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We are altogether now in this struggle. If we win, you win. If we lose, you lose. Will you help win? Thrift stamps offer one way.

ANOTHER GERMAN DRIVE LAUNCHED

LONDON, April 25.—Three attacks made by the Germans on British positions east of Amiens have been repulsed, it is announced officially.

On the Flanders front late yesterday the Germans attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and were repulsed. Early this morning, after an intense bombardment, they renewed their attacks in this sector and against the British positions further east.

The British regained ground around Viller-Bretonneux by counter-attacks and took prisoners.

Severe fighting was in progress all night in and around this point and still continues. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy there.

On the Baileul sector the battle is continuing over a wide front.

PARIS, April 25.—The Germans have captured the village of Hangard, on the front southeast of Amiens, the war office announced today.

This battle continued with violence through the night in this sector. The French lost Hangard, recaptured it and finally were again forced out of the town, but are holding the ground immediately around it.

[Our weekly war review will be found on page 8.]

HUNS THREATEN WAR ON HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, April 25.—German cavalry has appeared along the Westphalian border, hitherto guarded only by landstrum. A strong German note demanding a quick reply has arrived. The main demand is for free transportation of materials through Holland to Belgium.

Westphalia is a Prussian province extending along the greater part of the Dutch frontier. It contains the Rhine valley.

MONTEZUMA BOY FIRST OVER THE TOP

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To the One's at Home—I will endeavor to write you a few lines this cool morning in France. I am in the best of health at the present time and hope that these few lines will find you in the best of health and happy.

I think we all should be happy we are living, don't you?

Well, I was the first of our regiment to go over the top and came back from the German lines without a scratch. Lucky this time, but it may be of a different nature the next time. We are real proud of our leader, who is one of the best fellows I have met since I have been in France. The party I was in was in a picked bunch of men from our regiment. We all were volunteers who went to the front gladly. And we all came back with a few mere scratches. We certainly had a very thrilling time. I never heard such noise. It didn't get on our nerves like we thought it would. It would take me a week to tell of my life in the trenches. So I will wait until I get back to the States, if such a thing is to be thought of. Received your photo and don't hardly know how to express my thanks to you, but believe me, I certainly do enjoy everything that comes from home. Show me a boy who would not willingly give up his life to defend the ones back home.

Well, had my first sea experience as a soldier of the U. S. A. a few days ago. I happened to be one of a party of volunteers to go over the top, or as we said in the States, ver no man's land. The Fourth of July times we used to have at home don't hold a candle to the noise that the shrapnel and trench mortars made

while we were in the German trenches. We also got back safely with only a few scratches, nothing to speak of. It's a great life, if you don't weaken.

I am ready to go over the top any time, if it will help end this wicked war. I am not afraid to die, but I hate to think of going under without six or seven Boches going ahead of me. I may never see back home again, but I can make the enemy pay dearly for my frame.

If Gerany thinks that the U. S. boys can't fight they are mistaken for we have been tried and stood the test.

I don't think I ever saw so much barbed wire in all my life as I saw the night of the raid. We had our uniforms all torn to pieces by the wire. A certain officer said he never saw any one look so good as an American soldier with his uniform torn by a German barbed wire. If I ever get back to the States, I will have a great many thrilling stories to tell.

Well, enough of the war, as we get enough of that every day.

How is our old class getting along. I suppose everything is very dead around Montezuma since almost all the boys have left. But never mind, I am only waiting for next winter so we can go skating again.

Yes, I think the war will end this summer, I hope so at least. If I dared to write, I could write a book, but I think it would be hard to read for I am a poor writer. As it is almost time to eat, will close wishing you all the happiness in the world. Tell the class I send my love and very best wishes.

CECIL SCOTT CENCEBAUGH
Co. A, 166 U. S. Inf. A. E. F., France.

HE WANTS TO KNOW

Among the draft board's abundance of mail this week the following letter received from a town in Minnesota, was the subject of much humorous discussion:

Dear Sir—Would like to ask a favor from you about this draft. I am in class one and am a first-class American. But I have learned lately some thing I did not understand when I filled out my questionnaires about belonging to any church that did not believe in this war. Do you understand me. The Bible says—"Thou Shalt Not Kill", and I am one of them. Now don't think I am on the German side—No not a darn bit. But please give me information on this subject.

Your American Friend.
Please answer soon.

Mrs. Emma Klob, of Kenton, and Dr. P. C. LeBlond, of San Francisco, Calif. were the guests of Mr and Mrs. W. H. Bruns the past week. Mr. LeBlond was a former Celina boy, a son of the late Hon P. C. LeBlond.

Gover Howick, who was unable to accompany the last contingent of boys to Camp Sherman on account of illness, left last week for Camp. He was presented the usual camfort kit from the ladies of the Red Cross and a gift from the Celina Business Men's Association.

Friends of Mr and Mrs. Stephen Garman will be glad to learn that their little son, who fell on the pangs of a pitchfork a week or so since, injuring his eye, will not lose the sight of it, as was feared at the time.

P. F. Callen, who was suddenly stricken some three weeks or more ago and operated upon at the Otis hospital, was able to leave that institution last Friday.

Attorney and Mrs. Cotter Dugan and little son, of Kenton, spent a few days last week with the former's parents, Judge and Mrs. P. F. Dugan.

Mr and Mrs. D. W. East, of Hopeville township, are entertaining a new girl at their home. Arrived on the 17th.

FARMERS HOLDING WHEAT ORDERED TO COME ACROSS

Farmers of Mercer County holding wheat beyond the amount stipulated by the government may as well prepare to come across. The government is going to see the boys that are fighting our battles and your battles are fed and well fed. Get that through your hide. It is well known that many farmers are holding their wheat, for no better reason than they have more bristles than the hogs they raise or wish to embarrass the government in the prosecution of the war.

We are for conscripting anything the government needs. If there is anything more valuable to the world than the young men we are sending to the front, let it be known, you sneaks and hoarders, and there seems to be as many on the farms as elsewhere, and this crop seems to flourish the higher prices ascend.

The leading elevators of the country are in the hands of the government and it tells them when and where grain is to be shipped. You are a cog in the government machinery and you might as well let that soak in. The government knows what grain is in the elevators, what was threshed and what is hidden on the farms better than you are aware of. You needn't yell stop thief at your neighbor, because it is too commonly employed by those who wish to distract attention from the nigger in wood pile, and you may only attract attention to yourself.

Prosecuting Attorney Stubbs, who by the way is also the Mercer County Food Administrator, Wednesday handed The Democrat the following self-explanatory notice for publication, and the preceding paragraphs are thrown in as a sort of introductory, let it hit where it may:

"Notice to Farmers.

"Celina, Ohio, April 23, 1918.

"All farmers in Mercer County are hereby notified to deliver all their wheat to market at once. Only amounts sufficient for seeding purposes and for family use may be retained. Each farmer may retain for seed not to exceed two bushels per acre for the 1919 crop; for flour, one bushel for each member of the family may be retained. This is a government order made to the Food Administrator, C. A. STUBBS, Mercer County Food Administrator."

GERMAN SERVICES TO BE DISPENSED WITH

Announcement was made from the local Catholic church last Sunday that services in the German language would be dispensed with in the future. St. John's Lutheran church of this city, took the same step a couple of weeks since. Kaiserism has surely brought the German language into disrepute.

FOREST HEIGHTS LEGALLY ADOPTED

An ordinance accepting Forest Heights as a part of the village of Celina received final sanction at the meeting of Council last Tuesday evening.

The resignation of P. H. Schunck as a member of Council was also read and accepted.

A resolution transferring \$400 from the service fund to the health fund was passed.

The matter of sprinkling the street crossings, of oil for the streets and a belt for the pumping station was passed to the respective committees.

A plat of Outlot 17, in this city, was presented to Council for action by Engineer Fishbaugh.

PUBLIC INVITED TO I.O.O.F. ANNIVERSARY MEET APR. 29

The public is invited to attend the 99th anniversary service of Celina Lodge, No. 259, I. O. O. F., to be held at the I. O. O. F. Temple, Monday evening, April 29, at 8 p. m. The following interesting program will be rendered:

America—By Audience.
Invocation—Dr. W. W. Lance.
Instrumental Trio—C. A. Stubbs, John Stubbs and Russell Younger.
Vocal Solo—John Stubbs.
Address—Dr. W. W. Lance.
Clarinet Solo—C. Russell Younger.

Patriotism vs. Pro.—Rev. Geo. W. Horn.
Battle Hymn of the Republic—By audience.
Benediction.
Myrtle Laut, of Camp Sherman, spent a few days last week with his friends here.

BIG PETE WILL CLOSE DURING GAME TO-MORROW

My shoe store will be closed next Saturday afternoon from 1 until 4 o'clock on account of the baseball game between Celina and Camp Sherman boys for the benefit of the Red Cross. If you want to do any trading come as early in the morning as you can, or we will be open until 11 p. m. Big Pete also says you may leave your parcels at his store if you want to attend the game, because the store will be open at 4 o'clock sharp.

ANOTHER GOLD BRICK ESCAPES US

W. O. Robson, manager of the D. T. & C. railroad, better known as the Delaware branch of the old C. & D. railroad, in a letter to Senator Johnson of this city, has given notice of the withdrawal of a proposition to locate the round-house, repair shops and accessories in Celina for a consideration of \$20,000 and a site for the proposed round-house and other good things would not come across in the time specified, if it did at all, and wishing to seek more responsive and verdant fields, is given as the reason for the withdrawal of the proposition.

The trouble with Celina is that it has been gold-bricked too often and has too many monuments to misdirected efforts. Then again the railroad situation is likely to undergo complete transformation before the government lets go of them, if it ever does. Should the government take them over for good, the promised round-house and other good things might be swallowed up by the reorganization, as well as the four little stations about town, for the government would likely get the fool notion that there were no more use for four stations than four postoffices in Celina.

MEETING OF COUNTY DRY FEDERATION TO-MORROW

There will be a meeting of the Dry Federation in this city to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the office of E. J. Brookhart, in the First National Bank building.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Mary Hatline, aged 83 years, died on the 18th inst. at the home of her son, Isaac Hatline a mile east of this city. Death was due to the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Hatline was one of the pioneer women of the county, and well known in the north part of the county. She is survived by three daughters and two sons. Her husband died nearly a half century ago.

Funeral services were held last Sunday from Copp's church, with Rev. C. S. Johnson, of this city in charge.

Lester Grimm, aged 27, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grimm, in Center township, last Wednesday morning. Death was due to lung trouble. For the last couple of years he has been employed in the oil fields at Jackson, Mich., but when he became seriously ill he was brought to his home here. Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services will be held from the Evangelical church, in this city, next Sunday, with interment at North Grove.

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News reached relatives in this city, Saturday, of the death of Markwood McKee, at one time a resident of this county, at his home at Dayton, O. He was the son of Rev. Wm. McKee, a former U. B. minister at Old Town. His death has further local interest from the fact that he wedded a Celina girl, Miss Rose Hight, who, with a young son, survives him. Funeral services took place at Dayton Tuesday.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirkpatrick, for days old, died at their home in Hopewell township last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Roberts, aged 27, a daughter of Mr. an dMrs. Douglas Gowdy of this city, died at Piqua, O., last Friday. She is survived by her husband and three small children. Her remains were brought to Celina, Sunday and taken to the home of her parents on Lake street. Funeral services were held from the M. E. church yesterday afternoon.

Had a lively meeting last Saturday.

Several members were present for the installation of officers. Everything went off in earnest and a general good time was had.

Comrades don't forget the meeting on May 4. Be sure to attend our next meeting so we can make arrangements for Memorial Day.

W. NICHOLS, Adj.

The Democrat has a few packages of government agarden seed sent here by Congressman Welty for free distribution. The early bird gets the worm.

How about a good talking machine? Remember Pulskamp's, on West Fayette street, sell the Harpoon, which is made in Celina. Call and hear it.

Cincinnati Daily Post said The Democrat, both one year, \$2.50.

TO-MORROW TO BE OBSERVED AS LIBERTY DAY

To-morrow (Saturday) is to be observed as Liberty Day, instead of today, as in many towns and cities, and promises to be one long to be remembered by the people of this city and county, and will remind them, too, that the demands of war is making further inroads on the youth of the county. The meeting of so many of our boys fresh from Camp Sherman will, however, lend a happy and pleasant aspect for a day at least, for they come with good cheer and strong hearts to mingle with the home folks on familiar ground. The day, provides a meeting place for those who depart Sunday to fill up the ranks being depleted at Camp Sherman for over-the-seas service and give friends and relatives an opportunity to grasp their hands and extend them heartfelt greetings.

The day is to be featured by the visit of a ball team from Co. I, which is made up mostly of Mercer county boys, and will have four of them in the line-up. The team of Mercer county boys will oppose them are well known, being made up of Fort Recovery, Coldwater, Rockford and Celina players. "The game will be interesting, not alone from the fact that the boys from the camp will be with us, but the game will have merit along with it for those who enjoy to national pastime.

The proceeds of the game will be donated to the Red Cross. If the weather man places no obstacles in the way the greatest crowd that ever assembled at Mercelina park will be out, and that is saying something. It is not necessary to invite the people to come out—they will be there.

The day has been proclaimed a holiday by edict of the mayor, and all business houses will close from 1 to 4 in the afternoon, and some for the entire afternoon.

The admission to the park is 25 cents, ladies 15 cents and children 10 cents.

The line-up of the Camp Sherman boys is given in the letter of Sergeant Chas. Ellis to Willshire Hight, found below, and the team of Home Guards who will try to wrestle the honors from them, follows his letter.

An added feature will be the crack drill team of Capt. Alabauch, who will show what has been accomplished in a few short months to beat the Kaiser at his own game.

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A FARMER WORTHY OF HIS GREAT CALLING

[Coldwater Chronicle.]

A few days ago Henry Giere, a well known farmer of Marion township, was in town and in conversation let it be known that he had quite a quantity of 1916 corn that was all O. K. for seed. A party said to him, "Why didn't you tell me, we could make a nice thing out of it." Mr. Giere said he knew that good seed corn was scarce and was commanding a good price, but if any one had offered him \$5 or more a bushel for it he would not have let them had it. At that time he had already sold 150 bushels at just \$2 per bushel and would not take any more for it.

The Chronicle is glad to mention this, for it is in striking contrast to those who want all the way from \$5 to \$10 per bushel for seed corn.

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Insurance, \$1100.

Our old friend H. C. Morrison, of Rockford, made us a pleasant call yesterday while in town.