

NEWS IN GENERAL

The British and the Russians in Mesopotamia and the Caucasus, respectively are pressing the Turks hard. The army of King George, coming northward from the Persian Gulf to the relief of the British forces, have driven the Turks backward. The Russians, in their drive along the front of nearly 100 miles in the Caucasus, have won additional points of vantage.

Beset on the north, east and west by Austro-Hungarian armies and with all lines of retreat cut off, except into Albania, where hostile tribesmen must be faced, Montenegro has asked Austro-Hungary for peace and her request will be granted. The unconditional laying down of arms by Montenegro was made the basis of the opening of peace negotiations. This is the first withdrawal of any belligerent from either of the alliances that have been fighting with each other since August 1914.

Samuel D. Haynes, of Highland Park Detroit has erected a two-family brick flat costing approximately \$10,000 and containing billiard rooms, sun parlors, beamed ceilings and tiled bathrooms. This item of every day news is removed from the real estate news by the fact that this particular house is the realization of a dream that came to Haynes in a cell in the state prison at Thomaston, Me., where he spent 39 years. Mr. Ford gave him a chance when Haynes was pardoned and he is more than making good.

Cupid has been making such alarming inroads upon the crops of female teachers in the public schools of Washington County, Maryland, recently that the Board of School Commissioners has been compelled to take notice. Nine young women already this year have quit teaching to become brides, while the little god of love has pierced the heart of another with his shafts, and she will soon join the ranks of her married sisters. When and where this matrimonial epidemic will stop is giving the school authorities much concern. There is already a dearth of female teachers in the county.

No American who has not seen an actual copy of an official German casualty list can have the slightest comprehension of the frightful toll of life which Germany is paying for her conquests east and west. It comprises the most awful death roll in the world's history. The Kaiser's military machine, by its own authentic admissions, suffered a loss in less than three weeks of 176,760 officers and men, or an average of 9304 every 24 hours. The total for the war, until last November, aggregates the hideous sum of 3,691,440, or an average of about 250,000 a month. It is said the ranks have been decimated at a rate which even the world's record of pestilence does not surpass.

The Kaiser is said to have undergone an operation last Thursday and a week must elapse before he is pronounced out of danger, though Berlin dispatches deny all rumors of any serious illness of their monarch. Dr. Howell, the English doctor, who assisted in the operation on the father of Emperor William for cancer of the throat at San Remo in 1888 is quoted by Le Journal as saying that while it is impossible to make any diagnosis in the case of the present Emperor, there is one outstanding fact, the importance of which should not be underrated. It is that several of the emperor's descendants, both on his father's and his mother's side have died of cancer. If the emperor is really suffering from cancer of the throat, Dr. Howell contends he might live under the most favorable circumstances 18 months or two years. An operation though wholly successful could prolong the emperor's life only a few months.

UNCLE SAM

WANTS STENOGRAPHERS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for stenographers and typewriters on February 19. Only male applicants will be examined in Washington. At Cumberland both male and female applicants will be examined.

The applicants must be at least 18 years old. The pay is \$2.48 per day, and of stenographers and typewriters, \$3.04 and \$3.28 per day.

Harry L. Sipe, President of the Farmers' National Bank, of Somerset, since its incorporation September 1, 1900, resigned at the institution's annual meeting Thursday evening. Isaiah Good was elected his successor. Mr. Sipe gives press of other business as his reason for severing his connection with the management of the bank. He operates a large wholesale tobacco establishment.

The annual banquet of the Somerset Board of Trade was held on January 20th in the basement of the Christian church, Somerset. Rev. I. Hess Wagner was toast master. Other speakers were Judge Ruppel and John C. Brydon.

BERLIN

Almost every family in Berlin has one or more cases of grip in it. Twenty-five pupils were absent from the High School in one day this week as a result of the grip. From 10 to 15 pupils are absent from each room of the public school from the same cause.

There are several cases of measles in the town and a few cases of typhoid fever. The measles cases, is thought, were brought from Macdonaldton, where there are scores of cases. Considerable typhoid fever has also developed at Macdonaldton and a foreign woman died there a few days ago from the malady.

Joh Lennox, editor of the Berlin was ill for the past few days with pneumonia.

E. H. Miller was a Confucius visitor recently.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Norman Johnson entertained on Wednesday evening at a "500" party at their home on Main street.

The First National Bank and the Philson Bank reorganized with the following officers and employees: First National—President, Fred Groff; Vice President, G. B. Masters; Cashier, G. A. Hoffman; Assistant Cashier, H. B. Landis; Bookkeeper, H. E. Landis; Directors: Fred Groff, G. B. Masters, E. L. Knepper, C. F. Swope, Allen Hay, Lewis Berkley, J. J. Reiman, H. Gary and C. O. Hay. A dividend of ten per cent was paid during the year.

Philson Bank—President, S. B. Philson; Vice President, H. B. Philson; Cashier, J. P. McCabe, Assistant Cashier, Samuel Philson. Directors—John O. Ream, W. J. Philson, H. B. Philson, S. B. Philson, J. C. Philson, H. P. Hay, Robert McLuckie, W. P. Shaw and C. A. Floto.

Rev. Edward Thomas is conducting evangelistic services in the Methodist church.

Mrs. Gillian Hoffman and nephew, Howard Brown, have returned from Dunbar, where they attended the funeral of a relative.

Dr. R. J. Heffley, of Manassas, N. J., has arrived here and will occupy the Zion Reformed parsonage.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Shaw entertained the following guests at an elaborate turkey dinner Friday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dallam, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brubaker, Emma and Minnie Snyder, and Hattie Morrel of Virginia.

ROCKWOOD

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank held their stockholders' meeting last week and elected the following directors: C. J. Hemminger, H. W. Musser, Fred Groff, John Lichter, H. Snyder, D. F. Walker, W. B. Conway, E. E. Miller, J. R. Shanks and W. M. G. Day.

The stockholders of the Co-Operative Mutual Insurance Company of Berlin met Wednesday in the Rockwood House and elected the following officers and directors: Hon. W. H. Ruppel, president; C. A. Floto, vice president; Fred Groff, treasurer; J. B. Schrock, secretary, and A. C. Miller, assistant secretary. The directors are Josiah Specht, S. C. Hartley, Harrison Snyder, P. J. Blough, J. B. Davis, J. B. Gerhard. The officers reported over \$3,000,000 insurance in force at the present time.

W. B. Conway accompanied by his wife, daughter and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Rhoades have gone to Tampa, Florida, where they will spend several weeks on account of the ill-health of Mr. Conway.

W. H. Wolfersberger and Prof. H. S. Wolfersberger spent Tuesday evening of last week in Somerset where they received the first degree in Free Masonry.

Mrs. Jacob Bittner of Gephartsburg was buried in the Rockwood I. O. O. F. on January 12.

The 16 month old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Pritts of Murdock while playing with a penknife recently accidentally ran the blade into its eye. The child was brought to Rockwood where Dr. C. J. Hemminger after a thorough examination found that the eyeball had not been injured beyond recovery.

S. A. Swanson of Pittsburg was the guest of his many Rockwood friends last Thursday.

Mrs. J. D. Snyder has returned home after spending several days recently with friends and relatives in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Charles E. Swanson who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sullivan for the past two weeks, has returned home at Massillon, Ohio.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Secrest on Saturday evening.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hooversville First National Bank resulted in the retention of all officers and employees as follows:—President, P. J. Blough; Vice President, H. J. Koontz; Cashier, H. H. Dull; Assistant, C. R. Koontz; Directors, Daniel Shaffer, Peter Hoffman, Uriah Jones, W. H. Koontz, L. A. Blough, H. J. Koontz and Jonas Weaver.

TO WARD OFF THE GRIP.

The following information ought to be highly appreciated during the prevailing epidemic. The recipe is furnished by a man who tried it. He says:

"I boiled a quart of wormwood and horehound together and drank it hot. Then I took two pills and put one kind of plaster on my chest, another kind on my back and a third kind under each arm.

"Thanks to my governor's advice, I had sense enough to clap a mustard plaster on my stomach also and to sleep with red hot bricks at my feet.

"An old lady brought me a bottle of goose oil showing me how to take it: you suck it, you know through a quill. My uncle from the country turned up with a bundle of herbs, these herbs made a tea that I took a cup every half hour. On a cousin's advice I got outside an enormous dose of salts.

"My wife got me to take three pills of her own make—they were brown, bitter and about the size of eggs. They did me good too.

"The crisis was now reached and I retired to my bedroom. There after tossing off a pint of tar balsam, I talloved my nose, steamed my legs in an alcohol bath and took large doses of hot rum, spearmint tea and castor oil, which were severally recommended me by a sea captain, my minister and my grocer. Ehen I took seven different kinds of pills, wrapped round my neck an old stocking of my wife's soaked in hot vinegar and salt and got into bed.

"As I dozed off they burned feathers on a shovel before me.

"That completed the cure. I am well and recommend this simple cure to all grip sufferers.

TRAIN RUNS WILD

DOWN MOUNTAIN.

One man was killed and six others injured, several seriously, when a run away timber train dashed down a steep grade on the timber road of the McFarland Lumber Company near Jones Mill, Indian Creek valley, late Wednesday evening of last week. The train ran one mile before it jumped the track and buried the fireman under a pile of timber in a creek.

As the result, Ralph Sparks, 26 years old, married fireman on engine, is dead.

The injured are, C. E. Walcott, engineer; William Edrow, 25 years old; Charles Johnson, conductor, may die; Herman Kalp, loader; James Pritts, loader; Jacob Heas loader.

The train was made up of a gear or vertical engine and two cars loaded with timber. As it started down the mountain side the brakes failed to work due to the slippery condition of the rails, and the train rapidly gained momentum.

The train crew and loaders worked with the brakes and finally got them set, but the train was running at such a high speed that the locked wheels slid over the rails. As the train rushed down the mountainside several of the loaders jumped and sustained only minor injuries.

When the train left the rails there were only three men on the train, the crew. Sparks had left the engine and went back over the cars when the train left the tracks. He was hurled into a creek and buried beneath a pile of logs thrown from the train.

CONFLUENCE

Postmaster T. K. Pullin who has been very ill for several days is slightly improved.

At a meeting of council H. L. Hosteller was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. T. Reynolds.

E. H. Miller of Berlin was calling on friends here this week.

L. M. Lancaster of Connellsville was greeting friends in town.

At a meeting of council Harvey Tissue was appointed burgess in the place of N. M. Phillipi who resigned recently.

J. L. Burnworth of Johnson Chapel had his hand painfully injured a few days ago while at work at his sawmill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Burnworth attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Brickman at Rockwood.

Louis Ream of Somerset was a recent visitor here with his parents for several days.

Hon. J. W. Endsley of Somerset was in town transacting business recently.

Silas Porterfield who has been working in McKeesport is spending a few days here with his family.

John Wilkins of Beachley, Pa., was here on his way to Connellsville on business.

Mrs. J. C. Younkin has gone to Pittsburg, where she will visit her son Alfred and other relatives for a few days.

Robert A. Stoughton of Listonburg, was here on business connected with the firm of the Listonburg Coal Company, of which he is the superintendent.

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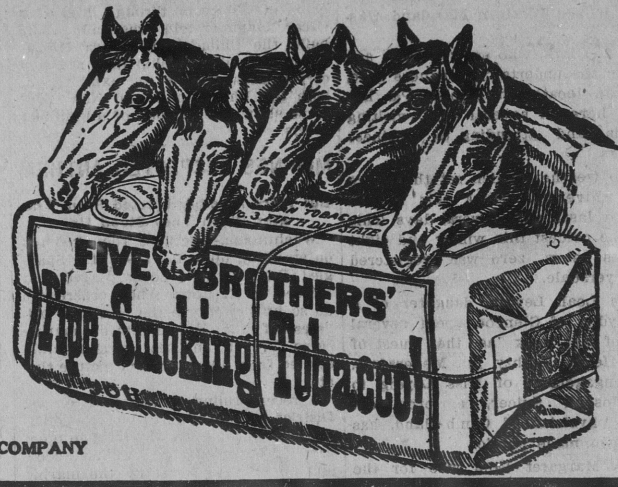
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