

ACCIDENTAL DEATH CORONERS VERDICT; IN EATON MISHAP

EATON, O. Nov. 10.—Arrangements for the funeral of Everett Emerick, 16, who was killed Tuesday morning when caught in an embankment cave-in at a gravel pit of the Eaton Cement Tile company, had not been fully completed Wednesday, but it is probable it will take place Thursday afternoon.

Young Emerick was buried beneath about three feet of earth and was dead when rescuers reached the body. His neck was broken, according to the finding of Coroner Treffinger, who viewed the body and then turned it over to Undertaker L. P. Barnes. The coroner held that death was accidental.

Young Emerick's age is given as 16 in the coroner's report in the case. Officials of the tile company say the lad gave his age as 18 when he applied for work Friday and was given a place in the gravel pit.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Emerick, parents of the dead lad, removed to Eaton from the country a short time ago. The family resides at 710 East Somers street. Emerick, familiarly known as "Doc," is a carpenter.

Brothers Are Sentenced

Frank and Roy O'Dell, brothers, living near Eaton, and their cousin, Walter O'Dell, of near Camden, after trial Tuesday before Judge A. C. Risner, in common pleas court on a charge of burglary and larceny, were declared guilty and sentence was imposed.

Walter and Roy were sentenced to from one to 15 years in the state reformatory at Mansfield and Frank was given a suspended sentence to the same institution.

The trial was charged with breaking into the local grocery store of H. McNeal and Son and stealing about \$8 in money.

Thompson Given New Chance.

In a juvenile court case against John Thompson, local young man, Judge A. C. Risner disposed of the case Tuesday by releasing Thompson upon condition that he conduct himself properly in the future. The case was left on the open docket. The case involved two young girls, one of whom Thompson married recently.

Poffenberger Fined.

Henry Poffenberger, 17, a Mayoral youth, was fined \$3 and costs by Mayor H. L. Risner in police court for operating an automobile upon the streets here with the cut-out open, in violation of a city ordinance.

Start Drive Thursday.

Beginning Thursday—Armistice day—the Preble County Red Cross chapter, in common with other Red Cross organizations throughout the country, will inaugurate its fourth annual membership drive. The county's quota is 3,000.

The several branches making up the county chapter will conduct the drive in their respective territories. The Eaton chapter's quota will be carried on by the Psi Upsilon Xi sorority girls, with a house-to-house canvas.

No Program at Eaton.

No arrangements have been made for special observance of Armistice day in Eaton. Thursday, it is expected there will be a very generous display of the American colors.

SOCIALISTS, LIBERALS CLASHING IN MEXICO

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 10.—Frequent armed conflicts resulting in numerous deaths are occurring between Socialists and liberals in Yucatan, and dispatches from Merida declare the serious situation which developed last week continues. After receiving a detailed report of disorders from General Mange, commander of federal troops in Yucatan, Minister of War Calles ordered "all necessary measures to be taken to give security to all the inhabitants of the disturbed area. General Calles directed that all members of political parties be disarmed.

General Mange declared he had been told by a group of men who had been captured carrying rifles and bombs that Socialists and Liberals engaged in a battle last Friday at the village of Tecanto. The Socialists were entrenched behind hemp bulwarks, which they had thrown across all roads leading to the village, it was ascertained.

Europeans Criticize System Of Athletic Training Here

(By Associated Press)

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 10.—The American system of athletic training which culminated in many victories at the Antwerp Olympic games, is now being subjected, throughout Europe, to a great deal of criticism, favorable and unfavorable. While, as an example, there are some members of the Dutch Olympic committee who concede Holland should adopt American methods in its universities and athletic clubs, others charge that such long intensive training makes the athletes professional amateurs.

At a recent meeting of the committee, one speaker went so far as to question the amateur standing of the American navy crew which won the Olympic eight regatta. He said that these future American navy officers had done nothing during their four years at Annapolis, but row. Europeans find it difficult to understand that American university men can devote so much time to sports, and still find time for study.

Everett Emerick, of Eaton, Killed by Gravel Slide

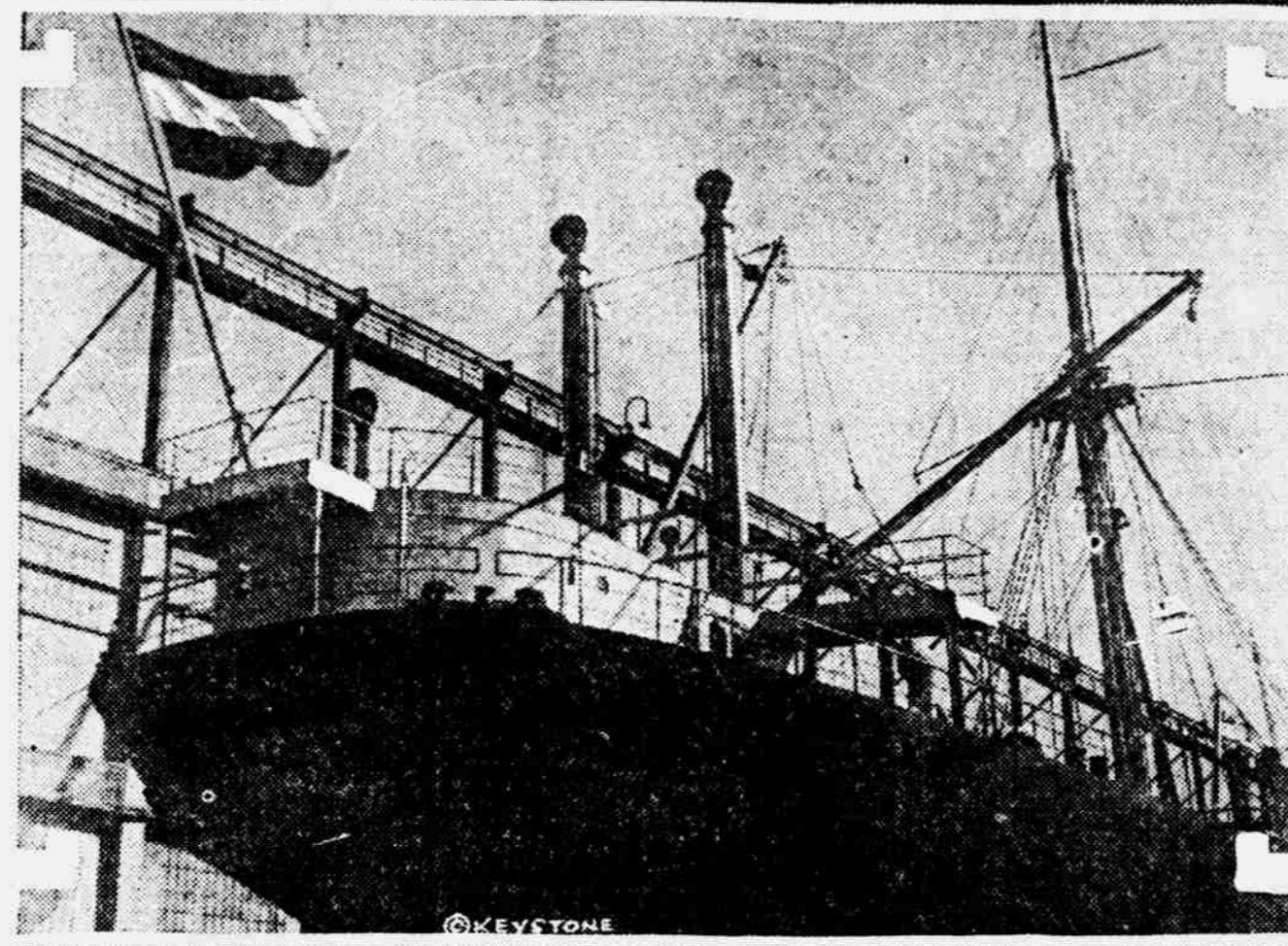
EATON, O. Nov. 10.—Everett Emerick, age 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Emerick, was killed when a gravel bank on the pit owned by the Eaton Cement Tile company caved in. The accident occurred at 8 a. m. Tuesday.

He is survived by his parents, a brother, Raymond, of Dayton, O., and a sister, Mrs. Harry Shaffer, living north of Eaton. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

COX TWINS NAMED

WARREN AND FLORENCE
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 10.—Twins, boy and a girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Cox of Terre Haute were named Warren Harding Cox and Florence Kling Cox. It was announced yesterday. The father and mother are Republicans.

FIRST GERMAN MERCHANTMAN SINCE WAR REACHES U. S.



The German ship, "Sophie Rickmer," at the pier in Brooklyn.

The first German merchantman sent to the U. S. since the end of the World War, docked at a Brooklyn pier recently. Ex-

service men from the German forces formed the greater portion of the crew. American ex-service men on shore became incensed at

the display of the German flag over the boat. It was hauled down at sunset and not hoisted again.

materials the wreckage of war, just as the members of his little flock were its victims.

Helps Till Fields.

His appearance was not that of the common clergyman. He seemed to be of the Norman type; he wore no fine linen or well-cut garments. In fact, were not his cassock visible evidence of his ministry, he might have been mistaken for a peasant. Nor was his labor solely that in the "vineyard of the Lord." He labored long weary hours during the week in the field, virtually earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, and his masses and other services as well as the bulk of his ministrations were confined to the usual "leisure hours."

Pompelle itself is scarcely recognizable as the staunch defender of Rheims, which it was, nor is it known how many bodies are still buried under its tremendous ruins. From the field it now resembles a rugged hillock; but on closer inspection it is a huge jumble of masonry, or enormous blocks of concrete thrown about as by a Titan hand, with here and there the remnants of a passageway or of a bastion partly exposed. The fighting at Pompelle was terrific; heavy guns practically blew it off the earth, and it was taken and retaken by the Germans and French in many desperate conflicts even after there was little advantage in holding it.

And Rheims, the sacred city, a scant six miles from Pompelle, deserves a volume of description. It is a living city of the dead, with miles and miles of streets that are beyond the description of mere words to convey the wreckage and desolation. Yet in these streets, in houses with neither walls nor roofs but only cellars, a population said to number 50,000 is living. And the skeleton of the cathedral stands guard over the city while it is rebuilding. Already several hotels have been repaired or rebuilt, the

The inhabitants get their living today in various ways. Many of them are engaged in the apparently never-ending task of clearing the fields, rolling up the needless miles of wire, heaping up the tons of iron debris and searching out the loaded grenades and shells that are still perilous. Near the cemeteries are others who make the fantastic head crosses and flowers with which the French ornament the graves of dear ones. Still others gather and sell souvenirs to tourists.

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Just a few miles from Rheims the churred up battle area begins. In the distance one sees the low flat hills occupied by the Germans for more than three years, then taken by the French, abandoned, recoupled and so on until the finale. Far as the eye can see, the white or green-tinted fields, here and there the skeleton of a tree, the steel bones of an abandoned tank, jungles of barbed wire, the snaky mazes of trenches—that is the panorama. Now and again a few low, improvised shacks with a garden patch which looks strangely out of place amid the desolation—that is all the relief to that endless stretch of ruin which extends practically all the way from Fort de la Pompelle to Soissons and beyond. In this region are the Chemin des Dames, Nogent l'Abbesse, the heights of Cornillet and other famed battlegrounds, but even the heights seem to have been humbled into the dust by the fury of high explosives.

Rehabilitation Starts

That is the broad view—starkly naked fields, wearying the eye in their monotony, over which the imagination readily sees the tragedy enacted again and again to see the spirits of the thousands that gave their lives there and whose bodies are buried in the little cemeteries along the roads.

Gone are the woods that crowned the hills in the happy days before the war and vanished the vineyards that covered much of the land. For just as nature abhors a vacuum, so nature seems to loathe utter desolation, and along those same roads, usually not far from the cemeteries, the signs of the rehabilitation may be seen.

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What the American Soldier Sees on Returning to France

By EDWARD A. RUHELM

The soldier returning to the battle fields of France after two stirring and eventful years is likely to attach far too great a significance to the apparent stages of the helplessness that seems part of the sorry atmosphere of those scenes of terrible struggle. Reconstruction in a war-exhausted country is a painfully slow process, but rosy accounts of the forward strides that had been made, coupled with the naturally optimistic American frame of mind, were responsible for an absolute "about face" from pre-prepared notions to actuality.

Prepared for gardens and miraculously greening fields, the desolation that persists is tragic. Men still busy after two years in searching for and exploding shells find the impression of unnecessary delay in vital work, but after a while the various details piece together properly. The length of the struggle, the draining of life-blood, the insecurity of the financial structure, the persisting fear, are all factors in the result, and gradually one sees that the steps made, while slow, are forward steps, and the halting progress is real.

Champagne Battlefields.

The Champagne battlefields, by reason of their nearness to Paris, their strategic importance, and the intensity of the fighting, may well serve the visitor as an epitome of the war. Likewise the extent of reconstruction there is a good index or average for the whole country. Up north in the former British sectors, and in the industrial region, for various reasons progress is a good deal more rapid. In parts of the Argonne and other sectors it is slower. Then, too, the Champagne front has as its Rheims and its cathedral, the focus of probably more American attention than any other until American boys went overseas and fought in their own sectors.

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town hall is in use, there are banks and shops and a determined effort is on to restore life to those streets of the dead.

TOWN HALL CROWDED FOR FARM GATHERING

The farmers' meeting at Centerville on Tuesday night seemed very much like a large family gathering. The town hall overflowed with friends and neighbors from all parts of the township, and the mothers and children were much in evidence.

The occasion was the annual meeting for the election of officers, to listen to reports, and next to have a good time in general. Rev. J. J. Rae, of Richmond, was the speaker of the evening and was heard with marked attention. President Davis, of the Wayne federation, devoted a few minutes to what the federation has already accomplished, and J. L. Dolan, county agent, gave a few reasons for the need of such an organization, and why every farmer should become identified with it.

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HONOR DAVID LUBIN BY MARBLE TABLET

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Nov. 10.—Plans for the placing of a marble tablet in the international institute of agriculture building here in memory of David Lubin, founder of the institute, were approved at Tuesday's session of the General Assembly of the institute. Associated with Mr. Lubin was the King of Italy and in speaking on the subject today, the president declared this "coupled together the sovereign with the Israelites of modest origin, who through strength, faith and work rose to a high position."

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The Home Garden

It is well to protect the strawberry beds with manure that contains considerable straw. Leaves or cornstalks may be used for the same purpose.

Examine all trees carefully for caterpillar nests or egg masses of any kind. If any are found, cut the limb off or destroy the insects or eggs.

Top dress the lawns with half-rotted manure. Allow it to remain until

it might be interesting to plant a few sweet