-Don't be a "crab." "Crabbing" at everything is the bacilli that developes Bolshevism.

The Bolsheviki troops in Russia are just beginning to get a taste of what the American soldiers gave the Ger-

-The big drive for the local "Y" is on. It is a community project. If you are part of the community do your share.

-Of course the ground hog saw his shadow, but, as we said last week, Spring is so near that no one cares what becomes of the weather now.

-Let giving be your middle name and then show the community what's in a name. Start giving today by making a big contribution to the "Y"

-Girls have proven so efficient in many positions formerly held exclusively by men that we fear the only way they can be dislodged is by shooting Cupid's dart at them.

-The little unpleasantness that has arisen between Maj. Gen. Crowder and Gen. March is unfortunate, of course, but regular army men are trained fighters and it is right in their line to scrap.

-The slacking up in industry is due almost wholly to the necessity for readjustment. Present inflated prices cannot rule indefinitely and they can only be lowered by a period of depression.

-Italy's claims at the Peace Conference savor very much of the ambitions of a distinguished Bellefonter who once enlightened his friends thus: "My Lord, boys, don't you know I want anything I can get!"

-The closeness of the vote on the dry amendment in the Pennsylvania Legislature leaves no doubt where Harrisburg stands. It would have defeated the amendment had the necessary two-thirds majority not been already recorded.

-Philadelphia's Mayor has been acquitted of the charge of complicity in the Fifth ward election riots and murder in that city. That is, a jury has acquitted him, but the papers of that city view the acquittal as anything but a vindication.

-The former Crown Prince of Germany and former Emperor Charles, of Austria-Hungary, are both reported to be suing for divorce. Probably they feel that since they have to work for a living they are not men enough to provide for a wife and family.

-Our friends, the Republicans, are —Our friends, the Republicans, are lining up a deluge of candidates to the President and their efforts in that like it. announce to the county in the spring. The leaders had everything all fixed up for certain favorites but there seems to be a disposition in many quarters to "spill the beans," without regard to the consequences.

-The little squabbles of the higher up regular army officers who are on duty in Washington are not alarming. These old fellows who are past any other than swivel-chair work still have the fighting spirit and since they couldn't have a hand in the big job they've just got to have a fight among themselves.

-The Legislature is being urged to increase the salary of the Governor to \$18,000 a year. The right man would be worth it, but the trouble is that Pennsylvania is so overwhelmingly Republican that there is no assurance that the higher salary would always guarantee to the State an executive service.

-Judge Baldridge, of Blair county, But after all what good are his opinhas ruled that he has no jurisdiction in the matter of permitting licensees in that county to pay fees only for the part of the year during which they may be permitted to sell. He opines that they must either pay license for the entire year or go to the Legislature for a change in the law that will permit the monthly plan.

-If, as some of the courts are deciding: "Intoxicating beverages are handed out to France at the close of in most instances but insubordination beverages that intoxicate," are we to the Franco-Prussian war was precise- is a grave matter in military affairs. assume that after July 1st the ly of the sort that Germany handed The existing controversy is not, howstrength of drinks permissible will be out to Russia and Rumania in the re- ever, on that point. It is a question regulated by the capacity of the indi- cent war and they were alike cruel of greater concern. It touches the vidual to carry them without effect. and inhuman. That is not the kind fundamental principles of justice and For the fellow with a "hollow leg" will drink all day and carry the load many but it is the kind that ought to are not supporting the Provost Margracefully while the light head will take one drink and get effervescent lerns and the rest of the military as a soda-siphon. Under this interpretation the government would have to open offices everywhere for gauging the capacity of the individual and then give him a license card to drink only the beverage that doesn't intoxicate him.

-God forbid that it ever will be so, but the person with wide vision looks into the future not without misgiving. Social unrest is rocking the old world today and unless it can be soothed it is idle to think that the problem will not come right to our own doors for solution ere long. "Why have you so much, when we have so little?" is the question the Reds are asking. We all know why and they do too, but academic discussions don't satisfy them and won't. Only great public movements toward the amelioration of the lonely, drab lives most of the workers lead will bring about a change of temper and that inspires our interest in the movement begun today to make the local "Y" an antidote for Bolshevism. Let those who can give generously. A portion of your goods given today may mean the saving of all of them some



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Mayor Smith Acquitted.

President Wilson Making History.

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Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, has Some of the Republican Senators in Congress are deeply distressed because of the fear that President Wilthat he is not correctly expressing ed some symptoms of independence the sentiment of the country in his of the machine, and was intended to restrain him and other municipal offiwork. Then they tried to create fricand those of Great Britain and France. Faving failed in both of these sinister purposes they are now threatening to reject the treaty that is likely to be agreed on because of the dominating influence of the Amersuccess of his candidate. It was ican members of the conference. But shown that the limit involved employing New York gunmen, shooting up they will meet with no greater success clubs and killing a policeman who President Wilson and his American hadn't been put wise.

But the jury returned a verdict of not guilty and it didn't take long to enacted two years ago and in that reach the conclusion. Possibly the event the Fifth ward outrage of Sepreach the conclusion. Possibly the verdict was agreed upon before the concerned. They have no friends to please or enemies to punish and are trial began. Philadelphia "is corrupt and contented," and not averse to acposes. There may be some Senators cepting the epithet of a fool. One of in the Congress of the United States | the great newspapers of the city has expressed the opinion that in view of obligations. For years the Democratwho would vote to reject a treaty made on such terms if sober or sane the evidence the verdict had to be enough to act upon the question of either guilty "or a monumental ass ently urged such legislation. When ratification. But there will not be and incompetent." Mayor Smith acenough of them to affect the result cepted the alternative and the jury and they will not remain in public life obliged him with a verdict that saved long after they have committed such his job at the price named. Then to an act. The people of the United prove the righteousness of the ver-States are behind President Wilson dict the relieved Mayor burst into in his work in France and they will tears and kissed everybody within reach associated with the defense. make that fact clear when the occa-

It is a sad as well as a sinister spectacle for Pennsylvania to contem-Flanders has accomplished much to plate. The metropolis of this great the credit of the United States of Commonwealth, a city of nearly two America in the estimation of the civ- million inhabitants, keeps its chief ilized world. The American navy has executive officer out of jail by provachieved a great deal in the same di- ing his incompetence upon the motion rection during the last couple of of his own friends. Of course the ju-years. But President Wilson is making history of the right sort for the in this outrage of justice. Each had American people and whoever sets solemnly sworn to render a verdict himself in opposition to his great according to the evidence. But what work will be paving a way into pub- is an oath among political dependents lic contempt and oblivion which can and party hacks of Philadelphia when never be obliterated. Let Lodge and the official head of their machine is in Knox and Smoot and Penrose howl to jeopardy and nobody able to tell who might come to the reckoning next. check the tide of popular approval of But Pennsylvanians are learning to

---The decision of Judge Kunkel, of Harrisburg, that the wife is boss President next year ought to be some--Life has its compensations just at home is simply the judicial affirthe same. Those who lament the ab- mation of a fact which every married sence of the cup "that cheers and in- woman has known from the beginning inebriates" may find comfort in the of time.

General Crowder in Wrong.

That officers of the army should entertain different opinions even on mil-Count von Bernstorff, who as Ger- itary subjects is natural and that conman Ambassador in Washington or- troversies should ensue is inevitable. ganized conspiracies to murder Amer- But the disputes now being aired in ican citizens and hired criminals to some of the newspapers that are huntdestroy American property during the ing trouble, between Chief of Staff early period of the late war, has un- March and Provost General Crowder, dertaken to express an opinion as to would seem to be without reason. The the terms of peace. In an interview Provost Marshal General achieved a recently given in Berlin he says that wonderful work in the draft opera-Germany would regard as satisfacto- tions which were entirely under his ry "the terms of peace laid down in supervision. But that does not justi-President Wilson's address to Con- fy him in setting himself in judgment gress January 8, 1918, and the princi- or asserting his independence of the worth the price it would pay for the ples of settlement in his subsequent military authorities over him. Miliaddresses." This is kind of him, con-tary discipline can not be maintained sidering everything past and present. in such circumstances.

During the draft operations it appears that General Crowder pursued his own way regardless of the opin-So long as there was a shadow of a lons or advice of the Secretary of hope of German success in the war War and the Chief-of-Staff, both su-Bernstorff and all the other leaders periors in rank and authority. He invariably carried his propositions to that there should be a peace that the Military committees of the Senwould practically make Germany the ate and House and was sustained by controlling force in the civilized those bodies. In view of the success world. The peace which Germany of his work he may have been right of peace that will be given to Ger- the Military committees in Congress be given to Bernstorff, the Hohenzol- shal General.

Military law as practiced in the murderers who controlled the opera- United States army is almost as absurd as it is antiquated. Men are Count von Bernstorff will be one of punished much more severely than the representatives of the German they ought to be for trivial offences Empire in the Peace Conference. But and the Judge Advocate is an auto-Germany will not be permitted a voice crat amenable to nothing but his own tion and banquet in Bellefonte on caprices. The Secretary of War and Tuesday, February 18th. Every suuntil most of the important questions are disposed of and should not be adthe Chief-of-Staff want to modernize mitted to membership in the League the practice of these courts as well as it a point to be present at this gathof Nations until she has given subhumanize them and Crowder protests ering. From present indications the stantial proof of a purpose to act dewith much vehemence. The National cently. Meantime modesty should ad-Bar Association has taken the matter monish the count to keep quiet about up and the problem is now in course ment ever made in Pennsylvania and the terms of peace as well as most of solution. But the dispute has alother things concerning the war. The ready gone far enough to create a of it. And the only way to do it is to people of the United States are not good deal of bitterness and to some anxious for his opinion on any subextent at least alter the good opinion and its up to the supervisors of every ject and his feint praise of President which had justly been formed of

Wilson will not reconcile them to the Crowder. -Of course there will be moonshines a'plenty but let us hope that -Unless Europe quits heaping another variety of "shines" will be honors upon President Wilson we

> One part of the constitution is as valid as another and the whole is as effective as if it had been adopted all at once.

It may safely be said that Nat Goodwin's last divorce is final.

Senator Vare's Mind is Changed.

The interesting information comes from Harrisburg that State Senator Vare is now in favor of legislation son will do something in the Peace in the primary election of 1917. The Conference that will get him disliked. Shern law was enacted during a per-They tried first to make it appear iod in which a former Mayor reveal- was considered during the session two years ago and defeated because Senator Vare was opposed to its passage. But he has had some educationtion between the American delegates cials, from active party work. The al experience since and the current of evidence against Mayor Smith was his ponderous mind has taken a difoverwhelming. It was proved that ferent course. Since the adjournment he had declared for one candidate for of the last Legislature some of his office against another and that he most intimate friends have been con-"would go the limit" to secure the victed and sentenced for mixing police and politics and his "guide, philosopher and friend," Mayor Smith has escaped similar fate by a palpable miscarriage of justice.

The legislation which Senator Vare is now said to favor might have been tember, 1917, would have been averted. There were sufficient Republican

Representatives in the Legislature to compass the result if the Democratic members had been true to their party ic platforms and press had consistever, Senator Vare entered into a secret agreement with A. Mitchell Palmer and Vance McCormick and every Democratic member of the Legislature under the control of those political hucksters voted against the meas-

What service or favors Palmer and McCormick received from the Vare machine in return for their perfidy has never been revealed, but presumably they were substantial and apparently Senator Vare has grown tired of the contract. Or possibly he realizes that there is no value in the combination for there is not a single Democrat in the present Legislature who takes orders from the party wreckers. But he is persuaded that his political life as well as his personal liberty is jeopardized by the existing condition and he is ready to put an end to it. How his Democratic partners feel remains to be divulged. Their escape from culpability has not neen so narrow.

---The Prohibition nomination for more than "an empty honor.

Big Retrenchment Ordered in Rail-

road Work. Walker D. Hines, the new federal director general of railroads, issued a sweeping and far-reaching order on

Tuesday demanding that an eighteen per cent. retrenchment in all kinds of railroad operation be put into effect at once, and the order was promulgated on Wednesday. While there is no big reduction in the road force and various employees in Bellefonte and vicinity, such places as Tyrone and Altoona will be hard hit.

In Bellefonte one man was dropped from the force at the freight station and two men were dropped from section master Quick's gang of workmen. Joseph Kelleher, who has been stationed at Lock Haven as trainmaster during the past year has been returned to Bellefonte as yard master and Irvin Lucas, who has been serving as yard master here has been returned to Tyrone. The order, it is also understood, will lay off No. 2 work train with its entire force.

-Robert S. Conklin, commissioner of forestry, announces that the State will have a large supply of extra fine forest tree seedlings for free distribution this spring. Any person desiring to plant forest trees may have them for the asking. The stock available is almost three years old and includes white pine, red pine, Norway spruce, European larch, arbor vitae, and a limited quantity of Japanese larch and white ash. Last year over two million trees were planted by private owners of forest land and already applications have been received for almost a million trees for planting this spring.

-The road supervisors of Centre county will hold their annual convenpervisor in the county should make year 1919 will witness the greatest activity in road building and improve-Centre county wants to get her share go right after it early in the game, district in the county to make known their needs.

-Group six of the Pennsylvania Bankers' association, comprising banking institutions in six counties in the Central part of the State, Centre county being included, will hold their twenty-fourth annual meting at the miss a night. Open every evening at Commerce building, Altoona, on Lincoln's birthday, February 12th. There will be morning and afternoon sessions with a luncheon at the Logan house at one o'clock.

No State Food Regulations.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. Some member of the Legislature is prepared to introduce a bill in the Legislature providing for a State Food Commission, the object being "to regulate the price of food stuffs." What the Legislator back of the move has in mind is probably laudatory, but the fellows back of him are profiteers; it is dollars to doughnuts. The food profiteers and speculators have done so well under "price-fixing com-missions" during the period of the war, that they do not want to let go of a good thing; and they would like to turn the trick by getting legislative action under the guise of providing a "commission to end profiteering." The State has one public service commission and its acts ought to keep the sion and its acts ought to keep the public alert against ever allowing an-other to be foisted on them.

However, it is not likely that the Legislature or the Governor would stand for any such folde-rol. A State Food Commission would have control over foodstuffs raised in the State only. They would have no control pleaded guilty to the theft of a watch over a can of tomatoes packed in from his father before Judge Cummings Maryland, a can of peas put up in Wisconsin, or a bushel of potatoes grown in Maine. They might fix a scale of prices for Pennsylvania eggs pearance before the court would result in and a storekeeper would buy Mary-land eggs and sell them as he pleas-ed. As a result, Pennsylvania food producers might find that while their producers might find that while their prices were satisfactory, the consuming public was eating foods raised in other States. So a State Food Commission is not likely.

And it will be a sorry day, for the public generally, if the profiteers succeed in certains can kind of a commission.

ceed in getting any kind of a com-mission to regulate foodstuffs. The American people have had their foods regulated for two years now, and they have had enough of it until Gabriel blows his horn.

Public Compensation.

From the Williamsport Sun. Senator Crow is the author of a bill raising the salary of the Governor of Pennsylvania from \$10,000 to \$18,000. The Senator feels that this great State should give its executive a compensation more fitting with its dignity and importance, although we have long paid the Governor as high salary as any other Commonwealth. There is any other Commonwealth. There is more in South Williamsport, does not believe the number thirteen is unlucky. Bauder, who trained at Camp Meade, went through thirteen There are few positions in the United registered for military duty on a Friday, States of more responsibility than that the 13th, and his registration number was ave their present positions to live in the Governor's mansion at Harrisburg. Ten thousand dollars a year is a big sum but we have saddled so many customs upon our executive in the way of public entertainments and other entailments that no man can expect to spend four years in the highest public position in the State and to come up to the end of his term with a balance in the bank after having paid all his bills. He is fortunate if his compensation during that period will cover all of his debts incurred in the same. The chief flaw in our public compensation scheme is that it limits the field to only those who have private incomes large enough to piece out the deficiencies. In this way we are denied the service of many talented and strong men. If our Com-monwealth or our federal government lays claim to the services of good men in proportion to their value.

Pennsylvania's Share. Fram the Philadelphia Record.

It has long been no secret that the Twenty-eighth Division, composed of Pennsylvania National Guardsmen, suffered heavy losses in its fierce fighting in France, and the official figures now make this information public property. They show, indeed, that with the exception of two divisions of regular troops, the Pennsylvanians were harder hit than any other commands. For several months they were in the very thickest of the fray, in the second battle of the Marne and in the advance in the Argoone forest, and they never turned back. In such desperate contests it was inevitable, of course, that the losses should be heavy, but it is a pleasure to know that they were not disproportionate to the results obtained. If this single division lost nearly 4000 men in those killed, missing and taken prisoner, it is safe to say that they caused still more severe casualties to the enemy. They helped to push the Hun back steadily and to bring the war to a glorious conclusion much sooner than

expected. Pennsylvania is very proud of the splendid achievements of her boys in khaki and will indulge in no vain repinings over the sacrifices entailed. The Guardsmen had a long and hard training, they were led by capable officers, and they put up a magnificent fight, bringing new renown to their State. The cost was high, but the end sought was accomplished. What more could a soldier ask?

-What if the groundhog did see its shadow? That will make no difference at the Scenic. Manager T. Clayton Brown will go right ahead motion pictures to be had, and we can assure the public in general that 6:40.

-Of course the "drys" will celebrate their victory but how?

-Subscribe for the "Watchman."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The mother and three children of the family of Ernest Neufer, of Chestnut Grove, Columbia county, died within the past week, of influenza. The husband and step-son are the only survivors of the

-When their auto struck a boulder on the edge of the state road, at Gouldsboro, Pa., on Monday and upset, John Baker, vice president of the Richmond Underwear Co., of Scranton, was killed and A. W. Cottle, general manager of the company. seriously injured.

-Within a half hour after word had been received that Private Elmer Snyder had arrived at New York after service overseas, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Snyder, of Bloomsburg, received word that another soldier son, Clark H. Snyder, died in a German hospital on July 20, while a pris-

-Judge William H. Ruppel, of Somerset county, died at his home in that place Sunday night after a long illness. His term would have expired in 1922. Judge Ruppel was a Democrat and personally a temperance advocate. On the bench he administered the liquor license law with severe restrictions.

-At seven o'clock Saturday evening, Mike Dezambo, a Pennsylvania railroad laborer, met instant death in the Ridgway yards. He was engaged in shoveling cinders off the pit track when an engine came along and ran him down. Dezambo was forty-nine years of age and resided at Ridgway.

-Because of the almost impassable condition of the highway connecting Jersey Shore and Lock Haven, the motor bus line between those two towns has been discontinued until the road is improved. Residents of that section are using this situation as an argument for State aid to improve the highway.

-His thirteenth arrest proved unlucky for Vincent Scarmel, of Shamokin, who a sentence of one year for every term he had served.

-From Somerset county come reports that the maple sap is running just as merrily as it has on any warm day of spring within the last fifty years. The owners of sugar and maple groves have been busy tapping the trees and in boiling the sap into sugar, and some of the producers declare that this will be a season for two crops. The output in Somerset county amounts to \$50,000 annually.

-More than one hundred persons were homeless Sunday as the result of a spectacular fire which wiped out a block in the tenement district overlooking Bigelow boulevard, opposite the Pennsylvania railroad station at Pittsburgh on Saturday night. The blaze, which started in A. Walker's Sons paper box factory, destroyed two manufacturing plants on the boulevard and a dozen houses on the bluff above them. The loss was estimated at

merit in Senator Crow's contention. battles without suffering a scratch. He of the Governor of Pennsylvania and 1313. When he and his company left Camp yet there are scores of executives in Meade for their sailing port they started industry and business who could not out on track No. 13. He was sent to the front in France on September 13 and was returned to a rest camp on November 13.

-Awards by the Carnegie hero commission last week recalled the brave deed of Miss Margaret Kisner, of Newberry, who on August 5, 1917, lost her life while rescuing a girl companion from drowning in the West Branch near Nippeno Park After having gotten her companion to the shore, Miss Kisner was stricken with heart failure, due to the exertion of her struggle, and fell into the deep water, drowning before help could be summoned. For her act the commission awarded her father a bronze medal and a cash payment.

-Michael Koval, aged 61 years, a well known coal miner for years past employed at the Morrisdale shaft, No. 1, near Philipsburg, was the victim of a terrible accident Wednesday morning about ten o'clock by the explosion of a stick of dynamite. Koval at the time was working they must expect to pay for the same alone and just how the accident occurred may never be known. The unfortunate man was rushed to the Cottage State hospital, Philipsburg, where it was found that both his eyes had been blown out. his jaw fractured and the lower part of his face terribly lacerated. His hands and arms were badly injured by the explosion.

-A contract for the erection of a new postoffice on the government plot at Third and Race streets, Sunbury, has been let to A. E. Badgley, of Binghamton, N. Y., at a figure of \$86,637, according to an announcement from Washington to H. L. Purdy, postmaster. The building is to be completed within sixteen months. The structure will be a story and a half in height, so constructed that it will permit the addition of other stories if needed. It will be of pressed brick with brownstone and granite trimmings, 85x96 feet and facing Third street. The plot is considerably larger, so that it will be possible to lay out an attractive park about the building.

-George F. Swigert, aged 72 years, one of Carbondale's most prominent men, died last week of blood poisoning which resulted when he was bitten on October 22 by a delirious influenza patient who had escaped from the city hospital and entered the Swigert home by breaking through a porch window. The noise of the intruder aroused Swigert and when he went down stairs the man attacked him with a club. In the struggle, before the police arrived, Swigert was bitten on his right hand by the man, who died within an hour after he was returned to the hospital. The wound on the hand failed to heal, and the infection spread to the arm, which had to be amputated.

-During the influenza epidemic in Clearfield county one of the undertakers in Clearfield borough was so rushed with business that he actually failed to record two of the funerals which he conducted and would not have remembered a thing about them had it not been for the fact that the relatives of the buried persons offering nightly programs of the best called at his office to pay the funeral expenses. It seemed that both funerals were held on the same day and were in the same they are all well worth seeing. Don't section of country. Being neighbors the families came to town on the same day to pay their bills and when they confronted the undertaker it took them some time to convince him that he was the undertaker who handled the funerals. The relatives finally proved their cases and the undertaker took the money.