

HEAD OF GREEK CABINET WHICH RETIRED IN A BODY

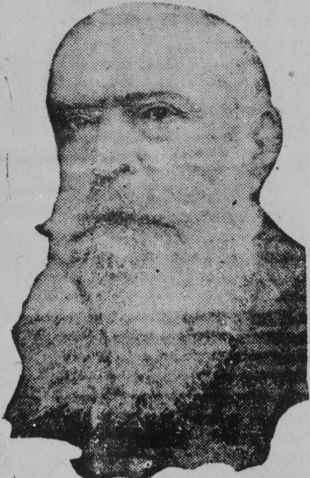


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A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

Almost simultaneously with the publication of the British rejection of the German offers of peace, the Germans began a tremendous offensive before Verdun and the Austrians began a drive in force against the Italians.

At latest reports the Germans have been held to gains of an occasional trench here and there, the village of Cumieres, near Dead Man's Hill, being the most notable gain. This, the French claim, has been partially regained. The fort of Douaumont was taken by the French, and almost immediately lost again in some of the most bitter hand-to-hand fighting of the war.

Telegraphic reports of the fight here told of encounters with knives in the subterranean passages of the fort. Colonel Pewler, the Swiss military expert, states that the German losses before Verdun up to May 15 amounted to 300,000 men. He adds that he has definite information that the morale of the German troops engaged before Verdun has been seriously diminished by the enormous losses which have occurred without any appreciable gain.

A news report was sent out from Berlin telling of the capture by the Germans of Dead Man's Hill, recognized by both sides as extremely important to the progress of either side. No official statement on the subject was sent from either capital and it is believed it is incorrect. The French were reported to have lost 40,000 men in trying to hold the eminence.

On the Tyrolean front, the Austrians, according to reports, seem to be making more headway in their offensive. The Italians have been pushed back into their own territory. Despite official admissions of reverses, the Rome reports are cheerful in tone, seemingly sure that the offensive will not get very far.

At Salonika the Bulgars have crossed the line into Greece and occupied some Greek fortifications, the Hellenic troops retiring without firing a shot. Just how near these points are to the allied army does not appear in the dispatches.

An Amsterdam dispatch says eighteen women were wounded in a fight between police and food rioters at Frankfurt-on-the-Main. The riot is said to have started owing to a shortage of meat in the local butcher shops.

Eighteen were killed and a score of others injured in an air raid on Bari, on the Italian Adriatic coast, according to a Reuter dispatch from Rome.

SAVIOUR OF PARIS DIES

General Gallieni Succumbs to Operation at Versailles.

General Joseph S. Gallieni, former French minister of war, died at Versailles. His death had been expected because of severe illness. Just before he died he underwent an operation for transfusion of blood, but it was of no avail. His son and daughter were with him at the end.

The death of the general created a profound impression through Paris and the nation. He had been regarded as the saviour of Paris against the onslaughts of General von Kluck at the beginning of the war. Long before that he was idolized by the French people, particularly the poor.

FIRE CAUSED BY LIGHTNING

Bronze Powder Factory Damaged to Extent of \$50,000.

Fire caused by lightning did \$50,000 damage to the frame and concrete structure of the C. Hommel company, manufacturers of bronze powders and china colors, in Hope street, Glendale, Pa.

The lightning struck the polishing department, where several men were at work. They escaped injury. Alarms were answered by the Glendale, Heidelberg and East Carnegie volunteer firemen and the Carnegie fire company.

MEYERSDALE H. S. BRIEFS

"PROFESSOR PEP."

The Senior Class Play will be given at the Reich Auditorium at eight p. m., Friday. Price of admission is 35 and 50 cents. The reserved seats may be secured at the Thomas Drug store. The following is the cast of characters—

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| Professor Pep | William Leckemby |
| Mr. C. B. Buttonbuser | John Lint |
| Howard Green | Chas. Fike |
| Sim Batty | Joseph Shultz |
| Peddler Benson | Earl Opel |
| Noisy Fleming | Frank Boucher |
| Pink Hatcher | John Hocking |
| Buster Brown | Jerre Beachy |
| Bety Gardner | Grace Weller |
| Aunt Minerva | Edna Baker |
| Petunia | Mildred Payne |
| Olga | Mary Emeigh |
| Kitty Clover | Mary Darrah |
| Vivian Drew | Minnie Swearman |
| Irene Van Hilt | Marion Dickey |
| Caroline Kay | Ruth Kimble |

The Baccalaureate Sermon. The baccalaureate services of the class of 1916 were held in the South Side Church of the Brethren, Sunday evening, May 28. In spite of the inclement weather, the church was crowded. An excellent sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Howe. All of the graduates were in attendance except one who was absent on account of illness.

A Record Class. The present graduating class is the largest in the history of the school and will not perhaps be equalled for several years. There are 14 girls and 14 boys. The junior class of this year has an enrollment of 27, 19 girls and 8 boys. However, all of these may not graduate next year as some have conditions to make up.

His Shorn Locks. Sad to say, David Noel has had his luxuriant curls cut off. We hope, however, he does not lose his manly strength as did Samson.

Ruth's Answer. Oh, no, Howard! I did not figure that way. I thought if you did not go to Germany and become Kaiser, you might some day become burgess of Meyersdale and spend a large part of your time at the fire house. Wouldn't you be glad? Then Hazel and all of your friends would be near and may be they could keep you company.

A Corn. In discussing trees the other day Miss Lauver said that all oak trees have acorns. Mary Siehl isn't an oak tree but she says she has "a-corn" just the same.

Find the Ring. Did any one notice the ring Guy Floto was wearing last week? But, alas! it's gone now. Perhaps it went with its owner to Hyndman.

Bert Wishes. We, the Sophomores, wish to give our congratulations to our sister classmates and heartily wish them success in whatever they may take up as their life-work.

To the Editors: As this is the last week that the High School News will be printed for this term, we take this opportunity to express our hearty thanks unto whom thanks are due. First, we wish to express our gratitude to the editor for his kindness and consideration, and aid. Secondly we wish to thank those of the Commercial section of Senior and Junior classes for typewriting these items. Also the efficient reporters and those who contributed to this column. We hope that this will be continued next year with bigger and better results because of the experience of the past year.

Again thanking the editor and wishing him boundless success. We remain, Meyersdale High School.

VICINITY OF MEYERSDALE. Some of the Elk Lick township farmers have organized a Potato Growers' Association. They expect to plant their potatoes between the tenth and fifteenth of June.

John Brown of Larimer bought a valuable mare from Wilson Weller of Summit.

Mrs. J. P. Kinsinger and Mrs. Jno. Livengood visited at the home of C. M. Gnagey on Sunday.

The barn of Charlie Schaffer was struck by a bolt of lightning one night last week and burned to the ground. Mr. Schaffer had not yet retired for the night and saved his livestock and some machinery.

S. M. Gnagey traded automobiles one day last week.

Samuel Bittner, of Black township, visited friends and relatives around St. Paul on Sunday.

Don't fail to hear Miss Kathleen Bach in the Methodist church next Tuesday evening.

FIELD GROWN CABBAGE 30 cts. per hundred or \$2.00 per thousand

—AT HABEL & PHILLIPS—

GLENCOE.

The air fairly sizzles with an overdose of wedding bell noises. Mary Poorbaugh and Herman Keefer were united in the bonds of matrimony at Meyersdale by Rev. Kresge on Wednesday. And a lot more "hangings" are coming to Northampton's fair ones.

G. G. Delozier and son Fred spent a few days of this week in Pittsburg, where they took in the big game at Forbes Field on Tuesday.

Frances Rhodes and Eugene Kaplan of Conneville were week-end guests of Marion Leydig.

Dr. Miller was in town on professional business Sunday evening.

An Italian employe of the Roddy Camp fell off the retaining wall west of town into Wills Creek, thereby sustaining bruises, cuts and a fractured arm. He was mended at the "Emergency Hospital" of Glencoe.

Mrs. John Weaver and daughter Katharine of Conneville are visitors at S. J. Tayman's.

Ethel Deal of Ashtabula, Ohio is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. C. Spaugy.

I. D. Iydyg, Tannon Webreck Mrs. Leah Iydyg with Leah Levig at the hotel returned to Berlin on Tuesday.

Relatives of Chas. Leadi of Pittsburg received announcements of his marriage to Mary Hartland of Pittsburg on May 25.

Idella Meyers returned home Monday after finishing the millinery season in Tennessee.

Alfred Bittner is at present employed on the Henry Delbrook farm near Wellersburg.

FESTIVAL AT POCAHONTAS. The Sunshine Club of St. Mark's Reformed church will hold a festival at the Grove on Saturday evening, June 3.

Mrs. James Darnley is leaving today or to-morrow for a month's stay with her son, C. L. Darnley at Jenkins Kentucky.

Mrs. D. H. Wiesel returned on Tuesday from the Mercy hospital where she had been for the past three weeks following an operation.

C. H. Shockey, agent for The Equitable Life Assurance society a few days ago adjusted the death claims of the late Cyrus W. Kutz, of Ursina, amounting to \$2,500.

Rev. A. S. Kresge will occupy the pulpit of the Reformed church on Sunday evening in this place. His subject will be Preparedness.

POSSUM HOLLOW. Sunday School was well attended last Sunday.

One of our old friends made a visit in Possum Hollow with some of her lady friends from Meyersdale. We do not know just whom she came to see, but all of her friends here were glad to see Miss Grace.

Some of the Greenville boys are always "slamming" Jake for taking all his girls auto-driving but we have him knocked out at last. Some of our boys took their best girls out for a drive. They had not gone far before something got wrong with the injector, the machine this time being a tractor engine. All had to then take it foot.

The Baer Bros. have moved their engine from the Suder farm and it is now being used for road construction.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

Mrs. Peter Landis is very ill. She has been suffering from dropsy.

Sand Patch had a big frost this morning. One ahead of Meyersdale.

Mr. W. W. Stiver, of Bedford is a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Naugle.

Some thieves recently despoiled the Blue Lick Hollow pumping station of the Sand Spring Water Company of about \$300 worth of brass.

The postmaster of Blackfield has resigned, presumably because the commitments of his office are not all that might be desired.

W. H. Landis, a well-to-do farmer of near Rockwood was here on Memorial Day. He is about to enjoy his new Overland bought from Reich Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fike of Pleasant, N. D. arrived in Meyersdale, last Friday and are now stopping with the latter's parents Mr. and Peter Landis.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hay, their son, Mr. Edison Hay and the latter's wife expect to spend next week in the Cumberland valley. They will attend the wedding of a relative.

Dr. W. H. Ryland and family returned home on Wednesday from a few days of an auto trip in which they covered about 400 miles, going to Gettysburg, Harrisburg, and Carlisle. The last named town sort of captivated them a pretty fine burg.

SPECIAL PRICE ON CALIFORNIA APRICOTS at BITTNER'S GROCERY

3-ten cent ROLLS TOILET PAPER FOR 27¢ at BITTNER'S GROCERY

—AT HABEL & PHILLIPS—

WITTENBERG.

On last Thursday evening, May 25, Elmer A. Petenbrink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petenbrink, of Mountain Vally, and Miss Martha J. Smith, daughter of Susan D. Smith, of this place, were united in marriage at the Petenbrink home by Rev. J. T. Shaffer, pastor of the Lutheran church. The ceremony took place at 5 o'clock and the happy couple were attended by Emory Mankamyer and Florence Petenbrink, sister of the groom. These two young people are highly esteemed by all who know them.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith transacted business in Meyersdale on Saturday.

Mr. and Richard Mankamyer and family were visiting at the home of Wm. Murray, of Panther Hollow on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Eliza Smith was shopping in Meyersdale on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martz, of Kennell's Mills visited the latter's son, Frank Murray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Petenbrink are visiting friends at Mountain Valley this week.

Miss Lydia Smith called on her friends Misses Annie and Blanch Sharp of Sand Patch on Tuesday last.

Rev. J. T. Shaffer of this place attended the Lutheran Conference held at the Lutheran Church of New Centreville last week.

The Communion service at the Lutheran Church was largely attended on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baer and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ramhof and son Charles visited at the home of Alfred Knepp's on Sunday afternoon.

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TWO VIEWS OF THE SAME ACCIDENT.

William H. Stotler, while assisting in decorating the banquet room of Amity hall, Wednesday, fell from an elevation and very badly bruised one of his legs. He is up and about town but is using a cane.

A physician of the town believes that the account of the accident should read somewhat in this wise.

"Mr. William H. Stotler, one of Meyersdale's most highly esteemed citizens while assisting in decorating the banquet hall at Amity church on Wednesday at two minutes after half past two o'clock, fell from a chair and seriously contused one of his legs in the region of the shin bone. While the injured man in all probability will regain the proper function of the disabled member, it is doubtful whether he will be as fine a looking man as he was previous to the accident owing to the fact that the pain co-incident with the healing of the wound is creating what is to be feared some permanent contortions of his otherwise benign countenance. The community hereby extends sincere sympathy."

MEYERSDALE AUTO CO. NEW MANAGEMENT

Messrs. J. E. Kelly and E. M. Berkeley have purchased the entire interest of O. C. Gurley in the Meyersdale Auto Co. This makes Mr. Kelly and Mr. Berkeley the sole owners of this thriving auto establishment.

Under the new management improvements are to be made and a high grade of business is to be carried on. Mr. Gurley purposes moving to Flint, Michigan.

DULL STORE ROBBED.

Burglars dynamited the Dull Mercantile Co. store at Jenners Tuesday night and while they pulverized the safe, they got little money.

The thieves stole the Ford of Ernest D. Snipe, drove to Jennerstown and traded some knives they had taken for gasoline. From Jennerstown they went to a dresson where they wrecked the car in a ditch. Detectives are on the lookout for them.

THE BIJOU.

At the Bijou the rest of the present week as well as next week, the usual excellent program will be given. The Iron Claw was started last evening. To-night Wm. Farnum in The Soldier's Oath. On Saturday, the Broken Coin and Other Features.

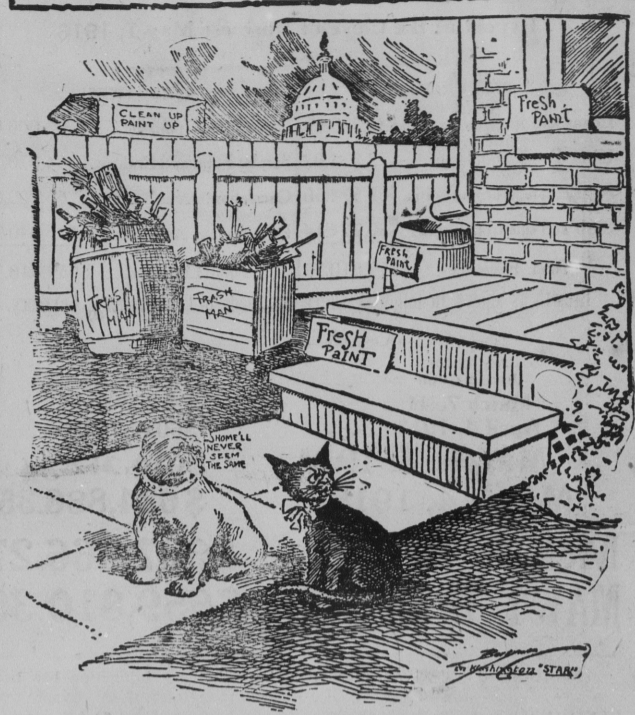
On the 21 and 22, Peg O' the Ring by the matches players of the Broken Coin. Don't miss any of these excellent features.

Mr. Sprague, president of the Spring Cushion Rubber Tire Company of this place whose home is in Pittsburg, was in town this week and in company with Mr. H. H. Lang, the local representative was interviewing some of the citizens. The proposition is unsurpassed and the local enterprise of which Mr. Sprague is the head, ought to mean much for our town and will mean a different Meyersdale from its present status in a year or so, if all will give the light kind of boosting. Let us stand united in this matter.

TO OBSERVE FLAG DAY.

A movement is on foot in Meyersdale to observe Flag Day which comes on June 14 at the Band Stand.

CLEAN UP AND PAINT UP NOW



CLEAN UP AND PAINT UP A CONTINUOUS CAMPAIGN

Suggestions for Making Our Town a Better Home Town—Chairman of National Bureau Says Start Now and Keep It Up the Year 'Round.

SINCE Hercules diverted the river to renovate the Augean stables "Clean Up" has had its place in the world's vernacular. With Spring the desire to refurbish comes subconsciously into the hearts of men and women, and communities. But without direction and sustained effort the expression of that desire, in the form of the ordinary "Clean Up Day" or "Week," is apt to result in a superficial rally against filth.

Years ago Allen W. Clark, a St. Louis editor, made up his mind that this natural "Clean Up" instinct could be turned to account, that it could be developed into a real campaign working toward definite ideals and accomplishing permanent results. And so, in May 1912, Mr. Clark founded the National "Clean Up and Paint Up" Campaign Bureau, with headquarters in St. Louis. He hoped that a thorough-going movement, national in its scope and practical in its principles, might take the place of the "annual bath" idea as expressed in the old-time "clean up day" or "week."

A National Civic Movement. For four years the scope of the National Bureau's service has rapidly extended until this year it is co-operating with more than 6,000 local communities in the organization and direction of real "Clean Up and Paint Up" campaigns, not "days" or "weeks."

Continuous campaigns for homes and hometowns beautiful, sanitary and safe, conducted by permanent committees, and involving the co-operation of city and town officials, club women, commercial organizations, the children, fire prevention interests, all business men and property owners, is the goal aimed at by all of the National Bureau's propaganda.

Mr. Clark declares that the bane of any community is the citizen who lacks even a semblance of interest in the community, and that, strange as it may seem in a democracy, absence of this interest seems to be pretty generally prevalent in the average American community. Such a citizen would have "The Town" or "The City," whatever those names may signify when the body of citizens is eliminated, keep the streets and alleys clean, preserve the public and individual health, eliminate nuisances, make everything in town spick and span and satisfactory—while the citizen sits back and looks on.

The real "Clean Up and Paint Up" campaign, organized on the plans of the National Bureau, gives everyone something definite to do to help make their hometown beautiful, sanitary and safe. And the campaign's educational influence should work steadily the year 'round and year after year, automatically eliminating many nuisances caused formerly by carelessness or thoughtlessness of property owners and tenants.

A Suggestion for Our Town. The methods for accomplishing all of this suggested by the National Bureau are well illustrated by a brief description of the local campaign or

Street Department—Household waste, permanent plan, improvement of districts which will be center of interest in coming National Democratic Convention, smooth paving signs on public buildings, rubbish boxes.

Landscaping—Ordinances, campaign among property owners, yard planting campaign among children.

Fire Prevention—Clean up rubbish, roofs, condemn shacks that are fire risks.

Housing—Insanitary yards, privies, tenements, lodging houses, garbage receptacles.

Vacant Lots—Reported by Boy Scouts, flower and vegetable gardens by school children and Real Estate Exchange, weed cutting, bird boxes.

Flower Boxes—In congested districts, downtown and opposite Union Station.

Unsightly Advertising—Posters on buildings, "For Rent" signs, ordinances.

Appearance of Buildings—Vacant buildings, painting, lighting of prominent corners.

Street Drinking Fountains—General and on downtown corners.

Smoke Abatement.

Publicity—Billboards, posters, street cars, circulars for children, buttons, newspapers, moving pictures.

Speakers—On general subject, also on special phases of campaign.

District Organization—Report nuisances, see property owners and urge to clean up and paint up and plant trees.

School Children—Distribution of printed matter, school gardens.

Police—Report nuisances, distribute directions for rubbish collections, request co-operation of residents.

The chairmen of these various committees should be the city or town officials or civic leaders who are most interested in the work to be done by the committee.

Brethren Church, H. L. Goughnour, pastor: On June 4th, there will be Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., church service at 10:30 a. m., Christian Endeavor at 6:45 and church service at 7:30 p. m. in the Meyersdale church. All are cordially invited.

Get our prices on Job work.