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CORPORAL H. J. WHEATON KILLED IN ACTION; FIRST SYRACUSE VICTIM ON BATTLE LINE!

YOUNG SOLDIER FALLS IN FIGHTING, PROBABLY AROUND TOUL SALIENT

No Details of Death Given in Dispatches from General Pershing Containing Casualty List.

NAME GOES ON HONOR ROLL OF HEROES BESIDE THAT OF CAPT. PHILIP LIGHTHALL

Members of Family Here Mingle Regret and Sorrow With Pride That He Died in Service of His Country.

Corporal Homer J. Wheaton, formerly of this city, was killed in action February 27, according to the casualty list issued yesterday by General Pershing.

The first Syracuse soldier has died fighting in France. His name will go on the roll of honor of the city's heroic dead beside that of Capt. Philip K. Lighthall, who went down with the torpedoed Tuscania off the coast of Ireland February 5.

There are no details given in the dispatches, but it is believed Wheaton fell somewhere north of Toul in the Lorraine sector, where there has been severe fighting between the Americans and Germans for several days.

Telegram for Aunt Arrives.

The address given as that of the "nearest relative" to be notified in case of death or injury was that of Wheaton's aunt, Mrs. Ada Ten Eyck, wife of E. H. Ten Eyck of No. 304 West Beard avenue. A telegram came for her last night, probably to appraise her of his death, but the Ten Eycks are at Palatka, Fla., where they have been all winter with other relatives of the dead soldier.

Mrs. Joseph E. Judge of No. 300 West Beard avenue and Mrs. William Wheeler of Pompey Hill, also aunts of the corporal, are in Florida, there being between fifteen and twenty persons in the Syracuse colony there. Mrs. John Cullen of Pompey Hill, another aunt, is spending the winter at the home of her son, Dr. M. W. Dyer, No. 461 South Warren street.

Proud He Died Like a Soldier.

Members of the family here, when informed of Corporal Wheaton's death last night, expressed great regret and sorrow mingled with pride that he had died like a soldier fighting for his country and for France.

Mrs. Paul W. Kelley of No. 134 Calthrop avenue, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judge and a cousin of Corporal Wheaton, was deeply affected by the news.

"Homer was a brave boy and a fighter," she said. "It seems sad that he had to go, but I know he died fighting, and if he had to die, it was the finest death he could have and the one I know he would have chosen. When he was a boy he was always cutting out pictures of soldiers, putting them on the floor in front of him, and playing war."

Wheaton's father was Fred Wheaton, big, red-headed, good-natured driver of the Pompey stage, known for years by the people of the southern part of the county who used the stage in getting to Syracuse and home again. The family was one of the oldest in Pompey and it was at the Hill that Corporal Wheaton was born 34 years ago.

Pompey Hill Shares in Grief.

Pompey has been the birthplace of some of the most illustrious citizens and statesmen of the state, and so it seems almost fitting that it should have furnished the first Onondaga soldier to die in France.

When Wheaton's father died about eighteen years ago, the son came to this city with his mother, and for a time they lived in the Florence. Mrs. Wheaton died a few years after her husband, and the young man was left with a comfortable estate. His military tendencies took him to St. John's School, Manlius, where he won honors and received the rudimentary training that eventually was to take him to a soldier's death.

After he left St. John's, he entered the law college of Syracuse University, where he studied from 1907 to 1911. He left before he completed the course, however, and started in to rid himself of the fortune his father had left him. He succeeded. He won many friendships, but did not increase his wealth. Then he went "down east" and "made good." For the six years previous to the call for men to serve on the Mexican border he was sporting editor of The Worcester (Mass.) Gazette. When men were needed to fight to preserve order along the Rio Grande, he cast his lot with Company G, Ninth Massachusetts Infantry, and went along. He served there until war was declared against Germany, when his unit was ordered to France. He went. He died.

Never one who heard the news from France last night but had words of praise for the dead corporal.

"He died the best death a man can die," said one. "Those who knew Homer Wheaton or knew his father before him will not be surprised to hear that he fell fighting. He had it in him. He was a born fighter. He won at games in interscholastic meets. He won social friends by his love of fun and a good time. He did not care for money, and he had no fear in any encounter.

"He was the typical Yankee fighter, and you can bet some Germans dropped before he fell. It is too bad such a fellow had to go, but it was just the kind of a death Wheaton would have chosen to die, knowing that death would come some time and somehow."

Besides the relatives in this city, Corporal Wheaton leaves an adopted sister, Miss Mary Wheaton, who formerly lived with his aunt, Mrs. Julia Martin, widow of William Martin, in Cortland, but who is now teaching school in New England.

CAPTAIN PHILIP K. LIGHTHALL, February 5, 1918.
CORPORAL HOMER J. WHEATON, February 27, 1918.

THAT from these dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Corporal Homer J. Wheaton
(From a photograph taken while he was a student at the Manlius Schools.)

MRS. GREENE TESTIFIES O. H. GREENE TOLD HER TO FORGET HUSBAND

Plaintiff in Alienation Suit Against Syracuse Man Puts in Day on Witness Stand.

Having begun a suit in Supreme Court to recover $50,000 from Orville H. Greene, a well-known figure in business circles in Syracuse, on a charge of having alienated the affections of her husband, Harry V. Greene, Mrs. Mary Greene appeared before Supreme Court Justice Irving G. Hubbs and a jury yesterday to tell them all about her family troubles with her husband and his brother.

For two hours yesterday morning and for three hours yesterday afternoon she was subjected to a searching examination by Attorney John P. Nash, of the firm of Nash, Britcher & Eckel, who represent the defendant. The gruelling will be resumed when court opens this morning.

It is claimed by Mrs. Greene that Orville H. Greene had his brother placed in a sanatorium in an effort to part them. After the husband had been put away and Mrs. Greene had found him, Orville Greene, according to the testimony of the woman, told her to go away and forget her husband and to return to her home and confess to her people that she had married beneath her and wanted a divorce.

Attorney Nash in the afternoon compelled Mrs. Greene to admit that she had sworn out a warrant for the arrest of her husband for writing an anonymous letter, sent to Leslie G. Abbott, proprietor of the Mizpah, in which she was referred as as "a hell cat." The warrant was never served.

She also admitted having written a letter of apology to Orville H. Greene, the defendant, for any suggestions she may have made that he wrote the "hell cat" letter. That letter is made the basis of a second suit for $50,000, in which defamation of character is alleged against Orville H. Greene.

In reply to a question by Mr. Nash as to whether she loved her husband at the time they were married, Mrs. Greene replied:

"I certainly did."

When Mr. Greene and Mrs. Greene first

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ADVISORY BOARD NAMED FOR BUREAU OF HEALTH

Mayor Designates Five Physicians to Aid in Selecting City Bacteriologist—Act Permanently With Health Officer.

Mayor Walter R. Stone announced last night the selection of a special advisory committee for the Health Bureau, to aid the city in choosing a bacteriologist for the place made vacant through the resignation of Dr. Oliver W. H. Mitchell and to act thereafter as a permanent advisory body to the health officer.

On the committee, appointed after consultation with officers of the Academy of Medicine, are Dr. William A. Groat, No. 163 Rugby road; Dr. Edward C. Reifenstein, No. 512 Prospect avenue; Dr. Frederick H. Flaherty, No. 410 East Genesee street; Dr. Alfred G. Dunst, No. 412 Delaware street, and Dr. J. Mumford Keese, No. 314 Summit Avenue.

"The board has been appointed as the result of suggestions made at the recent conference I had with a committee of physicians," said Mayor Stone. "It will not only aid us to select a competent bacteriologist, but will be available at all times to the health officer, acting in an advisory capacity. We have been endeavoring for some time to get the best advice obtainable in the conduct of matters affecting public health, and I think it will be of great benefit in this respect."

Beyond consideration of three or four names suggested by members of the committee, which conferred with the Mayor a fortnight ago, no action has been taken in the matter of a bacteriologist. Dr. Mitchell's resignation became effective last Friday but arrangements were made to carry on the work in the laboratories until his successor is appointed.

Daily Bargains

in most everything are advertised in The P.-S. "Miscellaneous for Sale" want ad columns. Adv.

Miss Fox Bride of John Gilbert.

John Lawrence Gilbert of No. 245 Butternut street and Miss Gertrude May Fox of Amsville were married last evening at the parsonage of the First M. E. Church, No. 602 University avenue, by the pastor, Rev. F. T. Keeney. They were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert will reside at No. 245 Butternut street.

Dr. Flora Bates Schafer, bone specialist, of Utica, will be at the St. Cloud Hotel March 6 Adv.

Sergeant Benedict Maier Succumbs at Camp Sevier, Body Expected Tomorrow

Sergeant Benedict Maier, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Maier of No. 426 Park street, died of pneumonia in the base hospital at Camp Sevier, S. C., at 4.30 o'clock yesterday morning after a brief illness.

A telegram, sent by his company commander, Lieut. N. B. Read, announcing the death, was received by his father yesterday afternoon.

Sergeant Maier had served two years in the regular army, through three enlistments. His last re-enlistment was after the entrance of the United States into the war. He had seen service on the Pacific coast, California, in the Philippines, aviation [illegible] and at Camp Sevier, where he was attached to the aviation [illegible].

Besides his parents, Sergeant Maier is survived by one brother, Edward Maier, and two sisters, Miss Mary Maier and Mrs. P. J. Hanlon, all of this city. He was born in Syracuse and lived here until he took up army life.

The body will be sent from Greenville, S. C., at 8.10 o'clock this morning and is expected to reach Syracuse tomorrow afternoon in charge of Burke & Ombelt, undertakers. Funeral services will be held at the family home, No. 426 Park street, at 9 o'clock Friday morning and a half-hour later in the church of the Assumption, where a requiem mass of requiem will be celebrated. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery.

SCHOOL BOARD PLANS WAY TO OBTAIN FUNDS

Money to Complete Construction Work May Be Raised by Popular Bond Issue.

DEPLORES THREATENED DELAY

Several Teachers Resign and Appointments Are Made in Their Places—School Dentist to Be Named.

A resolution deploring threatened postponement of work upon five schools now under construction and approving efforts by Mayor Walter R. Stone and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to secure permission for flotation of $370,000 in bonds to finance continuance of the work was passed by the Board of Education last evening.

Recommendations that, if the necessary funds cannot be otherwise obtained, sufficient bonds to complete the work be offered for popular subscription are embodied in the resolution, which was offered by Commissioner Charles W. Tooke.

The buildings under construction are: Madison, Webster, Jefferson, Edward Smith and Porter schools. Issuance of the $370,000 in bonds has been refused by the capital issues committee of the Second Federal Reserve District as part of a plan to conserve the national financial resources during the present war period. Mayor Stone and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are fully aware of the conditions which threaten to deprive the children of the city of ordinary school facilities and efforts are being made to obtain legislation which will allow speedy completion of the work now under way. The efforts of the city officials were approved by the Board of Education last evening.

Evening Schools More Popular.

That the evening schools are becoming more popular than ever and that the students therein are truly interested in their work was indicated by a petition from about sixty pupils at the Franklin evening school asking for an extension of the classes six weeks after the close of the regular school term. The petition was referred to the executive committee.

Superintendent Percy M. Hughes gave an oral report of his attendance at the national convention of school superintendents in Atlantic City.

The municipal civil service commission was asked for an eligible list from which to appoint a school dentist. Miss Ruth Carmon was appointed school nurse in place of Miss Bertha McChesney, resigned. Other appointments were as follows:

Letty M. Wilson, Urania Coogan and Eleanor Dickinson, all as grade teachers. Resignations were received from Mary G. Beering, Madison School; Marguerite Purcell, Delaware; Hattie A. Sleeth,

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WOMEN EXPLAIN PLAN TO PROVIDE FARM HELP

Miss Stone and Miss Pope Address Central New York Vegetable Growers' Association.

Details of the movement to form women's farm labor units were explained last evening to members of the Central New York Vegetable Growers' Association by Miss Pansy Stone, representing the State Employment Bureau, and Miss Pope, representing the Girls' Patriotic League.

Much of the work, in planting, care of crops and harvest, on truck garden farms can be done by women, and it was suggested that one or more units, consisting of young woman over 18 years of age, be established at convenient points from which help could be furnished a number of farms supplying the Syracuse market.

The Girls' Patriotic League promises to furnish the help and to finance the project. The association took no vote, but individually several of the members expressed themselves as favoring the plan.

At the annual election of officers Vincent J. Isbell was chosen president; George Hunt, vice-president; R. W. McClure, secretary; L. E. Avery, treasurer, and Edward Dougall, trustee for three years.

SALINA STREET SUIT BEFORE APPELLATE DIVISION TODAY

The action of the City of Syracuse against Charles E. Cooney, Dr. W. L. Wallace and Dr. John L. Heffron, involving the alleged encroachment of property in the 600 block in South Salina street on what is property the public therefore, is on the calendar of the Appellate division which meets at Rochester today.

The defendants appealed in September after losing the first round in the legal battle over the alleged encroachment. Justice William S. Andrews decided that property on the northwest corner of South Salina and Adams street was over the property line by twenty-nine feet.

Attorney David F. Costello will appear for the defendants today and it is understood will seek to have the case put over the term. Frank Hopkins, special counsel for the city, will oppose any further delay, as the argument has already gone over two terms.

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