

INK SLINGS.

-Just eleven days until Christmas. -Renew your membership to the Red Cross.

-How about that Christmas shopping? Have you done it yet?

-After tomorrow the deer will

have a rest and, my, won't they enjoy

-If all Bellefonte streets were like Water street we would have some town.

-The flu has started in to attack some communities in the county that had hitherto entirely escaped its ravages.

-Governor Brumbaugh is on the hunt for a song for Pennsylvania. His own "swan song" will be published, no doubt, about the latter part of January.

-There are forty-two thousand people in Centre county and there members in the three Red Cross chapters in the county.

on yourself at the rate if six cents an the Legislature were stronger. ounce and you can do it.

-Many a woman has shattered her husband's confidence in her judgment by buying him a necktie for Christmas. Don't do it unless he has picked it himself and don't buy him cigars unless you know the brand he smokes.

-The President hasn't let the public very far into his confidence concerning the points he expects to visit while abroad, but he has told us in mighty plain language that one of the places he doesn't expect to go is to Germany.

-It is reported that William Hohenzollern has made an attempt to get out by the suicide route. If it be so the one time Kaiser must have concluded that it is best for him to take up his permanent residence in hell without further delay.

lives and billions of treasure for the States is an earnest and active Demreally civilized nations of the earth to get into a position where they can ready to use the influence of his great properly regulate Turkey and we hope for Armenia's sake, if nothing else, the Sultan and his hordes of murderers will be tied hand and foot.

-What of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. Our boys who have been abroad have come to have a great liking for the "Y." It has meant a lot to them and it behooves us all to see to it that the home "Y" is made so attractive that it will hold the interest and respect of the boys when they come

-Of course the president of the



Sproul Keeps the Public Guessing.

Democracy in Pennsylvania. In the approaching session of the

Legislature the Republican majority on joint ballot will be two hundred. In the House of Representatives there are two hundred and four members of whom one hundred and eighty-seven are Republicans and seventeen Democrats. The Senate is composed of fifty members of whom seven are government," he said, "than anywhere Democrats. This is the smallest number of Democrats in the General Assembly in the history of the State. ought to be the same number of Even before the adoption of the present constitution when there were only one hundred members of the House -Next Wednesday the first of the aerial mail carriers is scheduled to Democratic force was greater. When arrive in Bellefonte. If you want to fly a little high stick a postage stamp of the Republicans the Democrats in ly find fault with that assurance for

Since the so-called reorganization 1912 the Democratic force in the State committee on Monday evening Mr. office. After that there was no interised a victory they bolted the ticket of appreciation. In any event he vast-and destroyed every chance of tri- ly over credits the Republicans. umph

-It has cost millions of precious before. The President of the United ocrat. He is and always has been office to promote the principles of the

out victory will be the reward.

Governor-elect Sproul still keeps the public guessing. In a speech at the dinner of the Five O'clock club in Philadelphia Saturday night, he gave notice that his administration of the office will be progressive but not ultra in that direction. "We can afford to go a bit further in broadening our else in the world." That must have sent a chill down the back of the Vares, who were guests at the feast, but the paliative swiftly followed. "But at the same time," he added, "we are going to stick to the Pennsylvania way of doing things. Above all let us adopt tried and proven liness

In another speech delivered before of the party following the election of the Philadelphia Republican City has been gradually but certainly re- Sproul paid special tribute to the ceding. And there is a reason for Vares. He thanked them cordially this fact. The reorganizers were and for their work "during the recent are entirely selfish. Every man con-nected with the movement and re-to all Republicans of the State "who maining with it after its sordid pur- were instrumental in returning Reposes were revealed got himself into publican majorities in fifty-nine of the sixty-seven counties of the State." est in the success of the party. The What his feelings toward the Demooffice holders were safer in their ten- cratic State organization that conure with the party in the minority and they kept it in the minority for that reason. In the recent campaign because the early indications prom-index is the state organization that con-tributed so much to that result is left to conjecture, but probably the lead-ers responsible for that party perfidy are satisfied with private assurances

But in both speeches and in all his The Democrats of Pennsylvania utterances since the election there is ought to be stronger today than ever expressed an under current of reform that gives hope of better government than we have been having in Pennsylvania during recent years. To the feasters of Saturday night he said, "we are going to be progressive" and party wherever and whenever it can be done without prejudice to the pub-he promised "fewer but better departlic interests. But that help was wast- ment heads." No reformer can comed because those who have control of plain of such a prospect for it implies the party machinery use it for their selfish nurposes. Instead of party leaders we are under the control of a bunch of political hucksters who trade and traffic with the enemy for selfish arts. If the Demogratic of the selfish ends. If the Democrats of the somewhat discouraging. Some of the State cast these perfidious traitors things they have done were very naughty.

> -From Prince to pauper the Germans seem to be bad losers but

be friendly, he employed every artifice conceivable to do injury to those thus honoring him. The records of

Of the public officials and private Nebraska, William Randolph into political capital was indulged by many men who ought to have known

thrown upon a mysterious incident disturbed about the views of the No, President Wilson knows what he is going to France for. He knows the inside of the game he is up field was acting for the German con-spirators. It is to be hoped this mysary will be cleared up.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Thieves visited the farm of George Hutton, at Mountain Grove, near Hazle-ton, one night recently, slaughtered three fine hogs in the pigsty, without attracting attention, and carried them off. They also took two large geese and some chickens.

-Beginning work as a breaker boy, at a wage of 25 cents a day, John W. Jones, of Plymouth, has advanced to the posi-tion of superintendent of the mines of the West End Coal company, in Luzerne county, at a salary estimated at \$5000 a year.

-Falls Creek comes forward with claims of having the champion sock-knitter of Jefferson county. She is Mrs. Elizabeth McCullough, of Short street, a member of Falls Creek branch, DuBois chapter. Mrs. McCullough has 102 pairs to her credit, with needles still clicking.

-Bandits who made their escape were responsible for five hold-ups in Warrior Run and Sugar Notch, Luzerne county, late Sunday night and early Monday moraing. Felix Kohawk, a resident of Sugar Notch, attempted to evade the robbers and was shot through the right leg, shattering the bone above the knee.

-Preferring death to going to school, Emerson Trick, the twelve-year old som of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Trick, who reside on a farm in Moreland township, Lycoming county, went into the barn Monday and hung himself. His body was found by a younger brother. The lad had been ordered by his father to attend school but did not go.

our law-makers but our muck-rakers and the yellows generally. President Wilson goes across the Atlantic for the purpose of seeing that the principles for which America struggled in the late war are made the basis of the peace terms. He is going to see that all the moves are made openly and that the final terms agreed upon mean just what they are supposed to mean. -At the opening of December court at Reading on Monday, William J. Hornberger plead guilty to the charge of involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to six months in jail as a warning te speeding motorists and motorcyclists. Hornberger was riding a motorcycle en the night of August 5, when he struck and killed nineteen-year-old Howard Dunkel-

agreed upon mean just what they are supposed to mean. He has pledged this Nation to back up the right of every people to select the kind of government they want to live under. He has impressed the world with the fact that the United States does not want anything out of new alignment of boundary lines in Europe, Asia and Africa. And he will see that all divisions are in ac-cordance with the reason actuating

-The Northumberland county court has named Harry McKinney, former burgess of Sunbury, county commissioner to fill the unexpired term of P. Joseph Schmidt, of Shamokin, who died of stab wounds, alleged to have been inflicted by Robert Brantlay, a piano tuner, after an altercation in Schmidt's saloon. McKinney is a Democrat. He will serve until the first Monday in January, 1920.

-For the first time in the history of the Northumberland county criminal courts, an alleged murderer admitted his crime, pleaded guilty and threw himself on the mercy of the court. Peter Smollak, of Kulpmont, was accused of slaying his wife with a hatchet. When the time came for trial his counsel announced that the defendant wanted to plead guilty. Under the law, according to the attorneys, the court will now fix the degree of crime, as to first or second degree murder.

the inside of the game he is up against better than any other man in the world. He doubtless has his plans well in hand and he will keep them to himself until he decides to lay them face up on the peace table in France. -Vacancies existing in the four troops of the state police for the last six or eight months vill soon be filled and a waiting list be re-established according to people at the offices of the department. The signing of the armistice and the preparations for demobilization of the army have caused numerous applications for enlistment Only a few weeks ago the opinion in the state force to be made. The department sent a number of its men into the arwas commonly expressed in this ment sent a number of its men into the ar-country that the United States my and has been unable to hold many men -Two masked men followed the cashier and teller of the First National bank of Bridgeville, near Pittsburgh, as they entered the building on Friday, bound the cashier and forced the teller at points of revolvers to open the safe, which they looted of \$19,000 in cash and Liberty bonds and escaped in a waiting automobile. In view of hundreds of persons in the heart of the business district, Elmer I. Vinyard, oil operator, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was held up Saturday by two armed bandits and robbed of \$200 in cash. The robbers escaped. -----More than 400,000 dogs will probably be registered in Pennsylvania this year under the dog license code of 1917. Thousands of dogs whose owners did not pay a license fee or which were homeless were shot, especially in the sheep raising counwarrant is there for that assumption? Why do so many Americans jump to the conclusion that the cessation of riculture and early this year it was neoessary to call in state police to shoot dogs where local constables and officers refused to kill the unlicensed animals and to prosecute owners and keepers who would not secure licenses. Some of the constables were arrested. -Charles Geiger, who was the first Oil City resident to be wounded in action, and who was invalided home a year ago, has been appointed Consul General at Goteburg, Sweden, according to a message from Swift & Co., received at Oil City. Mr. Geiger lost his leg as the result of his wounds, received in the first battle of Cambrai. He went to Oil City five years ago to act as book-keeper for Swift & Co., being later promoted to manager. He enlisted in the Engineer corps, and was with the first to go to France. He was the first member of the Oil City Lodge of Elks to enter the service and the first wounded. -Auditor General Charles A. Snyder has sent letters to county commissioners notifying them that if mercantile appraisers in their 1919 returns do not show increases over the totals for this year, the Department will refuse to approve vouchers for payment of postage, mileage and advertising the appraisers' lists until an investigation has been made to determine whether the returns are correct. The communication states it is "a notorious fact" agree upon a receiver for Germany if that some appraisers accept returns from dgree upon a receiver for Germany II Great Britain is going to press a claim for 40 billions, and the French claims are to be "infinitely larger" than the British, and the Belgian claim is far more than a billion on ac-count of promotive taken or destroyed -Paul E. Schrey, of Watsontown, signal man at the Dewart tower on the Pennsylvania Railroad, admitted at the coroner's inquet held to inquire into the death of six men in a fereight collision near the Dewart tower, on November 23rd, that he had given the wrong signals and assumed blame for the fatal crash. Schrey stated he had orders to hold a light engine and caboose at his tower until an eastbound freight, running on the westbound track, had passed, but instead he gave them a "clear" signal, resulting in the collision a few minutes later. Schrey also admitted he had misrepresented his age, he being only twenty years old. The district attorney stated Schrey will likely be charged with manslaughter.

From the Clearfield Republican. From the Clearfield Republican. Of course, President Wilson did not lay his cards on the table when ad-dressing Congress last week. That would have been worse than foolish. Every critic, every profiteer, every sorehead, each and all representatives of the interests, foreign and home-made, in both branches of our alleged great lawmaking body would have been out with his knife, his hammer and every other weapon available. It is within the limit of moderation to say that the revelations of Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski, "head of the Intelligence Service of the Department of Justice," are astounding. The crimes planned by von Bernstorff and the conspiracies organized by him to de-stroy life and property and betray faith among men mark him as among been out with his knife, his hammer and every other weapon available. Such action on the part of the Presi-dent would have opened the door to every kind of suggestion, amendment and all the crazy notions not only of our law-makers but our muck-rakers and the weapon and the summer and the second the most wanton criminals of modern life. Enjoying the hospitality of the United States as the representative of a government which pretended to

no government show such moral turpitude and we search memory in vain for a human creature equal in beast-

citizens who were involved, directly or indirectly, with the conspiracies of von Bernstorff, it is hardly worth while to speak. Senator Hitchcock, of Hearst and the lesser lights engaged in the work of embarrassing the President were probably influenced by no greater reason than personal ique to their perfidy and most of the others were enticed by cupidity into the schemes of the German diplomat. But a good deal of the mischief was ascribable to partisanship for the absurd notion that unavoidable mistakes of the administration could be coined

a good deal of the mischief was ibable to partisanship for the ab-ibable to partisanship for the ab-political capital was indulged by ay men who ought to have known ter. The inquiry is not yet finished and Bielaski promises more thrills as narative proceeds. It may be bed, therefore, that some light will thrown upon a mysterious incident three years ago. The German pagandists were at the time great-disturbed about the views of the esident upon a question then under icussion and the New York World, in inde the world will hereafter be safe for democracy. Lloyd George is fighting the same element in England that are opposing president Wilson the vants a return to the old autocratic powers previously enjoyed by the aristocracy. They will fight hard for the old-time war. They weuld be very glad io re-store the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburghs to power if by so doing they could get back the power that was once theirs in the government of Great Britain. No, President Wilson knows what better. The inquiry is not yet finished and Mr. Bielaski promises more thrills as hoped, therefore, that some light will be of three years ago. The German propagandists were at the time great-President upon a question then under discussion and the New York World, after investigation, declared that A. Mitchell Palmer was employed to secure the desired information. Mr. Palmer subsequently alleged that he was acting in a friendly way for John B. Staunchfield, of New York, and it was ascertained that Staunch-

-One year ago there was over a of snow on the ground, the ther-

Centre county Temperance must have felt funny the first time she found herself selling tobacco and on a Sunday evening at that, in France. But it is the war. Such an incident would be unthinkable if it were not for that, but, withal, we fancy there will be many a person coming back from the other side seeing as they have never seen before.

-This has been an interesting week in quarter sessions court. Not so much because of the importance of France. The absurdity of the propmost of the cases but because of the litigants themselves. Some of them have furnished unusual entertainment for the rather large attendance that has been attracted really by the general interest in the Gray cases which went to trial yesterday, after an effort had been made to postpone them until the February sitting.

-The Grand Inquest has recommended, the Court will approve and the Commissioners will probably appropriate sufficient money for the compilation and writing of a proper history of the part Centre county has taken in a war that most of us hope will be the last that the world will witness. Let it be a great record, fully worthy of this rich and historic county and such as will keep living for ages and ages the heroic and selfsacrificing character of our men and

-Of course the Huns must pay to the limit. Didn't they rub their hands and gloat, when their armies were smashing the way toward Paris and proclaim to the world that after draining France and England dry they been entirely responsible for this were going to make us pay the last farthing to make good every conceivable expenditure they had made during the war. It is not at all unlikely that they would have made us pay them for the money spent by the treacherous Bernstorff while he was enjoying our hospitality and plotting death and destruction to the people and industries of our country.

-Judge Gary of the United States Steel company predicts five years, at native author from the shame which least, of the greatest prosperity our attaches to the action of the Senate country has ever known. He believes committee on Foreign Affairs in that prices should be reduced, but so unanimously rejecting the proposigradually that there may be no dis- tion. Reed Smoot, of Utah, the Morturbance or loss either to capital or mon Apostle who may have four or labor. This sounds sensible enough, five wives, and Boies Penrose, who but common sense isn't a universal has never shown sufficient respect for characteristic of our people and the the tenets of civilized society to mardisturbance is going to come when, ry at all, are probably more responafter commodities have dropped, labor will be asked to accept a reduc- than Cummins. They are the real tion also. In the last analysis we are leaders of the Republican party in experiencing a period of inflation. Washington who make the pellets Very few people are better off and many are far worse than they were like Cummins, of Iowa, and Sherman, when prices were normal. Lower pay of Illinois. Therefore, they ought to envelopes can meet smaller store bills protect their victims from harm. quite as satisfactorily as the fat ones of today are doing. And smaller

been materially increased during the man propaganda work performed by war have a right to ask.

-Bernstorff neglected a promis-ing opportunity when he overlooked Roosevelt. Possibly, however, he was the public has little sympathy for satisfied with the work Roosevelt was welchers whether in purple or rags. doing free of charge.

Cummins Only the Victim.

The Senate committee on Foreign Relations by unanimous vote, the other day, negatived Senator Cummins' resolution to appoint a committee to watch the Peace Commissioners in osition was too great even for a committee of the Senate to countenance. It was without authority of law and in defiance of precedent. Its purpose was seditious and its effect mischievous. But the Senate committee on Foreign Affairs was hardly fair to Senator Cummins in condemning it by unanimous vote. In the history of Congress such an expression of

contempt for a member of the Senate has never before been given. Of course it was deserved but the thing called "Senatorial Courtesy" has some claims on the members of the body. If the vicious or incorrigible school

boy had committed such a folly he might have been properly switched and the incident forgotten in a few days. But in the case in point an indelible record is made that until the end of time can be pointed to as complete proof that in 1918 there was a Senator in the American Congress so feeble minded and so absolutely destitute of the principles of decency that he deliberately tried to cast an aspersion, not only upon the President, but upon the country. If Cummins had crime against the country, we might dismiss the subject with the remark that he deserved the punishment he received. But Cummins was only the silly instrument of a traitorous combination now in Washington nagging

the President. The resolution was and is the product of the composite brain of the Republican machine and the dastardly group ought to have shielded its pu-

folly. sible for the preposterous resolution that are fired by cheap pettyfoggers

-Probably Madill McCormick was elected United States Senator for of men whose compensation has not Illinois as a recompense for the Ger- that call from Ohio to enter politics the Chicago Tribune in 1916.

Teddy is Cherishing Wrath.

Theodore Roosevelt, always ambitious and never sincere seems to have lost his cunning as well as his conscience as a result of recent disappointments. Ever since he was forced to relinquish the "bully" times he enjoyed in the White House he has been yearning to return to that fallow field of opportunity. But one incident after another has arisen to defeat his ambition and in despair he has been nagging the President in session and out. But that was popu-

lar with a lot of people who think with their stomachs and as it kept Teddy constantly in the limelight nobody was surprised. Lately he has been pursuing another course however, and one of doubtful expediency. All the great men concerned active-

ly and efficiently in the world war on both sides of the ocean have been generous in praise of the achievements of the American troops who participated in the fighting. Marshal Foch has spoken in the highest terms of eulogy of the courage and efficiency of our gallant men and freely ascribed to them a large share in the achievement of the splendid victory. President Poncaire and Premier Clemenceau, of France, are of the same mind and the Kings of England, Italy and Belgium are enthusiastic in George, Premier of England, loses no opportunity to praise the Yankee soldiers. But Roosevelt insists they did nothing worth while.

Plans are now in progress to send home these gallant fighters and it is expected that they will arrive at the various ports "over here" at the rate of two or three hundred thousand a charge whatever. week. By 1920 there will be a couple of millions of them home and another couple of millions who wanted to be on the firing line but couldn't will be of voting age at the next Presidential election. What are they likely to say when Roosevelt who is now traducing them asks them to support him in his ambition to return to the White and \$20. It is also reported that \$5 House? It would hardly be polite to quote them literally but the facts will be brought to their attention and Teddy will pay the just penalty of his

-Unce "Dave" Lane knows ex-

actly how a State administration ought to be conducted and he isn't too modest to let Sproul into the secret. -We may not do as we used to time.

do but we will certainly give him a hearty welcome when "Johnny Comes Marching Home."

-Pershing may not have heard but anyway he isn't paying much at- ance to try for a seat at the peace tention to it.

mometer was six to eight degrees below zero and the coal situation unusually acute. In fact many families had to carry their from the yards owing to the sca / of men for delivery purposes. this year we have got the coal and not the cold, with all other conditions very much improved over what they were a year ago.

Let Us Help You Locate Your Boy.

It will be a long time before the last of Centre county's soldier boys will be home. Some of them will return almost at once, especially those who have been located in cantonments in this country.

But with the boys abroad it will be different. Some units are listed for early return while others will remain with the army of occupation and some, possibly even after its return, will remain there for police and reclamation duties.

In all this shifting about many parents are likely to get out of touch with their sons and in order to help such keep in contact the "Watchman" has arranged with the "Home Paper Service of America" to use its efficient organization for the relief of anxiety of Centre county parents by gratuitously undertaking to locate all men from here who are in the service and who have not been heard from for some time.

If at any time you find that you their tribute to our men. Lloyd want to know just where a certain soldier is located, if you will send his full name, and the unit to which he is attached the "Watchman" will ascertain immediately, so far as the War Department permits, the exact location of the unit to which the person indicated is attached, and forward the information to you free of any

> -The United States secret service department has issued a warning to the general public to keep a sharp lookout for bogus federal reserve

bank notes, as it is reported that the country is being flooded with \$1 and \$2 notes that have been raised to \$10 notes have been raised to a higher denomination.

meats by drying appears very much like the old process of "jerking." But there is no harm in a new name.

-If Germany is to have a period of Bolshevik control the Kaiser ought to be brought to trial during that

-All you need is a heart and a dollar, and you share in the great work of the Red Cross.

-And Bernstorff had the assurconference table.

should never again be caught unpre- after their enlistments expire because pared to defend itself adequately | the desire for active service. against any possible enemy. Yet at this moment, in the enthusiasm over the defeat of the Germans, there is a tendency to throw overboard without further ado all the war organization further ado all the war organization of the United States. Men in high places talk of peace as though it had been fully achieved and settled, be-yond the possibility of fracture, and they are eager to demobilize the ar-my, rush the boys back from Europe, quit the production of war materials and abolish all war rules affecting manufacture food, agriculture and manufacture, food, agriculture and commerce. The government agencies have yielded to this tendency to a considerable extent, without waiting for the outcome of the war.

Maintain a Strong Army.

From the Washington Post.

-that the world will hereafter be

Why is it assumed that the world has entered upon universal and blissful peace and brotherly love? What shooting is the same thing as the per-manent settlement of the world's trouble? If they would contemplate the situation a little they would per-haps admit that the suspension of hostilities does not by any means guar-antee the complete and permanent settlements of the questions that have torn Europe to pieces and inflicted well nigh mortal blows upon many nations.

War is an effort to attain a politwar is an enort to attain a point ical object by the use of force. The political object is the thing desired, not the fighting. Is the political ob-ject of this war attained? Not yet. It must be pursued by mixed methods of force and negociation Negociation of force and negotiation. Negotiation will become more important and force will play a minor role, if all goes well. But not if all does not go well? Who can guarantee that all the nations of the world will lay aside their passions and cheerfully sacrifice their interests upon demand, for the sake of the gen-eral welfare? Is not that proposition just a little too heavenly for this wicked world?

A Receiver Needed.

From the Philadelphia Record. The Allies and America will have to count of property taken or destroyed, -The new process of preserving without regard to Belgium's war s by drying appears very much he old process of "jerking." But claim 20 billions or something like that. As the avowed purpose of Ger-many was to "bleed France white," and incidentally destroy England, and collect the entire German war costs, collect the entire German war costs, with war profits annexed at the usual rates, from us, Germany will have no right to complain whatever America and the Allies do. But, of course, it will complain; it has never been able to see why it should not denounce when practiced by other patients these when practiced by other nations those things which it does, or inreatens to things do if it should get a chance.

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