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Banks and Building & Loan Offices, Drug Stores and Jewelry Stores, Dry Goods Stores and Millinery Stores, Clothing and Shoe Stores, Department Stores and Furniture Stores, Groceries and Meat Shops.

'DON'T PITY BOYS, I GAVE A LEG FOR A NEW CONSCIENCE'

—PVT. HERMAN

Canadian Soldier, From 'Blighty' Hits Conscientious Objectors

ENTHUSES AUDIENCE WITH STORY OF WAR

Other Features Of Last Day Of Chautauqua Here

With the most stirring and illuminating address yet presented in Mt. Vernon on the subject of the war, Private Arthur K. Herman held an audience that completely filled the big chautauqua tent spellbound on the last night of the chautauqua as he told in detail how the boys live and die "over there." Through his address Private Herman revealed the optimism, courage and spirit of the men of the allied armies and expressed the utter contempt for slackers and those who use their religion or their pretended religion as a cloak to cover craven hearts.

The life of Private Herman is itself a direct rebuke to the conscientious objector, he having left his pastorate in the Baptist church at Milton, Nova Scotia, to enlist in the Thirtieth Black Watch of Canada, lost his left leg in the great Canadian "push" at Vimy Ridge on Tuesday following Easter Sunday of 1917, and returned without a regret for his loss and proud in the fact that, as he expressed it, he "traded his leg for a clear conscience."

"The soldier over there, or when he has returned, doesn't want pity," he declared. "Why should he be pitied? Pity him for having done his duty? Pity him because he fought for you and for humanity? The boys over there don't want pity, they don't need pity. Pity me because I left one leg over there? I offered my whole body and they took only one leg. There's always an adequate compensation for the loss the boys over there sustain."

Private Herman spoke bitterly concerning the many strikes that have hampered the carrying on of the war, denouncing the men who labor in munition factories or other institutions which are directly connected with the successful prosecution of the war.

"Men making as much in one hour as the boys in the trenches make in a whole day go on strike because they can't get more," he said, "and they are at home and in safety. I'm not anti-labor, but every soldier who has gone through the hell over there or is now going through it, is anti anything that tends to prolong the war or to give the Hun an advantage."

With marvelous descriptive powers Private Herman fairly made his audience see the trenches, No Man's Land, the mud and misery of war and the souls of the men themselves as they struggle over there for the cause of humanity. Through it all, he declared, there is the proverbial silver lining of the dark clouds and he urged those who stay at home to help the boys in every way possible.

He paid a high tribute to the Army Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross and urged the "folks at home" to keep the home fires burning, to keep their courage up and to let the boys in the trenches know they are behind them in every way possible.

The children's pageant, "The Revue of the Nations," displayed to great advantage the talent of Miss Lara May Horton, the chautauqua's story girl this year, in working with and training children, as well as the talent of some of the younger children in acting before an audience.

The best portrayal of the children probably was that in which the spirit of Belgium was shown by three girls and a boy.

Besides the children's pageant in the evening, the Lovat Concert Co. gave a program consisting of bagpipe music, vocal solos, fancy and trick drumming and highland dancing.

Miss McKenzie, the pianist, also rendered one piano solo.

The concert company, of which An-

gus Frazer, pipe major of the old Harry Lauder band of New York, was the leader, was called back to respond to encore time after time.

Mora, the Magician, delighted a large audience in the afternoon with his sleight-of-hand tricks and magic. Always doing the unexpected and seemingly impossible, Mora drew round after round of applause from his audience which was comprised of the older people as well as the children whom a magician always attracts.

The Lovat Concert Co. appeared in the afternoon also, giving a program of the same nature as that given in the evening, but with different selections.

Just before Private Herman's lecture in the evening, Judge Lewis B. Houck took the platform and expressed to Supt. H. C. Heffner the appreciation of his work by all those who have attended the chautauqua this year and, on behalf of the same people, requested that if possible, Mr. Heffner come here again with the chautauqua next year.

COMMUNICATIONS

'THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY'

Editor Banner: Sidney Landon, the other evening at the chautauqua, mentioned Edward Everett Hale's "The Man Without a Country." It may be interesting to note that in last month's Century Magazine, Charles D. Stewart states that this new classic was suggested by an occurrence in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, — the famous Vallandigham speech and Burnside's general order No. 38. Stewart states that Hale said the sensational episode at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, was what gave him the idea of writing "The Man Without a Country."

L. W. MULHANE.

PITTSBURGH PLATE BOYS DO THEIR BIT

Thrift Stamp Sales For August Reach \$499.16; Total Sale Is \$3,000

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. has reported to the war savings committee sales of stamps for July to the amount of \$499.16. This makes the total sales of the company about \$3,000, due to the untiring efforts of J. W. Jones, chief accountant, C. O. Burgess, superintendent, and William Temple, boss flattener.

As the plant will not employ more than 20 to 25 men during the next six months, owing to the curtailment order of the government, says Mr. Jones, no large sales, hereafter, at the Pittsburgh plant can be expected.

COMMITTEE TO SIGN CONTRACT TO BRING 'Y' COURSE TO CITY

Will Take Chance On More People Pledging For Tickets

The Y. M. C. A. Yecum course that has been given here at one of the churches for several years past will be continued this year, according to announcement made on Friday by C. S. Michaels, head of the committee which has the signing of the contracts for the attractions in charge.

Thursday night at the chautauqua, Fred W. Kabri gave a talk concerning the plan and then passed out cards on which those who wanted tickets were to pledge themselves to buy. The number necessary to bring the course here is 300 tickets, but not quite this number was pledged.

"However," Mr. Michaels said Friday, "the committee has decided to take a chance, for we believe that more will sign and bring the number of tickets to be bought up to the number required."

Mrs. H. C. Bishop went to Columbus Saturday where she will spend a few days with friends and relatives.

E BATTERY BOYS ARE ANXIOUS TO GET INTO ACTION

All Well While In England And Seem To Crave Excitement

LT. BREECE WRITES LETTER TO PARENTS

Is Battery Censor; Tells Of Country And Troubles Of Artillerymen

Among the first letters to be received here from members of E Battery now probably in France is that from Lieut. Edson J. Breece, senior second lieutenant of the battery. The letter was received by Lieut. Breece's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Breece, and contains an excellent description of the country and the troubles of the Yankees overseas. It follows:

"Am in dear old England and enjoying every minute. When I studied English history and also the geography of England I never dreamed that I would see the place. Everything that has ever been said about the beauty of England has not been over said. We passed through some very beautiful country and we sure took in every sight. The cars we rode in were just like you see in picture shows back there, and small-ours would make three of them. Everything is so green here just now. I don't see how it could help but be, for the easiest thing it does over here is to rain. Every half hour we have a shower and then every inch of ground is being used for vegetation and the houses are all of brick or cement and look just like the pictures we in 'The Ladies' Home Journal."

"Then the money is also a puzzler for us. The twopence, pronounced 'tuppins,' they charge for a street car ride, and then the sixpence, pronounced 'suxpence,' the shilling, the florin, the half-crown and crown, the ten-shilling note and the pound note. You ask them how much anything is worth and they reply in terms like this: 'Two and four' or 'one and nine,' meaning two shilling and fourpence or one shilling and nine pence. You see signs in the windows like '£14' and '3-3'. Of course all this is new to us and naturally attracts our attention."

"Everyone in the battery is feeling fine; not a sick one in the whole organization, and all in good spirits. They seem to crave excitement and are anxious to get to the front."

"There are lots of things I could tell you about which I dare not that would interest you a great deal. I will pack them carefully in the back of my memory and have lots to tell you when we get back."

"I spend a great many of my lone-some hours reading mail and seeing that the boys do not send back through their letters anything that would be of interest to the Hun. As battery censor, I have quite a huge task."

"Well it is now 10:15 p. m. and the sun just now went down, so I guess this son will go down to his quarters and retire."

"LT. EDSON J. BREECE, "134th E. A., "American Expeditionary Forces."

BLADENSBURG MAN FINED \$5 AND THE COSTS BY MAYOR

Alva Hall of Bladensburg was fined \$5 and the costs, amounting in all to \$10.56, by Mayor Blair Saturday morning on a charge of assault, alleged to have been made upon a man named McCammett. Hall pleaded guilty to the charge.

TO START BOXING COLLEGE

(By Associated Press To The Banner) CAMP FUNSTON, Kan.—A boxing college is to be conducted here by the new camp boxing director, Tommy Ryan, a well known pugilist. He will at once take on a class on one man from each company of the Twentieth Infantry. After the training of these men shall have been completed, each

man will be assigned as boxing instructor for his respective company.

Charles McMillen, a wrestler, of the 164th Depot Brigade, has been assigned to the Twentieth to promote wrestling.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

BRANDON, Aug. 3.—A large crowd attended the ice cream social given here last night by the local branch of the Knox county Red Cross. A neat sum of money was realized by the branch.

BIRTHS

A son was born Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. James Nelbarger of the Columbus road.

TEUTON SUB. WARFARE IS LESS EFFECTIVE EACH MO., INDICATION

(By Associated Press To The Banner) PARIS, Aug. 3.—The growing ineffectiveness of the submarine warfare is indicated by official figures just published by the French government, relating to the French traffic in the Mediterranean.

According to these figures, not fewer than 2,060 vessels, chiefly merchantmen, with a total tonnage of 3,500,000, crossed the Mediterranean between February 24 and April 1, under escort. The average number of ships coming to or departing from France, was 240.

The submarine attacks nevertheless had so diminished in force that only one in four resulted in damages to the ships, and one out of every ten attacks was entirely fruitless. The result has been that the water traffic has steadily increased from January to February to March.

LEAVE ON MOTOR TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin and sons, Lloyd and Kenneth, of the Greenville road, and Milton Martin left Saturday to spend a week in Forest, Bellefontaine and Dunkirk with relatives. They will make the trip by motor.

YANKEE BOYS FIGHT NONCHALANTLY; HUNS CAN'T SCARE THEM

(By Associated Press To The Banner) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 2.—American unconcern in a close battle not only has surprised the enemy, but it has brought a feeling of dismay to picked detachments charged with the duty of driving the fear of the Germans in to the soldiers from overseas.

It appears to be a sort of gospel among the Germans that when they attack for the purpose of spreading terror, after careful plans and preparations, that the adversary should lie low and succumb or surrender at the scheduled moment.

Yet they do find American boys at times coming out into the open, often rashly and unnecessarily, to meet the worst they have to offer. This fighting spirit often amounts to foolhardiness and that is how the Germans classify it, although more in distress than in anger.

COLORED SELECTS ENTRAIN FOR CAMP

Thirteen Leave; Report At Draft Board For Instructions

The following colored registrants reported to the local exemption board at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning to receive final instructions before leaving for camp Sherman at 11:35 o'clock Samuel Van Hook, Joe Young, Willie Richardson, Hildridge Vaughn, Leicester Dean, John

Mann, Frank Glover, Harry Glover, Wilbur Odone, Earl T. Sharp, Garland Jackson and William G. Lewis.

Leicester Dean was appointed captain and Samuel Van Hook lieutenant of the contingent.

DRY WEATHER RUINS CORN

Farmers In Knox County Will Have Poor Crop

OHIO PROSPECTS GOOD

Weatherman Seems To Have Had A 'Grouch' When Thinking Of Knox

Despite the reassuring report that farmers in other sections of Ohio have been more fortunate with respect to the amount of rainfall their crops have received and as a result are expecting fine corn crops, the prospect for corn in Knox county as a whole is way below the average this year.

In the eastern part of the county the farmers were perhaps more fortunate than in any other section and corn in that district is reported to be showing evidences of a pretty good yield, but the greater part of the county seems to have been in the bad graces of the weatherman and the rainfall has been so slight that the corn has not been able to grow. As a result tassels are appearing on the

corn when it is only from two to four feet in height and the farmers are extremely pessimistic regarding their chances for securing even enough to pay them for their labor in planting it, especially when they take into consideration the cost of seed corn this spring.

GOES TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE POSITION

Miss Agnes Freeman left Friday for Washington, D. C., where she has accepted a position in the office of the adjutant general.

SEES TAUCHER AT CAPITAL

James Tighe returned Thursday night from a business trip to Baltimore and Washington. While in Washington, Mr. Tighe saw Raymond Taucher, who is a chemist at Columbia university.

AUTOMOBILES CLINCH WHEN THEY COLLIDE

Machines Figure In Rear-End Collision And Are Held Together

It took more than half an hour to disentangle two automobiles which "locked horns" in Main street just north of the public square, Friday evening. The accident occurred when Dr. Sherrer "killed" his engine and was forced to stop while the automobile owned by W. A. Porter of North Main street was following close behind.

The machine in the rear struck the

rear end of Dr. Sherrer's car and the bumper was forced in behind the extra rim carried in the back, where it caught and could not be disengaged until taken entirely off the Porter car.

Neither automobile nor the occupants of either car were injured.

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