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EDITORIAL

Verdun

The battle of Verdun has lasted a month. It began on February 21 and the conflict has continued since then with only a few brief pauses. The flags have been hoisted in Berlin following various claims and rumors of victory. But there has been no German victory of sufficient consequence to deserve a celebration. Various minor local successes have been won at the cost far exceeding their value. In a tactical sense the battle of Verdun is not yet finished. It may drag along for several weeks more. But it is clear that the positive decision at which the German high command aimed cannot now be obtained.

—FROM THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE

No Peace Terms Yet

Wall street has been filled with rumors of an early peace. Peace now is more than improbable. It is well nigh impossible. And yet the thought itself of peace is not foolish; the rumors are not without basis. Undoubtedly Germany wants peace. It is not too much to say that the German government and the German people are praying for peace. But how to get it—that's the question. This situation in truth might be summed up as one where Germany wants to stop now but cannot; the allies will not.

—FROM THE NEW YORK PRESS

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Books as Carriers of Disease.
The report of the commissioner of education undertakes to reassure persons who are fearful of the spread of disease through books by recording the results of recent investigation at Yale university. During the cleaning of the library a chemical analysis of the dust was made. About half of this was found to be mineral matter, while the other half was organic, including paper fiber, wood fiber and molds. No mouth bacteria were found, and in general the analysis showed the harmlessness of the dust.

Aluminium.
Since the Centennial exposition an entirely new industry in mining and metallurgy has been developed through the production of aluminium. No aluminium was produced on a commercial scale in 1876.

Curiosity.
Little Virginia, aged five, had been put to bed, but not to sleep. From her bedroom came a little voice:
"Daddy, come here. I want to tell you something."
Daddy wasn't anxious to be disturbed, so, thinking she was about to go to sleep, he said, "Well, wait till I eat this apple."
He read for fifteen or twenty minutes, when again she called out, "Daddy, how big is that apple?"—Indianapolis News.

DO IT NOW.
Decision never becomes easier by postponement, while habit grows stronger every day. Common sense as well as conscience says, "Choose this day."

Ripening Fruits.
Fruits undergo marked changes in chemical composition as they grow to their full size and ripen. In some fruits ripening increases the sugar content and decreases the acid, whereas in some others both sugar and acid content decrease in the ripening process.

Unforeseen.
"Didn't you guarantee that mattress for six months?"
"Yes, sir, but you didn't tell me it was for a boy's boarding school."—New York Times.

A good inflow makes a good outflow; he who takes in much can and must give much.—Starkie.
The Extreme.
"This fee business is a nuisance. You have to give one everywhere to get the least service."
"I know it. Even if you want to speak politely to a lady you have got to tip your hat."—Baltimore American.

Harmony of Diet.
He—Why do you always have pickled beets when I bring my friends home to dinner?
She—To match the kind of friends you generally bring.—Baltimore American.

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TOPICS IN BRIEF

You know it'll not be long to Lima beans.
Mr. Wilson put his cards on the table at the right time.
Senator Fall of New Mexico is the greatest that excellent state has offered as yet.

The real trouble with the navy is that Mr. Von L. Meyer was not appointed for life. He practically admits it.

Despite the Armenian massacres, the Turkish reputation for humanity has not suffered in this war.

We see by the London papers that of Germany's original 30 Zeppelins, she has now lost 67.

And where is the old-fashioned woman who used to worry over whether her hat was on straight?

Most of our exchanges seem to think that as a poet Mr. Owen Wister is a very good novelist.

The responsibility for the recent New Haven wreck has finally been put on the engineer. He's dead.

As for Democracy "losing the German vote", it doesn't go hard to lose what one never had.

Von Bernstorff is fond of the movies, and the indications are that he'll soon be one himself.

When a married man goes home hungry late at night, he always gets a piece of tongue and roast.

"This is the time for cool heads," says a congressman. Some of his colleagues seem to think that it is a time for cool feet.

"WE ARE ONLY PLAYING COUNT BERNSDORFF AND SECRETARY LANSIN."



—Rehse in New York World.

If Villa's hatred of Americans has become a mania, as reported, there ought to be a nice opening for him on the editorial staff of the "Fatherland."

According to the Pasteur Institute of Paris, milk is a powerful stimulant, yet it may be a long time before that gentle cow is classified with the demon rum.

They say that it takes twenty-five tons of missiles to put one German soldier out of commission. The figures on the French, Britons and Russians are lacking.

By keeping vacant the post of secretary of war, President Wilson would be able to escape the distraction of being advised by the head of the department.

If, as a St. Louis clergyman says, the secret of longevity is the loose cellar, may not the ball gown be looked upon as a ticket to great age?

It doesn't take the average honeymoon long to get in readiness for the embalmer.

With a population one-twenty-fifth that of the United States, Switzerland has a trained army five times as large as that of the United States, yet Switzerland is considered the most democratic country in the world.

This country has received and welcomed aliens more rapidly than it could assimilate them, but the unassimilated should not undertake to rule the country to suit themselves.

It is natural to suppose that no Americans are going abroad except for adequate reasons and it is not for either war maniacs or a spineless congress to forbid their going.

Senator Gore may not be convinced that, despite appearances, the United States Senate is not an old ladies home to be carried off its balance by choice morsels of slanderous gossip.

Uncle Sam will have no difficulty in remembering those senators who are afflicted with India rubber backbones or ingrowing politics or both.

Submarines that are not powerful enough to operate without special legislation to protect them have no business in the game of war.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

CULLED FOR QUICK READING

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout the Keystone State.

Altoona council has elected its first city planning commission.

Prosecutor Lloyd has started an anti-vice crusade in Carlisle.

Funds are being gathered in Lancaster for sufferers in Armenia.

Harrisburg is to be represented in the Pennsylvania base ball league.

A falling steel ingot killed Anthony De Armet in a mill at Lewistown.

Battery C, of Phoenixville, has obtained six more United States army horses.

Closing exercises at the Carlisle Indian school will be held May 23, 24 and 25.

Leap year necessitates a larger marriage license office in the court house at Carlisle.

Washington Peffer, of Paxton, was drowned in the Susquehanna river, opposite Liverpool.

Women of Lancaster have organized a branch of the Pennsylvania Women's Division for Preparedness.

Governor Brumbaugh has appointed J. E. Eisenhart justice for Gregg township, Union county.

The state superior court began its March session in Harrisburg, but did not hand down any decisions.

Clawed in the face by a pet cat, Mary Antin, aged four, is under a physician's care, at Mahanoy City.

Colonel L. A. Watres announces his candidacy for Republican national delegate from Lackawanna county.

Gordon Lambert, nineteen months old, of Reeds Station, was drowned in a foot of water near his home.

Miss Anna M. Benninger, of Reading, will go to China as a missionary, and will be stationed at Tungren.

While shoveling snow from the roof of his home at Mahanoy City, Enoch Lashaw fell thirty feet, fatally hurt.

A. C. Harshaw, of Grove City, has been appointed factory inspector in the department of labor and industry.

Orders have been issued by the state department of agriculture for the prosecution of flour "bleachers."

Relinquishing the charter it has had for 101 years, Brownsville is coming in under the general borough act of 1851.

Reading banks gained more than a million dollars in deposits and loans, discounts and investments in the last year.

Lancaster county growers have averaged eighteen cents on all grades of last year's tobacco, or \$103.71 an acre.

Albert Walters was severely injured by explosion of an acetylene tank in a colliery repair shop near Shenandoah.

The proposed loan of \$50,000 for school purposes will be voted on in Birdsboro at the special election on April 25.

Reading will have its annual cleanup week April 12 to 22. The Berks County Firemen's association will cooperate.

Salvation Army prayer meetings in Hazleton saloons without permission of proprietors are under Mayor Harvey's ban.

Because of more than 100 cases of measles in Point township, Northumberland county, public schools have been closed.

Miss Anna Morrison, of North Bradock, who is teaching in India, is preparing to become a missionary to the lepers there.

Several covies of quail have been seen at Rockport and farmers are making every effort to protect them from hawks.

Prospectors have just unearthed a fifty-foot vein of exceptionally fine white clay in the South mountain, near Dillsburg.

The entire anthracite field expects an unprecedented business boom after the operators and mine workers reach a new agreement.

A record was established by the Red Cross society, in Doylestown, when 377 surgical dressings and 330 bandages were made.

The Lewistown board of public education will settle the location of a new \$100,000 high school by a popular vote of the people.

A hearing will be held by Attorney General Brown at Harrisburg on the Lancaster & Berks railway quo warranto proceedings.

Struck by a blast from a lye hose while cleaning bar fixtures, Joseph Marchetti, Hazleton, was seriously burned in the eyes.

Walter C. Shaw, Ridgeway, has been appointed assistant surgeon and first lieutenant in the Sixteenth Infantry, state guard.

Whirled around a shaft at the Susquehanna Converting works, William H. Houghton, Sunbury, was severely crushed and may die.

Section hands on the East Penn and Perkiomen railroads have received notice of an increase of one cent an hour in their wages.

The Chester Physicians' association, which includes doctors of both schools, has unanimously voted to double their present fees.

On account of a rush of shrapnel orders at the Jeaneville Iron Works, Hazleton, three shifts will be put on, beginning next Monday night.

The prison board in Reading defied the protests of the county controller and Taxpayers' league, and created three new positions at the jail.

For the third time a new bungalow being built for Daniel F. Guinan, a banker of Mahanoy City, was set on fire at Lakeside and destroyed.

An effort is being made to privately solicit pledges for a Y. M. C. A. building at Lansdale before a public campaign is started to raise \$50,000.

Harry Kirkland, twenty-nine years old, of Sharon, committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid. He was unmarried. No cause is assigned for the act.

Bucks county will advertise the agricultural wealth of the county in a showroom to be located either on Market street or Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Struck by a piece of lumber in a saw mill at Fortney, Joseph W. Richcreek, forty years old, of York, suffered a fractured skull. His condition is critical.

Judges Eugene C. Bonniwell, Philadelphia, and S. J. Strauss, Wilkes-Barre, were speakers at a St. Patrick's eve banquet of the Hazleton Knights of Columbus.

Coasting head-on into a telegraph pole at Mahanoy City, Adam Kubita and Tony Pecca, aged nine years, were knocked unconscious and seriously injured.

The state forest reserve now has 9550 acres of timber land in the vicinity of Carlisle, several hundred acres having just been purchased near Pine Grove furnace.

The Lehigh Valley Coal company plans a new breaker at Rock-Mountain, and the Pond Creek Coal company will resume its operations in Foster township.

Discharged from a Scranton drug store, fifteen-year-old Frank Munley thrice fired the place, tried to kill Clerk George Teal and admitted the offenses when arrested.

Colonel John S. Garrett has been appointed court crier; John C. Chinger, William Hall and Abe Moist, all Democrats, tipstiffs, to succeed Republicans, in Mifflin county.

For victimizing Easton people by selling them "the United States government's cure for rheumatism," A. J. Stephenson has been sentenced to three months in the county jail.

A purse of \$898 and other presents were given to Rev. Father D. J. Kane, former curate at St. Gabriel's Catholic church, Hazleton, when he bade farewell to go to Wellsboro, Tioga county.

The public service commission has heard numerous applications for consolidation of electric companies in Delaware county, and of water companies in Union and Northumberland counties.

L. Albert Gray has been appointed justice for Montgomery township, Montgomery county; Roy E. Butler, for Ellwood City, and Thomas E. People for Ligonier township, Westmoreland county.

Fearing the vengeance of friends of men accused of the murder of Charles Barr, at Earleton, last June, Mary Leggach, the principal witness, has been placed in the home of Sheriff Robson at Bedford.

Thomas Fenton, of Penlynn, has been notified that his son, Powell F. Fenton, is one of twelve Americans to be honored by the French government for distinguished service in the American ambulance.

The First National bank and the State bank of Parker's Landing have been merged at Parker's Landing under the name of the First National bank. The capital stock has been increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Altoona city council has confirmed the members of Altoona's first city planning commission. The men who have been chosen are Frederick J. Shollar, R. Max Lewis, W. B. Aaron, C. Frank Belo and John H. Root.

A loaded revolver and two boxes of cigarettes were taken from fourteen-year-old Joseph Sotowski, of West Hazleton, by the police who arrested him at New Boston, where he had fled, accused of stealing \$48 from his father.

Three times within two weeks death from pneumonia has entered one family at Elizabeth. Two weeks ago George Summers died. A week later Mrs. Summers, who had nursed him, died. Then Jesse Summers, a son, followed.

The foundry establishment of the Bovaird & Seyfang Manufacturing company, at Bradford, was destroyed by a fire. The origin of the blaze is a mystery, and officials of the company, who visited the scene, have ordered an investigation.

The Canonsburg-Houston chamber of commerce entertained at a luncheon several officers of the Pennsylvania lines west. The railway officials promised to restore a passenger train recently taken off the Western Washington branch between Canonsburg and Westland.

Arthur Gray, the farmer of near Washington, who shot and killed his seven-year-old foster daughter, Della Taylor, at his home last week, thinking her a burglar when she arose in the night and tried to gain entrance into his room, was exonerated at the coroner's inquest held in Washington.

It was officially announced that the Carnegie Steel company will erect three new open hearth furnaces and an additional soaking pit at the Farrell works. It is estimated the improvements will cost \$1,000,000 and will increase the output of steel thirty per cent. Work is to be started at once.