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A PEOPLE IN GREAT DISTRESS

The present European war is most far-reaching in its dire results. With the sufferings of the Belgians, the Serbians, the Poles and others, we are more or less familiar, and much has been done by the people of the United States and other countries toward their relief. Millions of dollars have been spent and large quantities of food stuff have been sent to them to keep them from perishing by starvation.

But, as it seems to me, no people have suffered to the extent that the Armenian and Syrian Christians in Asiatic Turkey have suffered. The atrocities committed upon them are heart rending in the extreme. The distance these people live from us, and communications with them being so largely hindered, prevents us from becoming familiar with their distress. Since the war began the Turks, and especially the Kurds, have treated the Armenians and Syrian Christians most brutally and barbarously. They murdered many of the men in cold blood; tore children from the arms of mothers and cruelly slew them; killed aged women, carried young women and girls off to their harems; robbed the people of their property; destroyed their homes and drove them in all directions to distant parts of the country. Many of them perished on the way from sickness, exposure and starvation.

More than two million of people have been scattered abroad, robbed of their possessions, unable to earn their livelihood. Many of them with no roof over their heads, dependent entirely upon charity. Such as survived found their way to regions under the control of Russia and Great Britain. They are at Tiflis, Aleppo and Damascus, in Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt and Salonika. Hundreds of thousands of these people are in most dire distress. F. Willoughby Smith, the American Consul at Tiflis, telegraphed, not long ago, that among the refugees there was an appalling number of widows with dependent children, and 40,000 orphans. "The need at this time," he said, "is greater than ever before." From Damascus comes this heart-rending report that it is estimated that 500,000 people have been pushed into the provinces of Aleppo and Damascus. The majority are women and children and they are slowly dying of starvation. In every tent there are sick and dying. Any one who cannot get a piece of bread by begging, eats grass, raw and without salt. The people gather locusts and eat them raw. They catch stray dogs and like savages, pounce upon dead animals, whose flesh they eat eagerly and with out cooking.

Reports of like horrible nature are sent in by missionaries and consuls from other regions filled with these miserable refugees. The Red Cross has had its hands more than full in ministering unto the suffering and needy ones in Belgium, France, Serbia and other European countries, so that it has not been able to do very much for these destitute people of Asiatic Turkey.

An American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief was organized a year or two ago in the city of New York which has gathered and sent relief funds to these people. But hundreds of thousands of dollars will be needed to keep hosts of them from perishing this winter. This committee, with headquarters in New York, is composed of fifty men of various religious faiths and of established reputation for honesty and good faith. At the head of the list stand the names of William H. Taft, ex-President of the United States, and Charles E. Hughes, former associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and among them are other names familiar to many of our people, such as John Wanamaker, Vance McCormick, John R. Mott and others. This committee is worthy of all confidence. It has been appealing, and continues to appeal, to the people of our country in all sections for contributions for the relief of these people in distress.

The ministers of Meyersdale have given this cry for help earnest consideration and they propose in the near future to give to the people of Meyersdale and the readers of the Commercial, in General, the opportunity of contributing to the relief of these people. The suffering is great, the need is urgent. I do not see how any one conversant with the facts of the case can turn a deaf ear to this call for aid in distress.

A. E. Truxal,

GARRETT GATHERINGS.

Church Notices.
Lutheran—W. H. B. Carney, Pastor. Sunday School 9 a. m. Preparatory Services, 10 a. m. Communion, 11 a. m.
Reformed—J. E. Sheetz, Pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Church, Aug. 5th, 10:30 a. m. Brethren—B. F. Waltz, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Church services 2 p. m.
Evangelical—Rev. Hetrick, Pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Church services, 2 p. m.

Miss Margaret Carney of Johnstown arrived Tuesday to spend some time at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Clements.

J. H. Judy was a Cumberland visitor on Tuesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Brock a son, last Friday.

Mrs. Roy Nedrow returned from Tyrone last Sunday, where she was visiting the home of her parents.

Rev. H. H. Wiant, of Pittsburg, was visiting friends in Garrett on Wednesday.

Clyde Tydball of Pittsburg, spent the week end with friends.

Nina Cochran is spending the week in Holsopple visiting friends.

Mrs. Ed. Landis, of Somerset is visiting at the home of Mrs. Ida Brant.

Miss Velma Henderson of McKeesport is visiting the Misses Brant.

Misses Nell and Verda Brant were Cumberland visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrill were in Cumberland to see Mrs. Merrill's father, who was in the hospital.

Dr. Pollard made a professional visit to Fair Hope this week.

Mr. Glen Vought of Rockwood was a Garrett visitor last Sunday.

Miss Blanche Smith and nephew, Ward Beachley, were Garrett visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. Richard Zimmerman was taken to the Allegheny Hospital in Cumberland Tuesday to be operated upon for appendicitis.

Mr. Zack Christian of Canton, O., spent several days visiting among his children, friends, and other relatives of Garrett.

Miss Ruth Bowby is visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blair of East Palestine, Ohio.

Mrs. Richard Hoover was visiting her sister at Holsopple last Wednesday.

Mrs. Roy Biddle visited her sister, Mrs. L. Bowby at Somerset last week.

J. B. Schrock of Berlin was in Garrett transacting business for the Co-Operative Insurance Company of Berlin.

Miss Smith of Mineral Springs stopped at Garrett to call on friends before leaving for Frederick, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker and children, Mrs. Savilla Tucker and son Tom, motored to Hyndman last Sunday where they spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pyle.

Mrs. Harry Swamer and daughter Mildred visited several days in Pittsburg.

The Reformed Sunday School will hold a basket picnic Thursday, Aug. 2nd, at Riverside Park. The other Sunday Schools are invited to join.

At a recent school board meeting the following teachers were elected: H. B. Speicher, Principal, Misses Nell and Verda Brant and C. Hare.

FATAL SHOOTING AT COAL RUN.

Irene Hemming dead, her Father badly wounded and William H. Beal in Jail the Result of Shooting by the latter While Crazy from Drink.

On Tuesday evening the small village of Coal Run was the scene of a tragedy, most distressing in its effect by reason of the death of a young girl, an innocent witness of the affair, and the shooting of two men who had been friends in the past.

The evidence seems to be that there was a disagreement between William H. Beal and Mrs. Beal and that she had refused to prepare his breakfast and dinner pail on Saturday morning. Beal went to work on Saturday. The same refusal took place on Monday and on Tuesday mornings. On Monday he did not go to work but remained about home. On Tuesday he came to Meyersdale and drank to excess and took with him a bottle. On the way home he promised George May that he would make some repairs about his barn the next day, and insisted on giving Mr. May a drink from his bottle. He reached home a few minutes later and at once went to the garden where Mrs. Beal was getting some lettuce for their supper. He ordered her to go in the house and have his supper ready in ten minutes. He followed her to the house where some more words occurred, when she, with the children, escaped from the house and went to the residence of O'Connell Hemming, just across the street.

Be called to Mrs. Hemming from his porch and said he wanted to talk to her, but she replied that she did not wish to talk to anyone who was acting as bad as he was, and went into the house. Mr. Hemming, who had just come from work, came around the house at this juncture and was roughly escorted by Beal who charged him with harboring his wife, and asked that she be sent home. This Mr. Hemming refused to do. Beal then drew a revolver and began firing at Hemming, at a distance of eight feet; three shots, the first of which struck on the point of the left shoulder and fractured the collar bone. The second went through the fleshy part of the arm and of the wounded man was then being assisted into the house he shot him in the back, and a fourth shot was fired.

Mr. Hemming's little girl, Irene, six years old on November 6th, was shot, dying, on the porch from a shot from the revolver. Her death occurred in five minutes. Mr. Hemming stated in the inquest that he can testify to but two shots, although eye witnesses testify to the four shots. He also stated to a Commercial representative that the first he knew of the injury to his daughter was when Mrs. Hemming brought her into the house after the shooting.

Mr. Beal then crossed the street to his house and ascended the steps to the upper one and sat down for a few minutes, declaring that he did not regret his action in the least. He then fired the remaining cartridge from the revolver into his own breast the ball entering about 2 inches above the left nipple and lodged in his back against the vertebrae. He was removed by Dr. Large when he was brought here in the evening.

Dr. Lichty, of Salisbury, was sent for who dressed the wounds of the injured man, who now appears to be resting comfortably, and it is hoped is on his way to ultimate recovery. Mr. Hemming has been a resident of Coal Run for a number of years and is a very intelligent man of about 40 years, and he and his family

are highly respected in the community. He is employed in the mines near his home. His family consisted of his wife and seven children; Ethel, aged 15 years; Dallas, 13; Nellie, 11; Amos, 9; Lawrence, 7; and Paul, 5 months.

Irene Hemming, the innocent victim of this tragedy, was a very attractive and interesting little girl, and no more sincere mourners will follow her remains to their last resting place than her playmates of the town, with whom she was a general favorite. The shot which ended her young life was probably the fourth shot, and which was intended for her father as he was entering the house. The bullet struck her on her left finger, almost separating it from her hand, entering the groin and lower part of the abdominal cavity, cutting an artery on its way. It was found on Wednesday morning by Mrs. L. C. Sipple when washing the clothing which the child had worn at the time of the shooting.

After Mr. Beal had attempted to take his own life, he entered his house and barricaded the doors from the angry men who congregated outside and threatened the lives of those who demanded admission. Threats of lynching were made but cooler judgment prevailed when it became known that the officers from Meyersdale were on the way for him. Constable Cramer and Harvey Bittner soon arrived and were eagerly admitted by the man who feared the angry vengeance of the enraged mob outside. The revolver was taken from him and proved to be empty. He was brought to Meyersdale and later in the evening was taken to Somerset and committed to the jail.

When sober, was an industrious worker and a kindly disposed man of 37 years of age, but when under the influence of intoxicants had an unenviable temper. He owned the property, where he lived; but some time he and Mrs. Beal had been getting along amicably. On former occasions, when he was so excited he hid the revolver, but probably not knowing his condition until his return home and then having no opportunity.

Both he and Hemming had lived in the place about 12 years, and had worked together and were always good friends.

Mrs. Beal was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Harsh and is spoken of as an estimable lady and has the sympathy of the community in this sad affair. They have three children; Ruth, 14 years; Robert, 11 and Clyde, 7 years of age. Mrs. Beal is prostrated over the affair.

Mr. Beal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beal of Route 2, Meyersdale, a very estimable couple, who have been caused to suffer on other occasions by reason of escapades of their son while under the influence of drink. The sympathies of their neighbors and friends go out to them.

On Wednesday morning, an inquest was held by Esquire Hay of Meyersdale, who summoned a coroner's jury, consisting of Harvey Bittner, George May, Eli Folk, William Bodes, George Reese and R. M. Swisher, who, after listening to the testimony of Dr. T. M. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Hemming, Mrs. Sipple and others, rendered a verdict "that Irene Hemming came to her death on July 24, from a wound inflicted by a bullet from a revolver in the hand of William H. Beal.

August Cosmopolitan.
The big feature in August Cosmopolitan is Robert W. Chambers' new novel, "The Restless Sex."
Another great story is "Blue Aloes," by Cynthia Stockley.

Other great writers and artists in this number are: Lillie Langtry, Herbert Kaufman, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Jack London, John Galsworthy, Samuel Mervin, C. N. and A. M. Williamson, Mary Roberts Rinehart, George Ade, Arthur Rexford, Howard Chandler Christy, G. Patrick Nelson, Will Foster, W. D. Stevens, George Gibbs, Anton Otto Fischer, James Montgomery Flagg, John T. McCutcheon and W. T. Benda.

Red Cross Rally.
Make your plans to be in Somerset, Saturday, July 28th, 1917. Help make this banner Red Cross Day for Somerset County. Members of the Somerset County Chapter in all its branches and auxiliaries are invited and urged to make an effort to attend. All fraternal organizations and societies are invited to participate. Booths will be located on the diamond and Red Cross members will distribute literature, explain the work and register those who have not yet joined. A parade will be formed at the High School grounds at 2:30 p. m. with Capt. Schrock, Capt. Sanner and Mr. Louis Colburn acting as marshalls. It is the duty of every Red Cross member to take part in the parade, if possible.

The boys of Company C, if they are still in Somerset, will lead the parade. Flags, flowers and balloons will be sold. We who stay at home must help our nation to victory. One way to help is to interest yourself in this Red Cross Rally and help make the Somerset county chapter grow and thrive.

SALISBURY SIFTINGS.

Mr. Frank Farmer went to Sand Patch to help care for his brother, H. C. Farmer, who is seriously ill.

Miss Myrtle James and Mr. Chas. Conner spent Sunday in Adams with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cochran spent Tuesday in Grantsville, Md.

Mrs. Austin Brown and children, Mrs. James, Raymond and children, of Akron, O., are spending a week with their mother, Mrs. Lucretia Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Conkle of Akron, Ohio, are visiting at Mrs. Conkles' father, Mr. Joseph Wagner.

Mrs. John Stutzman and son, of Meyersburg, Ohio, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Lichty.

Miss Mary Lichty and brothers, Dan, Ross and Roy Lichty, of Gettysburg, Md., spent Saturday with their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Lichty.

Mr. P. Van Fischel of St. Louis, and Miss Sophia C. Fischel of Pittsburg, are visiting their brother, Rev. Mr. Fischel.

Among the guests at the Valley House are Miss Edna Faidley and niece, Anna Gerwig, of McKeesport; Miss Zulca Smith, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. L. Matthews of Huston, Texas.

Miss Sarah Breig of Meyersdale spent Sunday with Mrs. Louise Hawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reiber were the guests of Mrs. John Lepley of Meyersdale on Sunday.

Mrs. Leo Derry and children are visiting Mr. Wilber Derry.

Misses Edith Reibe and Maud Schramm spent the week end in Meyersdale, attending the Red Cross dance on Friday evening.

Pitt and Wright have opened a vulcanizing shop, tire and tube repairing in the McKinley building on main street. Quite a convenience to autoists.

Mr. Earl Beachy, who is a member of the 18 Reg. 1st Inf., Co. A, at Evans City, arrived Tuesday to visit his mother, Mrs. Jennie Beachy of Springs before going into camp in Georgia.

Death of Mrs. Welfley.
The funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth Welfley, who passed away on Saturday, July 21st, was held Monday afternoon at 2:30 at her home on Ord street. Rev. E. E. Oney officiating.

Mrs. Welfley was an old resident of Salisbury. She had lived practically all her life in or near Salisbury. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Mrs. Welfley was aged 85 years, 1 month and 21 days at the time of her death.

She is survived by two daughters; Miss Ida, at home, and Mrs. L. E. Ferner, of Akron, Ohio. She is also survived by four brothers, three of whom live in the west and were unable to attend the funeral, and Mr. Mahlen Keun, of Johnstown, and a number of grandchildren.

Those who attended the funeral from out of town, beside the immediate relatives were; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beggs and children; Mr. and Mrs. Franz of Confluence; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stoller, Mr. Wm. Hay, Mrs. Henry Werner and Miss Tillie Knapp of Meyersdale; Mrs. Hugh Spear, daughter Agnes and son, Engle of Frostburg and Hazel Ferner, a niece, of Akron, O.

CENTRE CHURCH
Farmers are busy making hay. Frank Schrock spent Saturday evening in Meyersdale.

M. C. Haer is making hay on the Kretzman farm.

Mrs. Harry Sanner visited at the home of Nelson Sanner a few days of last week.

S. J. Engle, who is employed as B. & O. fireman spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Engle.

A moon light party was held at the home of Truman Sanner last Wednesday evening. There were about 60 present.

Miss Elsie Schafer spent Sunday at the home of L. M. Schrock of near Meyersdale.

Louis Schafer, who is employed as carpenter by Andrew Horchner, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schafer.

F. H. Sanner and family of near Rockwood spent Sunday at the home of Harvey Marker.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Landis of near Berlin spent Sunday at the home of N. A. Sanner.

The Centre S. S. will hold a picnic in Enfields Grove Saturday, Aug. 4.

WHY THE DIFFERENCE?
Members and employees of the Tariff Commission are making frequent addresses and statements upon the tariff question but if any Republican dares to mention the subject it is a partisan and unpatriotic act.

WILL BUILD PARSONAGE.

Last Sunday was a day that will long be remembered by the Lutheran congregation in Meyersdale.

Rev. C. P. McLaughlin, of Greensburg, a former pastor here, preached morning and evening, assisted by Rev. France, the pastor. Rev. McLaughlin took occasion to remind the congregation of the necessity of a parsonage and also of an addition to the Sunday School room, the Sunday School having largely outgrown the present accommodations.

Pledges for a sum in excess of \$11,000 to be paid within a year were received and several persons were not present and are yet to see.

The cost of the buildings is roughly estimated at about \$15,000. It can readily be seen that the small sum yet necessary to secure can easily be raised.

The pastor, Rev. France, is a very able minister and justly popular with his congregation, and under his ministrations the church and Sunday School is prospering in a marked degree, and while the auditorium is sufficient to accommodate the audiences, the other rooms have been outgrown. There is but little doubt now that this will be remedied in the near future and that the School will have ample accommodations and the parsonage will be a credit to the congregation.

The Draft

On Friday about noon the numbers of the conscripted men began coming over the wires and in the afternoon the interest became very marked.

During the afternoon and evening the Commercial office was kept busy looking up the numbers of anxious ones who, when furnished their numbers, at once went to "have a look" to see if they were among the numbers wanted. The numbers and names are given in this issue of those drawn from this section of the United States. One-sixth of the men are reporting for examination now.

Claims for exemption must be made to-morrow and affidavits filed. It is hoped to have the accepted men, about 700,000, in training camps in a short time.

GLENCOE.

Chas. Diest, Jr., met with a serious accident Monday evening when trying to drive his auto into the barn. He lost control and the car went through, overturning, and pinning him under, fracturing his arm at two places and bruising him badly.

Robert Webreck and Wesley Shipley secured a leave of absence to spend Sunday at home. My, but we were glad to see them!

Albert Raupach and family of Cumberland came Saturday to spend some time with relatives.

Alfred Broadwater left Saturday morning for Ohio, where he will enjoy a visit with his father and brothers.

The following teachers were elected Saturday; C. B. Bittner, Northampton, Mabel Bittner, Roddy; Wm. Broadwater, Wagonom; K. G. Miller, Bridaquin; Ruth Bittner, Brushcreek; Miss Bowman, Bowmans.

Two recent auto owners are Chas. Diest and Ben Leydyg.

Don't forget the Civic meeting in Glencoe Hall Thursday, July 26th.

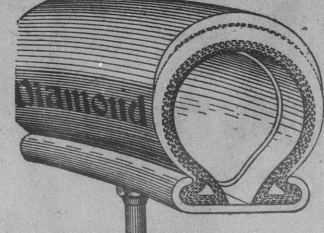
Tells How to Dress for Motion Pictures.

"Dressing the part in motion pictures has become a most important part, for the time has arrived when the movie actress must 'dress the part' in every meaning of the term," says Kathryn Williams, who will appear in "The Spoilers" at the Summer Garden, Wednesday evening, Aug. 1.

"One or two modish gowns will not do, as was once the case, for, after all, the women must be pleased, for they are one of the mainstays of the film industry.

"I have discovered that even the most expensive gowns must be quickly altered. If a motion picture actress wears one gown too frequently, even in a single film play, sharp feminine eyes discover this fact, and feminine pens do not hesitate in writing to the film company, and the actress, with caustic comment.

"I have arrived at the belief that the motion picture theatre has, to a very great extent, supplanted in influence the fashion journals. Many women have confessed to me that no small part of the entertainment they derive from patronizing film society dramas is from viewing up-to-date gowns worn by the actresses and in criticising the gowns that are not so up to date. And so it can be readily perceived that the manufacturer of films cannot afford to present society dramas which present women with out-of-date wardrobes, for a continuation of such a policy would mean a great loss of business. In turn, the film manufacturer requires that the leading women of his companies appear in up-to-date garments, and he pays salaries to them with such an expectation in view."—Adv.



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