

INK SLINGS.

Russia sent Nick Rom-an-off, but will she be able to make the Bolshevik Trot-sky.

German naval officers take to the submersible service reluctantly but they have to take to it when ordered "or else."

The next gubernatorial campaign in this State will be full of surprises but the greatest surprise will be in the result to the Republicans.

Here we sit in Centre county boasting of our superior intelligence and our beautiful environment and one hundred and eighteen out of every thousand babies born die in infancy.

Belleville's heating prospect looks good now. The government coal commission has ordered four cars a week to be placed for the use of the local plant.

Some time ago Phillipsburg got into the lime-light when a dead deer was found in the reservoir that supplies the town with water.

"Country butter" keeps on soaring in price we'll have to screw up our courage like we did when we first acknowledged that our motor was in reality a Ford, and take to oleo.

Waste is evidently being warred upon in Bellefonte. An aged garbage lifter said, the other morning, that there is so little in the cans now that the pigs he has in charge are getting so thin that it breaks his heart to look at them.

In exactly three minutes after the most advanced detachment of Canadians had taken a German position in Flanders, and before they had time to dig themselves in a Y. M. C. A. worker was with them with hot coffee and words of cheer.

The Y. M. C. A. is campaigning for \$35,000,000 this week with which to carry on its work among the soldiers and sailors. Centre county has given nearly four hundred of the most precious young men to the army and navy already and will give more and more.

Last spring when the "Watchman" was furnishing seed potatoes at cost to those who were unable to procure them anywhere else the most asinine stories were afloat as to our purpose.

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Republican Factions Shifting.

One of the results of the recent election, according to current reports, is a complete readjustment of the plans of the Penrose faction for the immediate future.

This shifting of favorites on the Vares side has caused a similar transfer of support on the Penrose side. Pittsburgh has entered an emphatic protest against Senator Sproul and sent out a call for Senator E. E. Bidleman, of Harrisburg, and the personal friends of that gentleman declare with much positiveness that he is to be the candidate not only of that faction but of the party.

Senator Bidleman is a lawyer under fifty years of age and a devoted adherent of the Penrose machine. He serves two terms in the House of Representatives and is now in his second term in the State Senate.

If the Fins imagine that Germany can or will feed them they have a right to help the Kaiser in his fight for autocracy.

Withdraw Support from Russia.

The government of the United States has advanced large sums of money to the provisional government of Russia since the dethronement of the Romanoff family.

But the time has come to withdraw the support of this country to Russia. Obviously funds so appropriated will be, if not already, misused.

For this reason the new loan to Russia, in contemplation, should be withheld for the present.

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Notable Service to the Country.

Only those who expected the President to "rough-house" the Federation of Labor convention are disappointed in the President's speech in Buffalo on Monday.

President Wilson didn't go to Buffalo to take the delegates to the labor convention by the throat and force upon them the acceptance of doctrines repugnant to their sense of justice.

It was gravely suspected that an organized effort would be made by emissaries of the Kaiser to disturb the councils of the American Federation of Labor by introducing sinister differences among the leaders of the organization and diverting it from the patriotic course it has been pursuing since the beginning of the European war.

Exploiting the Soldiers' Vote.

The election returns from the military cantonments make plain the necessity for improving the methods of taking the soldiers' vote.

Of course little of good was expected from an electoral machinery controlled absolutely by Governor Brumbaugh in the interest of the party pirates who control him.

While we are fighting for freedom," President Wilson said in his Buffalo speech, "we must see among other things, that labor is free."

Mr. Hoover's bread rules promise to accomplish something besides vindicating his reputation.

Whole Truth About the War.

There is a good deal of humbug in the alarming stories of the scarcity of labor now current in all sections of the country.

The people of the United States must win this war for democracy and this result can only be accomplished by every one doing his part in full.

Samuel Blythe, in a summary of the situation published in the Saturday Evening Post says "We must whip Germany or Germany will whip us."

The food conservation train which visited Bellefonte on Wednesday was visited by hundreds of people, including most of the school teachers in attendance at institute.

Wednesday was butchering day for our friend, George Robb Sr., at his home along the mountain, and from the three nice hogs he killed he got three good sized cans of lard.

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WHO MADE THE KAISER.

Some people were made to be soldiers. The Irish were made to be cops, Limberger was made for the Germans, Spaghetti was made for the wops;

FERTILIZER EXPERIMENTS.

Inspected by State College Experts and Farmers, Near Snow Shoe, Last Friday.

Last Friday morning a corps of experts from the School of Agriculture of The Pennsylvania State College, headed by Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of the college, prominent agriculturists throughout the State and a half dozen or more newspaper men, including a representative of the "Watchman," motored to Snow Shoe to inspect the fertilizer experiments being conducted there by college experts in an effort to reclaim wornout land.

These experiments were begun in 1915 on what is known as the Morgan farm about three-quarters of a mile beyond Snow Shoe on the road to Giletown. The land had been abandoned as farm land for a period of forty years, and during that time had been used as a baseball ground.

While the mid-year would seem to the "Watchman" editor as a better time to have made the trip of inspection, when the grass grown on the experimental plats was at its best, yet the difference between the fertilized and unfertilized plats was very evident last Friday.

When the crowd of experts, farmers, etc., arrived at the experimental land they were a rather chilly bunch and Mr. George G. Hutchinson, of the State Dairy and Food department, had a wood-carrying brigade and soon spread warmth among the guests.

While this was being done several college students were busy preparing a lunch. They built a big stone fireplace and made a huge boiler of coffee and when it was ready a very substantial luncheon was served all present.

In addition to the college experts there were present F. R. Stevens, the agricultural expert of the State Chamber of Commerce; H. V. White, of Bloomsburg, chairman of the State Agricultural Commission; Geo. G. Hutchinson, of Warriorsmark; Hon. Harry B. Scott and A. J. Anderson, of the "Pennsylvania Farmer," Philadelphia. Returning home the party arrived in Bellefonte a little after two o'clock.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Beaver county has the unenviable record of having 700 men classed as slackers in its three exemption districts.

Governor Brumbaugh has granted a respite to Frank Alfred Wendt, of Blair county, staying his execution from November 19 to December 3, to permit of an appeal to the State Board of Pardon.

Two brothers, Joseph and Mancuso, were instantly killed Wednesday evening, when they were caught under a fall of rock in No. 9 mine of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke corporation at Cresson.

The sugar shortage continues to be quite acute in DuBois and there is little promise that there will be any relief in the near future.

William McKinley, aged 40 years, was terribly injured Monday afternoon by an explosion of dynamite in the Dagus mines, ten miles from Ridgway. He had one hand amputated and will probably never have the sight of his eyes.

Slab wood used in the school buildings of Williamsport, is probably the hardest kind of fuel to find this year.

Ralph Charovell, the DuBois man who has been in jail at Clearfield for the past year because of his connection with the killing of Abe Horn, and who was found guilty of murder in the second degree last spring, was sentenced to serve a term of not less than 12 nor more than 15 years in the western penitentiary.

Miss Alda Derr, who had both legs and arm broken and was nearly scalped seven weeks ago when the auto in which she was riding was hit by a train near Milton, suddenly recovered consciousness a week ago and has since been recuperating rapidly.

James Flynn, aged 69 years, for many years a resident of DuBois, was found dead at the bottom of the Johnson stone quarry, by quarrymen when they reported for work Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Minerva Stittler, of Smicksburg, was seriously burned at her home on Thursday, when her clothing caught fire from a hot plate. She was cleaning about the stove and had set the hot plate on the floor and her apron brushed over it and caught fire, the flames burning most all her clothing before neighbors came to her assistance.

The property of the Northumberland county traction company operating street car lines in Sunbury and Northumberland, was sold at foreclosure sale last Thursday for \$200,000 to the Bondholders Protective committee, composed of Allen D. Perdue, John L. Hall and David A. Howe, all of Williamsport.

Caught between a cabin and an engine while switching in the Williamsport yards of the Pennsylvania railroad at about 10:15 o'clock Thursday night, Horace W. Gross, of Northumberland, received injuries that proved fatal a short time later.

Wirt brothers, of Huntingdon, have the honor of taking the first bear from the Seven mountains this season. A large black bear which dressed 350 pounds was taken by them near the Martin Wirt farm in New Lancaster valley last week.

Rumors abroad say the iron ore mines in Forough township, Juniata county, will again be worked in the near future. These mines are located just across the Juniata river from Denholm water and cooling station on the Pennsylvania railroad and were abandoned finally in 1899 after the big flood had put the Pennsylvania canal out of business.

Frederick Shields, a hero of the Crimea war, and for many years a well known resident of Stumptown, near Oseola, died on Wednesday, November 7th, at the Clearfield county home, well advanced in years.

A sugar cargo valued at \$28,000 and placed in the Rink warehouse in Wilkes-Barre several weeks ago has mysteriously disappeared and three banks of that city are holding worthless security in the form of releases that governed the sale of the commodity.

Owing to the outbreak of smallpox at Blue Ball, Clearfield county, state health authorities have ordered train service to and from that station discontinued and the schools to be closed not only in the village but in the surrounding townships until all pupils have been vaccinated.