

—Anyway Cyrus E. Woods is not a George Harvey.

—That Philadelphia to Camden bridge is all dressed up but has no place to go.

—June is passing, but none of the reforms that the country was promised last fall have passed Congress yet.

—Regret would not be general if Georges Carpentier should hand Dempsey a wallop in the whiskers that would put him down for the count.

—With one minister leaving and another getting married within the week Bellefonte church circles have been as busy and excited as a hen with one chicken.

—The mayor of Somers Point, N. J., can't see anything immoral in one piece bathing suits. Of course an oculist wouldn't hurt him, but he needs a phrenologist most.

—That two million Alumni improvement fund for Penn State looked fine on the front pages on Tuesday, but it's a long way from a newspaper story to the bank vaults.

—Such weather as we have been having the past ten days surely must be bringing the best there is out of humankind, but the corn and grass are not receiving the same inspiration from it. They need rain and warm nights.

—We don't know whether the Bellefonte postoffice is to be a Knox or a Penrose or a Jones appointment, but we do know that there are three gentlemen in this place who think that some worthies in Washington don't have their minds on their business.

—Japan has a new Yap plan that she thinks will be acceptable to this country. Anything that is fair should be acceptable to Washington and anything that will lead Japan to stop a naval program that we must keep ahead of will be doubly so to the rest of the country.

—Word has come to Bellefonte of the serious illness of Senator George M. Dimeling, of Clearfield. It is to be hoped that it is only transient and not permanent disability for the Senator is both young and useful and many years of life would be vouchsafed to him were the wishes of friends all over the State to prevail.

—The Porter resolution in the House says we are at peace with the central powers, meaning Germany, and the Knox resolution in the Senate says we are still at war. Gradually the war is being transported from foreign shores to the line that separates the northern from the southern end of the capital at Washington.

—Mr. Roy Haynes is the new prohibition enforcement officer of the country. He is opposed to beer as medicine and doesn't intend to pay any attention to Mr. Palmer's prescription. His pictures indicate that Mr. Haynes is a very husky fellow. Possibly he has never had the kind of sickness that beer is a panacea for.

—The notice that a successor had been named for John F. Short, of Clearfield, United States Marshall for the western district of Pennsylvania, seems to have been premature. Mr. Short is still in office and happy as a man can be who realizes that the ax is impending and that his head is likely to drop into the basket at any moment.

—It is time that Admiral Sims is disciplined. He has been insubordinate since he was a student at the naval academy and Secretary Daniels should have squelched him two years ago. It remains to be seen whether Secretary Denby will punish this sycophantic officer who evidently loves British flattery more than he respects the country he is presumed to serve.

—Fat berths at fancy wages are not awaiting college graduates this year. The war is over. Industry is at a standstill and there are more men than jobs. The college man of 1921 will be all the better for the rough sledding he is in for. There is no royal road to success and wealth and the men who stepped during the past four or five years into positions that commanded thousands of dollars have yet to find out that everything was inflated and some of them more than the other things.

—The announcement of the appointment of the Hon. Cyrus E. Woods to be Ambassador to Spain is not without its measure of disappointment. He is especially fitted for the post; his diplomatic service in Portugal under the Taft and first Wilson administrations having afforded the experience that supplements his inherent tact and intelligent grasp of public affairs, but such men are few in the public life of Pennsylvania and we are just selfish enough to be disappointed that he is leaving it for a period of four years; notwithstanding the fact that the appointment will bring peculiar gratification to Mr. Woods.

—Attorney General Daugherty has begun an investigation of the government's war contracts. He says he is after the big fellows and all the minnows taken in the net will be thrown back. Inasmuch as the big business of the country is generally supposed to be in Republican control there is little likelihood of any big fish being taken. Be that as it may, the point is that the investigation necessitates the establishment of another bureau in the Department of Justice, with a large corps of political hacks posing as high priced investigators, and the much promised era of retrenchment is pushed back a bit more towards the fall of 1924.

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Making Sproul's Life a Burden.

It looks as if the Republican leaders of Pennsylvania were in a conspiracy to make Governor Sproul's life a burden. Last week we referred to his complaint about extravagance in the use of the State owned automobiles. It was a just complaint, for the records show that many officials are converting the State property to private use and that the expense of this abuse of a privilege, as he properly characterized it, was considerable. This waste of the State's money is very distressing to the Governor, who is just now afflicted with a spasm of economy. Probably he is apprehensive of an exhaustion of the cash. With his approval there has been such a lavish waste at the bung that leaks at the spigot are dangerous. Now it appears that this leak caused by the misuse of automobiles is only one of several which are coming to the attention of the Governor. For example it appears that Senator T. Larry Eyre, one of his most trusted lieutenants, has been dispensing dollars so lavishly that even some of his associates in the General Assembly are amazed. Senator Eyre is chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations and his account, just filed, shows that expenditures during the operation of that committee during the brief period of four months amounted to the considerable sum of \$11,890.50. Most of this money was used in paying salaries but some went for luxuries, such as cigars at twenty-five cents a piece, of which there were used during the session 1150, at a total cost of \$273.50.

In the matter of help it may be observed that Senator Eyre is quite as discriminating as in the selection of his clothes, and in that line he is a model. His private secretary drew from the State for the session the snug sum of \$3225.00. Six of the other employees of the committee live in Chester county and are helpful to the Senator, presumably, in maintaining his position as party boss, while most of the others are from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, where they serve faithfully in the party harness. Some of the employees are designated as regular and others as extra, but regular or extra they received generous recompense for the services rendered to the State. It may be added that none of these were cut out of their salaries by gubernatorial veto.

—Penrose and Vare have become reconciled, according to newspaper gossip, which goes to show that neither of them has thought above party spoils. The cohesive power of public plunder is revealed in the reconciliation.

Senator Knox a Changed Man.

Reports from Washington indicate a great improvement in the habits of Senator Philander C. Knox of late. He is no longer the austere statesman, the correspondents say, whose presence chilled the atmosphere of the capital for blocks. "Pennsylvania politicians never bothered Knox, when they came here in former years on political missions," writes one of these observers of events, "but now-a-days the Knox office looks like one of the annexes of a political convention." The change in his manner is equally marked, according to the same authority. The Senator "has taken on quite an air of affability," the narrative adds.

Of course the Senator's ambition to be re-elected is the reason for the changes in temperature and manner. Six months ago he was following a firm long hope. Nobody wanted him for Senator and few other than big corporations, wanted him for anything else. But it seems that Harding wants him returned to the Senate and the potent force of public patronage has been placed behind him in his desire for another term. But he had to change his manner to win even with such backing, and hence the changed temperature in his office and the improvement in his manner. He has become as warm as he was formerly cold, as cordial as he was formerly crusty.

Frankly speaking, however, there ought to be no opposition in the Republican party to Senator Knox's ambition. More than any other man in Pennsylvania, he represents the purposes and aspirations of the Republican party. During the recent war he was the most outspoken sympathizer with Germany. Immediately after the terms of peace were declared he protested that the peace conference had been cruel to Germany and he opposed the treaty for that reason. Others may have held the same opinions on the subject but he alone openly expressed them. He is the originator of the separate peace proposition and his attitude secured the German vote for the Republican party last fall.

—Admiral Sims has had a warm time in London, according to the news dispatches, but after he gets home he will have a hot time.

Crow to be Governor.

State Senator Crow, chairman of the Republican State committee, is to be disappointed in a cherished ambition. He hoped to become a Senator in Congress. It is a disagreeable billet in the public life of the country. The United States Senate is known as "the Millionaire's Club." For a man of the Crow type it is a place of both distinction and leisure. Of late years only rich men aspire to membership. One of the recently elected Senators spent nearly a million dollars to get the seat. Crow could hardly afford such an outlay but he has "farmed" politics in this State long enough and with sufficient pecuniary success, to qualify for the job. That is to say he has accumulated enough money. When Penrose was very sick and Knox was out of favor Governor Sproul and Senator Crow sort of "staked out" claims for the Senatorial seats for Pennsylvania. One was to take Knox's place and the other to "squat" in the Penrose seat. But Penrose perversely got well and President Harding developed a fondness for Knox which was like "throwing a monkey wrench into the machinery." Harding called Sproul to Washington and told him that Crow is not a candidate for the Knox seat. Penrose announced to both of them that he has no intention of relinquishing his seat for a considerable time. Sproul has a good job and abundance of money and can wait. But Crow is impatient.

Years ago in the country fairs they used to put up what was called a "consolation purse." It was open to horses that had been defeated in the more important classes. In imitation of this custom the Republican machine managers have promised Senator Crow the nomination for Governor next year. It is not what he wanted but a good deal better than nothing, and for Crow that was the alternative. There are others in the party who would like to be Governor and as a matter of fact the "Mansion on Front street," Harrisburg, is a snug asylum. But the others will have to wait. The assignment has been made by Penrose, Sproul and Vare and what they say goes in the political life of Pennsylvania.

—The anti-prohibition parade in New York on the Fourth of July may come up to the expectations as to size and enthusiasm but it won't restore the saloon.

Admiral Sims Rebuked.

Admiral Sims has been sharply rebuked for an indiscreet speech delivered in London the other day. That is to say his leave of absence has been revoked and he has been ordered temporarily to report in person at the office of the Secretary of the Navy in Washington. What will happen to him then is a matter of conjecture. He may be sharply punished or he may be secretly praised for slurring the American sympathizers of the Irish Sinn Finn. A considerable part of President Harding's majority last fall came from that element of the electorate. But Republicans as well as Republicans are proverbially ungrateful and anglomania is running strong in certain quarters now.

Admiral Sims is a chronic blather-skite and a good deal of a sycophant. Some years ago he was reprimanded by President Taft, because of the too free wagging of his tongue in London. Then he imagined he could gain the favor of the British aristocracy by casting aspersions on his own country. He was rebuked on that occasion and warned against such indiscreet speech in the future. But admonition is of no avail with such men. His absurd censure of President Wilson's conduct of our part in the late war met with such favor among the Republican leaders of the country that he imagined himself immune from censure while again striving for British approbation. The public will await the result. But there ought to be no uncertainty about the matter. It may have been all right to look leniently upon a first offense but the repetition of an indiscretion cannot be justly "salved over," even in the case of a man who has rendered distinguished service. In the case of Sims it can hardly be regarded as a simple indiscretion. His purpose was malicious and entirely obvious. He curtly and almost insolently declined an award of merit from his own government but rushed precipitately for a similar favor tendered by the government of Great Britain, and in accepting it took occasion to justify a governmental policy which neither he nor his government has the moral or legal right to discuss.

—The Porter plan of making separate peace with Germany differs from the Knox scheme in language but they are equally vicious in principle and purpose.

—We have a new man to enforce the Volstead law but no great improvement in results has been shown thus far.

Senator Harrison Wants to Know.

Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, is anxious to know why Admiral Sims has been rebuked and Ambassador Harvey allowed to go uncensured. It is the old, old question of fish or flesh. Admiral Sims slurred a small part of the American people. Ambassador Harvey traduced the entire body. Sims has been called to account. So far as the public is informed Harvey's indiscreet speech is condoned or approved. It is a fair subject for investigation. The American people favor a "square deal." They are opposed to discrimination. The action of the authorities at Washington shows favoritism. Senator Harrison wants the President to explain the matter to the Senate and the country.

Senator Harrison's complaint against Ambassador Harvey is that he said we went into the world war because "we were afraid not to fight." That was an aspersion upon the moral courage of the people of the United States. That form of cowardice has never been revealed. In a speech delivered in the South in 1912 Mr. Harvey acknowledged some sort of poltroonery in his own family. But it is not a characteristic of the American people, as our war record from the beginning clearly shows. In the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, the war with Mexico, the Civil war and the Spanish war, every demand upon the courage of the country was fully met. The Harveys balked in the Civil war, but their action is no criterion of the American spirit.

We fully agree with the action of the Secretary of the Navy in censuring Admiral Sims. Sycophants of his type ought to be punished by universal reprobation. But his offense was not as great as that of Harvey, who apparently enjoys the approval of the President and the Secretary of State. He not only aspersed the courage of the country but put an indelible stain upon the character of the people of the United States. He said we entered the war for selfish and sordid reasons rather than philanthropic and that was a gross libel. But he has not been rebuked. So far as the public knows his calumny has been approved by the President. Senator Harrison properly wants to know about it.

—In the I. O. O. F. band Bellefonte has a musical organization that is a credit to the town. They gave their first concert for this year in the Diamond on Wednesday evening and it was a musical treat for the hundreds who heard it. It would have been more of a treat had it not been for the uncaring stream of automobiles passing back and forth. The "Watchman" believes in granting every automobilist all rights and liberties within reason, but too many drivers fail to exhibit the same spirit of liberality. During the first half hour of the concert on Wednesday evening the writer noticed one machine pass through the crowd three times and another one five times—just back and forth as if they were the attraction on parade. And every time an auto passed the driver seemed to go to the extreme in tooting his horn unusually loud and persistently long. Naturally it proved quite annoying and to a certain extent spoiled what under other circumstances would have been a most delightful concert. To prevent any such annoyance in the future the men who have the concerts in charge should ask permission of the borough authorities to rope off the Diamond, either from Howard to Bishop street and on High street at Spring, or else from the alley at Parrish's drug store to the alley at the corner of the Brockerhoff house. It would only be for two hours, during the concert and no right-thinking person ought to complain of any little inconvenience the closed streets might afford during that brief period of time.

—A delegation of some twelve or more Italians, with bag and baggage, arrived in Bellefonte on Monday from Michigan on the hunt of work. Last fall when the limestone quarries hereabouts shut down a number of the foreigners departed for other fields of labor and several of them journeyed to the ore mines in Michigan. Now those mines have either closed down or curtailed their working force and the Italian workmen came east on the hunt of a job, landing in Bellefonte on Monday. Unfortunately for them the conditions are so little improved here that there is no present demand for extra labor.

—One thing may safely be said about the Dempsey-Carpentier fight to be pulled off at Jersey City next month. Nobody cares a straw which wins.

—The President might set that figment of his mind, "super-government" on the White House lawn as a scare-crow.

—Read the "Watchman" and get all the worthwhile news.

Big Crowd Attended Penn State Commencement.

Twenty-five or thirty years ago The Pennsylvania State College was considered an almost entirely local institution and in those days the annual commencement was regarded by the people of Bellefonte and Centre county as an affair to look forward to with anticipations of much social enjoyment. Now, however, the College has grown so large and so important that its commencement season is more of a state affair than local. In fact, it is impossible to cover in detail every incident in connection with its annual commencement, as was the case years ago. In those days several hundred people were considered a big crowd during commencement week; now they count them by thousands. People flock there from all parts of the State, going by train and automobile, until the hospitality of the College and town is taxed to the utmost. Such was the condition the past week. Beginning as early as last Thursday visitors began to flock to the College but the greatest influx was on Friday and Saturday. The program for the week was carried out in detail as published in the "Watchman" two weeks ago, so far as the regular routine is concerned. One of the surprises of the week was the two defeats administered the State ball team by the University of Pittsburgh. The new president of the College, Dr. John M. Thomas, was the shining light throughout the proceedings, preaching the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday and delivering the commencement address on Tuesday.

An important announcement made on Monday by the board of trustees was that they had requested architects to prepare a permanent building program that will give facilities for ten thousand resident students, treble the present accommodations. They also approved an emergency campaign for raising a building fund of two million dollars by alumni friends of the college. Both actions were on the recommendation of the new college president, Dr. John M. Thomas, at the annual commencement week meeting.

The quarter million for buildings appropriated by the State Legislature will be used to start a group of residence halls for men. Buildings erected with the emergency fund will aim for the care and comfort of students and the State will be asked to provide accompanying educational facilities. The next Freshman class will be limited to eight hundred members.

Another announcement was that the outgoing Senior class had assigned insurance totalling \$85,000 to the College.

The graduates this year numbered 454, by far the largest class in the history of the College. James Edward Weber, of Clearfield, was awarded the highest honor, the John W. White Fellowship giving \$400 for advanced study. Miss Helen E. Field, of Palmyra, N. J., won the second honor, the John W. White medal, valued at \$50. Included in the list of graduates were twenty-four from Centre county, as follows:

- Robert L. Musser and Myles T. Wetzel, Bellefonte; Homer W. Dudley, Blanchard; William R. Ishler and James R. Stover, Boalsburg; Miss Mildred L. Wieland, Linden Hall; Pearl Bancroft, Mary A. Bellock, Anne E. Conner, Herman G. Fisher, Marshall S. Foster, Russell L. Foster, Joseph A. Glenn, Florence E. Gray, Paul M. Heavely, Alfred W. Pond, Ralph L. Sackett, David L. Stadden, Myles L. Thomas, Curtis M. Watts, Charles L. Weber, Ruth L. White and Mary Louise Willard, State College, and Lewis F. Rothrock, Port Matilda.

—Philipsburg is all wrought up over the fact that the "Allepopper" railroad, officially known as the Phillipsburg and Susquehanna, is to be made a live wire institution for that town. Terminal buildings and railroad shops are now being built in Phillipsburg and as soon as completed, which will be in the near future, the shops at Ramey will be abandoned and all shop and repair work done in Phillipsburg. This, naturally, will mean the transfer of the working force from Ramey to Phillipsburg and to furnish housing accommodations the Hon. Charles H. Rowland, president of the P. & S., has laid out a miniature town adjacent to the new shops and will erect twenty-five double houses, thus furnishing accommodations for fifty families. Each house will have three rooms downstairs and two rooms and a bath upstairs, equipped with light and water. With such a program mapped out the people of Phillipsburg should unite in saying all hail, the Allepopper!

—"When rogues fall out honest men come by their own." The fight among Republicans in Congress is encouraging.

—Harding is still afraid that some body will come along in the night and carry the government away.

—If Grover Bergdoll can find any woman to marry him he is welcome to the wedding bells.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—A West Reading hat manufacturing firm closed a contract to make 10,000 hats for the government.

—Seized by the federal prohibition enforcement authorities about a month ago, Uhl's brewery and Widman & Co's plant in Bethlehem, have been given a clean bill and next week will renew operations, the restraining order having been lifted by the government.

—Howard G. McGowan, former member of the Legislature and a prominent agriculturist of Berks county, was gored by an angered bull on his farm near Harrisburg Thursday and was only saved from death by the timely intervention of his wife. McGowan is reported to be in a critical condition.

—When H. B. Noel, supervisor of White township, Cambria county, and a crew of men were plowing on the new road from Frugality to Patton, they plowed out the skeleton of an animal in a ravine along Slato run. It is believed to be the remains of a moose. The skeleton head measures 42 inches in length and 18 inches across the eye pits. The skeleton is thought to have been buried many years.

—George Taubel, manager of a hosiery mill at Hatfield, Pa., has been fined \$100 and costs on a charge of polluting a stream in that vicinity and killing hundreds of fish by chemicals flowing from the mill drain. Taubel paid the fine under protest and the case will go to court. The mill owner denies the fish were killed by any chemical in the mill wash. Taubel was arrested by State Fish Warden Saylor.

—William Smith, of Chester, complained to the police last Saturday that Katherine Ruhrig, a fellow boarder at his home, stole his trousers. Katherine was arrested along with five others in her home. She said she was hungry and that Smith's "pants" provided her with food. She sold them for a dollar. She was fined \$10 and costs, along with the others, who were charged with being inmates of a disorderly house.

—A male jury in Venango county gave Miles Mong a verdict for \$3300 against Miss Imelda McQuaid. Mong sued for damages on account of injury sustained to have resulted when the woman ordered him to off an oil lease in Sugar Creek township. The blows which she landed on Mong caused him to spend \$600 with the surgeons for repair work. That amount and \$2700 for loss of earning power were allowed him by the jury.

—Louis Sturgis and Benjamin Weir, of Lancaster county, spent a day recently fishing at the power station along the Susquehanna. They aver they never saw so many little eels before. They were three inches thick on the water below the fishway. The fishermen scooped up between three and four hundred of the "whipsnappers" and took them home, placing them in a tub and later distributed them in the stream at Zartman's mill.

—Although there is \$1,000,000 in the Schuylkill county treasury, it has been found necessary to borrow \$50,000 for temporary purposes. The officials say the money in the treasury is appropriated for highway purposes, and bridge building and cannot be used for general purposes. So with a phreatic treasury, the county is compelled to pay interest on a new loan. That county is erecting new highways and bridges on an extensive scale and large funds are required to be available.

—Blackbirds are reported to be unusually destructive to growing corn fields this spring in the eastern part of the State. They attack the tender plants and ravenously devour them almost down to the roots. It is reported that the Elizabeth Farms manager in Lancaster county, has employed three men to be on the alert every evening and shoot them as they appear on the tree tops. They have already caused the loss of hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in northern Lancaster county.

—With more than \$150,000 in the treasury and current bills paid, Northumberland county's strong box is bulging with cash, according to Treasurer Phillips. Most of this is due to heavy payments of taxes on unseated lands by the big coal companies. The Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron company, the heaviest taxpayer in the county, paid more than \$100,000 the past month and the Susquehanna Collieries company more than \$50,000, while the smaller companies paid just proportionate amounts.

—So soundly did Steve Mahlik, of Uniontown, sleep that his slumbers were not disturbed during the time required for the removal by the use of a block and tackle of two trunks from his room. Unfortunately, the trunks contained all the money Steve possessed, about \$2100. Mahlik had no knowledge of the disappearance of the trunks and his money until he awoke at 6 a. m. The robbers were in too much of a hurry to remove the pulley and ropes. The empty trunks were found about 200 yards from the Mahlik home.

—Swimming in the Susquehanna river at Berwick, Howard Paden, aged 12 years, saw a big fish lying on the bottom in about six feet of water. He immediately dove for the fish, and there ensued a struggle in which he would have been drowned had not his companion, James Pollock, assisted him. Together they brought the fish to the surface and then to the shore, where the Paden boy lay on it until it was too near dead to flop back into the stream. The fish, a carp, was thirty-two inches long and weighed twenty pounds.

—Mrs. Mary Clouser after fifty-one years of active service as a teacher in the public schools of Huntingdon, has been retired and last week was given a surprise in the gathering of a number of the teachers of the public schools at the home of Mrs. Clouser. She was presented by Superintendent Barclay with a beautiful bouquet of roses and fifty-one one dollar bills—one for each year taught—as a token of respect and good wishes for her friends. Mrs. Clouser will be placed on the retired list after July 1st. She has an enviable record as a teacher in the public schools, honored and respected by that entire community for her faithful service.

—Mrs. Ella Craig, aged 55 years, was badly burned at Franklin, last week, while her son, deputy sheriff W. Fred Craig, looked on helplessly for several minutes. Mrs. Craig's apron caught fire when turpentine and kerosene for treatment of a prisoner, boiled over on a stove. She ran to the cell compartment where her son was looking after prisoners, but he could not help her because as a matter of precaution the compartment door is locked from the residence side. The son directed the mother where to get the key, and after she brought it, he and a prisoner subdued the flames. Mrs. Craig was so badly burned she had to be taken to a hospital.