

INK SLINGS.

—This is flag day.

—It is certain that the German advance on the western front is not rapid enough to afford exercise for Hindenburg.

—Remember, that if you are able to do it and don't store your winter coal now you might be responsible for much discomfort your negligence might force on your less fortunate neighbors next winter.

—My, what a coup it would be and how encouraging if the French could only continue to advance their left to the point where it would be possible to pinch off the German salient that has been pushed out toward Paris.

—In the course of time Mr. Roosevelt may find out that we are actually participating in the war. In other words the Colonel is liable to wake up. The May report of ship building operations made a loud noise.

—If requests for the "Watchman" continue in such number as they have been received since so many of our boys have landed in France we fear that we will have to open a branch office somewhere over there and issue a French edition.

—Let us see to it that Centre county takes first place in our district in the matter of sales of war savings stamps.

—Friday, June 28th, will be the national pledge day and let us each and every one bite off a little more than we can chew and chew it.

—Experts who have studied the rations of all armies declare that America's soldiers are the best fed fighting men in the world. And the cabled news indicates that the Germans are finding out that good food, clean living and a righteous cause makes an American soldier a desperately hard foe to overcome.

—King George of England has bought a fourteen dollar suit and intends to wear it just to set a further example of economy for his subjects. In looking over the advertisements of clothing stores in this section we are forced to the conclusion that there ain't no such a thing as a fourteen dollar suit in this country.

—Foreign experts having approved our new Liberty motor and urged our government to hasten the output in quantity will doubtless prove a very gratifying matter to Secretary Baker and a corresponding disappointment to that small army of discontents who can see no good in anything that doesn't originate with themselves.

—The "Watchman" calls attention to the ticket that heads column one on page four of this issue. If you are interested in Pennsylvania you should be interested in this ticket, for it affords the only opportunity of bringing about such a state house-cleaning as we have not had since Robert E. Pattison was elected Governor.

—If one or two air raids have caused such panic in Germany as reports indicate it might be well to increase the visits of our bombing machines to the Kaiser's land. A regular, systematic dose of our hospitals and cemeteries from Hun desecration, but it would afford a lot of satisfaction.

—If everybody who imagines he has seen a periscope along our Atlantic coast is to be believed there must be more Hun U-boats on this side than there are in foreign waters. That the scare is wonderfully exaggerated there is no doubt and just to show how careless some metropolitan dailies are for the reputation they are supposed to be building we need but cite one instance in which one of them stated that there were probably five U-boats operating in American waters and then in parallel columns published stories of the reported sinking of ten of the five.

—Talking about old fashioned Fourth of July celebrations it seems to us that they will remain only in memory. Because the doctors are afraid of tetanus and because we have to save the explosives for use in the war fire-crackers, Roman candles, rockets and pin-wheels are taboo at least until after Germany is settled. By that time, perhaps, national prohibition will be in force and all the pep will be gone. Whoever heard of an old fashioned Fourth of July without a fireman's parade, a lot of good scraps and a bunch of leather-lunged patriots whoopin'-er up from daylight until the whoop! became smothered under the anesthesia of spirits fragment? No, there can't ever be an old fashioned Fourth of July again if the fireworks are to be left out and old Mr. John Barleycorn is to be told to keep away.

—The Treasury Department has authorized disapproval of a chain letter plan which has been started by some enthusiastic workers for the sale of war savings stamps. The Red Cross repudiates a chain letter started at Seattle for the purpose of founding a hospital in France for treatment of wounds in the face and jaw. In fact the Federal authorities are opposed to all chain letter schemes for the reason that they congest the mails and are often resorted to by swindlers who hope to dupe the public by appealing to patriotic impulses. Unless you know personally of the purpose for which funds are being raised through chain letters we would advise you to pay no attention to any such correspondence even though it is received from a friend. For the chances are that he or she has not made careful inquiry as to the cause before linking you up with it.

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Reorganization of the Democratic Party.

The Democratic State committee has been called to meet in Harrisburg next Wednesday, the 19th instant, for the purpose of reorganization. The term of the present chairman, who has never been able to serve on account of his military obligations, has expired and his successor must be chosen. It would be wise to make a complete "house-cleaning" at the same time. The organization has fallen into the pernicious habit of creating and cultivating party factions and in the reorganization there should be a guarantee expressed or implied that that evil will be stopped. The party organization is not maintained for the purpose of promoting factions.

It is the consensus of opinion among fair-minded Democrats throughout the State, moreover, that the party nominee for Governor should have a controlling voice in the selection of a State chairman. Years ago the practice was to allow the candidate to select the chairman and the results achieved indicate that it was a wise policy. Our candidate for Governor has already expressed a claim to a voice in the matter this year and there ought to be no opposition to his desire. He has vastly the greater interest in the result of the campaign and his wide experience in political work as well as his splendid reputation as a party manager guarantee the wisest action.

In any event preparation should be made at the reorganization of the party next week for an earnest and aggressive campaign. The signs clearly point to a Democratic victory as a result of the impending contest and this expectation can only be disappointed by slackers in the party. Every trend is in our direction. An overwhelming majority of the people of Pennsylvania are heart and soul in sympathy with the President in his aim to bring the world war to a speedy and triumphant conclusion and all who take the trouble to think know that the surest and best way to support him is to elect his personal and political friends to important administrative offices.

—Whatever you may think about Christmas shopping the present time is none too soon to begin the work of preparing for the coming election. See that all voters are assessed and taxes paid within the period fixed by law. Even now it may be too late to get everybody.

Prussianism Pervades Germany.

In an address delivered by Secretary of State Lansing in Schenectady, New York, on Saturday, the real attitude of Germany with respect to the war is expressed. We have been accustomed to exulting in the German people from blame not only for the war but for the atrocities perpetrated and putting the whole burden upon the military group which has long dominated the government. Mr. Lansing shows that in every thought and act these conspirators have been encouraged and supported by the German people and that not only must Prussianism be subdued but that the spirit of Prussianism which permeates all Germany and German people must be eradicated.

The German people have come to believe that they are a superior race in which is vested by divine authority the power of domination. This idea has been drilled into their minds by the military cabal headed by the Kaiser and fostered by the teachers and writers of the Empire. But it is none the less harmful because of that. It has become the doctrine of the country, taught in the schools and preached in the pulpits and has been working its evil consequences for more than a generation. For these reasons, though our present aim is and should be to dethrone the cause we will not have fulfilled our full purpose until the effect is completely obliterated.

Peace on any other basis will be futile because it will not endure. As Mr. Lansing said "Prussianism and peace will not mix." But Prussianism is no longer limited to the Kaiser and his military cabal. It embraces all Germany and has a place in every German mind. The Kaiser accurately measured the thoughts and purposes of the German people before he entered upon his great enterprise to conquer the world and force obedience to his mandates throughout the length and breadth of civilization. He understood, if the rest of the world did not, the German lust for gain and power and he promised them both as a consideration for support in his ambitious schemes.

—"Experience is a dear teacher but fools will learn in no other school." If the Kaiser had known everything the war might have been postponed until after the millennium.

—It may be safely said that whenever the American troops have hit the German lines the Kaiser has become convinced that America is awake.

Denny on the Sproul Band Wagon.

Mr. J. Denny O'Neil has announced his intention to support his victorious competitor for the Republican nomination for Governor, Senator William C. Sproul. During the primary campaign Mr. O'Neil denounced Senator Sproul in the strongest language he could command. He declared that Sproul is and always has been the willing instrument of the whiskey ring. That his pretense of favoring the ratification of the Sheppard prohibition amendment to the constitution was false and fraudulent and that his nomination and election to the office of Governor of the State would be equivalent to putting our grand old Commonwealth on the toboggan headed for the "damnation bowwows."

We had little faith in Denny's professions of fidelity to the principles of morality as expressed in his platform from the beginning. He is a professional office-grabber and has attached himself at one time or another to every faction of the Republican party and sworn allegiance to one boss or another as the promise of office loomed large or small from the time the late C. L. Magee "catapulted" him into public notice. His prompt spring into the Sproul band wagon confirms our judgment of him. Support of Sproul offers the only hope for party spoils for him and he avails himself of the first opportunity to get within the radius of the lime light. Before long he will be striving for the center of the stage.

Of course Mr. O'Neil knows as every one else understands that Senator Sproul is not in favor of the Sheppard prohibition amendment to the constitution of the United States. But like O'Neil he imagined that the pretense of favoring it would safely make the promise while Penrose held the proxy of the liquor dealer's organization. The party prohibitionist is usually a political huckster and frequently a Republican pensioner so that the safe and sly practice of "playing both ends against the middle" bulked in the fertile brain of the Republican boss. The zeal of Dr. Swift and Denny O'Neil in getting aboard the Sproul wagon proves his wisdom.

—It is not altogether obtuseness that influences some Irishmen to favor Germany. Cupidity is more largely responsible. The Sinn Fein pocket is probably lined with German gold.

The Situation in France.

The conditions in France are practically the same as a week ago. On Sunday another German drive was begun, and thousands upon thousands of lives were sacrificed to the Kaiser's ambition and von Hindenburg's lust for slaughter. A few rods of space were gained in the center of the line, but no perceptible advantage. The French and British troops held their lines on the sides, and thus made worthless the gain in the center. But the Crown Prince was gratified, no doubt. The troops under his command were in the center and stood up to the sacrifice manfully. The Kaiser may congratulate his son again and bestow upon him a new decoration.

The lesson of this persistence in criminal folly is that this country must reconcile itself to a long and costly war. So long as there are men and boys in Germany to offer and Hindenburg continues to delight in the flow of blood, there will be no peace. The Kaiser and Hindenburg realize that peace holds no recompense for them. When peace comes they go either before a firing squad or into a dishonored obscurity. Therefore, they are enjoying the slaughter for which they are responsible and will continue it as long as possible. We may exercise some influence in determining the duration of the war, however. We may hasten the war by increasing the energy we put into it. It is up to us to close the tragedy.

Meantime the American public can rest assured that every effort will be made to conserve the lives and secure the comfort of our heroes "over there." Many will be killed and more maimed in this great contest for freedom of thought and liberty of action throughout the world. But the sooner it is ended the fewer will be the victims and the more prompt and generous we are in supplying the materials, the sooner the end will come. For these reasons it is the duty of every man and woman to give all that is possible and give it soon. The man who offers his life makes the supreme sacrifice. Let those of us who are to be benefitted by his sublime act do what we can.

—If you haven't paid your income tax get busy. After Saturday night the amount will be greater and the difficulties in paying will be multiplied.

—If you have given all you can spare to the various war funds put another reef in your expense sail and give a little more.

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."

Tariff Grifters Getting Busy.

As might have been expected the consideration of the proposed revenue legislation has brought the insatiable tariff grifters to the front. On the first day of the hearings scheduled by the House committee on Ways and Means, the other day, a delegation of Boston tariff mongers appeared to insist on a great increase in the tariff taxes. Naturally their arguments were as absurd as their purposes were selfish. But they chattered away on the old theory that tariff taxation or tariff levies are essential to industrial prosperity and that the first duty of Congress is to diminish the revenues by levying prohibitory tariff taxes upon the few products, mostly raw materials, now being imported.

The purpose of the pending bill is to increase the revenues of the government. The extraordinary expenses of the war make a vast increase of revenues necessary. Logically every intelligent person contemplating this subject realizes that the additional revenues must be as certain as possible. It is equally well agreed among that type of thinkers that the burden should be placed where it may be most easily borne. Influenced by this wise idea the President suggested that most of the additional taxes be levied on war profits, excessive incomes and needless luxuries. But this doesn't suit the tariff grifters. They want their profits, incomes and luxuries to come as cheaply as possible.

Between the hazard of ocean freighting, the scarcity of commercial shipping and the necessity of investing all energies in the production of war materials, the business of importing has been reduced to a minimum that threatens entire disappearance. However high the tariff taxes they produce no revenues where there are no imports and soldiers dependent upon such sources for food would soon grow hungry. It is proposed to increase the revenues four billion dollars a year while the war lasts and that sum can easily be obtained by taxing war profits, excessive incomes to the extent that they are taxed in England and luxuries, and the hungry, selfish tariff mongers who object ought to be kicked.

—The "Watchman" acknowledges the receipt of the "First Annual Publication of the Pennsylvania Alpine Club," compiled and edited by the secretary, J. Herbert Walker, of Lewisburg. The Alpine club was organized in 1917 and has as its object the exploration of the woodland and mountain fastnesses of Pennsylvania. Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, of the Altoona Tribune, is president of the club, and its members include men who revel in the delights of tramping the forests and seeking out the beauties of nature in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

Candidates Expense Accounts.

The various candidates at the recent primaries have filed their expense accounts in the office of the prothonotary of Centre county and some of them make very interesting reading. For instance:

Dr. John Richelsen, of Bradford, the out and out temperance candidate for the nomination for Congress, in his statement acknowledges a contribution from Lewis Emery of \$1,000, paid expenses of \$2,193.48, and unpaid bills of \$60.45. In his list of expenses were \$160.00 each to the Keystone Gazette and Bellefonte Republican, of this place, for "advertising," and \$260.00 to the Bellefonte Republican for "printing and circulating letters to the voters of Centre county."

Evan J. Jones, of Bradford, the man who won the Republican nomination, received no contributions, spent \$114,790 and has unpaid bills aggregating \$418.60.

W. I. Swoope acknowledged a contribution of \$2500 from his brother, H. B. Swoope, and gives his expenses at \$2665.06.

W. E. Tobias, the Democratic nominee, spent \$255.50.

Harry W. Brown, of Osceola Mills, who made a try for the Republican nomination, spent \$59.63, and owes \$12.00.

For State Senator, Matt Savage spent less than fifty dollars and S. J. Miller \$111.14.

It cost Harry B. Scott \$351.29 to make his unsuccessful run for the Legislature while I. L. Harvey, who won out, spent but \$125.39, seventy-five dollars of which is unpaid and due to N. E. Robb.

Hon. John Noll filed an affidavit that he spent less than fifty dollars.

—Von Hindenburg says he needs exercise and on his trip home from the western front he is likely to get plenty of it and in many forms.

—You don't have to "tell it to the Marines" any more. The Marines just "hand it" to the Germans.

—Nothing sounds more musical in the ear of patriotism than the silence of Senator Chamberlain.

—The grain and grass fields show every sign of causing an early harvest in Centre county.

An Army that Will Win the War.

From the Public Ledger. President Wilson's speech in New York on Saturday will take its place among the great utterances of the commander-in-chief of the military and naval forces of the United States, deepening the nation's patriotism, strengthening its determination not to turn back until the task it has assumed shall be performed. The two deeply significant passages in that address which will rivet the attention of the world are those in which he said that there should be placed upon the size of the American army, save the physical limit imposed by our shipping facilities, and in which he made clear his far-seeing understanding of the insincerity of the Hun "peace offensive."

The President has made it plain to Congress that the purpose of the government is not to stop at the enrollment and training of five million men, should that number be needed to "win the war." And the country is happy in the mood to stand solidly behind that purpose. The paramount duty of the hour is to make good our pledge to civilization to spare no effort to bring every ounce of the national power to its defense. We are not going to be diverted from that duty by the sort of peace overtures that have thus far come from Teutonic sources, nor are our eyes going to be blinded to the sinister motives that have inspired them. The world now knows only too well what Prussian promises are worth and what any "peace" dictated by the "predatory gang" would be like. And all Americans will read with profound satisfaction and relief the President's definite assurance that he—proved lover of peace though he be—is not deceived by and will not entertain "any insincere approaches" upon the subject. He has recognized them for what they are—a scheme to give the Huns a free hand "to carry out purposes of conquest and exploitation."

There was one passage in the New York speech that ought to be engraven upon the hearts of every American, that in which the President said: "There are two duties with which we are face to face. The first duty is to win the war. And the second duty, that goes hand in hand with it, is to win it greatly and worthily, showing the real quality of our power not only, but the real quality of our purpose and of ourselves." It is with this spirit that America is going forward, and its purpose shall be achieved, ready to bear any burden which may be found necessary, to pay any price. And the President has phrased it so plainly and clearly that his message will bring new courage and added strength to the allied forces in Europe now holding the line that separates civilization, honor and humanity from barbarism, devastation and diabolical perfidy.

Is Holland's Turn Next?

From the New York Herald. There is nothing fanciful in picturing Holland as between the devil and the deep blue sea. The announcement of Foreign Minister Loudeston to the Chamber of Deputies at the Hague that the difference with Germany is "most serious," coming on the heels of the reported withdrawal from the capital of each country of the ministry representing the other, would seem to indicate that the diplomatic situation is extremely critical. While the German ultimatum is lacking, it is known that the demands made upon Holland are such that compliance therewith would be tantamount to violation by that country of its own neutrality, which it has been struggling so hard to preserve. Have the German war lords decided that the time has come to overrun and crush little Holland as Belgium was overrun and crushed?

American Marines Hold Five German Divisions.

London, June 12.—"The Germans are taking seriously the American thrust at the apex of their line in the Clignon valley (northwest of Chateau Thierry) and thus far have used five divisions in attempting to counter it but entirely without success." Reuters correspondent at French headquarters telegraphs under Tuesday's date. "Two fresh divisions were thrown at the American center at Bouresches this morning and a fruitless attempt made to recapture the village."

"Trusting to the deep woods north-east of the village and the twisted spur of a hill to conceal them, the leading divisions advanced in mass formation. They, however, were observed from the Bois De Balleau and were brought under a destructive hail of shrapnel before they could deploy. The fire was so severe that the attack was disorganized and no progress could be made for some time."

"When the Germans did succeed in penetrating the defenses they were met with such enthusiasm in cold steel that their only choice was death or surrender."

"In the capture of the wood to the northwest of Bouresches the Americans had to deal with machine gun nests a game at which they are becoming expert. Gun after gun was captured and turned upon its late possessor and the advance never was materially delayed."

"Fierce fighting continued when the fringe of the wood was reached, the Germans being afraid of the open slopes behind them and over which their retreat had to be conducted. When at last they broke from the cover of the wood they came under a tempest of bullets. Surrender being impossible they turned and ran, but very few reached the ground where they could find refuge."

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—State game warden E. Woody Kelley, of Clearfield, has turned \$1650 into the State Treasury for violations of the fish laws this season. A party of fishermen with seventy-four undersized trout taken from a Clearfield county stream was apprehended by Woody the other day. Members of the party paid fines aggregating \$750.

—Drivers of Blair county's trucks are now paid within \$300 a year as much as the County Commissioners. They had been receiving \$100 a month until recently when one of the drivers resigned saying he had been offered \$125 a month. Rather than lose him the Commissioners met the new price. The Commissioners themselves receive only \$150 a month.

—Three of the large iron grey horses belonging to the Ringling Bros. circus died during their stay in Lewistown on Thursday. The carcass of one of the animals which died enroute from Altoona to Lewistown on Wednesday night was sent to the rendering plant at Milroy. Two of the horses were suffering from lung fever and the third was injured by one of the heavy wagons.

—John Clayton Rutter, who was to have been ordained as a minister of the Episcopal church at Sunbury today by Bishop Darlington, is dead. He was buried on Thursday from his home at Bloomsburg, Bishop Darlington officiating. While walking with Carl McBride, age 15, Sunday, Rutter was shot in the eye by McBride, who was trying to kill a blacksnake. He died on Tuesday.

—W. E. Patterson, a butcher of Nescopeck, Pa., lost his watch, advertised it and then discovered it in the head of a dead bull. The watch disappeared while he was killing at Millville. He hunted for it several hours, and the next day, when cutting up the beef, found the watch lodged in the head. Presumably, he had dropped the watch from his pocket and into the gash he had inflicted in the bull's neck.

—The borough of Mapleton is giving notice of a hearing to be held Wednesday, June 26th, before the State Public Service Commission, of its intention to purchase the capital stock and physical plant of the Jack's Mountain Water company. This company has two reservoirs in the mountains and sustains the potential possibilities of supplying a town several times the size of Mapleton with the purest of sandstone water.

—Lloyd Hall, aged 57, a laborer employed at the Pennsylvania village for feeble-minded women near Lewistown, was caught in a slide of dirt while digging a sewer last Saturday and crushed to death. Hall was working in the ditch which was about twelve feet deep when the ground gave way and he was buried alive. He lived two hours after workmen had uncovered him. He is survived by a wife and one daughter.

—Warning to officials of a number of counties where constables have failed to enforce the dog license has been issued from the State Department of Agriculture whose chief plans to take up the matter of enforcing compliance with the Attorney General. It is likely that the counties adopted in McKean county where state police shot unlicensed dogs and arrested owners and constables who did not comply, will be adopted.

—The body of little Harvey J. Heller, Jr., who, together with W. Hayden Myers, of Altoona, was drowned on Memorial day in the Juniata river at Red Rock, near Mill Creek, was found at about eleven o'clock Sunday morning near Newton Hamilton. The little corpse, badly decomposed, was found lying on a rock some three feet above the level of the water, which leads to the belief that it had been exposed there for almost a week.

—In the arrest of Mrs. Mary Snyder, 45, of McKeesport, in Pittsburgh on Tuesday the police believe they have made an important capture. When taken to the police station under the technical charge of being a suspicious person, the matron found \$2,500 in bills sewed in her dress. Detectives then went to her home to investigate. Pictures of the Kaiser and his sons were pasted over the walls and other German pictures on tables. There were at least 50 German books and dozens of letters and pamphlets written in the German language in the rooms. The prisoner refuses to answer any questions.

—The biggest coal deal in Cambria county for some time was closed on Monday when C. M. Blanchard, of Binghamton, N. Y., purchased from the State Commission of Stanton Davis and associates a tract of 4,000 acres, which had been in progress of assembling for many months. The consideration is in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The development of the mineral, which lies in Cambria township, will begin at once, according to the statement of Mr. Blanchard. The first shaft to be sunk will have a depth of 355 feet. Shipments will be made over the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads.

—Warrant Valensky, after shooting his brother-in-law, Adam Sostek, and attempting to kill Mrs. Sostek, according to the police, was run down by patrol driver James Adams and special officer Joseph Abraham in West Taylor township, Cambria county, on Monday and shot through the head in a gun battle with the officer. Valensky halted when called upon to do so but drew a gun and fired at Adams when he approached. Abraham dodged behind the police automobile patrol, Valensky then turned the weapon on Adams, who then shot. Valensky will probably die. Sostek has a dangerous wound through the body.

—President John Howard Harris has tendered his resignation to the Bucknell University Board of Trustees, the same to take effect July 1, 1919. In his written resignation President Harris calls the attention of the trustees to the fact that he has served for thirty years as president of the institution, which, during that time, has had a marvelous growth. President Harris said that war conditions would mean a great deal of attention to college work, consequently he was giving the executive board more than a year's notice, during which time they could find some available man for the responsible position as president of Bucknell University.

—Caught in a whirlpool of water in Clearfield creek, near Fallen Timber, Cambria county on Sunday afternoon, Adam Delgosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Delgosky, of Mountsainsdale, was drowned because he was unable to swim. He had before he could be rescued. Sunday with a gone to Fallen Timber Sunday with a number of companions on a delivery truck and all were having a delightful time in the water when Delgosky was caught in a swift current. An effort was made to rescue him but without success and it was some time before his body was recovered. Had he lived until August 24th of this year he would have been 16 years of age. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers and a sister.