

—Now that the election is over we cease to be "the peepul."

—The weather man needs a few new gaskets for his sprinkling devices.

—More power to the arm of the law when it starts to deporting radical aliens.

—About the only thing the radicals produce is chaos and sane people consider it a "non essential."

—Many an old tank is taking up the study of spiritualism since the country has gone clear dry.

—This week has been more propitious for the farmers who didn't have their potatoes raised or their corn husked.

—If council buys seventeen thousand dollar's worth of new fire-fighting apparatus will we get any come-back in insurance rates?

—Holland refuses to give up the Kaiser. If that is the kind of a country Holland is he is being punished enough by staying there.

—One thing we will have to be thankful for on November 27th is that we didn't run for office in Centre county on November 4th.

—That McKeesport coal dealer who discharged an employe for giving a customer short weight was flirting with a commission in lunacy.

—Thanksgiving is less than two weeks off. A glance at your diminishing coal pile will probably tell you that real winter is almost at hand.

—Report has it that Rector Kent, of Honey Brook, Pa., "took off" with seven criminal charges hanging over him. Another "flying parson," we should say.

—The miners showed superlative wisdom when they voted to return to picking coal in preference to picking a quarrel with the government of the United States.

—Editor Charley Bangert, of DuBois, rises to remark that there were four great printers in the world. One of them was Ben Franklin. But he is dead. The other three are Charley's sons.

—It appears that the Vares, of Philadelphia, were disappointed in the expectation of carrying a majority in the council body. But even that will not convince them that they "are down and out."

—We have had such glorious victories since the Democracy of Centre county and Pennsylvania was reorganized that maybe some of these fine days the "Watchman" will go so daffy celebrating them that it will try to make its readers believe that reorganization was exactly what the party needed.

—It was a great disappointment that Governor Sproul could not get to State College for Pennsylvania day. There was a record breaking crowd there to greet him and the Governor holds a rather unique position as a chief executive of the Commonwealth who has really commanded the respect of all its people.

—Warden John Francis addressed the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce recently; talking for his theme the new western penitentiary of Pennsylvania. Of course the Warden can talk entertainingly on any subject from the dodo to the shimmy dance, but just why he should have talked pen to that bunch in Harrisburg has us guessing.

—The public school teachers of Centre county have been with us all week. It is a hopeful and altogether gratifying sign: The seriousness with which they attend to the work they are annually called together to do. Time was when institutes were regarded by many of the teachers as more of a week's outing of a frivolous social nature than a real school for those who would teach school.

—At the institute on Tuesday one of the instructors dissertated on "the art of story telling." While the lady was very pleasing, both to look upon and hear, we have reason to believe that her's was a work of supererogation. Any of the recently defeated candidates for county office will agree with us in that; for knowing, as they do, how many people promised to vote for them and then didn't, they can bear witness to the fact that the "art of story telling" is one in which many Centre county men need little instruction.

—It scarcely seems possible that a year has elapsed since the armistice was signed. A year ago last Tuesday we were all supremely happy in the thought that the trouble was all over and it would be a matter of only a few months until the country would get back to normal. It is not back, however, and the Senate of the United States must bear the responsibility for whatever of disruption, discontent and distress our people felt as they thoughtfully observed the first anniversary of the day of deliverance from war.

—We understand that work on the improvement of the state highway to Snow Shoe has been discontinued for this season. If this be so surely some one in authority will require the contractors to repair the parts of it that they have torn up and not remade so that they are at least passable. It is very poor planning that permits five miles of a good roadway to be converted into a veritable bog while less than one mile is in construction. All the detours to Snow Shoe have become next to impossible and unless some action is taken the main route will be left in a worse condition throughout the winter.

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Organized Labor in Danger. Raiding the Reds.

The United Mine Workers of America have no just cause of complaint against the court action taken at Indianapolis. The organization violated its agreement with the government and the government appealed to a court of equity to right the wrong. That was the only remedy available for a grievous evil. A coal miners' strike of the proportions contemplated by Mr. Lewis, the acting president of the organization, would have been a public calamity. As Mr. Lewis said industry would be paralyzed and commerce destroyed. The railroads would have to be shut down in a short time, the steamships docked and every form of production stopped. It is hard to imagine a man willing to cause such trouble.

But the officials of the United Mine Workers of America were equal to this measure of iniquity, and in the absence of a contract they might have been able "to put it across." The violation of the contract, however, brought them within the reach of an equity court, and they were properly enjoined from carrying out a vicious conspiracy. It is not true, as has been alleged, that coal miners have been enjoined from quitting their employment. No court has authority to issue such a decree. But the officers of the organization were enjoined from ordering men out of the mines and for paying them for carrying out a conspiracy, in violation of their contract to work until peace has been restored.

The mine workers' officials were foolish in ordering a strike, thus setting up a claim that their corporation is greater than the government. Possibly knowing that it would have been infinitely more foolish to defy the order of the United States court to rescind the order for a strike, the officers of the United Mine Workers of America obeyed the mandate, in joint conference at Indianapolis, at four o'clock last Tuesday morning, when they voted, under protest, to call off the strike. Any other action would have marked the beginning of the end of organized labor in this country. The people of the United States will not tolerate a super-government by labor or any other organization. Any conflict over the matter would be regrettable for labor organizations have accomplished great good in the past, and they may continue their constructive work only as law abiding Americans with no rights superior to those of any other class of citizens.

Turkey boasts of being the soundest country financially of the late belligerents. That being the case she should be required to pay a fair share of the expenses of the late war.

Dr. Van Dyke's Startling Statements.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, former American Minister to the Netherlands, addressing the World's Christian Citizenship Conference in session in Pittsburgh, the other day, made some startling statements. "Highway robberies, race riots and murders seem to be increasing in spite of prohibition," he declared, and added "the world may be more sober but it is certainly not more sane. On the contrary it seems as if the pressure of human passion and impulse has become more intense while the restraint of reason and conscience has relaxed." Dr. Van Dyke ascribes this lamentable condition to the substitution of the moving picture show for the church as "the chief intellectual influence."

In suggesting a cure for this amazing state of affairs Dr. Van Dyke is equally positive. "It is inevitable," he said, "that there should be a partnership, a League of Nations, to prevent or suppress any new outbreak of the war madness which cost the world about \$200,000,000,000, nearly 8,000,000 men slain and countless thousands of aged men, women and children starved to death. The frivolity of certain American Senators," he continued, "may keep us out of the League for a brief time, but in the end it is coming and we shall be in it as sure as there is a God in heaven and a dominant common sense in the American people." It may be madness and it may be malice instead of frivolity that moves the Senators in question to their course, but it will fail.

The industrial disturbance as well as the moral decadence throughout the country is directly traceable to the delay of the American Senate in ratifying the covenant of the League of Nations. The seed of the evil comes from the sections of central Europe which are dependent upon the issue of the peace treaty for existence. With the ratification of the treaty the differences and disputes between those peoples would be adjusted and the agitation cease. But the American Senators referred to by Dr. Van Dyke want war instead of peace because they imagine war will afford them political advantage and the affairs of the whole world are kept in tumult and disorder for partisan purposes.

The arrest of nearly fourteen hundred persons in several cities on charges of conspiracy against the government reveals an alarming state of affairs. In New York, Detroit and Akron, Ohio, breeding places of lawlessness were uncovered, and probably there are many others in other cities. Of one thousand arrested in New York only thirty-seven, the leaders, were held. But plenty of evidence of their evil purposes was secured and deadly weapons in abundance were confiscated. It is believed that a connection between these mischievous enemies of society and the leaders in the steel and coal miners' strikes will be shown by the literature captured which will greatly facilitate the war upon them.

It is charged that the purpose of the conspirators is to destroy the government of the United States and establish in its place a government similar to that of Lenin and Trotsky, in Russia. The documents captured in the raids on Sunday night clearly establish this fact. The funds to support the movement are obtained in Germany and Russia and the obvious purpose is to nullify the victory achieved by the war. It may be said, moreover, that the most enthusiastic endorsement of the fight against the ratification of the peace treaty comes from the fountains of treason maintained by these wretches in this country and abroad. They are the cheer leaders for Reed, Borah and Hungry Hi.

It is high time that steps be taken to eradicate this dangerous element from the life of the country. No government can endure which tolerates treason and this government must continue. It is the hope of civilization, the security of justice and liberty. Whatever or whoever sets out to destroy it must be brought to account and punishment and the process should be summary and complete. Whether the seat of the disorder is in the Senate chamber in Washington or the hovels of vice in New York is of no consequence in the matter of assessing the damage. Henry Cabot Lodge or "Big Jim" Larkin look alike to the law they are striving to upset, and equally deserve public censure for what they have done.

Bulgaria intends to extradite and punish former King Ferdinand who sneaked away to Germany after he had betrayed and looted the people he misgoverned before the war. That is the right spirit but a trifle tardy.

Celebration of "Armistice Day."

If there had been no other celebration of what will always be known as "Armistice day" in any part of this great country, the message of President Wilson and the statements of General Pershing and Secretary of War Baker would serve as an enduring monument of the great event of November 11, 1918. The proclamation of President Wilson is a classic. In the most eloquent periods he recites the splendid achievements of our troops and of our citizenship which was behind them and in equally appropriate phrases he points out the generous rewards of our patriotism and courage. Every sentence sends a thrill to the heart of right-thinking men and women throughout the country.

General Pershing is equally forceful and appropriate in his eloquent tribute to the intelligence and valor of the troops that accomplished so much under his command and direction in the far-away battle fields upon which they fought and suffered that the world might be made better and future wars impossible. Secretary of War Baker touches the heart of every American. "While we mourn those dead," he writes, "we are grateful for their achievement and for that of their living brothers, and in the name of both we may hope for an early accomplishment of the terms of peace that shall finally complete their work upon the battle fields of France."

And while the hearts of the people were rejoicing in the hope of this glorious consummation from one end of this great country to the other a group of traitorous Senators in Congress were striving to defeat the purpose for which these magnificent men offered their lives to achieve. That they will not be able to do this dastard work we may all fondly hope for the spirit expressed by President Wilson, General Pershing and Secretary Baker is the spirit that permeates the manhood and womanhood of the country and it will prevail, notwithstanding the conspiracy of evil being nurtured in Washington for partisan reasons in the malice of defeated ambition.

Attorney General Palmer spends more time telling the public what he is going to do than in doing it. Palmer certainly believes that it pays to advertise.

The farmer has to work long hours in order to keep those who work short hours in food.

Duty of Pennsylvania Democrats.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania must do something to revive interest in the political principles they profess. The result in Centre county was much like that in other sections of the State. Admirable candidates were presented in almost every instance but the campaign was listless and the vote light. In this county the local organization was at least earnest. But as we stated last week "it has nothing to build on or with. It has had no voice in the distribution of party patronage." That is equally true in other counties. Those favored by the party in dispensing the fruits of victory were indifferent to the results of the vote. In some instances they were actually opposed to the candidates.

The fault lies in the State organization of the party. It is maintained, not to elect Democratic candidates, but to elect nominees. In the last gubernatorial campaign the party organization openly fought the candidate for Governor because he had defeated the candidate the perfidious leaders had set up. This year all the energies of the State organization were spent in framing up candidates for delegate to the National convention and members of the State committee next year. That is the reason of the failure of the party candidates in many counties this year. The success of the candidates this year might have impaired the prospects of the machine purposes next year.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania should set their faces against this sinister control of the party organization. The State committee has no right to use the machinery of the party for or against any candidate for a purely party office or a candidate for the nomination for any office. Every movement in the direction of bossing the primaries works an injury to the party. It is a crime against the voters of the State. Because of such practices the Vares, of Philadelphia, have been defeated and no Vares has ever carried his enmity to the extent of opposing the party nominees, as the Democratic organization did in 1918 in the State and in some instances in county contests in 1919.

In view of the results of the elections, the demoralization of the industrial life of the country and the perversion of Congress some of us may have doubts about Thanksgiving but we can be thankful that we have a President who can write so beautiful a proclamation.

After Shoe Profiteers.

Agents of the department of justice are traveling through the country rounding up retail dealers who are profiteering in shoes. Last week, according to reports, a stranger dropped into a town not very many miles from Bellefonte and going into a shoe store purchased a pair of shoes for \$12.00. Going to another store he bought almost the same kind of a shoe for \$10.50. He then showed his credentials and demanded the wholesaler's bills for the shoes. The bills showed that the shoes for which he paid \$12.00 had cost the retailer \$4.00 and those for which he had been charged \$10.50 had cost \$3.50. Both dealers were promptly arrested, it is said, paid their fines and are now selling shoes at a reasonable profit over and above the cost to them.

The above story is given just as it was told the "Watchman" reporter, but we cannot vouch for its absolute authenticity. One thing is self-evident, however, there is a great deal of profiteering somewhere, not only in shoes, but clothing and everything else, and if the agents of justice can uncover the real profiteers they will undoubtedly help very much in reducing the high cost of living.

Labor organizations must acknowledge some respect for the government of the United States if they want to retain the respect of the public and the sympathy of the people.

Pennsylvania Day at State College.

An unusually large crowd of people from all over the State attended the Pennsylvania day exercises at State College last Saturday. In fact, the influx of visitors began on Thursday and continued throughout Friday. The chief feature on Saturday morning was the exhibition drill of the college cadets which was reviewed by Major General Rickard. Another pleasing feature of the day was the presence of Dr. E. E. Sparks, who has improved so much from his recent nervous collapse that he was able to visit the college and make a brief address. Among other brief speakers was Auditor General Snyder.

The principal event of the afternoon was the State-Lehigh football game in which State came out the victor by the score of 20 to 7. Dances were held at the various fraternity houses both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Rumor has it that Rash Irvin is to be the new clerk to the County Commissioners.

Palmer Misses the Mark.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, addressing the High Cost of Living conference at Harrisburg last Thursday, urged the common people to wear their clothes a little longer, and thus allow production to catch up with demand. The Attorney General should have addressed his remarks not to the "common people," but the "high fliers." Close association with the "common people" would convince Mr. Palmer that the "common people" are now, and have been during the whole period of the war and reconstruction so far, wearing their clothing until it is threadbare and dangerous to wear from a law and order standpoint. There is a class with clothing galore that might well stretch out a little; no one but themselves would know that they were not well dressed.

The whole idea of cutting the cost of living by reducing consumption is out of tune with modern ideas. Increased production is what is needed; not curtailment of consumption because if consumption of clothing, food, etc., are curtailed and the public gets used to it, when the foreign markets no longer call on the U. S. A., which is less than a year off, then business must stagnate if consumption by the home folks is not at high tide.

Better housing conditions and more housing as well as better roads are going to take up the slack as an industrial feature long after Europe and the rest of the world stop "eating up" our resources. But even at that, what has been gained by the common people during the war in the way of better wages and working conditions should not be lost, not only for themselves but in the interest of business generally. Merchants will agree that they are best off when the "common people" have money. Business keeps booming then. When the merchant can sell, the manufacturer can sell and when the manufacturer can sell, he hires and pays and the greater the demand, the more he hires and the better he pays.

Let the common people alone. They make prosperity. When prosperity takes flight, they are the ones who suffer.

Must End the Strike.

That mandate of the Federal court at Indianapolis to the mine leaders to cancel their order calling for a strike of soft coal workers is bound to create a decided stir. If the leaders are wise, however, they will act promptly with the best grace possible, and then start a movement for negotiations between the men and the operators over the demands of the former. It seems to be generally agreed that the men are entitled to some increase in pay, and they ought to receive it through amicable adjustments. They made a great mistake when they allowed their leaders to attempt to enforce their excessive claims by the threat of a strike, and refused to postpone their walkout even at the request of the government.

A week's experience of the strike has shown that the government and public cannot be browbeaten in this half-handed manner. A large amount of coal is being mined by non-union workers, and the volume of this is likely to increase steadily. Public sentiment is practically unanimous against the leaders of the miners, who are responsible for the strike, and the American people are prepared to incur considerable discomfort and inconvenience rather than submit tamely to methods that suggest the highwayman and his pistol. Government and people are united on this point. The strike must be canceled and the way opened for arbitration or some other plan of friendly negotiations. The quicker the leaders are in grasping this fact the better chance they will have to make a graceful retreat. They made a great technical blunder, just as was done in the steel strike. This is no time for any more follies of that kind.

Elections and League of Nations.

The man is gifted with second sight who can see in the elections any popular verdict on the League of Nations. The League was almost forgotten in this State, where a Republican was elected; and in New Jersey, where a Democrat triumphed, the League cut no more of a figure than last year's almanac. Voters everywhere have their domestic issues to attend to, and they accepted the League, apparently as a matter of course or of fate. The Senate may as well get down to business at once and approve the treaty in a form the other Powers would recognize.

Standing of a Horse Thief.

Churches throughout the country are asked by a New York speaker to look upon profiteers as worse than horse thieves. This will give the younger generation an idea of how well a horse thief used to stand.

Farmers Not Proletariats.

With Kentucky farms selling up to \$400 an acre, one wonders how the labor leaders hope to persuade the farmers that they are proletariats who should arm and alarm against the plutocrat.

About the only comfort that comes to the ex-Kaiser these days is reading the proceedings of the United States Senate.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Governor Sproul last week issued a respite staying the electrocution of Alexander Dale, Schuylkill county, from the week of November 3rd to the week of December 1st.

Suit for the recovery of \$2,837 damages was started at Reading on Saturday by Margaret Fissell and J. H. Fissell, her husband, against the Director General of Railroads for injuries sustained by Mrs. Fissell at the main station of the Reading Railway on December 24, 1918.

State Senator T. Lawrence Eyre, of West Chester, who announced his intention of going into the mines as a workman provided fifty of his friends would do the same in case of a coal famine, was presented on Saturday with a silver-plated miner's pick by W. L. Kane, of West Chester, who says he will outfit other amateur miners in like fashion upon application if they decide to dig coal.

Three car loads of condensed milk were shipped from Litz, Lancaster county, recently for export trade. It was sent from there to New York, where it will be loaded on ships. The milk is shipped through big agencies so that it is not definitely known where the destination will be, but it is thought some of it will go to England. A Litz firm has been filling orders for foreign shipments for months.

Albert Hartman, of New Providence, Lancaster county, who is the largest grower of ginseng in that part of the State, has made it a profitable industry. Recently he and his two sons took an automobile trip to the mountains of Union and Clearfield counties in search of some of the wild variety, which is worth much more money in the New York market than the cultivated. They found quite a supply of it, and it met a ready market.

Lucian Ames, of Doyle Mills, Juniata county, aged twenty-two years, died at the Lewistown hospital on Saturday from a gunshot wound received when he was shot in his right leg by a companion with whom he was hunting rabbits. Adam Thomas, of McClure, was shot by his brother, Eric Thomas, of Lewistown, while they were hunting wild game. A partridge flew between the two brothers and Eric shot at the bird, the pellets penetrating Adam's legs and hands.

Apples grown in Pennsylvania won the silver cup at the recent apple show held at Milwaukee by the International Apple Shippers' association. Thirty varieties from this State, collected and prepared by the horticultural department of the Pennsylvania State College for the State Horticultural Association, were on exhibition. The results of the competition have demonstrated to the satisfaction of authorities that the quality of apples which Pennsylvania can produce are not inferior to the best that can be grown in the United States.

An unusual method of chicken stealing is being practiced at Donegal Springs, York county, on the Cameron farm tenanted by Mr. Frank Watson. A few days ago an auto stopped near the buildings and the occupants left a little dog out of the car. The canine quickly grabbed a fine large hen and took it to the car when the man lifted both dog and chicken into the car. The day following there was a duplicate of the above, both events being witnessed by members of Mr. Watson's family as well as neighbors. This is a modern way of stealing and it will be expensive if Mr. Watson learns the names of the violators.

General inquiries into the manner in which foods of various kinds are being made up, especially with regard to use of water, flour and other materials to "fatten" them, are being undertaken by the agents of the State Bureau of Foods. In a number of instances it has been found that sausage was watered and dredged with flour, while charges that water has been used have been made in regard to milk, vinegar, and other articles, including butter. The problem which the State authorities must meet is to establish that the food was watered and that the water did not get into the product naturally or in proper processes.

Whiskey everywhere, was the motto of John Paluso, of New Kensington, until the state troopers swooped down on his house and discovered his hoarded liquid refreshments last Thursday night. The troopers were not looking for booze, but for "reds" and "propaganda" which they found three stoves filled with bottles of bonded liquor. There were bottles in the stovepipe; the chimney; in Paluso's bed; at least thirty immersed in the rain barrel; the half-filled barrel of pork in the cellar had not been neglected, and the old-fashioned clock had no room for the long pendulum to swing. More than 500 bottles of the best brand of bonded whiskey were found.

Twelve years ago W. E. Jacoby & Co., coal operators of Bigler township, Clearfield county, began a section against the Pennsylvania railroad, alleging discrimination in the distribution of coal cars. The Interstate Commerce Commission awarded them \$22,000 damages. The district court affirmed the award. It was carried through the courts, the Supreme court of the United States finally setting aside the judgment and ordering a new trial, which commenced October 24th. Then Isaac Weber, member of the plaintiff firm, was stricken with pneumonia. Next one of the railroad's witnesses was called to Washington by the coal strike. Now the trial has been set for November 24th.

The farmers of Mifflin county have organized a milk society and clubbed together for the purpose of purchasing a carload of pure bred Holstein dairy cows for better breeding purposes and they propose to make Mifflin county one of the most prolific of the State in the production of milk. This will not aid materially the local trade as condensary plants have sprung up in various parts of that county at which the whole milk is sold and utilized in the manufacture of ice cream and bakery products. It is the exception rather than the rule to make creamery butter at those plants, and it has been the practice when short of milk to purchase sweetened butter from the market and reconvert it into cream to be used in the manufacture of ice cream.

The entire police force, augmented by a housewife's posse, went on a search for burglars who entered the bottling works of the Coca Cola company's plant at Sharon, Pa., Wednesday night of last week, and made off with a ton and a half of the most-coveted article of the household today—granulated sugar. Taking advantage of a break in the wall of the bottling works made several days previous, when a street car ran amuck, the burglars went to the second floor, where the sugar was stored. Thirty one hundred-pound sacks were carried down two flights of stairs and through the hole, where it was loaded on trucks and hauled away. A considerable quantity of sugar, stored in another part of the building, was overlooked.