

THE
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PREPAREDNESS AND THE
COST OF IT.

President Wilson is visiting a number of large cities over the country and surprising even the members of Congress by his dramatic speeches in regard to preparedness. He solemnly warns the United States to get ready for "No man," he says, "can competently say when this nation may be drawn into the war." Theodore Roosevelt, the great apostle of preparedness, is also sending his fiery ideas abroad and all that is said along this line by these two prominent men, is in the main part, true.

For scores of years many thought a great world-war could never occur—that all questions could be settled by arbitration—but few ever imagined the awful calamities which now are spread over a large part of Europe.

Just eighteen months ago last Tuesday—the blackest eighteen months known to the world—the war began and what has it accomplished?
No European country has been benefited, nor has human liberty advanced at any point, nor has any great moral principle triumphed in any place on the battlefield. The net result has been 2,990,000 men in the very prime of life killed; more than 2,200,000 made prisoners and more than 9,830,000 wounded and maimed, many crippled for life. This means useless bloodshed and suffering making millions widows and many more orphans, has been the heaviest toll of the war.

The loss in money has been so great that the mind cannot comprehend it fully—\$10,862,000,000 borrowed for war by Germany, Austria, and Hungary; \$16,199,000,000 borrowed for war by France, England, Russia and Italy; a grand total of \$27,061,000,000 spent in making war. There are now two battle lines nearly 2,000 miles long, deadlocked at every point and the nations bleeding to death with none able to conquer.

These nations were splendidly prepared, compared to present state of preparedness in our country, but what good has it all been and what a terrible heritage will be left for future generations. "Peace on Earth" was never needed as now and only heeding the teachings of the Prince of Peace can end the awful slaughter of men driven like dumb beasts to the shambles.

THE JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

Something like \$5,000 will be raised for needy Jews who are in the war stricken countries in the district including Johnstown and Somerset county, though Meyersdale made an exceedingly poor showing. In Johnstown the sale of tags on the day appointed by the governor, for this purpose, realized about \$800.

The Polish Jews are the ones suffering the worst hardships for Poland has been fought over and over again by the belligerents of Europe during the past year or so. Though the Jewish people are a people with no real country no nation has, in the history of the world, remained so distinctly separate and followed the teachings of their forefathers.

America has never turned a deaf ear to any cry of distress as numerous shiploads of necessities have testified since the great war has begun and many times before. The pitiful story of the Jews in Russia has often aroused the indignation of the civilized world. The need is indeed great for this people—as much so as it was for Belgium and the response will not be meagre in all places at least.

FORT HILL.

When darkness o'er our land does creep,
Our Central phone then goes to sleep.
Then you can ring and shout and yell—
It sleeps the sleep no tongue can tell.

Sunday night, between 1 and 3 o'clock Addison township was aroused by the shrill voice of Lewis Livengood who was then standing on the Plains of Abraham and proclaiming the glad tidings of great joy that their home was blessed by the appearance of a little daughter and Lewis now says "Away with your Two-for's, give us Pittsburgh beer." Mother and daughter are getting along finely.

P. J. Snyder made a business trip to Somerset Thursday.
Mrs. R. M. Leslie of Addison Twp spent from Saturday until Monday with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Keister, of Somerset.

A. J. Costello had the misfortune of cutting his leg with an ax while helping Elmer Snyder take out railroad ties on Monday.

CHAPLIN AT THE SUMMER GARDEN SATURDAY EVENING.

**MEYERSDALE
H. S. BRIEFS**

Editor in Chief—Jerro Beachy.
Assistant Editor—Lenore Collins

Reporters—
Mary Will, Class '16
Fred Groff, Class of '17
Grace Michael, Class of '18
R. Bowmaster, Class of '19.

Basket Ball.
The Alumni Association showed its appreciation of our M. H. S. basketball team by presenting them with nobby new suits. The suits are a lovely color of maroon and black with the numbers, on the back and the letters M. H. S. on the front. The socks are the same color as the suits.
We all wish to express our thanks to the Association, for the kindness shown our fellow classmates, however we think the boys have earned the suits in the few games they have played this season, for they have been victorious in every game.

A Personal or Two.
We beg to announce the fact that Earl Opel recently purchased a new tie. It is surprising how many of the girls, especially Edna Zinn have found it necessary to speak to Earl since.

Byron Nicholson was overheard confiding to a classmate that some fair damsel had called him on Sunday and tried to converse with him but Byron declares he refuses to be caught in any leapear nets.

Basket Ball Trip.
M. H. S. Basketball team left Meyersdale at 7:32 Friday morning for Friendsville arriving there at one o'clock. They straightway went to the hotel where they met Mr. Browning, the principal of the Friends school. After dinner the boys were met by a delegation of Junior girls who took them to the school where they were given seats in the extreme front of the room. The principal having heard that Samuel Grier was the Daniel Webster of the crowd, called upon him for a talk. Samuel not being accustomed to such short notice, declined the honor, but George Griffith gave a short talk. We can't say what his subject was, as he himself admits he doesn't know. Then six of the best spellers of the school were selected and twice spelled down the boys of the M. H. S. team. Although they were defeated in that line they showed their strength when they won in a geometry test. After school was dismissed the junior girls showed them about town. They then went to the hotel and had supper. In the evening the game was played resulting in a score of 50-40 in favor of the M. H. S.

We can't say what happened after the game, but we have heard that two of the players got lost in the darkness and were unable to find their way to the hotel until—Oh, we'll not tell!
The next day they left Friendsville at noon and arrived in Confluence at 3 o'clock. They went to the hall and practiced until four. Prof. Weaver and Lewis Weinstein arrived in the afternoon to see the game. The result of the game at Confluence was 81-04 in favor of M. H. S. After the game the boys spent some time in eating, walking and talking. The train due at 12:57 was late and the boys were forced to spend some time in the dark station. They arrived at 3 a. m. at home and all say that they enjoyed their trip to the fullest extent. They realize now that our H. S. is indeed a first class one and are proud to be representatives of so fine a school.

Some Items of Inside of the School.
All of the teachers except Prof. Weaver retired immediately after school was dismissed, to the basement a few evenings ago, where they enjoyed the pancakes served by the students of the Household Arts department. The students and Professor Weaver had to go hungry and wait until the meal was over before make-up work could begin.
The seniors have completed Macaulay's Essay on Milton and have taken up Hamlet, one of the Shakespeare tragedies.

Indeed, it looks very bad that Charles Fike and Frederick Groff got lost in the dark at Friendsville. We shall not ask for an explanation, as such things will happen.
On Monday morning in the Junior class, Mary Evans, when called upon to recite, dropped her "vanity case" upon the desk. Mary, Mary, we are shocked.

Edna Baker was recently heard in Virgil class describing a wonderful snake, which moved its three-tongue fork about its mouth.
If George Collins keeps it up he soon will be teacher, as he advances one seat up front every day. He already has had experience of sitting in a teacher's chair.

The Freshmen are such good examples of magnetism that the draw the seniors to them during study periods. "So we must not be quite so green," was the remark of one of the honorable Freshmen.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On the Death of Miss Julia Augustine.
Whereas, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take from us our beloved friend and associate, Miss Julia Augustine, January 13, 1916, and the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to her, and

Whereas, In the death of Miss Julia, we, as members of the Willing Workers of the Addison Evangelical Lutheran Church feel the loss of a faithful and active member of our society. Especially will she be missed as treasurer of the church, treasurer of the Adult Bible Class, treasurer of the Willing Workers and Supt. of the Home Department, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say, that in regretting her removal from our midst we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our deepest respect and regard.

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of one so kind and affectionate yet we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Resolved, That this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the home of our departed sister by the secretary, be published in the Young Lutheran and be spread upon the minutes of our society.
Though cast down, we're not forsaken
Though now afflicted, not alone,
Thou didst give and Thou hast taken;
Blessed Lord—Thy will be done.
Signed by Officers of the Willing Workers:
Mrs. Geo. O. Null
Miss Mintie E. Turney
Miss Elizabeth Nedrow
Mrs. C. N. Jeffreys

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses have recently been issued as follows in Somerset county by Register Charles I. Shaver: Alfred A. Meyers of McKeessport and Mary Etta Stahl of Meyersdale. Harry M. Bennett and Margaret M. Foust both of Somerset.
William H. Heckman and Laura M. Hemminger, both of Conemaugh township.

Pearson Lewis and Helen Ruth Gajlen, both of Windber.
John William Robine of Johnstown and Hulda A. Blough of Holsopple.
Joseph Malenka, of Boswell and Katharine P. Chlebicka of Acosta.
Neilsen Albright and Delia Yaist both of Meyersdale.
John W. Tressler of Meyersdale and Jennie Bittner of Boynton.
Harvey Brant of Somerset township and Elizabeth Stern Brant of Lincoln township.
David B. Lawson and Lillian P. Bittner, both of Meyersdale.
Nicholas Porter of Summit township and Estella Heckman of Boynton.
John N. Poorbaugh and Florence M. Diest, both of Northampton township.
Harry Nicola and Mollie Tressler, both of Upper Turkeyfoot township.
Michael Kucher and Annie Kryszewsky, both of New Florence.

James Rubright of Black township and Elizabeth Kane of Listie.
Melvin McClintock of Addison township and Alice Keslar of Lower Turkeyfoot township.
Stephen Petrilla of Windber and Maria Agnes Elias of Lilly.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

George W. Brenhim, of Hyndman, was buried at Somerset, Jan. 22. The funeral party was accompanied by a delegation from the Masonic Lodge of Meyersdale. Mr. Brenhim was a native of Wellersburg and during the greater part of his life was identified with the manufacture of fire brick. His wife, who survives with several children, is a daughter of John Witt, of Somerset.
An engine in showing some cars under the tipples at the Mystic mine, operated by Rowe Bros. near this place on last Friday, rammied a box car against the chute and displaced it several feet. To repair this and to have them better adjusted with the railroad company, caused that mine to be idle for several days.

Last week broke all records for warm weather in January in this county, 66 degrees. Birds were singing and one lady even declared that she heard a robin. The King of the Frozen North now again holds sway.
Edgar N. Irwin, one of Meyersdale's competent bookkeepers has accepted a position with Randolph Coal Company recently taken over by Mr. A. G. Smith, principally.
Miller & Collins are getting some attention these days at one of their display windows in particular, because of two implements of warfare on exhibition. One is a 3-inch shell 10 inches long, made at the Westinghouse plant, and the other a digger used by the French in trench making which is being turned out by the carload at Ellwood City.

The Luther Brotherhood is planning for a big time on the occasion of their annual banquet on February 16.
GOLDEN LOAF FLOUR MAKES GOOD BREAD \$1.75 PER LARGE BAG AT HABEL & PHILLIPS.

ADDISON.

Mrs. John Augustine nee Lenhart, died in Pittsburgh after a long and painful illness. The remains were brought to Addison on Monday for interment.
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Smoot is seriously ill.

The Willing Workers Society of the Lutheran Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Flora Turney on January 27. A pleasant time was spent. Those present were: Miss Susie Jacobs, Miss Mintie Turney, Mrs. George Moss, Mrs. James Hileman, Mrs. George O'Null, Mrs. John A. Mitchell and Mrs. Bertha Walter.

The Adult Bible class of the Lutheran church Sunday School held a social at the home of Mrs. Geo. O'Null in honor of Mr. Null and Harvey Diehl, being their birthday. The members present were Miss Sue Jacobs, Margaretta Jacobs, Minnie Turney, Mrs. Bertha Walter, Mrs. C. N. Jeffreys, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rodahaver, Robert Jacobs, Harvey Diehl, Dan E. Knox, and Chas. Nedrow. Dan Knox furnished the music with his victrola in outtown, Monday.

E. K. Hosteller was a business caller in our town to-day.
Mrs. J. M. Lowry was called to Mont Alto last week on account of the serious illness of her husband, J. M. Lowry.

Refreshments were served at a late hour and when they departed to their homes, everyone wished Mr. Null and Mr. Diehl many more happy birthdays.

C. H. Bird is having his house repaired and has added a bathroom and also made several other improvements. Our new school house is being painted both outside and inside and will be ready in a few days for opening.

VIM

Mrs. Emma Fike and her little daughter, and Mrs. Walter Herring spent Wednesday of last week at Berkley's Mills with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klingaman.

Mrs. George Stein and children of Meyersdale were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Mary Seggie.

Henry Suder and children spent last Sunday at Deal at the home of Mr. Suder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. S. uder.

Miss Minerva Johnson, Mrs. Mary Shober and Miss Minerva Stierstouffer of Cumberland were visiting at the home of C. W. Tressler, the fore part of this week.

Mrs. Frank Thomas and two daughters of Salisbury spent Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Engle.

Mrs. Ellen Pyle of North Meyersdale is spending the week at the home of her father, Fremont Fike.

W. C. Burrell of Cumberland spent Tuesday night at the home of W. W. Nicholson.

2 lbs GOOD MINCEMEAT FOR 25c AT BITTNER'S GROCERY.

WELLERSBUR.

Solomon Emrick of near Kennell's Mills spent Thursday with Peter Kniereim.

Miss Gertrude Everline of Corriagenville, was visiting relatives in town this last week.

Guy Witt, Reginald O'Connor and Misses Elthea, Lillian and Susan Wilhelm were callers in Cumberland on Saturday night.

Roy Robinet who had been in the employ of the B. & O. shop in Pittsburgh for the past few months, is home having strained his arm and is unable to work.

Measles are spread wide here as children of almost every family are the victims and the public school and the Sunday School have been closed on this account.

FREE MATINEE AT THE SUMMER GARDEN SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

GARRETT.

Hubert Bittner the famous hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bittner killed a big grey fox on Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bittner were business visitors in Johnstown on Wednesday.


Misses Fannie and Blanche Bittner were visitors in Meyersdale on Friday evening.

Miss Blanche M. Bittner left Saturday on No. 9 for Ford City where she expects to remain through the summer.

Messrs. Ray Heinbaugh and George Marker, of Rockwood called on friends on Saturday night.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Rockes, Saturday an eight pound daughter.
John, the ten-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nicola who had been on the sick list for several months, is slowly improving.

Allen Decker who had been injured at the mines, will be able to return to his work in a few days.

FRESH HOME MADE CANDY AT BITTNER'S GROCERY, SATURDAY.



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Just received a very nice selection of Spring Styles in Ladies' Waists. They are different patterns in Madras and Soiesettes, \$1.00 values for 48c

We also have a big selection of \$3.00 and \$3.50 value waists in latest styles of Lace, Crepe de Chine, Silk and Chiffon, which we will sell as long as they last \$1.69

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
On Sunday morning, Feb. 6, at 11 o'clock, there will be preaching services in the Christian Church by D. P. Morris, who comes well recommended. All are welcome but every member is especially urged to be present, this being a trial sermon.

BRETHREN CHURCH: Rev. H. L. Goughnour, Pastor. Preaching services on February 6: At Summit Mills in the morning; Salisbury in the afternoon and Meyersdale in the evening. Sunday School and Christian Endeavor at the usual hours. All are cordially invited.

EDITH STORY, IN "THE ISLAND OF REGENERATION," SUMMER GARDEN, MONDAY.

DON'T MISS THE BIG FOUR FEAT- URE AT THE SUMMER GARDEN, MONDAY.