

INK SLINGS.

—And this is spring.
—Have you any onions in yet?
—Plowing has begun in many parts of the county.
—Let's all plant more potatoes than we did last year and then let's a lot of us sell them sooner.
—Seldom has this community experienced such delightful spring weather as we have had during this week.

—It is to laugh. On one of their recent air raids over Paris the Huns bombed their own embassy building in that city. Now they want France to pay the damage.

—It is costing a lot of money to win the war but to lose it will cost vastly more. For that reason everybody should cheerfully chip in to pay the price of winning.

—A Hun shell exploded within forty feet of Secretary Baker in France and he wasn't hurt. That's Yankee luck. And Yankee luck and Yankee pluck are going to win the war.

—A test vote in the upper house of the New York Legislature shows that up to this time the dry forces have not mustered enough strength to ratify the Prohibition amendment in that State.

—If the hoarders of potatoes and wheat lose nothing other than the difference in price they are lucky. A sentence that a quart of blood be taken from each one would about fit their crime.

—If you don't get home until five o'clock on the morning of April 1st then set your watch on one hour it will be six o'clock and you'll have to turn around and start the work of a new day.

—Some say ships will end the war and others declare that food conservation will accomplish the result. But nobody has undertaken to predict that talk will turn the trick and Congress might take a hint.

—Wisconsin has finally and decisively repudiated La Follette. Lenroot has been nominated for United States Senator over Thompson, the man whom the present seditious Senator from that Commonwealth was supporting.

—Just now when the call is going out to every one to raise a chicken and help save the meat we are reminded of the fact that there are a lot of "chickens" racing around the streets of Bellefonte that show no signs of having had any raisin' at all.

—The President has signed the Daylight saving bill and on the night of March 31st we will all have to set our clocks forward just one hour. When we get up next morning at six o'clock we will all have our first and real April fooling, because it will actually be five o'clock.

—A Pleasant Gap boy stole a polecat skin from a neighbor and it didn't take a very keen scented sleuth to get the culprit into the toils. But Judge Quigley evidently thought the proprietor of a polecat skin suffers enough without being slapped by hard fisted justice, for he let him go.

—Talking about profiteering, it isn't all done by the traffickers in foods. We are told that carpenters at Hog Island are paid \$9.00 a day for week days and \$13.50 for Sunday work. Many of them work Sundays and take down the \$13.50, then lay off on Monday when the rest costs only \$9.00.

—Don't talk in your sleep. Sampson Mayfield did it and he is now in jail where he will have three months' time in which to get over the habit. He stole a box of candy from a fellow workman, then went to sleep and talked about the goodies until some one heard him and caused his arrest.

—The women are keeping Centre county in the very front rank of efficient service in Red Cross work. Shame on us, men, if we can't hold the same rank in our activities. Let us make the enrollment of men and boys for farm labor so great that Centre can prove to her sister counties of Pennsylvania that her sons are made of the same self sacrificing, patriotic stuff that her daughters are made of.

—The Rev. John Richelsen, of Bradford, aspires to be the Republican nominee for Congress in this, the Twenty-first district. Mr. Richelsen has made a very good impression on some of the Republicans in this community who seem to scent a bar' that might be tapped very easily. Preachers are not often accused of having funds to play with in the political game, but there are those who are sure that if the Rev. John doesn't have a bar' himself he knows someone who does.

—If a few of the really leading and capable Democrats of Pennsylvania would publicly announce their willingness to lead the party in the next gubernatorial campaign the problem now confronting the party would be solved. Such men are needed now as will not have the taint of having been selected or put forward by any particular faction or coterie of bosses. Men, and there are plenty of them, with known capacity for the high office in question; men who, though they may have no personal ambition to become Governor, are capable of commanding the confident and united support of the Democracy as well as of those Republicans who are unwilling to see their State offices made the pawn of contending party plunders.

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Desperate Expedients Adopted.

The desperate expedients to which the Republican factions are resorting in the hope of restoring harmony reveal the utter hopelessness of their future. The latest information from the seat of their activities indicate that the Penrose faction has offered to take W. A. Magee, of Pittsburgh, on the Sprout ticket for Lieutenant Governor. Of course this is a dernier resort to prevent the nomination of J. R. K. Scott for the office. But if there were any other avenue of escape this plan would not have been thought of. Magee has long been known as an arch-enemy of the Senior Senator and if the Brumbaugh faction had taken any other candidate than Denny O'Neil Magee would have been foremost in the fight.

Sproul will be nominated easily over O'Neil as the Republican candidate for Governor, but his defeat is inevitable unless the Republicans are united in his support. Pennsylvania has long been a Republican State and under normal conditions is so now. But conditions are not normal and there are thousands of Republicans in the State who will vote the Democratic ticket for the reason that they want to sustain the President and understand that that is the only way to do so. With the remaining thousands divided and waging a war of extermination against each other, the Democratic candidate will be elected if he be a fit man and has the support of the Democratic voters.

And that sort of a man will be nominated by the Democrats this year. The four or five mercenary office holders in Washington will not be allowed to pick the candidate and plaster him with a label of their ownership. They tried that the other day and after making the selection invited a few dependent friends from various sections of the State to ratify their action. But they were disappointed even by those they trusted. Their suggestions fell flat on the conference and the Democratic people of the State promptly condemned their insolent bossism. There is plenty of gubernatorial timber in Pennsylvania and the best specimen of it will be taken to defeat the candidate of the Republican factions.

Experience has made one point clear. The old notion that fire is the most effective element to fight the devil with has been verified, and reprisals must be employed to fight the Kaiser. When a few spies are stood in front of a firing line and a few bombs are dropped into German cities the militarists of Berlin will find out that civilized methods must prevail.

The Keystone Division.

The welcome news comes from Camp Hancock that the Pennsylvania troops when they go to the trenches "over there" will remain together and be known as the "Keystone Division." Of course under whatever circumstances these gallant Americans appear in front of the enemy they will behave themselves well. But there was an unpleasant apprehension current in army circles that they would be divided into small units and absorbed in other larger commands, thus depriving the State of the glory of their achievements. But an official order issued by the Commanding General on Monday removed these apprehensions. They will preserve the pleasant relationships throughout the war.

This is another proof of the thoughtful consideration for the comfort and welfare of the soldiers on the part of those who are charged with the direction of affairs. Every Pennsylvanian in uniform will meet every obligation under any circumstances and the heartless Hun will have frequent opportunity to learn the prowess of our representatives on the battle front. But their duties might have been made more burdensome if they had been separated. At least their service in the camp would have been less pleasant. And the authorities fully realized that fact. Men eat better and sleep better and fight better when their environment is agreeable.

The new order indicates, moreover, that preparations are being made to send the Keystone Division to the trenches in France or Flanders in the near future. Recent inspections have revealed their preparedness and Camp Hancock has become a "show" cantonment. It was a visit to that camp and an observation of the skill and equipment of the Pennsylvania troops which converted Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, into an enthusiastic admirer of the War Department's work. A couple of weeks ago he was supporting the slanderous statements of Senator Chamberlain but now he is both emphatic and enthusiastic in praise of the methods employed and the results achieved by the government.

The experiment of Socialist government in Russia ought to put the idea of Socialism in America out of mind for all time.

Has Penrose Cold Feet?

Is Senator Penrose developing cold feet? Last week his political friends in all sections of the State assembled in Philadelphia in the expectation that he would meet them, praise them for their fidelity, and give them words of encouragement and advice for the future. He had invited them to come and promised to meet them, but failed. Other engagements, he telegraphed to his office clerk, occupied his time. What sort of engagements was left to conjecture. Some said it was public business which held him to his seat in the Senate. Others alleged that he was detained by Willie Hays, chairman of the Republican National committee who kept him to plan for harmony elsewhere.

Harmony is a great thing in politics but its value is qualified by geographical lines. For example, harmony in Illinois or Indiana is a negligible entity if the absence of it in Pennsylvania threatens the party prosperity of faithful henchmen and it must be admitted that Denny O'Neil is tossing the alfalfa on both sides of the highway with reckless disregard of consequences. In these circumstances Senator Penrose ought to have kept his engagement with his followers. They need encouragement. They have been out in the cold for some time and coal is high, the temperature has been low and the future looks gloomy. Human nature is weak at best and temptation hits hard on a yearning mind.

Moreover, it seems that Senator Penrose had another important engagement in Philadelphia which he failed to keep. He had promised to meet a party of suffragists to discuss his proposed amendment to the constitution. The suffragists came but the Senator was absent and naturally there was more or less indignation expressed. This type of cold feet is most deplorable. If the Senator is afraid to meet the ladies he ought to say so for militant women hate a coward and "faint heart ne'er won fair lady." They have no vote as yet but they have powerful influence and are likely to exercise it if they imagine they are being trifled with.

—And Roosevelt hasn't uttered a word of apology for his mischievous falsehood that "for his first eleven months of this war the inefficiency at vital points in our government, notably in the matter of shipping and in the management of the War Department, was worse than anything Russia herself has ever seen."

Senator Reed and Mr. Hoover.

A great many causes of wonder have arisen in Washington since the opening of the present session of Congress. The outbreak of Senator Chamberlain has never been accounted for though the environment of a New York banquet was suspected. The absurdities of Senator Hitchcock's attack on the administration has not been explained though the influence of Bryan with the President at the beginning of his life in Washington might be a reason. The failure of the Senate to take action in re-removal of LaFollette's perfidy remains a mystery though his vanity and ambition may have convinced his colleagues that he is not responsible and finally Senator Reed's hostility to Hoover is unaccountable.

So far as information is available it appears that Senator Reed, of Missouri, is a second rate quarter sessions lawyer who resides in Kansas City. That is one of the homes of the Beef trust. All the piratical meat packers have extensive plants in that city and from their offices there direct the predatory operations in price fixing and corrupt legislation. Possibly, therefore, Senator Reed has been retained as one of the agents in Washington of these conspirators. They blame Mr. Hoover with interfering with their plans to loot the government by selling bad meat and charging exorbitant prices for their products and are using Reed to undermine public confidence in his work for the government.

During the Spanish war it will be remembered, these piratical meat packers sold ship loads of rotten meat to the government for the use of war soldiers and when a state of war with Germany was declared they imagined it was the beginning of a new era of graft for them. But President Wilson, who has no sympathy with such enterprises suggested the appointment of an agent of the government who could prevent such treasonable frauds. Of course the disappointed meat pirates set all the agents and lobbyists to barking at the heels of Hoover and Reed is heard more than the rest only because he has better opportunities to obtrude himself into the activities of the gang.

—If Greece is still paying tribute to King Constantine somebody ought to go hungry there and it is a safe bet that no real Greek is responsible for it.

Time for Some One to Act.

Unless the "Watchman" has been misinformed there is one person at State College who has been far seeing enough to discern the ultimate injury that might be done that community if the student body of the institution is to be further encouraged in the spirit of boycotting. Surprising as it may seem the one person who has had the temerity to speak out in tones of sanity and reason is the editor of the student's own publication "The State Collegian."

It has been a month or more now since the students of The Pennsylvania State College inaugurated a boycott against a moving picture show in that place. It has not only been vigorously enforced, but it has been extended to the mercantile establishment in which the management is affiliated with that of the picture show.

There is no need at this time to discuss the causes leading up to the boycott. We know them and know that there are two sides to the question. The serious phase of it; the one that makes it of greatest gravity to the great institution itself is the spirit of the young men who are at the bottom of it. The evidence is there that it is not a spontaneous movement at all, that it has a focal point and that a sub-rosa organization has been maintained to keep student sentiment crystallized. All the while the college authorities look on, we presume, with the idea that to the Student Council has been delegated the duty of student government.

Meanwhile the news gradually percolates through the State and the public frankly wonders whether its one great educational institution is encouraging student thought and student activities along the lines of anarchy. They may think it socialism, but socialism, in the last analysis is too altruistic to comprehend the spirit of the boycott in its tenets.

Three times within recent years the students of State have resorted to this cowardly method of attack. It is beneath them. It is beneath the spirit of the institution. It is the weapon of a mentality much lower than the plane on which young men upon whom the future of our country must depend should occupy.

If this spirit is to be encouraged by tolerance now we shudder at the thought of its capabilities of development in the future. We do not, we cannot believe that it is the spirit of the real Penn State man. We are rather inclined to the belief that it is the thoughtless effort of a clique with whom the clearer thinking students do not care to make an issue. Because of this belief the "Watchman" congratulates the editor of the Collegian, whoever he may be; the one person at State College who up to this time seems to have had the courage of his convictions and spoken them.

We foresee the time when, if this spirit is permitted to grow, invested capital at State College may be at the mercy of the whim of any group of boys yet in their teens. Capital shrinks from uncertainty and what could be more uncertain than an investment in a place where covert assaults are made upon it and condoned as "a college boys' prank."

If the students won't it seems to us it's time that the college authorities take a sight along the trail the Collegian so courageously blazed for them.

What Centre County Has Done.

The citizens of Centre county are proving their patriotism by deeds, not words as the following will show:

CASH CONTRIBUTED.
First Liberty Loan.....\$ 142,150.00
Second Liberty Loan.....1,026,300.00
Y. M. C. A. War Work.....5,720.61
Red Cross.....6,292.43
Thrift Stamps to date.....69,940.00
Total.....\$1,844,903.04

MEN IN SERVICE..... 705

Turn Your Clock Ahead One Hour.

On Tuesday President Wilson signed the Daylight bill passed by Congress which provides that on the night of March 31st all clocks shall be set ahead one hour, and on the night of the last Sunday of October they are to be turned back one hour. This, it is argued will conserve daylight and save fuel and artificial light. Whether it will or whether it won't, is beyond argument now. The bill is now the law, and the only thing to do is to turn your clock ahead one hour the night of March 31st.

—Col. H. S. Taylor was at Spring Mills last Thursday evening where he delivered a patriotic address to the home defense company organized by Robert Musser. The Colonel is also busy organizing the boys' working reserve and thus doing his bit to help along in these strenuous times.

—They are all good enough, but the "Watchman" is always the best.

The Brighter Side.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Out of the war and our participation in it there is coming a wealth of idea and an awakening of facts that nothing less serious could have brought about. As a people we have been spendthrifts, not greatly given to saving. Our resources have been great and subsistence easy for the great bulk of the people. But under the urgent necessities of war we, as a nation, are learning to save and loan and give and restrain and sacrifice in large ways that were heretofore thought impossible. We now find that we can stint for a great cause, that we can realize that money alone will not win the war, but that things, many things must be grown, made and saved. That spirit of sacrifice is strong among all, rich and poor alike.

We are learning that if we are to be a physically fit people for peace or war, the preparation must begin in the early years of life. Such preparation must be both compulsory and universal. There must be general physical development for all, not the mere training for the athletic event of school or college. The war has taught us, too, patriotism of effective action in contrast to loud and meaningless professions. We have found that mere sentiment, however finely phrased in words, gets us nowhere, unless reduced to concrete performance. The fruits of this discovery are seen. We are using our time and resources freely. We are finding that the big values of life and country are not expressed either in the sign of the dollar or in terms that are commercial.

We are being unified and absorbed in our thinking. Questions as to matters that are worth while are now getting a proper hearing. We are beginning to get a true perspective of what real Americanism means. We realize the obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. Too many men on coming to this land have failed to pay in fealty for the gift of citizenship bestowed upon them. That fault will not continue. Mental allegiance to another land will not be permitted in the future. The conflict has revived our country face to face with vast neglected opportunities, and has taught us lessons which will not soon be neglected or forgotten.

Taxes in Installments.

From the New York Analyst.
The suggestion in Congress that the income tax be made payable in installments instead of in a single payment comes at an opportune time. Many persons who have never before paid an income tax, and many others who have paid but never in any other way than as they are called upon to pay this year, are now engaged in the task of making their return to the government, and the amounts which they will be called upon to turn into the National Treasury will be inconceivably large in many cases. It would cost the government nothing, and would add to the ease with which the tax could be paid were the privilege granted to pay in installments instead of all at one time. The dates could be fixed at the convenience of the treasury with due regard to its own financial transactions, but that done the additional work imposed upon the government would be slight compared with the advantage which taxpayers would gain.

A Change That Should Be Made.

From the New York Herald.
There should be no delay on the part of Congress in enacting into law the bill introduced by Representative Flood, of Virginia, providing that "no person not a citizen of the United States shall be permitted to vote at any election to be held for President and Vice President or for Senators of the United States or members of the House of Representatives, who is a subject of any State or Nation with which the United States is at war." It will surprise many Americans to know that such legislation is needed, but it is. In 10 States alien residents are given the right of the franchise. Some day the country will have a Federal election law under which all Federal elections and all inequalities will be done away with. An act of Congress barring enemy aliens from the polls would be a beginning in that direction. It is needed as a measure of national defense.

The Echo in His Heart.

From the New York Sun.
"Your words have found a lively echo in my heart," answered the Kaiser to the despairing cry of the Estonians, and his general, hearing the echo, plundered the Estonians' kettles, and the Red Guard had not taken from them, and then plundered the Reds of what they had taken.

And They Fell Down.

From the Memphis News Scimitar.
We are disappointed. We thought surely when Russia gave the women the right to vote all her troubles were over, and now it seems that the Russian women are as unreliable as the men.

—There's nothing in a name. Russian Soviets and Bolsheviks are equally plotters and one is quite as unworthy of sympathy as the other.

—The householder's flour report blank will be found on the third page of today's paper.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The week of April 8 was named last Thursday as the time for the electrocution of Mike Eptic, of Westmorland county, convicted of murder in the first degree.

—Garry Hoover, of Curwensville, is an 82 year old young man. Last fall he tramped through the woods on a deer hunting expedition, and the other day climbed up a ladder to the roof of the public building in that town, up another ladder on the roof to the belfry, where he leisurely made needed repairs.

—A company has taken over an old tannery in Pittsburgh with the intention of operating it hereafter exclusively for the handling of fish skins. The company advises the bureau of fisheries that at the outset it will be able to handle 150 skins daily and that it is in the market for any shark skins two feet or more in length.

—Joseph Lisicrski, of Scranton, wants to fight for Uncle Sam, even though he has both legs missing. He applied at the local recruiting station and was rejected. Lisicrski was surprised upon the officers' refusing to accept him, remarking that with his artificial legs he can get about better than many men with sound limbs.

—Run over by a handcar on the Pennsylvania railroad, Lewis Hoffman, a section hand, of Middleburg, was picked up apparently dead, and his associates were figuring upon calling the coroner when he suddenly regained consciousness and declared he was not hurt. He resumed his work in a few minutes and finished the day out.

—J. Ira Thomas, of Phillipsburg, has been appointed Mine Inspector of District 6, in the DuBois territory, to take the place of the late Elias Phillips, who died recently. Mr. Thomas' father was the first mine inspector of the district many years ago. The appointee has been employed as a mining engineer by Cambria Steel company.

—Mrs. Abby Trauger, aged eighty-five years, was found dead in her home in West Second street, Greensburg, when a neighbor went to investigate when the old lady did not make her appearance for several days. In the house with the women were seventeen cats. One of them was asleep on its mistress' breast. Mrs. Trauger had no relatives.

—The Public Service Commission has ordered the St. Mary's Gas company, which serves Emporium and other towns in Elk county to supply gas to applicants in its territory and dismissed the objections of the company, which had raised the interesting question whether the general state of supply gas was any reason for refusing to add new consumers.

—Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Koser, of Williamsport, have loaned their hospital to the doctors associated with the private hospital recently destroyed by fire, and will take an extended vacation. They expect to spend two years in California and Alaska. They had intended to journey to Japan, but on account of the war conditions will not likely visit that country now.

—John C. Troutman, twenty-nine years old, of Sunbury, employed as a brakeman on the Shamokin division of the Pennsylvania railroad met a terrible death Sunday morning when, after completing a night's work, on that division, he stepped from the caboose of his train to a main line track, was struck by a light yard engine and so terribly crushed that he died within a short time.

—Domineck Demigone, aged 23 years, had his left arm almost ground off while working at the Vanadium-Alloy Steel plant, Latrobe, Saturday morning. He was employed on the rolls and in some way got his hand caught in the cogs of the mill, his arm was drawn in and crushed and mangled all the way to the shoulder. The arm was amputated at the shoulder, at the Latrobe hospital.

—County detective Samuel L. Minsler, aged 45, died in the Indiana hospital on Tuesday as the result of injuries sustained when he was assaulted by foreigners at Lucerne mines, Indiana, about two weeks ago while securing information relative to speakasies. The attack occurred at night, and Minsler lay unconscious in a field for several hours before being found by a pedestrian. He leaves his widow and several children.

—Governor Brumbaugh has announced his intentions of accepting an invitation to speak at Selinsgrove on May 14, when a tablet will be unveiled at the mansion built by Simon Snyder, who was Governor of Pennsylvania during 1812. The Historical society has charge of the preparations. The home is now owned and occupied by Harry A. Coryell, who was recently elected district attorney of Snyder county.

—Private Spencer C. Heiges, of Harrisburg, Pa., attached to the quartermaster's department at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., was on Monday sentenced to eight years at hard labor in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., on charges of selling army school teacher at Harrisburg. Before the court martial it was charged that in civilian clothing he visited a grocery store in that village and represented that he was a salesman for a Boston commission house. Later it was charged Heiges hired a teamster to call at the quartermaster's stores at Camp Devens and turned over to him 1,300 pounds of sugar and four tubs of butter for delivery to the local merchant.

—A cast iron pot containing \$15,000 in gold coins was hurled into the air on the old Isaac Shaffer farm, near Hillsville, Lawrence county, last week, when a charge of dynamite was used to loosen deposits of limestone. Employees of the Carbon Limestone company rubbed their eyes when the shower of gold fell with the fragments of limestone. A jittery scramble for the scattered money disclosed the kettle, shattered, but still containing the bulk of the hidden gold. The kettle had been sealed and buried under a huge boulder in an old well. The money goes to the heirs of Isaac Shaffer, who for twenty-five years had conducted an intermittent search for the treasure. Thirty years ago Isaac Shaffer, a close-fisted cattle dealer, died suddenly of apoplexy. Before he expired he uttered the single word "gold" and pointed to the farm. As he left no will, the heirs were convinced a fortune had been secreted. The farm was bought by a cousin, John Shaffer, who died himself years ago after a fruitless search for the fortune. When the Carbon Limestone company, however, the heirs supervised the turning over of every yard of soil. Wednesday the site of the old well was reached and on being dynamited the gold was unearthed.