

### Steelton News Items

#### TO REWARD BOY SCOUT WORKERS

Will Get Medals For Sale of at Least Ten Liberty Bonds

Boy Scouts of Steelton who were successful in disposing of ten or more Liberty Bonds in the third issue have been voted medals for their patriotic endeavors. These emblems will be presented to them this evening with special ceremony in the First Reformed Church.

In honor of its men in the United States service, a service flag, the gift of the men's Bible Class, was unfurled in the Grace United Evangelical Church last evening. An address, full of patriotic thrills, was delivered by James L. Young, of Mechanicburg. Special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of George Smith.

In the First Presbyterian Church, the pastor, the Rev. C. B. Segelken, delivered the first of a series of patriotic sermons. His subject was "The Cry for Peace." In this series of war sermons his subject for September 23, "The Cry for Justice," October 6, "The Cry for Help," and October 13, "The Only Source of Help in the Conflict."

#### BAND CONCERT FRIDAY

Two fine tympanes or concert kettle drums were received by the Steelton band on Saturday. Chris Serafinoff, once a member of the Royal Bulgarian Band, will handle the instruments. Next Friday the band will give the concert that was postponed last Friday evening because of rain. If the weather permits, next Friday's concert will be the last of the open air engagements of the band this season.

#### CONDEMN ACTION

Local members of the National Croation Society passed resolutions yesterday at a public meeting condemning the action of minority delegates to the national convention of the society in Chicago in attempting to sidetrack the Jugo-Slav propaganda in the organization. The meeting yesterday was held in the rooms of the Croation Sokol, 551 South Second street.

#### BAPTIZE IN RIVER

The Rev. A. K. Weir, pastor of the Centenary United Brethren Church, baptized five persons in the river here yesterday, it being the first ceremony of the kind for a number of years. This is the place on the island opposite Francis street.

#### TO AUCTION RUBBER

Old rubber, bottles and papers, collected by the local Red Cross, will be sold here at auction Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Steelton Chapter headquarters in North Harrisburg street will be the scene of the sale.

#### KAISER'S POSTER TO SPUR LIBERTY LOAN IN AMERICA

Washington, Sept. 23.—A poster issued by the Imperial German government in an effort to belittle the United States' contribution to the war and bolster the falling spirits of its people, has been reproduced by the Liberty Loan publicity bureau and two million copies will be distributed in this country during the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign which opens formally next Saturday.

#### WAR PLANT FIRE KILLS 382

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—Three hundred and eighty-two persons have been killed and many others injured in a fire and explosion at an ammunition factory at Woellersdorf, near the Austrian capital, Vienna newspapers report. Most of the victims were girls.

### SERVING NATION AT HOME AND ABROAD



That the unsatiable Hun often-times ignores the actual areas of war to inflict his frightful blows upon non-combatant women and children, old men and infants, is tellingly reiterated in a remarkable letter just received by the friends of Private Thomas E. Bennett, Company D, Fourteenth Engineers, serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, whose Harrisburg home is at 2526 Lexington street. The letter, mailed "Somewhere in France" on July 23th, is addressed to Private Bennett's "Friends at Home."

An aerial battle between enemy and Allied aircraft, witnessed on a clear, moonlit night by Bennett, who was doing guard duty at the time, in which the real Teuton objective was the shelling of a peaceful city some miles away, is the basis of Bennett's charge that the enemy is still on the job of killing women and children that the war might be won for Kultur.

"Some days back" begins the soldier's letter, "I fell to my lot to do guard duty upon a post that extended along the top of a hill adjacent to our camp. While walking posts between the hours of 12 midnight and 2 a. m., the enemy's aircraft was flying overhead hunting a place to drop their bombs. The moon was shining brightly and in a few moments the anti-aircraft guns began the defensive and the battle was on. Two of the enemy's planes, continuing to succeed in getting through the barrage and into a city some distance beyond our camp, where, from time to time, they dropped bombs, carrying out the Hun's policy of killing women and children. One of the planes got back through the barrage while the other was brought down, paying, in part, the penalty of his crime.

"While the battle was on" writes the soldier, "the earth trembled and the sky was alive with flying death and when the bombs burst, the sky resembled a beautiful sunset. After the noise of battle, all became quiet, and the good old moon looked down upon the earth and saw, not muniton plants, supply camps, soldier camps and the implements of war destroyed, but as the Red Cross ambulance came up to the destruction, the nurses heard from out the wrecked homes, which now were a pile of debris, the heart-breaking cry of infants for their mothers, and in French, the call of the little son, 'Oh daddy, take me out' of the parent, or grandparent as they struggle to loosen their bodies, so as to aid their loved ones."

"Shortly," the description continues, "all is still and one by one whole families are removed from the debris, silent in death. One of the bombs struck a roominghouse—nineteen women, factory hands, and two mothers and five children—was the

### KAISER'S PUBLICITY MAN SAYS GERMANS WILL DEFEND METZ

"We Will Never Let French or Americans Through Here," They Say; Admits "Hurrah" Spirit Is Gone and Men Hope Only to Resist Onrushing Allies

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—"We never will let Frenchmen or Americans through here," was the promise given Emperor William by his troops when he visited the Alsace-Lorraine front on September 9 and 20, according to Karl Rosen's Sunday dispatch to the "Lanzeiter." The purpose of the visit was to thank the troops for having bravely held out and a possible significant remark by the emperor's chronicler "at the same time giving them inspiring words, and a moment of fighting on the threshold of which we are perhaps standing on the southeast front."

### SERBIANS GAIN 40 MILES IN 8 DAYS

Cut Railway Line to Prilep, Main Avenue of Communication For Germans West of Vardar; Number of Prisoners Inc reases Daily

London, Sept. 23.—Serbian troops have cut the main railway line between Uskub and Saloniki and are on the western bank of the Vardar river, says the Serbian official statement of Sunday. West of the Vardar the Serbians have cut the railway line to Prilep, which is the main line of German communication in this region. Serbian infantry units now are in the mountainous regions and advanced twenty-five miles in one day. The number of prisoners and the amount of war material captured increases daily. The neighboring German and Bulgarian sectors now are feeling the loss of their communication line.

### METZ, IMPORTANT GERMAN BASE OF WEST, IN PERIL

City of 60,000 Lays Astride Moselle and Saale Rivers; Fort Important

London, Sept. 23.—Offensive operations toward Metz strike at one of the most important German bases in the west. The city and the twenty-eight encircling forts comprise what has been regarded as one of the most formidable fortresses in the world. Metz also is the center of important iron fields, which before the war supplied France and Germany with more than two-thirds of the ore used by their iron manufacturers.

Metz is on the Moselle, ten and a half miles west of the French border. The city lays astride the Moselle river as well as on both sides of the Saale. Part of the city is on islands in the Moselle. To the east, north and northwest are the iron and coal fields of French and German Lorraine. Deprived of these fields, Germany could not conduct the war another three months, it is asserted.

The chief iron field of the Rhine district is that of Lorraine, including the Bassin de Briey (the center of which is the little village of Briey), the greatest iron-producing region in the world. It is located mainly in Alsace-Lorraine and over-extends into Belgium and Luxembourg. It extends along the French-German frontier for thirty-five miles, almost up to Pont-a-Mousson.

Germany's possession of the major portion of this productive area followed the signing of the treaty of Frankfurt in 1871. Previous to the present war Germany obtained from the mines on her side of the frontier 21,000,000 tons of her total annual production of 28,000,000, while France got 7,000,000.

Since her occupation in 1914 of the mines on the French side of the frontier Germany has added to her mineral wealth the 15,000,000 tons annually obtained from the French, bringing her total production from Lorraine alone up to 43,000,000 tons a year.

The only practical road to this important region, military authorities agree, is the valley of the Moselle. At the head of the valley and barring the way lies Metz, ranking with Strassburg as one of the two great bulwarks of the German southwest-frontier. Metz is a city of 60,000 population, its chief industries being the manufacturing of weapons, clothes, shoes and hats.

As a fortress Metz has been important since the Roman era. Since that time it has never succumbed to frontal attack. Its present system of fortifications includes twenty-eight detached forts which encircle the city proper. The outer chain of defenses, built within the last two decades and undoubtedly perfected since the outbreak of the present war, extend to Thionville on the north and Gravelotte on the west.

West and southwest of Metz the course of the Moselle is lined with high, wooded hills. The German forts also is protected by heights and woods northward. On the south, however, the terrain is more open, with few hills and little wood.

From the American lines southwest of Metz the nearest forts are Forts Haeseler of the Moselle and Fort Kronprinz on the left bank. Fort de Sommy is less than five miles from the Franco-German border. The forts surrounding Metz were similar to those at Liege, which were notable for their disappearing turrets. German guns, however, overcame these forts.

### LOCAL BOYS ON CASUALTY LIST



Two local boys were reported yesterday to have been wounded in action, another missing while a fourth died from wounds.

Private Clyde W. Greenawalt, of Lemoyne, was wounded severely. He also is a member of the One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry. Corporal Wilbur N. Potter, Company I, One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry, has been wounded in action, another missing while a fourth died from wounds.

### RED CROSS WILL TURN ROOMS OVER FOR LOAN WORK

Get Reuest Today to Permit Use of Their Headquarters

That the American Red Cross is going to back the Liberty Loan campaign to the limit was shown this morning when the local chapter received a request which virtually amounted to an order from the Pennsylvania-Delaware Division Headquarters asking that the headquarters of the Harrisburg chapter be tendered to the Liberty Loan Committee for meetings and display of posters. It was also asked that the Red Cross Motor Messenger Corps tender their services to the committee. While the two buildings occupied by the local chapter are pretty nearly filled, Red Cross officials said this morning they would do everything in their power to help the committee of campaigners, and it is possible a committee meeting will be held in the building.

The full text of the bulletin issued by Charles Scott, Jr., division manager, follows: "The War Council of the American Red Cross wishes to place the whole organization of the American Red Cross back of the effort to make the next Liberty Loan a success, and we know that we may count on you and your fellow officers and on every member of your chapter to co-operate effectively to this end."

The plans of campaign committees in various parts of the country are most complete and should afford everyone the opportunity he is looking for to be identified actively with this work in the most effective and helpful way. We have always had the help of the whole country in our campaigns and we should be the first to step forward and devote ourselves to the great national purpose of the Liberty Loan when the time comes.

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It will rest with you to see how best you can help in your locality. The assistance of the Red Cross organization should be through the Liberty Loan Committee, and as a part of it, and not through the Red Cross organization as such.

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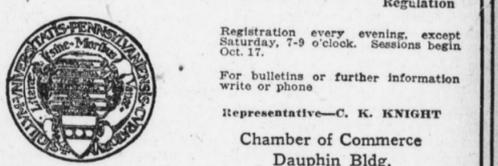
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