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**SERIOUSNESS OF FOOD SHORTAGE**

But few people fully realize the seriousness of the food situation in this country today, we have on our hands the tremendous question of not only feeding our own people but the Allies as well. Over 100,000 of our men, who were food producers, have answered the President's call for volunteers. These have been added to the class of consumers, combined with the millions of women and children alone makes the question a serious one. This will not be a question of "being able to buy." But rather one of "Nothing to sell." In the time of the Civil War, people had money, but were virtually starving to death. Corn bread and molasses was considered a luxury, calico of such an inferior quality that meal could be sifted through it, was cheap at 60 cents a yard, and conditions worse than those, will prevail in the near future unless steps are taken to curtail the unnecessary consuming of food today. Mr. Armour, of the famous meat packing house makes the assertion that the average family uses meat every day, some twice a day and advocates a plan, that only those doing manual labor eat meat once a day, and that others can easily do with meat once or twice a week. When a man in Mr. Armour's position makes the above statement the seriousness of the situation can be realized. It is stated by a prominent citizen in position to know, that enough uncultivated land lies around Patton to feed this community without outside help and it is every individual's patriotic duty, both men and women to do their part in solving this momentous question of the day.

**WHO STAY HOME**

A nation-wide move is being fostered to care for those dependent on soldiers during the war, so that any who may enlist in the army or navy rest assured that those at home are not objects of charity. It is none too soon to make definite preparation for this worthy cause. This work should be carried on in a practical way, and with such system that no embarrassment can be felt by soldiers' dependents. We cannot all go to war, and we cannot all engage in occupations relating to war, but none can escape the responsibilities of war. It is a serious business for any man to give up his ordinary occupation and to leave everything for the sake of his country. Those who have the courage and the patriotism to do this deserve the encouragement and the support of the stay-at-homes, and there is no more practical way of giving it than by contributing to the support of the dependents of the soldiers.

**SWAT AND BURN**

Kill at once every fly you can find and burn his body. Observe, say that there are many reasons to believe there will be more flies this season than for a number of years. The killing of just one fly now means there

will be billions and trillions less next summer. Clean up your own premises; see and insist that your neighbors do likewise. Especially clean "out-of-the-way-places," and every nook and cranny. Flies will not go where there is nothing to eat, and their principal diet is too filthy to mention. The fly is the tie that binds the unhealthy to the healthy. The fly has no equal as a germ "carrier"; as many as five hundred million germs have been found in and on the body of a single fly. It is definitely known that the fly is the "carrier" of the germs of typhoid fever; it is widely believed that it is also the "carrier" of other disease, including possibly infantile paralysis. The very presence of a fly is a signal and notification that a housekeeper is uncleanly and inefficient. Do not wait until the insects begin to pester; anticipate the annoyance. April, May and June are the best months to conduct an anti-fly campaign. Kill flies and save lives!

**BULLETIN TO SCHOOL BOARDS**

The following bulletin is issued by Supt. Bentz to the School Board of the county, and the subjects covered are such as interest, not only every person interested in school work, but every tax payer in the county:  
 "Notwithstanding we all deplore the necessity of entering into war, it seems necessary in order to protect the nation's honor, to place our lives and property at the disposal of our government and uphold the President's hands in the trying hours that of necessity will follow.  
 "Let every school house have the emblem of our country unfurled continuously until the successful completion of the war. If your flags are weather worn, buy new ones. Let us show the younger generation we still have the same fires burning in our hearts that actuated the boys of '76 and '61 to place the many blessings we now enjoy at our disposal.  
 "I would advise every board to select and contract with every teacher that they may desire to retain next year.  
 "The past year has been the most trying to keep the schools open on account of the scarcity of teachers. If you have valuable teachers, pay them enough to warrant their staying with you. Some of our teachers were compelled to pay 25 to 30 dollars a month board, after they paid the laundry bill and purchased a few necessary books and periodicals, these teachers had nothing for their work. When we consider that we expect our teachers to spend part of the summer in preparing for fitter service at their own expense, the matter of salary seems to be very little indeed.  
 "We are ambitious to have at least one standard school in every district. Will you not help us to gratify that desire? We will be pleased to be able to help you in any way you may desire towards that end.  
 "On account of the late closing of schools and the lateness of the summer schools, we will not begin the teachers examinations until about the last of June. We will hold fewer examinations to expedite the date of granting certificates.  
 "During the months of April and May you will be required to lay your millage.  
 "We will hold a week of training during the month of August. I insist upon your younger teachers attending the full week. No charge is made.  
 BARNESBORO MAN WOUNDED ON EUROPEAN FRONT  
 John Dawson, son of Thomas Dawson, of this town, who left Barnesboro 6 years ago, went to Canada, and worked at Goldie & McCulloch's Machine works at Galt, Ontario.  
 When the European war broke out and England called for men, he enlisted in the 11th, South Waterloo's Overseas Battalion, which after training, went to Sandling camp, Kent, England, where the 11th was split up, and John was drafted into the 78th Canadian, bound for the Western front, France.  
 On March 1st at 5:30 A. M., after a gas attack, they went on a raid on the German trenches. They were met by a cross fire from the enemies machine guns, and shrapnel shells. He was hit by a machine gun bullet, which went through him, and was taken to the hospital at Calais. When being out of danger, he was sent to England to the Military hospital, Manchester, where he is getting along alright.

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP**

Management, Circulation, Etc. Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of the Patton Courier, Published Weekly at Patton, Pa., for April 1st, 1917.  
 State of Pa., County of Cambria, ss: Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared C. W. Peterson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of the Patton Courier and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption.  
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 C. W. PETERSON, Business Manager.  
 Sworn to before me this 29th day of March 1917. F. C. McCLURE, Notary Public.  
 My commission expires April 9, 1917.

**DEATH OF TIMOTHY O'LEARY, OF CLEARFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Timothy O'Leary, residing between Patton and St. Augustine, one of the most prominent farmers in Clearfield township, was found dead in a stall of his stable about noon Friday by his daughter Miss Ella O'Leary.  
 Mr. O'Leary recently suffered a stroke of paralysis but had recovered sufficiently to go about his home. Shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning he went to the stable to treat a sick horse. When his daughter went to call him for dinner he was found in the stall with the horse, badly trampled over the head and body. One theory is that Mr. O'Leary suffered a second stroke of paralysis while working with the horse. Another is that the horse kicked and trampled him to death.  
 The deceased was born in New York, May 1, 1846 and for the past 40 years had made his home in this neighborhood. Mr. O'Leary was always especially interested in horses and had some of the finest stock in the county on his farm.  
 He is survived by his widow and the following children: Timothy of Altoona, Joseph and Thomas of Patton, Edward of Titusburg, Mrs. C. D. Thomas of Patton and Miss Ella, at home. He was a brother of Patrick O'Leary of Wisconsin and George O'Leary of New York.  
 Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock when a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated in the St. Augustine Catholic church. Interment in the church cemetery.

**RECIPES FOR KILLING FLIES**

The United States Government makes the following suggestion for the destruction of house flies: Formaldehyde and sodium salicylate are the two best fly poisons. Both are superior to arsenic. They have their advantages for household use. They are not a poison to children; they are convenient to handle, their dilutions are simple and they attract the flies.  
**Preparation of Solutions**  
 A formaldehyde solution of approximately the correct strength may be made by adding 3 teaspoonfuls of the concentrated formaldehyde solution, commonly sold in formalin, to a pint of water. Similarly, the proper concentration of sodium salicylate may be obtained by dissolving 3 teaspoonfuls of the pure chemical (a powder) to a pint of water.  
**Containers for Solutions**  
 An ordinary, thin-walled drinking glass is filled or partially filled with the solution. A saucer, or small plate, in which is placed a piece of white blotting paper cut the size of the dish, is put bottom up over the glass. The whole is then quickly inverted, a match placed under the edge of the glass, and the container is ready for use. As the solution dries out of the glass the liquid seal at the edge of the glass is broken and more liquid flows into the lower receptacle. Thus the paper is always kept moist.  
**Other Simple Preventives**  
 Any odor pleasing to man is offensive to the fly and vice versa, and will drive a fly away.  
 Take five cents worth of oil of lavender, mix it with the same quantity of water, put it in a common glass atomizer and spray it around the rooms where flies are. In the dining room spray it lavishly over the table linen. The odor is very disagreeable to flies but refreshing to most people.  
 Geranium, mignonette, heliotrope and white clover are offensive to flies. They especially dislike the odor of honeysuckle and hop blossoms.  
 According to a French scientist flies have intense hatred for the color blue. Rooms decorated in blue will help to keep out the flies.  
 Mix together one tablespoonful of cream, one of ground black pepper and one of brown sugar. This mixture is poisonous to flies. Put in a saucer, darken the room except one window and in that set the saucer. To make the box of the Borax over the manure and sprinkle with water.  
 Lye, chloride of lime, or copperas (sulphate or iron) dissolved in water, crude carbolic acid, or any kind of disinfectant may be used in vaults.

**"Chiggers"**

Visitors who went to Ft. Harrison to say farewell to the boys who have gone to the Mexican border are now recovering from the "chigger" bites they received on that occasion. "Chiggers" are not abundant in Marion county, but those that lay in ambush in the grass at Ft. Harrison fully made up in pernicious activity whatever was lacking in mere numbers. Many persons had there a first introduction to the chigger, which is of the order Siphonura, family Pulicidae, species sarcophagous in process. It is sometimes, in addition to its Hoosier name of chigger, called the Jigger and the sand flea. Only the female attacks man. When she gets ready to lay her eggs she bores deeply into the skin, usually of the feet and ankles. This insect is found at its best in the West Indies, but is nearly as active in the Southern states. There is no complaint of any innocuous despotism of this insect in Indiana. The chigger deposits in the perforation she has made in the flesh a bladder or sack containing about 80 eggs. The old-fashioned Hoosier way of ridding oneself of chiggers and chiggerettes was to rub the red spots denoting their location with a well-salted bacon rind. And there are also chiggers in Texas—Indianapolis News.

**STATE-WIDE CAMPAIGN**

A state-wide "clean-up" as a measure of prevention against a possible epidemic of infantile paralysis this summer has been put under way by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, who is sending out this week a letter of instruction to all local Boards of Health and Health Officers, as well as to the more than one thousand men who constitute the field force of this department in its medical sanitary divisions.  
 The instructions call for the eradication of all insanitary conditions that might lead to a spread of the disease and go into details as to the precautions that should be taken.  
 "We must anticipate some poliomyelitis this year and take every precaution in the way of preparedness against it, even though its presence last year does not necessarily mean a severe epidemic this summer."  
 "We are coming into the season when, through the disintegration of organic matter, much of the new insect life of the year will come into its first stages. It is during this season that infantile paralysis generally appears in epidemic form.  
 "In preparation, it behooves us not to let any precaution escape our attention. Thus we should enter upon a vigorous 'clean-up,' especially when we keep in mind what excellent results were obtained in the last year's epidemic when we went into some of the small towns and showed them how to obtain almost ideal house-keeping.  
 "For some years the Pennsylvania Department of Health has been working for a preventive that could be supplied in sufficient quantity to fill any possible demand. In this important work, Pennsylvania can report progress.  
 "We must act at the present time rely, however, solely on the results of experience obtained in fighting the disease. And one of the first lessons is that we must keep perfectly clean our houses, out-buildings, granaries, stables, barns, and barnyards. Every care must be taken of each water supply, for each one represents a stone in the foundation of preparedness.  
 "The great move now being taken by the Department of Health is a crusade against filth, not only in the cities and towns and boroughs, but in the country districts. The circular of instructions is being sent not only to

**our County Medical Inspectors and Health Officers, but to all the Department nurses and stream inspectors as well.**

"The State Department of Health, with the Governor standing behind the Commissioner of Health in the work, calls upon every individual and all the local health authorities to push with a strong hand this task of insuring the health of our little children, who will soon stand in our places—and especially at this time when they face the heritage of preserving peace and order in not only our own union of states but perhaps in the whole civilized world."

**"THE PRICE OF SILENCE"**

A few generations ago this country of ours was suffering from a monstrous moral ulcer that was poisoning its industrial, social and political life.  
 Throughout a large section of the Union, one portion of the population was holding another portion, that had chanced to have been born with black skins, in slavery.  
 The men, women and children who bore the yoke of bondage were treated as though they were machines of fles hand born and sinew. They were treated as though they had no heart, no mind, no sentiments, no affections. They were put up, at the auction block and sold.  
 The law had put its sanction upon this hideous institution because human machines were wanted to till the fields.  
 "The Price of Silence" is a powerful story of love and redemption woven into a theme of burning public interest—child slavery.  
 What "Uncle Tom's Cabin" did for the negro slave, William Fox's "The Price of Silence" shows with compelling truth the infamy of making the young toil in the mills of mammon. It shows the black shamelessness of this misbegotten greed.  
 "The Price of Silence" will take the horror of child slavery straight to every heart.  
 "The Price of Silence" will give the wave of revision the push that it needs to sweep child slavery from this country of our forefear.  
 This great William Fox production will be shown at the Opera House April 14th.

**DUNLAP-WILSON**

Miss Nellie Wilson, of St. Benedict, and Mr. R. H. Dunlap, of Cherry Tree were married at the home of the bride yesterday afternoon, by the Rev. E. C. Schneley, of Patton. After a wedding reception, Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap departed for a honeymoon trip to Washington, D. C., and other western cities. On their return the newlyweds will make their home in Cobury Tree. These excellent young people have the congratulations of a wide circle of friends, who wish them every happiness.

**Coming Attractions**

**At The Minkler Theatre Altona.**


Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17, Matinee daily, Lyman H. Howe's Travel Festival—All new features and realistic stage effects.

Wednesday, April 18th (Burlesque day) Matinee and night "The September Morning Glories" Burlesquers with the extra feature "Le Danse De Passion De Mort."

Thursday and Friday evenings, April 19-20—All-star concert by the Peerless Record Makers, comprising Henry Burr, Arthur Collins, Albert Campbell, Byron G. Harlan, Vess L. Ossman, Billy Murray, John H. Meyer, Theodore Morse, the Sterling Trio and the Peerless Quartette.

Saturday, April 21, Matinee and night—Henry W. Savage presents the supreme dramatic spectacle "Everywoman."

Coming Monday and Tuesday, April 23-24, Matinee Tuesday, "Pollyanna."



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