

INK SLINGS.

—Hay making has begun. —Don't forget to swat the fly. —Let us welcome the boys home right.

—Next week old Centre will have its greeting and express its gratitude. —And the scientists who say the earth is cooling off haven't been heard from for a long time.

—Little is heard of the activities of former Secretary of the Treasury, William G. McAdoo, these days.

—While we still believe the Germans will sign the peace terms, their bluster about refusing might result in the command to the allied armies to advance.

—Next week will mark the close of what Centre county has done in the war. Ours has been a record to be proud of. Let it not be marred by a single jarring incident.

—Every once in a while, as the junior Senator from Pennsylvania goes Philanderin' about, a bright idea seems to strike him. That is, the junior Senator thinks it a right one.

—All the fuss and feathers have been ordered off the naval full dress uniforms and probably none of the officers will be sorry except those who have been longer on regalia than work.

—Of course it is expected that you will give something to help defray the expenses of the "Welcome Home" celebration, but if you find yourself out of funds, you can at least give them the glad hand.

—As the first of July approaches a lot of people, whom we never have suspected of being interested in the matter before, are making veiled inquiries as to whether the country really will be dry.

—The Senate has killed the daylight saving law and it will end next October. It has also killed the proposal to furnish a pulmotor with which to keep King Alcohol alive for a little while after July 1st.

—Cherries are being contracted for at twenty-five cents the quart. The only reason we can ascribe to explain why promises to pay such a price should be made is that there is said to be "one born every minute."

—The man who takes the new position as borough manager for Bellefonte will have to work for nothing. The salary attached to the job will all have to be expended in buying sedatives to keep his nerves quiet enough to listen to the complaints and sass he'll get.

—Two years ago we had our whole army hiking into Mexico to catch Villa. Today he is just across the river from El Paso and one regiment of cavalry could grab him in twenty-four hours. He is just as guilty now as he was then and Uncle Sam ought to grab while the grabbin' good.

—It is now assured that there will be more than a thousand soldiers in the parade next Thursday. This will be the greatest body of uniformed military men seen together in Centre county since the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in this place many years ago.

—An unusual feature in the big parade we are to have next week will be two soldiers who survived to read their own obituary notices. Both were reported killed and forthwith sent to Heaven by the county newspapers. Notwithstanding this happy disposition of them they will be here to parade on Thursday.

—Alcock's wonderful performance of flying from New Foundland to Ireland without a stop lost much of the thrill it would have occasioned had it not been for the three-stop flight of the American aviators and the failure of Hawker. It is none the less wonderful, however. It is one more clincher to the optimist's argument that there is no such thing as "It can't be done."

—If the Germans refuse to sign the peace treaty and war is renewed at the cost of more precious lives the fault will lie more at the doors of those Republican Congressmen and Senators who have labored so despicably to discredit President Wilson abroad than to any other source. It has been this propaganda that has made the Hun murderers insolent and hopeful.

—Under a new law, just signed by the Governor, every vehicle that travels a public road at night, must display a white light ahead and a red light astern. This law covers every kind of conveyance except hay wagons loaded and agricultural implements. In addition to this, no conveyance will be permitted to stop in the centre of a road and every driver of a conveyance will be liable to fine and imprisonment if he does not immediately turn to the right and permit a driver following him to pass, if he so desires. This is a splendid act and should go far toward reducing danger in travel on our highways.

—Last Friday a strawberry huckster drove along a certain street in Bellefonte. To one customer he offered berries at twenty-five cents a box. She said she'd "see about it." Then he drove on and was hailed by another woman to whom he offered them at thirty cents. When she told him they were too high, he said: "Git-up! I'm going to Linn street." We haven't heard what Linn street paid for the berries, but fresh home-grown strawberries were being offered at several stores that day for twenty cents and this huckster knew it, for he had tried to sell his at one of the stores before he thought of going to Linn street.

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Welcomes an Investigation. The proposed investigations of the conduct of the recent world war has not frightened the Democrats in Congress. In fact they are rather eager to present for public comparison the records made by the Republicans in the wars conducted by them and that of the Democratic administration in the great war just ended in complete triumph.

Peace Treaty Completed. The peace terms have been finally fixed and placed in the hands of the German delegates in the conference with a time limit of seven days for the signing. The text has not been given to the public as yet but it is substantially the same as that presented several weeks ago against which objections were made and concessions demanded.

Either the Party or Germany. Representative Fess, of Ohio, chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, protests that the proposed investigations into the war activities of the government are not for political purposes. Chairman Hays, of the Republican National committee, professes the same view and in a recent public speech declared that such an investigation in the interest of politics would be reprehensible.

Airplane Crosses the Atlantic in Sixteen Hours. London, June 16.—London celebrated today the achievement of the two British airmen who yesterday completed the first non-stop trans-Atlantic flight, meanwhile preparing for a formal reception to the air victors, Capt. John Alcock and Lieut. Arthur Whitten Brown.

Those who were familiar with public affairs of that time as well as students of the history of the period, living in Pennsylvania, are not surprised at the revelations made by Congressman Steele. "Public property was purloined," he declared, "and carried off in open daylight; scores of superfluous men were quartered on the pay rolls by politicians; navy agents colluded with ring contractors to buy of them all supplies at highest market rates on agreement for fifteen per cent. commissions and clerks in the yards, for a consideration, would slip the pay requisition of these ring thieves from the bottom to the top of the pile that awaited the official certificate of approval, so that they might draw their money at once to the prejudice of honest dealers."

It is gratifying to feel that the end is approaching. We have no fear of a resumption of war. That is too horrible to think of, too costly to contemplate. The world needs rest and recuperation. This country needs its great President at his post of duty in Washington. And these beneficent prospects are in view. As soon as the treaty is signed President Wilson will come home but until that is accomplished he cannot be expected.

Palpably Unnecessary Orders. It was hardly necessary for A. Mitchell Palmer to write instructions to the Democratic Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania as to how they should vote on the question of ratifying the Woman Suffrage amendment to the Federal constitution.

Luxury Tax Must Go. The so-called luxury tax must soon go to satisfy the demand of the suffering public which no longer sees any need of paying a penalty for the purchase of certain good grades of merchandise and in reply to this demand Congress is getting the repeal machinery under way.

Senator Vare is throwing bouquets very freely toward Governor Spruiell now. Four years ago Governor Brumbaugh fell for the same sort of chaff. —It was rather unkind of the Peace Conference to begin a revision of the treaty on the very day the Senate called on the President to submit a copy. —Senator Lodge has been fooling the people a long time but now he stands revealed as one of the scurviest demagogues of his day and generation.

Of course the expenses of government will diminish as war charges are cut off but that doesn't prove greater economy in management of public affairs. —Sergeant York having been married the other day may be safely predicted that his "triumphal march" through the country is ended.

The vast number of Liberty bond holders in this country is some protection against Bolshevism but police vigilance is not a bad thing even under the most favorable conditions. —After July 1st old John Barleycorn will be added to the collection of skeletons in a good many family closets. —Some parts of Centre county need rain badly while others have had more than they need.

—A roll of bills, containing \$670, was found by Edward A. Fleming at the entrance of his clothes pressing establishment in Sunbury last Friday. Many passersby had overlooked the money, although one man is thought to have gotten a stray bill or two that was loose from the roll. Some hours later Willard D. Leiby, a merchant, telephoned the police he had lost a roll containing between \$500 and \$1000, which he had left in a pair of trousers. These trousers, with other clothing of Leiby's were taken to Fleming to be pressed. They had been tossed about with not a thought that they contained money and they lay for long time within everybody's reach. Fleming turned the money over to the police.

SPAULWS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—Among "Pennsy" shop employees at Altoona receiving belated classification back pay, one woman will receive \$500. —Cambria county has six murder cases scheduled for its June criminal court and its jail is filled with prisoners. The city of Johnstown is a strong contributor to the criminal list of that county.

—Robbers early Saturday morning forced the safe of the Trenton town postoffice and secured Altoona bank stocks, Liberty bonds, cash, war savings and postage stamps to the value of upwards of \$8000.

—President Judge H. W. Cummings, of Northumberland county, captured a monster turtle while fishing along Penn's creek one day last week. The turtle, which weighed twenty pounds, was presented to C. A. Summers, of Milton, brother of Prothonotary Edgar Summers.

—Mrs. Maria Herr, who last week celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary, died Thursday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Abram Stively, at Collins, Northumberland county. She outlived her husband by twenty years. She possessed her faculties to the end.

—Captain W. C. Kress, of Lock Haven, has celebrated the eighty-third anniversary of his birth. Captain Kress has been an attorney in Clinton county for nearly sixty years, and for several years was Supreme court reporter. He is one of the few surviving members of the old Catawact Steam Fire Engine company, of Lock Haven.

—The Adrian furnace at DuBois and the Puxnatunawny furnace at that town were closed indefinitely last week. Manager St. Clair, of both furnaces, says that the shut-down is for repairs and because of little iron demand. Workmen employed at the DuBois plant say they were asked to take a reduction in wages before the plants were shut down.

—Plans of the State Army Board for reconstruction of additional armories for the re-organized national guard will have to be curtailed in view of the fact that less than \$200,000 for construction has been allowed by the House of Representatives. The State has received offers of free sites for buildings which would cost twice as much as the sum available.

—The State Compensation Board has ruled that Indiana county must pay compensation to the widow of Constable Artley, of Blairsville, because he was shot and killed while trying to make an arrest. It is held that the constable had been elected by the people, had given bond and was acting under control of authorities. The manner of his selection to the office does not enter into the case.

—The United States Supreme court has decided in a car discrimination case brought some six years ago by James H. Minds, of Iamery, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, that the latter corporation must pay Mr. Minds \$75,000. Mr. Minds has three suits pending in Clearfield county for discrimination in intrashipments. One of these cases was tried and a sum of \$800,000 obtained after a three weeks' trial.

—Charles Horshey Meagle, of near Verdilla, Union county, related a strange experience he had with a snake. While walking through a grass field, he noticed something hanging to his trousers, and stopped to remove it. He found it to be a good sized black snake. The snake had fast to his trousers and was wrapping itself around his legs. He stamped on it with his other foot and the life of the snake was ended.

—Goaded to a frenzy of jealousy by supposed intimacy of his wife with another man, Frank Lotz, of Reading, waited for her early Sunday morning, and as she came out of the house where she boarded he fired three bullets into her head, turning the revolver to his own temple, fired on himself. Both died immediately. Lotz and his wife had been estranged for some years. The husband left a statement in which he named a man as responsible for breaking up his home.

—Miss Lillian Barclay was elected Johnstown's first policewoman at the regular meeting of city council last week. One of Miss Barclay's most important duties will be to supervise city dance halls, in accordance with the act recently passed by the Legislature giving the mayors of third-class cities power to regulate such places of amusement. Miss Barclay will be formally appointed as soon as the city solicitor prepares the necessary legislation concerning the dance hall act.

—In a sensational daylight raid on an alleged whiskey distillery in the heart of Midland, Butler county, on Saturday, three persons were arrested, apparatus used in the actual operation, and forty gallons of new whiskey were confiscated. Those arrested were foreigners, Eli Bondivi, his wife and daughter, all of whom are alleged by the police to have been connected in the operation of the still. This was the first raid of the kind reported in years in Butler county. The county was known as a dry county since the 1st of April.

—Harry Drey, 28 years of age, married and the father of three children, was shot from ambush in Hampden park, Reading, early Monday morning by an unknown assailant concealed in the shrubbery. With him was Helen Nell, aged 24 years, a single woman, to whom he had been paying attention, and whose story coincides with Drey's. She was taken to police station as a witness. Drey, with a bullet through his stomach, is in a hospital, expected to die. He was prominent in the past several years as a semi-professional ball player.

—Sergeant Genn Leitzel, of Millifaring, who was taken prisoner by Bolshevik forces in Russia, March 29th, and held in Moscow with four others, has been released through the efforts of Frank J. Taylor, a correspondent of the United Press. Reports of the capture of Sergeant Leitzel were received in Millifaring a short time after he was taken by the revolutionary forces in Russia. Some time later word was received in Millifaring from the War Department that he had been killed by the Bolshevik troops, but fortunately this report proved incorrect.

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