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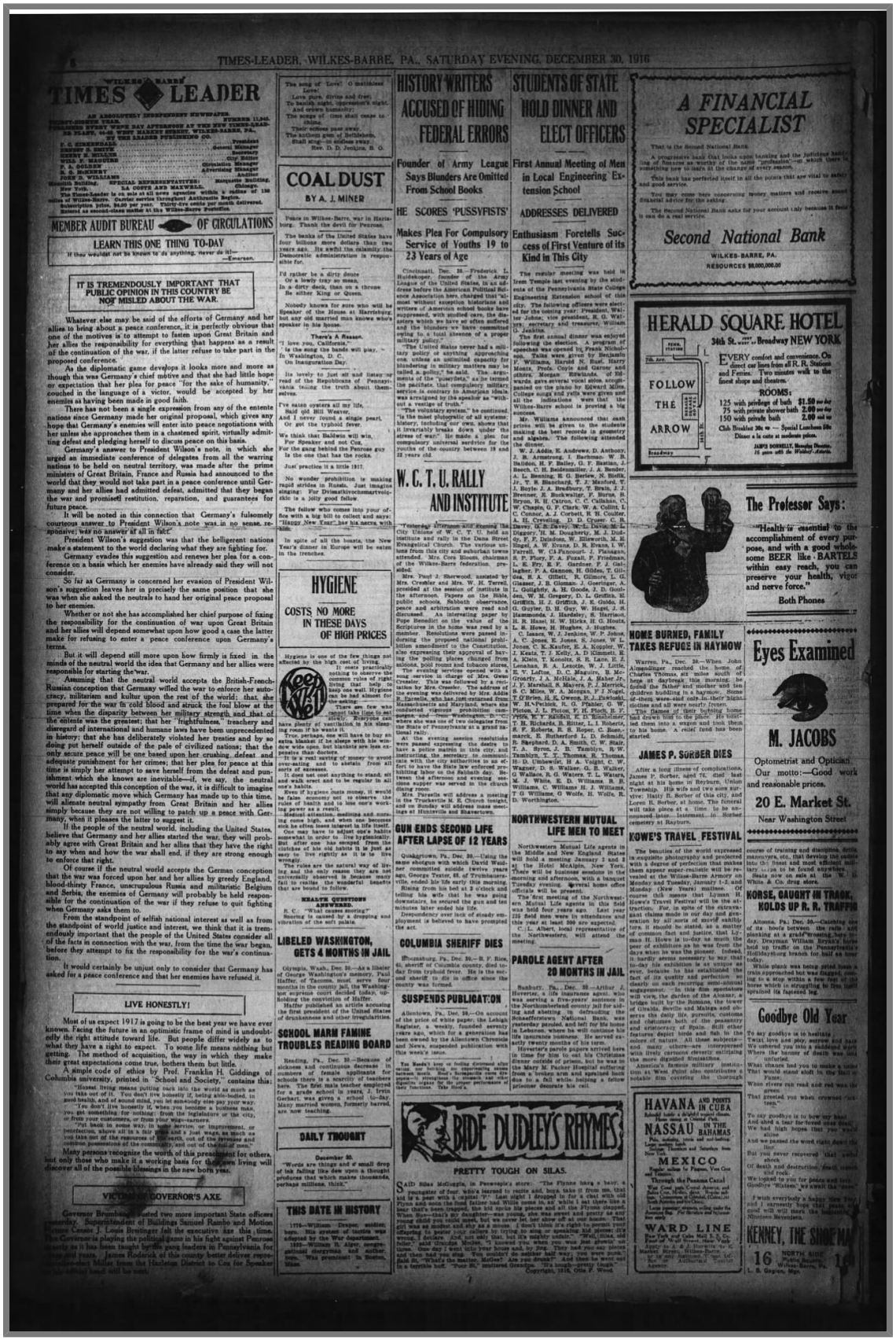

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LEARN THIS ONE THING TO-DAY
If thou wouldst not be known to do anything, never do it!—Emerson.

IT IS TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN THIS COUNTRY BE NOT MISLED ABOUT THE WAR.

Whatever else may be said of the efforts of Germany and her allies to bring about a peace conference, it is perfectly obvious that one of the motives is to attempt to fasten upon Great Britain and her allies the responsibility for everything that happens as a result of the continuation of the war, if the latter refuse to take part in the proposed conference.

As the diplomatic game develops it looks more and more as though this was Germany's chief motive and that she had little hope or expectation that her plea for peace "for the sake of humanity," couched in the language of a victor, would be accepted by her enemies as having been made in good faith.

There has not been a single expression from any of the entente nations since Germany made her original proposal, which gives any hope that Germany's enemies will enter into peace negotiations with her unless she approaches them in a chastened spirit, virtually admitting defeat and pledging herself to discuss peace on this basis.

Germany's answer to President Wilson's note, in which she urged an immediate conference of delegates from all the warring nations to be held on neutral territory, was made after the prime ministers of Great Britain, France and Russia had announced to the world that they would not take part in a peace conference until Germany and her allies had admitted defeat, admitted that they began the war and promised restitution, reparation, and guarantees for future peace.

It will be noted in this connection that Germany's fulsomely courteous answer to President Wilson's note was in no sense responsive; was no answer at all in fact.

President Wilson's suggestion was that the belligerent nations make a statement to the world declaring what they are fighting for.

Germany evades this suggestion and renews her plea for a conference on a basis which her enemies have already said they will not consider.

So far as Germany is concerned her evasion of President Wilson's suggestion leaves her in precisely the same position that she was when she asked the neutrals to hand her original peace proposal to her enemies.

Whether or not she has accomplished her chief purpose of fixing the responsibility for the continuation of war upon Great Britain and her allies will depend somewhat upon how good a case the latter make for refusing to enter a peace conference upon Germany's terms.

But it will depend still more upon how firmly is fixed in the minds of the neutral world the idea that Germany and her allies were responsible for starting the war.

Assuming that the neutral world accepts the British-French-Russian conception that Germany willed the war to enforce her autocracy, militarism and kultur upon the rest of the world; that she prepared for the war in cold blood and struck the foul blow at the time when the disparity between her military strength, and that of the entente was the greatest; that her "frightfulness," treachery and disregard of international and humane laws have been unprecedented in history; that she has deliberately violated her treaties and by so doing put herself outside of the pale of civilized nations; that the only secure peace will be one based upon her crushing defeat and adequate punishment for her crimes; that her plea for peace at this time is simply her attempt to save herself from the defeat and punishment which she knows are inevitable—if, we say, the neutral world has accepted this conception of the war, it is difficult to imagine that any diplomatic move which Germany has made up to this time, will alienate neutral sympathy from Great Britain and her allies simply because they are not willing to patch up a peace with Germany, when it pleases the latter to suggest it.

If the people of the neutral world, including the United States, believe that Germany and her allies started the war, they will probably agree with Great Britain and her allies that they have the right to say when and how the war shall end, if they are strong enough to enforce that right.

Of course if the neutral world accepts the German conception that the war was forced upon her and her allies by greedy England, blood-thirsty France, unscrupulous Russia and militaristic Belgium and Serbia, the enemies of Germany will probably be held responsible for the continuation of the war if they refuse to quit fighting when Germany asks them to.

From the standpoint of selfish national interest as well as from the standpoint of world justice and interest, we think that it is tremendously important that the people of the United States consider all of the facts in connection with the war, from the time the war began, before they attempt to fix the responsibility for the war's continuation.

It would certainly be unjust only to consider that Germany has asked for a peace conference and that her enemies have refused it.

LIVE HONESTLY!

Most of us expect 1917 is going to be the best year we have ever known. Facing the future in an optimistic frame of mind is undoubtedly the right attitude toward life. But people differ widely as to what they have a right to expect. To some life means nothing but getting. The method of acquisition, the way in which they make their great expectations come true, bothers them but little.

A simple code of ethics by Prof. Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia university, printed in "School and Society," contains this:

"Honest living means putting back into the world as much as you take out of it. You don't live honestly if, being clothed, in good health, and of sound mind, you let somebody else pay your way. You don't live honestly if, when you become a business man, you get something for nothing: from the legislators or the city, or from your customers, or from your wage-earners.

"Put back in some way, in some service, or improvement, or benefaction, above all in a fair price and a just wage, as much as you take out of the resources of the earth, out of the business and common possessions of the community, and out of the toil of men."

Many persons recognize the worth of this precept for others, but only those who make it a working basis for their own living will discover all of the possible blessings in the new born year.

VICTORY FOR GOVERNOR'S AXE.

Governor Brumbaugh has busted two more important State officers yesterday. Superintendent of Buildings Samuel Rambo and Motion Picture Censor J. Louis Breitinger felt the executive axe this time. The Governor is playing the political game in his fight against Penrose exactly as he has been taught by the gang leaders in Pennsylvania for the past few years. James Roderick of this county better deliver responsibility Mollie from the Hazleton District to Cox for Speaker or Rambo head will be next.

The song of Love! O matchless Love!
Love pure, divine and free;
To banish night, oppression's might,
And crown humanity;
The songs of time shall cease to chime,
Their echoes pass away,
The anthem gem of Bethlehem,
Shall sing—in endless day!
Rev. D. D. Jenkins, B. O.

COAL DUST
BY A. J. MINER

Peace in Wilkes-Barre, war in Harrisburg. Thank the devil for Penrose.

The banks of the United States have four billions more dollars than two years ago. Its awful the calamity the Democratic administration is responsible for.

I'd rather be a dirty deuce
Of a lowly tray or mean,
In a dirty deck, than on a throne
Be either King or Queen.

Nobody knows for sure who will be Speaker of the House at Harrisburg but any old married man knows who's speaker in his house.

There's A Reason.
"I love you, California,"
Is the song the bands will play,
In Washington, D. C.,
On Inauguration Day.

Its lovely to just sit and fancy we read of the Republicans of Pennsylvania telling the truth about themselves.

I've eaten oysters all my life,
Said old Bill Weaver,
And I never found a single pearl,
Or got the typhoid fever.

We think that Baldwin will win,
For Speaker and not Cox,
For the gang behind the Penrose guy
Is the one that has the rocks.

Just practice it a little 1917.

No wonder prohibition is making rapid strides in Russia. Just imagine singing: For Divinatkivchemartvvolyckic is a jolly good fellow.

The fellow who comes into your office with a big bill to collect and says "Happy New Year," has his nerve with him.

In spite of all the boasts, the New Year's dinner in Europe will be eaten in the trenches.

HYGIENE
COSTS NO MORE IN THESE DAYS OF HIGH PRICES

Hygiene is one of the few things not affected by the high cost of living.

It costs practically nothing to observe the common rules of hygiene and living that help to keep one well. Hygiene can be had almost for the asking.

There are few who cannot take time for exercise. Everyone can have plenty of ventilation in his sleeping room if he wants it.

True, perhaps, one will have to buy certain blanket if he sleeps with his window wide open, but blankets are less expensive than doctors.

It is a real saving of money to avoid over-eating and to abstain from all sorts of excesses.

It does not cost anything to stand, sit and walk erect and to be regular in all one's habits.

Even if hygiene costs money, it would be false economy not to observe the rules of health and to lose one's working power as a result.

Medical attention, medicine and nursing come high, and when one becomes sick he often loses interest in life itself.

One may have to adjust one's habits somewhat in order to live hygienically. But after one has escaped from the clutches of his old habits it is just as easy to live rightly as it is to live wrongly.

The rules are the natural way of living and the only reason they are not universally observed is because many fail to realize the wonderful benefits that are bound to follow.

HEALTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

B. C.: "What causes snoring?"

Snoring is caused by a dropping and vibration of the soft palate.

LIBELED WASHINGTON, GETS 4 MONTHS IN JAIL

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 30.—As a libeler of George Washington's memory, Paul Haffer, of Tacoma, must serve four months in the county jail, the Washington supreme court decided today, upholding the conviction of Haffer.

Haffer published an article accusing the first president of the United States of drunkenness and other irregularities.

SCHOOL MARM FAMINE TROUBLES READING BOARD

Reading, Pa., Dec. 30.—Because of sickness and continuous decrease in numbers of female applicants for schools there is a scarcity of teachers here. The first male teacher employed for a grade school in years, J. Irvin Gerhart, was given a school to-day. Many married women, formerly barred, are now teaching.

DAILY THOUGHT

December 30.
"Words are things and a small drop of ink falling like dew upon a thought produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1778—William Draper, soldier, born. His system of tactics was adopted by the War department.
1823—William B. Alger, congressional clergyman and author, born. Was prominent in Boston, Mass.

HISTORY WRITERS ACCUSED OF HIDING FEDERAL ERRORS

Founder of Army League Says Blunders Are Omitted From School Books

HE SCORES 'PUSSYFISTS'

Makes Plea For Compulsory Service of Youths 19 to 23 Years of Age

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—Frederick L. Huidekoper, founder of the Army League of the United States, in an address before the American Political Science Association here, charged that "almost without exception historians and writers of American school books have suppressed, with studied care, the disasters which we have so often suffered and the blunders we have committed owing to a total absence of a proper military policy."

"The United States never had a military policy or anything approaching one, unless an unlimited capacity for blundering in military matters may be called a policy," he said. The arguments of the "pussyfists," as he termed the pacifists, that compulsory military service is contrary to American ideals, was arraigned by the speaker as "without a vestige of truth."

"The voluntary system," he continued, "is the most phlegmatic of all systems; history, including our own, shows that it invariably breaks down under the stress of war." He made a plea for compulsory universal service for the youths of the country between 19 and 23 years old.

W. C. T. U. RALLY AND INSTITUTE

Yesterday afternoon and evening the City Unions of W. C. T. U. held an institute and rally in the Dana Street Evangelical Church. The various unions from this city and suburban towns attended. Mrs. Cora Bloom, chairman of the Wilkes-Barre federation, presided.

Mrs. Paul J. Sherwood, assisted by Mrs. Crowther and Mrs. W. H. Terrell, presided at the session of institute in the afternoon. Papers on the Bible, public schools, Sabbath observance, peace and arbitration were read and discussed. An interesting paper by Pope Benedict on the value of the Scriptures in the home was read by a member. Resolutions were passed indorsing the proposed national prohibition amendment to the Constitution, also expressing their approval of having the polling places changed from saloons, pool rooms and tobacco stores.

The evening services opened with a song service in charge of Mrs. Gwen Crossley. This was followed by a recitation by Mrs. Crossley. The address of the evening was delivered by Mrs. Addie B. Ziemelle, who has just returned from Massachusetts and Maryland, where she conducted various prohibition campaigns and from Washington, D. C., where she was one of two delegates from the State of Pennsylvania at a grand national rally.

At the evening session resolutions were passed expressing the desire to have a police matron in this city, and instructing the secretary to communicate with the city authorities in an effort to have the State law enforced prohibiting labor on the Sabbath day. Between the afternoon and evening sessions supper was served in the church dining room.

Mrs. Parsells will address a meeting in the Trucksville M. E. Church tonight, and on Sunday will address mass meetings at Hunlock and Shavertown.

GUN ENDS SECOND LIFE AFTER LAPSE OF 12 YEARS

Quakertown, Pa., Dec. 30.—Using the same shotgun with which David Weidner committed suicide twelve years ago, George Textor, 68, of Trumbauersville, ended his life early this morning.

Rising from his bed at 3 o'clock and telling his wife that he was going downstairs, he secured the gun and ten minutes later ended his life.

Despondency over lack of steady employment is believed to have prompted the act.

COLUMBIA SHERIFF DIES

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—B. F. Rice, 65, sheriff of Columbia county, died today from typhoid fever. He is the second sheriff to die in office since the county was formed.

SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 30.—On account of the price of white paper, the Lehigh Register, a weekly, founded seventy years ago, which for a generation has been owned by the Allentown Chronicle and News, suspended publication with this week's issue.

Ten Reeds's love or feeling expressed after seeing, or looking, an approaching across between Reeds. Reed's Sympathy for the opposite—Strengthen by support, fear and defend. Reed's love for larger references of their functions. The Hour's.

PRETTY TOUGH ON SILAS.

SAID Silas McGuggin, in Pennsylvania store: "The Flynns have a boy, a youngster of four, who's learned to recite and, boys, take it from me, that kid is a peer with a capital 'P.' Last night I dropped in for a chat with old Flynn and soon the fond father had Willie come in, so while I sat there like a bear that's been trapped, the kid spoke his pieces and all the Flynns showered me with praise. When Sue—that's my daughter—was young, she was sweet and pretty as any prize child you could meet, but we never let her show off at our house. That was as mother and my self as a mouse. I don't think it's right to permit your offspring to make a show of themselves by trying to sing or speaking out before folks they declare. And not only that, but it's mighty unfair." "Well, Silas, old fellow," said Gracious Mollie, "I loved you when you was just glowing as Sue does. Come day I sent into your house and, by Jing, They had you say pieces three times. One day I sent into your house and, by Jing, They had you say pieces and then had you sing. You couldn't do neither half way; you were pronounced fine." "What's the matter, Mollie? Am you drunk?" And then he went out in a terrible hut. "Poor Si," muttered Gracious, "it's tough—very tough."

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STUDENTS OF STATE HOLD DINNER AND ELECT OFFICERS

First Annual Meeting of Men in Local Engineering Extension School

ADDRESSES DELIVERED

Enthusiasm Foretells Success of First Venture of its Kind in This City

The regular meeting was held in Irem Temple last evening by the students of the Pennsylvania State College Engineering Extension school of this city. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Walter Johns; vice president, R. G. Waters; secretary and treasurer, William G. Jenkins.

The first annual dinner was enjoyed following the election. A program of speeches was opened by Prasid Dickinson. Talks were given by Benjamin F. Williams, Harold N. Reed, Harry Moore, Profs. Coyle and Garner and others. Morgan Edwards, of Edwards gave several vocal solos, accompanied on the piano by Edward Miles. College songs and yells were given and all the indications were that the Wilkes-Barre school is proving a big success.

Mr. Williams announced that cash prizes will be given to the students making the best records in geometry and algebra. The following attended the dinner.

W. J. Addis, S. Andrews, D. Anthony, J. B. Armstrong, I. Bachman, W. B. Baldon, H. F. Bailey, G. F. Bastian, J. Beach, C. H. Baldenmuller, J. A. Bender, A. L. Benning, E. G. Berlew, N. Biello, Jr., T. S. Blanchard, T. J. Binford, T. J. Boyle, J. A. Bradbury, T. Brain, J. J. Brenner, E. Buckwalter, F. Burns, B. Bryon, R. H. Citron, C. C. Callahan, C. W. Chapin, G. F. Clark, W. A. Collitt, L. C. Connor, A. J. Corbett, S. H. Coulter, A. H. Creveling, D. D. Cruser, C. R. Davey, G. E. Davey, W. L. Davis, M. A. Diggory, H. M. Dougherty, M. J. Dudgy, F. F. Daisdow, M. Ellsworth, M. E. Engel, A. W. Evans, D. R. Evans, I. W. Farrell, W. C. Fancourt, J. Flanagan, S. P. Flury, F. A. Fuzil, P. Friedman, L. E. Fry, H. F. Gardner, P. J. Gallagher, F. A. Gannon, H. Gildea, T. Gildea, R. A. Gillett, R. Gilmore, L. G. Glasser, J. B. Gloman, J. Goeringer, A. L. Golightly, A. H. Goode, J. D. Goldsden, W. M. Gregory, D. L. Griffith, E. Griffith, H. J. Griffith, J. S. Gulick, G. Guyler, D. H. Guy, W. Hagst, J. S. Hammonds, J. Hardsley, S. Harrison, H. R. Hazel, H. W. Hicks, H. G. Houtz, L. S. Howe, H. Hughes, J. Hughes.

C. Isaacs, W. J. Jenkins, W. P. Johns, A. C. Jones, R. Jones, S. Jones, W. L. Jones, C. K. Kaufer, E. A. Kopper, W. J. Keats, T. J. Kelly, A. D. Klimmel, E. A. Klein, T. Kolodzie, S. H. Lane, D. Lenahan, J. R. A. Leszke, W. J. Little, R. V. Loftus, D. C. Maguire, B. McGroarty, J. A. McHale, A. Dolan, A. J. F. Marshall, S. Mayers, P. J. Merrick, S. C. Miles, R. Moore, P. J. Nagle, T. O'Brien, H. R. Owens, R. J. Pawlosh, W. H. Perlick, R. G. Phibler, G. W. Pierce, J. L. Powell, W. Powell, J. Price, W. T. Randall, R. D. Rinebolser, T. R. Richards, R. Ritter, L. I. Roberts, S. F. Roberts, R. S. Roper, C. Rosemarck, R. Rutherford, L. D. Rothwell, S. Shephard, D. A. Smith, C. W. Stair, T. A. Syron, J. B. Tamblyn, R. W. Tamblyn, T. J. Thomas, R. Thomas, H. D. Umbewalt, H. A. Voight, C. W. Wagner, D. S. Walker, G. B. Wagner, G. Wallace, R. G. Waters, T. L. Waters, M. J. White, E. D. Williams, R. E. Williams, C. Williams, T. G. Williams, G. Wolfe, H. Wolfe, R. D. Worthington.

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE MEN TO MEET

Northwestern Mutual Life agents in the Middle and New England States will hold a meeting January 2 and 3 at the Hotel Wilkes-Barre. There will be business sessions in the forenoon and afternoon, with a banquet Tuesday evening. Several home office officials will be present.

The first meeting of the Northwestern Mutual Life agents in this field was held four years ago. Last year 225 field men were in attendance and this year at least 300 are expected.

C. L. Albert, local representative of the Northwestern, will attend the meeting.

PAROLE AGENT AFTER 20 MONTHS IN JAIL

Sunbury, Pa., Dec. 30.—Arthur J. Heverter, a life insurance agent, who was serving a five years' sentence in the Northumberland county jail for aiding and abetting in defrauding the Schaefferstown National Bank, was yesterday paroled, and left for his home in Lebanon, where he will continue his life insurance business. He served exactly twenty months of his term.

Heverter's parole papers arrived here in time for him to eat Christmas dinner outside of prison, but he was in the Mary M. Packer Hospital suffering from a broken arm and sprained back due to a fall while helping a fellow prisoner decorate his cell.

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Both Phones

HOME BURNED, FAMILY TAKES REFUGE IN HAYMOW

Warren, Pa., Dec. 30.—When John Klingalinger reached the home of Charles Thomas, six miles south of here at daybreak this morning, he found the father and mother and ten children huddling in a haymow. Some of them were only half-clad in their night clothes and all were nearly frozen.

The flames of their burning home had drawn him to the place. He hastened them into a wagon and took them to his home. A relief fund has been started.

JAMES P. SORBER DIES

After a long illness of complications, James P. Sorber, aged 76, died last night at his home in Reyburn, Union Township. His wife and two sons survive: Hatty R. Sorber of this city, and Loren H. Sorber, at home. The funeral will take place at a time to be announced later. Interment in Sorber cemetery at Reyburn.

KOWE'S TRAVEL FESTIVAL

The beauties of the world expressed in exquisite photography and described with a degree of perfection that makes them appear super-realistic will be revealed at the Wilkes-Barre Armory on Monday and Tuesday, January 1-2, and Monday (New Years) matinee. Of course this means that Lyman H. Howe's Travel Festival will be the attraction. For, in spite of the extravagant claims made in our day and generation by all sorts of moral salshiyters, it should be stated, as a matter of common fact and justice, that Lyman H. Howe is to-day as much the peer of exhibitors as he was from the days when he was the pioneer. Indeed, it hardly seems necessary to say that to-day his exhibition is as unique as ever, because he has established the fact of its quality and perfection so clearly on each recurring semi-annual engagement. In this film spectacular will vote the garden of the Alcazar, a bridge built by the Romans, the tower of Giralda, Seville and Malaga and observe the daily life, pursuits, customs and costumes both of the peasantry and aristocracy of Spain. Still other features depict birds and fish in the colors of nature. All these subjects—and many others—are interspersed with lively personal comment outlining the more dignified simulations.

America's famous military institution at West Point also contributes a notable film covering the thorough course of training and discipline, drills, maneuvers, etc., that develop the soldier into the finest and most efficient military corps to be found anywhere.

Seats now on sale at the W. H. White & Co. drug store.

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KORSE, CAUGHT IN TRACK, HOLDS UP P. R. TRAFFIC

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 30.—Catching one of its hoofs between the rails and planking at a grade crossing here today, Draymad William Bryant's horse held up traffic on the Pennsylvania's Hollidaysburg branch for half an hour today.

While plans was being prized from a train approached but was flagged, coming to a stop within a few feet of the horse which in struggling to free itself sprained its fastened leg.

Goodbye Old Year

To say goodbye is to hesitate
Twixt love and joy, sorrow and hate
We ushered you into a saddened world
Where the banner of death was hurled unfurled.
What chance had you to make a smile
That would stand aloft in the fight of Time
When every run read and red was the green
That greeted you when crowned sixteen.

To say goodbye is to bow my head
And shed a tear for forced ones dead
We had high hopes that you would shine
And we pressed the word right down the line
But you never recovered that awful shock
Of death and destruction, fresh young and rude.

We looked to you for peace and love
Goodbye "Sixteen," we wish the same

I wish everybody a happy New Year and I earnestly hope that peace and good will will mark the business of Nineteen Seventeen.

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