

NEWS IN GENERAL.

Missouri has set Sep. 1, as Fried Chicken Day in that state to emphasize its great poultry interests.

The Belgian Relief states that the food stuffs sent from the United States and Canada to the war stricken country amounts in value to nearly \$80,000,000.

Options for 1300 acres of the best coking coal in Fayette county were given C. H. Bolton, representing Pittsburgh interests on Saturday. The land in question includes practically all of the unsold coal in Luzerne township. The price to be paid is \$2,500,000 almost \$2,000.

A serious problem now confronts the Wilson administration because of the decrees of Great Britain and France declaring cotton contraband of war. The problem confronting the administration is the financing and protection of the cotton crop. Relief must be afforded at home with the closing of foreign markets.

At the secret conference of cabinet ministers, political leaders and influential writers, called by the German imperial chancellor before the re-assembling of the Reichstag last week in Berlin the telegraph says Karl Helfferich, secretary of the treasury, explained that the new German war loan would completely exhaust the empire's financial resources and that the increase in exchequer bonds would cause bankruptcy. Therefore, Dr. Helfferich urged it was needful to prepare for an honorable peace.

American children will not be deprived of their German-made Christmas toys and Christmas pictures; neither will American women be deprived of German-made hosiery and various other articles that do not serve purposes of war. This is due to the insistence of Arthur G. Hayes, a New York attorney, who is acting for importers. The British government has just decided to permit the shipment without interference of \$600,000 worth of these goods now detained in Rotterdam and in Germany. Mr. Hayes began his work three months ago.

CONFLUENCE

The schools here will open for the winter term on September 6.

Rev. C. W. Hoover and son Leonard of Circleville, who were camping at Flanigan Station for several weeks, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Karl F. Miller returned to her home in Pittsburg, after spending several days at Unamis.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McDonald of the West Side, are visiting relatives at Johnson's Chapel.

L. Lancaster of Connellsville, was here recently on his return from a fishing trip up the C. & O. branch, and among other fish had a 20-inch bass.

Miss Ida McDonald has gone to Lisbon, Ohio, where she will have charge of a large millinery store the coming season.

Miss Mary Nedrow of Somerfield was a recent visitor with friends here.

Messrs. Robert Black, of this place, Harry Campbell of Humbert and Misses Esther Black and Mary Kate Davis, of town, left Friday for Falling Waters, Md., where they will visit Mr. and Miss Black's sister, Mrs. Reeves Hill.

Mrs. Hiram Clouse has gone to Bedford county to spend several days with friends.

A number of people from here on Saturday attended the Johnson Chapel picnic.

Mrs. J. C. Younkin of the West Side who has been ill for several days, is not at present much improved.

Miss Nina Burnworth of Elm Grove is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Anabel Burnworth at Johnson's Chapel. The families of C. R. Berkey and E. C. Pierce of Connellsville have arrived here and are camping on the Tissue farm south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bower were called to Listie a few days ago on account of the death of Mrs. Bower's father, Jonas Kutzman.

Mrs. Lloyd Kurtz and two children are spending several weeks visiting friends in Pittsburg.

Where He Failed

There was a man whose knowledge Made him seem a human college. He could read the oldest hieroglyphics known; He could give you all the reasons For the various changeful seasons And perform a classic tune on the trombone. He made startling calculations Of the wealth and strength of nations, And the stary distances he loved to trace. He could capture a bacillus, And the other things that kill us, Though they occupy a very tiny space. Though he did all these so neatly One thing baffled him completely: Each day it caused his pride to take a drop. With all wisdom he was flustered, Yet he never learned for certain On which corner of the street the car would stop. —Washington Star.

Song and Story....

The smallest bark on life's tumultuous ocean Will leave behind a track forevermore;

The lightest wave of influence, once in motion, And widens to the eternal shore.

We should beware then, who go before A myriad yet to be, and we should take

Our bearings carefully, where breakers roar And fearful tempests gather; one mistake

May wreck unnumbered barks that follow in our wake.

Food and Religion.

Naturally the clergyman was annoyed when the waiter asked at a luncheon party would he be high or low church? "What on earth has that to do with you?" he demanded. "A great deal, sir," explained the waiter. "If your friends are high church I must provide more wine; if low church, more vittles."

Latest Discovery.

One day while Luther Burbank was walking in his garden, and was met by an officious acquaintance who said "Well, what are you working on now?" "Trying to cross an egg-plant and milk weed," said Mr. Burbank. "And what under heaven do you expect to get from that?" Mr. Burbank calmly resumed his walk. "Custard pie," he said.

What He Meant.

Two boys were having a somewhat rough struggle and when one received an unexpected hard blow, he exclaimed:

"If you don't look out you'll end up in a place that begins with 'h' and ends with 'l'!"

A school teacher who was passing on hearing the remark, scolded the boy severely for what he had said.

"Well," replied the boy after a pause, "I'm sure I don't know what you're talking about. I only meant 'hospital.'"

How, Indeed.

The lady in the house was explaining things to the new maid.

"An' what's this, missus?" asked the girl, indicating a metal bottle.

"That is a bottle which will keep things either hot or cold, whichever you desire," replied the mistress.

"Well, for the land sake!" ejaculated the girl "How is it gwine to know whether you want things hot or cold?"

Settling the Matter.

The two British sailors had secured tickets to the dog show and were gazing upon the Skye terrier which had so much hair that it looked more like a woolen rug than a dog.

"Which end is 'is' ead, Bill?" asked one.

"Blowed if I know," was the reply. "But 'ere I'll stick a pin in 'im and you look w'ich end barks."

Start some kind word on its travels, and do it now; there's no telling when the good it will accomplish will stop.

It hain't no use to grumble and it's jest as cheap and easy to rejoice; When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,

W'y rains 'is my choice. Men ginerly to all events— Although they're apt to grumble some—

Puts most they're trust in Providence. And takes things as they come. In this existence, dry and wet— Will overtake the best of men—

Some little skift of clouds'll shet The sun off now and then.— And maybe, whilse you're wuendern who

You've fool-like lent your umbrell to, And want it —out'll pop the sun And you'll be glad you haint got none!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Charging that the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company's employees neglected to feed and water a carload of horses shipped from Lantant, Ill., to Somerset, resulting in a depreciation of their value, Peter Dumbauid, the well-known Milford stockman, has entered suit to the amount of \$600.

The plaintiff avers that the horses should have been fed and watered at or near Pittsburg, but that they were carried through to Connellsville, being 36 hours without water and feed. When the animals reached Somerset, they were "gaunted" and "tuckered up" and brought a much smaller price at the public sale than they otherwise would have done.

No. 5 Shipping tags on hand ready to print what you want on them.

PROGRESS OF WAR

TERSELY TOLD.

Russia is considering the removal of her capital from Petrograd to Moscow.

Seven British steamships were sunk Friday by German submarines, most of the crews escaping. Two neutral ships were sent to the bottom the same day.

Over a hundred Turkish boats have been destroyed in the Black Sea by the Russians. The Germans met with disaster at Riga and lost the battleship, Moltke, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats.

It is reported at Athens that the British forces have dealt the Turks an overwhelming blow by the capture and destruction of the main lines of communication between Constantinople and the forces defending the Gallipoli peninsula. Thus the Turks are cut off from supplies of food and ammunition. Official confirmation is yet lacking. It is asserted if true this great strategic success equals in its military effect the fall of Warsaw.

The White Star liner, Arabic of 15,801 tons, was torpedoed by an unseen German submarine at 9:15 o'clock on Thursday morning while 55 miles off Old Head of Kinsale, Ireland, on its way to New York. 423 persons were on board—180 passengers. It sank in eleven minutes. 32 lives were lost, two being Americans. A grave crisis is caused between the United States and Germany by this ruthless act. \$15,000,000 in American securities were lost with the vessel.

Soldiers suffering from severe frost bites and exposure to the cold and soldiers suffering from heat prostrations were among the Italian wounded who arrived at Rome a few days ago. Among the troops fighting along the frontier are a number of regiments from central Italy, not accustomed to the cold of the high Alpine passes. In marked contrast the temperature on the battlefield around Goritz often passes 100 degrees.

A significant order of the day predicting a resumption by the Germans of a vigorous offensive in the west has been issued to the Teutonic armies in Flanders, according to Amsterdam telegraph. An extract from this order, telegraphed by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company follows: "Our work now is practically finished in the east and we are about to begin in the west. Peace is certain in October."

The German government, through Secretary of the Treasury Helfferich, has virtually served notice that she intends to levy heavy indemnities against her enemies, if they are defeated, at the end of the war. Dr. Helfferich told the Reichstag that despite their exhaustion Germany intends to impose the war burdens on "those responsible for the war." In this connection he estimated that the war is costing all the belligerents combined almost \$75,000,000 a day, more than \$2,000,000 a month and about \$25,000,000,000 a year.

German cheers for men in the British navy is an unusual war time incident reported from the North Sea by the captain and crew of the German trawler Gudrun, belonging in Altona, which arrived at Esbjerg a few days ago. The captain relating the experience of the trawler, said the Gudrun was stopped in the North Sea by a British squadron. He promptly got his boats ready and distributed life belts, believing that his ship was about to be sunk. When the British steamer reached the trawler the German begged for time to take to the boats and admits that he was staggered at the short and pointed reply: "You can take the whole ship; we shall not harm you." The captain adds that the British left amid the hearty cheers of the greatly relieved Germans.

Novo Georgievsk, mightiest fortress of the Czar, has fallen. The capture by German troops of the stronghold at the junction of the Vistula Narew rivers was officially announced on Friday. Six Russian generals and 85,000 men were made prisoners by General von Beseler's troops, who took the fortress. Enormous quantities of war material were also captured. With the taking of this fortress the Germans have taken the last of the Vistula fortresses and have removed a danger that existed as long as that stronghold was held by the enemy. The pursuit of the retreating Russian armies can be continued now without any possibility of a sudden sortie. 700-cannon were captured by the Germans at Novo Georgievsk. The reduction of Novo Georgievsk is another victory for the famous 42-centimeter guns. The destruction of Russia mightiest fortress within less than two weeks shows that no works known to modern military engineering can stand before these giants of warfare.

Fresh Sausage and Pudding, regularly, at Poorbaugh & Bower's.

WHEN FLIES PLAY POSSUM

Explaining Why the Campaign for Their Extermination Should Begin at Once.

It is not only in the summer that the enemy of the fly should be busy, according to a bulletin issued by the committee on pollution and sewerage of the Merchants' Association of New York, but in the winter as well.

"Kill the winter flies," is the burden of the committee's appeal, and it declares that now is the time to begin next summer's campaign, says the New York Evening Post.

"Most of last season's flies, having completed their life cycle, are dead," the bulletin reads, "but those hatched late have left their eggs in a favorable place for incubation in the early spring, and these eggs will survive the winter unless disposed of. They will hatch out during the winter in an ever temperature.

"These winter flies will become the progenitors of next summer's countless billions. At the first approach of cold weather the flies seek warmth and protection in houses and stables. From cellar to garret they hide in nooks and corners. Keep them out. If any succeed in getting in, kill them.

"Don't trust the cold to kill them. Don't assume that they are dead when you find them lying on floors or window sills in unused rooms. They are 'playing possum' and will revive when the temperature rises.

"Clean up the house and give special attention to every out-of-the-way place where flies may lurk. Make sure there is nothing left which may harbor their eggs. One fly that survives the winter will become the parent of hundreds of millions next summer."

FRAUDS FOLLOW THE WAR

Little Doubt That This Conflict Will Be Productive of the Usual Crop of Fakes.

The experience of a New York jeweler who was taken in by a brace of swindlers operating as war refugees and a block of tin masquerading as platinum is no doubt but the first of a long line of dupes. The ruined business man, the haughty aristocrat fallen on evil times, the impoverished widow and the demonized heiress will become numerous as the birds of prey wake up to their opportunities. The impostors will have remnants of stocks of plausible jewelry, laces that look antique to untrained eyes, armor that might have been worn in old chivalric days, but wasn't, pictures with the dust of the Renaissance carefully rubbed into the wet paint and a thousand other priceless treasures of fakery. All will be going at bargain prices not exceeding fifty times their real value, and each object will be rendered more precious by the thrilling fable that will account for its escape from the debacle of some Belgian or Polish or Gallic or Galician mart or manor house. Even the swaggering rooster will turn up trying to realize on his booty and begging secrecy on the part of his victim. The swindlers will be of all nationalities, with infinite variety of temptation for gulls and ingenious yarns to meet all doubts. People with long purses, short knowledge and artistic aspirations, please take notice.

Teaching Art to Children.

The Children's Hour held under the auspices of the department of fine arts, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg, was inaugurated for the season of 1914-1915 a short time ago. J. Taylor, illustrator, member of the faculty of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, gave a chalk talk on illustrations of interest to children. He was assisted by Norman Kennedy and J. W. Thompson, both of Pittsburg. Many interesting subjects have been selected for demonstration to the children during the year. There will be exhibitions of modeling, plaster casting, and vase craft, as well as talks, illustrated by lantern slides, on various periods of painting and architecture. The permanent collections and special exhibitions in the department of fine arts will be utilized for the benefit of the children.

Russian's Great Work.

A. A. Balakshin, a Russian, is at the head of the greatest farmers' union in the world, a most remarkable organization composed of the Russian peasantry covering a vast stretch of fertile land from the Ural mountains to the confines of Mongolia. The chief industry is butter making, and almost the entire output has found ready market England. M. Balakshin assumed the task of organizing the farmers some years ago, and has succeeded to an extent not dreamed of at the beginning. He is regarded with loving reverence by the 300,000 souls to whose well being he has devoted his life, and by whom he is affectionately spoken of as "the little grandfather."

Question.

Several of the leading directors of the New Haven railroad retired at the moment when the investigation of the line became most sweeping. Commissioner Whitworth Riggs of the bureau of civics said apropos of these retirements in Pittsburg: "It's an occurrence, we are told, that has no significance. These directors are overworked. They want a rest. Hence they retire. "But I, for my part, studying this episode, would ask: "If appearances are deceitful, what about disappearances?" — Chicago Herald.

Advertisement for American Bankers Association 50. Includes text: 'Just Sign and Cash', 'Your second signature on these "A. B. A." Cheques makes them good and identifies you. No further introduction is necessary. 50,000 banks throughout the world will cash them at sight.' and 'Second National Bank MEYERSDALE, PENN'A.'

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