

INK SLINGS.

—It's a dull day in Russia when some new kind of a revolt isn't sprung.

—Now that the soldiers are gone most of us will be able to be civil to the candidates who are anxious to serve their country somewhere in Bellefonte.

—If socialism expects to do for the United States what it appears to be doing for Russia the sooner we tear it out, root, stump and branch, the more secure our future peace will be.

—The bid for the paving of south Water street in Bellefonte has been rejected and another letting is to be advertised. Let us not grow weary with waiting. It will be a wonderful improvement when it is made.

—From the way the good women of this community loaded Troop L's mess car up with lunch boxes we will not be surprised if half the boys were on sick report with gout by the time they reached their camp in Georgia.

—If a lot of girls in Bellefonte were to make themselves half as busy now knitting for the soldiers as they were running after them when they were mobilizing here every man in camp Hancock would have a sweater and a scarf in a short time.

—Equal suffrage was beaten two to one in Maine on Monday. It is rather an anomalous situation. Maine is a dry State and has been for years and yet the wet States are accused of being against woman suffrage for fear the women will later put them dry.

—The frost is on the pumpkin sure enough now. It fell so heavily on Tuesday morning as to look like a young snow. Water standing in vessels outside was frozen over and late vegetables were put right out of business. Some late corn in the county was nipped so that it will probably be soft.

—Chicago's mayor has an idea that two Chicago newspapers ought to pay him \$250,000 because they said things that hurt his feelings. A man whose feelings are so easily hurt as Mayor Thompson thinks his art ought to be careful what he says himself. He ought to know that no good red-blooded American journal would pass-up a chance to take a crack at a man with pro-German proclivities like his.

—Dudley Field Malone, resigned Collector of the port of New York, is a rather young man to be essaying the role of tutor to Woodrow Wilson. He was most fortunate in selecting the time for addressing his remarks to the President for were there not so many momentous things occupying the attention of the White House we fancy Mr. Malone would have drawn a reply that might even have made him forget his obligation to the women of the west for awhile.

—There was no kicking among the boys because they were ordered out to fight. They went voluntarily and eagerly to give their lives, if necessary, for their country. What kicking there will be will come from the fellows who stay at home because they have to pay an extra bit of tax to keep the boys at the front supplied with food, ammunition and hospital necessities. It's such a trifling thing to lay one's life on his country's altar. It's so awful to put one's money in the plate when it is passed.

—Last Saturday night at eleven o'clock old Red Eye breathed his last for the period of the war at least. Every distillery in the United States stopped the manufacture of whiskey at that time. While there is about enough liquor in bond to supply the tipplers for a period of three years it is probable that the price will become so high that none but the rich can buy it and there are a lot of rich that wouldn't be missed much if they were to kill themselves drinking up what is left.

—Mrs. Robert Mills Beach has been designated as the leader for Centre county in the movement to raise a million dollars to equip and maintain camp libraries for our soldiers at home and abroad. We appeal for a cordial reception and a generous response should she call upon you for a contribution. Remember, that if you boys are offering their lives and if you were to give every cent you have for their comfort and entertainment it would not in any way approach the gift they are making to their country.

—"Publicity" is the name of a new weekly recently launched in Pittsburgh. It is apparently a part of the Woman suffrage propaganda and its tone would indicate that the women of Allegheny county, as well as a lot of the men; have suffered about all they intend to, without talkin' out in meetin', about the reeking machine government of the "Steal City." The mayorality fight out there is waxing warm and the Magee and Babcock factions are throwing dust with all hands, while "Publicity" is trying to clear the atmosphere so that the goats—the people—will have a clearer vision of what is really transpiring. At this distance it is impossible to predict what might happen, but we do recall how the women of Allegheny county astounded the State when the vote on the suffrage amendment was announced and we will not be surprised if both Magee and Babcock are astounded when they discover what "Publicity" has done in the way of putting the voters of Pittsburgh wise as to where their best interests lie.

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Mr. Garfield's Coal Prices.

The conservation scheme may be all right in theory and so far as food stuffs are concerned Mr. Hoover may be able to put such restraints upon cupidity as will mitigate the burdens of war. But in the matter of fuel the opposite results appear to have been attained. That is to say Mr. Harry A. Garfield, president of some college, who has been chosen to manage that branch of the work has caused an increase rather than a decrease in the price of coal and that without any perceptible reason. For example he specified a price for "pea" coal at the mines nearly a dollar a ton above that which the operators asked thus enabling the retailers to add that much to the price demanded of the consumer.

Sixty per cent. of the consumers of coal below the standard of "well-to-do" use pea coal. Smaller sizes are used for making steam but coal used in the ranges and by the poorer consumers in the furnace is "pea" size. Broken, stove, egg and one or two other sizes used by consumers better able to pay the higher price, have been reduced at the mine by Mr. Garfield but the "pea" size has been increased, as above stated nearly a dollar a ton. The coal producers hadn't asked for such an increase. They seemed to be entirely satisfied with a price fixed by themselves. But Mr. Garfield thought it wasn't enough and added nearly a dollar to every ton and the increase was promptly passed on to the consumer who happens to be the coal user least able to stand the advance.

Mr. Garfield is a son of the late President Garfield who was the author of the highest rate, with one exception, tariff taxation law ever imposed by the American Congress and the tariff law which, more than any other discriminated in favor of the rich and against the poor consumers. Probably the son in fixing the coal schedule aimed to restore the principle in taxation which the father fastened upon the country in the Garfield tariff law which was repudiated by the country and caused the election of the first Democratic President after the Civil war. But a Democratic administration has no right to adopt that policy and President Wilson ought to promptly repudiate the schedule fixed by Garfield.

—It is to be hoped that the announcement that President Wilson intends to take a hand in the selection of Democratic candidates for United States Senators is without foundation on fact. He selected Gore.

Time and Labor Wasted.

It has been semi-officially announced that the German Chancellor, Dr. Michaelis, is preparing and will soon announce the terms upon which Germany is willing to make peace. An answer to the recent note of Pope Benedict, will be the vehicle for conveying this important document to the public and it is intimated that it will contain provisions highly favorable to Germany. It may be assumed that the offer of indemnity will be made to Belgium and Serbia and it is quite probable that a claim will be set up for coast advantages in Belgium. Bulgaria will be taken care of at the expense of Greece, presumably, and Rumania is likely to be penalized to some extent.

But all this bluster of dictating peace by Germany is a mask to conceal the hope of any peace which will leave Germany intact and permit the Hohenzollern dynasty to continue its autocratic power. As a matter of fact Germany is rapidly approaching a condition which will compel the acceptance of any terms imposed by the allies. Fortunately for the people of that impoverished nation the United States will largely determine the terms of peace and will not permit exactions that are destructive of any people or impossible of fulfillment. It may reasonably be expected that some reparation for the crimes committed against this and other countries will be incorporated in the terms, but they will be comparatively mild and altogether humane.

Germany is facing a season of suffering and sacrifice such as no other country has been "up against" in modern history. Almost at the point of exhaustion, altogether on the verge of starvation, that people, through no fault other than a blind adherence to a brutal family, stands to suffer every possible form of distress during the coming winter. The only terms of peace which will avert that calamity will be the complete and enduring surrender of autocracy and such a peace will never issue from Berlin or Potsdam while the Hohenzollerns are in control. Therefore the labor spent by Dr. Michaelis on the preparation of terms of peace is wasted. The coming peace will not be made in Germany.

—Dudley Field Malone has resigned but strangely enough "the government at Washington still lives."

Brumbaugh Convicted of Baseness.

That Governor Brumbaugh intended to prostitute the draft machinery into an instrument for political use is substantially proved by exposures recently made by Mr. John P. Dwyer, managing editor of the Philadelphia Record, and others. Mr. Dwyer is a member of the Overbrook Philadelphia exemption board. He found various attempts to secure exemption by false representations and though he reported the cases to the United States district attorney, was unable to get action in the Federal district court. Then he appealed to the Provost Marshal General at Washington, who has ordered an investigation with the promise of a complete exposure of the frauds.

But the most important result of Mr. Dwyer's action is the revelation of a conspiracy in the Fifth ward of Philadelphia in which both the Vane and Penrose factions of the Republican machine were almost openly trading promises of exemption for votes in a local contest for control of the party machine. Some arrests have been made by direction of the Provost Marshal General and in at least one case evidence has been produced of an actual promise of exemption in return for votes for the Vane faction, the agent of the faction having alleged that "there is a working agreement between that faction and the exemption board of the ward. The witnesses have testified to the fact.

Thus we find the rotten political machine using the hazard of service in the army as an instrument in its political manipulations. When Mr. Mitchell Palmer openly charged Governor Brumbaugh with this atrocity even the friends of the accused were astounded and hesitated to believe that any man could be so base. But now the evidence is being produced that convinces even the most reluctant of the accuracy of his charge and Governor Brumbaugh and his garbage-cart sponsors must bear the odium of an offence which would probably make the German Kaiser hesitate. It is a perversion of power that should condemn the perpetrators to everlasting popular condemnation.

—Even the German language papers protest against Count Luxburg's blunders in Buenos Aires. But they have no real ground of complaint. Luxburg simply supplies another link in the chain of evidence that German diplomacy is rotten from centre to surface.

Good and Bad War News.

In claiming great significance in the capture of Riga by the German troops, Emperor William "o'erleaps the mark." There was no resistance to the German troops at that point and little advantage gained by the capture. Yet the Kaiser has made it the occasion of all sorts of celebrations and every description of felicitation. In an address to the soldiers he said: "It again has proved that our steel-hard victory will defend us no matter how long the war lasts, but such blows as the battle of Riga increase the prospect that the end will come soon. They add to the glory of our arms and give fresh laurels to the troops participating."

This is the most worthless kind of rubbish. Capturing an undefended city after having first bribed those upon whom the defence depended, to evacuate, is creditable neither to the valor nor the conscience of the assailants. Possibly Riga would have been obliged to yield under other circumstances and the capture of the city after a manly fight and stubborn resistance might have reflected honor or at least advantage to the German Empire, notwithstanding an overwhelming preponderance of strength in the attacking force. But there is no glory in chicanery, no honor in crime and a capture by bribery is repugnant to any just mind.

The situation in Russia is bad without question but at its worst it does not mean or even indicate a German triumph. Whatever is harmful there is more than made up by the good reports which come from the Italian front where under the most difficult conditions the Austrian and German forces are retreating before the victorious army of Italy. The progress in approaching Trieste is slow but sure and unless some unforeseen misfortune intervenes the troops of King Victor Emanuel will be moving toward Vienna in the near future and it is now closer to that point than those of the Kaiser are to Petrograd.

—Four Senators in Congress voted against the revenue bill after delaying the passage of the measure several weeks. And curiously enough all of them profess to believe in majority rule.

—Insurance Commissioner Amble being a contractor is naturally welcomed into the official family of Pennsylvania. The State government is "of contractors, by contractors and for contractors."

Senator Sproul's Campaign Begins.

Senator William C. Sproul, the Penrose favorite for the Republican nomination for Governor next year, has begun his campaign, according to current political gossip. He was at the Susquehanna county fair last week, where "he was particularly interested in meeting the Grangers," a dispatch to one of the Philadelphia papers states. Senator Sproul is somewhat of a farmer himself and owns a large body of land in the upper end of Columbia county, very close to the Susquehanna county line. He may imagine that participation in the rural pleasures of that neighborhood would develop a local interest in his ambition. But any one familiar with that "neck of the woods" is likely to tell him different.

While in Susquehanna county Senator Sproul was the guest of Senator Jones, more familiarly known as "Dirt Road Jones," who is one of the closest adherents of Governor Brumbaugh. Besides that "Jim" Deiningering, executive clerk in the Governor's office, who lives in Susquehanna county, was at home at the time and attended the fair. Deiningering is a man of large body, big brain and an expert politician who enjoys the confidence of every Republican voter in that county and most of those in adjoining counties. If Sproul gets any considerable support in that section it will be with the consent of James C. Deiningering and in the nature of things that consent would come through Governor Brumbaugh.

Senator Sproul is wise, however, in beginning his campaign early and invading the enemy's country while the invading is good. He is certain to make a hit with the farmers wherever and whenever he comes in contact with them for he can talk about good cultivation, good crops and good roads in a most fetching manner, and is a "hale fellow well met," in any environment. But the bulk of the Republican vote of Susquehanna county will go to the candidate of the Brumbaugh faction and Bill Magee doesn't have to milk a cow in public to prove that he is a friend of the agricultural interests. Still it's anybody's fight at this stage and it remains to be seen which faction is the stronger.

—Before the next issue of the "Watchman" reaches its readers the fall primaries will have been held and every election precinct in Centre county will have put up its ticket for local officers. The only county office to fill this fall is that of Jury Commissioner and the Democratic voters have their choice between Joseph A. Emerick, the present incumbent, and A. C. Ripka, of Centre Hall. The Republican aspirants are John D. Decker, the present Jury Commissioner, and William H. Goss, of Ferguson township. In Bellefonte the principal contest will be for the nomination for tax collector, and the Democrats have the choice between J. Kennedy Johnston, John M. Keichline and John J. Bower, while the Republicans go us one better and have the pick of four, Robert B. Montgomery, Horace M. Musser, Harry Badger and Maurice J. Kelley. The "Watchman" never takes sides in a primary election, and especially a borough election where every voter knows the candidates individually and should know their fitness for the office to which they aspire, and we don't propose to do it now. The race is a free-for-all and may be the best man win.

Do Your Bit.

Won't you do just a small "bit" to help in the campaign for good milk? Wash your milk bottles before returning them to the milk man. It will involve no expense and very little labor, yet will be a great help to not only the dairymen but to a good cause, in general. If you allow the milk to become sour and stale in the bottle, it is difficult to clean the bottle thoroughly, and, as most of our dairymen do not have facilities for sterilizing, this may be easily a factor promoting souring and other milk fermentations. It is to the consumer's advantage, quite as much as to the producers, to do everything possible to prevent the growth of bacteria and to keep the milk at low temperatures after delivery and wash the bottles before returning it only justice to the producer.

—A careful review of work accomplished by the administration since the declaration of war, absolves President Wilson from the charge of laziness.

—The true spirit of socialism is revealed in the disorder in Russia and recent incidents in Russia ought to put an end to socialism in the United States.

—Those North Dakota farmers who demand three dollars a bushel for wheat ought to be penned up and fed corn in a trough.

—The soldiers are gone. Long live the soldiers!

Treasonable Profits.

From the Johnstown Democrat. There is a vast difference, as Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, points out, between treasonable profits and reasonable profits. The truth is that 6 per cent. net would be a reasonable profit in times such as these. The manufacturer who imagines that he is running his establishment for himself just now is a slacker. He is running it for the benefit of the country and all he is entitled to is just enough return to enable him to keep going.

The miserable leeches who shriek and clamor about profits at a time when hundreds of thousands of young men are being marched away to serve as targets deserve hanging if any one does. A hundred pacifists speaking on street corners do not constitute a great menace to the welfare of this country as one millionaire manufacturer lobbying at Washington in the hope that by controlling Senators he will be able to add to his fortune. The pacifists are not the menace. There is a great hue and cry about them. But attention from the cowardly game that capital is attempting to play will not thus be diverted. The world is to be made safe for democracy. If the mighty in this country establish an oligarchy that oligarchy will be destroyed. The country is being prepared for the sacrifice. Its manhood is to be offered up. In order to maintain the armies of the nation it is the business of the government to take what it needs when it needs it and where it finds it. If the clamoring John Does cannot run their plants if they receive a reasonable profit, let them "hibernate or hang." It makes little difference which. The government can run the plants. There is plenty of ability backed by patriotism to enable the government to come through.

The time is at hand in this country when it will be necessary to begin calling things by their right names. The enemy of the country is not the chance wanderer who talks peace, but the craven wealth seekers who talk war for profit.

Not Without Benefits.

From the Altoona Times. A long war, so horrible to contemplate, may not be without its benefits, after all, as Lord Northcliffe has pointed out. The energetic Englishman is of the opinion that a long have the autocratic and arrogant Prussians been in control of Germany and dominating the German people that the web and woof of their damnable doctrine and ideas is so wide and vast that it will take a long time to eradicate it.

This will be brought about by a long war, he thinks, and one result will be that the German people will come to their senses and will be ready to do their part in the overthrow of autocracy.

A long war will give time for the light to penetrate to them and once light does penetrate to them it will be all up with their Prussian masters.

Lord Northcliffe also holds the view that the control exercised in this country of food supplies going to neutral nations will do much to hasten the end of the war. The far greater proportion of such food supplies have been going right on from the neutral countries to Germany, and this will now stop.

There is no end of leakage in this country in the efforts to overcome the enemy, but there can be no doubt that we are progressing and that it will not be long now before we grasp the new game which we are playing and become proficient in it.

So far as we have gone, and considering the very short time during which we have given it any attention, we have done uncommonly well. It remains to keep up the pace, to increase it and to come to a fuller realization that we must put forth the maximum of effort, when we shall then begin to cut a big figure in the bringing about of the final result.

Their Own Affair.

From the New York Herald. If the Bavarians are so friendly with the Prussians that they call them dogs and blame them for continuing the war, it would be interesting to know what the Prussians say to the Bavarians. A special cable dispatch from Paris quotes a report from Jassy to the effect that these precious soldiers of the Kaiser are so happy in their affairs that the Prussians and Bavarians who are taken captive have to be kept apart to prevent them from fighting among themselves. The only consolation in this news is that the Bavarians and the Prussians, to use good Yankee slang, are "on to themselves." Therefore, let them fight and call names. It's their own affair.

Have Enough to Worry About Now.

From the Stockton Mail. Average newspaper publishers won't worry if Congress confines its war tax to profits made as the result of the war. It is estimated that American newspapers are losing \$10,000,000 a year because of the war. Higher wages, paper cost greater and greater each day and vast fortunes expended for cabled news from the battle fronts unite to prevent the publisher from reaping any profits from this war.

—The Kaiser protests that Germany wants no territory but Belgium and Serbia want reparation for territorial outrages.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—A delayed telegram cost J. C. Davidson, an oil well pumper, near Butler, a job paying \$150 a month. Because of this he has sued the telegraph company for \$5,000 damages. The message was delayed in delivery four days, and the work went to another man.

—Ralph Mullen, a captain of detectives for the Pennsylvania railroad in Philadelphia was stabbed to death on Tuesday in attempting to arrest an Italian who is wanted on a charge of murdering a railroad supervisor at Franklinville, N. Y. In attempting to escape after he had stabbed the detective, the Italian was shot and slightly wounded by Mullen and was captured by another detective.

—Thirty cases of typhoid fever have been reported in the little town of East Petersburg, four miles east of Lancaster during the last few days. It is believed that the town pump, which supplies water for the village, is responsible for the epidemic. Not a single death has been reported but several of the victims are in a precarious condition. The State health authorities have taken a hand in the investigation.

—A claim for compensation for a broken neck is to be heard by Referee L. E. Christley in the Pittsburgh Workmen's Compensation Bureau soon. Antonio Canzaro, an employee of the H. C. Frick Coal and Coke company, was struck on the nose by a heavy timber, receiving a broken neck, according to his testimony. Canzaro has been discharged from the hospital and is able to walk but avers that his neck is broken.

—Miss Laura Wood, of Titusville, charged with the murder of Harry Gerhart, a prominent young clubman of that place, on the evening of June 16, last, was given her freedom on Tuesday when the grand jury in session at Meadville returned its findings, which read, "not a true bill." There were no witnesses to the shooting and the evidence submitted was insufficient. The defendant had not denied shooting Gerhart, but she said he was accidentally shot.

—No longer will the silk stocking peep demurely from beneath the skirts of the female teachers in the schools of Vandling, Lackawanna county, for at the meeting of the school board last Tuesday night a resolution was adopted directing all teachers to have their skirts lengthened well below the shootups. Visiting the schools on the opening day, the directors were amazed at the hosiery display, and at once decided that children could not properly study their lessons when confronted by an enticing vision of sheer silk.

—Lancaster county tobacco growers will lose approximately \$2,000,000 as the result of Tuesday morning's frost, according to estimates made by Lancaster county farm agent, Lloyd S. Bucher, and tobacco experts. The loss is reported to be the greatest ever suffered by the tobacco growers in that section. Growers say that seventy-five per cent. of the county's "summer crop" of tobacco is yet in the fields. The four top leaves are now unfit for other than the cheapest kind of scrap. Much of the crop was contracted for as it stood in the fields at the record prices of 30 cents for wrappers and eight cents for fillers.

—Joseph Williams, the Woodland negro, who shot and killed another negro named Dixon "by mistake," and who entered a plea of second degree murder, was on Friday sentenced by Judge Bell, at Clearfield, to serve a minimum of twelve years and a maximum of eighteen years in the penitentiary. The shooting was the outcome of a quarrel. Williams went gunning after another negro and Dixon happened to get in the limelight at the wrong time. Hod and Burrel Beeman, who were found guilty of cattle stealing, in the vicinity of Osgood Mills, were each sentenced to serve from one to two years in the penitentiary.

—Huckberry dealers of Hazleton announce that they have shipped sixty-five cars of the fruit to the big cities so far, and that they were worth \$1,000 per car. This makes a total to them of \$65,000 paid out to the pickers of that region. Dealers say they gave the highest prices that have ever been maintained in that section. The berries brought twelve cents a quart at first, and for the greater part of the season they were bought at ten and nine cents a quart. Usually the price drops to four or five cents by mid-season. Elimination of the middleman was another accomplishment of the season. The dealers say that they sold directly to retailers in New York, Boston, Cleveland and other big cities.

—Paul Dudock, a lineman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Lighting company, Shamokin, felt the terrific draft of 6,000 volts of electricity through his body on Friday while working among some high tension wires, and that he escaped with his life is a mystery to physicians and electricians. Dudock was making a splice in a high tension wire when in some unaccountable manner the current was switched on. The 6,000 volts shot through the lineman's body. Fortunately, he wore canvas safety shoes and secured to the pole by a safety belt. However, both hands were terribly burned and Dudock suffered greatly from the shock, but was able to descend the pole without assistance. It is believed that he will suffer no serious consequences.

—George Foster, an employee of the DuBois Brewing company, was badly burned about the head on Tuesday when an empty beer-keg he was inspecting, exploded. It is believed that the keg had been used for gasoline by somebody after it had been emptied. When it was returned to the brewery it was steamed and Mr. Foster stuck an open torch into the interior to inspect it. It is supposed that some of the gasoline fumes still lodged in the keg and exploded when the flame was applied. The force struck Mr. Foster in the face and while his eyes escaped, he was so badly burned about the hands and head that it was necessary to take him to the hospital for treatment. All of which shows that there is considerable action in a beer-keg full or empty.

—Miss Alice Pratt, 18 years old, who has big brown eyes and rosy cheeks, appeared at the office of "Squire S. M. P. Tierney in Northumberland, on Monday, to become the bride of John Borden, a neighbor, she said. With her was Frank Borden, a brother of the prospective bridegroom. The time was set for three o'clock and when John did not appear for the nuptials, great tears sprang into her eyes. Frank spoke words of pity and then asked the use of the "Squire's" private office. In a few minutes both returned, smiling. "It's all right," "Squire," said Frank, "she was my sweetheart first, anyhow, and has consented to become my bride, instead of John's." A hurried trip was made to the court house, a new marriage license secured, and in a few minutes they were made man and wife.