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INK SLINGS.

Naturally the fly girl affects the aviation hat.

If we hold them again at that point the Mame will be the Shibleth in Germany.

Hun U-boats will prove the same kind of attractions for seaside resorts that sharks and sea serpents have been in the past.

Happily those railroad presidents who are losing their jobs will be able to keep the wolf from the door until they get other work.

Jones, of Bradford, may be the man who pays the freight, but he isn't going to be the man who will represent this District in Congress.

If Mexico is really supplying a base for the Hun U-boats Uncle Sam might use the Kaiser's words to Gerard and say to Carranza: We'll stand no more nonsense from Mexico.

There was a time when fitch and overalls were about all a poor man had, inside and out. Now fitch is called lamb and costs as much as spring lamb and overalls cost more than party trousers once did.

The President of Switzerland gets \$2,200,000 a year. Possibly that is all he's worth, but he that it may he could get a job with real money in it if he were to chuck the mountain Republic and come over to Hogg Island.

Did you ever know such growing weather as we have had this spring. Wheat is already in head, clover is in blossom and corn is having the time of its life trying to beat the weeds in the general scramble of all vegetation to get over the top.

A few more U-boats on our Atlantic coast would do us more good than harm; in that it would bring a lot of our people to a fuller consciousness of the fact that war is no monkey business and if we expect over to have peace the sooner we go after it with every resource we have the sooner we'll get it.

The Mare Island ship yards have turned out a destroyer in seventeen days. It used to take two years to turn such a trick and if they keep on speeding up the ship-building program the next worry we'll be having is as to whether there will be enough water in the sea to float all the vessels we slide into it.

Of course it is only to be expected that a lot of cross-roads strategists will want our boats, now in foreign waters, to come home and guard our coast. Wouldn't it be fine to have our powerful dreadnaughts chasing around after a few little U-boats and missing the chance to get a crack at the German grand fleet when it finally does come out.

Linn F. Hansen, of Wayne, Nebraska, is about the only real 100 per cent. American that we have heard of. He sold all his property, gave \$2800 to the Red Cross, \$1000 to his church, invested the balance of the proceeds of the sale in Liberty bonds and then enlisted. We are going to lick the Huns, of course, but how much easier it would be to do it if all Americans were like Hansen.

Along with her building and other industrial strides Philadelphia has developed a very busy rumor factory. The latest product of this overworked infant industry is a story to the effect that the Hon. John Noll is to withdraw from the legislative contest and that J. Dorsey Hunter, of this place, is to run in his stead. So far as the "Watchman" has been able to discover it is a rumor. That's all.

The government has established a wonderful orthopedic hospital at Camp Dix, where men with flat feet are permanently cured in a very short time; consequently flat feet are no longer an excuse for a recruit to escape the draft. The war is working miracles in overhauling physical derelicts, but with all the resourcefulness of the country's greatest scientists at command there are no records of any flat-heads being cured.

A. Mitch Palmer is reported as having sent word to Judge Bonniwell that he will be for him for Governor, but he will be very pleased if the Judge doesn't kick him and his company of lieutenants out of the management of the party. Inasmuch as the Judge wants votes and not offices for his henchmen we can't see that he will have much use for Mitch's managerial abilities; because experience has proven that they don't run along the line of getting votes for any one.

So the University of Pittsburgh is to confer the degree of Doctor of Laws on Judge Quigley. My, what a time Hizonner will have jumping out of the judicial ermine and into the gown of purple trimmings and the mortar board with the gold tassel. Of course the Judge may use a black tassel without violation to the ethics of high-brow traditions, but we're sure he'll select a gold one. It's a bit more au fait and, when drolled up in such a regalia, he'd be just too lovely for words.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has offered the young Micks free land if they will volunteer and fight for their country. Things have come to a pretty pass when the Irish, proverbial for their inclination to start something on any and all occasions, have to be bought to fight against a country that would make their condition a thousand fold worse than it now is, if it ever gets in position to do so. There never was a time when the German didn't drink the toast: "Here's luck to the Dutch, let the Irish pick rags."

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Conditions in France.

There has been little change in the war conditions within the week though the little has been in our favor. Intense fighting has been in progress almost constantly and the allies have yielded unimportant points to save the sacrifice of life. But the forces of the allies are augmenting while those of the Germans are diminishing and before long this fact will turn the tide. It may be said that from the beginning of the present costly drive no vital point has been yielded by the allies and no point has been gained by the Germans except at an expense enormously beyond its value. This leaves the odds materially on the side of the allies and will eventuate in complete victory.

That the allied reserves are being brought forward now is indicated by late operations. Until within a few days the allies resisted every attack with splendid determination and fortitude but went no further. As long as it was possible to hold on without too great an expenditure of life they would move back in order to stronger positions previously arranged, content with the toll imposed in their resistance. But lately they strike back when opportunity presents itself and make telling raids on the enemies' strongholds. This not only proves increasing strength but indicates greater confidence in their prowess. It is the moral force which means victory.

The war was a mad venture of a maniac raving with a lust for power. The drives beginning with that in March have been the products of disappointment and despair. The Kaiser knows as well as any one else understands that his ambition of world domination will never be fulfilled and the cruel methods he has employed are expressions of his resentment against the world for its refusal to yield to his absurd purposes. In his desperation he may be able to continue the slaughter for some time to come and the world must pay the price. But ultimately as certain as fate he will be brought to the penalty of his crimes and to the end of time he held as a horrible example before men.

The Kaiser was wise in fixing that new decoration on his son early in the game. When the tide turns as it will in a short time there will be nothing about the crown prince to hang decorations on.

Acts and Pretenses Widely Differ.

Why are the Republican managers so anxious to elect Congressmen of their political faith? They freely assert that this is no time for political contention, that partisanship should be relegated to the background and patriotism made the only influencing impulse. Yet they are straining every nerve to secure a partisan majority in the next Congress. It is announced that the chairman of their National committee will attend their re-organization meeting in Philadelphia a couple of weeks hence, to urge harmony and energy to the end that every close Congress district may be carried by the Republican candidates. No labor or expense is to be spared. If politics is to be eliminated in the prosecution of the war and the administration of the government why should the Republican leaders want this activity in behalf of their candidates? They certainly know that the President is doing all that is possible to accomplish the results they pretend to desire. They can hardly fail to understand that complete harmony between the President and Congress is essential to the achievement of those results. None of them will claim that such harmony will be promoted by electing to Congress men who are opposed to the President in politics and have a political if not a personal desire to embarrass and defeat his plans and to oppose his policies. We fully concur in the proposition that politics has no place in the government at this time. That President Wilson is of the same opinion is clearly proven by his recent appointment of Charles M. Schwab and Charles E. Hughes to important positions in the government. But harmony between the President and Congress is an urgent necessity and harmony can best be secured by electing Congressmen who are in political sympathy with the President and in full accord with his policies in the conduct of the war. Every Republican leader in the country knows this full well and in their zeal to turn the political majority of Congress against the President they are preparing to oppose his policies.

Some men who are anxious to shift tax burdens from their own to other shoulders are worried with fear that people will call them lobbyists. It's a safe bet that they'll take chances, however.

If China sends a million men to the firing line against Germany the yellow peril will take on practical form in the Kaiser's eyes.

It's well enough to look forward but there's no use in conjuring calamity in everything.

U-Boats in American Waters.

The public had a lively scare thrown into it on Monday by the publication of the fact that undersea craft had appeared in American waters and were operating successfully off the New Jersey coast. But the panic didn't last long. It was painfully true that one or two German U-boats had sunk ten or more small ships within a short distance of the Jersey shore and maybe drowned a few persons. But their activities were speedily checked and are not likely to be repeated soon or frequently. Their presence was not suspected and their victims were enjoying leisurely pursuit of their business. From this time on greater vigilance will be exercised all along the coast.

The purpose of German authorities in sending submarines to this side of the water is conjectured to be a hope that such action would draw the naval force of the United States from the danger zone in British waters, thus rendering more effective piratical operations there. We have a good many war ships on the other side, it is true, but there are plenty on this side to take care of any U-boats that may undertake to operate here so far from any safe base of supplies they can neither be effective nor numerous now that their presence is known. Even Mexico is considerable distance and it will be bad for Mexico if they are being harbored there.

The incident of Monday, therefore, sad as it certainly was, may be dismissed from the public mind, as a permanent menace. There are not enough of that sort of craft in the German navy to make them a formidable instrument of destruction on this side, and what there are will be found more useful in the zones in which they have been operating with diminishing success lately. Those that are here now will be disposed of quickly and suitably by the traditional Davey Jones who is said to maintain an ample "locker" at the bottom of the sea. This may not afford much comfort to the owners of the ships sunk or those drowned on Sunday afternoon. But it is satisfying to the rest of us.

The soldiers in camp are said to be cultivating a taste for milk as a beverage. With a stiff stick and a bit of mint in it milk has long been popular in some sections of the country as a beverage.

Hurry Necessary Legislation.

That additional revenues are needed to meet the extraordinary expenses of the war is universally admitted. That this additional burden should be levied upon the scientific principle that those most able should carry it is equally certain. These facts being determined in advance the necessary legislation should not be needlessly delayed. The progress toward complete victory of democracy over autocracy would be much farther advanced at this time if that course had been adopted some months ago and pursued consistently. There has been too much talk, particularly in the Senate, and the consequence has been very material advantage to the enemy.

It is not desirable that legislation be slipshod or slovenly in order to secure expedition in passage. Sufficient time to guarantee the highest measure of efficiency may safely be taken. But the blatter of Chamberlain, the bluster of Hitchcock and the babble of Lodge is not conducive of that result. It is not even intended for that purpose. Their aim is to embarrass the President and incidentally to extend aid and comfort to the enemies of the government. Henry Cabot Lodge would rather see a German army of invasion approaching Washington than a Democratic President in the White House. His talk in the Senate, pretending patriotism, is simply to confuse the President.

The President in his recent address to Congress clearly outlined the proper plan of levying the additional taxes needed. The people have responded generously to every demand for money. The three Liberty loans were over-subscribed, baby bonds and thrift stamps have been taken freely and Red Cross and Knights of Columbus funds promptly provided. And the people will give more when more is necessary. But wealth has not given its full share. Therefore the new revenue legislation may be justly levied on excessive profits, great incomes and luxuries and it ought not to take Congress long to enumerate the items and fix the rate of taxation upon them.

No naturalization court will be held this month, as scheduled, the same having been postponed at the request of the government until November. It is the desire of the government to grant the naturalization papers of young men within the draft age at the training camps, and this is the reason for doing away with the June naturalization court.

The increasing price of meat is calculated to help Mr. Hoover in his conservation work.

Radiant Future for Democracy.

It is not an exaggeration to say that at no time since the election of Robert E. Pattison to the office of Governor in 1892 has the future of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania appeared so radiant as it does now. The nomination of Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell has been an inspiration to the voters of the party. He is peculiarly the man for the occasion. Young, ardent, capable and courageous he will lead his forces with the vigor and enthusiasm of a Lockinvar. He will exude confidence and enthusiasm and inspire faith among the Democrats of every section of the State. Such a leader is certain to compel success. Since Pattison's campaign of 1882 we have had no such reason to work for victory.

Besides the party has not been in as good shape for many years. An arrogant machine with an ambition only for the spoils of office has been depleting the force from year to year until it had almost reached a state of despondency. The nomination of Judge Bonniwell worked an immediate and radical change in the party rank and file. It is notice to the faithful and patient followers of Jefferson that there is something to look for besides and beyond office brokerage. The immortal principles of the great founder of the party and his successors in office, Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson, will be revived and a victory will mean something beyond offices for servile followers.

And finally the nomination of Judge Bonniwell means victory. The people of Pennsylvania know that his election will cause a complete revolution in personnel and methods in the State. He is a man of action and one who will neither endorse nor endure evil. He will literally "turn the rascals out" and as they go the system reform will satisfy him and because he cannot be either deluded or coerced into condoning vice the people will elect him. A vast majority of the voters favor clean politics and just government and because they know Judge Bonniwell will give them both they will vote for and elect him to the great office.

The "Watchman" last week published the statement of Howard Heinz, federal food administrator, that all manufacturing users of sugar must file statements of stocks and needs of sugar for the year. Such statement must be filed on or before June 10th, and failure to do so on the part of any such manufacturer will prevent him from getting any more sugar for a year. It has been reported to the "Watchman" office that manufacturers in Centre county are slow in filing these statements and as they only have three more days in which to do so they had better act promptly.

In Memory of the Soldier Dead.

Memorial day last Thursday was observed more devoutly in Bellefonte and throughout Centre county than it has been for years. The great European war in which the United States is now so deeply embroiled has awakened the people everywhere with a sense of obligation toward the dead who died to save this country from disruption, as well as toward the living who have already offered their all in order that the whole world may be made as safe for democracy as the United States.

In Bellefonte every business place was closed during the entire day. Special religious memorial services were held in the Methodist church at ten o'clock in the morning which were very well attended. Dr. Ezra H. Youcm presided and directed the services which was led by Dr. McKinney, Dr. Schmidt, Rev. Dunn, Rev. Jones and Chaplain Young.

The regular Memorial exercises were held at two o'clock in the afternoon. Our Girls band of Milesburg led the parade to the Union cemetery which was composed of the G. A. R., a squad of the new machine gun troop of the provisional reserve cavalry, the Logan Fire company and school children. The customary services were held at the cemetery which were followed by a liberal decoration of all soldiers graves. The usual salute was fired from machine guns. Returning a meeting was held in the court house where the Memorial day address was delivered by Dr. W. K. McKinney, of the Presbyterian church.

On Sunday a small delegation of members of Gregg Post went to Snyder town in the morning and held Memorial services in the Snydertown cemetery. They had dinner at that place and in the afternoon held services at Hubersburg and Zion. Burgess W. Harrison Walker, J. Kennedy Johnston and S. D. Gettig were the speakers at the three places while Miss Pauline Johnston recited Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg.

Charlie Schwab uses swear words occasionally but so far as the returns indicate he is not losing popularity either with the clergy or the ladies.

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GERMAN SUBMARINES HERE.

New York, June 6.—The long expected visit of German armed submarines to American waters has resulted in the destruction of at least twelve vessels flying the Stars and Stripes, according to reports from various ports along the North Atlantic seaboard. The attacks were made by two super-submersibles and most of the vessels were bombed and sent to the bottom last Sunday, although it is known that two of the craft were destroyed prior to May 26th.

The official list of vessels sunk by the U-boats as given out by the Navy Department included seven schooners and five steamers, as follows: Schooner Edna, 325 tons; schooner Hattie Dunn, 436 tons; schooner Hauppauge, about 1,500 tons; schooner Edward H. Cole, 1,791 tons; schooner Isabel B. Wiley, 776 tons; schooner Jacob M. Haskell, 1,778 tons; schooner Winneconnie, 1,869 tons; torpedoed.

Steamship Carolina, 5,039 tons. Schooner Edward R. Baird, Jr., 279 tons; schooner Iferbert L. Pratt, 7,200 tons; raised and towed to port. Steamship Texel. Norwegian steamer Eidsvold.

The fact which stands out most prominently in the developments is that the U-boats still are operating near the coast and have not returned to their bases, assuming that the two which already have been identified are the only ones on this side from the Atlantic.

This was demonstrated when the Norwegian steamer Eidsvold was sunk near the Virginia capes late Wednesday. The location of the attack shows also that the submarines are moving steadily southward, if they are the same ones which attacked shipping almost at the gateway to New York harbor. The Navy Department reported an encounter between a destroyer and a submarine off the coast of Maryland.

Another fact which is regarded as significant in marine circles, is that none of the vessels reported sunk thus far, was sent to the bottom by a torpedo. It is considered certain the undersized craft carry torpedoes and that they are conserving them in the hope that they may get an opportunity sooner or later to attack a transport loaded with American troops. The unarmed merchant ships which have been attacked thus far have been sent to the bottom by the use of bombs and shells.

Possibility that vessels still unreported may have been sunk was seen in a statement of the master of the schooner Samuel C. Mengel. He declared he was told by the commander of the submarine which destroyed his ship, that the U-boat sank three other vessels, one a passenger liner, and three schooners last Saturday. No vessels have been reported sunk that day and it is believed either the U-boat captain was lying or that Captain Hansen misunderstood him.

So far as known the only loss of life was aboard the New York and Porto Rico liner Carolina and that was definitely established at only sixteen by revised figures compiled by the company, showing there were aboard the vessel only 218 passengers and 111 in the crew, making a total of 329 instead of 350 as originally reported. All those who perished evidently were lost from the lifeboat which arrived Wednesday at Lewes, Del. Ten of them were passengers and six were members of the crew.

To Work or to Jail.

From the Portland Oregonian. New Jersey has been added to the number of States which propose to discourage idleness under the penalty of the law. The genius of the New Jersey statute is found in the provision the mere ability to support oneself is not accepted as an excuse for non-employment in some productive occupation. It is not a vagrancy statute, but a wage measure.

Governor Edge in his proclamation calling for the enforcement of the law reveals his grim earnestness. While the bill was pending in the Legislature it was the butt of a good many jokes. The humorists suggested that the idlers who took the air at Atlantic City in wheel chairs might be forced to carry knitting in their laps to guard against arrest. But the Governor takes the point from the joke by enunciating the plain principle that the selective service principle will govern. Men will be required to do men's work, and do it daily.

"There are," says the Governor, "some kinds of work too severe for the 'society idler,' who may, however, be competent to handle tasks which would be impossible for slackers of the hobo type. Sound judgment must be employed in the experiment to rid the human hive of its drones."

So the State Department of Labor has been called upon to obtain the kind of work suitable for specific cases. It is a tremendous administrative task, but perhaps not a hopeless one. The experience of New Jersey will be watched with special interest because it is the richest State thus far to try to enforce anti-loafing legislation. The farms and industries of the country need more man power than is available to meet the extraordinary demands for production, and if New Maryland, can demonstrate that the law is workable, there is little doubt that their example will be followed by other States.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

T. M. Klugh, residing on a farm near Marletta, has a turkey hen that for four days has laid two eggs each day. Mr. Klugh thinks she has heard the appeal to produce more food and is doing her bit. The eggs will be used for hatching.

Although struck by one auto and tossed over the radiator of another, Adam L. Landis, seventy-two years of age, of Bird-In-Hand, Lancaster county, will live. He was on the Lincoln highway when he walked from behind one machine into the path of another.

Lee Garrison, a young man employed on the Squires farm near Springville, Susquehanna county, was struck by lightning during a severe shower, causing instant death. He had been plowing and as the storm broke unhitched his team and started for the barn. While in the open field the bolt struck him.

Secret service men have captured Halim Semir, aged 37 years, a Turk who destroyed \$1,000 worth of army supplies and took a revolver away from a detective near Irwin, Pa., three weeks ago, when caught in the act. He was identified when trying to get work in a munition plant at Erie and was sent to Pittsburgh for trial.

John F. Dargus, a private in the state police, living at Inkerman, Luzerne county, was shot and killed on Friday while attempting to arrest a colored fugitive from Fayette county, who had escaped to Struthers, Ohio. Ohio authorities were with him when he was killed in rushing the house where the fugitive and some companions had barricaded themselves.

Return to work of 3,000 striking coal miners in the Huntington-Broad Top field, was reported to the fuel administration. Representatives of the various local unions voted unanimously to submit their demands for resumption of agreement for bonuses of ten cents per ton to arbitration by representatives of the men, the operators and the fuel administration.

John Shellenberger, the Socialist arrested some time ago at Claysburg, Blair county, on a charge of sedition, was convicted in the United States court at Pittsburgh and on Saturday was given five months in jail when taken before Judge Thompson for sentence. He ran for jury commissioner of Blair county last fall on the Socialist ticket and had been active in anti-war propaganda for many months.

Farmers of Irish Valley, Northumberland county, who had been holding their potatoes for better prices were finally swindled. A man representing himself as head of a Philadelphia commission house toured the valley and offered high prices for the spuds. When the stocks arrived at the freight house there was an "inspector" who complained of the grade, but agreed to ship them and realize what he could. The potatoes were shipped, but there has been no word of remuneration from the strangers.

Fearful that the Junior class would steal Ivan S. Daugherty, president of the Senior class of the Sunbury High school, and keep him away from their annual friends kept him in their hands for two days. On the night of the feast they placed him in a bread hamper and, securing a baker's wagon, drove to the door of the banquet hall. The "bread" was carried by the guardian underclassmen. LeRoy Conley, president of the Junior class was captured and taken thirty miles away from home. He was kept under guard until the feast was over.

Because the polling place in Helvetia precinct of Brady township, Clearfield county, was arbitrarily moved from the regularly advertised election house, the court has been petitioned to declare the votes from that district as illegal, and that they be thrown out. If that is done, it will give the Congressional nomination to Swenpe instead of Jones, and will change the result in a couple of other close contests. Judge Bell set Monday, June 10th, at 9 o'clock as the date for a hearing, and the interested parties will then appear and the point be argued.

The annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of Pennsylvania, will be held in Williamsport, June 24th. The sessions will convene in the Park hotel. The Ladies' auxiliary will meet in Malta temple. The morning will be taken up with the regular business session and the evening will be given over to the Military Order of the Serpent. In the afternoon a sightseeing tour will be enjoyed. Mayor Archibald M. Hoagland, will make the address of welcome and Judge Harvey W. Whitehead and Hon. Emerson Collins will also address the visitors.

Married men who are under forty years of age may be called in the Pennsylvania state police to fill the twenty-eight vacancies which now exist in the force, according to what was learned at the capitol. The draft has taken eight experienced men and while those in service until a short time ago have been put in deferred classes the men whose terms are expiring have been going to war or into service of corporations and railroads, where there is more attractive pay. The men to be enlisted must spend several nights a week at barracks. They must be between 31 and 40 years of age and they will be taken close to the latter age if in good physical condition and able to stand the work of the policemen.

William B. Gamble and his wife, Margaret B. Gamble, of Johnstown, have entered suit in assumpsit against the Pennsylvania Railroad company to recover \$20,000 damages for the death of their 19-year-old son, Harry LeRoy Gamble, who was killed while inspecting air brakes on an engine in the P. R. R. yards at Blairsville, just two years ago. In the affidavits, the plaintiffs charge negligence and carelessness against the defendant company, in that the company failed to provide a place of safety for their son to work, and also in the operation of another engine, which an employee of the company they charge, ran into the engine under which young Gamble was at work, inflicting injuries from which the youth died, June 3, 1917.

William Lamont, of Patton, has fallen heir to almost as many jobs in the coal business as Secretary McAdoo has assumed for the government. Mr. Lamont for eight years was general foreman and assistant superintendent for the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke corporation, but resigned to become general superintendent of Sterling Mines No. 1, 3, 5 and 6, in which a number of Bellefontes are financially interested, with headquarters at Bakerstown. By virtue of this office, he comes general superintendent of the South Fork Coal Mining company, general agent for the Bakerton Land Improvement Company, and general agent of the Bakerton Light, Heat and Power company. Mr. Lamont succeeds Patrick P. Quinn, who recently left Bakerton to accept a commission for immediate service in France.