

INK SLINGS.

-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. Where there is so much flexibility there is danger of a mighty rebound.

-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. Hold on England and France! We will be there sooner than you expected us.

-At the primaries in May the Republicans will have an opportunity to show whether they are more for Pennsylvania than they are either for the Vares or for Penrose. They will not R. K. Scott a chance to become her next Lieutenant Governor.

-Centre county has already subscribed for more than one-half of her allotment of Liberty bonds. Remembering, however, that the first half is invariably easier to get than the secexpect to put old Centre over the top.

-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, on the opening day of the season, we saw and met up with less "bait" of the bottled man army is now threatening the English channel.

variety than we have seen on sim-It has been found impossible to pass ilar occasion during the past thirtyfive years. Now don't rise up and say that this probably accounts for the small catches reported.

-For the benefit of a few of our Republican friends who seem obsess ed with a mania to criticise the government and show all too plainly that their spirit is one of puny partisan-ship we quote from an unusual editorial in one of the leading Republican papers of Pennsylvania the following excerpts: "It ought to be apparent to noisy and selfish political groups that they are out of joint with the spirit and purpose of the people* * * pionage bill with teeth in it has been passed it ought not to be a great Away with all bitter controversy, perwhile. Treason can now be punished sonalities and factional or partisan without forming mobs. machination."



State

The Evil and the Remedy.

A committee of independent Re-

publicans of Philadelphia has issued

sonifies an implacable, degraded sys-

tem," the protest declares, "which

State by his election to the second

ple." The protest is signed by Mr.

Francis B. Reeves and other well

known reformers, and expresses the

sentiment of a vast number of voters

of the city. If they will vote as they

talk the Vare candidate is not likely

to get far in his ambition to run the

Mr. Scott is the candidate of the

Vares who have indicated a willing-

son for their anxiety in this matter.

put a man on the Pardon Board who

would protect the criminals in the

slums of Philadelphia when they go

too far, or are caught in the act, in

the government by contractors will

stamping itself across the map of the pends.

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would indellibly disgrace the honor of nese Premier, Count Terauchi, in the

Pennsylvania if it should succeed in House of Peers, it no longer im-stamping itself across the map of the pends. The government of Japan is

BELLEFONTE, PA., APRIL 19, 1918.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, of the German army in France and appears to find as much pleasure in Flanders lies in the fact that there is criticising the administration as the a protest against the candidacy of nobody pulling it back from behind. Kaiser gets satisfaction from reading John R. K. Scott, the Vare candidate The Reichstag is in session in Berlin his criticisms. The other day, for ex- for Lieutenant Governor. He "peras Congress is in Washington, but ample, the Oregon Senator submitted there are no critical reports of the a report, purporting to express the work of the army being discussed and views of a majority of the Senate comno motions to regulate or restrain the mittee on Military Affairs, in which constituted military authorities have he alleges that the air-craft probeen made. Grave mistakes have been gram has completely failed and of made by the German military leaders course he blames the administration highest office in the gift of the peoand costly blunders have been com- for the failure. As a matter of fact mitted on both fronts. But the Ger- splendid work has been done by those entrusted with this branch of the preticians have not condemned those re- paratory work and there was no need sponsible for them. Even regrets for for a public report on the subject by this mistake or that have not been the Senate committee or anybody else. published to discourage the people at Probably no department in the pre-

paratory work of the government en-But with us it is vastly different. countered as many adverse conditions has performed the most herculean la- of flying machines. That method of bors and achieved the most marvelous warfare was in an early experimental results. Like a craft in mid-ocean stage when the war began and con- der to compass his election. Obvious- der of European Russia on such an without compass it has had no guide. stant changes and improvements were ly they must have some pressing reaests of the country by captious and taken up as it appeared and even fall was an admonition to be prepared mostly unjust criticism of the admin- Chamberlain has been compelled to for contingencies in the future and istration. Because of this the Ger- admit that great progress is being made now.

As a matter of fact there is nothing hibited. to criticise in the work of those enthe Overman bill which would cut out gaged in supplying aircraft for the red tape and make both the army and war. Beginning with nothing twentythe government more efficient, for the five plants to manufacture and equip reason that Republican Senators are flying machines have been created and playing politics rather than practic- all of them are working to their full that Senator Sproul was and is entireing patriotism. Other legislation of capacity in turning out machines. Of ly willing that Scott shall be placed almost equal importance has been de- course while this preparatory work on the ticket with him. Of course he layed for the same reason. So long taxed the energy of those engaged in had in mind some recompense in the as this spirit of patriotism prevails it no product could be shown. But way of the Vare support of himself as this spirit of patriotism prevails it no product could be shown. But may be the vare support of minister that and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the vare support of minister tert and put teeth into the enduction of the supervise of tert and put teeth into the enduction of the supervise of the constructed and the training of men subject. Nor can it be subject. Nor can it be vare support of the vare support of endure this perfidy. Now that an es- berlain may interpose discourage- man, of Harrisburg, would be quite ments as much as he likes. He may

end if ballot box stuffing is to be pro-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. We have it from the very best authority

as dangerous on the Pardon Board as

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 \$1,780 an acre.

-When John Salonski and his bride of a few days returned to their home, 348 Olivia street, McKees Rocks, on Monday, from a wedding celebration held in their honor in Ruthenian hall, they found their house ransacked and \$1,780 missing from a cupboard drawer.

-Friday, April 12, and Friday, April 26, have been designated by Governor Brumbaugh as Spring Arbor days. In his proclamation he makes appeal for plant-ing of trees about public places and the planting of fruit and nut trees, as well as advancement of general reforestation.

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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 re-

gard to Japan's action about Siberia.

According to a speech of the Japa-

not, he says, considering interven-tion in Siberia. It does not consider

Teutonic prisoners of war, whose

power he characterizes as negligible.

impotence of these Austro-German

prisoners in Siberia disposes of the

alarmist rumors so much insisted up-

on as imperative reason for immedi-

there. The prospect of Germany

Alexandrine march into Asia Japan

The Western world will

From the Philadelphia Record.

The Arousing of the West.

It looks as if the West were wak-

This statement of the comparative

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

-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. Mrs. Frazer and two daughters were unconscious several hours.

-It is alleged that thousands of pounds of butter have been sold in underweight packages in the last month in stores and markets, and scores of prosecutions are threatened. In many cases the shortage in packages was so large as to make an its interests in that section menaced increase of thirty per cent. or more in the by the presence of large numbers of price.

-Thearon 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. His foot became fastened in a frog and he was so seriously injured that before the bearers carried him to the surface, life was ate Japanese armed intervention extinct.

-Alexander Sebie, an 89 year old Con-Vares who have indicated a willing-ness to sacrifice all other political claims in the pending campaign in orfederate veteran, appeared before Serg. C. C. Hackett, in charge of the recruiting office at Jeannette, seeking to enlist. Sebie served three years in a cavalry regiment. He was a teamster for 70 years and says could act, no doubt with the approval he can help Uncle Sam by driving a mule team in France.

of the Allies, to check so mad a ven-ture. There are limits even to the -The State Teachers' league at its ninth spectacular dashes of Wilhelm into devastated and helpless neighbor-hoods. Shooting a nine-inch shell 75 miles would be simple beside annual convention in Harrisburg adopted resolutions declaring that teachers who have reached the age of sixty-two years the service of the Vares. The narrow escape of those higher up from com-plicity in the Fifth ward murder last fall was an admonition to be prepared where are they to come from? Where can they be spared? the teachers' retirement fund law, passed perhaps by the last Legislature, by H. H. Baish, take a calmer view of the Siberian situation when Japan refuses to be alarmed about it. secretary of the state board in charge, and an address by Senator E. E. Beidelman.

-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 sening up to the war. Two incidents point to this. South Dakota's Legis-lature has taken the initiative in ordering a draft of unemployed men for work on the farms, and has given guarantee of the seriousness of its in-tent and put teeth into the enactment

started in the direction in which all Avis. The Highway Department has promments as much as he likes. He may gratify the Kaiser to the full meas-ure, but he is simply writing himself down a traitor. Germany has lost nearly half a

Chamberlain Serving the Kaiser.

How Long Will Perfidy Prosper? One potent reason for the progress

man newspapers and the German poli-

home

be for Pennsylvania if they give John The administration at Washington as that charged with the construction

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ond we'll all have to go it for the next and never repeated. Yet at every step and considerable time was consumed' two weeks with determination if we in its progress it has been hindered by in this experimentation. Besides that mouthing traitors in and out of Con- unforseen difficulties in procuring magress, who hoping to make partisan terials were met, so that one element capital, have imperiled the lives of of delay followed another, retarding

But it has gone forward with energy being made. As each new device or and expedition and the occasional mis- system was developed the older and It has been said that the object is to takes have been promptly corrected less effective types were abandoned

our soldiers and impaired the inter- the work. But every difficulty was

-Next week the "Watchman" will begin the publication of one hundred and one German lies which have been many of them are stories that have thing. been in circulation in this county and when you have finished with them hand your copy of the "Watchman"

to a neighbor who does not see it regularly so he will be informed as to just what extremes of lying maliciousness the Kaiser's agents in this country have gone to in the effort to create distrust and unrest among loyal much of watered stock, since the ideal-Americans.

-The valor of the Italian boy from the hard coal regions of Pennsylva- This expression was suggested, obvinia. who is with Pershing's troops in ously, by the false claim already set France will make American hearts in motion, that because of the work of handed killed one and captured three friends in behalf of President Wilson Huns he marched his prisoners up to at the Baltimore convention, the Preshis superior officer to whom he turned ident is much interested in the sucthem over and then calmly asked for cess of that candidate in the primary a match with which to light a "fag." In a joke the officer promised him a ress. match if he'd bring in another Hun. The little American of Italian parent- editorially, "President Wilson has not age took it seriously and beat it for selected the Democratic candidate for No Man's land where he cornered a Governor of Pennsylvania, and he will six foot Hun which he marched in not personally or officially attempt and the officer had to make good on anything of that sort." He believes his bargain. It is too bad that men in home rule as a fundamental princiof such spirit will have to be sacri- ple of Democracy and will not violate glorious heritage of democracy was even suggesting candidates of the parwon by just such sacrifices and if it ty in any State. But it serves the is to be perpetuated and not perish purpose of the office brokers who from the earth forever more of them claim ownership of the Democratic will have to be made.

-Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, of freighted with much of possibility. It have a different result this year. purely of conviction and not of fac- week the principal organ of the office tion; for there are men of Mr. Guffey's faction in our party who will not the interesting character of it remaining to be revealed in Judge Bonnicratic nomination, which he will very event the dry forces would be divided

between Guffey and Sproul, while the wets could unite on Bonniwell. The undertaking would be of little avail in the final action of Pennsylvania on party still retains a safe majority in the Amendment for the General Assembly will be either for or against en to succeed both of them. ratification with such a majority that the influence of either a wet or dry Governor will not exert a balance of didates most voters think they have a power.

-Of course we don't know and possibly he does, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to conceal imparun down and nailed by the St. Louis tience that the newly created Com-Republic. Every reader of this paper mander-in-Chief of all the forces in should read them carefully because. France and Flanders doesn't do some-

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 ism and achievements of Woodrow Wilson stand on their own bottom.

regardless of who 'started things.' swell with pride. After having single one of the candidates and some of his of the most liberal subscribers are contest in Pennsylvania, now in prog-

As the esteemed Record has said

will have a tendency to make the fight In announcing the candidacy of one it is wise to hold off until the last mofor the Democratic preference one of the aspirants for Governor last ment. cares which of them is nominated.

> died within a week but fortunately the the body and Democrats will be chos-

-When it comes to picking canright to a voice in selecting their own.

-Germany has lost nearly half a million men since the present movement on the Western front began on has come and this year it is to be in March 21, without anything like com- earnest. The war gardens may save mensurate gains. But the butchers in many a stomach from pangs of huncontrol of German military operations ger before another spring comes. are probably determined to leave few for their successors to manage after Exemption Board Will Complete they have been disposed of them-

Put "Pep" in the Work.

selves.

The sale of Liberty bonds is not meeting with the success expected. Under the plan adopted it was hoped that the three billion issue would be oversubscribed a couple of times within a month from the opening of the sale. At the expiration of one-third of the time less than one-third of the total had been taken. Probably some holding back as they did on the occafinish. of the "garrison" variety, will go over the top as the others did. But delays are dangerous and holding out

on such things hazardous. "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," and promptness is a great virtue. We can imagine nothing that would be so disheartening to the soldiers at the front as the information that the bond sale had proved a failure. No other thing would gratify the Kaiser so much as to learn that the expectaficed, for many of them will, but our that democratic tenet by selecting or tions of the government in the sale of bonds had been disappointed. Even now it may be said that he is watching the reports of sales with as great if not greater interest than any other party of Pennsylvania to set up this man. Why not throw a real scare infalse pretense now as they did four to him by making the returns better Philadelphia, is out for the Democrat- years ago, and they are working it to than expected. It can easily be done. ic nomination for Governor on a wet the limit. Then it worked grave harm The money is in the country and the platform. This is interesting but not to the party and it is not likely to spirit of patriotism is amply aroused. The only trouble is that some think

One fact may be taken home and brokers declared that he was largely pondered seriously. If the funds necinstrumental in the nomination of essary to finish the war are not given support him because he has declared President Wilson at Baltimore. In to those charged with the collection, himself dry and there are men of fact it asserted that because of his they will be taken by the Kaiser later. Judge Bonniwell's faction who will efforts all the Pennsylvania delegates The government now offers good senot support him because he has de- in the convention except four voted curity for the use of the money and clared himself wet. To our mind it for Wilson. It failed to add, however, liberal recompense to the lenders. But will be purely a Prohibition contest; that two of the four who voted against when the Kaiser comes with his de-Wilson represented Pittsburgh con- mand it will be to keep and without stituencies and outside of Pittsburgh interest. There is time yet to bring well's decision to run independently nobody then knew that such a man as up the average to where it ought to for Governor on a wet platform should the present candidate existed. He be if everybody gets busy and does Mr. Guffey defeat him for the Demo- may have been for Wilson but so was the best possible for that result. But his antagonist in the present contest there is no time for "loafing on the likely succeed in doing. In such an and it is not probable that Wilson job" and less for slacking on the part 719 tons of cabbage were manufacturof those who can afford to buy. Therefore get busy now and keep busy

-Two Democratic Senators have until over the top has been attained. -The statue of Frederick the Great was removed from the War College campus by putting a rope around its neck. But the fellow who

but an ax.

-Buy a bond and bust a boche.

-The season for war gardening

Examinations Today.

The local exemption board will today complete the examination of all registered young men in class A1. Every man who has been examined was promptly notified if he passed or not, and all those who desired to put in a claim for a deferred call had the opportunity to do so. The final summing up of the board will not be completed for some days, but when it is finished it will give the number of young men who are available for serv-

ice at any time, as well as those whose sions of previous loans and that the call has been deferred for agricultural reasons or otherwise. A bill is now before Congress providing for the registration on June the Somme if they do not route the en-5th of all young men who have at- emy in their front and clear the way tained the age of twenty-one years to Amiens and Paris. Behind since the registration on June 5th, lines French reserve armies await the

> bly recommended and will undoubtedly pass and become effective at once. If such is the case it will largely increase the list of class A1 men and probably prevent the necessity of calling men from any of the other classes.

-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, but so far as can be seen at this writing very little, if any damage resulted. Fruit growers have examined the buds of peach, cherry and British and French commands to deal apple trees and say they are uninjured, while nothing that had been plant- confidence of those who watch the ed in the gardens was affected in the great battle from this side of the At-

least. A peculiar thing noticed by the writer was that the dandelions came in bloom under the snow. Dandelions that were just coming in bud when the snow fell last Tuesday were out in full bloom when it disappeared on Saturday and Sunday, and they looked just as thrifty as if they had not been under the snow.

-Now that the big snow has gone away and the weather is more seasonable the war gardeners will be more in evidence.

-Government figures show that the State last year.

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

-Count Czernin now knows how removes the Kaiser will need nothing Wolsey felt on that sad day when he

lost his job. -Subscribe for the "Watchman."

on charges of sedition and disloyalty, brought against a former Highway Com is quite as significant for that State missioner, was held to be illegal by the as the draft law for South Dakota. 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

Thank God! The young giant of the West is sitting up and stretching his limbs in preparation for the great drive.

When that comes there will be no Hindenburg line left. It is quite conceivable that there will be no Hindenburg.

The Approach of the Crisis. From the New York Times.

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, although it may take a month or more; and that the Germans will lose the battle of the 1917, and the same has been favora- order to throw themselves into the conflict. At open fighting the Germans have once been badly worsted and it is likely to be their experience again, for if they advance much farther they will have to deal with the element of surprise on a larger scale

than at the battle of the Marne. A drawn battle of the Somme would be a decisive defeat for the Germans. for they would never be able to use their mass system of assault so effectively again, and the temper of their people at home would not endure an-

other disappointment of their hopes. With the lessons of the Marne and Verdun before us, the power of the with the German thrust will have the lantic.

Blood-Letting of Traitors Might Prove Beneficial.

From the Easton Sunday Call. According to a telegram from Chi-

cago a number of persons celebrated in a most shameless way, on Monday last, the advance of the German army in France. While we are opposed to violence, it seems to us that a little blood-letting of these traitors would have a beneficial effect. However much any of us deprecate the war and its dreadful consequences there is only one position for an American, or for in the United States, and that is to do ed into sauer kraut by canneries in all possible to aid the cause our sol- be learned the young man werried about diers are fighting for.

The Circus Season in Arkansas.

From the Austin, Ark., Chronicle. Owing to the fact that the show ar- of the family had retired, and as he was rived in town Wednesday this paper may come up a little short. We couldn't watch them unload, listen to him. They found the body lying along the band and edit a paper all at the the road some distance south of his home, same time.

Dauphin county court.

-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. For some time she was editor of a local publication called "Justice." She is actively associated with woman suffrage work. She says that it is her purpose to make an energetic campaign for Congress, even though the Socialist vote at the election is likely to be small.

-The State Highway Department has announced that with the purchase of seventeen miles of the Lancaster, Elizabethtown and Middletown turnpike and twelve miles of the Lancaster and Williamstown turnpike in Lancaster county for \$158,000 the State had freed 138 miles of toll roads in six months. In most of the localities authorities bore half the cost. The coun-

ties where roads were freed were Lancaster, Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks, Fayette, Westmoreland, Blair, Delaware, Fulton, Montgomery, Franklin and Bucks.

-Last week at Reading Mrs. Florence Burkholder, Young-Snyder, a twenty-one year old brunette, was arrested on a charge of bigamy. She is alleged to have married Alfred E. Snyder, of Lebanon. while the wife of Warren J. Young, of Coatesville. She faced the charge with smiles and declared her love still was with the Coatesville husband, while she hated the very sight of the Lebanon man. Snyder met the young woman in Reading dur-

ing the Christmas holidays, when she gave her name as Florence May Dillin. They were married on December 26th, and she deserted him, according to Snyder's story, in January.

-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., her son-inlaw, William Knight, manager of the Tilt silk mill, and her daughters, Mrs. Dora Knight and Miss Amie Seltzer, for \$75,000 damages. Foster is a son-in-law of Mrs. Seltzer, and alleges that the defendants alienated the affections of his wife, who was a Miss Seltzer, before her marriage. He says that, owing to this interference. his wife no longer lives with him. He also alleges that the defendants committed many overt acts in their conspiracy to damage, injure and defame him for which he demands \$75.000.

-George Wentzel, aged about tewntyone years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wentzel, of Tamarack, Lycoming county, committed suicide some time Thursday night or Friday morning of last week, by shooting himself with a 12-gauge shotgun. that matter one who breathes the air The bullet entered the left eye and the top of his head was blown off. As far as can going to war in the select draft in the near future, and an alleged charge that he had been engaged in illegal fishing. He left his home about ten o'clock or later Thursday night, after the other members

near the farm of A. D. Wilson.