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Old Stager and The Deacon of liberty are fond, So just to sink a U-boat of course they bought a bond.

TO EMILE ROSSI.

EMILE ROSSI, in the name of the people of Fairmont we salute you. Judging by the name your father was more Italian than French, but perhaps names do not count for much as an indication of nationality in Coscia where the blood of many races has mingled in the island stock and the ardent Saracen, the matter of fact Englishman and the Latins of Spain and of France and Italy made contributions to the present day character.

Judging by the photograph you are a bright lad, albeit a bit vivacious in expression. Perhaps witfulness is a common enough trait in the children of France these days. One cannot help but wonder how many world compelling geniuses will be the direct result of the spiritual repression through which your generation is now going.

WOOD MAKES GOOD ANYWHERE. EN. LEONARD WOOD has command of the division of the National army mobilized at Fort Riley, Kansas. The young soldiers who compose that division are to be congratulated. They will be trained under one of the most capable soldiers of his generation, and one whose patriotism and courage are equal to his abilities.

RUFF STUFF

"But with the advance tip to Fred S. Harr, the dice throwers are likely to get a warm reception here."—From an article in the Astonisher regarding crap shooters headed this way.

lated post at Honolulu or the newly-created department with headquarters at Charleston, South Carolina. He chose the latter. When it was decided to locate the larger number of training camps in the Southern States and it was discovered that this would bring them within Gen. Wood's jurisdiction, the administration issued orders taking all authority over the camps from the Department commanders and placing it in the hands of the camp commanders—an obvious slap at Gen. Wood.

FREIGHT RATE INCREASES AGAIN. WHEN the Interstate Commerce Commission last spring refused to permit the railroads to advance their freight rates it indicated that it would be willing to entertain a motion to open the question again this fall if the freight situation did not work out in the way the commission thought it would.

Judging by the financial statements of the standard roads the transportation companies are worse off now than they were at this time last year as far as the revenues are concerned, although the increases in the gross revenue, which the members of the Interstate commission anticipated, have been more than realized.

If the book keeping and the practical management of the roads are in condition to be subjected to the rigid examination which would follow another application for permission to advance freight tariffs the railroads probably will never find a more opportune time than the present to take the first step.

In spite of the hitherto undreamed of gross earnings the roads are barely able to make both ends meet; and if they are to be subjected to further wage increases, such as the one which the men in the passenger service are demanding, they may not be able to do it at all much longer.

Rain halted the British drive east of Ypres yesterday. That was the way in which the great Entente campaign of the Somme came to an end last year, and this halt may mark the end of the serious fighting for the present year. The Flanders mud is a terrible thing. But last year when the fighting ceased the German forces still occupied favorable positions and thus made possible the famous "retreat to victory" of last spring. Now the Germans are very badly placed from a military standpoint, and any retreat, now or later, is bound to become a rout unless they are able to display better generalship than Field Marshal Haig, and that is not at all likely.

War department experts are said to be discussing the advisability of making another draft either in December or January because it is beginning to be apparent that there will be a lot of unoccupied room in the various cantonments. Getting men ready for the actual business of war as rapidly as possible is one of the most important tasks before the country now, but it seems to us that this matter of room at the training camps is one of the last considerations which should be permitted to enter into the question of drafting troops. So far as possible our army should be made to consist of large units with uniform training. That will be impossible if men are to be admitted in dribbles whenever there happens for any reason to be room at the training camps.

Yesterday a 17 year old boy was sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary for a murder during the recent race riot in East St. Louis, but up to date none of the politicians of that badly managed town, whose leadership, or rather lack of leadership, was responsible for the outbreak, has even been indicted.

Vice Admiral von Capelle, minister of marine of the German empire, has resigned, according to reports which come by way of Amsterdam. This is one of the after-math of the recent mutiny in the German high seas fleet, which has been kept in idleness while von Capelle and his predecessor, von Tirpitz, attempted to end the war by piracy. Keeping a fighting force in idleness is one of the most dangerous things in time of war as well as in time of peace. It may turn out yet that it would have been better for the German cause to have sought a decision on the sea with the fleet which was built up for just that purpose, but which the master strategists of the German side of the war have persistently declined. Had the German fleet been destroyed the purely maritime feature of the war would not have been much different than it was, and the Germans would not have been open to the charge of cowardice in the submarine campaign, which in that event would have seemed logical and necessary.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Mexico protests against her citizens being drafted into the American army. If they are of the Villa variety the louder protest is likely to come from permitting them to don Uncle Sam's uniform.—Connellsville Courier.

The price of honey has advanced. Wonder if the bees are getting better wages.—St. Albans Herald.

The South last year scored an "excess profit" on cotton of about \$600,000,000. Still neither cotton nor the profits are taxed.—Wheeler Intelligencer.

It's an honest-to-goodness fact that some of those who advise you to "save for the war" know as little about real economy as a brindle pup knows about the catechism.—Charleston Leader.

The so called big series do not care what kind of a game they see.

To be with the crowd is their principal aim.

But a lot of them would run their legs off if you suggested that they could get into a bigger crowd by joining the army.

Have you negotiated for that Liberty Bond yet?

Battling Bob LaFollette is to get his inning before the investigating committee Tuesday.

And this time he will have to talk sense and right to the point.

Or go out on his neck.

Supreme court has ruled that intoxication is a good defense in court in some cases.

That isn't so bad, now that the anti-booze laws are beginning to be enforced.

But it ought to have occurred to the learned court that such a ruling might

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE (BY CONDO)



WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP (By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13. The pension amendment passed by Congress on October 6th, automatically increases the pensions of widows of soldiers, sailors and marines who served during the Civil war, the war with Spain and the Filipino insurrection to \$25 a month and the increase goes into effect November 4th.

These and other facts about the new law are contained in a letter from the Pension Commissioner received by Congressman Bowers today. The law does not include widows of soldiers of the regular army and naval establishments nor of the marines; nor does it take in 1812, Mexican and Indian war widows.

Those widows who will benefit by this law are not required to make any application to secure the increase. Being on the roll already they have established their rights to be there, and the department has all the evidence necessary. The increase will go to them automatically, and the department also states promptly. The fact that many widows receive increases under the Ashbrook law last year, does not affect their rights under the new law. They will receive the further increase after the 4th of next month—\$25 a month. The new law does not repeal the Ashbrook law.

Karl M. Case of Parkersburg has received an appointment as an inspector of textiles and has been ordered to report at St. Louis for duty at once. Congressman Woodyard has also been notified by the Pension Bureau of the granting of a Pension of \$12 a month to Mrs. Melissa V. Bibbee of Hanna, together with accrued pension due her husband, Franklin Bibbee, at the time of his death.

The Post Office Department has issued notice that examinations will be held November 14 to fill the position of postmaster at the following West Virginia offices: Gary, salary \$1800; Logan, \$2400; Shepherdstown, \$1600; and Vivian, \$1000. Vacancies, due to resignations, are announced to exist at Meadville in Tyler county and at Smithers in Fayette county. A commission has been issued to Russell P. Paynter at Kingston.

George W. McChord and Samuel George, of Wellsburg, have been in the city for several days and fled through Senator Sutherland their applications with endorsements for commissions in the aviation section of the signal corps. Later, they were notified to appear Saturday morning at the War Department to take the examination for the service.

Congressman Stuart F. Reed was notified today by the Pension Commissioner that he has received a month had been granted two of his constituents, namely, Granville L. Fortney of Wyatt, and Jacob L. Morgan of Ailtzer.

The offices of all the members of Congress from West Virginia except the office of Representative Littlepage are open and running as usual. And there is plenty of business to keep

Miss Anna Mayhall of Parkersburg, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Brooks Smith on Columbia Road.

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What People Say And Some Side Remarks

Coal Administrator Garfield thinks that a coal famine can only follow on increased demand. He says: "Coal production in this country this year will exceed that of last year by ten per cent. The embargo against sending coal into Canada has been lifted and arrangements made by which it is to be supplied on a pro-rata basis, substantially as though it were a state of the union." That's fine. It is to be hoped that American people will soon start accepting Canadian quarters at their face value.

Everything is blamed on "the war" excepting the decreased attendance at the Normal. Prof. Joseph Rosier explains the decrease in attendance there:

"The secondary courses are being gradually dropped and that accounts for the decreased attendance. There is larger attendance in the higher grades than in former years. The graduating class of this year will be larger than that of last year."

Governor Cornwell seems to be an admirer of Roosevelt for he says in a "war boost" going the rounds of the weeklies in plate:

"We started with a 'shoe-string,' Hypnotized with chautauqua eloquence and pacifist prattings we ignored or denounced the advice of Colonel Roosevelt and other men who saw with equal vision the necessity of preparedness for eventualities."

BITS OF STATE NEWS

One of the biggest orchard deals in the recent history of Berkeley county was consummated at Martinsburg the other day when Congressman George M. Bower, his son Stephen Bowers, Attorney Wilbur H. Thomas and E. C. Henshaw purchased the big fruit farm of Harrison & Lord, located near Tabler's Station. The price is said to approximate \$50,000. The tract is known as the Federal Hill orchard. This orchard embraces 242 acres of land, and is planted in 28,000 apple trees of the best varieties. The trees are now seven years old. The orchard is located immediately south of John W. Stewart's big Protumna orchard, at Tabler's station. The price paid for the tract is in the neighborhood of \$207 per acre—or nearly \$2 for each tree in the orchard.

G. W. Hedrick who lives near Brown's factory, East Roncoville, brot to this office this week a bean pod, measuring 33 inches in length, says the West Virginia News. The vine from which this pod was taken was 25 feet long and bore 152 pods. Several of the beans were 37 inches in length. We could not learn the name of the variety of legumes but some call them the flower bean. They came from New Jersey.

Bellepoint is again to the front. She not only produces a big tomato, "murphys" and Fletch Tinner's, but enormous pumpkins says the Hinton Independent-World, a pumpkin that weighs 76 pounds. It is on exhibition in E. L. Briers grocery store window and is a real curiosity in "pump-kingdom." Don't fall to see it.

A 16 year old dog, a favorite of Cree Erwin, who is now located at Ponca City, Oklahoma, was shipped to him from Watson last week. Bread and meat and a pan of water were also included.

The biggest sale of pears in the Eastern Panhandle was recently consummated, when Theodore F. Imbach, of Martinsburg, purchased the entire crop of Kieffer pears from the Beck with estate, near Harper's Ferry. The crop is estimated at 6,000 barrels of unusually good fruit. Mr. Imbach re-sold the pears to New York dealers who will try to ship them to Europe.

Louis LeBaron of Tulsa, Okla., was in the city from Saturday until Monday, visiting his brother, A. C. LeBaron, of Cherry street, says the St. Mary's Oracle. He is a drilling contractor, and has been engaged in that business for the last fifteen years in various places in the southwest. He has the honor of having drilled the largest oil well the world has ever seen, the great well for an English company in the Tampico field in Mexico, which yielded the prodigious amount of 80,000 barrels a day.

A large number of the ministers of the state have responded to the request of J. F. Marsh, secretary of the state executive food conservation committee, to preach special sermons on Sunday morning, October 21, in launching of state conservation campaign in which it is proposed to secure 200,000 pledges to save in the interest of the war programme. Some of the ministers have even stated that they will use the text as suggested by Mr. Marsh, John 6:12—"Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost."

At Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Elza Morris are at Baltimore where Mr. Morris is being treated at Johns Hopkins hospital for an affliction on one of his feet.

Dale Doolittle Dead. Dale Doolittle, fourteen year old son of Luther Doolittle of Clarksburg, died Thursday morning at the home of his parents of diabetes. The young man had many relatives on the East Side a number of whom will attend the funeral services which will be held today.

At Rev. Brown's. Miss Cummings of Tunnetton who has been a patient at Cook hospital for a time has been removed from the hospital to the home of her son Rev. John Brown in Newton street.

Personals. Mrs. Bert Belma of Morgantown is visiting her sister Mrs. Luther Steele in Haymond street.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Malone and children of Little Falls are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tichnell in Market street.

Mrs. James Arnett who has been the guest of her aunt Mrs. J. D. Summers accompanied her father Joseph Jones of Little Falls to Weston today.

Clarence Fisher spent Thursday out near White Day hunting squirrels.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Corbin who have been visiting relatives here for several days return tomorrow to their home at Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Andrew Hawkins of Barrackville is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Andrew Vandergriff in Market street.

Mrs. Mary McAllister and daughter: Corena have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Gaskins on Ice's Run for a couple of days.

Joseph Jolliffe who has been here among relatives for several months started on the return trip to his home in California.

Mrs. J. H. Coles of Lenore, W. Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Wilson in Reeves street.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA Public Evening School For the purpose of giving persons engaged during the day in wage-earning occupations an opportunity to further their education the Board of Education of the Fairmont Independent district will provide Evening school facilities whereby such persons, at minimum cost may continue their school work. Courses will be offered by competent instructors in shorthand, typewriting, penmanship, bookkeeping, spelling, business arithmetic, business English, mechanical drawing, vegetable gardening, sewing and cooking, and such other courses for which there is reasonable demand. Twice each week (beginning Monday next) from 7:15 to 9:15 the school will be in session in the Fairmont High School Building. The tuition will be one dollar per month of four weeks. Those interested may consult G. H. Colebank, Principal or Otis G. Wilson, Supt. Telephone 383 Telephone 696 Your Best Interests Your best interests should be considered in opening a banking account. First, you desire safety for your funds. Second, you need a banking connection where advice and assistance can be secured when needed. The Peoples National Bank offers you both. It places its services and facilities at your command. Give us an opportunity to serve you. 4 PER CENT ON SAVINGS AND TIME CERTIFICATES THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK On the Corner Near the Postoffice. CAPITAL \$200,000.00 ROAD CLOSED The Pharaoh's Run Road is closed for permanent improvement. All traffic for Arnettsville and Morgantown detour via Baxter.