

INK SLINGS.

-This is summer. -Now let's all do our best for the Red Cross work.

-Less than two weeks and the Fourth of July will be here.

-Just now Bellefonte has the measiest lot of kids that it has ever owned to.

-The average owner of a large lawn is not exactly unhappy because it rains so much that he can't get an opportunity to mow the grass.

-The Kaiser must have trembled in his boots when he learned that the American people over-subscribed the Liberty Loan nearly fifty per cent.

-Save your last winter's flannels if you can. Raw wool is sixty cents a pound now and the Lord only knows what union suits will be next fall.

-Anyway, if the war brings this country no other blessing it affords the government opportunity to shut up such firebrands as Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman.

-The King of Spain is showing symptoms of going for a hike. That Rom in off business in Russia some time ago seems to have caught the fancy of a lot of potentates.

-If you can't go across the water to fight you can at least come across with a contribution to every fund that is being raised to make it more comfortable for those who do go across to fight for you.

-The reduction of the number of trout a fisherman may catch in a day to twenty-five won't affect the average fellow who has the craze, for he rarely gets half that many. It will hit the fish hog and he is the animal who deserves it.

-France did honor to Gen. Pershing by ordering all her own military prisoners released and issuing an extra litre of wine to everybody. We presume there will be those in this country who will think that the French populace at once got drunk with joy.

-Billy Sunday had 98,264 trail hitters during his ten week's campaign in New York. His farewell collection was \$114,000. He knocked all records into a cocked hat in Gotham and this in the face of very general predictions that he would meet his Waterloo if he ever attempted a religious revival in the big city.

-Bugs are playing havoc with pumpkin and cucumber vines. Don't give up, you new gardeners. Keep right after them. One teaspoonful of Paris green mixed with half a pound of flour dusted on the vines will turn the trick for you and save the pumpkins for pie and the cucumbers for cholera morbus.

-M. A. Landsy is ninety-six and Mrs. Charles Harrison is ninety-five. Each of them has sent the "Watchman" \$150 within the week and the money has been forwarded to the ladies who are knitting the sweaters for Troop L. Each \$150 buys the yarn for one sweater and ninety-four more are needed. Who will be number ninety-four? Will you?

-Tyrone, or Lock Haven or State College or Bellefonte—if it had the thing within its gift—would probably have to do a lot of tall thinking before either of them could rise to the patriotic heights attained by the town of Ripon, Wisconsin, which has just asked Uncle Sam to keep the \$75,000 he has allotted it for a public building and use the money to help defend the nation.

-All the married men and those having dependents having been mustered out of Troop L about twenty recruits are needed to fill the gap. Young men contemplating entering service will do very well to enlist with Troop L, for in its ranks they will always have better opportunities to communicate with the home folks and be under personal care of home officers who appreciate their obligation to the parents of their men.

-The "Watchman" has been so busy for the past few months seeking funds to pay the Democratic National campaign debt, distributing seed potatoes to those in need and trying to help the funds for Troop L's truck and sweaters that it has forgotten itself and unless all those subscribers whose labels are back of the present date send in a contribution soon it will have to stop operations along other lines and go to begging for itself.

-Do everything you can for the soldiers now. A few little comforts now and provision for their proper care if wounded will be worth a thousand fold more to them than all the little flags and posies you can stick on their graves after they are gone. Decoration day parades and eulogies are all right as a patriotic inspiration to rising generations, but the soldier in the trench or the hospital doesn't want to be laid away in the cemetery to find out how much is thought of him.

-Recent unusual activities of the submarines in English waters have resulted in greatly increasing the amount of shipping destroyed. There had been a marked decrease in ships lost, soon after the arrival of the American flotilla on the other side for duty, and many hastened to the conclusion that our destroyers were mastering the U-boats. Unhappily such is evidently not the case. Our sailors are giving a good account of themselves but they are too few to protect all the boats plying in English waters.

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Best News from the Front.

The most encouraging information of the war zone comes from Russia. The fighting in France and Belgium has been favorable to the French and English troops who have made slow but certain progress against the Hindenburg line.

German policies have been those of the sneak-thief from the beginning. In Russia her energies have been directed, not against the troops on the firing line, but against the cupid of a corrupt controlling force.

But the recent news from Petrograd has taken another complexion. The American commission, headed by Elihu Root, has reached the seat of government, spread before the Russian people the plans of the American government and the purposes of the war against autocracy and the response has been both prompt and emphatic.

Every cloud has a silver lining, it is said, and it must be admitted that the present war hasn't brought out as much bad poetry as some other less tragic events.

Japan Getting Gay.

Japan, according to news dispatches, has taken offense because the government of the United States sent a friendly note to the people of China, suggesting that they settle their internal differences and thus fit themselves to assist in the pending war against autocracy.

For some reason Japan has assumed a sort of guardianship over China. She has no real or legal right to exercise such an office but nobody or nation has considered it worth while to raise objections.

When a big man is down every little meddler in the neighborhood jumps on him. Japan probably imagined that Uncle Sam has trouble on his hands and while it is pending would be a good time to "get gay" and say things that it wouldn't be safe to even think under other circumstances.

King Constantine is running on hard lines but brother-in-law Bill will have a harder row to hoe in a year or two.

Republican Faction Hopelessly Divided.

The Legislature is practically certain to adjourn next Thursday and as one of the newspaper correspondents puts it, "with the warring leaders hopelessly divided."

During a conference with his floor leader of the House the other day, in Washington, Senator Penrose expressed a willingness to make "a truce with the Vares," but protested vehemently that "he will not compromise with Brumbaugh."

However hopeless the future looks for the Republican machine in the State, Penrose intends to hold his grip on the local organizations throughout the State.

Germany almost succeeded in creating a revolution in Spain, but a miss is as good as a mile and Alfonso ought to take advantage of the opportunity the failure affords to throw a harpoon into the Kaiser.

German Emissaries in the Senate.

It is fortunate indeed that new rules of procedure in the Senate in Washington will prevent the hold up of pending legislation essential to meet war conditions.

In the face of the necessity to build ships as rapidly as possible, the producers of steel undertook to put a fancy price on that commodity. Ninety-four dollars a ton was asked for the plates and shapes necessary to carry out the purpose.

The food stuff speculative pirates are preparing to fleece the government and people by similar methods. In order to defeat their purpose the President has asked for legislation that will permit him to throttle their sinister enterprise.

Mr. Edison is keeping very quiet now but he will raise his voice one of these days and it will be heard all over the world.

Pershing in London and Paris.

There is something more than empty compliment in the enthusiasm with which General Pershing was received in London and Paris. The leaders in both cities might have been influenced by convention to extend a welcome refined in politeness and rehearsed to perfection.

In receiving General Pershing with such unbounded enthusiasm the people expressed their admiration for one of the foremost citizens of the first government of the world.

This incident, moreover, there is revealed the common purpose of thoughtful men of all parts of the world to advance in the direction of a higher and more perfect civilization.

The sirene fire alarm which has been lying in Bellefonte about two months because it did not seem satisfactory when tested on the ground between the court house and the jail, was put on top of the jail on Tuesday and given another test.

Hon. S. B. Elliott, widely known throughout Pennsylvania for his activity in forestry and mining circles, is dead at his home at Reynoldsville, having passed away on Tuesday at the age of 87 years.

No recent public utterance has made as profound an impression on the public mind as the President's Flag day speech. It has been generously praised alike in London and Paris and what is of more importance it is endorsed by ninety-nine per cent. of the American people.

Of course there will be another loan and equally of course it will be oversubscribed. The people of this country thoroughly understand that it is a question of paying the government now or paying the Kaiser later on.

It is revealing no secret to say that the peace plans will be formulated outside of Germany and that no man in Europe will have less to say about the terms than Mr. William Hohenzollern.

Without much inside information on the subject we avail ourselves of this opportunity to express the opinion that Russia is all right.

Probably nobody was more sorry at the success of the Liberty Loan than the German Kaiser unless it was Senator Reed, of Missouri.

The Bellefonte banks have been notified that just \$630,000 worth of Liberty Bonds were purchased by citizens of Centre county.

IN THE WAR ZONE.

Admiral Sims Now in Command of Submarine Warfare.

London, June 20.—Admiral William S. Sims, U. S. N., has been appointed to take general charge of the operations of the allied naval forces in Irish waters.

Admiral Sims will act in this capacity while the British naval commander-in-chief is absent from his post for a period, the official announcement of his appointment explains.

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"I hereby designate the period of June 23 to June 30, next, as recruiting week for the regular army and call upon unmarried men between the ages of 18 and 40 years, who have no dependents and who are not engaged in pursuits vitally necessary to the prosecution of the war, to present themselves for enlistment during the week herein designated to the number of 70,000."

The President's action was taken at the request of army officials who have been seriously concerned over the slow rate of recruiting for the regular army despite the fact that the War Department's recruiting agencies cover every section of the country and that they are asked to serve only for the period of the war.

Recruiting was at low ebb again yesterday with a total of 1,178 men obtained. New York led with 187 and Pennsylvania came second with 140. Nebraska fell off on its previous daily average, only eight men having been secured. This will postpone a day or two the filling of Nebraska's quota.

Austrian Cabinet Crisis Imminent.

Amsterdam, June 20.—Advices from Denmark, Switzerland and Austria indicate a cabinet crisis in Austria by reason of the fact that the Poles in the Reichsrath seeking the downfall of Premier Clam-Martinić and also the foreign minister, Count Czarnin, have refused to vote the Austrian budget.

The crisis in the Austrian cabinet is causing much annoyance to official circles in Berlin, according to a dispatch from the German capital today. The Polish members of the Reichsrath in speeches on the war budget violently attacked Germany.

A sensational article intimating that Germany looks for the partition of Austria-Hungary was printed in the Frankfurter Zeitung.

Torpedo Boat Destroyers Pick Up 80 Survivors.

London, June 20.—Bringing 80 survivors from two torpedoed ships, two United States torpedo boat destroyers arrived at their English base today.

The lost vessels were sent down far out in the Atlantic ocean at the farthest point west since the submarine warfare began. Both ships had gone down when the United States destroyers appeared and picked up the survivors who were drifting about in open boats. Four sailors were killed by submarine shell fire.

State College Patriots Join Search-Light Unit.

State College, Pa., June 21.—Students and alumni of The Pennsylvania State College, who are experts in electrical engineering and in gas engine mechanics, have been asked to join a search-light unit to be organized immediately by the government.

Druggists Expect a Call.

Pittsburgh, June 20.—Endorsement was given the National Pharmaceutical Association's appeal that a pharmaceutical corps be established in the United States army at today's meeting of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical association here.

A flag raising will take place at Hoy's school house in Benner township on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Our Boys band of Milesburg will furnish the music and prominent speakers will be on hand.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Mrs. Francis Navo, aged 75 years, of Brockwayville, dropped dead while peeling potatoes at her home at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning.

-Isaac G. Walker, aged sixty-seven, and Sarah S. Gentzel, aged sixty-four, the former of Laurelton and the latter of Snyder county, were united in marriage a few days ago. They will reside at Laurelton. Both own farms and both have families.

-Attorney Paul J. Sherwood, counsel for Rev. Dr. Henry Stough, the evangelist, of Wheaton, Ill., has issued an execution against Councilman William J. Cullen, of Hazleton, for \$850.20, the costs in the Cullen-Stough slander suit which was decided against the plaintiff.

-At the meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, Wednesday of last week, Robert Valentine Massey, superintendent of the New York division, was appointed general superintendent of the Eastern Pennsylvania division with headquarters at Altoona, to succeed the late George W. Creighton. The appointment will become effective from June 16th.

-Harry Gerson, private secretary to Hon. J. C. McKinney, and one of the most prominent young business men of Titusville, was shot and instantly killed at 10 o'clock on Saturday night at the home of William Morton in the above town. Miss Laura Woods, the only witness to the tragedy, has told the police that she tried to kill herself in front of Gerson and that in the struggle which followed the gun was accidentally discharged.

-The Haws Refractories company, of Lewistown, now building a plant at Hawstone in the Lewistown Narrows, have decided to double the capacity of the original plant, which consisted of nine kilns, with attendant moulding and dry-floor space. This will include a large number of dwelling houses for the accommodation of their employees. Two hundred and thirty thousand dollars is the estimated cost of the entire plant with the additions.

-A shocking accident occurred at the plant of the Sweet Steel company of Williamsport, Wednesday afternoon when a 12,000 pound ladle filled with 43,000 pounds of molten metal dropped ten feet, splashing the ladle crew with molten metal. Melvin Cowher, aged 50, was so badly burned that his recovery is doubtful. His brother, Vernon Cowher, foreman of the ladle crew, and aged 22 years, was badly burned about the hands. Eight other men narrowly escaped serious injury.

-During the two-year period ending June 1, 1917, the state forests paid into the State treasury \$36,900.72, as shown by a statement of finances prepared at the direction of Commission of Forestry Robert S. Conklin. If the department had been willing to sacrifice future benefits for the sake of making a big showing now, said the commissioner, this sum could have been increased fourfold. Practically all the revenue is derived from the sale of mineral and dead or over-mature timber.

-Some weeks ago the Columbia county commissioners engaged Richard Evans, of Ebensburg, to supervise the reconstruction and repair of that section of the highway in Cambria county. Labor scarcity proved a stumbling block until the suggestion was made that jail prisoners be employed, to be accorded time off their sentences, together with food far better than the jail allowance, tobacco free and other concessions. Prisoners promptly endorsed the idea and a force sufficient for all purposes was soon available.

-Exhausted from a fruitless search of the Susquehanna river for the body of little Lelley Neldig, of Milton, who was drowned Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, the parents and relatives of the child have practically abandoned hope of recovering the body until the flood stage has passed. Men who dragged the river for thirty-six hours continuously failed to find any reward for their efforts and no results were had from the score of more charges of dynamite that was placed in the stream by the Shamokin mining men.

-Four persons were killed, two instantly, late Sunday afternoon near Shintown, west of Williamsport, when a motor car driven by Theodore Nicholas, of Renovo, went over a forty foot embankment and landed on the railroad track below. In addition to the driver, the dead are his mother, Mrs. Rachel Nicholas, and his wife, Melvin Nicholas, both of Renovo, and his aunt, Mrs. Ross Chestnut, of Chicago, who was on a visit to relatives. The party were going up a steep grade when the machine got beyond control of the driver and took the fatal plunge. A fast train a few minutes later plowed into the wrecked car.

-A gas well, producing 7,000,000 cubic feet daily, has been drilled in on the T. J. Ross farm near Sycamore, Washington county. It is one of the biggest wells that has been opened in that section in many months and has created intense excitement in oil and gas circles. It is the biggest strike ever made in the Sycamore field. The strike was made in the big injun sand. Gas gushed from the hole in such force that it could not be controlled for several hours. The boiler had to be moved to take away the danger of igniting. The Manufacturers company has a large leasehold in the immediate vicinity of Sycamore.

-A. L. Forecy, of Bigler, took the worst scared citizen since the days of the Klux Klan, to Clearfield on Monday. Some one had notified this man that his arrest would surely follow for his negligence in not registering as required by the late military law. The poor man had never heard of such a law, never took a paper in his home and did not know that the United States was at war with Germany. Forecy, knowing something of the ignorance of some Graham township citizens, took pity on this subject and he is now being held awaiting the decision of higher authority before sending him to jail under the penalty prescribed.

-One of the most remarkable records ever made in the history of the public schools of Sunbury was that of George Besold Nesline, valedictorian of the Senior class of the Sunbury High school, who completed his course at commencement Thursday night. In the eleven years that he attended the public schools, he was not absent a single day. He was not tardy at a single session. He finished at the head of his class with a percentage of 99.35, which is almost as nearly perfect as it is possible for a student to be. His record was described by Superintendent I. C. M. Eilenberger, a former Centre countyman, in his address at commencement as "pure gold."