

INK SLINGS.

—The Hindenburg line seems to be more or less of a mirage.

—What was the use of planting that garden if you are going to let the weeds smother out everything you planted.

—Reports from all the seed potatoes that the "Watchman" furnished the public at cost are to the effect that they promise a most satisfactory crop.

—This will be the last day on which you can subscribe for a Liberty Bond. Have you done your full duty? If not, call up your banker and order as many as you can.

—Those who are sending sons to the war are already giving till it hurts. Let those of us who have no sons to send give in other ways till it hurts. Patriotism that costs us nothing amounts to nothing.

—Billy Sunday says that if hell were turned upside down "Made in Germany" would be found stamped on the bottom of it. If this be so, all the more reason for the suppression of vice for it is trading with the enemy.

—Commencements are about all over and for once there is little uncertainty about the future of the graduates. The boy will go to be a soldier and the girl will start knitting socks or sweaters or rolling bandages for him.

—Mexico is showing signs of recovering her sanity. President Carranza has officially notified the United States that his government is in full sympathy with the cause of the Allies. It looks like the crafty old Mexican were paving the way for a "touch."

—After all censorship has other values than merely safeguarding government strategy. How much pleasanter it was to read that Gen. Pershing had arrived safely in England, without being on the anxious bench the five days that he was on the water. It would have done us no good to have known of the date of his departure.

—The King of Greece has abdicated and they are saying that Uncle Sam's entrance into the war pushed him off his throne. Of course our Uncle might have been indirectly contributory to the abdication because he is the real big push in world affairs now and he is crowding into the war with such a determination that a little bit of the overflow might have upset Constantine.

—If you want to know what a really withering look looks like follow the Tyrone band around until one of its slip-horn artists, who is watching a base-ball game instead of the director, slips a note under Prof. Potteiger has waved his little wand to quit. If the Professor were ever to look down the periscope of a German U-boat like he looked at his offending artist at State College Tuesday afternoon we know it would never have the nerve to come to the surface again.

—A household hint suggests that fruit jars can easily be opened if you take hold of the top with a piece of sandpaper. Fine idea, isn't it, but in how many households will the needful piece of sandpaper be found when the tight lid is encountered and even if it is there will the flustered housewife remember this hint when she is wrestling with the jar of peaches or cherries that she has hustled up from the cellar with which to make the ordinary family dinner look good enough for the eleventh hour guest her husband has brought home unannounced.

—The real idea of Liberty Bond is not as an investment for funds already accumulated as much as it is for funds the government expects all citizens to save during the war. By saving here and there, in the mere matter of petty extravagances, most any one will be able to pay off a \$50.00 bond in a short time. Those who do it will be helping the government in a two-fold way. First they will be furnishing it with the sinews of war and, second, they will be saving and thereby doing their part toward keeping down the cost of necessities.

—Surely this has been great growing weather for all vegetation. Has it been the same for humanity? Have the great problems that are being worked out in the world today had any of your serious thought? Has it commenced to dawn on you that you are not living merely for yourself. Has the world cataclysm brought home to you the consciousness that your welfare means the other fellow's welfare and his means yours. Are you growing in broadness of mind? If you are not this titanic struggle for democracy is your lesson yet unlearned.

—Only ninety-six are needed now to buy yarn out of which the ladies have volunteered to knit sweaters for Troop L. During the week N. B. Spangler Esq., and S. E. Weber, of Boalsburg, each sent the "Watchman" his check for \$1.50 which will be passed on to the ladies. The yarn will cost that amount and one hundred and three sweaters will be required for the troopers. We need only ninety-six more. Will you make it ninety-five? The boys may have to go across the water. Will you come across with the material for one sweater before they go.

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Interesting Statements Reviewed.

One day last week one of our esteemed Philadelphia contemporaries quoted from a circular issued by a stockbroker of that city who was urging the purchase of Liberty Bonds, the following: "It is no excuse to say that one is unwilling to have his money spent under the auspices of the members of the present Cabinet, because of their moral and mental deficiencies. While we all would like to see the President make patriotic changes there, the very consciousness of those deficiencies should make us work all the harder to make up for them."

The day before another esteemed Philadelphia contemporary contained the following interesting information: "Careful investigation yesterday showed that registration day in Philadelphia has resulted in a gigantic snarl that may take weeks and possibly months to straighten out. * * * Every one of the 1336 divisions in this city issued returns on Tuesday that have since been found to be incorrect. * * * In the First ward, the stronghold of Congressman Vane, the conditions were 'something frightful,' so the registrars admitted frankly. Every return of Tuesday night was wrong."

The stock broker is probably one of those thrifty Philadelphians who for half a century have fattened financially on tariff graft and finds it impossible to reconcile himself to a condition which eliminates special privilege. He knows, if he knows anything, that if the Republican party were in power the official agents of the nation would be of the type of the agents of the government of Philadelphia whose mental delinquency is revealed in the result of the registration for the selective conscription described above. Boss-ridden, corrupt Philadelphia expresses the moral and mental measure of that party.

The present administration at Washington has nothing to fear from a comparison with any of its Republican predecessors since Lincoln. In the conduct of the preparations for the Spanish war graft and fraud were the conspicuous features. Inefficiency, if not actual perjury was shown at every turn. On the other hand integrity and efficiency marks every act of the administration of President Wilson and his work and that of his official advisers has challenged and freely received the admiration of the whole world.

The strenuous efforts that Hindenberg is making to recover the ground lost at Messines Ridge casts doubt upon the claim that the withdrawal from that point was voluntary.

President Wilson to Russia.

The Russian socialists and others in that country who are bettering Germany by urging separate peace or the cessation of hostilities are dullards indeed, if they are not diverted from their purpose by the very happy and forceful statement by President Wilson, of the aims of the United States in connection with the war. America seeks no aggrandizement, no selfish object. "We are fighting for liberty, the self government and the undisturbed development of all peoples and every feature of the settlement that concludes this war must be conceived and executed for that purpose," he declares. As much for Russia as for any other country this enterprise was undertaken and will be pursued.

Germany is the last stronghold of autocracy. Russia has already uprooted it and Austria and Turkey are not of sufficient importance to be counted. But if Germany wins every evil under which Russia suffered for centuries will be revived and the last citadel of popular government will be menaced. To avert that calamity President Wilson has sent a commission composed of eminent and able men to the theatre of danger for his statement of the reasons for his action he makes plain why every Russian should "do his bit" in promotion of the undertaking. Germany has been beguiling them by false promises of safety. But there is no safety except in the complete destruction of the evil.

The people of Russia can exercise a vast influence in the achievement of the desired result. They are demoralized now. The great power of self-government recently assumed has intoxicated some and blinded others. They were not fully prepared for the change that has taken place and even those who are true to themselves and their country are not steady on their feet. But if they will heed the language of President Wilson they will come out right in the end. The great American Republic is behind them and will give freely of the lives of the people and the treasure which has been gathered to prove their faith in the brotherhood of mankind.

The Socialist party got in bad on the draft question but then the Socialist party always gets in bad.

Bigotry and Imbecility Responsible.

The tardiness of Congress in the completion of war legislation is rapidly assuming the atmosphere of perfidy. The measure providing for food survey and regulation has been pending for weeks and as yet there is little prospect of its passage. This fact is attributable to two causes. One is partisan bigotry and the other mental deficiency. In the Senate the narrow partisanship in discussing the Liberty Loan. Possibly hundreds of men who might otherwise have subscribed will be influenced by that speech to withhold contributions to the fund. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, is the principal obstructionist in the case of the food measure. He is a near Democrat.

The food prices are becoming a grave menace not only to the prosperity of the country but to the lives of millions of people. Speculating food pirates are responsible for these prices. The only possible way to check this evil is the passage of the pending food control bill or some other measure of like import. Under the pretense that such legislation sets up a dangerous precedent, it is being opposed by men of the Gore type. The reason that delay embarrasses the administration it is opposed by men of the Harding type. Together they are working as much harm to the cause of democracy as the German Kaiser could do if he were successful in his autocratic plans and purposes.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman, after a tour of the country for purposes of inquiry, reports that "he had seen much hardship and suffering, especially among the poor, because of the crimes being perpetrated against the American people by the control of food prices by disloyal food pirates." The American Federation of Labor, the four railroad Brotherhoods and the National Federation of Postal Employees have started a movement to hasten the passage of the food control bill. They should be supported morally and materially by every citizen of the country. Unless the grip of these wolves is shaken loose starvation is inevitable and following that, as certain as day follows night, anarchy.

—There is a good deal of fear among financiers that the Liberty Loan has not been subscribed. The time limit for buying expired last night and the returns are not computed. But it is a safe bet that any deficiencies will be made up as soon as they are discovered.

Sources of Proper Pride.

There are abundant reasons in events of the last couple of weeks why citizens of the United States should feel thrills of pride. Within that period upward of 10,000,000 young men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty years responded to the call to register for military service in Europe or anywhere else that such service may be required. Within that period, it may safely be said though the actual figures are not yet available, two billion dollars have been subscribed to the Liberty Loan, which will supply the sinews to make their service effective. These are great achievements. It is putting our men and money to work together for the preservation of liberty.

But this is not all. Our men have not been forced to enlist. Our money has not been drawn from unwilling contributors. Both have offered themselves willingly to whatever service they are required to perform. The registration has been mistakenly called a conscription. But it is not that. The young men were invited to come forward and enroll themselves and they have complied. The possessors of money, rich and poor alike, were asked to contribute of their means and they have promptly responded. Where has there ever been a finer exhibition of unselfish patriotism? How could there be? Lives and property are laid with equal freedom upon the altar of patriotism.

With such a spirit abroad in the United States it is small wonder that the soldiers in the trenches in France and Belgium should be heartened and that their blows upon the enemy have been harder. All along the line on those fronts the allies, our allies, have been making progress ever since the declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany. Soon our beautiful red, white and blue flag will be on the firing line and our magnificent men beneath it and then there will be a difference greater than recent events have developed. The war may last some time yet, and our toll in lives may be heavy. But the moment this country got in the result was determined.

—General Pershing doesn't seem to have encountered any of the horrors of war during his sojourn in London but Pershing is not a carpet knight and he will get to the seat of trouble in time to "do his bit."

Treasonable Party Plans.

"The people of America are to be informed on every important movement made in the war with Germany," declares a Republican contemporary, "if the Republican members of the United States Senate have their way." Senator Penrose has joined Senator Harding in the movement to force this result, according to the same authority, and Penrose is potential. This must be glad news to the Kaiser. His government has been at vast expense, hitherto, in getting information of movements made in the war. Spies take great risks and demand commensurate recompense for their services, and the construction and maintenance of secret wireless stations are costly. But the Kaiser needs the information.

If Senator Penrose and Senator Harding are able to accomplish their purpose, as expressed by this Republican newspaper, all these hazards and expenses may be avoided in the future. The information that is so freely spread before the American people will with equal facility and expedition be given to the Kaiser and his military marshals and our soldiers "will be welcomed by bloody hands to hospitable graves" by forces fully acquainted with their purposes and amply prepared to defeat them. But we are not entirely surprised that the news from the inner circles of the Republican machine should take on this sinister slant. Anything that promises advantage to the Republican party will be invoked by these selfish partisans.

The conduct of the administration both in preparing and in organizing for the war has been admirable. The President has shown the greatest measure of wisdom and patriotism in every step taken. But there are still vast possibilities for harm and the most available as well as the most mischievous of them is in exposing to the world the movements in relation to it. A stupid, if not malignant, Congress has already caused considerable embarrassment by delaying legislation necessary to successful military operations. But that is not half as bad as the proposed publicity of plans and purposes would be. Only the narrowest partisans would invite such a danger. Will Penrose take the chance?

A complete list of the men of Centre county who registered on Tuesday, June 5th, will be found on the second and third pages of today's paper. The list was compiled by sheriff George H. Yarnell and a big force of volunteer assistants who not only worked hard every day last week from the time the returns came in on Wednesday, but even worked on Sunday in order to get the list completed for the printers. To give an idea of the job it was a duplicate card had to be made of every registration card. Then each district had to be arranged in alphabetical order and a typewritten list of every name made. This was accomplished so that all the copy was ready for the printers Monday morning, and the result is the "Watchman" is able to give the list complete this week.

—James Moyer, of Mann's Narrows, was arrested on Saturday on the charge that he had attempted to prevent his sons from registering on June 5th, and was placed in the Mifflin county jail. On Tuesday his case was investigated by Roy McHenry, a deputy federal district attorney of Scranton, and he decided that there was nothing traitorous in Moyer's remarks and he was discharged. Moyer is a native and for years a resident of Potter township, this county.

—The Senate Appropriations committee on Wednesday recommended an appropriation of \$15,000 for the Bellefonte hospital, an increase of \$1,000 over that recommended by the House committee.

—Those Philadelphia registrars just couldn't help it. They are so used to perpetrating registration frauds that they naturally bungled the conscription enrollment all up.

—Japan is showing some desire to get into the war actively and it is not improbable that she may have a chance. And Japan is "some fighter."

—Billy Sunday says he can empty hell in fifteen minutes. If he will guarantee to keep it empty forever, here's our share of the expenses.

—The American destroyers in the English channel seem to have solved the U-boat problem and there are a lot more destroyers here.

—Now that Uncle Sam is thoroughly aroused this country is becoming increasingly unhealthy for traitorous aliens.

—Probably Major Bacon is only pointing the way for Colonel Roosevelt.

TO ARREST NON-REGISTRANTS.

Time Limit Having Expired All Who Failed to Register Are Subject to Law.

Under date of June 11th Sheriff George H. Yarnell received the following dispatch from Governor Brumbaugh, which is self-explanatory: The Sheriff of Centre County:

"Washington advises quotas are to be assigned to the several States in proportion to their population as determined by the Bureau of the Census and not in proportion to the registration. The result is that every person who has failed to register is seriously increasing the burden of those who have registered. Ample notice and every opportunity has now been given and there is no longer any argument upon which the conduct of non-registrants can be condoned. The period of leniency now has passed. Attention is invited to paragraph sixteen of the regulations.

It is requested that every effort be now made to detect and arrest persons subject to registration who have not registered and to bring each case promptly to the attention of the nearest representative of the department of justice. Wide publicity should be given to the effect of non-registration in increasing the burden of those who have registered. Care should be taken that the lists prescribed in paragraph thirty-nine are promptly asked and all registrants should be asked to assist in bringing non-registrants to the attention of the police. Summarization report of registration from the various boards should be compared with estimates of the census bureau and effort should be concentrated on these districts where discrepancies between registration and estimates seem greatest.

In case of doubt as to the age of persons who have registered the tabulated record of political organizations and other local records should be consulted and data may be obtained from the Bureau of Census.

The purpose of this telegram is to inaugurate from tomorrow (Tuesday) a vigorous, aggressive and effective enforcement of the penal clauses of the selective service law against all who have by their failure or refusal to register brought themselves under the provisions. The department of justice is sending today (Monday) similar advices to United States attorneys and marshals with instructions to release on their own recognizances all persons arrested by marshals or deputy marshals or by State, county and municipal police officers and turned over to them who promptly register under the terms of paragraph forty, "Registration Regulations." The Secretary of War construes section five of the select service law as requiring compulsory registration by the officer making the arrest of each arrested person immediately upon his conviction. Please give notice to all who have any duty enjoined upon them in connection with the enforcement with the penal clauses of the paragraph sixteen of the regulations.

SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

In pursuance of the above telegram the Sheriff has sent the following notice to police and constables of Centre county:

As ample notice and every opportunity has now been given, and there is no longer any argument upon which non-registrants can be condoned, the period of leniency now has passed. Therefore it is requested that every effort be now made to detect and arrest persons subject to registration who have not registered; and to bring each case promptly to the attention of the nearest representative of the department of justice. It is the duty of all registrants to assist in bringing non-registrants to the attention of constables and police.

GEO. H. YARNELL, Sheriff of Centre County.

Big War Budget Passed by Senate.

Washington, D. C., June 13.—The \$3,000,000,000 war budget finally got over the last obstacle in Congress today and went to President Wilson for his signature, which will make it law. It appropriates the greatest sum ever voted at one time by any Legislative body. Its amount is greater than the total cost of the Civil war.

The budget provides principally for army and navy expenditures. Aside from that feature its most important single provision is an appropriation of \$750,000,000 for an American merchant marine, to be constructed by the Shipping Board under the direction of Major General Goethals.

Liner Sinks Submarine.

An Atlantic Port, June 13.—Destruction of a German submarine by an American steamship was reported today in an American harbor. Her officers refused to discuss the encounter except to say that by agile maneuvering the steamer managed to ram and sink a U-boat shortly after two of the underwater boats had attacked the merchantman, one from either side. The liner lost a blade from her propeller.

—For high class job work come to the "Watchman" office.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Johnstown has had 110 cases of scarlet fever since the first of January. Only two deaths occurred, but two children were crippled by the disease, one perhaps permanently.

—The Moose of Johnstown have appropriated money for the purchase of a large lot of glass jars which will be sold at cost to all housewives and school pupils who wish to use them for preserving food this summer.

—The sale of 80,000 tomato plants by a single dealer in Altoona within the past three weeks gives some idea of the way in which the people of the Mountain city have thrown their energies into the "preparation farming" movement.

—Edward Broadwater, aged 19 years, residing on a farm near Berlin, Somerset county, hanged himself on the first anniversary of his father's death. The father hanged himself on June 10, 1916; the son died at the same spot in the barn exactly a year later.

—The Huntingdon & Clearfield Telephone company has sent out to its patrons a notice announcing a termination of old contracts in thirty days; at which time they will advance the rates in accordance with a schedule filed and accepted by the Pennsylvania Service Commission.

—The authorities of Westmoreland county have taken a score of the inmates of the county jail to a camp near Seward where they will be employed on a county road. Other prisoners are to be put to work on the county farm as soon as the garden and field crops require attention.

—A Union county fruit grower was in Salsbury on Monday, completing arrangements for the sale of 30,000 boxes of cherries and strawberries. Beginning next Saturday, he stated, he would offer this fruit for sale at the local market house. Three teams and wagons will be used to transport the first portion.

—William A. Shaffer, aged 55 years, a resident of Latrobe, was instantly killed by lightning Sunday afternoon. He and a nephew had taken refuge from the storm in a barn near Latrobe. The bolt entered the barn and penetrated the body of Shaffer, splitting his clothing, tearing his right shoe completely off and badly burning his body.

—Charging that county commissioners and their clerks have connived with hunters and trappers in the paying of fees for the killing of noxious animals causing a State wide scandal, Governor Brumbaugh has vetoed the Mitchell bill which would have made the State liable for the claims amounting to \$80,000 which have already been paid by the counties.

—Robert Pursel, who pleaded guilty to the second degree murder, when he was brought into the Montour county court to answer the charge of killing Mr. and Mrs. John Kerns, of Danville, is still in the Montour jail and Sheriff Waite has not decided when he will take him to the penitentiary. Pursel was sentenced to serve not less than twenty-three years in the penitentiary.

—The receivers of the Merchant's Coal company disposed of all of the company's holdings in Somerset county at public sale at Somerset on Tuesday afternoon. The Orendo plant at Boswell was knocked down to Wm. M. Robinson, of Pittsburgh, on his bid of \$450,000. The same bidder secured the Elk Lick plant for \$28,500. Mr. Wright bid in practically everything offered at the sale.

—Messrs. Liveright and Gleason, of Clearfield, attorneys for M. W. Denney, who was sentenced to death by electrocution by Judge Bell for the murder of John Rowles, have taken an appeal from the verdict and sentence in the case to the Supreme court of Pennsylvania. The rule was made returnable on Monday, June 4th, but the case will not be passed upon by the Supreme court before the October term.

—Last week at Greensburg Charles H. Kuhn, former Ligonier Valley railroad conductor, in charge of the excursion train wrecked with great loss of life a few years ago, won a verdict of \$14,740 in his suit against the railroad—an increase of \$4,700 over the \$10,000 verdict awarded in the first trial. The case hinged upon alleged verbal orders to the excursion train conductor, which the latter declared he had not received.

—Hope Marshal, an employee of the Ridgway Brick company, at Watsonstown, was instantly killed Tuesday morning by a dynamite blast. The fatal accident was caused by the blast taking an unusual course, due to a pocket in the shale which was being blasted. Immense quantities of the shale demolished a shelter in which Marshal had taken refuge. Marshal was a son of George Marshal, of Muncy, R. D. He boarded with a sister, Mrs. Edward Barto. He was 21 years of age and was a member of the I. O. O. F.

—Heaman Bros., of Altoona, have purchased from Cole & Herman the Homestead mine, near Osceola. The mine has had a rating of one steel cart a day, but the new owners have secured a rating of two steels per day, or about 110 tons. The present capacity of the mine is about 150 tons daily, but this will soon be increased. Heaman Bros. having already started the work of putting up a new tipples, new buildings and otherwise improving the property. It is expected that ere long this mine will be doing a much heavier business.

—It became known this week that the purchaser of the Eagle Brick works, at Mill Hill, Clinton county, sold at receiver's sale last week, was the General Refractories company, manufacturer of fire brick. The plant will be placed in full operation at once and largely extended. The General Refractories company is controlled by Senator William C. Sprout, of Chester, and has plants in Centre, Clearfield, Blair and Huntingdon counties, Pennsylvania, and in Kentucky, Ohio and Illinois. It is understood that the Eagle plant will be supplied with fire clay and coal from the company's own mines at Morgan Run and Karthaus.

—One man, Charles Stutzman, was killed, and three others, Mr. Stutzman's son, Henry Spangler and Henry Snyder, all of Buckstown, not far from Johnstown, were injured Wednesday night, June 6th, when the fiercest wind and hail storm of the season swept over Northern Somerset county. Thousands of dollars' worth of property was damaged. Orchards and gardens were ruined by the hail and wind. Roofs were blown off barns and sheds for miles around Buckstown. Stutzman and his son and Spangler had gone into the barn for shelter when the building was struck by lightning. Snyder was stunned as he stood near the barn.