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By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.
Then join in hands, brave Americans all,

SPLENDID RECORD.

FOR THOSE who keep in touch with school matters in Fairmont there was nothing particularly new in the summary of the annual report of Superintendent Wilson which was printed yesterday. From time to time during the school year most of the activities mentioned figured in newspaper reports.

Nevertheless, summed up together in the way they were, these facts certainly did not lack interest. It is a record of work well done; of prompt recognition of duty and splendid performance. It ought to be, and it doubtless is, most gratifying to every public spirited citizen of Fairmont ,and especially to the mothers and fathers who have children in school, to know that the schools here so completely come up to our expectations of what a public school system should be.

THE NEWEST PEACE RUMOR.

IT IS difficult to believe that tale from Vorwaerts to the effect that Germany has started a peace drive through Spain. A year ago such a gesture as the organ of the German Socialists says has been made would have been accepted as perfectly natural. A month ago even ,when things on the west front were still going fairly well for the German armies, it might have sounded plausible. But now, with Austria on the point of collapse, and the General Staff bending every energy to prevent the total destruction of an army—well, if the thing actually has been started, the rulers of Germany are far more stupid than any one on this side of the Atlantic suspected them of being.

To begin with, the United States and Great Britain will fight to the crack of doom, if need be, for not only the complete Teutonic withdrawal from Belgium and Serbia, but some provision for the restoration of those riven countries and the compensation of their ruined inhabitants. The United States at least will consent to no peace which would permit Germany to retain the territory her armies have overrun in the east or throw open the people of those countries to political or economic exploitation at the hands of the Germans. Another thing both the United States and Great Britain are determined upon is that there must be some change of the government of Germany which will provide guaranties that an irresponsible military party will never again be able to set the whole world on fire. Finally, the United States will insist that the future of Germany's very large colonial empire must be determined not at Berlin, nor even by the peace council, but by the people who live in the colonies and have an inalienable right to say what form of government they shall live under.

All of these things have been stated formally and informally many times. No one in the German foreign office can possibly be in ignorance of them. What can Germany possibly hope to accomplish, therefore, by a peace effort as absurd as the one Vorwaerts declares has been launched? Probably no one outside of Germany could guess, but it may be that the rulers of the German people believe that affairs will never come to such a pass that they will not be able to sit down inside the defenses of the Fatherland and tire a war weary world into accepting a German peace, one only a little less outrageous than the one said to be now proposed.

The only answer to that kind of reasoning is an American army so large and powerful in every particular that nothing can stand in its way. Then if the Central powers tempt fate to that extent, it will be possible to give them what they gave to Belgium and Serbia.

UNUSUAL SEA BATTLE.

FOR THE most part the fighting record of the U-boats has been a pretty uniform story of sneaking approaches upon armed ships and of cowardly attacks upon fishing boats and other helpless craft. But there is an epic note to the story of the fight with the Justicia, which it seems was attacked by a school of the submarines and put up a brave fight lasting many hours, during which the gunners on board were able to explode four torpedoes with gunfire.

But where were the torpedo boat destroyers while this strange battle between a swarm of modern sea monsters on one side and a great merchant ship on the other, was going on? According to the reports so far received, the encounter, which ended with the loss of the attacked liner, occurred somewhere off the Irish coast, and the popular impression has been that those waters are fairly well patrolled by both British and American naval vessels.

But perhaps the theory was that the Justicia could take care of herself. And if we must decide between keeping a thoroughly impregnable guard over loaded transports and only half protecting the ships both coming and going, why by all means let us go on with the complete protection of the ships that are outward bound from this country. Now that we have actually started to launch ships, we will manage to make up for all losses of empty troop carriers, but when men go down to watery graves without striking even a blow at the foe the loss can never be repaired.

If there is to be a formidable counter revolution in Russia, the Bolsheviki did not do themselves a very good turn in arranging for the exit of the late Czar and the heir apparent. They represented the rabbit branch of the Romanoff family. Some of the uncles and the cousins of the weak Nicholas are the wolves, and by killing off the rabbits the Rusian radicals have provided a legal background for the wolves, and they may be expected to take advantage of it if there is the slightest chance to make an effort to restore the Romanoffs to power a practical success. And if they do start, human life will be much cheaper in Russia than it ever was before—which is saying a great deal.

For the benefit of the Germans it might be stated that there never has been much real doubt about the fate of Belgium, but the fate of Germany is beginning to be shrouded in mystery which will become deeper with every day the war is prolonged. Geermany's political existence; the career of the German people in an organized state, of course, is not in jeopardy, but their economic future is, and it is one of the puzzling things about the war that a people which showed such astonishing industrial and commercial initiative during 25 or 30 years preceeding the breaking out of war do not realize this.

Attorney General England is also of the opinion that the West Virginia provision for giving the ballot to men in the army is inoperative. This brings to the support of the charge first made by Republican National Committeeman Highland the chief law authority of the state government. Now what is the administration at Charleston going to do about it? Calmly acquiesce in the disfranchisement of 25,000 West Virginia voters?

King Geoge on Monday held a navy review in which he inspected American and British fighting craft, which, if placed end to end, would stretch a distance of 21 miles. No wonder the rumors of impending naval activity on the part of the German navy all prove illusive. Until the German fleet feels that it is in the same position Cervera's was at Santiago during the Spanish-American war, it will stay hidden.

Unless the Germans have been most energetic in getting back their forces and supplies, the counter offensive on the Marne front begun by the Allies may yet become a veritable disaster for them. At all events, the Soissons-Rheims triangle has been wiped out as a military factor, and the German high command must now make plans to conform to a military situation which in the past week has been changed fundamentally.

SHORT AND SNAPPY

Since the government took over the railroads there seemingly has been no improvement in the manner of conductors in calling out stations. They still seem to be chewing mud.—Morgantown New Dominion.

The Emperor Karl has no doubt sent word already to Emperor Wilhelm that he knows how it feels.—Charleston Mail.

General Sir Black Jack Pershing, G. C. B., never gets so many ribbons that he forgets to fight.—Martinsburg World.

THE CALL

By JEANNETTE ARNETT LEEPER.

Beneath my tent of apple tree I lie,
And watch, with half closed eyes, the summer sky;
The shouts of other children at their play,
Come faintly to my ears. I am away—
Away, away, upon the blue sky sea,
Fathomless deep, it widens there for me.
See, where it rolls beyond my farthest sight,
A line of ragged breakers, foamy white,
Warn airy shipping of a hill top reef,
Lest venturous, misty vessels come to grief.
Yonder a transport from her harbor slips,—
My brother sailed upon one of these ships!
It looms at first so large, but soon will be
A tiny speck upon my blue sky sea.
Beyond my ring of shade—out in the heat—
A shadow flees across a field of wheat;
One instant there it spreads, and flying on,
Slides silent, to the edge, and then—is gone—
It marks the pathway of a submarine,
Sneaking across the summer sea, unseen!
Oh, if this day would but bring forth a storm,
Why then the mighty battle ships would form
In combat line, their grey hulls in the sky;
With cannon flash, and black smoke rising high,
The sound of the bombardment makes you quake!
(I wonder if a fighting man I'll make?)

And so, beneath my tent of apple tree,
I watch the shipping in the azure sea;
The shouts of other children at their play,
But faintly reach my ears. I am away—
Until the sun is weary for his rest,
And tiny sails are filling all the west—
Until where foamed the reef, a light house star,
Guides in belated vessels from afar.
My brother sailed across a really sea,
And oh, if I were only old as he!

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

From the Wheeling Intelligencer.

In The Intelligencer appears a notice of a new book just issued by the West Virginia Geological Survey. This volume presents a detailed county survey of Barbour and Upshur counties, and the western portion of Randolph county. The volume contains many interesting illustrations and maps, and a copy, the Figure, showing the bituminous coal beds of West Virginia. The Intelligencer has frequently referred to the monumental work of the West Virginia Geological Survey. Most citizens of West Virginia doubtless know that this survey aims to present in definite and understandable form a complete record and description of the mineral wealth of the state; the number, character and geographical outlines of the coal deposits, the oil sands, the limestone and sandstone strata, the various ore deposits, and immense masses of detailed information on kindred subjects.

It is almost impossible to conceive of a work of greater intrinsic importance to the state. West Virginia is a great imne of mineral wealth. Its riches have hardly been touched. The prospector and promoter of development in West Virginia who did not avail himself of the Geological Survey would be next to a lunatic. In the years to come this imense compendium of authoritative information will prove increasingly valuable, a permanet exhibit of the natural wealth and resources of the state.

In passing The Intelligencer also takes pleasure in nothing, as it has on former occasions, the splendid work of Dr. I. C. White, state geologist. For fifteen or more years Dr. White has given the greater part of his time to the Geological Survey, without personal compensation, and without hope of reward, save the knoweldge that he has helped perform a great public service. He has brought to this work attainments of the highest order. In the scientific world the name of I. C. White stands as high as that of any other geologist in America. Dr. White is a man of independent wealth and had he sought to use his knowledge and experience only for his own enrichment he might have acquired an enormous fortune. He has, however, found congenial work, in the direction of the Geological Survey, and in contributing to the development of his native state, and in that work he has erected a monument which will survive long after the names and achievements of most men living in West Virginia today have been long forgotten.

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MONONGAH

Recovering.

Miss Rose Snodgrass, who has been confined to the Fairmont Hospital No. 3 in Fairmont with a broken leg, is slowly recovering.

Lancaster Home.

W. Lancaster is in Monongah for a few days visiting friends and relatives. Lancaster went to camp several months ago with a draft contingent from the county draft board and since that time has been in a southern cantonment.

Scouts Meet.

A meeting of the Monogah Boy Scouts was held in the banquet room of the K. of P. hall yesterday evening. The organization was further completed, two new Scouts, Richard Dunn and Thomas Harden, being taken into the organization. Guy R. Jones, of Fairmont, who has been scoutmaster of a troop of Boy Scouts in that city for the past four years and who is well experienced in the work was in Monongah yesterday evening ad talked to the boys who attended the Scout meeting. His short address was especially interesting and highly appreciated.

Likes French Girls.

The French girls are "some girls" according to Joe Mike who is now in France with the American army. In a letter received recently by his brother, James Mike, he tells of about how hard the American girls work, but he adds that "they have nothing at all on the French girls," who can be seen in the fields most any time with the hoe and plow doing all the farm work and doing it willingly. Americans in France, he says, are given royal treatment, there being nothing that an American soldier wants that he cannot get.

PERSONALS.

William Fleming was among the local callers in Fairmont yesterday evening.

Miss Audrey Root, who has been visiting in Monongah for the past several days, was an out of town caller yesterday.

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OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)

RUFF STUFF

Hisomer says "some of our best citizens" violate the law by parking their automobiles in the street all night.

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When does a best citizen become a worst citizen?

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The guy who bootlegs or runs a gambling joint in his heart believes that he is doing no real harm and that the cops ought to fail to see his little enterprise.

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Boy, page Umamno Nxmumchich.

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He forgot to turn in a questionnaire and the sheriff wants to jog his memory a bit.

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But maybe he turned in one with a real name signed ot it.

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Anyway who can blame a guy for being shy about using such a cognomen more than is absolutely necessary?

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Crowd down in Pennsy wrecked a bar room belonging to a man who refused to close while a bunch of drafties were leaving for camp.

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No wonder the booze business has so few friends.

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Some one on the inside is always crabbing it.

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When it finally loses out in the Keystone state it will be good night for that well known American institution the saloon.

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Booze may come back, but the saloon and the wooden headed saloon keeper who was always mixing in with the public's business will not.

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Must have taken a whole fleet of U-boats to kill off the Justicia.

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At that rate the German undersea navy will not last long.

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Nor be able to do any great amount of further damage.

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The fate of the O. B. is still undecided.

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But the country manages to bear up surprisingly well under the strain.

ENDLESS WHIRL.

Funny thing, about this Finnish trouble.

What's that?

It's just beginning. — Baltimore American.

Roman catacombs are 550 miles in extent, and something like 16,000,000 dead are there interred.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

U. G. Young, of Buckhannon, who has the finest drug store in the state with the possible exception of Scott Brothers at Charleston, has mahogany fittings throughout and a store that would be a credit to the largest city. He put in the improvements six years ago and says:

"The equipment has paid for itself by extra sales."

Just recently a national concern awarded Mr. Young a Ford automobile as a prize for the best window display an award which went to a store in Los Angeles, Cal., last year.

J. E. Shinn, a Fairmonter, who located at Buckhannon three-and-a-half years ago, admits:

"I missed Fairmont for a time. Who would not? But I have become attached to Buckhannon now and like the place very well."

Mr. Shinn is one of Buckhannon's most enthusiastic boosters, having done very well there.

L. W. Bartlett, postmaster at Buckhannon, is serving something like 10,000 people and has managed to keep the postal service up to the standard there. He is very proud of the new postoffice accupied April 22 last and says:

"It has the finest equipment in the state."

The latest innovations in handling the mail have contributed importantly toward his ability to keep the service up to the minute with war-time embarrassments.

"Doc" Thomas, of Fairmont, is deputy collector income tax under S. A. Hays, has been at Buckhannon since June 12 and expects to be busy there until the middle of August. He dropped down to the depot Wednesday to see the soldier boys entrain. When the train was late "Doc" observed:

"Uncle Sam is a little later over here but he is certainly on time 'over there.'"

Will You Help?

One of the things that causes telephone congestion is the practice of abandoning calls. A subscriber will call a number and if he doesn't get an almost instantaneous connection, will hang up and try later. This means that the operator's work, as far as she has gone, must be repeated. We trust you will help us to do away with this by remaining on the line until the party answers or the operator reports. It takes less time, it makes less work for the operator,—and she is a mighty busy person these days—and involves less use of the lines.

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