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BREAK WITH GERMANY

Since our last issue, events have hit the record breaking pace in history making. Germany notified the neutrals that she would not adhere to her promise to be good in the matter of submarines, but would defy the world to send any ships to certain territory limits, which was an imaginary line around the allies ports, notably which would include London, Liverpool and Paris.

The administration at Washington accepted the challenge, after much consultation and consideration, and instead of awaiting the "overt act" on Saturday announced that the German ambassador would be handed his passport, our ambassador at Berlin would be recalled, and we would cease to be neighbors.

Interned ships belonging to Germany that were in our ports were seized on Monday and the sailors were taken in charge. Those in the Canal Zone and in the Philippines were similarly treated. On Tuesday morning the dispatches announced that one American seaman working on a British vessel, the Evenstone, was killed by a shell from a German submarine. No doubt prompt action will be taken in the matter.

Congress was in session and met in joint session and listened to the President's statement of the matter and at once voted almost autocratic power to the executive.

Money was provided for any contingency, and in the event of an outbreak of hostilities an armed force of millions of men is being arranged for, as well as equipment in unheard of quantities. The munition plants are arranging to turn on all force. Henry Ford has suggested the use of his immense plant together with his personal service, all to be without profit. Powder plants are tending to manufacture plants that are now at work on orders for the fitting of our ships and output. Ships are now under guard or police protection, while navy yards and fortifications are closely guarded.

The National Guards, many of whom have just returned from service on the Mexican frontier are hourly expecting a call to assist in the guarding of the property of the Government.

The operations at the navy department is just as active. War vessels are being supplied with munitions and provisions and are placed in strategic positions.

The movements of troops and war vessels are being censored and all efforts are being made to keep the movements a secret.

Recruiting stations for units now in the service are kept open day and night and the physical examinations somewhat reduced.

The effect of the break in the market has been to put the price of the industrial stocks and food stuff up several points, although the market on Monday showed some fear, and a rather feverish condition.

It is to be hoped that no direct outbreak will occur, but conditions at the present does not warrant the assumptions that it will not become more serious in a short time.

The Germans have positively refused to modify the conditions in their note of warning. The insolence in attempting to control the situation by offering to protect vessels if they were allowed to restrict the number and the character of the cargo has only tended to aggravate the situation.

What the effect will be on the war in Europe is still problematic and subject to circumstances.

ANTI-ALCOHOL PLEDGES

Bishop Carroll (Catholic) of Montana wrote thus during the Montana dry campaign: "By taking the pledge the individual prohibits the use of intoxicating liquors by himself; by passing a prohibition law the community has as much right to take the pledge as the individual." And let us add, so has the state and the nation.—The Educator.

While we do not dispute the efficiency of the individual plan, in the above, we do take issue with the logic. The cases are not similar. Our prohibition friends make a mistake in using false logic. The individual case and that of the community do not compare at all. The individual is but a minority, a single unit of the community. The writer of the above would not agree with us if we were to say that if one man in a community stole horses that the entire community had the same right, yet the logic is the same.

DEAL

Well the ground-hog saw his shadow and we are having the weather too.

The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. A. C. Baker, Thursday evening and in spite of bad weather, the attendance was very good.

Mrs. Geo. Shockey, spent a few days of last week in Cumberland, where she visited her niece, Miss Pearl Hertzog, who is ill in the Allegheny hospital, suffering with pneumonia.

Mrs. Lewis Knepp, spent part of the week at Meyersdale visiting relatives. Mrs. Peter Petenbrink, called on Mrs. Suder Tuesday of last week.

On January 31, Miss Geiger was given a pleasant surprise when about fifty of her friends called on her to remind her of her nineteenth birthday. The evening was spent with music and games, after which a delicious lunch was served. A good time was reported by all.

Among those who spent Monday evening at the home of Mrs. A. C. Miller, were Mrs. T. D. Buttler, Mrs. H. S. Emerick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knepp, Mr. Clarence and Walter Christner, Lewis, Susan, Margaret and Mary Knepp, Anna Suder.

Mr. H. S. Emerick and son, Sherman, spent Thursday at Meyersdale.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kelly, spent a few days of last week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Saus of Pochontas.

G. W. Caler, is at present nursing a felon on his thumb.

Harvey Kendall of Meyersdale, visited over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Kendall.

Among those who spent Sunday at Mrs. Suder's were Mr. Clarence Christner, Misses Margaret, Susan and Mary Knepp.

The young lady across the way says the boys around Deal are more popular than city boys, because they wear "English suits and pinch-back" overcoats, and go home at an early hour in the morning.

There will be church at the Grace Lutheran church, Sunday at 2 p. m.

An entertainment will be held at Southampton school, February 24th 7:30 p. m.

WITTENBERG

Birthday Party

Miss Mary Geiger, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Geiger, was greatly surprised on Wednesday evening, January 31st, when forty-seven of her friends surprised her. The evening was spent in playing games and music. Miss Geiger received some valuable and useful gifts, after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Nannie and Lydia Murray, Leora, Florence and Margaret Manaway, Lucinda and Mary Mazer, Minerva Emerick, Margaret and Mary Knepp, Harriet Welmer, Tracy Housel, Mary Bertha and Dorothy Hersh, Sydney Lenhart, Anna Suder, Messrs Charles and Dewey Smith, John, James and Harvey Geiger.

er, are just a few of the many guests.

Minor Mention

The thermometer registered 8 below this morning.

Miss Eliza Smith, spent a few days at Frank Murrays last week.

The four children of Frank Murray are ill.

Mr. Joseph Lowery, of Greenville, was visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Geiger on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Lydia Smith called on her friend, Miss Mildred Murray on Sunday afternoon, who is very ill.

Mr. Dewey Smith called on his friend, John Knepp on Sunday.

Mr. Roy Deal of Conneville, was greeting his friends here over Sunday.

Some of the young folks started for League at the Lutheran church on Sunday evening, and they came as far as the band-house, when they turned around and came back and stopped in at Susan Smith's and had some music, they were Misses Mary and Sarah Geiger, Sydney Lenhart, Eliza Smith, Mrs. W. H. Knepp, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Petenbrink and Joan Knepp.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith and Wm. Smith, called at the home of Simon Deal on Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Knepp and daughter, Mary and Eliza Smith, called on Mrs. H. B. Beal on Thursday afternoon.

STIFF, SORE MUSCLES RELIEVED

Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of grippe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy ointment or plasters and penetrates quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle to-day. At all Druggists, 25c.

Lingering Coughs are Dangerous.

Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the

Condensed Statement

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OF MEYERSDALE, PA.

At Close of Business December 27, 1917

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans and Investments (\$771,422.91), U. S. Bonds (70,000.00), Banking House (29,500.00), Due from Banks and Reserve Agents (220,205.37), Cash (52,308.69), Total (\$1,143,436.97).

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital Stock (\$65,000.00), Surplus (100,000.00), Undivided Profits (36,415.34), Circulation (65,000.00), Deposits (\$877,021.63), Total (\$1,143,436.97).

The Citizens National Bank

"The Pan - With The Clock With The Million"

Irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for grippe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle to-day at your Druggist, 50c.

CONSTIPATION MAKES YOU DULL

That drabby, listless, oppressed feeling generally results from constipation. The intestines are clogged and the blood becomes poisoned. Relieve this condition at once with Dr. King's New Life Pills; this gentle, non-gripping laxative is quickly effective. A dose at bed-time will make you feel brighter in the morning. Get a bottle to-day at your Druggist, 25c.

WORMS EASILY REMOVED

Mother, if you think worms in your child are just a passing fancy, be sure you are not probably suffering from worms. These parasites drain his vitality and make him more susceptible to serious illnesses. Quickly and safely kill and remove the worms from your child's system with Kickapoo Worm Killer. This pleasant candy laxative in tablet form quickly relieves the trouble and your child brightens up. Get Kickapoo Worm Killer at your Druggist, 25c.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

For Single-Item Veto.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(Special Correspondence)—There has long been a feeling in Congress, among Democrats and Republicans alike, that the President should be vested with power, through an amendment to the constitution, to veto individual items of appropriation instead of being compelled to disapprove an entire bill in order to get rid of one objectionable paragraph in it. Congressman Walter W. Magee of New York is one of those who hold to that view. In Mr. Magee's opinion it is one of the most effectual means of removing for all time the cry of "pork" when an omnibus appropriation bill has been passed by Congress, and cites the law in his own State where the governor has the power to reject one or more items in appropriation bills presented to him for approval. "I trust that the time will come," exclaimed Representative Magee, "when some President as a leader of a great political party will urge an amendment to the Constitution that will result in the saving of millions of dollars annually to the Government."

WAR DECREASES IMMIGRATION

Prior to the outbreak of the war in Europe our net gain in immigration was more than 1,000 per month. At that rate, during 29 months of the war up to the date when the last statistics were published, we would have had a gain of 1,859,000. As a matter of fact, our gain in population through immigration was only 280,000. The war, therefore, caused a relative decrease of 1,579,000 in our population. That is to say, if the war had not occurred our population today would be 1,579,000 greater than it is and this increase would have been chiefly of people of the laboring class. More than a million and a half of working people added to our population would make a vast difference in the rate of wages the laboring people are receiving.

Severely Scalded.

Clay Benyon of Sherman street, electrician for the Consolidated Coal company met with a painful accident recently by which his lower limbs were seriously scalded. He was making some repairs to a pump and accidentally fell into a hole filled with hot water. He was badly scalded

THE QUALITY GROCERIES

about the feet and up to the knees, and will probably be confined to the house for a month at least.

AN EXAMPLE FROM NORWAY

For several years the income of Norway has materially surpassed its expenditures, so that a considerable surplus has accumulated. This is the sort of business policy pursued by the United States under Republican administrations. Quite naturally, American citizens of Norwegian stock find the Republican party most in harmony with their ideas of good government.

A sure thing: while perhaps not one of us just live to eat, it is a sure thing we must all eat to live.

Just received a lot of Fancy Mackerel; try them you will want more. In spite of the prevailing high prices of Canned Goods, we are in position to offer you some good values at a small cost.

Special price on Mince meat this week. Try a bottle of Heinz's Pure Cider Vinegar; your money back if you are not satisfied.

These prices are money savers for you:—

- 1lb good Cocoa for 30 cents. 1 large can Spinnage for 15 cents. 2 cans Fancy Mackerel for 25 cents. 3 Polly Prim Cleanser for 25 cents. 1-2lb Mixed Tea for 21 cents. 1-2lb Runkle's Cocoa for 19 cents. Good coffee at 17 cents per lb. 1 can Fancy Seeded Muscatels Raisins for 15 cents. Have you tried Mother's Wheat Hearts? Both Phones. Free delivery system. F. A. BITTNER, 142 Center St., Meyersdale, Pa.

A TRIBUTE TO BUFFALO BILL

Hon. Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming, took the opportunity recently afforded by a discussion of present day mail routes in the West to call the attention of the House to the pony express of the early days, and the fact that one of the pioneers of that service, Col. Cody, had just passed away. Mr. Mondell paid a glowing tribute to "Buffalo Bill's" life and character, mentioning the debt which the West owed that pioneer for the part he played in the upbuilding of that section of the country. "No man ever lived in the West," asserted Representative Mondell, "who combined, as he did, the sterling qualities which make men useful in stirring and soul testing days. He was an ideal representative of a time and condition curiously blending the extremes of hardship and romance."

SOME DEMOCRATS

FOR FAIR ELECTIONS

Through correspondence it is developed that there are a few Democrats in Congress who approve of the principle involved in the Gallinger amendment to the corrupt practices bill. Two of them, Messrs. Bruckner and Farley, hail from New York, where blighting effect of the swollen Democratic strength from the South has been most withering. In spite of their utmost efforts, New York Democrats have seen their party in Congress, led by the South, proceed to penalize New York by every form of

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CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co. The Deist Bros, of Pittsburg were home over Sunday—that is they were at "homes" in our neighborhood. See? That mountain Valley church going will get the best of 'em. Geo. Bittner returned Sunday with his best ear frozen, and we can give evidence that Harry Cook and James Campbell had their hearts exposed to zero temperatures. The infant son of China Slayton, died on Tuesday morning. Funeral services held in Evangelical church Rev. Howars officiating. A surprise was given Mrs. J. K. Kessler of Riverview on Thursday by a host of friends. The ladies enjoyed their meeting thoroughly. The Northampton Telephone Co., held its annual election of officers and directors on January 31st in the Hall.