

THE WEEK'S NEWS
SCIENTIFIC NOTES
AND STRAY ITEMS

By Lincoln R. Long.

The Submarines.

The German submarine campaign has proved much more effective than was expected. England is really alarmed now and is appealing to the United States to see to it that she does not lack food and munitions. Ships have been sunk so fast that we must build as fast as we can in order to get enough bottoms to keep up the carrying trade with the Allies. Of course if some way could be found to overcome the undersen boats that would remedy matters best. It has been proposed to string nets across the north end of the North Sea and shut them in from the ocean as the English Channel is shut to them. But this would take a long time if it could be done at all. It is reported that American inventors including Edison are working at methods intended to master the submarines and success is hoped for soon. That would solve the problem.

The Land Fighting.

Just now after a tremendous offensive the English and France are making only comparatively small drives although it is expected that the English will soon be at it again with renewed power. The Germans have thus far been unable to withstand the drives and have failed through counter attacks to recover ground lost by them. The next renewal of the drive may hurl them pretty well back to their own soil. They have lost myriads of men in the last few days but seem to have plenty yet.

Russia.

Many disquieting reports have come from Russia but the later news indicate that that country will not make a separate peace with the Central Powers but will fight on until the war is won or lost. There have been some clashes between what is known as the Council and the Provisional government but things look peaceable at present and it is likely that there will be no trouble that will stop the fighting against the Germans.

Roosevelt's Army.

There is one man in the country who waits not but gets things moving. Colonel Roosevelt has already raised an army of 180,000 men besides officers and is prepared to send the first division to France in six weeks after he gets the necessary authorization from Washington. The expense will be borne by private means if desired and he seems to have unlimited means back of him. Perhaps if the Colonel had been at the head of affairs two years ago the war might have been over now.

The Liberty Loan.

The United States Government has opened the subscription books for the people of the country to subscribe to a huge loan for war purposes the amount to be five billions. Thus far subscriptions have come in to the amount of \$500,000,000. Secretary MacAdoo says that every citizen should be represented and it is expected that arrangements will be made whereby small investors can pay small sums by the month so as to bring bonds in the reach of all.

"Billy."

"Billy" Sunday still stirs up "Old New York" and thousands hear him each day with great numbers of "Trail Hitters." So sharp are some of his descriptions of Hell and other evils that several people including men have fainted during his speeches. He seems not to have failed in the great city as some thought he would.

Japanese Would Aid.

Resolutions pledging their moral and material support to America in the war against Germany were passed at a recent meeting of prominent Japanese residents of New York. "The German American war may give us Japanese a chance to serve the country under whose protection we are making our living," one of the speakers said. A movement started by Japanese to raise a volunteer regiment to aid America in the war is now under way.

A New Rustproof Steel.

When an English metallurgist some time ago discovered with a number of steel rods which had become badly rusted a few which were as bright and stainless as new he investigated and found that those which had withstood rust contained chromium. This led to the discovery that by incorporating from 12 to 13 per cent of that metal with mild carbon steel an alloy is obtained which will not stain or tarnish. Though this alloy costs more than ordinary steel it is extremely valuable for many purposes. It is being used extensively in this country in the manufacture of table cutlery.

Light from Matches.

When an air raid is imminent the light from matches of smokers in the streets of English towns is considered extremely dangerous; a number of citizens of a certain town in that country were fined for striking matches recently when such a raid was on. Visibility tests have shown that on a dark night the light of a match may be seen easily at a distance of a mile. While hostile airplanes usually fly higher than a mile, the police superintendent testified that, although the street lights were turned out at the time, the matches struck by smokers made the streets almost as light as they would

have been with the ordinary illumination.

Porpoise Oil.

The oil used in lubricating the works in watches, clocks, chronometers, talking machines and delicate recording apparatus is obtained principally from the porpoise. The oil which is obtained from the fish's jaws is somewhat meager in quantity; it sells wholesale for about \$25 a gallon. A curious feature of porpoise oil is that neither heat nor cold affects its fluidity. It is non-oxidizing, does not evaporate and never becomes rancid. Owing to the large demand for it, fishermen in this country are not able to supply all that is needed here and large quantities are imported from England.

Paper Famine in England.

Newspapers will have to be reduced for the second time in England on account of paper shortage. Many publishers believe that within a month the average newspaper will consist of one sheet of two pages with no advertisements.

Shall We Pay Indemnity?

The German idea now is to collect their war indemnity from us when they have won out. They seem rather glad to have one enemy that has means to pay their bills when the war shall be over. The question is whether we will give up beaten and pay.

City Ruled by Women.

The city of Valley Center in Kansas recently elected a woman mayor. She has now appointed a woman as city marshal and a woman as street commissioner. The city council is entirely feminine.

BEDELL.

Steven Greene of Denver was a business caller at Ward Kelly's last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kittle of Brookdale called at Wilber Kittle's Sunday.

Leon Kittle, who has been spending a week's vacation with friends and relatives in this place returned Monday to his work at the Binghamton State Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Symonds spent last week at their daughter, Mrs. Edward Todd.

William Franks of Margaretville spent over Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Abe Fuller.

The proprietor of the Breeze Hill Hotel at Fleischmanns was through this place on Monday looking for milk for the coming boarding season.

Elmer Travis of Roxbury was through this place looking for pigs and other stock on Saturday.

Mrs. Wilber Kittle entertained the Larkin Club on Thursday.

DRY BROOK.

Mr. and Mrs. William Avery visited Mr. and Mrs. Carr George at Denver last week.

A. W. C. T. U. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Niles Fairbairn on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyler have gone to Canfield, where they have secured employment.

Mrs. George Gould has been spending a few days at Furlough Lodge.

Claude Green has moved on the Haynes farm, and has commenced his duties as mail carrier.

Miss Blanche Walley who has taught a very successful term of school has been engaged for another year.

Field Caught Fire.

From our Bedell correspondent
A pasture lot on the farm belonging to Mrs. Edward Todd accidentally caught fire from a cigarette stub, which was thrown down by a couple of fishermen. The fire was extinguished by Mrs. Todd and son, but little damage was done.

First Methodist Church Notes.

Earle R. Hubbard, Pastor.
The second Sunday in May has come to be known as Mother's Day almost universally. We are planning to observe it very fully. Let everyone wear a white flower, a white carnation in preference. The church is planning to present all who come Sunday with one. This Sunday will test our devotion to our mothers. Everyone should be in church Sunday morning. The Pastor will preach on—"The Mother Heroine. All welcome. Hymns 300; 669; 678.
Jesus The True Vine will be the Sunday School lesson Sunday found in John 15-16. Let us beware of our obligation to our class and church by being present every Sunday. Then too, the glad Children's Day is near at hand. We want to get in good trim for it.
Forgiving Love—The Juniors will discuss this topic at 3 p. m. Miss Florence Kelly, Supt.
The Pastor will have charge of the Epworth League Anniversary Service at 6:30 p. m. This is always a good service. Do not miss it any member.
Another special service at 7:30 p. m.—The Pastor will preach on—"The Supreme Woman Heroine. We shall have special music and no reason why all should not avail themselves of the wonderful opportunities of church going. Hymns Nos. 548; 544; 556.
Class meeting 8:30 p. m., L. Bussy, leader.

Stone School House.

Don't forget Parent's Day at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. We desire to see the school house crowded. Let every parent and child bear this in mind. Wear a white flower. Sunday School 1:30. M. H. Sanford, Supt.
The Church on the Knoll, Arena, N. Y.
Rev. E. C. Tamblin, Pastor.
Sunday is a greater privilege than this brings us a greater privilege than this one. In no way can we better honor our mother than by attendance on God's House. Honor your mother by being present at the 11 o'clock service—Subject "Our Mothers."
At noon, Sunday School, E. A. Seeley, Supt. the men and women of the community are cordially invited to join the adult Bible classes.
7:30 p. m. The Happy Evening Service. The second number of the series of sermons especially for men will be delivered at this service. Every man in the community should plan to attend—Subject "Slamese Twins."

E. R. WILLIAMS DEAD

Former Peapack Hotel Keeper Succumbs to Appendicitis at Oneonta.

Ernest R. Williams, who two weeks ago underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Fox Memorial hospital, died at about 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at his room in the Hathaway house, of which hotel he had since February been proprietor. His condition had from the first been serious, but the one longing of his heart was for his home. Accordingly he was removed thereto on Saturday in the hope that the change would be conducive to his recovery. He continued to fall, however, and the end came at the time stated.

Mr. Williams was born Sept. 1, 1877, in Kansas City, Mo., and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams of that city. About 30 years ago the family moved to Walton, and since that time his home had been in Delaware and Otsego counties, where he conducted hotels at Sidney, Cook's Falls, Peapack and Oneonta. He came from Peapack to this city in January last and assumed, on Feb. 1, the management of the Hathaway house.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Alice Fancher of Otego, to whom he was married Oct. 3, 1897, and by his step-mother, now Mrs. John Germain of Peapack. He was the last of his family, his father and three brothers having died within a little more than two years. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bush of Buffalo, brother-in-law and sisters of Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Germain, above noted, arrived in Oneonta yesterday and were with him at the time of his death.—(Oneonta Star.)

To the Egg Shippers.

Shippers of eggs should use great care in packing, in order to save breakage, which has been large in the last few months.

Use excelsior in the bottom and on top of cases, wire around each end of case to keep bottom from coming loose. Do not put over sized eggs in regular fillers as the large egg must press against the one below or above and causes breakage down through the whole row. The greater the care in packing less the breakage which means a great saving for all concerns.
D. L. Todd, Agent.

In Legal Terms.

She (after a tiff)—You will admit you were wrong?
He (a young lawyer)—No, but I'll admit that an unintentional error might have unknowingly crept into my assertion.

Public Notice of Usurpation of Affairs of The First National Bank of Griffin Corners, N. Y.

The Articles of Association of The First National Bank of Griffin Corners, N. Y., in force January 9, 1917, at the time of the last annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors, provided for nine directors to manage its affairs.

Section 5145 of the National Bank Act reads as follows:

"The affairs of each association shall be managed by not less than five directors, who shall be elected by shareholders at a meeting to be held at any time before the association is authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency to commence the business of banking; and afterwards at meetings to be held on such day in January of each year as is specified therefor in the articles of association. The directors shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and have qualified."

At the close of business on May 5, 1917 the board of directors of said Bank, so elected at the last annual meeting in January, including appointees in cases of vacancies, consisted of Alonzo Morse, of Halcott, Lorenzo Van Valkenburgh of Halcott, Charles V. Spriggs, Albert A. Halpern, Elwin Champlin, Hillis A. Judd, Herbert Lasher and Anna Lasher all of Fleischmanns, N. Y.

At the January meeting Charles V. Spriggs was elected president and John F. Kelly cashier.

The action in the Supreme Court of Albert A. Halpern against Fred D. Cure, John E. Scudder and others to determine the title of the five shares of bank stock, for the transfer of which John E. Scudder was arrested in Jan., 1916, was argued May 2, 1917, at Elmira, N. Y. before Judge Davis, who reserved decision.

It was stipulated by Mr. Eckert attorney for Fred D. Cure at that time, that the five shares of stock in issue in that case, would not be voted, until the final determination of the action.

On May 7, 1917, certain stockholders of said Bank upon the motion of A. H. Todd, M. S. Grant Cure, Manser H. Tompkins, George A. Speenburgh and others, at a stockholders meeting, adopted resolutions, over the protest of majority members of the board of directors elected in January last, amending the articles of association, by increasing the number of directors

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