

INK SLINGS.

A failure of the new Liberty Bond issue will be like a rainbow in the sky of Germany's present gloom.

Of course Von Hindenburg doesn't want peace. Peace would end his career as dictator of Germany.

It is a hopeful sign that Bellefonte fans have been able to survive without an electric reproduction of the world's series games.

Herbert Hoover is crying for "Hogs and Hogs and more Hogs!" What a pity that so many of the variety we met every day can't be made to hear the call.

"Let us continue to be victorious and hold our peace," says Von Hindenburg. In other words, I'll mutilate the Belgian children and you say nothing about it.

Don't let any one have to importune you to buy a Liberty Bond. Buy it because it is a patriotic pleasure and because it is the safest investment that you can make.

Cider and chestnuts are both here, but the apple crop in Centre county is short so there won't be much cider and the chestnuts are reported as being small and wormy.

Just to keep the ball rolling, Ecuador has decided to break relations with the Kaiser. Pretty soon Bill won't have a friend on earth except the nations afraid to be anything else.

LaFollette wants the people to have a chance to talk over the matter of going to war. What's the use of post mortems anyhow? It's a new deal and we already have an ante in of about nineteen billion dollar chips.

The only thing we know of that has come down in price recently is marine insurance and that doesn't help Centre county much because cargo boats are no longer cruising about "the head of navigation on Spring creek."

Don't for a moment lose sight of the fact that it will take greater crops in America next year than we have been blessed with this to keep up food supplies. Consider this fact during the winter and plan for the spring.

On and after November 2nd it will require a three cent stamp instead of a two cent one to carry a sealed letter in the mails. Thus the odd pennies that somebody else fails to take from us will have to be dropped into Uncle Sam's bag.

So the sailors in the German navy have started to mutineering. Gradually the internal discord and dissension that has been suspected among the Kaiser's forces is showing itself in acts that need but to be fanned a little before they break out into a general revolution.

Elbert Hubbard says "The men who say it can't be done are constantly being run over by those who have done it." How true. It is really the measure of success or failure. The man who always thinks it can't be done is never successful. The one who thinks it can be done rarely ever fails.

Watch the Hon. Boies Penrose. His mill isn't losing any water as the plot thickens in the Philadelphia primary murder scandal. If they had shot a few more policemen in the Fifth ward and beaten more innocent by-standers Penrose wouldn't have to make another fifty-fifty deal with the Vares in a generation.

Germany is said to be showing symptoms of making another peace offer. After reading the report of the twenty-four Belgian children who arrived in Philadelphia recently, only one of them having both hands and some of them neither, we are of the opinion that Americans do not care to hear peace proposals unless Germany comes as a contrite supplicant for terms.

The impression that Roosevelt would really like to leave in the public mind is that American soldiers are to be sent to France armed with wooden guns. Of course he didn't say that, but when he did say that there are more wooden guns than genuine ones about the various army cantonments he was just malicious enough to figure on leaving the most unfavorable impression.

Secretary of War Baker has made it known that we "have today more men in France than we had in our entire regular army when war was declared." This would indicate that we have about one hundred thousand men in the various branches of foreign service to which we are contributing. The potentiality of these one hundred thousand ought to be equivalent to half a million when we consider the spirit that actuates them and the resourcefulness with which they are endowed.

Democratic Watchman

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

VOL. 62. BELLEFONTE, PA., OCTOBER 12, 1917. NO. 40.

Roosevelt's Mistaken Notion.

Colonel Roosevelt is still "black-jacking" the government at every opportunity. Writing for a Kansas City newspaper last Friday he reiterates a declaration that nothing has been done toward putting the country into a state of preparedness for war.

Neither Roosevelt, LaFollette nor the leaders of the so-called "Industrial Workers of the World" have been able to charge dishonesty or allege graft in the disbursement of funds for the war.

Soon after the close of the Spanish war Colonel Roosevelt boastfully declared, in a signed magazine article, that he fatally shot an unarmed and fleeing Spanish soldier in the back.

Congressmen will be exempt from the eight per cent. tax on salaries over \$6000, which shows that the Congressman "can always take care of himself."

Later developments in the Philadelphia murder case, increases public interest in that dastardly conspiracy. It seems that months before the event the purpose to import gunmen to intimidate the voters had been expressed by police officials.

When one of these conspirators was arrested State Senator Ed. Vares expressed great indignation because the personal liberty of a citizen had been violated.

Senator Vares is not half as sorry because the political outrages were committed as he is that they were exposed.

President Wilson Compliments Congress.

President Wilson justly compliments Congress upon its splendid achievements during the session just closed. "The Sixty-fifth Congress, now adjourning," writes the President, "deserves the gratitude and appreciation of a people whose will and purpose I believe it has faithfully expressed."

The free performance of its duty and the full discharge of its obligations are expected of everybody of men assembled in the interest of the public. But the present Congress during the session just closed encountered unusual difficulties in meeting these requirements.

Putting the price of fuel and food under government control is a rather tough proposition in the mind of a Democrat. But it is better than to let the coal and food pirates freeze and starve the public and that is what they are threatening to do.

Any Old Peace Will Do.

There could hardly be anything more futile than the discussion of German peace terms. For some time a controversy has been in progress between the German Chancellor and the Reichstag upon the subject.

As President Wilson said the other day the war will end when Germany is beaten. He might with greater accuracy have said it will end when Germany is thoroughly licked.

The war may continue for a considerable time and will cost a vast sum every day it continues. But from this time on the trend will be against Germany at every theatre of activities.

They are talking of cutting cuffs off trousers as a measure of war economy but so long as fashion doesn't interfere with wrist watches the average dude may be fairly happy.

LaFollette's Lame Defense.

Senator LaFollette misconstrues himself and misinterprets public sentiment if the language of his defensive speech on Saturday correctly expresses his reasons for opposing war legislation.

The moment the German government declared its purpose of waging ruthless war our participation in the world struggle became inevitable. At that moment the right of a Senator in Congress or a citizen of the United States anywhere to hamper or delay preparations for the successful prosecution of the war ceased.

It is true that Lincoln and Clay opposed the war with Mexico but National spirit was not as fully developed then as now and besides the war with Mexico was not as vital an affair as this struggle between autocracy and democracy.

An honor roll was plated in the vestibule of St. John's Reformed church of Bellefonte and one in the hall of the chapel last Sunday upon which are inscribed the names of the eleven young men who have enlisted in the army and navy from that congregation.

Wages are high even extravagant, as some of the employers state. But they have to move up rapidly to keep within sight of the prices of necessities.

Senator LaFollette hopes to make a martyr of himself but the indications are that the completed product of his labor will represent an ass.

At the Free Methodist conference held at Clarion last week Rev. G. B. Tinguo was appointed on the Bellefonte and Fleming charge.

War Taxes and War Spirit.

The war tax has become a grim reality—foretaste of other grim realities which will urge us to win and end the war.

"Booze" gets a knock-out blow today from the war taxes and there will be little practice of it in the future. The measure is made up of hard knocks, but we must stand them. Time will tell—just a little time—how the drink habit, as well as other habits, will be affected by the heavy taxation provided by the war tax bill for many necessities although, for many, habit has made them seem necessary; how habits may be broken or only changed or restricted; how a prospect that now seems hard and distressing may brighten with blessings in disguise.

Thus the war tax provisions, falling like a wet blanket upon all those who have failed to realize what a great war means, will dampen the spirits of some but should quickly awaken those who have slumbered and arouse the war spirit of all. For it presents no other prospect of relief than victory.

From the Willamsport Sun. Investigation into the activities of Bolo Pasha, now under arrest in Paris as a spy, is bringing new revelations of German intrigue and methods of propaganda.

There can be no trust put in the Kaiser and the advisers who now surround him. Nothing is too extravagantly preposterous for them to attempt as a sly way of winning a victory.

From the New York Sun. The United States, in refusing to neutral shipping coal for the transportation of supplies that would eventually reach the enemy, has taken another very decided step in strengthening the embargo against the aid that neutral nations have been furnishing Germany.

From the Wall Street Journal. Free speech means one thing in time of war and another in time of peace, but neither in war nor peace does it mean an indictment to destruction and murder.

For high class Job Work come to the "Watchman" Office.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The twenty-three vacancies in the state police force have been filled from the waiting lists.

Paris green, either accidentally or intentionally scattered where the animals were feeding, caused the deaths of three elk at the Dyer place, in the Black Forest. The carcasses were found Sunday and from appearances the animals had been dead three or four days.

A. M. Stine, of Clearfield, will move his portable mill to Loganton Clinton county to cut 3,000,000 feet of lumber for T. H. Harter, of Lock Haven. Mr. Stine has been cutting timber tracts in Clearfield county for several years.

T. B. Lewis, 80 years old, died at his home in Williamsport Monday. He was captain of Company B, in the Forty-second Pennsylvania volunteers, the famous Bucktail regiment, during the Civil war.

John Harsh, aged 23 years, of Juniata Scales, employed by the company as a truckman, suffered abrasions of the right wrist and a fracture of the arm, Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, when a coal wagon, driven by his brother Ralph, ran over his arm. A Juniata physician attended him.

Joseph A. Hartle, the Kylertown butcher, slaughtered an eighteen month old calf the other day which tipped the beam at 534 pounds, which is surely a record for that section of the country. The average price per pound received in disposing of the meat was 30 cents, or a total of \$160.20.

Rembrandt Peale, of St. Benedict, the head of extensive coal operations in Clearfield, Indiana, Cambria and Jefferson counties, has resigned his office in connection with those concerns, since being appointed bituminous coal advisor to Dr. Harry Garfield, and has removed to Washington for better performance of his volunteer duty.

Citizens of Clearfield borough and adjacent territory have asked the Public Service Commission to abolish two grade crossings at the site of a new bridge on state highway route No. 67, crossing the Clearfield creek at Leonard station. The respondents are the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads, Lawrence township supervisors and the State Highway Department.

Unable to decide the question themselves the women of Scranton asked their pastors whether or not it was permissible to knit for soldiers on Sunday and in church. The pastors agreed that no knitting should be done in church, but are divided on the question of Sunday knitting. Some pastors declare the need is not great enough at this time, while others say that no harm will be done if church work is not hindered.

By the arrest of Alfonso Buene and his alleged confession on Thursday, the mystery surrounding the killing of Frank Condello and Mrs. John Ramsey by blowing up their house near Mt. Union two weeks ago by a bomb has been seemingly cleared up. Buene, according to the police, confessed that he and Antonio Sala made and placed the bomb that killed the couple as they slept. Jealousy was given as the cause of the tragedy. Sala was arrested soon after the crime and is now in jail.

The towboat Twilight, owned by the Rogers Sand company, of Pittsburgh, and valued at \$45,000, sank in the Monongahela river near Braddock, on Monday. Fourteen members of the crew narrowly escaped death by drowning when the big boat turned over and sank within three minutes. The Twilight, pushing a barge, was running at full speed when the accident occurred. The wash of the boat, coming in over the bow, flooded the hull and caused it to sink. An attempt will be made to raise and repair the hull.

Back fire in an automobile last Saturday started a conflagration which wiped out the sales ware rooms and garage of Andrew Redmond, of Harrisburg, destroyed nearly fifty cars and caused a loss of approximately \$100,000. The Redmond garage was one of the largest in the city. Many of the burned cars were individual property, occupying rented space. The flames spread so swiftly that few cars could be saved. This is the third time that Redmond has suffered a total loss since he entered the automobile business.

Harvey Lamberson, who resides on the river road about two miles below Danville, was found dead in Mahoning creek at that place Saturday morning. It is not known exactly how he met his death, although there were no evidences of foul play. It was not considered necessary to hold an inquest Harvey Lamberson was a veteran of the Civil war. He was a native of that locality and with the exception of the time that he spent in the military service he resided in Danville or nearby. No one was more widely known than he.

Two men were killed on Monday when the bridge over Jack's creek, near Lewisport collapsed as the automobile in which they were riding was passing over it. Just before reaching the bridge the men had been invited by Alexander Maurer, of Harrisburg, to ride with him into town. From papers found upon one of the victims he is believed to have been Thomas Snell. The identity of the other man is unknown. Maurer was only slightly injured although he was thrown with the car and the other two men into the water thirty feet below.

Preliminary steps for the location of the units of the Pennsylvania reserve militia will probably be taken this week and the bulk of the places where the new organizations will be established will probably be announced. The general plan is to locate the companies where the State owns armories, which it does to the number of forty. The number of applications for units is larger than expected and there have been many names of former officers of the National Guard suggested not only to officer the new companies, but to command the three regiments and the squadron of cavalry.

Mrs. M. A. Simpson, of Williamsport, on Monday received a message announcing the safe arrival in the war zone of her son, Charles Emerson Simpson, a member of Company A, Tenth United States engineers, three days' after the receipt of a cable telling of the death of the young engineer from cerebro-spinal meningitis in an American hospital in France. Simpson, who was a graduate of State College, enlisted some months ago with several college companions who agreed to cable news of their arrival in France to a friend in State College. That cable, after being delayed, reached State College Monday and was relayed to Simpson's family.