

Gettysburg Youths Killed Bushman.

The mystery of the murder of George J. Bushman, a Gettysburg battlefield guide and transfer-man, whose body was found rolled in a blanket on the river road above Harrisburg on October 17, has been solved. Bushman's alleged murderers are in the Harrisburg jail and Bushman's automobile has been found. The story of a woman in the case is exploded, for it has been found that there was no woman in the case at all.

The murder was committed by two young men of Gettysburg, who in their confession say they planned the murder to get the large amount of money which Bushman was supposed to have on him at the time, but they only got \$5.80 and his automobile.

The alleged murderers are Clarence Raymond Collins, aged twenty, and Charles Reinecker, aged eighteen, both of Gettysburg. Collins was arrested Oct. 25 in Waynesboro by Detective Charles Wilson, and after the boy was taken to Gettysburg the Adams County detective and Detective Harry C. White, of Harrisburg, "sweated" him, which brought out the information that Reinecker was Collins' accomplice. The two detectives then arrested Reinecker, who was in Gettysburg. He is alleged to have made a full confession, in which he said he shot Bushman with a gun Collins gave him. They are held for a hearing in Cumberland county, for, according to their story, the actual murder was committed near Carlisle, in Bushman's own car.

The body was then taken into Dauphin county and abandoned there, while Reinecker proceeded to Philadelphia with Bushman's Hudson Super Six car, where he tried to sell it to E. C. Sherman, a dealer, but failing, placed it in a garage, where he left it until "called for."

Detective Harry White located the machine and it was decided to let it remain in the garage in the expectation that someone would come for it. But this did not happen.

The detectives then set to work investigating the alleged conversation between several young men which was overheard a few nights before the murder, when in a cab in the central part of Gettysburg they were alleged to remark, "That came pretty near getting it the other night, and he'll get it yet before long." A bystander heard them and reported the matter to Lieutenant Coe, of Camp Co't, and others. At first the detectives worked on the theory that three Gettysburg young men committed the murder, and Detective Harry C. White issued circulars for Clarence Raymond Collins, aged twenty; William J. Eckenrode, aged twenty, and Raymond Oscar Staley, aged twenty, all of Gettysburg. By the stories of Collins and Reinecker, as related to the detectives, Eckenrode and Staley are eliminated. The arrested men were taken to Harrisburg charged with the murder.

Collins, one of the accused, made almost daily trips to Hanover in a "jitney," bringing down soldiers from Camp Co't, and was known by a number of local people. He usually stood his taxi in front of the Hotel O'Boid and spent the evening loafing on the street, waiting to take soldiers back to Gettysburg.

Within a few days, says an exchange, the first motor truck mail and parcel post service between Pittsburg and McConnellsburg will be started. The route will be over the Lincoln Highway, and the distance to be covered will be 126 miles. Two three-ton trucks will be used and one trip a day will be made from each place. At McConnellsburg connection will be made with trucks to Gettysburg and from there to Baltimore, thus making a through line by which parcels may be transported quickly, and mail relief furnished to a large rural district.

Placing the muzzle of a loaded gun in her mouth, while at play on Wednesday evening, Pauline Gerber, 5 years old, was shot through the head when the weapon was accidentally discharged by the trigger knocking against the door. The accident occurred at the home of her uncle, Alvin Bushey, at Lemoyne. The dead girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gerber, of the D. & M. Junction.

Jacob Hulick, of Carlisle street, exhibited at the Item office on Tuesday, a turnip grown in the garden at his home, that measured 22 inches in circumference and weighed 3 pounds and 2 ounces.

Deaths.

Nicholas B. Carns, a life-long resident of Abbottstown, died at his home in that place shortly after noon on Wednesday after a week's sickness from influenza. Mr. Carns, who was a plasterer by trade, was 65 years old. His second wife and children, Mrs. Wilmer Trough, of Hanover; Miss Emma, at home; two step-children, Mrs. Rosie Yohe, of near Abbottstown; Mrs. Harvey Sowers, of Danville; two brothers, James Carns, of Abbottstown; Augustus Carns, Dayton, Ohio, and one sister, Mrs. Augustus Miller, of Abbottstown, survive him.

Mervin, 5-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Hamme, of near Abbottstown, died on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Kate Kauffman, wife of Christian Kauffman, of Reading township, near East Berlin, died on Tuesday at 3 a. m., of a complication of diseases, after long sickness. She was 55 years, 1 month and 26 days old. Besides her husband she is survived by five children: Clarence, of York; Chas. Mervin, and Russell, at home, and William, of Philadelphia; the following brothers and sisters: Walter Winand, near Bernadine; W. J. Winand, New Oxford; C. E. Winand, New Chester; E. C. Winand, East Berlin; Mrs. Bert Tanger and Ollie Winand, near York Springs; Mrs. Lillie Cortman, York, and her father, Frederick Winand, of York Springs. The funeral was held on Thursday; interment being made at Mummert's meeting house cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Trimmer, widow of Jacob Trimmer, died at 5:30 A. M. on Tuesday at the home of her son, Jacob E. Trimmer, at Carlisle, from influenza, aged 81 years, 8 months and 5 days. The Trimmer family were former residents of Hamilton township. Surviving are six sons: W. C. Trimmer, of Shippensburg; F. E. Trimmer, of Gettysburg; N. A. Trimmer, of Littleton; Jonas and Jacob Trimmer, of Carlisle; also one sister, Mrs. A. W. Yohe, of York. The funeral will be held at the home of her son in Carlisle, this Thursday at 1 P. M. Interment will be made at Mummert's meeting house, near East Berlin.

Calvin E. Spangler died on Saturday at his home in Cumberland township from a complication of diseases, aged 62 years, 3 months and 18 days. He was the eldest son of the late Henry and Sarah Spangler and was never married.

Miss Florence Hinkle, aged 22 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hinkle, of Philadelphia, formerly of Littlestown, died on Friday, from pneumonia.

Relatives here on Monday received a telegram announcing the death of Paul Sponseller which occurred at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon at Houtzdale, where he has been employed for some time in the coal mines. Death was due to pneumonia following an attack of influenza. He was 27 years old. Mr. Sponseller's family still retain their home on South Peters street, this place, but have been occupying apartments at Houtzdale. He is survived by his wife, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hoffman, Carlisle street, and two small sons: His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sponseller, Lincoln Way, West; and the following brothers and sisters: Ray, of Hamilton township; John, of York; George, of Wilkesbarre; Mrs. Irvin Yohe; Houtzdale; and Mrs. O. A. Cunningham, of South Dakota. The deceased was a former teacher in the public schools of this county. The body arrived here on Tuesday evening. Interment will be made in the New Oxford cemetery.

Mrs. Margaret McKinney, wife of Joseph G. McKinney, died at her home in McSherrystown, on Saturday, aged 69 years and 2 months. Her death was very sudden. She suffered a stroke of apoplexy, and passed away in about ten minutes. Besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: Mrs. Charles F. Smith, Mrs. Regina Hombach, Robert Grover and Burton McKinney, all of McSherrystown; also by the following brothers: Henry Martin of Brush Run, and Lewis Martin of Manchester.

Leroy Sullivan died on his farm near Abbottstown, Saturday evening, aged 27 years, 2 months and 26 days. Surviving are his wife, who before marriage was Miss Anna Grot; his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan; four small children.

Word was received at Littlestown Monday morning of the death of Nevin B. LeFevre, London, England, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James LeFevre, Littlestown. The deceased, who was in London in business for a period of 18 years, died at the age of 48 years from pneumonia. He was unmarried. Five brothers and five sisters survive.

Bugle Notes.

William Freet, Hanover, received a letter from his son, Pvt. Joseph E. Freet, a member of Co. F, I. W. S. Engineers stating that he is again at the front and feeling fine. Pvt. Freet was wounded while in action last June and was confined to a hospital for some time.

Nevin Biehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Biehl, of Littlestown, who is in France with the American Ice Plant Unit recruited in York, has been promoted to master electrician and made a first-class sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Biesecker, Gettysburg, have received a card announcing the safe arrival of their son, Earle B. Biesecker, overseas.

Mrs. Lizzie Courtney, of Hanover, received a letter from her husband, Sergt. Walter Courtney, now "over there," stating that he has returned from the front after some severe action with the Germans. He states that he and all of his men returned without a scratch.

H. E. Melhorn, formerly of town, has recently been promoted to foreman over a number of aeroplanes at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas.

Selected men from Adams County, who trained at Camp Meade as members of the 79th division, emerged with distinction and glory from their first big battle in France. Details of the action and praise for the boys of the National Army are contained in a letter from Col. John A. McKenna, of the medical corps of the 79th division.

Private John Jacoby, of Mt. Rock, in a letter to his mother states that he was shot thru the ankle by a machine gun bullet, but is rapidly recovering.

Word has been received of the safe arrival overseas of John McCarthy, the orphan boy who formerly made his home with Mrs. Zora Miller, at Brush Run.

John Markle, of Abbottstown, received a letter from his son Pvt. Curvin Markle, in France, stating that he is well and enjoying soldier life. He also stated that he met his brother, Percy, over there.

E. M. Sites, of Stone Jug, announces the safe arrival overseas of his son, James Sites.

Privates James McKernan and John T. Doyle, of the Tank Corps, Camp Colt, Gettysburg, who admitted in York court recently, the theft of the Dodge car belonging to C. J. Frey, of Hanover, appeared before the court Monday morning for sentence. They were turned over to Lieut. Coe, of Camp Colt.

Edward J. Sneringer, residing on the seminary farm, Berwick township, will have public sale of farm stock and implements on Saturday, November 16th.

J. Edward Reeve died Friday evening at his home in Hunterstown from influenza, aged 26 years, 3 months, and 20 days. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reeve, both dead, and leaves his wife, and two children. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Clayton Goodermuth and Mrs. Peter Gentzler, both of Gettysburg.

After one week's illness from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, Bernard G. Weaver, died at his home on Pleasant Street, shortly after 1 o'clock on Tuesday evening. He was aged 34 years. The deceased was a moulder by trade and for some time has been employed at Hanover. He is survived by his wife, who was Mrs. Mable Motter, of Halifax, Pa. and five small children. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Weaver, of Hanover Street; and four brothers: Joseph B., Frank L. and James B. Weaver, of town; John M. Weaver, of Philadelphia, and Paul D. Weaver, a student at Overbrook Seminary.

Mrs. Martha A. Martin, wife Earl E. Martin, died at her home in McSherrystown, on Monday evening from pneumonia, aged 23 years. She is survived by her husband, and four children; also her mother, Mrs. Lucy Davenport, of York.

D. Wilson Scott, a former resident of Fairfield, died on Sunday at Harrisburg from influenza, aged 64 years.

George Strevig, son of Harry Strevig, of near Littlestown, died on Monday evening from pneumonia, aged 16 years and 8 months. His father lost two brothers from influenza during the past two weeks.

Wilson Raffensberger died at his home at Arendtsville on Friday evening from influenza-pneumonia, aged 24 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Walter Herman, a well known retired farmer and veteran of the Civil War, died at his home along the Lincoln Highway, near town, from a complication of diseases at 3 o'clock this Wednesday morning, aged 76 years, 5 months and 12 days. He is survived by his wife, and the following sons: Jeff. T., William C., and James, of town; Joseph, of near town; Harvey, of near New Chester, and John W., of Mt. Pleasant township. Funeral at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning; interment will be made in the New Oxford cemetery.

Answered Last Roll Call.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson, Hanover street, on Monday afternoon received a telegram from headquarters at Washington advising them of the death, somewhere in France, of their only son, Private Dennis Robinson. Death, which was due to pneumonia, occurred on October 2nd. He was aged 27 years and 8 months. Private Dennis Robinson went with the contingent from Adams County to Camp Lee, Va., on June 27th. He remained at that camp until August 20th when he sailed for overseas. Private Robinson was born and reared here, and previous to being called to service was employed in the Livingston shoe factory. Besides his parents he leaves three sisters: Mrs. Joseph I. Weaver, of Poplar street; Sister Elizabeth, of Harrisburg Convent, and Miss Frances Robinson, at home.

Private Robinson was a charter member of the New Oxford Knights of St. George and a member of Conewago Beneficial Society.

Personal.

Bernard Weaver and family, of Pleasant street, visited at Mrs. Weaver's former home at Halifax.

Mrs. E. W. Moller and daughter June, of Harrisburg, are spending some time with Mrs. Moller's mother, Mrs. F. S. Smith and family, Hanover street. Mr. Moller, who had been sick with influenza in a Harrisburg hospital, has recovered.

Miss Elizabeth Hersh, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Geo. N. Acker, at Little Rock, Ark., has returned to her home on Lincoln Way, West.

William Anthony and family, of Hanover, spent Sunday with G. A. Klingel and family, Hanover street.

Charles E. Mauss and lady friend, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday at his home, near town.

Miss Mollie Hershey, of Lincoln Way, West, left on Monday to spend the winter months with her brother, Harry Hershey and family, at Reading.

Mrs. Harry Hart, of Hanover, is spending some time at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. D. Stock, Lincoln Way, West.

Stork News.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lerew, at Latimore, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rider, of Littlestown, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Collon Bosserman, of Reading township, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Smith, of near Irishtown, Oct. 23rd, a son.

Moving Here and There.

Augustus Elshere, who is managing the A. F. Fix & Co. cigar factory at East Berlin, moved his household goods and family from Delta to that place, on Monday.

The property of the late Mrs. Heagy in East Berlin, was sold on Saturday to Robert Kauffman, of near that place, for \$2,000.

The body of Sergeant Charles E. Bower who died from pneumonia at Camp Mills, N. Y., on October 20th, arrived here on Wednesday morning and was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Bower, on Berlin avenue from which place the funeral was held on Thursday afternoon. Sergeant Bower accompanied the body to New Oxford. Sergeant Bower was a young man that had a large circle of friends and the floral tributes were many and of large and most beautiful designs. Sergeant Bower carried army insurance to the amount of \$10,000.

Letters from several Hanover boys, who are members of the 316th infantry, were received by relatives on Tuesday and they tell of being in the fighting. One soldier, who is connected with the 316th infantry, states that Hanover boys were in the thick of the fray and that some of them have sacrificed their lives. He however mentions no names.

The Rev. Dr. A. Dechant, pastor of Emmanuel Reformed church, Hanover, is patriotically doing his bit at home by working at the plant of the Fitz Water Wheel Co. Pastor Dechant puts in five hours each day assisting in turning out government war contracts. Pastor Dechant has two sons in the service of their country.

Miss Mary Rudisill, of Gettysburg, has resigned as a teacher of a sixth grade public school, West York. Miss Rudisill recently lost a sister and a brother-in-law as a result of the influenza epidemic.

A covey of partridges have been hovering about the Item office for the past week. There are about a dozen or more in the bunch, but they are quite small.

An examination for the position of postmaster of Littlestown will be held at Hanover, December 11th. The office has an annual compensation of \$1600.

The home of Wm. Strausbaugh, in McSherrystown, was robbed of \$10 on last Friday night.

AUSTRIA ASKS FOR ALLIES' TRUCE SEPARATE PEACE TERMS READY

Austria, in her reply to President Wilson, accepts all the views expressed by the president in his note of October 19.

She says she is willing and ready without awaiting the result of other negotiations, to negotiate a peace and an immediate armistice on all Austro-Hungarian fronts.

(The president's note of October 15 refused to consider the autonomy of the subject-nations of the Austro-Hungarian empire as a basis for peace, declaring the Czechs and other nations must have their demands for independence satisfied. Austria previously had accepted the president's fourteen points, one of which mentions the satisfaction of Italy's legitimate claims.)

Austria has handed over entire control of food supply and distribution to the Czech authorities in Bohemia, a Vienna despatch to the Vossische Zeitung says. As a result 100 carloads of potatoes are on their way to the famishing Austrian capital.

Austria's New Note to U. S.

Austro-Hungary, in notifying President Wilson it is ready to enter upon peace negotiations and arrange an armistice, asks President Wilson, in its reply to him, to begin overtures on the subject.

The note is dated October 28 at Vienna, and is signed by Count Julius Andrássy, the new foreign minister.

The text follows:

"In reply to the note of President Wilson of the 18th (1918) of this month, addressed to the Austro-Hungarian government and giving the decision of the president to speak directly with the Austro-Hungarian government on the question of an armistice and of peace, the Austro-Hungarian government has the honor to declare that equally with the preceding proclamations of the president, it adheres also the same point of view contained in the last note upon the rights of the Austro-Hungarian peoples, especially those of the Czechs, Slovaks and the Jugo-Slavs.

"Consequently Austro-Hungary, accepting all the conditions the president has laid down for the entry into negotiations for an armistice and peace, no obstacle exists, according to the judgment of the Austro-Hungarian government to the beginning of these negotiations.

"The Austro-Hungarian government declares itself ready, in consequence, without awaiting the result of other negotiations to enter into negotiations upon peace between Austro-Hungary and the States in the opposing group and for an immediate armistice upon all Austro-Hungarian fronts.

"It asks President Wilson to be so kind as to begin overtures on this subject."

ALLIES' TERMS TO AUSTRIA

To Demand Use of Railroads to Get Into Germany.

The allies will make a separate peace with Austria upon these conditions:

1—The allied armies now advancing on the Danube must be given the right to use the Austrian railways, thus opening the door to Germany.

2—The Austrian armies released from the front must not be used against the revolting peoples of the dual monarchy.

These two main conditions were learned from a reliable authority.

Fulfillment of these conditions, it is believed, will force acceptance by Germany of the unconditional surrender terms which alone will bring the armistice she seeks.

These terms, the correspondent learns, already have been prepared and probably will be communicated to Germany within a few days.

Belgian Cabinet Going Home.

The members of the Belgian cabinet, whose presence is necessary in the reconquered territory of Belgium, will leave Havre this week, according to a despatch to the Petit Journal. At a festival to be given on Wednesday for the aid of French sailors, opportunity will be taken by the Belgian officials to take formal leave and thank the French government for its hospitality.

The influenza and pneumonia epidemic though abating, has claimed many victims in the county during the past several weeks. It has been an epidemic such as none of us have ever witnessed before. The list of those whose lives have been sacrificed to this epidemic have been the young and strong rather than the aged.

Henry Hesson, of Hanover, on Wednesday for the second time within two weeks, dislocated the bones of his left elbow by a fall at the Hanover Heel and Innersole factory, where he is employed.

It is permissible to state that the allied armistice terms have been framed.

An announcement of the terms is expected to be forthcoming before Thursday.

The armistice terms to Germany, which have been decided upon, call for the evacuation of Alsace-Lorraine, and contain other conditions equivalent to surrender, according to authoritative reports.

From a German military viewpoint, it is expected the terms will prove unacceptable, but it is thought the political situation may force their acceptance.

General Ludendorff resigned as first quartermaster general because the military authorities were placed under civil control. The retiring general, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen adds, has returned to great headquarters to take leave of the army and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who remains as chief of the army.

Emperor William has no intention of abdicating, but is willing, if it is for the good of the people, to ordain that his rights shall be refrained, according to a statement attributed to German court circles. The emperor is said to have remarked:

"I will not abandon my sorely tried people, but, if necessary, I am ready to become something like hereditary president of a German republic, like the kings of England, Belgium and Italy."

President Wilson's note to Germany was printed textually in the German newspapers Thursday evening and Friday morning. The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, printed the English text alongside the note in German.

Aside from the Junker organs, which proclaimed the necessity of every man coming to the front for the emperor and the empire, many newspapers apparently contemplate without excessive lament the prospective disappearance of the Hohenzollern dynasty. The emperor's abdication is again strongly rumored to be impending.

It is noteworthy that the Frankfurt Gazette hints at a coming "sacrifice" with comparative equanimity, and both the Berlin and Frankfurt stock exchanges showed an improved tendency as a result of President Wilson's note.

Fears are not concealed that the entente conference at Paris will put forward demands "incompatible with German honor," but the anxiety to know the exact terms of the associated governments puts everything else in the background.

"Anger and shame are bad counselors," says the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, which is content to leave the decision to the army leaders. It is a significant sign of the times that Prince Charles Max Lichnowsky's pamphlet, blaming the German government for starting the world war and saying that Great Britain did everything to avert it, has been permitted to reappear in Germany.

AMERICANS CAPTURE 20,000

Also Take More Than 150 Guns Perishing Reports.

In his statement for Saturday, delayed in transmission, General Pershing notes that the battle being fought by the first American army north of Verdun entered that day upon its second month.

He reports that in the first month besides inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy in killed and wounded, the Americans captured 20,000 prisoners, more than 150 guns, nearly 1000 trench mortars and several thousand machine guns.

U-Boats Almost Idle.

German submarine activity reached such a low state last week as to become almost negligible as a war measure, notwithstanding that as many or more U-boats are lurking in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. The British admiralty believes this is a part of the German peace offensive.

General Bullard in Woevre.

The American second army, under Major General Bullard, is holding the line in the Woevre. This was disclosed by General Pershing in his statement for Sunday. Repulse of heavy German attacks on the front northwest of Verdun by Major General Liggett's first army was also reported.

Bronze Bismarck to be a Cannon.

The New York "Metal Market," which exchanges war savings stamps for all kinds of metal, received a bronze statue of Bismarck. It will be melted down for use in the manufacture of cannon.

Sight U-Boats Homeward Bound.

A great number of U-boats were observed from the Norwegian coast. They were homeward bound.