

Those who are in doubt about it are informed that the country will finally abolish daylight saving at one o'clock a. m., Sunday, October 26th.

The new moon is lying away round in the southern skies which brings the comforting assurance, according to the astrologists, that it is to be a warm one.

Centre county never has been very strong for third term candidates so it is only natural to presume that she won't be very strong for Bill Brown for Recorder.

Not to be outdone by classic Boston wild and woolly Omaha has gone her one better in mob rule by trying to burn her million dollar court house and lynch her mayor.

Young Mr. Bullitt's absurd statement to the Senate committee a few days ago appears to have missed the mark. In other words it was something of a "spent ball."

Let Democrats and Republicans alike see to it that the three best men are selected for County Commissioners. It is a business matter, pure and simple, and let us treat it as such.

Hats off to William Henry Harrison Walker. Alone, he has secured a worth while war trophy for Bellefonte and Centre county. Let's send him to Congress. He might spring another surprise by dropping a public building into our lap.

The King and Queen of Belgium will land in our country today, but the illness of President Wilson precludes a governmental reception in Washington so they will tour until October 24th, when it is hoped the President will have recovered sufficiently to officially welcome them at the capital.

No time should be lost in deporting Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman. All of their time in this country has been devoted to destructive propaganda. Both are the kind of dogs that bite the hand that has been feeding them and they should be shipped whence they came with all the dispatch that is possible.

The Germans put Capt. Dick Taylor into one of their awful prisons and kept him there until the armistice was signed. Let us go the Huns one better and put Capt. Dick into the Centre county jail and keep him there for four years. Let us give him a little pleasant prison experience to even up the suffering he endured with his first one.

The President's break-down was not unexpected. The wonder is that he had the vigor to keep going as long as he did. We venture that no man in the world's history has been under the terrific strain that President Wilson has worked under for five years without a moment's relief and it is nothing less than remarkable that he has been able to carry on as splendidly as he has.

Judge Duffington's remarks about William Zebulon Foster, the radical leader of the steel strike, expressed the view that every sane American holds of such characters. But mere depreciation of the revolutionary agitation of such syndicalist anarchists and others of their ilk will do little good. It seems to us that some law with teeth in it could surely be found and invoked to properly punish men who are openly and avowedly against the government.

There is much talk of an early attempt to resuscitate old John Barleycorn. The wets are very hopeful and the dries are satisfied that the brewers big horses will never run over this country again. The recent agitation aroused because of a supposed statement by Secretary of War Baker that the army is demobilized, but the Secretary denies having made such an assertion and contends that the army will not be demobilized until the last man who enlisted for the duration of the war has been discharged.

It is none too early to discuss the candidates for the various offices to be filled in Centre county next month. Remember, that under the new law the actual campaign is only a little over six weeks long. Prior to its enactment the voters had an entire summer during which to consider the merits of the various nominees. With so short a time the man who tries to do the best for himself and his country with his ballot needs to be inquiring right now as to the fitness of the men who want to manage his public business for him. You should not put it off until election day and then vote on impulse or what some one who has an ax to grind tells you. Centre county needs capable, honest officials and you should be very discriminating in helping to pick them.

How can anything else than a spirit of unrest permeate the public mind when Congress has done nothing but carp and criticize throughout the months of its session. If the country ever needed reassurance. If it ever needed an optimistic view point. If it ever needed some constructive thought that would concentrate attention on the hopefulness of the future. It has needed it throughout the period of turmoil and uncertainty since the armistice was signed. It has had a right to expect some of these from the men entrusted to frame its laws in Washington, but while we are all crying for bread these pseudo-statesmen have nothing to throw but stones. Good Lord give us men. Give us men who will rise above the sordidness of self-interest, who will rise above the petty claims of partisan politics and be men long enough to still the unrest and save the government.

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Only One Way to Peace.

Are the people of this country "deaf, dumb and impervious to reason?" The Republican leaders in the Senate have not only set out to defeat an attempt to make war impossible in the future but they are with equal zeal trying to force upon the world at once another war more atrocious and destructive than that just finished. In the amendment to the treaty giving Shantung to China instead of transferring Germany's lease of that province to Japan, there are concealed millions of germs of war. Japan and Germany would have common cause against the United States and in the absence of an agreement as contemplated in the League of Nations, every ally of Germany in Europe and Asia would be ready to fly at our throats.

Are the people of the United States in favor of peace or war? Senator Lodge probably favors war because many of his rich friends own munition plants or manufacture war materials. Senator Johnson probably favors war because he hates President Wilson and imagines another war would impair the influence of the President upon world-wide public sentiment. Senators Reed, of Missouri, and Sherman, of Illinois, want war for the reason that demagogues fare better in war times than when peace prevails. But the people who pay the penalties of war, those whose sons suffer the privations and distresses of war, want peace and the pending treaty and the proposed League of Nations is the best promise of peace available.

If the danger of another war were not imminent in the event of the failure to ratify the peace treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations why should German statesmen so cordially approve the opposition to the ratification of the treaty? Every speech of Lodge and Johnson and the other opponents of the ratification is printed in full in the German newspapers and fulsomely praised as the expressions of great statesmen. Germany can see no merit in the arguments of the President, no value in the pleas of Hitchcock, Williams, Robinson and Underwood, real statesmen and orators. They offer no comfort and make no appeal to Germany. But the opponents of the treaty point the way to German reprisals.

Reversing the action of the Peace Conference on the Shantung provision would be an injustice and an insult to Japan. China leased the province and certain privileges to Germany. Japan drove Germany away and acquired the lease by conquest. The Peace Conference exacted a promise from Japan that the property would be restored to China, not at the expiration of the lease, but as soon as possible after the establishment of peace. The Senate committee amendment to the treaty giving the province to China instead of Japan would be unjustly depriving Japan of conquered property and aspersing her character for fidelity to obligations. Both are causes of war which Germany would freely fan into flame.

The late war was cruel beyond comparison in the past. But such a war as that thus provoked would be infinitely more atrocious. Japan just emerging from a state of barbarism, and Germany schooled for years in savagery, would wage such a war as revolts the human mind to contemplate. Yet those who are opposing the ratification of the peace treaty are inviting such a conflict for the puerile reasons of selfishness and revenge. Will fair minded American citizens endorse such action or approve such a course? If not they will join in a mighty protest that will call the conspirators from their purpose. There is only one way to secure peace and that is by ratifying the treaty of Versailles.

The imminence of serious labor troubles all over the country is a striking reason why the covenant of the League of Nations should be promptly ratified and possibly is also the principal reason why the Republicans are delaying action.

Senator Frelinghuysen blames his ancestry for his present actions in the Senate and the name indicates that his ancestors would be highly pleased with his efforts to prevent the ratification of the peace treaty.

Trotsky says the war against capitalism must be won in this country rather than in Russia. He has probably discovered that there isn't much capital left in Russia and wants to get where the getting is good.

"Hot-air Hi" is alliterative and somewhat appropriate as a pet name for the California blatherskite, but "Hungry Hi" fills the requirements and it might be well enough to "let well enough alone."

November 4th will reveal how loyal the voters of Centre county are to the men who have voluntarily fought their battles. Surely they will long enough to still the unrest and save the government.

PURELY A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

Of all the offices to be filled in Centre county on November 4th there is only one which involves business management in the broad sense. It is the office of County Commissioner. In every other office, with the exception of that of the sheriff, the conduct is guided by set rules, forms and customs from which the incumbent may not deviate. The exception in the sheriff's office is practically negligible for the only initiative that official is permitted is in his police duty as the chief custodian of the peace of the county. Inasmuch as riot and mob rule are scarcely conceivable in Centre county the initiative function of the sheriff is also nil.

So we find that the only men who are guided by their own judgment are the men who occupy the most important office in the county as it relates to the pecuniary welfare of the tax-payer. There is no law, no form, no set of rules to tell the County Commissioners how much of our money they may take from us in taxes. There is no law, no form, no set of rules to tell them how they may spend it after they have taken it.

Generally speaking the whole matter is in their own hands, only limited restrictions stand in the way of their collecting and disbursing as they please. They can build and paint bridges, they can build new roads and buildings, they can employ men and buy supplies extravagantly without anything to hinder them except your vote when they come up for re-election, but as the mischief could be carried on for four years before you would get a chance to oust the makers of it it seems to us that the better plan is to take no chances with uncertainties and select men for this office who have the qualifications to fill it.

There are four aspirants in the field, from whom three are to be chosen. The question every tax-payer in the county should be asking himself today is: What three?

Remembering that the men who will be chosen Commissioners next month will collect from us in taxes over \$100,000.00 and have nothing but their own experience and good judgment to guide them in spending this vast sum we should apply ourselves to the task of discovering the three out of the four who give the greatest promise. It is probably true that none of them has had experience in business propositions quite so large as this, where they have been left entirely to their own judgment. It is equally as true that Centre county has had very few Commissioners with such experience prior to their election. But men who have proven successful and competent in small ways are invariably capable of larger things. And it is to this phase of the four nominees that we shall call your attention in a later issue of the "Watchman."

Meanwhile investigate for yourself. Inquire as to which of them have rendered service to the public in the past, which ones have done constructive work in their communities, which ones are men of wide acquaintance, know the county and its needs and have been in contact with men who do things. Which ones are looked upon as representative men in their respective communities, which ones are called into consultation when forward movements are being planned. All of these are essential to good management in the Commissioner's office for the men who have had these experiences have something in them to warrant their election. They have been widened out by contact, they have been matured by experience.

Centre county needs the best three of the four and every voter who has his own and the public interest at heart will vote that way, no matter what ulterior influence might try to dissuade him from it.

The Steel Workers Strike.

The time of the strike of the steel workers of the country is inauspicious, granting that they have just cause of complaint. Admitting the statement before the Senate committee the other day by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that "the right of workers to association has been denied with all the power and influence and wealth of the Steel corporation," and that "the right to be heard is what the steel workers are asking above all else," there are no substantial reasons to believe that industrial paralysis at this time would have corrected the faults or cured the evils of which they complain and probably justly.

The entire industrial world is in a state of turmoil. England is all torn up and practically helpless under a strike of railroaders. This country is threatened by a strike of miners and the strike of steel workers is on. Germany, Russia and Italy are harassed with labor problems of the gravest character. In such a condition of public sentiment it is practically impossible to reason out differences and adjust disputes however palpable the remedy. The cost of living is high but employers can hardly be blamed for that and yet that is the principal source of all the troubles. It would have been better, therefore, for both sides to the controversy to address themselves to the problem of reducing the cost of commodities rather than increasing them.

Thus far it cannot be said that the strike has worked the results expected of it. The steel industry is crippled but not destroyed. If the strike continues a considerable period of time the worse effect will follow. If it is called off until after the proposed conference with the President and those directly involved these greater evils might be averted. Let us hope reason will assert itself and the dangers be thus avoided. We are approaching a hard winter. Others than the steel worker are concerned in the perils which are impending. Let the adjustment of differences be postponed until the public mind is in a better frame to cope with the problems.

President Wilson's Illness.

The illness of the President is unfortunate but happily it came upon him after the most important part of his arduous but self-imposed task was finished. Throughout the middle west, in the northwestern section and on the Pacific coast his arguments in favor of the ratification of the League of Nations made a profound impression on the public mind. It was in these sections that educational influences were needed, moreover. In the southwest and south, where he is unable to fill his engagements, the communities are fairly well informed concerning the mission in which he was engaged and their disappointment will not work great harm.

In expressing sympathy for the President in his illness former President Taft says that no one without the experience can know the heavy burdens which such a task as "swinging round the circle" imposes. It involves not only a heavy draft upon the physical resources of the individual but imposes an almost impossible tax on the mental organism. But President Wilson is not in the habit of counting the cost that lies between himself and duty. His only consideration is the fulfillment of his obligations and to achieve that result he will go the limit. Hitherto he has been able to accomplish wonders but the strain of the last year has been constant and it is not surprising that he broke under it.

It is gratifying to learn that his illness is not serious and that it is already yielding to the capable ministrations of his physician, Admiral Grayson. A few days or possibly weeks of rest will restore him to complete health and release him to his labor for the benefit of the country and mankind. He has done much already. Public sentiment has fallen in behind him wherever his voice has been heard. But he is not through. The Senate will continue its senseless fight until the regular session of Congress opens, no doubt, and then a halt will be called. The effect of the President's speeches will assert itself by that time and the righteous peace for which he has contended will follow.

Anxious Observers of the Senate Hold-Up.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. More than ten months have passed since the signing of the armistice. It is just ten months since our army of occupation crossed the German border.

Who would have believed when the armistice was signed, that an international agreement of any sort designed to prevent another great war, and heartily approved by the leading statesmen of all the Allies, would be so strenuously opposed in the Senate of the United States?

It has lately been asserted by several well-informed and generally reliable authorities that of all the European nations engaged, the German nationality is now in the best condition for the re-building of its war-power and that the German people have not abandoned their martial aspirations. That leopard of militarism has not changed its spots. There is just as strong authority for the statement that France and Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, remain in a fearful state of exhaustion, notwithstanding displays of strength, and that even Great Britain might well quail before the prospect of another great war in the present generation. But the peril of France and Belgium is most evident. It is amazing with what tranquility the French government and people have waited and watched these many months the strange opposition of our Senate to the ratification of the peace treaty. Some explanation is offered in the report of the reassuring words of Premier Clemenceau to the French deputies when he told them that even if the United States should reject the League of Nations, the treaties of alliance between France, Great Britain and the United States would be sufficient guarantee of peace for some years to come and also that the League could exist without the United States. But it is easy to appreciate how much greater must be the anxiety of the French and Belgians than any on this side of the ocean as they watch from afar the factious opposition of those American Senators who fear, or pretend to fear, that a League for peace will imperil American independence.

Governors With Backbones.

From the New York World. Above the welter of warring classes upholding false doctrines and asserting outrageous claims the voices of two American Governors are lifted powerfully in behalf of law and order. To the impudent assertion of the strike bosses in Pennsylvania that because the authorities are compelling them in some places to respect the rights of others they are subject to an odious tyranny, Governor Sproul replies that force is being used only against those who incite the ignorant and vicious to riot and pillage. "This," he continues, "is the spirit of the people of Pennsylvania, and as Governor of the State I shall see to it that their rights are faithfully executed, their laws protected and their institutions upheld." He finally to the striking Boston policemen, who by abandoning their posts in concert sought to coerce the government and exposed the city to lawlessness, Governor Coolidge says: "No man has a right to place his own case or making money above his duty to the State." "This is the cause of all and adds: "I call on every citizen to stand by me in executing the oath of my office by supporting the authority of the government and resisting all assaults upon it."

These Governors are face to face with presumptuous or disorderly minorities bent upon subjecting the majority to their will. Demagogues would have made common cause with the violent; time-servers would have dodged the issue, and cowards would have appealed to the federal authorities for help. By placing their sole reliance upon the dignity and power of their own Commonwealths, forces too often neglected nowadays, they reassert the basic principles of American democracy.

The Question of More Pay But No Work.

From the New York Sun. In the Labor Federation convention in Lyons last Thursday, A. Merriman, secretary of the Metal Workers' Union, long one of the most aggressive labor leaders in France, aroused a storm of approval by denouncing men who want to make or pretend they can make this earth a heaven without work. He declared that what labor needed today was to get to work. Any honest man with a level head can add for him that with out work, and plenty of it, this earth can become only a hell. Here in the United States, when wild men are talking about doubling and trebling their wages without working for them, when unscrupulous men are urging their fellows to embargo national production, some sane, fearless labor leader is going to stand up and tell the workers of this country the same truths as Merriman is telling the French, or the American people are going to launch a thunderbolt against false teachers and blind guides who would annul the right, the duty and the necessity of mankind to live by work.

Congress appears to be doing its best to do nothing and candor compels the assertion that it is achieving the purpose.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

By accidental discharge of his gun while hunting ground-hogs, Clarence Darrohn, of Easton, was killed.

Escaping from Juniata county jail seven years ago, B. F. Spriggle has been captured and is again in the jail to answer the original charge of larceny.

Three hundred and five thousand, nine hundred and sixty-five dollars was the price brought by the sale of seventeen farms of the James C. Packer estate, situated in Northumberland and Union counties.

Elmer C. Halderman and William Evans, of Philadelphia, were found guilty in the Northumberland county court at Sunbury on Friday, of cracking the safe of the Lewisburg, Milton and Watsonburg Passenger Railway company, at Milton, on March 29th last.

The First National bank at Hollsopple, Somerset county, was robbed last Friday night of Liberty bonds and other valuables to the amount of \$10,000. The robbers gained entrance by sawing window bars and the theft was discovered when the bank opened the next day.

William Hiter, convicted of murder in the first degree for shooting and killing George E. Schaeffer, a prominent farmer, near Blairsville, Lancaster county, was sentenced on Saturday to be electrocuted. Hiter killed Schaeffer to rob him and the crew of a passing shifting engine were the only witnesses.

Augustus Wagman, of Dallastown, York county, recently purchased a bag of chop for hog consumption and had it delivered to his home. The next morning he went out to feed the hogs, and to his surprise found only a small quantity of the feed remaining. On reaching into the box Wagman discovered a silver watch evidently lost by the thief.

Charged with shooting his rival for the affection of a Kulpmont young lady, Joseph Gotti, of Kulpmont, was sentenced in criminal court at Sunbury, by Judge Cummings to serve 18 months in the county jail and pay a fine of \$50. Gotti had shot George Paul, of Mt. Carmel, in the leg while Paul waited for a trolley car at a corner in Kulpmont, after having called on the lady of his heart and Gotti's choice.

Jumbo, the famous elk of the Billmeys game preserve near Washingtonville, which was killed two weeks ago on account of his death dealing qualities among the other members of the herd, was sold to the Burnham fire company for the sum of \$175 and will be used as the principal item in a big barbecue to be held by the company, tomorrow, October 4th. The elk was six years old and he weighed 1000 pounds. The animal was one of the most beautiful of his species.

When a masked man attacked Miss Frances Hill, a singer, while Miss Hill was returning to her home at Westport Thursday night, she did not even scream for help. She met the fellow with a hard blow in the face, grabbed off his mask and, after giving him another punch, seized a piece of lumber and hammered him over the head. He fled. Adjusting her hat, which had been knocked askew during the scuffle, Miss Hill continued her journey to her home and telephoned to the police.

Leo Blair, of Renovo, was arrested Friday by Michael Foley and James Mack, railroad police. He was charged with robbing his room-mate, Mitchell McCormick, of an overcoat, eight pairs of hose, three pairs of gloves, two shirts, five neckties, two pairs of cuff links and several other articles, the value of about one hundred dollars. They roomed at the residence of Mrs. Hester Simcox. Blair left Renovo on a freight and chief of police Klyer notified the railroad police and he was arrested at Queen's Run and taken to Renovo, where he entered a plea of guilty before a local justice and in default of bail was sent to the Clinton county jail.

Harvesting the corn crop is taking a place among hazardous occupations. Following the accident to Augustus Miller, near Abbotstown, York county, and now in the York hospital, who dislocated a hip and broke a leg, when the blader twine he was using in shocking, shipped across the report of similar one to Mrs. Oscar Kline, of the same locality. She is suffering from two fractured bones in her left arm. The accident occurred while she was working in a field on the Kline farm. She was putting the corn in shocks. Using cord to tie around the shocks to hold the corn in place, she pulled strongly on it, when suddenly it broke and she fell backward.

The Central Construction company, of Harrisburg, was the bidder for the work on the state memorial bridge at Harrisburg. It developed last week when bids were opened by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. Only five bids on the entire structure were submitted. Over thirty-two corporations had received copies of the plans. The bids were opened in the Governor's reception room, and by 100 men being present. The board was Governor Sproul, Auditor General Snyder and State Treasurer Kephart. The Governor said that all of the bids would be tabulated and the award announced in due time after the board had given the bids careful consideration. The Central Construction company bid was \$2,384,457.98 on the entire structure.

As July 1st approached, a New Castle, Pa., resident bought three cases of whiskey at \$100 a case to guard against the future dryness. His wife, being a temperance woman, he dared not put the stuff in his cellar, so he buried it in an abandoned well on his premises. His plan was to secrete the stuff in his house when his wife made her annual pilgrimage to her mother's home. When workmen began excavating for a street in the neighborhood the wife arranged with them to fill up the old well. The husband was lukewarm toward the plan, but dared not oppose it, and three loads of dirt went in on top of the liquor. Husband is still waiting for his wife to make her annual visit, so he can exhume the liquor, but getting at it now will be some job.

Paul D. Bailey, a Pennsylvania railroad engineer, was acquitted by a jury at Sunbury last Friday afternoon on a charge of murder. Bailey shot and killed a neighbor, whom he found on the porch of his home with his wife after the husband had been warned not to visit the house. The jury took one ballot. Many of his railroad friends who provided more than \$700 for his defense, when they reached the sidewalk, raised Bailey to their shoulders and started to march down to the rooms of Sunbury Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, shouting, "Who is all right? Bailey." Persons who watched Mrs. Bailey as she walked freely, her husband was announced, say that she did not move an eyelash. She flashed slightly and stared straight ahead, they assert, while everybody else voiced approval of the verdict.