

BUSY SESSION OF CONFERENCE

Annual Meeting of East Pennsylvania Branch of United Brethren Church

Myerstown, Oct. 4.—The second day's session of the East Pennsylvania United Brethren annual conference in Zion United Brethren Church was called to order by Bishop W. M. Bell, of Washington, D. C. The devotions were conducted by the Rev. A. S. Lehman, of Hummelstown. The subject of "Evangelism" was considered.

The report on the second year's course of reading was submitted by the Rev. H. F. Rhoad, of Harrisburg. The report of the nominating committee was presented by the Rev. A. G. Nye, of Paradise.

The Rev. G. D. Batdorf, of Lancaster, read the report on Foreign Missions which was adopted. The Rev. Dr. S. S. Hough, of Dayton, Ohio, general foreign missionary secretary, delivered an address, "The World as a Field," by E. Welder, principal of the Albert Training School, in West Africa. Prof. Welder is supported by the students of Lebanon Valley College, and within the next few months will return to Africa.

Wednesday evening's session of the United Brethren annual conference in the United Brethren Church was devoted to the consideration of the theme, "Evangelism." The Rev. Dr. R. R. Butterwick, of Hershey, presided, and the devotions were conducted by the Rev. G. A. Richie, of Allentown.

The large choir rendered an anthem, entitled "Oh, For a Closer Walk With God," after which the following addresses were delivered: "The Chief Evangelist," by the Rev. A. K. Wier, of Steelton; "The Secret of Evangelism," by the Rev. Dr. B. Daucherty, of Lebanon; "The Plan of Evangelism," by the Rev. Dr. S. C. Enck, Philadelphia.

The entire conference body was effected on Wednesday afternoon when the Rev. William Beach, of Royaltown, rose to his feet and announced that on account of his failing health he is compelled to retire from the active ministry in the church. The Rev. Mr. Beach is a native of England, where he preached for thirty years. He came to this country in 1855 and was received into East Pennsylvania conference in 1889. He has served as pastor of the following churches: Manor Circuit, Marietta, East Harrisburg, Intercourse, Halifax, Towson City, Liverpool, Linglestown, Hillsdale, Union Circuit and Royaltown.

The Rev. Dr. S. C. Enck, of Philadelphia, submitted his first annual report as conference superintendent. He is a native of Lancaster county, having been born at Hope-land in 1868. He was received into the conference in 1888 and is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and Bonebrake Theological Seminary. On Wednesday afternoon Dr. Enck was re-elected for the second consecutive year as conference superintendent.

CAP HILL 100 PER CENT. Capitol Hill departments which were reported in the 100 per cent. class by Chairman Albert L. Allen to-day were Legislative Reference Bureau, Banking, Water Supply, Commission, Livestock Sanitary Board, Agricultural Laboratory, Dairy and Food and headquarters of the state police.

CHURCH OF GOD BUSINESS MEET

East Pennsylvania Eldership Holding Annual Session at Mechanicsburg

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Oct. 4.—About one hundred ministers and lay delegates are gathered here for the meeting of the East Pennsylvania eldership now in session in the Church of God. Yesterday morning was occupied in the organization with the Rev. H. S. Hershey, of Harrisburg, president, and the Rev. Jonas Martin, of Landisville, transcribing clerk. The following reports were heard from the board of missions, board of incorporation and examining board.

After the election of the stationing committee, a large part of the afternoon was given over to pronouncement on the war and voted that support be given the government in the present position in the war. Led by the Rev. Dr. S. G. Yahn, of Harrisburg, the principal speakers on the subject were: The Rev. Dr. W. N. Yates the Rev. F. W. Mediner, the Rev. Dr. J. C. Farnbrook and the Rev. H. Whitaker.

Last evening Dr. Claypool, state superintendent of the Anti-Slavery League, made the address, before a large audience. The examining committee met this morning in closed session when the character of ministers was examined and passed upon. During the meeting the music is under the direction of the local chorister, W. A. Sigler.

Storage Building to Hold 12,000 Barrels of Apples

Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 4.—The new storage plant here has started the storing of apples and although the building is not finished there is room for about twelve thousand barrels, which will be placed in the building before the close of the season. The cause of the limited space for this season only Adams county apples will be stored and the growers are quickly availing themselves of the facilities. The building is finished either here or at Biglerville, instead of going to the expense of sending it to one of the large city establishments. When the building is finished it will be possible to store thirty thousand barrels of apples, which will be a great factor in handling and marketing the local crop to advantage.

War Trophy Train at Mechanicsburg Next Week

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Oct. 4.—Arrangements have been completed for the visit to Cumberland county of the United States government war exhibit train, which will be here next Wednesday, October 9, and remain in the county until given an opportunity to see for themselves what our boys are using to throw back the Hun line and also the weapons with which Germans are attempting to defend themselves. The train is scheduled to arrive in Mechanicsburg at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and is composed of five cars. Four of them are given over to displays and the other, a pullman, to house the soldiers, who are in charge.

RECEIVED WAR ORDER Shippensburg, Pa., Oct. 4.—The Louis Kramer Company has received a government order for \$9,000 worth of trousers made from olive drab Milton woolen cloth. Work will soon begin.

CHILDREN'S PLAY DESTROYS BARN

Set Fire to Straw Stack and Flames Spread to Big Frame Structure

Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 4.—Playing with fire caused the destruction of the large barn of James C. Cole, one of the finest in the northern end of the county, together with all of the contents except the stock. Mr. Cole's little daughter and her cousin were playing about the strawstack and accidentally set fire to this highly inflammable material. They tried to put it out but it gained headway rapidly and soon both it and barn were doomed. What stock was in the barn was taken to a place of safety, but the grain, harness, harness and other contents were all burned.

First Honor Flag in Cumberland Co. Awarded

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 4.—The series of patriotic meetings being held by the Cumberland County Council and headed by Prof. J. C. Thompson, campaign concluded with twelve good meetings last evening. The first honor flag in the county has been awarded to the Liberty Loan campaign, where a committee headed by J. C. Thompson of the Valley Railways, put the quota over and added 100 per cent. for good measure. As reports pour in the total of subscriptions is mounting and is coming close to the half million mark.

Prompt Action Checks Epidemic at Dickinson

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 4.—Precautions taken by officers in charge of the Student Training Corps at Dickinson College have resulted in the spread of the disease being checked. College officials state that the outbreak was at no time so bad as reported. South College has been turned into a hospital for suspects, while six cases where the disease has developed have been transferred to the Carlisle Hospital. Major A. C. Bachmeyer, in charge of the War Department hospital here, and his staff are co-operating in an effort to check further trouble. There are some scattered cases in the town, but none of them serious.

CLASS HOLDS ELECTION Shippensburg, Pa., Oct. 4.—The senior class of the Shippensburg Normal school held its annual election. The following were chosen: President, Charles MacLay, Shippensburg; vice-president, Clugston, East Waterford; secretary, Rillie McMillen, Andersonburg; treasurer, Floyd Hade, State Line.

HALF QUOTA SUBSCRIBED Thompsettown, Pa., Oct. 4.—The Fourth Liberty Loan drive in on, with half the town's quota of \$12,500 raised. Twenty-three subscribers have taken \$6,100 worth of bonds. Sixty purchasers on bonds are necessary to secure the honor flag.

CHURCHES AND S. S. ARE CLOSED

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relatives should be permitted to attend the services and burial ceremonies.

In the hotels where there are bars present the proprietors may keep open the bars which lunches are served. No intoxicating liquor may be sold however and should large crowds congregate the cafes may be closed also.

Dr. E. F. Royer, State Commissioner of Health, made the first order last night closing all amusement houses and saloons in the state. The effects of the move were apparent this morning when workmen found the bars at hotels closed.

The official order follows: "The spread of epidemic influenza in other states has shown that public places and places where large numbers of people are likely to congregate play important parts in the dissemination of the disease. This is especially the case in poorly lighted and badly ventilated rooms. As the disease at this time shows definite signs of assuming serious proportions, drastic measures must be taken at once.

"By the authority of the powers vested in me as Commissioner of Health and as authorized in the act of April 27, 1905, your Board of Health is directed to close all public places of entertainment, including theaters, moving picture establishments, saloons and dance halls, and to prohibit all meetings of every description until further notice from this department.

"If necessary placard all doors leading to places enumerated 'closed' by order of the State Commissioner of Health."

"It will, for the present, and subject to further order from this department, be left to the judgment of local health authorities as to whether or not the public schools, Sunday schools and churches be closed. If, in the case of the churches, children are under medical supervision and those having coughs and colds are excluded from attendance, these would not appear to be the same necessity for directing the closing of such places.

"Prohibit visiting of the sick, except to those who are desperately ill, then admit near relatives only. Make funerals private."

People of State Co-operate in Quarantine

"People of the state of Pennsylvania are evincing a hearty spirit of co-operation in the order issued last night closing places of public amusement, saloons and other establishments because of the spread of influenza," said Dr. E. F. Royer, State Commissioner of Health, to-day. "The order was the most drastic ever put out by this department, but it was required. The inquiries we have received to-day have been mainly as to details. In the case of fairs where they are in progress this week they will have to finish, but none are to be held next week. Lodges and similar organizations come under the general prohibition of meetings; as for clubs, I will appeal to them to obey the order, including stopping of serving of liquor to members and in reply to inquiries regarding courts I think that matter can be left to the discretion of judges. Church and school are matters for local authorities."

Dr. Royer said a proclamation would be issued later in the day setting a number of matters. The order affected the State Capitol almost the very first place. All hearings were canceled and a conference of Y. M. C. A. war workers scheduled for one of the legislative

GERMAN LINES CRUMBLING BEFORE THE ALLIED ARMIES

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marines during the attack on Durazzo in which supplies for Austrians were destroyed.

Official announcement is made in Berlin that Prince Maximilian of Baden becomes imperial chancellor in succession to Count Von Hertling. He will outline his program before the Reichstag Saturday. Deputies Groeber, Centrist, and Scheidemann, majority Social Democrat, will be made secretaries of state without portfolios.

German armies along the sector from Lens to Armentieres are retreating and are abandoning the region south of the Lys river. This retreat seems to have uncovered the important city of Lille and probably will make imperative a withdrawal all along the line in front of Arras.

North of the wedge driven by the Anglo-Belgians there are no indications of a retirement as yet, although military critics believe the German hold on Ostend will be short lived, now that Roulers virtually is in the hands of the Allies.

Haig Over Top of Hindenburg Line East of St. Quentin Field Marshal Haig's army plunged through the last line of the formidable Hindenburg system yesterday and its success is attested by the progress made during the day. Terrific efforts to halt the British were fruitless. It is reported that British cavalry and tanks have reached the open country back of the enemy's front.

Vital Railroads at Stake Further successes at this point would shake the whole German line from Douai to Rheims. Directly behind this front are railroads which are vital to the enemy forces fighting further south.

Near Rheims, General Berthelot's army made new progress. This advance has a very close relation to that of the British around St. Quentin, and operations farther east in Champagne.

Gouraud Takes Challenge General Gouraud's army in Champagne has cleared the western gate of Grandpre gap, which runs north of the Argonne forest. Challenge has been taken and the Germans have been pushed back west of that village.

Yankee Fight Desperate Defense East of the Argonne forest the Americans facing the Kriemhild-Steeling line appear to be held up by the desperate defense of the enemy. The nature of the country however, has made it difficult to move up heavy artillery.

chambers was changed to the open air of Capitol Park.

Commissioner Royer ordered the 150 tuberculosis dispensaries of the Department of Health closed and the nurses to be employed in general epidemic work. This is the first time it has been necessary to take this action.

Restaurants to Continue as Usual, Says Dr. Royer Following a series of conferences and conversations with lawyers and businessmen Dr. Royer to-day said that eatinghouses and stores should continue their business as usual, people exercising reasonable precautions, but that liquors should not be sold.

"I wish to commend the spirit of the theatrical people, who have assured me by messages that they will co-operate in every way. These people are making great sacrifices in complying with the order," said the commissioner.

The chief centers of the disease in addition to Philadelphia and the Delaware river cities and towns are reported at the State Department of Health to be Williamsport, Carbon- dale, Erie, Johnstown, Butler, Bloomsburg, Mt. Carmel, Carlisle and Bethlehem with some cases reported from Lancaster, Reading and other central cities. The southwestern section, including Pittsburgh, seems to have escaped any serious outbreaks thus far, said Dr. Royer. Army camps or garrisons affected are at Gettysburg, Tobyhanna and Middletown together with detachments in eastern munition making centers.

Adjutant-General Is Aiding Influenza Sufferers Adjutant General Beary to-day sent twenty ambulances and equipment with hospital tents and cooking utensils to the McIntire region of Indiana county, where miners are hit with influenza. The men in charge of the equipment were sent by truck with orders to help the health authorities. This was the first action taken by the military department and it was at the request of Dr. Royer.

General Beary also directed that the Chester Armory of the Reserve Militia be turned over to health authorities for hospital use if necessary.

Drills of all militia organizations and home defense units will be dispensed with generally throughout the state for the next week or so, it was learned, to-day.

High School Activities Are Greatly Curtailed Orders from the State Health Department put the quietus to-day on sports, including the football game scheduled for to-morrow between Tech and Wilkes-Barre. It was a hard blow, not only for the athletes but to a multitude of football fans who hoped to see a great exhibition to-morrow on the island.

The Steelton management which is planning under medical supervision to Carlisle to-morrow had not been notified to cancel as late as noon, but they, too, were expecting some such order. The Steelton High school announced that the annual planned for to-night has been postponed.

Harrisburg Reserves Postpone All Drills Major Henry M. Stine, commandant of the Harrisburg Reserves, to-day canceled the drill and business meeting of the Reserves to have been held at the Armory to-night. Whether there will be any drill next week will depend on conditions. The open order of the Central and Technical High school students under Reserve auspices, will be held next week unless otherwise ordered.

Company commanders were to-day ordered to send their men out for shotgun practice during the suspension of drills.

Lieut. S. E. Fitting, one of the officers of the battalion, who has been seriously ill with influenza and

HOW TO BALK THE INFLUENZA

Don't congregate in crowded places, more especially if there is lack of ventilation. When riding in street cars see that the ventilators are open.

Don't use common towels or drinking cups. Persons apparently well may carry the germs in the secretions of the mouth or on their hands.

Don't fail to wear clothing according to the temperature of the day. Avoid exposure to wet.

Don't allow yourself to become fatigued. Regular habits, good food and exercise are excellent preventives.

Don't sleep with the windows closed. Fresh air is a good germicide.

Don't cough or sneeze without using the handkerchief. The fine spray of mucus blown into the air by these acts may contain the germs of influenza.

Don't work among others when you have a severe cold. Employers are instructed to send home those who have suspicious symptoms of influenza.

Don't treat a cold yourself. Call in the family physician, who will determine the nature of the case. The patient should occupy the sickroom alone and should be isolated from others in the household.

That no work may be given out for completion in the homes.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

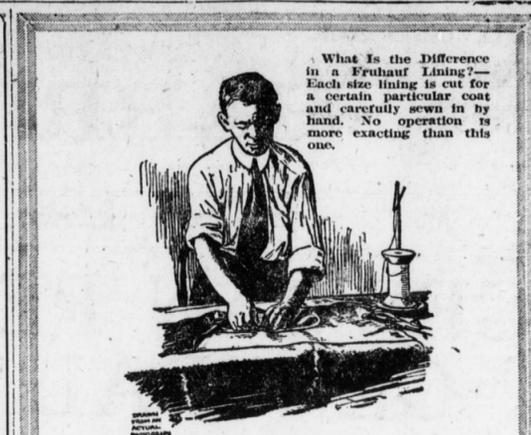
Dauphin, Pa., Oct. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Sherman M. Fertig announce the birth of a daughter, September 30, 1918. Mrs. Fertig was Miss Leona Novinger, of Heckton.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron G. Bailey, announce the birth of a son, Victor Pershing Bailey, September 20, 1918.

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Germany's military might on the West Front, in Palestine, in Macedonia, is at last beginning to crumble, the New York World believes, and while Berlin trembles, the reverberation of Allied blows "thrills the enemies of Germany with joyous expectation." Marshal Foch has kept almost every sector of the Western Front busy, "and now one by one he is raising the curtain on the several 'side-shows,'" according to the Philadelphia Press.

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week—October 5th—will make thrilling reading for every American, reviewing as it does the chain of Allied victories in all the war zones. There are four Maps (one full-page colored) accompanying this article with a complete index of places, railways, roads, etc.

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