

SOCIETY NEWS

SOCIETY AND CLUB CALENDAR.
Monday.
Student auxiliary of Monday Music club, 8 p. m.

Wednesday.
Reading club with Mrs. H. G. Hulskamp.

Thursday.
Parlor conference with Mrs. Lee A. Hamill.
Ladies of Charity meet to sew.

Friday.
Church societies meet.
Mentor Reading club with Mrs. H. Boyden Blood.
Afternoon Bridge club, Mrs. B. B. Hobbs, hostess.

Saturday.
Travel class with Mrs. Geo. W. Delaplaine.

P. E. O. Chapter Meeting.
The P. E. O. chapter whose club year differs from other societies in that it dates from March to March, has issued its new year book. The program is a miscellaneous one and includes several social features, as a mothers' day party on May 2, the anniversary supper on September 5, a character party on October 3, and a Christmas party on December 19. The program committee which outlined the year's calendar is Mrs. C. J. Christensen, Mrs. James Young, Miss Helen Sheppard and Miss Amanda Younker.

Last Parlor Conference.
The last in the series of parlor conferences will be held on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. A. Hamill. This is the fifth conference at which Dr. Scoville has spoken during the evangelistic campaign, the other meetings having been held at the homes of Mrs. Henry W. Hulskamp, Mrs. Eugene S. Baker, Mrs. C. F. McFarland and Mrs. N. T. Wilcox.

Fortnightly Club Dance.
The Fortnightly Dancing club danced in Masonic hall on Saturday evening. This is the last meeting of the club until Friday evening of Easter week, when they will give their closing party for the season.

Girls Plan Luncheon.
The high school girls are planning a luncheon to be given at 1 o'clock on Saturday at the Y. W. C. A. in honor of Mrs. Charles R. Scoville.

No Thimble Club Meeting.
There will be no meeting of the Thimble club this week.

Running Old "Sociable."
The Unitarian society of Omaha is reviving the old fashioned church social, with a candy stand in the center, around which the company promenade after the fashion of "There was a jolly miller." Ice cream and cake are served and in so far as possible, the games of the 70's and 80's are played. The "sociables" have proven very attractive if the attendance reported is an indication.

Travel Class Meeting.
The Travel class will meet on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Geo. W. Delaplaine.

Mrs. John H. Cole will have for a special topic: The Punjab and its People, and various points of interest of Lahore will be spoken of by Mrs. W. Willis, Mrs. T. J. McGrath, Mrs. E. B. Newcomb and Mrs. Delaplaine. The topic for the class study of the day will be "The Home Life in India."

Birthday Anniversary.
Albert Pifer entertained a number of the Western Union messenger boys Friday evening at his home, 1604 Johnson street, at supper. The event was in honor of the host's eighteenth birthday anniversary.

Mentor Reading Club.
The Mentor Reading club will meet on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. Boyden Blood. The topic will be "The Story of the Danube, with Mrs. W. C. Howell as reader."

Meeting is Postponed.
There will be no meeting of the Friday Night Dancing club this week, the meeting having been postponed until Friday, April 7th, when the club will dance at Cameron's hall.

Junior O. H. Club.
The Junior O. H. club will be entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. George Meister, 1617 Johnson street.

Ladies of Charity.
The Ladies of Charity will meet at St. Vincent's hall on Thursday to sew for charity.

Wednesday Reading Club.
The Wednesday Reading club will be entertained this week by Mrs. H. C. Hulskamp, 729 Grand avenue.

Afternoon Bridge Club.
The Afternoon Bridge club will be entertained on Friday afternoon by Mrs. B. B. Hobbs.

The Church Societies

Woman's Missionary Society.
The Woman's Missionary society of the Second Presbyterian church will be entertained on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Harry Meyers at her home 1306 Reid street. The program will include a vocal solo by Miss Harry Merrick, a duet by Mrs. George Bunner and Miss Clarel Hughes and readings by Mrs. Samuel McQuade, Miss Zella Harrison and others. A full attendance of the members is hoped for.

St. Paul's Sewing Society.
The Young Ladies' Sewing society of St. Paul's German Evangelical church will be entertained on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Prasse who will be assisted by Mrs. Lester Couloy, Mrs. Robert Meister, Mrs. Hundt, Miss Sarah Temme and Miss Amelia Laeding.

Congregational Ladies' Society.
The Ladies' society of the First Congregational church will be entertained on Friday afternoon by Miss M. Olive Sutton, 924 Grand avenue.

Presbyterian Ladies' Society.
The Ladies' Aid of the Second Presbyterian church will be entertained in the chapel on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Anna Van Ausdall and Mrs. Frank Dietz. All members and their friends are very cordially invited.

Christian Church Society.
The Ladies' society of the First Christian church will be entertained on Friday afternoon in the parlors of the church by Mrs. John P. Peterson, Mrs. D. W. Bettler and Mrs. C. W. Staton.

St. John's Guild.
St. John's Guild will be entertained on Monday afternoon by Miss Boyer and Miss Ora Boyer at their home 817 High street. Misses Maude and Myrtle Daugherty will assist in entertaining.

Trinity Church Society.
The Ladies' society of the Trinity M. E. church will be entertained in the parlors of the church on Friday by a committee of members.

Woman's Alliance Meeting.
The Woman's Alliance of the First Unitarian church will be entertained on Monday afternoon by Mrs. Geo. A. Luft, 1526 Palean street.

A Man of Courage.
Waterloo Courier: Henry Gassaway Davis is dead. He was a soldier and a hero. He ran for vice president on the ticket with Alton B. Parker.

WAR TO DATE HAS BEEN MILD

The Great Slaughter Now Going on at Verdun is More Terrible Than the Earlier Fights.

KILLED BY THOUSANDS

Onrushing Soldiers so Close Together That the Dead Stand Upright on the Field.

[By Wilbur S. Forrest, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

LONDON, March 14.—(By mail.)—Our quick firing guns, posted only five yards apart, belched forth and we were confronted with the sight of corpses standing upright in bunches.

This extract from the narrative of a soldier who witnessed a portion of the German attempt to take the French positions before Verdun, is regarded here today as mild in comparison to the narratives that will be told to the world before the end of the present summer.

The German attempt on Verdun is regarded among close war students as the final chapter of bloodletting unparalleled in history. Every indication suggests that the stalemate of the trenches is coming to an end. Hundreds of thousands of men have been on almost endless duty underground for months.

Every device known to military usage has been employed to make these underground fortresses more impregnable. Death splitting machine guns have been set more closely together on both sides; more artillery have been massed in the rear ready to pump death in the enemy's ranks the moment he leaves his trench for an assault.

Generals, sitting in war council have pondered over some plan to break the endless inactivity and launch a smash on an enemy that will draw the war nearer to a close. To let matters remain a trench stalemate lengthens the war indefinitely. The Germans took the initiative at Verdun.

What military experts predicted would happen, happened. The French lines assaulted by the Germans fell back somewhat, but not before the groans in front resembled a solid carpet of corpses. French "75's" (three inch quick firing cannon) roared and machine guns rattled. The second line of Teutons came fearlessly on, mounting over their fallen comrades, to fall in hundreds or to be killed so fast that they stood erect in grotesque groups.

On some parts of the line fronting Verdun the third line of Germans followed the second. Hundreds of men were slain, but these who withstood the fire spilled over into the French lines. Desperate hand-to-hand battling ensued. Somewhere the Germans remained and somewhere else they were driven out.

At some points the fighting bordered on the banks of the river Meuse, whose current ultimately carried bodies, French and German alike, downstream by hundreds into more peaceful localities. At Dinant, Belgium, German troops fished the bodies out and gave them burial.

The only battle in modern European history that compares favorably with Verdun was the equally indecisive battle at Malplaquet, where Marshal Villars, at the cost of 12,000 casualties, put 20,000 of Marlborough's British horse de combat when the Marlborough army assaulted the French trenches. The glory of victory went to Marlborough because the French gave ground, but Villars sent the following message to Louis XIV at Paris:

"If God in his goodness should vouchsafe us to lose another such battle your majesty may consider your enemies annihilated."

Marlborough's bloody victory is history that will repeat itself in almost every offensive move of the combatants in the present war, according to the forecast of war students here. It repeated at Verdun on a larger scale than Malplaquet and it will be repeated again and again until finally the reserves of an assaulting army walk over the corpses of comrades in sufficient force for a crushing victory. Endless lines of reserves are necessary for victory.

Military experts are beginning to agree, after Verdun, that the present war has developed into a man killing orgy and that it can only be terminated by great battles.

Phases of the slaughter before Verdun are given by the press to the blood numbing public in gory chunks. A French private who saw the French retreat from Ornes, a village captured by the Germans, said: "I shudder when I look back at it. Battalions advanced in close ranks twenty abreast. The shrapnel from our '75's' and our heavy artillery rained on them. It was as if a man had been passing through the German ranks with scythes, mowing them down. Each time the shells exploded arms and legs flew high in the air. We were so near one another that odds and ends of amputated limbs fell almost on top of us. In one small sector of two sections, a mere nothing, they fell by hundreds and hundreds."

An officer describing the charge of the German Brandenburg troops in their brave assault on the Douaumont fort, said: "About eight o'clock the Germans began to advance. Their thickly massed columns completely hid the snow on the ground as they came on double quick. Suddenly from the heights behind us and from the slopes on either side—our batteries, dozens of them, got into action. They sniped melted away. Every time a shell fell I saw a momentary glimpse of snow on the ground. If I live to be a hundred I shall never forget that sight."

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back over the ground with such vigor that the oncoming Germans were taken unawares. A desperate hand-to-hand fight ensued and finally the Germans broke and fled.

It was this counter-offensive which prevented a disastrous break in the main French line of defense of Verdun, and perhaps Paris.

A French trooper who fought in defense of a small wooded crest dominating the village of Haymont related how the Germans captured and lost the trenches there. As the Teuton columns came forward the French maxims and artillery ploughed their ranks. The reserves took the line. The French captured it, lost it and recaptured it again.

Each time they found a barricade of German corpses. Six times the French regiment received an order to fall back in order to let the Germans come on again—come on, meant better chance for the French "75's" and each time only remnants of enemy reached the line. Each time a French counter attack drove them back and the French again withdrew to repeat the slaughter.

"Hecatombs of dead" was the way the poet described the accumulated carnage.

An artilleryman had a gruesome tale. His battery remained intact after a stupendous slaughter. Night fell and in the early dawn that followed the alarm was given.

The battery opened up again, in

the dim light, what appeared to be advancing troops were furrowed by the fire. Fragments of bodies could be seen to leap into the air and fall.

Daylight explained the mystery. The "enemy" were stacks of dead before the slaughter of the night before, packed so closely together that many stood upright. The overwrought nerves of the sentry made them appear to be on the advance.

The great slaughter must be repeated if the Germans get so near to victory again. Similar slaughters are inevitable everywhere when a belated army makes an important gain, say the war experts. And the victors, like Marlborough's at Malplaquet, and the German crown prince before Verdun, will lose the most men.

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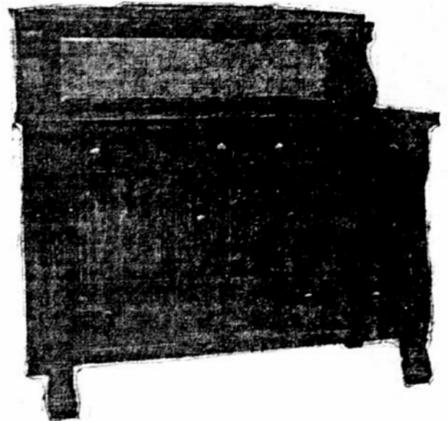


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