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HOSTILITIES DECLARED.

The President of the United States called the Congress in Special Session, and they met on Monday and proceeded to effect an organization, afterwards meeting in joint session when the President read a special message dealing with the action of Germany in destroying shipping of neutral powers. He advised that Congress declare that a state of war existed by the action of Germany in despoiling the freedom of the seas, and in wanton destruction of the lives of men, women and children.

In accordance with his recommendation the following joint resolution passed the Senate by a vote of 82-5.

Joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the Imperial German Government and the government and the people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same:

Whereas, the recent acts of the Imperial Government are acts of war against the Government and people of the United States:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the state of war between the United States and the Imperial German Government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to take immediate steps not only to put the country in a thorough state of defense, but also to exert all of its power and employ all of its resources to carry on war against the Imperial German Government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination.



SCENE FROM THOS. H. INCE'S CIVILIZATION

EASTER EXERCISES AT SHAW MINES

The following program will be given by the Shaw Mines Sunday School, Sunday April 8th, at 3:00 o'clock:

Song, "I Came to the Garden."—Sunday School.
Address—Prayer—
Open song—(Joyful Homage Bring.)
Rec.—Mildred Furlong.
Rec.—Annie Mimma.
Exercise—(Crown Him.)—
Rec.—Thomas Furlong.
Male Quartette—
Rec.—Ralph Flke.
Exercise—(An Easter Boquet.)
Solo—Hazel Harding.
Rec.—Lilly Meehan.
Chorus by school—(Beautiful Angels.)
Song by boys—(Sunbeam Soldiers.)
Rec.—Grace Dunmeyer.
Motion Exercise—(Giving Sunshine for Easter.)
Solo—Ruth Wiland.
Rec.—Margaret Mimma.
Rec.—Fred Hook.
Trio.—Beatrice Horning, Edna and William Hawn.
Rec.—Margaret Lowery.
Rec.—Roy Herring.
Song by Girls—(Be Ready Little Blossoms.)
Trio.—Mr. and Mrs. John Wiland and Evelyn Harding.
Rec.—Edna Lowery.
Instrumental Duet—Ruth Wiland and Ralph Flke.
Song by Girls—(Sunny Days.)
Rec.—Lee Herring.
Rec.—Beatrice Horning.
Male Quartette.
Hymn.—(Somebody Knows.)
Song—(Exalted Forever.)
Tableau.

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR HOME WITH NEW WALL PAPER FROM P. J. COVER & SON.

GARRETT GATHERING

Church Notices.
Brethern—B. F. Waltz, pastor; Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church services 2 p. m.
Luthern—W. H. B. Carney, pastor; Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Holy Communion 11:00 a. m. Easter services 7 p. m.
Reformed—H. H. Wiant, pastor; Services preparatory to Communion Friday evening at 7:00 p. m. Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Holy Communion 11 a. m.
Evangelical—Rev. Hetrick, pastor; Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church services 2 p. m.

Conference.
The Western District Conference of the Church of the Brethren will hold its Annual District meeting in the Brethern church, April 10th and 11th. At the close of this meeting a series of Evangelistic meetings will be conducted by E. M. Detwiler of Johnstown. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Home from School.
Harold Merrill, who is a Senior at the Franklin and Marshall Academy at Lancaster, is spending his spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrill.

Mrs. W. A. Baker returned from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Friday, where he completed a business course in the Eastman Business School. Mr. Baker has secured a position in the Enterprise Supply company store.

Mrs. E. L. Fiddler, was in Pittsburgh, last Friday to visit her grandmother, who is in the Passavant hospital.

Mrs. Henry Naylor of Meyersdale, was the guest of Mrs. S. P. Lease, Tuesday.

Prof. H. B. Spelher, was a business visitor at Somerset Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ellis, were shopping in Cumberland, Monday.

Mrs. L. Yutzay and son Frank, were Meyersdale visitors Tuesday.

Mr. Albert Glessner, a student at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., spent Monday and Tuesday as the guest of Harold Merrill.

Harold Merrill and James Nedrow, visiting friends in Markleton, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sheeler, spent the week-end with relatives in Rockwood. Mr. W. H. Miller, returned Monday to Morgantown, where he is engaged in business.

Mrs. W. Murray and sons, of Mt. Pleasant, arrived Friday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christner.

Mrs. M. Bowlby, left Wednesday for Aldron, O., having been called there by the illness of her husband.

Mrs. W. Currie, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burnsworth at Markleton.

Miss Nell Brant, was the guest of Mrs. Roy Landis at Berlin, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Olive Bowlby, spent the week-end visiting her uncle, Mr. Walter Judy.

Miss June Risgler, spent the week-end in Johnstown.

Mr. L. W. Pollard, was transacting business at Morgantown, W. Va., Monday and Tuesday.

Messrs J. Jones and C. Tydball, of Somerset were Garrett visitors Sunday.

Mr. Tom Tucker, who is employed at Youngstown, Ohio, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Tucker.
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Phenice and son, William, spent Wednesday visiting in Pittsburgh.
Mr. Harold Merrill, entertained a few of his friends at a card party last Monday evening.
Miss Francis Colbert visited friends at Markleton, Tuesday.
Mr. W. Currie, was a Meyersdale visitor, Tuesday.

FIRE WARDENS APPOINTED.

The following list of forest fire wardens for Somerset was issued today by the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry. It takes into account all changes to March 15th, 1917. The Department is conducting a strenuous campaign to reduce the area burned over by forest fires in Pennsylvania. The publication of these lists is part of the campaign. Every reader of this paper is interested in keeping Pennsylvania beautiful and productive, and therefore in preventing and extinguishing forest fires. Clip this list and post it in a convenient place, and when you see a forest fire notify the nearest fire warden IMMEDIATELY!

- John A. Merrill, Fort Hill.
- L. A. Ellenberger, Fairhope, No. 1.
- N. J. Topper, New Baltimore.
- C. P. Benson, Holsopple.
- G. W. Buckman, Berlin.
- Adam A. Baker, Rockwood.
- Ed. Gonder, Bo-well.
- J. S. Stavanaugh, Elk Lick.
- J. M. Kretschman, Meyersdale.
- U. S. Shober, Garrett.
- A. E. Baer, Sand Patch.
- J. M. Armagost, Hooversville.
- Wilson R. Barnard, Somerset, No. 3.
- C. I. Gardner, Somerset, No. 3.
- J. H. Sarver, Somerset, No. 3.
- Edward Zuffall, Somerset, No. 3.
- Nelson G. Moore, Somerset, No. 6.
- W. G. Baker, Boswell, No. 2.
- Lee Rauch, Jennertown.
- Walter Hoffman, Jennertown.
- G. W. Tressler, Sand Patch.
- E. H. Shaulls, Somerset, No. 3.
- H. W. Shaulls, Somerset, No. 3.
- Alvin Burnworth, Confluence.
- W. H. Saylor, Ursina.
- John S. Thomas, Confluence, No. 1.
- D. A. Barron, Rockwood, No. 2.
- J. P. Snyder, Rockwood.
- M. O. Wolfersberger, Rockwood.
- H. W. Beachey, Glencoe.
- Edison Birk, Glencoe.
- D. H. Whitaker, Rummel.
- Russell Holsopple, Seasmor.
- I. F. Brant, Stoyestown.
- Albert S. Hoffman, Hooversville.
- R. L. Manges, Cairnbrook.
- G. R. Wechtenheiser, Cairnbrook, No. 1.
- John G. Bender, Friedens.
- H. I. Troutman, Sand Patch No. 2.
- W. H. Foy, Shanksville.
- H. Reid Weimer, Casselman.
- Russell J. Engel, Meyersdale.
- J. H. Hummel, Windber.

MEYERSDALE BOOMING

The great demand for the Humanola Talking Machine has induced the inventors to sell on interest in their plant to Meyersdale business men which puts this enterprise on a first class financial basis and make the success of this company an assured fact. This is the most promising manufacturing enterprise in this country.

The Humanola company is now each week, turning out twenty as fine machines as are made anywhere, but this is insufficient to supply the demand for this fine machine, therefore the new organization is installing quite a lot of new machinery, which will increase the output to fifty machines per week, or about two hundred in a month. This will give employment to quite a few good mechanics. The present organization is offered by the following well known men of Meyersdale: E. C. Kyle Pres.; C. W. Truxal, Vice President; C. E. Livengood, Secretary; J. H. Bowman, Treasurer.

A STRANGE WORLD

In Russia, centralized government has been overthrown. In America, we are drifting toward centralized government, as evidenced by the support given to the bill which, if passed, would have vested in the President power to use the military forces and the funds of the United States in any way he saw fit. Strange world, this.

WHERE, INDEED?

"Where has the money gone?" is the question people will now be asking since they have read the statement of Ambassador Gerard that he is astonished that no progress has been made in preparedness for defense. What has been done with all these "war taxes" we have been paying for the last two years.

ONION SETS ARE VERY SCARCE

AND WE ARE FORTUNATE IN BUYING A BIG SUPPLY HABEL & PHILLIPS.

BUTTER AND EGGS WANTED

HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID AT HABEL & PHILLIPS.

SALISBURY SIFTINGS

Lois Maxine Newman.
The sufferings of little Lois M. Newman were ended Saturday evening when the little soul winged its flight back to the God who gave it. She had been a patient sufferer for two months with a spinal disease, and though her parents felt she could not live, yet the realization of it was a sad shock. The deceased was aged 2 years and 25 days. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Newman, and infant brother, her paternal grand-parents and a grand-mother on the maternal side, besides a host of uncles and aunts.

The funeral service was conducted at the house on Monday afternoon by Rev. B. F. Waltz. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Progress of the Schools.

A number of interesting compositions were read by members of the High School in their Wednesday morning chapel period. The subject under discussion was "The Robin."

This year's class have selected a play which they will present at Commencement.

Class Social.

Miss Lulu Wamplé delightfully entertained the members of her Sunday School class at her home on Friday evening. The guests pulled taffy, maple taffy, played games and listened to number of selections on the victrola. Ice cream and cake were served at a late hour. The rising moon made the three mile drive a most pleasant one. Those present were: Misses Estella and Lucille Beahn, Lulu Wamplé, Florence Newman, Messrs. Paul Miller, Robert and Ernest Maust. The party was chaperoned by Miss Elizabeth Newman of Springs, who had arrived at her home to spend the week-end.

Little Folk's Party.

Mrs. J. C. Beahn entertained a number of little girls on Saturday afternoon in honor of her daughter Edith's ninth birthday anniversary. Edith was the recipient of a number of gifts. Games were played, a blind folded contest in which Miss Myrtle James, the little guest's school teacher, was the winner, and an "animal hunt" was participated in by all. At 4 o'clock cake and jello à la peppermint was served. Those present were: Misses Myrtle James, Anule Brown, Margaret Young, Mary Beahn Thelma Rumsler, Marion Miller, Winifred Lilhliter, Florence and Blance Wagner, Frances Livengood, and Elizabeth Wagner.

I. O. O. F. Banquet.

On Tuesday evening the I. O. O. F. of Salisbury held their annual banquet in the basement of the Reformed church. It was prepared and served by the Reformed ladies.

Brief Mention.

Mrs. Lorena Reitz, returned from Randolph on Saturday morning. Those from this place who attended the Juniata banquet at Meyersdale on Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Livengood and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Maust of near Boynton.

Mr. Chas. Rocks, has returned to Somerset.

Mrs. Snyder of Rockwood, is spending a few weeks at the home of Rev. G. Hetrick.

Rev. Housel of Philadelphia, delivered a sermon in the Reformed church on Sunday evening on the subject of "The Relation of the Reformation to Modern S. S. Work."

On Monday evening, April 9th, Dr. Russell Conwell will deliver his inaugural lecture "Acres of Diamonds" in the St. John's Reformed church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dietz, spent Saturday in Cumberland, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClure have left for Cleveland, O., where Mr. McClure has secured employment.

Misses Mary Reitz, Mima Harding, Elizabeth Reitz and Mrs. Wm. Lichliter, spent Tuesday evening in Meyersdale.

William and Harriet Garltitz have both so far recovered from their seizure of typhoid fever as to be able to be out with "the folks" again.

WE NOW HAVE THE FINEST LINE OF WALL PAPER IN TOWN.

P. J. COVER & SON.

For Somerset Township at South Somerset—Committee, W. W. Cupp, James Blough, C. W. Dupstadt, Oscar Megrave, Roy S. Saylor, George

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATIONS

The eighth grade examinations for the common schools of Somerset county will be held on Saturday, April 21, 1917. Applicants are not required to take examinations in Algebra and Civil Government. All who wish to enter high schools are requested to take this examination. The places for holding the examination and the committees in the several districts are as follows:

For Addison and Addissos Borough at Addison—Committee, M. L. Nevils, O. D. Nicola, Wm. F. Null, Olive Cramer, Minnie Tressler.

For Allegheny at Mt. Zion—Committee, W. W. Coughenour, Milton Hillegas, S. B. Coughenour, Howard Keefer, Flossence Will.

Fos Benson, at Holsopple—Committee, Dr. H. A. Zimmerman, N. O. Border, I. W. Stahl, Rachael Cassler, Gustie Ringler.

For Black at Marker—Committee, W. H. Landis, I. W. Walter, Luella Brant, Mary McVicker, Ernest Hochsteter.

For Brothersvalley, Berlin High School—Committee, J. H. Hentz, F. H. Meyers, A. E. Cober, James S. Glessner, Alda Beachley, Wm. Snyder.

For Casselman at Casselman—Committee, Daniel Bittner, W. B. Puttman, F. A. Harsh, Olive Koontz, Leora Snyder.

For Conemaugh at Miller School—Committee, J. E. Weaver, L. L. Yoder, Cora Thomas, Mary Yoder, Robert Yoder, Blanche Livingston.

For Elk Lick at West Salisbury—Committee, James Maust, M. S. Maust, Florence Ydeor, Ada Glotfelty, Elizabeth Beas.

For Fairhope at Fairhope—Committee, George W. Hutze, W. H. Shuman, Walter Tucker, Naomi Emerick, Cora Smith.

For Garrett at Garrett—Committee, J. B. Walter, Walk M. Kistler, H. B. Speicher, F. J. Flke, June Ringler.

For Greenville at Pocahontas—Committee, W. H. Hochstetler, John Remold, Luella Baker, William Miller, Mary Dickey.

For Hooversville at Hooversville—Committee, J. E. Custer, H. H. Dull, J. P. Rodgers, Naomi Smith, Clara Shaffer.

BONDSMEN RELIEVED.

Judge W. H. Ruppel handed down an opinion Saturday in the case of Chauncey M. Dickey, George F. Kimmel and Jacob W. Peck, Directors of the Poor and House of Employment vs. H. F. Barron, J. A. Berkey and H. L. Sipe, in which he holds that Berkey and Sipe, who are sureties on the bond of Barron, treasurer of the Poor Board, are not liable for \$3,894.88, the amount Barron is alleged to have omitted from his accounts and fraudulently held from the auditor's report at the close of the year 1912.

By agreement of the parties the case was referred to the Court for trial without a jury, under the Act of 1874. From the evidence taken and admissions of the parties, the court finds that during the year 1912 there was paid to Barron as treasurer of the Poor Board, various sums of money, in all amounting to the sum of \$23,600.00; included in this order for \$1,100 drawn by the County Commissioners of Somerset county.

"On the 1st of January, 1913, Clarence Moore was elected treasurer of the year 1913, and he gave his bond with the proper sureties, dated 3rd January, 1913, but not delivered to the Poor Board nor approved by them until March 3, 1913.

"After the election of Clarence Moore as trasurer, but before his bond was accepted and approved Harry F. Barron received from H. F. Yost, Esq., a former attorney and clerk of the Poor Board, \$106.50 on orders which had been issued to the Poor Board. On the 9th of January, 1913, the State Treasurer of Pennsylvania issued his check payable to H. F. Barron, treasurer of the Somerset County Poor District, for \$2,262.00; this check was received by Mr. Barron, and on the 18th of January, 1913, endorsed by him and the money received thereon and appropriated to the use of the said H. F. Barron."

In auditing the accounts of Barron the attention of the auditors were not directed to the misappropriation of the \$1,100 item because Barron had made no record of it on his books.

The Court says the conduct of Barron with reference to the \$1,100 transaction goes to show that "he intended to commit a fraud upon the county and to appropriate the proceeds to his own use." No appeal from the report of the auditors having been taken their report is conclusive and therefore the Court directs judgement to be entered "for the defendants."

As to the item of \$2,262 the Court finds that "never having been submitted to the Board of County Auditors for adjustment and there having been no auditor's report as to said item, the Court of Common Pleas is without jurisdiction in the case, and this common law action in this form cannot be maintained. Under all the evidence in the case judgement must be entered in favor of the defendants.

If no exceptions to the decree of the Court are filed within thirty days judgement is to be finally entered by the Prothonotary in accordance with the order.

Menser, A. F. Helpe.
For Stoneycreek and Shanksville at Shanksville—Committee, L. H. Musser, S. M. Fox, George Lambert, I. E. Glessner, I. G. Carver, Edith Gelsel.
For Somerfield at Somerfield—Committee, J. W. Endsley, L. L. Conneway, Elna Tissue, Wm. Keim, Mary Wass.

For Southampton and Wellersburg at Wellersburg—Committee, Chas. C. Martz, J. E. Shaffer, Margaret Tissue, Ida Getz, Bertha Petenbrink.
For Summit at the S. J. Miller School House—Committee, George Growall, H. L. Flke, S. C. Witt, Lloyd Shumac, Frank Witt, D. C. Handwerk.

For Upper Turkeyfoot at Kingwood—Committee, L. A. Hall, D. F. Shultz, Matthew Younkin, Charles Cramer, Frank Stoner.
For Ursina at Ursina—Committee, W. E. Van Sickle, W. S. Kuhlman, H. J. Diehl, Carrie Forquer, Sadie Pyle.

The examination begins promptly at 9 a. m. It is expected that all who desire to take the examination will be present at that hour. Instructions regarding the manner of conducting the examination together with the questions to be submitted to the applicants, will be mailed to some member of the committee.

D. W. SEIBERT,
County Superintendent.