

—Lord Mayor MacSweeney's prolonged fast is wonderful, but Mr. Bryan's long continued silence is marvelous.

—Up to this moment we have neither seen nor heard a single reason why the Hon. Jones should longer represent this District in Congress.

—Judging from the record of the Hon. Jones on the Nineteenth amendment he must be known among his colleagues in Washington as the artful dodger.

—The most surprised man in the country after the campaign will be William Jennings Bryan, who imagined the Democratic party couldn't get along without him.

—There must be something more than a political difference between Senator Penrose and President Wilson. For example, it must be admitted that the President has always led a clean life.

—Just when Wall street starts to giving bigger odds on Harding's election wages and wheat start tumbling. The farmer and the laborer surely must be blind if he doesn't see something significant in such coincidences.

—After all Senator Borah may be pretending in order to steady Republicans who favor the League and want to vote for Harding. There are a great many more of that kind than of the Borah type and they were wavering.

—We have been wondering how many of our women readers have been reading the splendid series of articles, "Lessons in Citizenship" which have been running in the "Watchman." To our mind they are the most comprehensive and simplest compilation of facts that women should know that have been published and they are quite worth while, even for men who think they are well up in the duties of citizenship. Read them, men, and be surprised at how frequently your own understanding of the simplest duty is at variance with the facts.

—Yeggs cracked the safe in a company store at Naginny, near Lewis town, on Sunday night and got away with ten thousand dollars in cash and securities. This is getting near home. After the long and successful runs the "hold-up men" and yeggs have been having in the cities they are probably starting out on the road for one-night stands now. If any of them come to rob you stand and deliver. They are prepared for any emergency. In all probability you will not be. It is better to be cleaned out and be alive with a chance to get more than be dead and not sure of what you are going to get.

—The Cummins cry for help that is coming out of Iowa is something different. It is utterly out of harmony with the siren songs of overwhelming victories everywhere that our friends, the Republicans, have been so assiduously singing. The late Senator Doliver once said: "Iowa will get Democratic when hell goes Methodist," but even this astute framer of shocking epigrams couldn't foresee it all. Iowa, the Pennsylvania of the middle west, is actually threatening to elect a Democratic Governor and to throw down her long honored apostle of special privilege, Senator Cummins. It is more than a threat. It is so much more so that Harding is to be hustled back to try to save the day. The people are wakening up. The tide is surely turning when s. o. s. flashes come out of Iowa.

—If the rumor that Miss Rebecca Naomi Rhoads is to take up the torch that the Hon. Ives Harvey flung down, and run for the Legislature in this county, turns out to be a fact, there may be something more doing in the campaign than either Mr. Naginny or Tom Beaver figured on. A three cornered fight is always interesting and out of it the unexpected often happens. Of course all of the women of the county would not support Miss Rhoads but a lot of men would do it. For there are many temperance people who don't believe, with William Jennings Bryan, that Prohibition is settled and fifty years from now, when the country is as dry as Sahara, they will still think their cause is in peril if somebody runs for township supervisor whose grandfather was once seen within three miles of an empty beer keg.

—The Irish are not going to vote for Harding because he dodged the vote of sympathy for Ireland's cause the only time it came up in the Senate. The farmers are not going to vote for him because when the price of wheat was being discussed in the Senate he spoke to the effect that a dollar a bushel was all the farmers had a right to expect. The mechanics and the laboring men are not going to vote for him because as a member of the Senate oligarchy he resorted to every trick of parliamentary practice to frustrate the President's attempts to get a square deal for them. The women are not going to vote for him because he is not in favor of "going in" to the League of Nations and the women are for the League because it is the only safeguard that is proposed to shield their sons from going to war again. The Jewish voters of the country will not support Harding because he voted against the confirmation of the appointment of one of their number, Mr. Brandies, to the United States Supreme Court. Who then, is left to vote for Harding? None but the pro-German and the special privilege classes and there are not enough of them.

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Sum and Purpose of Article X.

As a result of the world war the German empire, the Austria-Hungary empire and the Turkish conspiracy doing business as a government were broken up and several States were created, among them Poland, Czechoslovakia, Serb-Croat-Slovene State and others. The statesmen who composed the peace conference realized that these new States would be unable to maintain their territorial integrity and political independence against organized aggressions from the more powerful States out of which they had been created. In the beginning of the last century when the Spanish-American Republics broke away from Spain a similar condition was made. The President of the United States declared the Monroe Doctrine for their protection.

That was more than a hundred years ago and the Holy Alliance formed a potent force threatening the continued existence of these new but hopeful governments. When President James Monroe issued his proclamation grave fears were expressed by the opponents of his administration that war would ensue and disaster follow. But he relied upon the spirit of justice which moved him to his declaration. The United States were not then the strong government they are now but were equal in courage in a righteous cause. A century of growth and prosperity has gone over the world since but never a shot has been fired nor a man called into military service to defend the principles expressed in the Monroe Doctrine.

Article X of the covenant of the League of Nations as adopted by the Peace Conference in Versailles is simply an expansion of the Monroe Doctrine to cover the entire civilized world. It was especially designed to secure for all time the "territorial integrity and political independence" of the new States created by the breaking up of the conspiracies of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey. But it can and will achieve wider and greater results. It will admonish all governments afflicted with the lust of conquest against wars for sordid and selfish purposes. And it will accomplish the result through moral forces rather than by slaughtering men, as the Monroe Doctrine has done for a century.

—Senator Harding would have to study dentistry for some years before he could put teeth in the Hague tribunal that would be effective.

Shall the United States Default.

In an interview published in the New York World of Sunday Governor Cox struck the high note of the campaign. "The League has become absolutely necessary" he said. "Mankind cannot stand another war like the one we have just suffered. It would be not only diabolical, it would be unendurable. Civilization would be crushed and humanity blown in bits. And there is no alternative to the League inspired by America, created largely by an American and scoffed by a Senate autocracy more dangerous than the German monster that has been crushed. The association of nations to preserve peace, loosely talked about by Senator Harding, is the figment of a feeble mind. It has no existence in fact or even in hope.

The League is already functioning and has settled one dispute that otherwise would have caused war. Without the United States in its membership it is a cripple but not helpless or hopeless. It will go on with its work of educating the peoples of the world in the arts and achievements of peace. It will reduce the cost of government by diminishing armies and navies in every civilized country except the United States. We will have to groan under the burden of maintaining an army and navy capable of encountering all the other great nations, and the high cost of government is one of the causes of the high cost of living. But because the Senate oligarchy wants to own a President we shall have to suffer.

When President Wilson left the peace conference in Versailles the United States presented the most potential figure in the affairs of the world. Our representatives in the conference, more than those of any other country, made the policies and shaped the work of that body of world figures. If we had promptly taken our place in the League of Nations this position would have been retained by us forever. But we have forfeited that important position because a jibbering imbecile, Henry Cabot Lodge, had a grudge against President Wilson. Now the world has come to think it can get along without us and we are a laughing stock among nations. Shall we perpetuate this state of affairs by electing Harding?

—If Republican chairman Hays were half as confident of success as he pretends to be he wouldn't have to tell himself about it so often.

Women, Why Vote for Penrose?

The "Watchman" takes the liberty of publishing herewith an editorial that appeared in the Philadelphia Record of September 20th. It discusses the candidacy of Senator Boies Penrose to succeed himself in such a manner as to create a doubt as to whether our senior Senator has improved his talents or in any way contributed to the public weal through his long tenure of office.

Most men of Pennsylvania know that the Senator is merely a machine politician; they know that he has never essayed to be anything more, but the women of the Commonwealth are probably not so intimately acquainted with the record of the gentleman who is now asking for their support. Possibly most of them have heard of him as the Republican boss of Pennsylvania and some, no doubt, have idealized him as a man of great ability; for how else could he have become the leader of a great political party.

More especially for the women voters, we republish the Record's very fair presentation of the Penrose claim for support, as follows:

"On November 2 the people of Pennsylvania are going to elect one of their number to represent them in the United States Senate.

The candidates for the honor are Boies Penrose, Republican, and Major John A. Farrell, Democrat. Common sense suggests that choice should be based on consideration of the records and personal fitness of the nominees.

Let us be fair to Senator Penrose and concede to him the merits of ability and experience. He is capable. So, in their time, and in their respective fields, were Samuel H. Ashbridge, John D. Rockefeller and Boss Tweed. He has sat nearly 24 years in the Senate. The German Kaiser, Wilhelm II, was likewise experienced. He ruled for over 30 years.

But if Senator Penrose is competent and familiar with the duties of the office, so must the greater reason demand of him a record of achievement for the public benefit in the public service.

What has he got to show on this score? We challenge him to point to a single constructive measure, framed for the good of the people, that bears the stamp of his initiative, a single good deed performed for America in his four terms in the Senate.

We accuse him of devoting 24 years to one consistent breach of trust, in that in every struggle between the forces of progress and the forces of reaction he either lined up with the friends of special privilege to thwart the popular will, or absented himself when the vote was taken.

Senator Penrose was conspicuously inactive in every patriotic movement to support at home the boys who were fighting our battles in France; conspicuously silent in the Liberty loan campaigns; conspicuously engaged in damnable conspiracies to undermine the power of the Commander-in-Chief of our army and navy—and now he appeals to patriots for the votes to send him back to the Senate!

Senator Penrose has persistently opposed national legislation to establish the rights of labor and protect the working men and the working women from organized greed and rapacity—and now he wants the working people to give him another chance to betray them!

Senator Penrose has been one of the bitterest opponents of giving women the right to vote—and now that they have won it in spite of him, he wants them to rally to his standard!

There is not a clean and honest man or woman in the State of Pennsylvania, informed on public affairs, who does not despise Senator Penrose for the way he has dedicated his talents to the evil service of Big Business, and detest his public record. Honest men and women should thank God for the opportunity to strike at him, to register their disapproval of his black betrayal of an outraged constituency, to declare in tones that should ring through the nation that the wages of political sin is political death. But there is one obstacle. This traitor to the true interests of Pennsylvania, this unpatriotic conspirator against the nation's welfare, this brazen enemy of every decent aspiration of good citizenship, is a Republican.

Major John A. Farrell has the misfortune to have been zealous in the service of his country and to call himself a Democrat. He is clean. He is imbued with mental, moral and physical vigor. He believes in democracy with a small d as well as with a large one, and wishes to serve the great mass of his fellow-citizens in their eternal warfare against wrong and injustice committed in the name of corporate greed.

While Boies Penrose was skulking in the underground labyrinths of Washington, risking his battered reputation in promoting the conspiracy that was to undo all our soldiers achieved for humanity on foreign soil, Major Farrell was risking his skin in France for the voters to whom he now appeals. He was a volunteer, serving in the Medical Corps, alleviating the sufferings of the wounded. But he has not asked for a single vote on that score. He seeks election, not as a reward of service, but as an opportunity of service.

With such a choice before them, the voters of Pennsylvania, if they were swayed by reason, or if they ordered the selection of their public servants as they order the employment of their agents in private business, would elect Major Farrell with but one dissenting vote.

We do not delude ourselves with expectations of any such result. We recognize the need of bringing home to the honest citizens of this State, and particularly to the women, whose every sensibility is insulted by Senator Penrose's career, the crime they will be committing if they return this arch-plottor against their rights to the United States Senate.

What is the Democratic State Committee doing to enlighten the people? Where are the Democratic leaders who should be issuing masks to save the voters from the effects of the poison gas with which Penrose and his cohorts are flooding the State? Who has kept half of the voters in ignorance of the fact that they have this year a rare opportunity to strike a smashing blow at their worst enemy?

If the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania has gone to pieces, there is yet time for wide-awake Democrats in every county in the State to take matters into their own hands, form their own organizations and preach the gospel of keeping the faith with the people from every household.

Considering who and what Penrose is, and his disgraceful record, his return to the Senate should be impossible. The Record appeals to every thinking citizen for once to put partisanship aside and give honor and decency a chance to speak on November 2. Do not be contented with voting for Major Farrell—work for him. Stir the conscience of your Republican neighbor. If conscience shall be permitted to have a voice in the balloting, Major Farrell will be elected.

President Wilson's Call to Duty.

President Wilson's clarion call to the country is bound to exercise a profound influence on the public mind. "Every one who sincerely believes in government by the people," he declares, "must rejoice at the turn affairs have taken in regard to this campaign. This election is to be a genuine referendum. * * * This is the most momentous issue that has ever been presented to the people of the United States, and I do not doubt that the hope of the whole world will be verified by an absolute assertion by the voters of the country of the determination of the United States to live up to all the great expectations which they created by entering the war."

There can be no two opinions as to the aim of the people of this country in entering the war. It was specifically declared by Congress and universally reiterated by the people that we had no intention of acquiring territory or gaining any pecuniary or political advantage. The consummation of a splendid ideal, the preservation to the world of civil and religious liberty, the banishment for all time of

war for conquest, the permanent destruction of autocracy and the establishment of enduring peace were openly declared as our reasons for engaging in the war. Since "our incomparable soldiers, sailors and marines" accomplished those results the sinister purpose of huckstering their sacrifices has obtruded itself into the perfected minds of the Republican leaders.

President Wilson, in his inimitable way, has called the voters of the country to a fulfillment of their duty to keep the promise to the dead heroes buried in French soil, and maintain the faith of the fathers of the country, who "thought of America as the light of the world, as created to lead the world in the assertion of the rights of peoples and the rights of free nations; as destined to set a responsible example to all the world of what free government is and can do for the maintenance of right standards." If we fail in this we not only dishonor the memory of the fathers of the Republic but we betray our obligations to the heroic dead in their foreign graves.

Mr. Connelly Wants to Know Why the Hon. Jones Dodged.

At a public meeting held in Clearfield a few evenings ago James D. Connelly, candidate for Congress in this District was called upon to speak. After stating his own position on the issues uppermost in the voters minds at this time he devoted the major portion of his remarks toward his opponent, Congressman Jones, who in a recent address to the Republican Woman's club of Clearfield announced that were he returned to Congress he would support the Eighteenth or Prohibition amendment to the constitution. The speaker expressed himself as being pleased to learn Mr. Jones' position, which was in hearty accord with his own on this important subject, and the knowledge at this time was doubly illuminating on Mr. Jones' part because his speech in Clearfield on the occasion mentioned was the first time on record that Congressman Jones had publicly taken any stand favoring prohibition or the Prohibition amendment and proved his assertion to the satisfaction of his hearers by quoting from the Congressional Record Mr. Jones' attitude every time the question was raised in Congress during the two sessions which he attended. That record shows that Congressman Jones had opportunity to vote for or against the Prohibition amendment and its accompanying resolutions on no less than fourteen separate and distinct resolutions including the Amendment and the Volstead Act and not in a single instance did he cast a ballot on the proposition. He was present at the discussion and roll call on thirteen of these resolutions, but refrained from voting on every one, although on three of these resolutions, after the vote was taken, and he failed to vote, he had himself recorded as voting "yea" and in one instance had the record show him voting "nay."

Mr. Connelly concluded his remarks with the statement that if elected to represent the 21st District in Congress he would not only support and maintain the constitution and its every part and section, but that he would be on hand at all times with the courage of his convictions—all legislation affecting his constituency and would stand up and be counted on every proposition instead of straddling and "artfully dodging" every proposition that demanded clean cut determination as was done by the present member from this District.

—Lord Mayor MacSweeney, of York, Ireland, has beaten the world record in fasting, but it is not easy to see how he will get pleasure out of his triumph.

Women Against Penrose.

The women voters of Chester county, irrespective of party preference, have set out to organize a movement to defeat the re-election of Senator Boies Penrose. They declare that during all the long period of time they have been striving in the interest of woman suffrage Senator Penrose never gave them a word of encouragement or a helpful action. He has served in the United States Senate nearly twenty-four years and was a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania more than ten years. He had abundant opportunities during that period to aid the women in their just aspiration to full citizenship but he failed to do so. On the contrary he did everything to defeat them.

There are other reasons why the women voters of the State should refuse to honor Boies Penrose with their support for re-election. When he was a candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia, just before the late Senator Quay catapulted him into the Senate, the ministerial association of that city, in open session, denounced him as morally unfit for important office and forced his party organization to drive him out of the fight. Six years ago when he was last a candidate for Senator Gifford Pinchot and other leaders of his party declared that opposing him was a moral obligation upon the part of every Republican voter in the State. Since that time he has done nothing to commend him to the favor of right minded people. In fact since then he has done little else than abuse President Wilson.

The strongest reason presented in support of woman suffrage was the promise that it would inject a moral element into political activities previously absent. Will the women voters of Pennsylvania betray this implied pledge by voting for a man of whom the cleanest members of his own party spoke so derisively six years ago and the clergymen of his city denounced so vehemently a quarter of a century ago? If they do it will have the effect of shattering the faith of thousands of men and women who took the statements of the militant suffragists at face value and gave them all the help possible in their aspirations to acquire full citizenship. Such a result would be unfortunate to say the least.

—Stricken with apoplexy on the same day, three weeks ago, Stephen Bachman, aged 87 years, and his brother, Phoen H. Bachman, aged 84 years, retired wealthy farmers, of Lynn township, Lehigh county, died last Thursday just three hours apart. The former died at the home of his son-in-law, the Rev. Jacob G. Rupp, of Allentown, while the latter expired at his farm near Lyndale. The brothers were among the most progressive farmers in Lehigh county, specializing in potatoes, horses and cattle. Both were teachers in their early days, and were leading members of the Reformed church. The brothers took an active part in the improvement of roads and in the development of the public schools. Their farms were among the finest in the Lehigh valley.

—Forced to keep silent by the menace of a revolver pressed against her side, Mrs. Florence Schubert, of New Kensington, was robbed of \$90 Saturday night while aboard an Allegheny Valley train, en route home from Pittsburgh. Scores of other passengers were in the coach, but were screaming just as the robber leaped from the train as it slowed down at Parnassus. Mrs. Schubert told the police that while she was sitting in the coach she took out her powder puff, opening her purse as she did so. In the mirror she beheld the man's face peering interestedly over her shoulder into the bag. "I want that money," the stranger said. Drawing a revolver, Mrs. Schubert said, the man pressed it against her and she surrendered the money. Warning the woman to keep her mouth shut, the robber rushed to the rear platform and leaped off.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—A fourteen inch bass, caught in Brandywine creek, near Coatesville, by Charles Brown, had a muskrat in its stomach, it was disclosed on being cleaned. Brown observed the bass was unusually large in circumference when taken from the water.

—If Frank S. Quesada, son of a wealthy Cuban, will go to Leolyn, near Towanda, he can get one perfectly good left ear for which he has offered \$10,000. M. B. McNett, of Leolyn, stands ready to be separated from one of his ears to help the young Cuban into matrimony. Not only is McNett willing to sell one ear, but he will deduct half of the cost of grafting it onto the Cuban.

—John M. Kelly, of Curwensville, sent an owl he had captured to his friend, John Koech, of Altoona, as a pet, and the latter left the bird in the office of an Altoona motor company for safe keeping. During the night the owl ate the rubber eraser, part of a typewriter ribbon, and the paper covering of a package containing several pairs of stockings. It seems none the worse for its meal.

—The jury in the case of Harry Heinz, the Madera blacksmith, charged with murdering his neighbor, Alex Wash, by stabbing him to death during an altercation at the latter's home last July, brought in a verdict of first degree early on Saturday morning at Clearfield. Notwithstanding the fact that the verdict was brought in at 2:45 a. m. Judge Bell convened court and received the same from the jury.

—A jury last week awarded Max Long, aged 16 years, of Berwick, \$14,100 in his suit against the Columbia & Montour Electric company for injuries sustained when a live wire fell in a storm and hit him. The award included \$12,000 to the boy and \$2100 to his father, Fred Long. In the closing plea of the Longs' attorney the boy's mother fatality in the courtroom as the lawyer detailed the agony her son had suffered.

—The Rev. Albert Vogel, 103 years old, well known as a Methodist minister in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, died at his home in Jeannette, Pa., on Saturday. Mr. Vogel held charges in the four States and made several evangelistic tours through the territory. He was born at Wert-on-the-Rhine, Germany. He came to the United States in 1829 and resided in Washington, D. C., before coming to Pennsylvania.

—Owing to ravages of bears in Potter county, which have destroyed as many sheep as have been killed by dogs, the game commission is extending special dispensation to hunters. While the law limits the killing of one to the season, Potter county hunters may bag two each, if they can. And hunters who have killed one bear in some other county have one coming to them in Potter if they go after it and get it.

—Mrs. Albert Floyd, of Sharon, last week shot and seriously wounded her husband, Gabe Floyd, when the latter was beating their daughter with a milk bottle. The woman fired four shots. One struck Floyd in the left leg and the other lodged in his back. He was removed to Buhl hospital. Mrs. Floyd and her daughter were arrested and lodged in jail. It is said that Floyd will recover. Mrs. Floyd said that her husband came home intoxicated and started to beat Bessie Evans, her daughter, with a milk bottle.

—Melvin A. Myers, promoter of service at the West Branch of the M. C. A. of Philadelphia, has gone to the Williamsport Y. M. C. A. as boys' secretary. His home is in Kane. He attended Denison University, of Granville, Ohio, and left there to join the United States army, having been a drill sergeant in France. Later he was regimental leader and had charge of various entertainments given for the recreation of the soldiers. He was attached to the 116th Engineers of the Sunset Division, of California, and was overseas for eight months.

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—Two bandits early last Thursday morning held up C. W. Frank, of Hagers town, Md., a cattle dealer, on his way to Harrisburg on business. The holdup occurred on the Carlisle pike only a few miles from the state capital, the robbers securing \$2500 and safely making their escape. Frank says that as he approached Harrisburg the two men, unmasked, signaled for him to stop his car. When he stopped he was asked to show his driver's license and when he exhibited it one of the men said: "You are the man we want" and whipped out a revolver demanding his money, which he turned over to them.

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