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BIG WAR GAME IN PROGRESS.

Boston and the neighboring country is in the throes of war, not a bloody one, or even a noisy one, but nevertheless a war, in which thousands of troops are attempting to capture the city, which is being defended by other thousands.

The campaign is a war game that is being played by two armies, known as the Red Army and the Blue Army made up of United States regulars and National Guardsmen from many of the eastern states.

The Blues, commanded by General Pew, are defending Boston, while the Reds under General Bliss are making the attack. The offenders were landed on the coast by army transports, and have been drawing in their lines closely about the city.

The "engagements" are judged by a board of umpires, of whom Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A. is the chief.

The campaign is being conducted just as it would be in real warfare. There are, however, many humorous features in the game. For instance, when a bridge is to be destroyed, the troopers place dynamite at the proper points, and, having made all preparations to destroy the structure, they set off a fire cracker, and hang up a sign "this bridge is destroyed", and the "enemy" is not permitted to cross it.

In the event of an engagement, the umpire decides the result, and announces the number of "killed" and "wounded".

It is intended that this shall give valuable experience to the militia by their association with the regulars on campaigns, and shall also furnish knowledge of use in the defense of our cities.

BIG FIRE NEAR BERWICK.

The farm buildings of Samuel J. Conner, near Berwick, were totally destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. The barn, straw shed, cattle shed, carriage house, corn house and another shed, together with 1200 bushels of wheat, 75 tons of hay, 450 bushels of oats and 100 bushels of corn ears were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$10,000. This is partially covered by a \$6000 insurance policy, which would have expired within a few hours.

Only last April Mr. Conner's large barn near his home at Willow Springs was burned, the rebuilding of which has just been completed.

LOST ARM IN MILL.

A most unfortunate accident occurred at the carpet mill Monday afternoon, when Percy Steward, an employee in the drying department, caught his right arm in a drying machine and had the hand and the flesh torn off up to the elbow.

He was taken to the hospital, where his arm was amputated above the elbow. He underwent the operation in good shape, and no serious results are anticipated.

Mr. Steward is a young man and has a wife and one child.

HESS REUNION.

The annual reunion of the Hess families and relatives will be held at Klein's Grove, Rupert, on Saturday, August 28th. A big crowd is expected. Commissioner J. A. Hess is President of the association.

DEEDS RECORDED.

The following deeds have recently been entered on record by Recorder of Deeds Frank W. Miller:

Rosemont Cemetery Company to Sadie Summers et al. for a lot in said cemetery.

George Laubach and wife et al. to Lydia Miller for a tract of land in Fishing Creek township.

T. H. Doan and wife to George L. Reagan for a property in the Borough of Berwick.

George L. Reagan and wife to George W. Seybert for a property in the Borough of Berwick.

Edward Futile to Susan Belecky for a property in the Borough of West Berwick.

Mary Gertrude Rinker to Jennie A. Rinker for a property in the Town of Bloomsburg.

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William Honabach and wife to Henry R. Knorr for a tract of land in Locust township.

Henry R. Knorr to William Honabach for a tract of land situate in Locust township.

Margaret J. Gilbert et al to James W. Sittler for a property in the Borough of Berwick.

Margaret J. Gilbert et al. to Cora A. Sittler for a property in the Borough of Berwick.

FAIR STORE OPENED.

The Fair Store of Severance and Roberts was thrown open for inspection last Friday. The establishment was filled all day with visitors, to each of whom an ice cream cone was presented.

The place presents a very good appearance, both within and on the front, and is an addition to Main street. It was opened for business Saturday morning with many tempting bargains which drew a large crowd.

RAIN!

It rained! Real wet, cooling, dust-amihilating, temper-improving rain! Monday night saw the end of the drought that has had this section of the country in its grip for nearly two months.

Unfortunately it came too late to save a lot of the crops, but it will do some good, and has already gone a long way toward making life more endurable along the dusty streets and country roads.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Licentiate William S. Gerhard of Lancaster, will be ordained and installed pastor of the Orangeville Reformed church in the Union church of Orangeville on Sunday, August 29. Services to begin at 10:30 a. m. All the officers of the charge and as many members as possible should attend this important service.

MEET MAY NOT BE HELD.

The Bloomsburg Driving Club is uncertain whether or not the race meet, which was postponed last Saturday on account of the dust, will be held later this summer. The difficulty of getting enough horses to start makes the probability of this slight.

SPEAK PLEASANTLY.

The admonition, "speak pleasantly," is one that is frequently given to children by fond parents. It is also one that might well be printed in large letters on a placard and hung above the bed of many a grown-up, so that he could see it the first thing every morning.

There are a great many people, and we might say, some of them live in Bloomsburg, who, upon being spoken to in passing on the street, acknowledge it in the same cordial way as a creditor might bow to a man who has owed him twenty-five dollars for thirteen years. A crabbed nod or a grouchy grunt are the most genial demonstrations that some are accustomed to display when they are spoken to, while others appear to forget to speak at all.

This is a habit which is neither necessary, courteous, or excusable. There is none who is so preoccupied with business that he cannot be civil. He does not injure the man whom he ignores, but shows himself to be either absent-minded, ill-natured, or entirely ignorant of rudimentary courtesy.

HIS ANNUAL VISIT.

It has been the habit of our venerable and respected citizen, Col. J. G. Freeze, to take a drive every summer to his birth place at Exchange, Montour county. During the life of Mrs. Freeze she always accompanied him, and since her death the Colonel has continued the visits.

On Friday last he and his brother, Dr. P. H. Freeze, who is also over eighty years of age, took the drive together.

Many changes have taken place since they lived there.

Exchange has grown into a pretty village with modern facilities, including a bank, but most of the old buildings are gone, and there is probably not a familiar face in that vicinity. Ruins mark the site of an old mill which was once operated by their father.

Notwithstanding the many changes, the Colonel still feels, in the words of the poet:

"How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood."

SUICIDE AT PICNIC.

Frank Yordy, of Trevorton, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself twice while at the Tri-county farmers' picnic at DeWitt's Park, Riverside.

The shooting occurred about four o'clock, only a few minutes after Yordy had been talking to his wife, who has for some time been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. Snyder, of Danville.

The shots were distinctly heard in the park by the picnickers. Joseph Reed, who lives near the scene of the shooting, was the first to reach the spot and find the body.

Justice of the Peace E. W. Young empanelled a jury who viewed the body and adjourned to hold an inquest today.

Mr. Yordy is a man of twenty-seven years, and is survived by his parents and his wife.

WORK FOR CAR SHOPS.

The local plant of the American Car and Foundry Company has received an order for the overhauling of three hundred Erie cars. Fifty of them have already arrived, and the remainder will soon follow.

This will not only give the regular employes work, but will also furnish employment for an increased number of workmen.

THE SPEED LIMIT.

Section five of the Act of Assembly approved April 19th 1905, fixed the limit of speed for motor-vehicles in the limits of corporate cities and boroughs at twelve miles an hour; and at twenty miles outside of such corporate limits.

The Act approved April 29th, 1909, provides as follows.

"No person shall operate a motor-vehicle on the public highways of this state recklessly, or at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the width, traffic, and use of the highway, or so as to endanger property, or the life or limb of any person; but no person shall drive a motor-vehicle at a rate of speed exceeding one mile in two and one-half minutes; provided, that the local authorities having charge of any of the highways may, in dangerous, congested, or built up portions, place signs marked "Danger, run slow", and at these places the speed limit shall not exceed the rate of a mile in five minutes; the said signs to be plainly legible, and the letters to be not less than five inches in height".

The act further provides that no city, county, borough or township has power to make any regulations that fix a rate of speed lower than this.

The Act of 1909 went into effect immediately, with the exception that the method of licensing residents of the state should continue under the Act of 1905 until December 31st 1909.

As the matter stands now in Bloomsburg, any motor-vehicle may be driven on Main street, or elsewhere in the town at the rate of twenty-four miles per hour. The proper authorities have taken no steps whatever to lower this speed, and there are no signs up anywhere in the town.

That twenty-four miles an hour is a dangerous speed in this town, no one will deny. As a matter of fact that rate is often exceeded by some of the drivers. It is dangerous, not only on Main street, but even more so on the narrower streets where it is impossible to see up or down the cross streets in many places until they are reached. That there have not been many accidents is due more to divine interposition or good luck than to careful driving.

But it may be urged that the reckless driving is done by strangers and not by any of our own people. If this be true it is high time that we protect ourselves against outsiders. It is generally understood that Bloomsburg is free-for-all; that there are no speed regulations here, and so they rush through from one end of the town to the other like a streak of greased lightning, leaving behind them only a cloud of dust and a smell of gasoline. Let's put a penalty on them and get some of their dollars. They will help pave the streets.

ACCIDENT AT MATCH FACTORY.

James Shaw, a steam-fitter, of Philadelphia, had an ugly fall on Tuesday while at work at the Fear Match Factory, which resulted in a fractured knee and several minor bruises.

He was working at the top of a ladder when the rung on which he was standing broke, and he fell twenty feet to the cement floor, landing on his hands and knees.

He was hurried to the hospital, where the fracture was reduced. Mr. Shaw then left on crutches and took a train for his home in Philadelphia.