

INK SLINGS.

—God be praised! The end of the war is in sight.

—It didn't snow the next day, but there was an awful frost in the morning.

—If Roosevelt doesn't get some part in the peace program he will bite himself.

—As usual the Republicans voted straight and, as usual, the Democrats did the cutting.

—Anyway the good roads amendment carried in Centre county and in the State as well.

—The whole trouble seems to have been that the Republicans didn't know that politics were adjourned.

—The Suffragists broke even in the elections in the country on Tuesday. They won two States and lost two.

—Germany has surrendered. The armistice is signed. Fighting has ceased on all fronts. Glory be to God!

—Let us all stop figuring out how it happened and put the big united war work drive over the top next week.

—Belleville voted dry on Tuesday but the wets will come into their own today at noon when the flu ban will be lifted.

—Senator Sproul is entering upon a new line of troubles. He will have to reconcile his pledges, actual or implied, to the Prohibitionists and the liquor dealers.

—The "Watchman" was the first paper in Centre county to bulletin the cessation of hostilities, as it is the first paper in the county to give all the worth while news.

—Harvey polled 129 more votes on Tuesday than Scott received when running for the same office two years ago, while Noll had 1799 votes less than were cast for Gardner in 1916.

—Bonniwell carried sixteen precincts out of sixty-two in the county and tied three. Noll carried fourteen and tied two. Tobias carried twenty-three and Savage carried the same number.

—Comparing the vote on Lieutenant Governor on Tuesday with that of Auditor General two years ago it would appear that there were 507 Republicans and 1323 Democrats who did not go to the polls on Tuesday.

—This thing of swivel-chair politicians setting up candidates for office in Centre county got a quietus on Tuesday that will remind them that it takes votes, not hope, to elect men these days.

—It is said that Kaiser Karl, of Austria, will refuse to sign the surrender protocol because it is too humiliating. But if Karl gets what is coming to him he will sink to a greater depth of humility before he is much older.

—It looks as if the Republicans have been just sitting around waiting until the Democrats get all the hard work of the war cleaned up and all of a sudden made up their minds to get in and steal the thunder and plunder too.

—Centre county has left no ground for argument as to where she stands on the wet and dry issue. The vote on Tuesday suggests the thought that we ought to congratulate Mr. Harvey on being the new Member from the county of Sahara.

—The German acceptance of the allied terms for an armistice does not mean final peace. She may not accept the peace terms laid down for her to sign and elect to fight on, but we are of the opinion that when fighting ceased at 2 o'clock yesterday the war was ended.

—The churches will all be open again on Sunday. If you realize what the wonderful news we received yesterday means to the world you will be in one of them Sunday morning thanking God, with a fervor you never knew before that the end of the horrible conflict is apparently in sight.

—Kaiser Bill, according to published statements, has converted sixty of his palaces into hospitals. But that is no great sacrifice. He is not likely to need palaces now that the war is practically over and as the allies don't shoot up hospitals he will have them for speculative realty operations in the future.

—The vagaries of the Centre county voting are beyond analysis. In some precincts Noll was cut presumably because he was supposed to be wet, while Bonniwell, who was watter still, polled nearly the normal party vote and Tobias and Savage, who had the endorsement of the temperance people ran behind Bonniwell.

—The studes up at State have started the united war work drive off with a pace that will keep the rest of the county stepping some to equal, but surely forty-one thousand people are not going to let two thousand college boys have anything on them. Let's go to it next week and fight, fight, fight, to beat the blue and white.

—Criticism of the clergy of the county for having taken a hand in Tuesday's fight was to have been expected, but it is very unjust. The "Watchman" has always taken the ground that temperance is a moral, not a political, issue, but if the clergy saw it in a different light, as presented in the campaign just closed, it would have been untrue to itself and stultified its sacred calling had it not fought and fought hard. Men with real convictions and the courage to stand for them command the respect of fair minded always.

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Result of the Election.

The result of the election in Pennsylvania is disappointing to many Democrats but hardly surprising. The campaign opened auspiciously. During the primary contest the Republican factions fought with unexampled bitterness. On the other hand the contest for the favors of the Democratic party was courteous though earnest. The candidates nominated had every reason to look forward to a cordial acquiescence in the verdict of the voters. But this just expectation was not fulfilled. The chairman of the Democratic National committee who tried to inject into the preliminary contest an element of bitterness organized a rebellion against the successful candidate which made victory practically hopeless.

In the face of these adverse conditions, however, Judge Bonniwell, our nominee for Governor, entered upon a contest with his Republican opponent for the office with much vigor and abundant promise. But the favorable indications which encouraged him and deceived his friends were misleading. The promises of repentance made freely were betrayed. Philadelphia bowed to the mandates of the Vares and the element upon which he largely depended failed to keep faith in all sections of the State. Probably the candidate himself is not blameless. He placed too much confidence in a contingent that is mercenary at best and exploited an element not entirely dependable.

It is not certain at this writing which party will control the next Congress though the Republicans gained in both branches. The Democratic majority in the present Congress is meager though ample to uphold the President's wise policies with respect to the conduct of the war. The friends of Woodrow Wilson still confidently claim that his party will hold this advantage though with a weakened force while the Republicans claim a reversal. Only the official count will determine the facts as to this but it may be said that if the Republican claim be established it will be a public calamity and a national menace. Only the enemies of the country can be benefited by such a result.

German Character Revealed.

The real Hun character is clearly revealed in a note made public by the State Department at Washington, the other day. Ever since the beginning of the war the policy of the German government has been ruthlessness. Air crafts have devastated London, France and other cities of the Allied countries from the first and with a high pressured and long range gun they have deliberately murdered women and children in Paris. Frightfulness was their favored method of warfare. Next to shooting up churches and hospitals and torpedoing unarmed ships the killing of old men and women and innocent children gave them the greatest pleasure. But that was before their antagonists were equipped for taking reprisals.

Since the American air craft has been operating among them, however, they have changed their tune. Recently they have discovered that the air craft of the Allies not only greatly outnumber theirs but in power, speed and efficiency are greatly superior and they want to stop that sort of warfare. It is only just to the Allied airmen to say that they have attacked civilian communities only in few instances. But enough of this sort of war work has been done to admonish the Huns of their power and possibilities and as a result the German government has set up a squeal that would do credit to a Philadelphia piggery. The note in question is a statement that Germany abandoned that sort of warfare on October 1, and asks that the Allies discontinue it also.

If the German high command had the advantage of air craft war operations there would be no plea for abatement. The Zeppelins and other overhead instruments of destruction would continue to drop bombs and distribute death as they have been doing. But they have been overreached in every respect and now they come to Washington begging in the name of humanity and the interest of civilization that air craft operations be limited to "important hostile military objects." Possibly this craven appeal for mercy will be complied with for the Allied forces are not made up of barbarians. But the condition should be that those of the German forces responsible shall be amply punished after peace is made.

—Of all public men in need of popular sympathy William Howard Taft is the foremost. At the behest of a party machine he stultified a splendid record by joining in an unpatriotic crusade against the President during the last week of the campaign.

—For high class Job Work come to the "Watchman."

Autocracy in Pennsylvania.

When the Health Board of the State was created several years ago the "Watchman" called attention to its vast possibility for evil. It put in the hands of the Commissioner powers greater than are possessed by any prince or potentate in the civilized world. It authorized the creation of an army of office holders amounting to nearly one hundred thousand. It authorized the Commissioner to send his emissaries, mostly political lame ducks, into the homes of the citizens to search their closets and uncover their secrets. This invasion of the rights of the people was justified by those responsible for it on the ground that it was necessary to conserve the public health.

Fortunately Governor Pennypacker selected for this important office a man big enough and broad enough to take the good out of it and avoid the evil. The late Dr. Dixon was the first Commissioner and he organized the Department with the view to promoting the public interests rather than building up a political machine. No doubt those who conceived the enterprise and created the opportunity were disappointed in the result of their achievement. But that made no difference to Dr. Dixon. He didn't solicit the appointment and only accepted it on the condition that he be permitted to exercise a free hand in conducting the Department and make it a source of good rather than of evil.

But we are getting the other side of it now and the city of Lancaster is reaping the harvest of evil which this newspaper pointed out as possible more than a dozen years ago. No doubt the Acting Commissioner thought he was performing a public service when he closed up the schools, the churches, the saloons and forbid the meeting of men in groups while the influenza was raging, and probably good results followed his action. But when he quarantined an entire community, embracing a city of 60,000 inhabitants out of pure spite because his authority was disputed, he committed an act which was reprehensible viewed from any possible angle. We shall watch the outcome with interest.

Report of Justice Hughes.

The report of former Justice Hughes upon the operations of the air craft activities is exactly what might have been expected. Mr. Hughes is capable, honest and in the main fair. But he is a Republican and his party managers looked for a report which would spread all kinds of blame over the administration. He didn't fulfill such expectations, however. He said what might be construed as a reflection on the Secretary of War and intimated that Henry Ford is not as patriotic as he might be. But he fully excoriated the administration from blame and plainly declared that the operations of the bureau, in so far as they were under control of the President, are without suspicion.

A few of those who were connected with the early work of the air craft industry are condemned in the report but none of them is a Democrat and all within the censure are Republicans. Colonel Deeds is denounced as in violation of the penal provisions of the law and court martial is recommended in his case. One or two other military officials are charged with participation in the profits of delay and waste. But no appointee of the President is touched with the scandal and no attack of any of the departments under control of the administration is even aspersed. The contrast between the report of Mr. Hughes and that of the Senate committee is marked and significant. The Senate committee wanted to condemn the administration.

There was a lot of waste in the preliminary operations of the air craft construction. It was a new industry not only in this country but everywhere and experimentation was expensive. England and France suffered in the same way though neither of those governments undertook the work on so extensive a scale. But in the end the result has justified the cost. We are now building air ships not only in large quantities but of the greatest excellence and our motors which cost so much in money and nearly all there was in blame, are proving the finest in the world. Like in all other war preparations we have performed marvels in a brief period of time.

—The members of the Reichstag must have a grudge against the Kaiser. That body refuses to let him abdicate and it is certain that if he doesn't he will be pushed out.

—If former Ambassador Gerard feels inclined he is at liberty to assure the Kaiser that America has no intention of handing him nonsense.

—It would be difficult to imagine what the Kaiser thinks of the fellow who advised them to make frightfulness his motto in war.

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We Have Lost Congress.

Elections on Tuesday Disastrous to Democracy.

SENATE STILL IN DOUBT.

The elections all over the country on Tuesday have resulted in disaster to the Democratic party. Up to a late hour last night the control of the next Congress was still in doubt with the chances favoring the Republicans having a safe working majority.

The Senate will be very close and Democratic national headquarters have not given up hope of retaining control of that body.

On the returns at hand, the House figures were: Republicans, 229; Democrats, 196; Socialists, 1; doubtful, 9. A majority is 218.

In the Senate the returns showed: Republicans, 47; Democrats, 46. The exact results of yesterday's elections will not be known for several days. It will require the official count to clear up some contests. But, from news received at Democratic and Republican headquarters it seems certain the Republicans have won the Senate and House and will reorganize them when the next Congress assembles.

In Centre county there was an avalanche of votes against all of the Democratic nominees. Wet and dry candidates alike suffered the same fate. The voters didn't seem particular about differentiating between them. All they seemed to want was a crack at anybody on the Democratic ticket.

About the only thing that regular Democrats supported in the county that wasn't beaten was the good roads amendment and it carried by 833 in the county and over 200,000 in the State.

Tobias made the best run of all the Democratic aspirants in the county, but he lost it by 756, whereas the majority against him two years ago was only 217. He is defeated for Congress in the district by 2000 or more, though he carried his own county of Clearfield by 105.

—Matt Savage is defeated for Senator in the district; having lost Centre by 951 and Clearfield by 83.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The majority of William C. Sproul for Governor of Pennsylvania will probably reach 250,000, the record for a candidate for Governor. All of the Republican State ticket has been elected. Why Democrat Senators will be composed of 40 Republicans and 7 Democrats. The House will be 168 Republicans and 19 Democrats.

In the Congressional contests in the State the election of several Democrats to Congress will hinge on the soldier vote. In the Sixteenth district John V. Leshar has only 147 votes lead over his Republican opponent Albert W. Duy, though Leshar's friends say the soldier vote yet to be heard from will be favorable to him.

John J. Casey Democrat is probably elected over Edward H. Carpenter, in the Luzerne district, though the official count and the soldier vote will be needed to determine the result.

In the Tenth district John R. Farr, Republican, has been defeated for a fifth term by Patrick McLane, Democrat, by 147 votes.

In the Greene, Fayette, Somerset district Bruce F. Sterling, Democrat, has apparently lost his seat in Congress to Samuel A. Kendall, Republican, by 333 votes.

We have won the thirteenth, twenty-sixth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first and forty-second districts, giving the Democrats of Pennsylvania eight of the thirty-six seats Pennsylvania has in Congress.

Judge William D. Porter has been elected to the Superior court.

For the Supreme court bench Judge John W. Kephart and Justice Alexander Simpson Jr. have been chosen. Both are Republicans and this is the first time in the history of the Supreme bench that a Democrat has not had a seat thereon, thanks to the trickery of the non-partisan judiciary law.

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SUFFRAGISTS BREAK EVEN IN ELECTION.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Suffragists seem to have broken even in the election, victories in Michigan and South Dakota being offset by the rebuke adorns in Oklahoma and Louisiana.

The result in Michigan, where the most important contest was scheduled, was in doubt until virtually all the districts were heard from. Suffrage seems to have been carried in that State by from 10,000 to 15,000 majority.

A suffrage victory also is conceded South Dakota, although earlier returns left the result somewhat in doubt.

Oklahoma rejected suffrage definitely and decisively, as did Louisiana. Another blow was the rebuke administered to the two women candidates for the United States Senate—Anne Martin, in Nevada, and Jeanette Rankin, in Montana. Both ran last and far behind.

DRYS VICTORS IN SIX STATES, LOSE THREE. Washington, Nov. 7.—Virtually complete returns indicate that prohibition has been indorsed by six States and rejected by three.

The most spectacular campaign was in Ohio, where it looked for a time as if the "wet" sentiment in Cincinnati and Cleveland would prove too heavy a handicap for the "drys" to carry. As the rural districts reported, however, the "wet" majority was wiped out. With 4825 and 5753 precincts heard from the vote was: For prohibition, 381,425; against, 378,069. As most of the remaining precincts were rural and "dry," passage of the amendment was generally conceded.

Florida went dry without an effort, but the effect of prohibition in that State will be largely figurative. Under the present local option law sale of liquor is permitted in only two counties.

Washington voted for prohibition and so did Wyoming, the "drys" in the latter State outnumbering their opponents by nearly 2 to 1.

Dry majorities in Minnesota and Nevada were small, and the "wets" still hope remaining returns will upset them. As the "wet" centers are all in, however, their chances are regarded as slight.

Missouri clung to the "wet" column after a bitter fight, in which a "wet" majority of 75,000 in St. Louis more than offset the dry majorities throughout the State.

California and Colorado also rejected prohibition by decisive majorities.

Bellefonte Celebrates Cessation of Hostilities.

Within fifteen minutes after the "Watchman" had flashed its bulletin that hostilities had ceased at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon fire whistles, factory whistles, church bells and every conceivable noise making device was in blast; crowds were parading the streets and the makings of a great bonfire were placed in the Diamond.

Up to the time of going to press celebrating, parades were marching and soap-box orators were having the time of their lives.

Austria and Turkey Out of It.

The unconditional surrender of the armies of Austria-Hungary following closely upon the similar yielding of Turkey to the inevitable narrows the war area to the German forces. Austria began the war and held to the purpose of establishing the Hohenzollern dynasty over Europe as long as there was a shadow of hope of that achievement. But exhausted in resources, reduced in spirit and on the verge of collapse morally and physically, she was finally obliged to give up and upon any conditions the successful enemy might lay down. Her future is problematical but the signs indicate that the dual government will disintegrate and out of the debris may come half a dozen small but sensible governments.

Under the program laid down by President Wilson last year and cordially accepted by our Allies in the war, none of the existing governments may be eliminated in the adjustment of affairs after the war and it may be assumed, therefore, that even Turkey will be permitted to reconstruct a government at Constantinople. But her reign of ruin and saturnalia of crime against dependent people will be stopped and Armenia and other christian peoples will be permitted to follow their religious convictions. Government in Europe as well as in America will be of the people, for the people and by the people and civil and religious liberty will prevail throughout the civilized world.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Robbers returned by mail \$2000 worth of revenue stamps they had stolen from Eisenloh's cigar factory, East Greenville, the package showing an Allentown postmark.

—A curtain of blankets hung from the roof and kept saturated with water sealed the sole remaining dwelling in the hamlet of Merrittstown when fire wiped out practically the whole village.

—When the Lehigh county civil court closed a three days' session, Frank Medlar, one of the jurors, refused his three days' pay—\$7.50—declaring he had a good time, so the money was turned over to the Red Cross.

—Escaping from the Uniontown hospital twice in two days and attempting suicide twice within a few hours, Joseph Coits is recovering from a wound, from ear to ear, caused when he attempted to hang himself.

—It is estimated that the Men's club of the Westminster Presbyterian church, of West Chester, has picked over 800 barrels of apples the present season, or 2500 bushels, in the orchards of A. Darlington Strode, East Bradford.

—William Stellar, of South Phillipsburg, an esteemed resident of that community and a well known coal miner was instantly killed at 7:30 o'clock last Thursday morning when he was caught under a fall of rock at the Hillside mine of the Mo-shannon Coal company.

—George D. Robb has been principal of the Altoona High school 25 years. He was born in Centre county and was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, in 1891. He was elected assistant principal of the Williamsport High school, remaining there two years.

—Miss Grace Swartz, aged 15, who lives with her father on Blue Rock farm, East Bradford, Chester county, is a real farmerette. Each morning and evening she milks eight cows and drives with the milk to the creamery, several miles away. One day recently she also milked forty-four shoats of corn.

—Closing months of the year do not seem to have brought any diminution in the number of licenses for the sale of oleomargarine at the dairy food commissioner's office and in spite of the fact that more than 4,500 had been issued to October 1st, there were 634 sent out from the office during October while 154 applications have been filed for short term licenses between November 1 and December 1.

—John Hess, of near Litz, has the largest crop of turnips raised in that section for many a day. He has seventeen acres of them which are now matured and figures on getting a thousand bushels, judging from those already taken out. In planting them early in August and moisture conditions were favorable for a quick growth, producing a crisp, good eating turnip. He has an offer to ship a carload to Philadelphia. The seed was planted with a clover seeder early in August.

—Records given out by the health authorities show that 272 people of Hazleton died from the influenza during the month. At the same time sixty-five persons were claimed by the plague in Hazle township, and adjoining districts, making a total of 337. This is the largest death rate that has ever occurred within a similar period in the history of the Hazleton region. There has been a notable decrease in births, only 123 having been reported since the first of the year. The advent of cold weather has given the epidemic a knockout blow.

—Pennsylvania's automobile license tags for 1919 will not only have a color scheme which will be materially different from that of former years, but will be changed in style, so that the new tags will resemble old tags with the colors of the current year, which had been reported from time to time, will be impossible to deceive. New tags are arriving at the State Highway Department by the thousands. They have the name of the State and the figure of the year with the soft metal Keystone of the manufacturer's number on the opposite side from those which have been in use in the last few years.

—While saving a log from one of the hickory trees that stood in the Paxton Presbyterian church yard at Paxtang, Howard C. Fry found a round bullet deeply imbedded in the wood. The ball had every appearance of having been there for a long period, and as the trees are of the most part from 100 to 200 years old, the lead may have been fired into the tree by some early settler in search of game or in defense of his cabin against Indian attack. The bullet is perfectly round and of a calibre not used for many years. It was used in the very old style muzzle-loading rifles in vogue before the breech-loader came into use.

—The Public Service Commission has imposed upon the Lewistown and Kishacoquillas Turnpike company operating in Mifflin county, a fine of \$50 for each of twenty-eight days, October 1 to 28, inclusive, for failure to carry out the order issued by the Commission January 8 to place and maintain six miles of toll roads adjacent to Reedsville in good repair. The complaints were filed by doctors A. S. Harsberger, of Lewistown, and C. J. Stambaugh, of Reedsville, who charged that although heavy tolls were being collected from the public, the roads and bridges were not being kept in adequate condition to meet the needs of the traveling public.

—Last week Sheriff Marvin G. Mayes, of Jefferson county, went into one of the districts of the county to serve an execution for a small account. Going to the house of a neighbor he asked where the party he was looking for lived, and was shown. The sheriff understood that there had been much sickness in that community and asked if there was any sickness at the home of the man he proposed to visit. It was found that a boy had died that day and another of the children was very low; a child had been born in the night before, and the wife was ill. That was enough for Sheriff Mayes. He never went near the house, but hopped into his automobile and hastened back to Brookville.

—The oldest farm in Clearfield county is said to be located at Luthersburg, in the township. It is the old Woodside place and at present is owned by L. B. Carlisle. The farm was settled in 1785 by James Woodside, an eccentric bachelor, and is located within a half mile of the village of Luthersburg, which forty years ago was one of the principal trading posts in that part of the State through which the stage line from Tyrone, Bellefonte, Clearfield and other points passed to Erie. Some of the early deeds for property in DuBois call for lots "situated on the public road between Luthersburg and Brockwayville." The Woodside farm was a marvel in its day, being the first to be hewn from the woods. It is today one of the best and most productive farms of the community and a landmark referred to with interest.