa may also have a chance to vote on suffrage this fall, as the suffrage bill there has been passed by the Senate and is now in the House.

Meanwhile, woman suffrage bills have passed the committee stage and are now pending in the Legislature of Tennessee, Alabama and Texas. In these three States, however, another Legislature will have to approve the amendment before the people can vote upon it.

The Arkansas Legislature has passed a suffrage bill, but it cannot be voted upon by the people until next year. This is due to the fact that under the Constitution, only three amendments can be submitted at one time, and between the action of the House and Senate on the suffrage bill, a petition for a third amendment was filed with the Secretary of State. Consequently, the suffrage amendment has to wait until 1916.

CHURCH MORTGAGE BURNED

Trinity U. B. at New Cumberland, Celebrates Eighth Anniversary

New Cumberland, Feb. 22.—Trinity United Brethren church celebrated its eighth anniversary here yesterday by burning mortgage and notes amounting to \$20,000. Special exercises were held at all services and congregations were among the largest in the history of the church.

The Rev. A. R. Ayres, pastor, assisted by the trustees burned the old debt contracts immediately after the evening service. The papers were burned in the building. The Rev. W. H. Washington, superintendent of the Pennsylvania conference, preached the evening sermon and more than \$400 was taken up in the collection. The church was built in 1906 at a cost of \$35,000.

Photoplay To-day

Vitagraph's clever impersonator, Wally Van, appears to-day in a two-act comedy, "The Wrong Girl." "Roping a Bride," a Selig Western and the last of Edison Olive series, Olive, the Gypsy in "Olive's Greatest Opportunity," "Pere Goriot" from the book by that name, a two-act Biograph drama complete the program. Coming Thursday, Francis X. Bushman, Adv.

IT PAYS TO USE STAR-INDEPENDENT WANT ADS.