Letters From the Front

HARRISBURG BOY IS TAKING PART IN BIG ALLIED DRIVE

[Among the young Harrisburg men who are doing their bit in France is Herbert W. Wallower, son of E. Z. Wallower, president of the Penn-Harris Hotel Company. Young Wallower is a graduate of Princeton and Cornell Universities and has been serving with the French in the transport service. His reference in the letter herewith to an approaching big drive manifestly refers to the tremendous operations of the French and British armies in Flanders during the last three weeks. This letter is of unusual interest.]

Saturday, Sept. 22, 1917.

Dearest Family—

I very unexpectedly had to-day off while the rest of the section have been out on convoy all day on a long, hard trip. As it quite often happens, not all the cars are needed on a certain trip, so the fellows are given their spare days in rotation. I worked on the car this morning and slept this afternoon and it was a badly needed sleep, too, for we have just had the hardest week so far, long hours on convoy every day and two night runs.

Things are beginning to warm up considerably and the long-expected "big push" is due almost any day now. We can judge fairly closely by observing movements of troops, artillery, etc., and we have been given unofficial information as to the objective points of the drive and character of the proposed attack, which I will be able to tell you about after it is over.

As we ride over the main military roads, I am continually thrilled and impressed by the extent and magnitude of the operations behind the lines. Especially the last two weeks, the roads have been filled continuously with regiments of troops marching toward the front, coming from their sectors, artillery trains sometimes several miles long, convoys, both wagons and cannon, all moving in the same direction, and empty convoys and troops going en repos moving back. To-day almost all day long there has been a constant stream of artillery moving past the camp, and along the roads, especially a little closer to the front, troops are billeted and encamped. As the country is thickly wooded, the woods are literally swarming with men who live in barracks, but mostly in dugouts or any kind of a shelter they can build.

Moving Up

Vast quantities of ammunition and supplies are moving, which we are carrying forward all the time to the depots near the front, and these depots or parcs are innumerable, each of them holding large quantities of ammunition, and the statement that the Allies are suffering from insufficient supplies is certainly belied by the sight of what they have stored here in readiness for any emergency. It is that which impresses me, what a terrific drain it is to the nation and what an awful expensive operation the war is, and I feel at an utter loss to comprehend the magnitude and extent of the whole organization.

We had a most interesting trip the day before yesterday, when we went to a parc closer to the front than we had yet been. The road paralleled lines of batteries back of which on the side of the hill were the dug-outs and living quarters of the men. It reminded me of a village of prairie dogs, all ready to duck in their holes when the shells flew.

While we were unloading at the parc situated at the end of a ravine which ran straight up to the firing line about 1½ miles away, we heard a low, droning whistle, at which we instinctively ducked, and then a terrific explosion which rocked the ground. The Germans were trying to locate a French battery near us on the hill and the arrivee, a little out of range, fell uncomfortably near us, about 150 yards away. It was the only shell that fell near us, though we could hear them whistling over our heads. While waiting for the other cars to be unloaded we walked up over the hill, another boy and myself, and found a French battery in the middle of a thick clump of trees. The Frenchmen were all gathered around a cider press, while waiting orders to fire, and when they saw us, asked us in and gave us some fresh cider. They said they would fire in about half an hour and that if we could wait they would let us fire the gun. It was a 150 mm. and a pretty big gun, but unfortunately we had to get back to the convoy. We are going back to the same parc probably in a few days, and I am going to fire that gun.

Shell Balloons

The Germans fired several shells at a French observation balloon quite near us, and, though they came dangerously close, the balloon was not touched. There were lots of planes in the air, both French and Boche, which were being fired at without success on either side.

Wednesday, Sept. 25. When I stopped writing last Saturday night I intended fully to finish the next morning, as we rarely "roll" on Sunday, but this has really been the first opportunity I have had since, and this afternoon off was unexpected, as we left camp this morning at 4 a. m., presumably for an all-day trip, but we finished our loading and unloading in good time and hurried back to camp. The other half of the section left at 1 p. m. and will probably get back early in the morning, as they are going on a long trip close to the front. The trips that direction now mean seeing some firing, for there has been a marked increase in activity and the Boches are sending them over pretty fast now.

Sunday we had a hard day, making three trips between two ammunition parcs, carrying 150 mm. shells, sixty cases of ten shells each, making a load of about six tons, which made the old "Fierce Sparrow" groan.

Boches on Raid

Monday and Tuesday were hard days, but the trip rather uninteresting, as we were merely carrying trench material from one parc to another on this side of the river Aisne, so it was just hard work. The trips across the river always prove exciting.

Last night we had our first Boche air raid, and it was quite exciting. About 9 o'clock we heard heavy firing close by and then some one rushed in with orders to put all lights out. We rushed outside to see what was going on and saw several powerful searchlights trained on a Boche plane flying almost directly over us. Star shells were being sent up and shrapnel was exploding over us, which worried me a little, for the shrapnel comes down as fast as it goes up and I wasn't particularly anxious to stop any. In fact, I heard a piece of it whizz by. No bombs were dropped near the camp, but as we went past a small town about five miles from here I saw a barracks which had been completely demolished by a bomb, probably from the plane that flew over us. Two men were killed and eight wounded.

I believe we will roll again early in the morning and perhaps late tonight. The night runs are pretty hard going, for the roads are very dusty and a heavy fog usually settles about midnight, so that it is pretty much of a strain and is very tiring work. Fortunately, I am in splendid condition and feeling fine. The weather has been wonderful and very warm, but very cold at night, and getting up at 3 o'clock to roll at 4 o'clock is no fun; much less when you try to crank a car. Usually one car gets started and tows the next to get it started, and so on down the line.

HERBERT.

SUFFERED WITH STOMACH and KIDNEYS

Now Good as Ever

"Several months ago I became very badly run down as a result of hard work," says Thomas Peches, 254 Lincoln avenue, Steelton, Pa. "I became very nervous, could not sleep at night and as a natural result my stomach and kidneys soon began to give me a lot of trouble, after eating would bloat with gas and have pains under ribs on right side, which made me think that my liver was getting bad, too. I had dizzy spells, on rising in the morning my eyes burned and felt swollen, my head and throat were clogged up and I felt all to the bad. I heard of Sanpan and the good it was doing, and concluded that it might be the Moses to lead me out of the wilderness of ill health.

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War With Germany Is Decreed by the Brazilian Chamber by Large Vote

Rio De Janeiro, Oct. 27. — The Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 149 to 1, has declared that a state of war exists between Germany and Brazil.

The tributes of the Chamber were filled to capacity. After a debate on the opportuneness of proclaiming martial law, the president of the diplomatic commission spoke in favor of a resolution worded as follows:

"A state of war between Brazil and Germany is hereby acknowledged and proclaimed. The President of the Republic is authorized to adopt the measures enunciated in his message of the 25th of October and to take all steps tending to insure national defense and public security."

The virtually unanimous vote of the Deputies was received with general acclamation.

President Braz has sanctioned the proclamation of a state of war with Germany.

Butter Prices Slashed by Chicago Committee

Chicago, Oct. 27.—The consumer realized the benefits of Government supervision of food sales to-day when the better price was slashed three to six cents by the local food price committee, despite predictions of retail grocers that the best grades would sell at fifty-five to fifty-eight cents next week.

The committee decided on forty-four to forty-nine and a half cents a pound for creamery extras in bulk and forty-five to fifty and one-half cents for butter in cartons. Retailers have been asking fifty to fifty-five cents.

The butter and egg board committee agreed the grocer's profit should be two cents a pound on bulk butter and three and a half cents for cartons.

ENSIGN MORGAN, U. S. N.

London, Oct. 27.—Ensign J. P. Morgan Jr. is now serving with United States Navy forces in European waters.

A few days ago Ambassador Page, while taking lunch in the messroom which the embassy now maintains in the basement for the convenience of its big staff, was struck by the particularly sturdy appearance of one young ensign. A few minutes later the young millionaire submarine fighter was introduced to the ambassador.

MICHAELIS MUST GO

Amsterdam, Oct. 27. — The majority leaders in the Reichstag to-day made a formal declaration to Rudolph von Valentini, chief of the Emperor's civil Cabinet, to the effect that Chancellor Michaelis no longer could carry on the chancellorship. The leaders assert that the Chancellor himself had asked them so to inform the Emperor.

Wife Reverses Exemption; Won't Be a Slacker

Hollidaysburg Pa., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Chance G. Earnest, wife of the automobile expressman between Hollidaysburg and Claysburgh, appeared before Exemption Board No. 1 to-day and pleaded that her husband be sent to war. Earnest had been discharged by the board because he had a dependent wife and two children.

Mrs. Earnest renounced all claim of dependency, declaring: "I will work my fingers to the bone rather than be a slacker's wife."

The board revoked Earnest's discharge and ordered him to report for military duty.

This Scout Sells Twenty-two $50 Bonds

Arthur Swanson, 1171 Market street, proudly boasts of the sale of twenty-two $50 Liberty Loan bonds of the second issue. Scout Swanson is 12 years of age, and has lived in Harrisburg three months.

Among the sales made by the scout was one to Mayor J. William Bowman. Swanson is a member of Troop No. 12, of which Dr. G. A. Zimmerman, 1407 Market street, is the scoutmaster.

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TECH BOYS BUY $7,150 IN BONDS

Working Spare Hours to Pay Obligations; Students of All Schools to Attend Church

Tech students went "over the top" with a bond sale of $7,150 at the close of school yesterday afternoon, and each sale had a partial or an entire payment on it. Tech students will be busy during the present school semester earning money to pay the bond. Many of them have accepted work at Enola to-morrow, the proceeds of which they will apply to their bond.

Dr. Floyd Appleton will address the students of Tech, Central, Seiler school and the Academy to-morrow evening at his church on "Religion and Education." Tech students will attend in a body; it will be the second year that Dr. Appleton has delivered to the students of this city, an autumnal sermon.

The Camera Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Charles E. Keller, presiding. The program committee is preparing a program for the meeting.

The tech Tatler has gone to press and will be distributed to the students the first week in November. The issue is dedicated to the freshmen and will be a football issue. Rees Lloyd is the editor-in-chief.

Next Friday morning the seniors will have an opportunity to display their talent to the school. The chapel period will be given over to the fourth year class. They have elected an officer who will direct the affair. They are planning some surprises. Other members of the school will not know the program until it is presented. On successive Friday mornings of November, the other three classes will render programs from talent in the class.

MANY RABBITS IN STATE THIS FALL

Belief That There Will Be Fine Shooting When the New Season Opens Next Month

The first rabbit season under the new game code will run from November 1 to December 15. This is a new season which will allow time for the northern and southern sections of the state to test the law.

Cottontails are numerous in almost every section of the state and the counties where they were liberated have reported many seen. In some section farmers have been declaring them a nuisance and in the vicinity of Harrisburg there have been a number killed by automobiles, especially at night. Under the new code the rabbit bag is limited to ten in a day or sixty in a season, but the activities of hunters will not put a dent in the number, it is believed. The old unlimited number caused the killing off of rabbits in some sections, especially where market hunters got busy. The new game code carries the first provision ever made especially for boys to catch rabbits. All kinds of traps are forbidden with the express provision of box traps which may be used by boys under fourteen on lands wherein they reside.

There are more wild turkeys to be seen in the southern counties notably in the sections along the mountains than have been known in that part in twenty years according to some of the men who have been out for the first week's hunting in the small game season. The flocks are large and there are numerous young birds, many of which appear more or less tame and are to be seen not far from roads. Under the new game code the wild turkey season will last only fifteen days or from November 15 to November 30 and the kill is one for each hunter for the season. This is the same as in the last law, which was passed after the two years' closed season. In a number of counties turkeys are protected under the county closed season act.

West Shore Subscriptions Exceed Those of First Loan

West Shore towns subscribed more to the second issue of the Liberty Loan than to the first one, according to reports to-day. Official reports of the campaign were not obtainable this morning. The latest figures issued were on Wednesday evening. The campaign was extensively conducted in Lemoyne, New Cumberland, Camp Hill and Enola, while West Fairview and Wormleysburg did not take such an active part. The business was conducted through the Lemoyne Trust Company and the New Cumberland National bank, the only banking institutions on the West Shore.

N. Y. INFANTRY GOES SOUTH

Lemoyne, Pa., Oct. 27.—After being ready to leave this borough and awaiting official orders for three days, Company B, Tenth New York Infantry, left this morning for Spartanburg, S. C. Camp was broken forty-eight hours ago and the equipment packed in railroad cars at the Lemoyne station. The men were ordered into the passenger coaches yesterday morning, but did not leave until early this morning. The company is composed of 124 men, and has been located here since early in August.

BIBLE CLASS LECTURES

Marysville, Pa., Oct. 27.—Big preparations were completed to-day for the first of a series of lectures by prominent speakers to be held in the borough churches under the auspices of the Men's Bible classes of the five churches. The first address will be delivered to-morrow afternoon in the United Evangelical Church at 3.15 o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. Robert Bagnell, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, at Harrisburg. The plans of the clergymen provide for the holding of one lecture each month.

FAREWELL FOR TEACHER

New Cumberland, Pa., Oct. 27.—Miss Claire Frysinger, who resigned her position as teacher of the intermediate school at Elkwood was given a farewell party by her pupils on Thursday evening. Scholars of Miss Frysinger's school, the grammar school taught by Orville Morrett and Miss Coover and Miss Tritt, teachers in the building, were guests.

BOY SCOUTS FOR A SANE HALLOWE'EN

Will Patrol West Shore Towns and Encourage Saving of Grain

Celebrating Hallowe'en without throwing grain or damaging property, a move suggested by a prominent resident of the West Shore, has gained impetus.

A move to have Boy Scouts patrol the towns and ask the boys to do away with the long-used customs in celebrating the event and not to throw corn or damage property has now been endorsed by the Camp Hill Boy Scouts and the Lemoyne scouts.

At a meeting of the Lemoyne Scouts last evening the matter was endorsed. J. Boyd Trostle, scoutmaster, gave the boys a talk on the conservation of food and different ways in which Hallowe'en could be celebrated.

The New Cumberland Boys' Brigade will fall in line shortly, it is believed. The matter of having the schoolchildren bring the grain to school that they would throw away in the celebration of Hallowe'en will be brought before the boys and girls Monday and Tuesday of next week. They will be asked to bring the corn on Wednesday. The corn will then be collected and ground for the benefit of the Red Cross.

SUBJECTS OF SERMONS

New Cumberland, Pa., Oct. 27.—The subjects of the Rev. Dr. T. S. Wilcox's sermons to-morrow will be, "Man, the Masterpiece of God's Creation," at 10.30 o'clock, and at 7.30, "The Remedy For Sin." Special prayers will be offered for the country during the services.

BOY SCOUTS RAISE $3,250

Camp Hill, Oct. 27.—Camp Hill Boy Scouts have raised $3,250 for the Second Liberty Loan up to noon to-day. Last evening a wiener roast was held on the Alleman farm, and about thirty boys attended. They were in charge of the scoutmaster, the Rev. Raymond Ketchledge, and Assistant Scoutmaster A. E. Strode.

Grand Lodge Officers to Visit Star of America

Tuesday evening, October 30, Grand Commander H. M. Askin, of Carlisle; Grand Captain General S. Raymond Snyder, of Chambersburg; J. Smith Riehl, of Sunbury, and the Rev. Dr. L. S. Kerschner, past commander of Lincoln Commandery, of Punxsutawney, are expected to pay a fraternal visit to Star of America Commandery. Invitations have been sent out, including the commanderies of the city, Steelton, Middletown and Mechanicsburg. Many members from these commanderies will be present to extend a hearty welcome to the grand officers.

The evening will be spent in addresses and a social time.

J. G. CLUB ENTERTAINED

New Cumberland, Pa., Oct. 27.—On Thursday evening the J. G. Club was entertained at the home of Miss Elizabeth Smiling, Market and Fifth streets. The evening was spent knitting and crocheting, after which refreshments were served to: Misses Mabel Schaffer, Frances Schaffer, Nerissa Sadler, Jennie Baker, Josie Horn, Pauline Neidheimer, Marie Neidheimer, of Wormleysburg; Marion Heffleman, Sophia Witmyer, New Cumberland.

CATCH SIX ESCAPED GERMANS

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 27.—Six of the ten German prisoners who escaped from the alien enemy detention camp at Fort McPherson on Tuesday night were captured to-day by agents of the Department of Justice.

Five were taken at Surrency, Ga., and the sixth, Johann Adelhardt, a noncommissioned officer, was arrested here.

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Mr. Roth, who left Germany with Ambassador Gerard, was possessed of exceptional facilities for observing the German temperament and penetrating the official plans of the Prussians.

The suite where a card-index of American "crimes" is kept with German thoroughness, the "diabolically cold precision" with which the military leaders have laid out their future operations on this side of the Atlantic and the fate which will befall America and Americans if Germany wins the war are all depicted in this vivid account of the secret schemes of Germany.

In addition to the Roth revelations, the Sunday PUBLIC LEDGER will contain sixteen other features of primary importance.