

In The Wyoming Valley

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there gave them decent burial. The force then marched back to Forty Fort and though they were not molested on the way and no further signs of Indians were discovered, their return and the story of the sad duty they had performed for their unfortunate friends served to increase the gloom which already rested over the people who had fled for refuge to the fort.

But though Colonel Zebulon Butler had seen no signs of the enemy on his return march to Forty Fort it was not because the enemy were not near. Not long after the men had returned, the great host entered the head of the valley. Colonel John Butler (no relative of Colonel Zebulon Butler, though he too had originally come from Connecticut) was in command of the white men, who for the most part were the Tories known as Johnson's Greens, and was also in general command of the entire expedition. With him and his men were many of the warriors from the Senecas, and also some from the Mohawks and a few other tribes. In command of them was the chief who was known as Old King, or Sayenguaraghton, as he was called in the Indian tongue, as savage a warrior as ever the most savage of people had produced.

At Fort Wintermoot the host, which numbered altogether more than a thousand men, stopped and demanded the surrender of the place. When word of their coming had been received, Daniel Ingersoll, one of the patriots who chanced to be in the fort, at once be-

gan to prepare to resist, and his sturdy wife, having no gun, seized a pitchfork and declared that thus armed she could stand by her husband's side and fight to the end. But the sturdy patriots were at once given to understand by the other inmates of the fort that no resistance was to be made, for the Tories now boldly declared that they had erected the fort for the very purpose of turning it over to John Butler when he should come. So, although the Westmoreland men had seized and arrested many of the Tories and had sent them as prisoners to Hartford, it seems that a few had been overlooked, and now were to appear in their true light as foes of the patriots.

The fort was accordingly turned over to Colonel John Butler and sturdy Daniel Ingersoll was held as a prisoner.

The very same evening a detach-

ment of the British was sent to seize little Fort Jenkins. For a time the feeble little garrison held out, but as there were only seventeen men there and most of these men were old and feeble, it was not long before Fort Jenkins, too, was in the hands of the enemy.

The news of the fall of these two forts, as well as of the coming of the host, whose numbers were even greatly exaggerated by the terrified people, caused even those who had ridiculed the idea of an attack on the valley to flee for safety to the forts. Forty Fort was soon overcrowded and the condition of the people within its walls was pitiable. No one knew just what to expect or when the advance of the invaders would be made. Already they held the entrance to the valley and it was only a matter of time, perhaps a few hours, when they would appear

before the rude walls of old Forty Fort.

On the following morning the guard reported that two white men and an Indian could be seen approaching, bearing a white flag with them. When the men were received it was at once perceived that one of them was Daniel Ingersoll, the man who had been made prisoner by the redcoats when Fort Wintermoot was seized.

In the interview that followed Ingersoll was not permitted by the two men who were with him to be alone with his friends for even a moment, nor was he allowed to speak a word except in their hearing. His sad face, however, bore witness to the plight in which he knew himself to be and his very presence perhaps impressed his hearers more than any words might have done.

A demand was made that Forty Fort should be surrendered at once and so all bloodshed should be spared. This demand was firmly refused and then the three men withdrew to report their failure to their commander.

After their departure the excitement in the fort increased. The presence of the prisoner, as well as of the soldier and the Indian, and the bold and confident manner in which they had presented Colonel John Butler's demand, had not been without making a deep impression upon the minds of those who had received them. Still, there was no thought of yielding or of giving up the post, and preparations for the defense were steadily continued.

Friday morning (July 3, 1778) Daniel Ingersoll was again sent to Forty Fort, accompanied as he had been on his visit three days before by a white

man and Indian as guards. Again he was carefully watched while the demand for the surrender of the fort was repeated. Indeed, all the little forts in the valley were now demanded and that their occupants and defenders should be turned over to the tender mercies of the invading Tories and savages.

Well aware that the men with Ingersoll were spies as well as guards, and that the bearing of the defenders of the fort as well as the means of defense would be reported, a bold refusal was again made to the demand for surrender. But when the men were gone, knowing that the critical moment had come, Colonel Zebulon Butler called a council of his fellows to consider what should be done, for the time for words and conferences was past and the time for the conflict was at hand.

(To be continued next week)

-Maple Grove-

Dora C. Davenport, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Corey Moyer and family were visitors at Plymouth Sunday.

George Stroud has been entertaining his daughter from Philadelphia.

M. Donald Williams, a school director of Lake township, visited Laketon schools Monday.

Mrs. L. N. Lewis visited Mrs. Dora Wesley one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. LaBarr entertained last Friday evening Mrs. David Williams and son, Grawdon, and M. D. Williams, all of Manchester, N. Y.

E. N. Wolfe was a caller at Noxen last Saturday.

Arline Mott, of Forty Fort, visited her parents over Sunday.

Hilda Ruggles entertained Margaret Caswell, of Rummerfield, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer N. Wolfe entertained friends on Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday school next Sunday at 10 and preaching at 11 o'clock.

Rev. C. B. Henry was called to Endicott, N. Y., last week to attend the funeral of his cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Wagner and son Keith, of Hunlock Creek, were visitors here Sunday.

Dana Lord has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballantine and daughter, Jean, were callers at T. E. Ruggles' Sunday evening.

Mrs. Laura Wesley and family were Benton visitors Sunday.

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