

-This is surely growing weather. -April showers are beginning to shower.

-All vegetation looks as if last week's blanket of snow had done it a world of good.

-Good morning! Have you proven yourself 100 per cent American by buying a Liberty bond?

-Save your money and buy thrift stamps. That's what thrift means. Cut out some luxuries and some necessities, as well.

-The flexibility of the allied lines in France suggests the idea that the Huns might send them back a little too far for their own good.

-The United States Steel Co. expects to complete its first ship for the government in May and after that it will deliver one every ten days as long as they are needed.

-At the primaries in May the Republicans will have an opportunity to show whether they are more for Pennsylvania than they are for the Vares or for Penrose.

-Centre county has already subscribed for more than one-half of her allotment of Liberty bonds.

-As a sign of the times we have no hesitancy in stating that during quite an extended fishing excursion along the two most favored trout streams in this section.

-For the benefit of a few of our Republican friends who seem obsessed with a mania to criticize the government and show all too plainly that their spirit is one of puny partisanship.

-Next week the "Watchman" will begin the publication of one hundred and one German lies which have been run down and nailed by the St. Louis Republic.

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How Long Will Perfidy Prosper?

One potent reason for the progress of the German army in France and Flanders lies in the fact that there is nobody pulling it back from behind.

But with us it is vastly different. The administration at Washington has performed the most mercurial labors and achieved the most marvelous results.

It has been found impossible to pass the Overman bill which would cut out red tape and make both the army and the government more efficient.

-Of course we don't know and possibly he does, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to conceal impatience that the newly created Commander-in-Chief of all the forces in France and Flanders doesn't do something.

Refuting a False Pretense.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Record says: "The time has now come, and it is fully ripe, to cast out the capitalization of the Baltimore battle, for its use now savors too much of watered stock, since the idealism and achievements of Woodrow Wilson stand on their own bottom.

As the esteemed Record has said editorially, "President Wilson has not selected the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, and he will not personally or officially attempt anything of that sort."

In announcing the candidacy of one of the aspirants for Governor last week the principal organ of the office brokers declared that he was largely instrumental in the nomination of President Wilson at Baltimore.

-Two Democratic Senators have died within a week but fortunately the party still retains a safe majority in the body and Democrats will be chosen to succeed both of them.

-When it comes to picking candidates most voters think they have a right to a voice in selecting their own.

Chamberlain Serving the Kaiser.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, appears to find as much pleasure in criticizing the administration as the Kaiser gets satisfaction from reading his criticisms.

Probably no department in the preparatory work of the government encountered as many adverse conditions as that charged with the construction of flying machines.

Germany has lost nearly half a million men since the present movement on the Western front began on March 21, without anything like commensurate gains.

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One fact may be taken home and pondered seriously. If the funds necessary to finish the war are not given to those charged with the collection, they will be taken by the Kaiser later.

The statue of Frederick the Great was removed from the War College campus by putting a rope around its neck.

-Buy a bond and bust a boche.

The Evil and the Remedy.

A committee of independent Republicans of Philadelphia has issued a protest against the candidacy of John R. K. Scott, the Vares candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Scott is the candidate of the Vares who have indicated a willingness to sacrifice all other political claims in the pending campaign in order to compass his election.

But what's the use in keeping one Quarter Sessions lawyer off the Pardon Board in order that another lawyer of the same type may get on.

-The season for war gardening has come and this year it is to be in earnest.

Exemption Board Will Complete Examinations Today.

The local exemption board will today complete the examination of all registered young men in class A1.

—Farmers and gardeners were very much concerned last week lest the deep fall of snow would do irreparable injury to the grain, gardens and fruit.

—Government figures show that 719 tons of cabbage were manufactured into sauer kraut by canneries in the State last year.

—Empress Charles, of Austria, can easily qualify as an honorary member of the Kaiser's Ananias club.

—Count Czernin now knows how Wolsey felt on that sad day when he lost his job.

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."

Simmering Down.

The Armageddon in France has eclipsed the crisis in the Orient. Most people have already forgotten that there was a political problem of the first magnitude looming in regard to Japan's action about Siberia.

The Western world will perhaps take a calmer view of the Siberian situation when Japan refuses to be alarmed about it.

The Arousing of the West.

It looks as if the West were waking up to the war.

With the arousement of the West, to which such incidents as the above point the thorough awakening of the whole country, whose vastness in extent and heterogeneity of population sensing the situation and comprehending the issue, may speedily be looked for.

The Approach of the Crisis.

It must be remembered that the British will win the new battle of the Somme if they with their brave allies stop the German advance.

Blood-Letting of Traitors Might Prove Beneficial.

According to a telegram from Chicago a number of persons celebrated in a most shameless way, on Monday last, the advance of the German army in France.

The Circus Season in Arkansas.

Owing to the fact that the show arrived in town Wednesday this paper may come up a little short.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

A record price for farm land in Lehigh county was reached when George M. Lutz and John H. Newhard purchased the William L. Laros farm of seventy acres in South Whitehall township for \$125,000 an average of \$1,750 an acre.

—When John Salonski and his bride of a few days returned to their home, 345 Olivia street, McKees Rocks, on Monday, from a wedding celebration held in their honor in Ruthenian hall, they found their house ransacked and \$1,750 missing from a cupboard drawer.

—Friday April 12 and Friday, April 26, have been designated by Governor Brumbaugh as Spring Arbor days.

—At Shamokin within a half hour after they had partaken of canned tomatoes purchased at a grocery store near their home, Mrs. Margaret Frazer, her three daughters and two sons were violently ill from ptomaine poisoning.

—It is alleged that thousands of pounds of butter have been sold in overweight packages in the last month in stores and markets, and scores of prosecutions are threatened.

—Theodore Bloom Jr., who operated one of the motors for the Kelley Bros. Coal company, at Glen Hope, Clearfield county, was killed on Tuesday, April 9th.

—The State Teachers' league at its ninth annual convention in Harrisburg adopted resolutions declaring that teachers who have reached the age of sixty-two years should be retired on annuity continued partly by the State and partly by the teachers.

—First Lieutenant Thomas G. Murphy, of Windber, Pa., chief medical officer in the 312th Infantry, at Camp Dix, N. J., was found guilty Saturday of neglect of duty by a general court martial and sentenced to six months' confinement at the cantonment and the forfeiture of \$50 a month in pay during that period.

—Judge McCormick, of Clinton county, on Tuesday ordered J. Dorothy O'Neil, State Highway Commissioner, indicted because of the condition of the state highway near Avis.

—Miss Cora L. Bixler, of Lancaster, who has filed nomination papers at Harrisburg as a candidate for Congress on the Socialist ticket, is a young and attractive woman, who has been associated with the Socialist party of Lancaster county for ten years.

—Last week at Reading Mrs. Florence Burkholder Young-Snyder, a twenty-one year old brunette, was arrested on a charge of bigamy.

—Daniel Foster, of Youngstown, Ohio, has brought suit in the United States District court against Mrs. A. W. Seltzer, the wealthy widow of the former head of a packing firm of Pottsville, Pa.

—George Wentzel, aged about twenty years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wentzel, of Tamarack, Lycoming county, committed suicide some time Thursday night or Friday morning of last week.

—The bullet entered the left eye and the top of his head was blown off. As far as can be ascertained the young man was about going to war in the select draft in late fall, and an alleged charge that he had been engaged in illegal fishing.

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