

NEWS IN GENERAL

That all unmarried men of military age throughout the British Isles who have not already enlisted will be drafted without further ceremony next month is considered a certainty.

Afghanistan is preparing to war against the British possessions in India according to telegrams received by the Overseas News agency from Constantinople. The fighting has already begun.

More than \$5,000,000 of the immense war profits of the Krupp Gun Works in Germany will be distributed for relief of the soldiers' families, officials of the company stated on Friday. The Krupp family will take its usual 12 per cent.

The purchase by the Italian government of 65,000,000 feet of yellow pine from several of the southern states has caused an upheaval in the American lumber markets and will affect prices this winter. The gigantic deal by the Italian is for the purpose of procuring lumber with which to build winter quarters for the Italian soldiers.

Just before the American liner St. Louis sailed for Liverpool on Monday afternoon a man was arrested while trying to get on board with a suit case containing two big sticks of dynamite. At police headquarters the prisoner gave the name of Abraham Cummings. He is 40 years old and says that he formerly worked in a coal mine near Pittsburgh.

Jno. S. Merion of Chester, Pa., a senior in the department of chemistry at State College fell out of a 4th story window at the Hotel Allen at Allentown, Thursday and was killed. Merion was one of a party of 27 chemistry students who was on an inspection trip of the industrial plants of the Lehigh valley.

One hundred guards, the company's entire special force on Thursday surrounded the great munition works of the Bethlehem Steel Company, where early on last Wednesday fire wiped out machine shop No. 2, entailing a loss estimated at \$3,000,000. The works are located at Bethlehem, Pa. The fire is supposed to be due to incendiaries.

Sinking of another Italian steamer with loss of life attending its destruction was reported while indignation over the Ancora tragedy was still at its height on Saturday. The liner Firenze, was sunk on November 9th by an Austrian submarine while bound from Genoa to Port Said in the Mediterranean. 15 members of the Firenze crew and six passengers are missing. It is believed that these all perished.

Booker T. Washington, foremost teacher and leader of the negro race, died early Sunday at his home near the Tuskegee institute of which he was the founder and president. Hardening of the arteries followed a nervous breakdown, causing death four hours after Washington arrived from New York. Although he had been in failing health for several months, the negro leader's condition became serious only last week while he was in the east. He then realized the end was near, but was determined to make the last long trip south.

A profound sensation has been caused in Washington by the latest development in the pro-German and pro-Austrian propaganda—the statement of Dr. Joseph Coricor, former Austro-Hungarian consul at San Francisco, that all Austrian consuls in this country are mixed up in the creation of strikes and destruction of munition plants and that Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador and Consul general Von Nuber are directing the movements. President Wilson has directed that agents of the department of justice at once start an investigation of the charges made by Dr. Coricor.

Absolute control of all food supplies by the government in Austria-Hungary as well as in Germany is expected to result from conferences between Dr. von Bethman-Hollweg the imperial chancellor for Germany, and Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister. Announcement was made recently that foodstuffs of every description will be under control of the government and the chancellor will also make public a list of maximum prices shortly showing what grocers, meatdealers and others may charge. The rich as well as the poor will be subject to these food restrictions. The man with millions will pay the same prices as the day laborer and he will get no more than his less fortunate brother.

SHOT INTRUDER.

Mistaking an attendant at the country home for a burglar, Dr. Jno. S. Miller who lives near Somerset, shot the man as he was about to ascend the stairs in the Miller residence. The bullet entered the right breast. His condition is serious. Dr. Miller was unable to ascertain how the man entered his home.

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THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

W. Curtis Truxal Esq., for G. D. Whitcomb, has instituted suit against the Quemaoning Coal Company for \$1,108.39. The plaintiff avers that the money is due for fittings and supplies he sold to the coal company.

Gordon, the nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Walker of Somerset died of the Johnstown City Hospital where he underwent an operation several days ago for appendicitis. Interment was made at Shanksville.

Officers and directors of the Peoples State bank at Boswell are considering the erection of a fine new office building to adjoin the present home of the institution. The building will be the largest and most modern in the town.

The remains of John J. Walker, a steel worker who was killed in a fall from a building in Pittsburgh last week were brought to Somerset Sunday night and buried Monday. Mr. Walker married the widow of the late Jacob Pyle some years ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, aged 73 years was run down by an automobile a few days ago at Somerset. She sustained a fracture of the left knee cap and a gash in her right arm. The car was driven by Frank Shaulis of Lincoln township who rendered all assistance possible after the accident which those who saw it, say was unavoidable.

Albert Ringler, husband of Grace Lafferty Ringler, has asked Judge Ruppel to appoint a guardian to take charge of his wife's estate, and preserve it for her four children. Mrs. Ringler has been an inmate of the County Hospital for three years, and it is reported that she is mentally incapable of looking after her own affairs.

Somerset county Socialists elected a justice of the peace, an auditor and two councilmen at Garrett, and one councilman at Hooversville. Councilman-elect Darnley, Meyersdale, received 113 Socialist votes, but he was on all tickets. Every precinct returned one or more Socialist votes, and the total high vote for each of the 56 precincts shows that 1,031 electors voted for one or more of the candidates on the Socialist ticket.

Dr. J. H. Garey, a former resident of Berlin, who passed several months in that town visiting friends and relatives, returned to Wilsey, Kansas, last week, where he has lived for a number of years. The doctor admits that while Kansas is under the law a "dry" state, here and there a "wet" spot develops, but, he says, there are young men who have attained their majority in that state who have never had the disgusting spectacle of seeing a drunken man.

Berlin's next postmaster will be a Democrat. The Republican W. W. Marshall, is now finishing his second term. By virtue of change of the administration his successor will be a Democrat. A. R. Dallam and C. W. Krissinger are being mentioned for the position. The former conducts the moving picture show and the latter has an interest in the Eclipse Wood-Pulley Company. Up until about ten years ago Mr. Marshall conducted the Berlin Record.

The citizens of Boswell are delighted with the new lighting system recently installed. Instead of arc lights located at great distances, the Light Committee has had placed a number of smaller lights. Instead of sixty-eight arc lights there are now many small ones, and places that formerly were in darkness are now illuminated. The cost of the new system is also a saving. Somerset adopted the same system two years ago, and the change is generally approved.

Windber is holding its big revival. For years people there had been preparing for the religious campaign which opened in the tabernacle Sunday, November 14. The following are the officers and committees in charge of the work: Rev. Charles E. Hillis, evangelist, Kahoko, Mo.; Prof. Lawrence Stahl, musical director and head of the young men's department; Mrs. C. E. Hillis soloist and director of women's work; Wm. F. S. Yates, pianist ad soloist; Jno. J. Carroll, custodian.

Members of the Town Council of Benson Borough have petitioned Judge Ruppel for the appointment of viewers for the purpose of placing a value on the electric light plant of the White Oak Light, Heat and Power Company. The petitioners aver that the borough is desirous of purchasing the plant. The corporation must show cause in court why the viewers should not be appointed. The petition is signed by A. E. Cassler, president of the council, and J. E. Cassler, M. D. Helsel, Stanley Wilson and H. H. Cassler. The burgess has not joined in the petition.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BOSWELL MAY BOOM.

Boswell may soon be supplying at least a part of the dyestuffs formerly shipped here by Germany.

At a recent board of trade meeting the matter of commercializing coal tar was brought up. Dyestuff is produced from just such tar as could be manufactured in great quantities there.

The tar is a thick, black, heavy liquid obtained by distillation of bituminous coal in the manufacture of illuminating gas, and is used for printers' ink, black varnish, and other things. It is a complex medium from which many substances have been obtained, especially hydrocarbons of the benzene aniline phenol, naphthalene and anthracene, which are respectively typical of the dyestuffs formerly supplied to the United States by Germany.

Attention was called to the many products to be derived from the coal tar and it was pointed out that immense deposits of coal, said to be inferior for the markets as steam coal, lie in the hills surrounding Boswell.

It is not at all unlikely that a big plant for the distillation of coal tar will be established in that town. There are a number of ideal locations and with improved shipping facilities the commercialization of coal tar should become one of the communities most important industries.

BARN AND CON-

TENTS DESTROYED.

The large barn on the farm of Milton Schrock, near Rockwood, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday of last week. The insurance carried was \$1,000, which, it is reported, will not more than cover one-third of the loss. With Harrison Bittner's hay baler, a number of men were engaged in baling hay, and it was while they were at dinner that the fire occurred. The flames had gained such headway that the men were unable to save much property. Included in the loss were the baler, 700 bushels of oats, several hundred bushels of wheat, in short, the season's crops. It is not known how the fire started.

NEW PRESCRIPTION LAW.

Hereafter the name and the address of the patient, the date, the names of all of the ingredients and quantities, the full name and the address of the physician and his registry number must appear on all prescriptions calling for narcotic drugs, or preparations, or remedies coming within the scope of the Harrison Narcotic Law according to a decision of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn which was mailed to the various collectors and deputies last week. The previous custom was to permit the renewal of narcotic prescriptions by merely indicating thereon the druggist's serial number.

HOOVERVILLE

Clyde Carver of Central City narrowly escaped serious injury recently when his automobile left the road and collided with a fence. He was thrown from his seat and sustained slight bruises. The machine was badly damaged.

George Miller and family have moved their household effects from the Graham store at Statertown to the John Kincaid store at Cairnbrook.

The condition of John Mangus of near Shade creek, who was stricken several weeks ago with typhoid fever is much improved.

J. B. Umberger has returned to his home in Johnstown after visiting relatives here.

John Baser, who has been employed on the Howard Powell farm near Center, has resigned his position and returned to his home in Bedford county.

The condition of Mrs. Jacob Yast of Grabvalley, who has been seriously ill, is said to be slightly improving.

CONFLUENCE

Everett Tissue and Leah Mitchell, eloped to Cumberland Wednesday and were married, returning home Friday.

Wilbert McNear has returned to his home at Russellton after a several days' visit with aunt, Mrs. Annabell Burnworth and cousins, J. L. and H. P. Burnworth at Johnson Chapel.

J. Silbaugh, of Somerset, and C. J. Miller, of this place, who went to Waterloo, Iowa, last spring, arrived home to spend the winter.

Milton Shaw has returned from a visit with friends in Connellsville.

Mrs. O. B. Maddox and son, James, have returned to their home after a visit with Mrs. Maddox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Show, of this place.

Ursula and Confluence school board are having a controversy over the amount of tuition to be charged Ursula pupils in attendance at the Confluence high school. Confluence has rendered a bill charging \$5 a month but Ursula contends the pro rata share is \$4.65 a month.

J. B. Kannerly of Philadelphia announces that he had taken a 15-year lease on the Ansbach coal tract on the Whites Creek branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad about four miles from Confluence. The tract consists of 550 acres of the best coal in the vicinity.

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