

INK SLINGS.

—May hasn't been doing so badly in the weather line.

—Again let us advise all those who can afford to do so to store next winter's coal now.

—Surely the Kaiser got a shock when he heard of the success of the third Liberty loan.

—Building a big ship in a trifle more than three weeks is "going some" but that is only approaching our speed limit.

—Speaking of "sineus of war," the over subscription of the third Liberty loan serves notice of abundance in this country.

—The Russian treasury is empty, according to reports, but the Bolshevik leaders have probably filled their coal bins all right.

—Germany is beginning to find out that Americans are natural born soldiers who need little training to make good fighters.

—Kaiser Karl, of Austria, has been proven a liar as well as a poltroon but that only qualifies him for association with Kaiser Bill.

—Republican aspirants for the Congressional nomination are busy in Centre county. Some of them seem to look on this as the pivotal unit in the District.

—The Kaiser seems to have only one sure ally in this country and that is the United States Senate. But even the Senate is incapable of working much harm now.

—The 1918 wheat crop in this country forecasts a yield of a billion bushels. If unfavorable conditions do not intervene before harvest time it will be the third largest crop we have ever produced.

—If it is impossible for you to get to a public place of worship at the noon hour, pause for a moment, whenever you happen to be, bow the head and reverently ask God to help our cause, our boys and you.

—The 101 German lies that are now being published in the "Watchman" are attracting considerable attention. We have heard from a number of readers to the effect that some of the lies have been spread in their communities and given credence.

—The third Liberty Loan went over the top and then some. Glory be! But we're not near over the top of that pile of paper we need. Come on, all you who are in the class prior to July 1st, 1918. We don't want to have to draw a draft on you.

—That long distance gun with which the Crown Prince and other German murderers were bombarding Paris and killing a few women and children at intervals appears to have gone out of commission. But it hasn't gone out of commission before long.

—Talk about trials. Think of what the poor kiddies will have to go through with between this date and May 23rd, when a circus is billed to appear here. It will be asking too much to insist that they buy a thrift stamp with that quarter when they know it will buy a ticket to the big show.

—We don't know how Tom feels about it now, but we do know that at the moment Rev. Richelson took that full page advertisement in the Gazette and laid down the mazzama to pay for it the editor of our up town contemporary said "that is just the man we ought to have in Congress."

—We fear that his mind has been changed like that of a lot of other Republicans in the county who would like to be for William I. Swoope were it not for the orders that have gone out to put Jones, of Bradford, over.

—Among the many who drop into this office weekly to buy a single copy of the "Watchman" came two men, recently, who volunteered identically the same information. Each of them said: "I have always known that this is the best paper published in Centre county, but you know I am a Republican and I couldn't just swallow your politics. I have come to the conclusion, however, that I'm not going to let politics keep me from getting the best newspaper any longer, so enter my name on your list and I'll get the news I want and pass the politics up—maybe."

—There is so much good stuff in the "Watchman" these days that we are wondering whether the new feature we have added: "First Aid Lessons for Boys and Girls," is receiving the attention it should. Mothers especially should read and explain these little hints to their children. Most every child knows of the war and nothing bleeds in sympathy for any injured thing quite as genuinely as the child heart consequently the little minds are now in a very receptive frame to learn and retain facts that will be of inestimable value to them through life.

—We have all had the opportunity to make splendid investments in government bonds but right ahead of us is the real test of our patriotism. The test that will prove whether we want to help enough to actually give something away. Something that will never come back except—like the bread we cast upon the water. The Red Cross needs another \$100,000,000 and will start to raise it on May 20th. If every man, woman and child in Centre county were to give thirty-six cents our allotment would be made up, but some can't give so much so others must give more. We must go over the top in everything.

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Not Knocking Secretary Baker Now.

We don't hear the hammer artists knocking on Secretary Baker like they did up to the time that he came back at them through his frank statement to Congress as to what the War Department had done and what it contemplated doing.

Men who either through pique because they are not in places of authority or through secret sympathy with our enemies have been harassing all the Departments of the government ever since we entered the war.

Then when the knockers found that the Federal Reserve was proving a boomerang to them they shifted their attacks to Secretary Daniels, because of alleged inefficiency and lack of equipment in the navy.

With the shiftiness of the guerrillas that they are the critics and knockers then turned their tirades of abuse upon Secretary Baker.

We congratulate the Secretary and hope that his critics fully realize the contemptible position they find themselves in.

The fact that we now have, in all branches of the service, nearly three quarters of a million men in France and that we will begin to take a more active part on the battle front makes it certain that our casualty list is going to grow.

Col. H. S. Taylor is over in McKean county this week looking after his campaign as a Democratic candidate for Congress in the Twenty-first district.

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Both Republican Factions Bad.

The Republican primary campaign has become exciting. On Saturday Senator Penrose gave out an interview in which he charges that J. R. K. Scott, the Brumbaugh candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is responsible largely for the vice and crime in the slums of Philadelphia.

On Sunday Mr. Scott issued a statement in reply to the Penrose publication in which he acknowledges his leadership of the 14th ward and admits that he controls the 13th ward.

The path of the illegal fisherman may not be crooked and thorny but it is quite expensive, as several parties who recently took unauthorized trout from the waters of Four Mile run, in the Pennsylvania Narrows, have good reason to know.

Polluting the Pulpit.

Last Sunday, according to newspaper reports, pulpits in various sections of this State were surrendered to J. Denny O'Neil, Martin J. Brumbaugh, Francis Shunk Brown, John R. K. Scott, A. Nevin Detrich and other politicians, to work politics.

Imagine a "crap game" under the shelter of the church or a "nickle-in-the-slot" device in the chancel. It would be scarcely less incongruous than political pirates prating about morals from the pulpit for purely selfish and sordid reasons.

—Sunday will be celebrated as Mother's day all over the country.

The Aviation Scandal.

The rumors concerning expenditures in the aviation service and failures of expected results are to be investigated by the Department of Justice, under the direction of the President.

Nearly a billion dollars have been expended in developing the aviation service and according to the evidence attainable poor results have been achieved.

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We are inclined to believe the criticism, under existing circumstances, is undeserved. What is said about the failure to build or improve the roads is probably true.

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BASE HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Bellefonte Nurse Writes Very Interestingly of Her Work.

Camp Upton, April 21.

Received Mrs. Walker's letter yesterday morning and the scrap books in the afternoon. I brought them right over to my ward and distributed them among the patients, and they seem to enjoy them very much.

I have only eight patients now but I suppose if we continue to have this cold, rainy weather I will have some more, as mine is the tonsillitis ward, and so many get sore throat.

Yesterday afternoon five of our nurses went from here to New York and from there will go to France. This morning five more went so now we have only 130 left, but will probably get more in every day.

The hospital is divided into corridors and there are nine wards on a corridor. I am on A corridor and No. 2 ward. There is no A1 as the nurses' home is A1.

We also have a very complete operating room, an eye clinic, dental clinic, ear, nose and throat clinic. There is also a big mess hall where all the convalescent patients who are not isolated can go to mess.

I wish all my friends at home could visit a camp hospital and see how complete they are. When a patient is sent up from camp he is first taken to the receiving ward where he is examined and diagnosed.

I have written about all I can think of now, but would be glad to get more scrap books later on if you want to make them. I must give out the gables now and the medications before the diet comes. Love to all inquiring friends.

VERA M. WILLARD.

Bellefonte Soldiers Meet in France.

Somewhere in France, April 15.

Dear Mother:— It is time to write again, so I will take a little time this morning to do that worthy act.

—The submarine atrocities are diminishing in number as well as in results and it looks as if the Kaiser will soon be obliged to think up some other form of murder to keep his mind comfortable.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—Smith Dick, of Ferndale, Johnstown, a Johnstown Traction company motorman, was sent to the Municipal hospital, the victim of smallpox.

—Having lost an eye by the job of a bayonet at drill in Camp Hancock, private Palmer Kramer, of Trevorton, will be discharged from the service.

—A large hosiery manufacturing firm of Philadelphia has made arrangements to purchase the Stahlacker property, Sellersville, and will occupy the same about the 15th of May.

—Mrs. Ulrich Amacher, aged 74 years, was found dead in the yard at her home near Ridgway, Elk county, by her grandson. Heart trouble is given as the cause of her death.

—His large summer home at Pocono Pines, valued at \$7,500, Rudolph Blankenburg, former mayor of Philadelphia, has willed to his wife, who spent many summers there with him.

—E. W. Seifert, of Oval, Lycoming county, was almost instantly killed by the big auto truck driven by Joseph Engler, of Colomville, who runs a grist mill and was taking a government order of flour to Antis Fort for shipment.

—The Red Cross headquarters of Williamsport, recently made the announcement that they had received a contribution of \$450 from a lady of that city, who had sold old furniture to that amount and gave the money to the Red Cross.

—Mr. and Mrs. Adam Beck, Mr. and Mrs. James Leamer and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Beck, all of Burnside township, Clearfield county, and members of the same family, each celebrated their golden wedding anniversary during the month of April.

—Mary Ellen Stoner, the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stoner, of Williamsport, was struck and instantly killed Wednesday evening, by the motor bus owned by the Updegraff hotel. The driver was exonerated of all blame for the accident.

—Worry over failing health and other troubles with which he had been beset during the past few months, caused Jacob Hower, a native of Germany and a resident of Shamokin for almost half a century, to take his life by hanging himself to the headpost of a bed in a room in the Saratoga hotel.

—W. E. Green lately shipped nineteen head of beef cattle from his farms near Antis Fort that averaged 1,200 pounds. He has eighty more that will be shipped in the near future.

—Two Berwick boys, Thomas Travers and Ernest Taylor, neighbors in that place, had an interesting experience in France on Easter Sunday, according to letters. Neither knew the other was with the American Expeditionary Force until they chanced to meet on the street, and then learned they were stationed only a mile apart.

—Early Saturday morning a guard was found dead in a vat of cold water at the Aetna powder works at Mount Union. There was a mark on the back of his head where he had either been struck by some der near the vat. He was identified as guard Carey, of whom the superintendent of the plant spoke as being one of the best in the service.

—Peculiar circumstances surround the death of Mrs. Ignatz Beltoski, who died at her home at Hastings, Cambria county, last week. The funeral was held Monday and during the services the automobile of John Ginter caught fire and was almost completely demolished.

—When the watchman at the Pennsylvania railroad's busiest crossing at Shamokin, failed to report for duty Saturday, Mrs. Bessie Woodling, a watchlady at a nearby crossing, was transferred to the busier point. When three trains approached at a time traffic was unusually heavy, the woman became excited, fainted, and fell to the tracks, from which position she was rescued by pedestrians.

—George Dodson, of Altoona, an employee of the Penn Central electric, received burns while repairing electric light wires at the elevated sub-station at Mount Union, Saturday, that resulted in his death on his way to a hospital. Charles Shope, Blair Gessinger, both of Huntingdon, and also employees of the Penn Central company, who were helping Dodson, were also badly burned, but both are expected to recover.

—Fire of unknown origin on Monday destroyed the garage of Widdowson Brothers, at Clymer, burning forty-five automobiles and entailing a loss of nearly \$100,000. Most of the automobiles burned were private cars sent to the garage for repairs, it being one of the largest garages of Indiana county. Among them, however, were a number of new Oldsmobiles. The flames threatened other buildings and only by the excellent work of the Clymer Volunteer Fire department were the flames confined to the one building. The fire broke out at noon and was under control within half an hour.

—The name of the historic road house on Montgomery avenue, between Wayne and Valley Forge, Pa., has been changed from King of Prussia Inn to Ye Old King Inn. Many persons have interpreted the word Prussia as an indication of the proprietor's sympathies. He says that more than once pedestrians have attempted to tear down the ancient placard, and the climax was reached several weeks ago, when shots were heard and it was discovered joy riders were using the sign as a target. The inn was erected in 1709. Its first proprietor, a Prussian, thought to honor his sovereign by naming it after him. During the Revolution the inn housed several of General Washington's officers.

—A disastrous fire occurred at Huntingdon Sunday morning at one o'clock, which resulted in the total destruction of the West End planing mill and two houses, with a third partly burned, situated northward from the corner of Fifteenth and Penn streets. The mill, owned and operated by Hoffman, Lorenz & Co., is an estimated loss of \$15,000, covered one-half by insurance. The three houses are \$2,500 properties with a very fair proportion of insurance. The corner property is owned by heirs of Barton Miller, and the adjoining two belong to the Hernecke estate. The next house was damaged but can be repaired. The origin of the fire is unknown. The rumor is that of incendiaryism, but it is not confirmed by the planing mill owners.