

INK SLINGS.

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

The Bolshevik troops in Russia are just beginning to get a taste of what the American soldiers gave the Germans.

-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" drive.

-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. Regar 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 Bellefonte 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 lining up a deluge of candidates to 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 worth the price it would pay for the service.

-Judge Baldrige, of Blair county, has 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 beverages that intoxicate," are we to assume that after July 1st the strength of drinks permissible will be regulated by the capacity of the individual to carry them without effect. For the fellow with a "hollow leg" will drink all day and carry the load gracefully while the light head will take one drink and get effervescent 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 time later.

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President Wilson Making History.

Some of the Republican Senators in Congress are deeply distressed because of the fear that President Wilson will do something in the Peace Conference that will get him disliked.

President Wilson and his American colleagues in the Peace Conference are striving for an enduring peace based on full and exact justice to all concerned.

The American army in France and Flanders has accomplished much to the credit of the United States of America in the estimation of the civilized world.

Life has its compensations just the same. Those who lament the absence of the cup "that cheers and inebriates" may find comfort in the reflection that there will be less excuse for pulpit mountebanks.

Von Bernstorff's Peace Views.

Count von Bernstorff, who as German Ambassador in Washington organized conspiracies to murder American citizens and hired criminals to destroy American property during the early period of the late war, has undertaken to express an opinion as to the terms of peace.

So long as there was a shadow of a hope of German success in the war Bernstorff and all the other leaders of German public opinion insisted that there should be a peace that would practically make Germany the controlling force in the civilized world.

Count von Bernstorff will be one of the representatives of the German Empire in the Peace Conference. But Germany will not be permitted a voice until most of the important questions are disposed of and should not be admitted to membership in the League of Nations until she has given substantial proof of a purpose to act decently. Meantime modesty should admonish the count to keep quiet about the terms of peace as well as most other things concerning the war.

Unless Europe quits heaping honors upon President Wilson we shall be forced to decline responsibility for the future health of one Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts.

Mayor Smith Acquitted.

Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, has been acquitted, by a jury of his peers, of a charge of violating the Sherman law in the primary election of 1917.

It is a sad as well as a sinister spectacle for Pennsylvania to contemplate. The metropolis of this great Commonwealth, a city of nearly two million inhabitants, keeps its chief executive officer out of jail by proving his incompetence upon the motion of his own friends.

The decision of Judge Kunkel, of Harrisburg, that the wife is boss at home is simply the judicial affirmation of a fact which every married woman has known from the beginning of time.

General Crowder in Wrong.

That officers of the army should entertain different opinions even on military subjects is natural and that controversies should ensue is inevitable.

During the draft operations it appears that General Crowder pursued his own way regardless of the opinions or advice of the Secretary of War and the Chief-of-Staff, both superiors in rank and authority.

Military law as practiced in the United States army is almost as absurd as it is antiquated. Men are punished much more severely than they ought to be for trivial offences and the Judge Advocate is an autocrat amenable to nothing but his own caprices.

Of course there will be moonshiners aplenty but let us hope that another variety of "shines" will be less numerous.

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 Vane's Mind is Changed.

The interesting information comes from Harrisburg that State Senator Vane is now in favor of legislation that will divorce the Philadelphia police from politics.

What service or favors Palmer and McCormick received from the Vane machine in return for their perfidy has never been revealed, but presumably they were substantial and apparently Senator Vane has grown tired of the contract.

The Prohibition nomination for President next year ought to be something more than "an empty honor."

Big Retrenchment Ordered in Railroad 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.

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.

The road supervisors of Centre county will hold their annual convention and banquet in Bellefonte on Tuesday, February 18th.

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 meeting at the Commerce building, Altoona, on Lincoln's birthday, February 12th.

No State Food Regulations.

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."

How long it is not likely that the Legislature or the Governor would stand for any such fold-rol. A State Food Commission would have control over foodstuffs raised in the State only. They would have no control over a can of tomatoes packed in Maryland, a can of peas put up in Wisconsin, or a bushel of potatoes grown in Maine.

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.

Pennsylvania's Share.

It has long been a 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.

What if the groundhog did see its shadow? That will make no difference at the Scenic. Manager T. Clayton Brown will go right ahead offering nightly programs of the best motion pictures to be had, and we can assure the public in general that they are all well worth seeing.

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

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

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

-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. Alton Snyder, of Bloomsburg, received word that another soldier son, Clark H. Snyder, died in a German hospital on July 20, while a prisoner.

-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 Ridgeway yards. He was engaged in shoveling clinders off the pit track when an engine came along and ran him down. Dezambo was forty-nine years of age and resided at Ridgeway.

-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.

-His thirteenth arrest proved unlucky for Vincent Scarmel, of Shamokin, who pleaded guilty to the theft of a watch from his father before Judge Cummings on Monday. Scarmel, who declared that he was a missionary, was sent to jail for a year, with the promise that another appearance before the court would result in 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-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 \$200,000.

-Private Frank Bauder, of South Williamsport, does not believe the number thirteen is unlucky. Bauder, who trained at Camp Meade, went through thirteen battles without suffering a scratch. He registered for military duty on a Friday the 13th, and his registration number was 1313. When he and his company left Camp Meade for their sailing port they started 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 Kiser, 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 Kiser 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 Phillipsburg, 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 alone and just how the accident occurred may never be known. The unfortunate man was rushed to the Cottage State hospital, Phillipsburg, 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 Carbonate'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 arousing 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 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 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.