

INK SLINGS.

-That Hindenburg line of March 21st isn't our objective. It's Berlin.
-Wouldn't it be quite appropriate to execute old King Alcohol and old Kaiser Bill on the same day.

-Remember that war savings stamps can be bought today and tomorrow cheaper than you will ever be able to get them again.
-The country needs gasoline more than you need a Sunday automobile ride, so cut it out and show your willingness to do your part.

-By keeping the Germans continually on the run they get little chance to fight back and, naturally, inflict far less punishment than they receive.
-The death of Senator Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, means the loss of a great and forceful statesman at a time when the country needs far-seeing and fearless men.

-All this talk about what ought to be done to the Kaiser and his militaristic advisers is premature. Let us first concentrate our efforts on catching the Kaiser and his fellow culprits.
-Henry Ford has succeeded in winning the Democratic nomination for United States Senator from Michigan. Here's hoping that we will be spared the spectacle of a tin Lizzie trying to navigate the waters of Salt River.

-Merchants and consumers alike should remember to be more careful of sugar. The new distribution for Centre county will be made next week and we should all try to prevent a recurrence of the extravagance that was reported in July and August.
-Bruce Stump, of Centre Hall, is another of Centre county's brave boys at the front who has distinguished himself by valorous action. Read what a comrade writes of him and imagine the thrill of pride that must sweep over his parents at Centre Hall.

-The wets and drays have gotten together in Washington and have agreed to postpone the date on which country-wide prohibition will become effective until July 1st, 1919. The extension of time was not in the nature of a compromise. It was merely to give old King Alcohol a decent time to set his house in order and prepare for the end.
-In asking the country to cut out pleasure riding on Sunday the government expects to effect a saving of nine millions of gallons of gasoline each Sunday until the request is withdrawn. As a result of this new requirement we would advise our clergymen friends to brush up their memories a little for many semi-familiar faces will probably be seen in the churches again.

-On Sunday September will be here and we must surely realize that fall is approaching rapidly. Happily, we won't have much time to think of the long, dreary winter season ahead for September will be a busy month. We will be getting ready for the Fourth Liberty loan, we will have to organize to get one hundred per cent registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 45, inclusive, in Centre county and have to pay a cent more for all W. S. S. we neglect to buy today and tomorrow. These are days requiring one hundred per cent energy and all of us should be striving to keep up to the peak.
-Centre county must have one hundred per cent registration next month. The exact date has not been announced but this is none too early to begin preparation for the event. All men between the ages of 17 and 46 must register. That is, if your eighteenth birthday happens to fall on registration day you will come under the order and if you are not forty-six years old until the day following the registration day you will also have to register. The word "inclusive" after the 18 to 45 age limit means all men eighteen years old and all men forty-five years and not yet forty-six.

-German prisoners declare that Germany will surrender before she will suffer an invasion of her own soil. They say that what they have seen in Belgium and France is too horrible to think of as happening to their own Fatherland. It is plain that they are fearful that their sowing to the wind will force them to reap the whirlwind. It should. It certainly should! We couldn't shoot Red Cross nurses, we couldn't maim their little children, nor outrage their girls and young women, but we should march through Germany showing them the iron heel of a righteous army and scourging them with the fury of outraged civilization.
-On another page of this issue is published some information that every reader of the "Watchman" ought to cut out and keep at hand. How many times a day, in reading the war news from the other side, do you struggle over the pronunciation of the name of this or that important French town? How many times, if you are reading the headlines, to a crowd of eager listeners, do you become embarrassed and mumble over a name of which you are not certain as to its proper pronunciation? The list of French names of importance with their proper English pronunciation, is published elsewhere for the sole purpose of helping you over the rough places in the war news and for that reason we call your special attention to it.

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Sproul Tries to Fool Voters.

Senator Sproul, the Republican nominee for Governor of Pennsylvania, opened his campaign at Allentown on Saturday at a meeting in which there was a good deal of enthusiasm and plenty of booze. Judge Bonniwell's opening a week earlier was in a dry zone of Lehigh county but his friends didn't need artificial enthusiasm. Besides Bonniwell isn't trying to fool the public. He is against the Prohibition amendment and says so openly. Sproul favors the amendment but like the sly old politician in Maine many years ago who said he "favors prohibition laws but objects to the enforcement of them," the Republican candidate is inclined to be Pickwickian.
As in his Lancaster speech a couple of weeks ago Senator Sproul renewed his pledge to support President Wilson. But he is not willing to endorse the President's ways. He wants Republicans in Congress and Republican Governors in all the States in order to support the President in a Republican way. The other day nearly all the Republicans in Congress voted to amend the pending draft legislation in a way the President didn't want it amended. General March, chief of staff of the Army, and General Crowder, draft manager, favored the President's plan. But the Republicans almost unanimously voted for another plan, because they wanted to support the President, not in his way but in theirs.
Senator Sproul shows scant respect for the intelligence of Pennsylvania voters if he imagines he can fool them in that way. He knows and they know that the only way to support the President's war policies is to adopt them as they are framed by those who are in sympathy with his purposes. No man relies upon his enemies to carry out his plans. The purpose of his enemies is to defeat his plans and confuse his purposes. That is what Senator Sproul is running for Governor for and every intelligent voter understands that fact. The pretense of the President's enemies that they are in sympathy with his policies is false and fraudulent. Any voter who wants to support the President will support Bonniwell.

-The Philadelphia real estate men know their boss. When they wanted a pledge on the tax question they didn't monkey with understrappers like the Mayor and Councils but appealed direct to Senator Vare.

Cut Out Talk of Peace.

There is no good reason for discussing terms of peace at this time even though the talk is on the right side of the subject. For example Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, expressed his thought on the question in terms which meet general approval. The Senator had just been elected leader of his party on the floor of the Senate and probably felt that it was his duty to say something on some subject. He might have taken woman suffrage or any other matter of current interest and talked his head off without doing any harm and probably his talk on "terms of peace" was equally innocuous. But on the other hand it might create the impression that the American public is thinking along those lines.

There is no people on earth fonder of peace than the people of these United States. The triumphs of tranquility appeal to the American heart with greater force than anything else. But the people of the United States are not thinking of peace upon any terms now and it is a waste of energy as well as a sacrifice of time for Senator Lodge or any one else to talk about it. The President of the United States, who is the constitutional mouthpiece of the people in his official capacity in January last laid down the lines upon which peace may be considered and there is no use in any body else talking about it. Senator Lodge's ideas are much the same as the President's but they are unimportant.

There is nothing to say in connection with the war except the means and methods of prosecuting it to a peace on the lines laid down by the President. To achieve this result a vastly greater army must be recruited and money, munitions and materials of all sorts in ample quantity to meet the requirements of such an army must be provided. The people of the United States are a unit on this point and they don't want to hear the Kaiser or his advisers or any other Allies in the struggle by talk of peace on any terms. Talk as much as you like about Liberty bonds, savings stamps, and making our soldiers comfortable in their magnificent work of making the world a better place, but cut out peace chatter.

-We may be able to beat the barber on shaves so long as the "safetys" serve to help us over the rough places in the war news and for that reason we call your special attention to it.

Fourth Liberty Loan.

The preparations for the fourth Liberty loan drive are about complete and those in charge of the work express full confidence in a splendid success. It will be a heavy draft upon the capital of the country but with abundant crops and extraordinary industrial activity it may be safely said that the highest expectations will be fulfilled. The patriotism of the country is equal to even greater sacrifices than have been made or will be required to go "over the top" in this drive. The funds will be raised and that without greatly disturbing the currents of commerce or in the least impairing the industrial life of the nation. We know the money is needed. We realize that it must be supplied and that is a sufficient stimulus.
The banks have taken the right course in the matter. They are arranging to meet their share of the public obligation. The industrial life of the country is also ready to shoulder its share of the burden. It is up to the wealthy investors to do their part. There is no risk to run. The profits may not be as large as could be obtained from some other investments. But they are more certain than any others and taking one consideration with another more desirable. If we should fail in meeting this demand of the government all other investments would depreciate and many become worthless. It is necessary to assume this burden, therefore, to make other investments safe.

The President has called upon the Boy Scouts of the country to enter upon the campaign with the same energy they invested in the last loan and has assurance that the hope will not be disappointed. There are other organizations and other agencies which might follow the example of the Scouts and if all who can will do so the triumph is guaranteed. No appeal has been made to the farmers for the reason, probably, that the President knows that they will not be laggards. In every good cause they may be depended upon and no one realizes more fully than they the importance of this work. We sincerely hope that the farmers of Centre county will not be found wanting.

-Whatever may have been thought in the beginning it must be admitted that England is doing her share now and doing it well. Your Englishman may be a trifle slow but he is certainly sure.

Senatorial Critics Complain.

A sub-committee of the committee on Military Affairs of the Senate, composed of five gentlemen who probably couldn't tell an air ship from an ice wagon, has made a censorious report on the aircraft production of the country since the declaration of war with Germany. All of the five gentlemen are opponents of the war policies of the President. They imagine they know more about military affairs than trained officers and in understanding of naval affairs have all the Admirals "pushed off the map." They are unanimous and emphatic in condemning everything that has been done toward winning the war. Nothing was done in their way and therefore nothing was done right.

There was no occasion for this self-appointed sub-committee to investigate the aircraft question. As soon as complaint was made of inefficiency in that branch of war preparation the President asked Justice Charles J. Hughes, his recent opponent for the Presidency, to make a thorough investigation of the matter in association with other capable and fair-minded men. These gentlemen promptly entered upon the work and have made great progress. But the Senatorial midgets beat them to it and began an inquiry not with the purpose of improving conditions but with the view of embarrassing the administration and confusing the President. They find that the expectations of the government with respect to aircraft production has been disappointed.

It is true that a large amount of money has been spent in the effort to create a vast force of aircraft and that some of it has been wasted. It was a new enterprise and there were few men familiar with the requirements. Costly experiments were a necessary consequence of this condition. But the most earnest endeavor of an unfriendly committee has been unable to discover the least evidence of perjury or profiteering and the labored attempt to asperse those concerned is, therefore, simply treason. Happily it does little harm. No intelligent person will pay any attention to the report and everybody will await the report of Justice Hughes' committee to form a judgment.

-It doesn't look well to advocate new sumptuary legislation while protesting against the enforcement of similar legislation 100 years old.

-Senator Vardaman has been "done for," but there are others. There is also more time.

An All-American Job.

The steady progress of the Allied forces on the western front is most gratifying but recent incidents have encouraged hopes for even greater things. It was obviously the plan of Von Hindenburg to stop at some convenient place passed some time ago and organize for a counter offensive of great force. But Foch didn't give him an opportunity. On the contrary the Allied commander has kept him moving backward with such regularity that even local counter attacks have been difficult. It takes time to frame up an attack and there has been no time for anything except moving on. Fresh troops have been brought up at intervals but were engaged before they got settled.

The coming event which has cast its shadow before is a movement of the American troops in Loraine. It has been noticed that late reports from the battle line have made little mention of the Americans. The reason of that is that under the immediate direction of General Pershing the American troops are preparing for a great drive in Loraine. The Germans have been so occupied with the French and English troops that these preparations have been permitted to go on undisturbed until they are now quite complete. It is reasonable that no troops can be taken from the present battle line to check or even hamper this movement and the best results are expected from it.
The iron ore and other minerals which have contributed so much to supplying the German armies with equipment are largely taken from Loraine and Alsace and if these rich deposits are taken from Germany she will soon be helpless. General Pershing proposes to perform this service for the Allies and nobody need be surprised if the movement is begun within a week. And when it is begun it will be followed until it is completed. General Pershing has a habit of finishing anything that he begins and unless information from the seat of war is false he will begin this drive very soon. And it will be an all-American job at that. There will be no divided honors.

-In securing the services of so prominent a man as the manager of the very successful Pittsburgh National League base ball team as director of physical education the trustees of The Pennsylvania State College have shown their determination to keep our great educational institution in the fore-front of war activities. Modern warfare has been reduced almost to an exact science. It calls for active brains supported by strong physique, men of nimble minds and staunch bodies. So along with the technical training State will give several thousand boys next winter sports that will appeal to every individual taste and through them a development physically, capable of supporting the mental training always at its peak.

Candidate Fithian Traveling in State.

Dr. Fithian, the Prohibition candidate for Governor, visited Bellefonte on Tuesday and his mode of entry and exit undoubtedly attracted more attention than had he come here on a customary stumping tour. The doctor's home is in Grove City, Mercer county, and he is traveling in a specially built motor house built by the Bessemer Motor company, of that city.
It is a monster vehicle with solidly enclosed body and top, and a rear platform from which the doctor will do his campaign speaking. The interior of the motor house is finely upholstered, its seats being arranged like those in a Pullman car, and which can be turned into berths at night. There is a library, desk, chiffonier and a small refrigerator. The latter was probably stocked with something to eat. Windows all around give ample light in daytime and when the motor is running at night the interior is lighted by electricity. There is ample room in the motor house for candidate Fithian's party which included himself, wife, daughter and chauffeur.

The party left Grove City several days ago and traveled east through Indiana, Jefferson and Clearfield counties. Monday night was spent just this side of Snow Shoe and from Bellefonte they went to Williamsport where Dr. Fithian opened his campaign on Wednesday.

-Senator Penrose thinks that our navy should abandon its work of keeping the German fleet bottled up in the Kiel canal in order to prevent the sinking of a few fishing boats on the Atlantic seaboard.

-His name isn't impressive and people differ in the pronunciation of it, but it serves the purpose of making the Kaiser tremble whenever the word Foch is uttered.

-That Brest-Litovsk treaty seems to have been disappointing to Germany. It had a sting in its tail.

Chance for a College Education for All Young Men.

The young men of America now appear to stand a very good chance of obtaining a college education at the expense of the government. One of the features of the revised plan of organization of the Student Army Training Corps is understood to be enlisted men's pay for students who enter the Corps.

Young men of 18 years and over, physically fit for military service and who have a grammar school education are eligible for membership in the S. A. T. C. as previously announced. But not all young men eligible for the Corps could enter college if they had to pay their way. With enlisted men's pay granted to them all eligibles may take advantage of college instruction and the colleges instead of being depleted of their classes are now likely to register the biggest enrolment in their history.

Intimations that the plan will be made operative carrying pay for members of the S. A. T. C. have reached the heads of educational institutions and the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense. Enlisted men receive \$30 a month to start and pay runs up to \$51.00 a month for first class sergeants. Under a plan rating them as enlisted men, members of the S. A. T. C. would thus receive at least \$30.00 a month.

Assurances have already been given to college heads that "a most liberal policy is being considered in the matter of extension of privileges of the S. A. T. C. to schools and colleges." The new draft law is expected to set the day of registration for the draft early in September. Students can then enroll in colleges with the expectation that they will be offered the chance of voluntary induction into the service about the first of October.

As already announced, the S. A. T. C. plan will utilize the plant, equipment, and organization of the colleges to establish a reserve of officer material for training for which it will be possible to meet the enlarged needs of the various branches of army service.

Why the Bumblebees and Swallows are Scarce.

Many Centre countians recall the flight of the wild pigeons over this section of the State in 1887 when hundreds of thousands of them flew in such dense clouds as to obstruct the sun's rays, and that was literally the passing of the wild pigeons from this climate. What became of them or why they have since shunned the Pennsylvania woodlands has been a mystery, even to those who have made bird lore a study. Various reasons have been advanced but the most probable one is the destruction of the virgin forests, in which the pigeons had for years made their nesting places.

But that is only a preface to the question of what has become of the bumblebees and swallows. It is not so many years back that the bumblebee was a real pest in haymaking and harvest time, and now farmers aver that it is a rare thing to uncover a nest of them. And the swallows which used to be plentiful around every barn, building their mud nests in the summer and rearing their young, are rarely seen now.

Various reasons have been advanced for the scarcity of the bumblebees and swallows but "Waxey" Straub and Dr. M. A. Kirk have their own solutions of the question. "Waxey" says the reason bumblebees are scarce is because of the improved farm machinery. In seeding time the ground is thoroughly worked and pulverized and at hay-making the hay-tender, hay-rake and hay-loader so tear up the sod that there is no place for the bumblebee to build his nest, and consequently he has sought a more favorable location. The same, he avers is true of the mole and field mice.

Dr. Kirk ascribes the passing of the swallow to the fact of our state roads. He avers that the swallow always depended upon the mud hole in the road where the hogs wallowed as the place to get the mud for its nest, but a hog can't wallow in a hole on macadam roads and with no mud puddles in which to get the mud for its nests the swallow has also left for parts unknown.

And homely as both "Waxey's" and the doctor's reasons are, they may come closer to the truth than those of a man who has made a study of insect and bird life.

-We can't have 4,000,000 troops in Europe before next year but what we have there are making good headway toward breaking through that German line.

-Von Hindenburg has come back. Von Ludendorff couldn't lie fast enough to suit the Kaiser.

-Only one more week until the opening of the Bellefonte public schools.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Two men were scalded, one of them probably fatally, when the plug of a crown sheet on a freight engine blew out near Lilly, Tuesday morning.

-The office of the Armerford Coal company of Diltown, Indiana county, was entered early Tuesday morning and \$1,000 in Liberty bonds and \$1,000 in cash stolen.

-Two more members of the Hazleton police force have resigned and will work in the coal mines, where they can earn more money, making nineteen who have resigned since January 1.

-While Logan Turner, an old colored man, was doing his bit to get out government work at an iron plant at Pottstown, a robber broke into his little home and stole \$250, the savings of a lifetime.

-Fifteen neighbors with forty-five horses plowed and harrowed the fields of Frank Smith, of South Annville township, Lebanon county, and built temporary sheds for the stock, following the destruction of his barn by an incendiary.

-The huckleberry season on the mountains near Hazleton will close in a week, stated dealers, in announcing the shipment of the 123rd car to city markets. This makes a total of 7,699,200 quarts sent to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Cleveland, a record that has never been achieved. The huckleberry bushes have shown their patriotism this year.

-Thomas J. Rainey, a member of the grand jury in Lackawanna county which on Saturday refused to indict members of a dozen election boards, charged with fraud at the May primaries, was found dead in bed Sunday. At the last minute Rainey tried to change his vote on the question of indictment, saying his conscience bothered him, but he was not allowed to do so.

-Kirk E. McLain, postmaster of Fredericktown, Washington county, was arrested there by federal authorities and was lodged in jail in Pittsburgh, charged with having embezzled more than \$10,000 from the money order division and postal saving fund of the United States post-office department. Postal inspectors say McLain confessed to having embezzled \$351.42 from the money order funds, and \$192 from the postal savings.

-To have been terribly roasted after he had been burned in an explosion of gas was the experience of Joseph Corbett, 43, a miner at the Reading Coal and Iron company's Reliance colliery, near Mt. Carmel. Corbett was at work in a breast and ignited a body of gas with a naked lamp. The explosion set fire to his clothing, and he was roasted to death. His fellow-workman, Adam Moran, was also badly burned, but will recover.

-An attractive book containing premium list and rules for the forty-eighth annual Locomotive county fair, to be held at Hughesville September 24, 25, 26 and 27, this year, has been issued. The officers of the fair association are: Theodore A. Book, president; W. A. Ball, vice president; and Edward E. Frantz, secretary-treasurer. A big list of committees has been named to look after the various details of the exhibit and an excellent showing is expected.

-Death and a straight flush ended a poker game among five boys, eleven to seventeen years old, in the rear of the McNaugher school house, in Pittsburgh on Sunday. Silas Lowry, a thirteen-year-old negro, got the winning hand. The other boys were white peasants. Residents in the neighborhood heard a shot and saw the four white boys running away. They found Lowry dead, with a bullet hole in the head and the five cards still clutched in his hand. Two arrests have been made.

-Joseph Zimmer, a shoemaker of Northampton street, Easton, who was swindled out of \$735 in cash on July 30 by three men who sold him "gold," recognized one of the men last week on the street, grabbed him and held onto him until an officer arrived. The man is said to be Lewis Newman, of New York, an itinerant watch peddler who visits Easton periodically. Newman always visits city hall to get a license, but the police were not aware that he was one of the accused trio until Zimmer presented his prisoner. Newman was committed to prison.

-Judge Bonniwell, as president of the State firemen's convention, has declared off the big convention and parade planned to be held in Lancaster in September. He wired the committee of arrangements that the fuel administration had placed a ban on holding the convention. The local committee had spent thousands of dollars in preliminary preparation. There is a suspicion that owners of the steel mills in Lebanon and Conestoga have asked that the convention be declared off because of hundreds of workmen leaving the mills during the week.

-The state police at Muncy on Sunday morning arrested a man who refused to give his name and who had taken refuge in a corn crib on the A. L. Winter farm, below Moutoursville. The man stated that he sold music and was on his way from Williamsport to Harrisburg. He applied for lodging in the Winter farm barn and he was told he might use the corn crib. After he entered it was locked. The stranger was taken to Muncy, where he was placed in jail. A whiskey bottle was found in the corn crib on Sunday, but nothing incriminating the man.

-Waiving all claims of exemption on grounds of dependency and industrial occupation, Thomas Brenner, of Harrisburg, has demanded of a local draft board that he be sent to camp immediately, so that he can go to France and avenge the death of his 16-year-old brother, William H. Brenner, of Marietta, Lancaster county, killed in action July 30. William Brenner is believed to have been the youngest member of the American force killed in actual fighting. Thomas Brenner has a wife and three children. His wife waived exemption for herself and children. The draft board will send him to camp September 3.

-Road building contractors in Pennsylvania are commencing to feel the pinch of war according to letters which are going to the State capitol. The State Highway Department is being importuned to secure permits from the United States government for road construction material so that the men awarded contracts can start work. Several construction jobs are understood to have been held up by uncertainties as to when essential materials can be made available. Arrangements have been made whereby the State Highway Department, which is a big consumer of oils and other substances for road maintenance, passes upon requisitions for materials for road work. Road contractors have been having the same trouble as other employers of unskilled labor.