

INK SLINGS.

In ten days the great spring drive on the trout will be launched.

Winter tried hard to jump back into the lap of spring yesterday morning.

Let us hope the weather man isn't getting mixed up and giving us our June weather now.

'Twas a pity every person mature enough to think deeply of our country's crisis could not have heard Lieut. Paul Perigord.

The element of uncertainty is all removed and south Water street, Bellefonte, will really be paved this summer. What a blessing it will be.

If you have already bought Liberty Bonds buy more if you can. If you haven't as yet loaned any of your money to your country start tomorrow.

Lieutenant Paul Perigord and Senator E. L. Tustin surely must have carried away with them a deep conviction that Centre county people are at last aroused.

Mr. Hoover now complains that we use too much soap and we enter the plea of not guilty by desire at least on the part of a vast army of kiddies that we know of.

Again let us remind you that shouting Amen! to the other fellow's efforts isn't doing your own part. You want to do some things that will command a few Amens! from the other fellow.

The recent German drive in France, that looked so alarming during the first few days of its progress, has been stopped so long now as to make it appear that it can never again gather momentum.

German prisoners say they want Americans to let them alone. That is easy. If they will go home and behave themselves Americans will not only let them alone but will help them to behave.

With commencement at The Pennsylvania State College coming in April it makes a lot of us feel as though we ought to have torn a few sheets off our calendar at the same time we turned our clocks on.

Tomorrow the drive to put the third Liberty Loan over the top will begin. Let us go to the work so enthusiastically that long before the closing day of the campaign, on May 4th, our full quota will have been subscribed.

The fight our Republican friends are having over the make up of their state ticket isn't hurting the chances of the Democratic nominees for the same offices, if they happen to be men who can command the united and enthusiastic support of the party.

If eagerness to hear the spoken words of those urging more activity on our part in the successful carrying on of the war means anything then Wednesday night's meeting in Bellefonte leaves no doubt as to what can be expected from Centre county in the future.

Of course it was only to be expected that this community would discover a few people so contrary as to determine that they won't go by the new government time. It is only natural for that class because they are ordinarily so far behind in everything else that they won't even give their clocks a chance to catch up.

Ludendorff's advice to the German people not to expect too much might have been amplified by the lines that made a hit in an amateur play here some years ago. "Often we get what we don't expect and often we expect what we don't get." They seem peculiarly applicable to the German drive, for the Germans are certainly getting cut to pieces faster than they expected to be and they expected to be in Paris on April 1st and are not there yet.

This will be the spring that the wise man will plant plenty of potatoes. Because of the large acreage, and propitious season last year there was a great crop and prices were low. Many were disappointed because they did not get fancy prices for their crops and in consequence there will not be as many planted this spring. Suppose the acreage is reduced and the season should be unfavorable, what will happen then? The man who has planted plenty when the other fellow has planted only a few will be the winner.

The "Watchman" has always insisted that for beneficial results to Centre county a good Representative can't be kept too long in the Legislature or a bad one too short a time. Consequently it has never had much participation with arguments based on the two term precedent. Mr. Scott is out to break the precedent, but while Mr. Scott is not a bad Representative he is far away from having the qualifications necessary to make him the forceful man in the General Assembly that we have had in mind always when advocating the theory that a good man can't be kept there too long. Had the late J. C. Meyer lived, for example, his ability as a lawyer, an orator and man of affairs would have led to his being recognized as one of the leaders, one of the constructively strong men in our legislative halls, but Mr. Scott, unfortunately has neither of these accomplishments and therefore has nothing upon which to ask the people of Centre county to break the two term precedent in his favor.

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Philadelphia the Modern Sodom.

In a statement issued by the Secretary of the Navy Philadelphia is denounced as "the wickedest city in America. The police force," the Secretary declares "is not only inefficient; it is corrupt." This judgment is based on a report made by Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the commission on training camp activities of the Navy Department, who spent six months investigating the subject. He declares that after many attempts to "clean up the unwholesome conditions in Philadelphia," he has arrived at the conclusion that the "fundamental reason for the failure of these attempts is the intimate connection of the responsible officials with those who profit by the continued existence of vice conditions."

Little better could be expected from a community which puts all governing authority in the hands of known corruptionists. Years ago tariff grafters controlled the city and continued to loot until power was finally turned over to the garbage collectors of South Philadelphia who openly boasted of their ability to debase elections and in the end resorted to murder in order to retain control at the primary election of last year. It is small wonder that the Secretary of the Navy dispairs of improvement when the municipal administration and the purveyors of vice join in protecting rather than repressing crime. Other cities respond to the appeal for morality but Philadelphia holds to her evil course.

In view of these facts isn't there grave cause for alarm in the purpose of those responsible for vice in Philadelphia to extend their control so as to cover the State? The Vares are no longer satisfied with control of the city and the rich plunder which that power affords. They want a voice in the government of the State and an emissary upon the Board of Pardons as a guarantee of personal freedom in the future. The ownership of a Governor has whetted their ambition to gain greater power and the profits of vice in Philadelphia stimulates their desire to enlarge their field of operations and incidentally to strengthen the guarantee of safety by packing the Pardons Board.

Denny O'Neil seems to have subsided somewhat. He hasn't called Senator Sproul a hard name for more than a week. But he may be studying a dictionary of epithets with the view of resuming business with increased vigor later on.

Non-Partisanship with a String.

Congressman Guy Campbell, of Pittsburgh, on the roll of the present House as a Democrat, is a candidate for re-election on a non-partisan platform. "There is only one major issue in the Congressional campaign," he writes. "This is the issue of Americanism, of national unity against national disintegration, of loyalty against disloyalty. With the most vicious militarist group of all history threatening our very existence as a nation and traitors and plots of treason, all other issues and considerations must be subordinated to the necessity of consolidating all our forces and all our strength for the winning of this war."

That is not only true but it is an expression of the right spirit. There ought to be no partisan politics in the country at this time. Every man in the broad land ought to put himself behind Woodrow Wilson in order that his plans for winning the war may be successful. But this result cannot be achieved by the friends of the President abdicating. His hands will not be strengthened by substituting others who are not his friends to the service of holding him up. We recall no time in the recent past when party prejudices ran stronger than they do now. The Republican leaders are organizing for the battle of their lives and they will sacrifice patriotism and principle to compass victory.

One man can't make a bargain. There must be two sides to an agreement. The Democrats in and out of Congress should be as non-partisan as possible without the sacrifice of party principle and political integrity. While the Republicans are digging trenches and collecting war materials the Democrats should not stand out in the open to be shot down. It is our duty to support the President but in abandoning him to the mercies of his enemies we are not fulfilling that obligation. Show as little partisanship as possible but be ready at any time for any emergency that may arise. A Republican Congress means crippling the President. See that no such thing happens.

Somebody is going to build a gun for this country that can shoot a hundred miles. That will be fine but it would be a good idea to build the gun first and then talk about it.

Hog Island may be living up to its name in some things but in turning out ships she takes the bacon.

Roosevelt Preaching Sedition.

In a partisan speech delivered at Portland, Maine, the other day, Theodore Roosevelt renewed his treasonable attacks upon the administration, to the great advantage of Germany. And "he gets away with it." Any other man would be arrested and punished for treason. Men are now in confinement who have given less aid to the enemies of the country. But Roosevelt is undisturbed and unrestrained. A resolution condemning him introduced in the Delaware Legislature on Friday last, was indefinitely postponed, notwithstanding the Democratic majority of the body and Republicans in the lobby in great exultation "the Democratic House had voted to uphold Roosevelt against the Democratic administration."

Why is the political charlatan permitted to parade his disloyalty with impunity? Ever since his defeat for the Presidency in 1912 he has been pursuing his successful antagonist with an unexampled malignity. He had indulged in dreams of empire in which he could rival the Kaiser in power and magnificence and the election of Woodrow Wilson destroyed the entrancing delusion. But that is hardly a reason sufficient to give him license to aid our enemies in time of war. It doesn't invest him with power to hearten the enemies that they may kill or wound American soldiers. And that is precisely what he is doing. His traitorous tongue has already cost millions in treasure and will cost thousands of lives.

Two Democrats in the Delaware Legislature joined with the Republicans in the vote to postpone the resolution of censure and three others were absent. These recreants have given no reason for their action and we are not permitted to know whether they are under hypnotic or financial influence of the Republican propaganda striving for Roosevelt's election to the Presidency in 1920. In either event, however, they are doing harm to the United States and making it harder to win the war for democracy in which we are properly involved. No man is so important that he may preach sedition and practice treason. Theodore Roosevelt has been doing both ever since war was declared a year ago.

There are one hundred thousand and Smiths in the army, according to the records, and the Joneses and the Browns are in about the same ratio. They are all Sammies, however, and that means they are fighters.

Kaiser and Republicans Triumph.

At this writing the indications are that Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, has been elected Senator in Congress for that State by a small majority, to succeed the late Paul O. Husting. The early returns indicated the success of Mr. Davies the Democratic candidate and we hoped to be able to announce his election, not as a Democratic victory but as a triumph of loyalty. But a practical combination of the La Follette element and the partisan Republicans, compassed during the closing hours of the campaign, secured the election of Lenroot under the false pretense that he will faithfully support the President. If that were true the La Follette influence would have been against him.

There is a good deal of significance in the result of this contest. From the beginning of the war the German propaganda has been busy in Wisconsin. The population of the State is largely German or of German parentage and Socialism has been developed to a higher point than in any other section of this country. The combination could not have been effected if other conditions had been otherwise. The Republicans are willing to enter into any agreement which promises party success and the Socialists will join any movement to confuse the President. Because of this state of affairs it was easy to assemble the perverse elements in an enterprise which helped the Kaiser and disappointed Wilson.

Mr. Lenroot loudly protested that he has supported the President in the past but the record of his service in Congress refutes the claim. Upon the question of forbidding the freedom of the seas to American citizens he voted with the opposition to the President's policy. On the motion to declare a state of war with Germany he insisted on a declaration that no American troops be sent abroad. On every other direct proposition he stood with those who were aiding and abetting the enemy and while professing loyalty he constantly retarded progress in making preparations for war. In his election, therefore, the Kaiser and the Republican party have alike scored a victory.

Of course Senator Vares says it is a political frame-up. The Senator has egotism enough to imagine that all industrial and patriotic activities might cease to function in order to get a lick at him.

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Action of Two Men Greatly Honored.

If it be true, as stated, that an agreement has been reached between the employers and employees of the country engaged in the manufacture of war materials that there will be neither strikes nor lockouts during the period of the war, it is one of the greatest achievements of the time. No government can be sure of itself so long as industrial paralysis, at a moment's notice, is possible. If the building of ships or the manufacture of other necessary war equipment can be stopped upon the mandate of a labor chief or capitalist boss no dependence can be placed in the future. The agreement which only needs the signature of the President to complete it, removes that danger in this country.

In the negotiations which have culminated in this great triumph Frank P. Walsh represented the labor interests and former President William Howard Taft those of the employers. Mr. Walsh, who has much to his credit besides this, ascribes to the patriotism and sense of justice of Mr. Taft the success of this vast enterprise. While the only other ex-President of the United States has been hawking out criticism of the administration at Washington in order to promote his own ambition for another term as President, William Howard Taft has been striving with all his force, physical and intellectual, to save the government from the greatest peril that threatened an industrial war.

Thus we have before us the aims and activities of two men who have been similarly honored by the people of the United States. One labors assiduously and intelligently to build up and the other rails madly to tear down and destroy. To which of these individuals is the country indebted in greatest measure? It ought not to be hard to determine. Mr. Taft is unselfishly giving his time and energy, without expectation of recompense, to the successful issue of the war for democracy against autocracy, while Roosevelt is striving to coin any errors that may have been made into materials to buy his way into an office in which he was a dead failure during the seven years he filled it.

And now it is reported that the railroad conductors are to be robbed of much of their dignity by losing their coat tails. From time immemorial the conductor has strutted back and forth through the car clad in a frock coat with flowing tails and the very tails seemed to give him an overbearing mastery that enabled him to lord it over the lowly traveler with the utmost impunity. But once shorn of his coat tails he will be robbed of much of his dignity and will be compelled to go through his train clad in a sack coat like the ordinary individual, so that the only distinguishing mark the ticket puncher will have will be his cap and the color of his uniform. Incidentally it is figured that the cloth thus saved in the abbreviation of the coats of the ten thousand conductors in the United States by fashioning them without tails will save enough of cloth to make dress uniforms for most of the generals in our army.

And the Clocks Were Turned Ahead.

The turning of the clocks ahead one hour caused little or no confusion in Bellefonte, especially among business places. The clock on the court house, as announced last week by F. P. Blair and Son, was turned ahead at two o'clock Sunday morning by Frank P. Blair himself, and any man who thinks it an easy matter to turn a clock ahead should have been with Mr. Blair when he did the job. He went into the tower shortly before two o'clock and made all disconnections so that the clock never struck two at all. In fact, it took him almost three quarters of an hour to do the work, make the change and proper adjustments and when the clock struck three it was just two seconds ahead of standard time, which is quite accurate for such a clock.

Some Bellefonte business men turned their clocks ahead when they closed up Saturday night and in most of the homes the clocks were turned ahead on going to bed. There are a few people in Bellefonte, however, who did not turn their clocks on, maintaining that they are going to go by the old-time schedule, but they will probably find this so confusing that eventually they will fall into the new rut. There, remarkable as it may seem, there are a few people in Bellefonte and vicinity who did not know the clocks were to be turned ahead an hour and the result was that when they got around on Monday morning they were much mystified to find that other people had been at work an hour before.

A number of children, whose parents did not know of the clocks being turned ahead an hour, were late for school, but this confusion is being rapidly adjusted by this time.

Von Hindenburg failed to reach Paris on April 1st but in that he fooled nobody but himself.

THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

A Patriotic Call Sent Out to the People of Centre County.

Secretary McAdoo has announced the third Liberty loan to begin in Centre county next Wednesday, April 10th. The amount is \$3,000,000,000.

The relation the banks sustain to these great loans may not be clear to some persons. Practically all the subscriptions are made through them and payments are made by them for the subscribers. This entails a heavy burden on the banks. Every dollar paid out in subscriptions means a loss in deposits and banks do not like to lose deposits. Yet not only in this district but all over the United States, we find bankers serving on committees without pay, devoting their time to obtaining subscriptions, and urging their depositors to withdraw money and buy bonds. Why do they do this?

First—Because they are patriotic and have put aside self interest at the high call of duty.

Second—Because they are intelligent men; they know that great and vital issues are at stake, and that the war must be won—must be won at any cost, the mad fury of the great beast stayed, and that no matter who suffers the government must get the money it needs. They know that defeat would mean disaster so appalling that every sacrifice must be made to avert it.

Now the position of the man who buys bonds is the reverse of this. He is asked to lend money, at a good rate of interest, and on the best security in the world. Self interest alone should induce him to do this. But when we stop to consider that he can render a patriotic service in this safe and easy way, when we think of the hardships and perils of camp and field to which our boys are exposed, while we live in safety and comfort at home, shall we not do this little thing? Will any true American who loves his country, hesitate? Buy a bond, buy all that you can, and help in this great crisis.

LIBERTY LOAN MEETINGS.

Liberty loan meetings will be held at eight different places in the county tomorrow (Saturday) evening at eight o'clock, the list of speakers being as follows:

- Aaronsburg—Dr. W. K. McKinney, of Bellefonte.
Centre Hall—Dr. E. E. Sparks, of State College.
Millheim—Dr. Arthur Holmes, of State College.
Port Matilda—Dean Blaisdell, of State College.
Stormstown—Prof. Mairs, of State College.
Boalsburg—Dr. Anderson, of State College.
Pine Grove Mills—W. D. Crockett, of State College.
Lemont—Dr. C. A. Harris, of State College.
CHAS. M. McCURDY, Chairman.

WOMEN TO DO THEIR PART IN LIBERTY LOAN.

The women of Centre county are expected, and undoubtedly will, do their part in placing Centre county's share of the Liberty loan. The following list of women in practically every precinct in the county has been made public as those who will act as committees in their various localities, the first named in each instance being the chairman:

- Mrs. Robert Mills Beach—County Chairman Bellefonte—Mrs. Roger S. Brouse, Miss Mrs. McCurdy, Miss Mary H. Linn, Miss Lillian Smith, Miss Mary G. Meek, Mrs. John P. Lyon, Mrs. John I. Olevine, Mrs. Robert Seidler, Mrs. Lewis Gettig, Mrs. Joseph Ceder, Mrs. W. F. Reynolds, Mrs. Harry Keller, Mrs. J. S. Walker.
Centre Hall—Mrs. W. W. Keatlin, Mrs. O. E. Reuter, Mrs. W. K. Keller, Miss Thelma Keller, Miss Florence Rhone, Miss Grace Smith.
Hovard—Miss Helene Weber, Miss Anna Muehl, Miss Harriet Woodward.
Millheim—Mrs. P. H. Musser, Mrs. W. L. Gramley, Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. G. F. Frank, Miss Jennie Reifsnider.
Snow Shoe—Mrs. W. Corlis Snyder, Mrs. John P. Kelly, Mrs. E. H. Harrier, Mrs. O. J. Harm, Miss Annie David, Miss Mrs. Redding.
State College—Mrs. H. B. Shattuck, Mrs. A. J. Wood, Mrs. F. L. Fattee, Mrs. F. D. Keith, Miss Margaret Kennedy.
Unionville—Miss Susan Shipley, Mrs. M. C. Buck, Mrs. W. U. Irwin, Mrs. H. E. Holzworth.
Boggs Twp.—Miss Catherine Curtin, Curtin.
Burnside Twp.—Miss Edith Beates, Pine Glen.
College Twp.—Mrs. L. F. Mayes, Mrs. George Mitchell, Mrs. John Hoy, Mrs. D. A. Grove, Miss Mabel Kline, Miss Ella Bortorff, Lemont—Miss Margaret Bortorff, Houserville—Mrs. W. A. Ferree, Oak Hall.
Curtin Twp.—Mrs. J. Ellis Harvey, Orviston.
Ferguson Twp.—Mrs. G. H. Woods, Mrs. Mrs. Elmer Reed, Mrs. Geo. R. Dunlap, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. John B. Bailey, Miss Sara McWilliams, Pennsylvania Furnace.
Gregg Twp.—Mrs. William Gramley, Miss Mabel Allison, Spring Mills.
Haines Twp.—Mrs. John Mohr Otto, Mrs. Luther Stover, Mrs. Holloway Krause, Mrs. E. W. Rachau, Mrs. C. Lois Cunningham, Armstrong—Mrs. Paul Win- al bank to Philadelphia. This money did not reach its destination and the package that had contained the money was afterwards found in a barn in South Bethlehem belonging to the young clerk's father. This naturally directed suspicion to McNamara and he was arrested and taken to Philadelphia to be tried before the United States district court. The trial came off last week and the accused was acquitted. While McNamara denied any knowledge of the crime he did not go on the witness stand and testify in his own behalf.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Michael Cuff, of Carmel, Pa., who in 26 years has mended 107,103 pairs of shoes with the same pegging hammer, recently broke the handle.

John R. Smith, of Milton, through his attorney, J. Fred Schaffer, has entered suit against the borough of Shamokin, claiming \$20,000 damages as the result of injuries suffered December 17, 1915.

Operator Houchie, Lock Haven, was robbed, after being sand-bagged, gagged and bound by two thugs, who surprised him in the CT signal tower at Keating, Clinton county, early Wednesday morning.

George E. Pifer, aged 63 years, of Greensburg, was found dead at the table by a sister who came home on Thursday to spend Easter with him. He evidently died of heart failure as he was finishing his evening meal.

Slavonic societies in Mahanoy City, Pa., which heavily fine members who do not attend the funerals of members, abolished the custom, to permit the men to remain at work in the mines hereafter. Six men to act as pallbearers will be selected by the societies.

The oldest Sunday school teacher in Pennsylvania is Miss Elizabeth Hicks, of Hollidaysburg, Blair county, who has just rounded out her eighty-first year in excellent health and is still actively engaged in her Sabbath duties. She has taught Sunday school classes continuously for sixty-four years.

Tucker Copeland and Odell Copeland, brothers, of Harrisburg, were killed in a razor fight early Sunday morning with Benjamin Johnson during a game of crap north of Lykens. Johnson, who surrendered to the police late Sunday afternoon, first killed Tucker and then in another fight soon afterward slashed the other brother.

Struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train at Clearfield, the other day, a team of horses, belonging to Roessner Brothers, valued at \$800, were instantly killed. One horse was hurled through the air a distance of 100 feet. The team was attached to a farm wagon, and the driver, Pete Shaw, escaped with slight injuries. The wagon was not damaged.

Louis Beck, aged 19, of Pittsburgh, charged with the theft of \$86,000 from the Adams Express company in Pittsburgh was arrested in San Francisco, according to a dispatch from that city. Beck is said to have admitted the theft but denied that all the money with the exception of \$300, was stolen from him by pickpockets in a passenger station in Chicago.

When a car in the middle of an east-bound freight train on the Lackawanna railroad, a mile south of Cresco, Monroe county, jumped the track and side-swiped a double header going in the opposite direction on Friday morning at nine o'clock, fourteen cars were piled up, the tracks torn up and traffic delayed in one of the worst forms the road has experienced for a long time. The loss may be \$100,000.

To avoid interfering with the spring planting season, Judge Charles Corbet, of Brookville, has continued all the cases on the trial list for the April term of the Jefferson county civil court and has excused all jurors from attendance. It is expected that the August term of civil court will also be suspended, as it will fall in the harvesting season and therefore, it is said to be probable that no term of civil court will be held in the county until November.

The Rev. Thomas J. Glynn, of Beaver Falls, has invented a new chaser and destroyer of submarines. It has been named the "Flying Fish" torpedo and is said to be able to perform some wonderful stunts while submerged within the confines of the briny deep. It is made exactly like the U-boat, propelled by compressed air and gasoline motor and will run for hours in the vicinity of the U-boat as it is controlled by a clock-work combination.

State fiscal authorities have completed the payment of \$166,439 to more than 1,500 cities, boroughs and townships in aid of firemen's relief associations. This money represents the share appropriated for such purposes by the State out of the tax on premiums of foreign fire insurance companies on business originating in Pennsylvania. The checks ranged from three cents to several thousand dollars. Last year \$166,850 was paid and the year before \$152,842. Bellefonte's share was \$230.00.

Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil has issued a letter to the fifteen district engineers, the fifty road superintendents and the several hundred foremen of the state highway system calling upon them to do what they can to relieve the situation as regards farm labor. State cooperation he says is necessary to enable the farmers to carry out the extensive planting and harvesting of crops which is essential at this time. The highway department men, who are in touch with labor situations in their localities, are asked to assist.

"Money all gone. Husband is leaving with a sad face." That is the last message of Hiram W. Diehm, of Manheim, who has mysteriously disappeared from his home without leaving a single clue to his whereabouts. Efforts by the borough authorities and by members of his family have been unavailing. Diehm, according to persons who knew him, has been worried for some time. He was a school teacher at White Oak, is the defeated Democratic candidate for Burgess of Manheim, and engaged slightly in newspaper work as correspondent. He has a wife and three children.

Michael Drierak, who resides at Clagborn, just across the Cambria county line in Indiana county, has reported to the authorities of Indiana county the disappearance of his wife, their three children and \$400 of his money. He says he does not care for his wife and two daughters but would like to secure the custody of his little son, whom, he claims, is the heir to a \$14,000 farm in Austria. The woman and the children left their home last Tuesday, Drierak says, ostensibly to fill an appointment Mrs. Drierak had with an Indiana dentist, and they have not been seen since that time.

Robert E. McNamara was a clerk in the South Bethlehem postoffice. In September, 1917, a package containing \$20,000 was mailed from the Northampton National bank to Philadelphia. This money did not reach its destination and the package that had contained the money was afterwards found in a barn in South Bethlehem belonging to the young clerk's father. This naturally directed suspicion to McNamara and he was arrested and taken to Philadelphia to be tried before the United States district court. The trial came off last week and the accused was acquitted. While McNamara denied any knowledge of the crime he did not go on the witness stand and testify in his own behalf.