

INK SLINGS.

Congressman Volstead is gone, but not forgotten. Former President Wilson is just smiling, not gloating. The failure to defeat Lodge in Massachusetts is about the only fly in the ointment. It may be true that all men are liars but every defeated candidate is persuaded that the number of liars is increasing rapidly.

Every cloud has a silver lining and somebody gets comfort out of most incidents. William C. Sprull will soon join Martin Brumbaugh in a well earned oblivion.

Bill Vare has certainly qualified for leadership in the Republican party. He ran for two offices on Tuesday which was an indication of lust for power beyond the average.

Those who fear that the Moslems are rising to conquer the world might well ponder the wonders Christianity would work were they as loyal to Christ as the Moslems are to Buddha.

It doesn't seem possible that such could be the case, but we have heard that women's votes were being bought in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, at a dollar a head. Poor things, if they wanted to sell their independence they ought to have demanded the man's price, which we have heard was five dollars.

The first Democratic Senator from Michigan in seventy years, the first Democratic Congressman from the Dauphin district in fifty-seven years and rock-ribbed Republican New Hampshire gone clear over to Democracy are outstanding upsets of the recent reversal of the political thoughts of the country.

So it is Congressman Billy Swoope. Well, well! And almost the last thing Billy did before he was elected was to tell them up in Bradford that his party saved the farmers from distress by giving them the Farm Loan bill that was enacted by a Democratic Congress and signed by a Democratic President.

Two years ago Snow Shoe borough and the two precincts of Snow Shoe township gave Beaver a majority of 377 over Nagney. On Tuesday the same precincts gave him a majority of 41 over Miss Zoe Meek. That is her home district, where people knew her best and, certainly, her vote there was a wonderful expression of the esteem in which she is held.

We're not worrying about State's defeat at the hands of the Navy last Friday. It seems only yesterday that we would have been able to cross the goal line on one of our annual visits to Annapolis, when a victory over Bucknell at Williamsport meant the culmination of a highly successful season. State is no longer in the bush-leagues. She's up with the big ones now, where something more than coaching is needed. She's got a coach, the peer of all, a line that will screen anything behind it, but the players behind it are born, not made. A McCaskey, a Sutter, an Atherton, a McVeen, a Vorris, a Mauthe, a Miller, a Killinger don't matriculate at any college every year.

This is election night and here we sit placidly writing this stuff. Ten years ago had any one told us that on such an occasion we would have been doing anything else than gloating over or trying to figure some comfort out of incoming returns we would have asked for a commission on him at once. We used to think an election board couldn't organize unless we were there and that it hadn't any right to close the polls until we had given the last "floater" personal contact inside the rail. In the old days sister got up and had breakfast ready for us at six-fifteen. She never saw us again until seven-fifteen when a cup of steaming coffee and a sandwich or so was served before we had to hurry out to collect the returns. Today, sister didn't know whether she was a horse or a foot. She was getting out the vote in the West ward and we had to stay at home and examine the type for lice. Have the petticoats got us or is it old age?

Once we were told that surprise is a sign of ill breeding. Often we have heard it said that superstition is a sign of illiteracy. We have no intention of fulsomely discussing either proposition, for so doing might convict us of both; because we have often experienced surprise and own to a rather satisfied feeling when we happen to glimpse a new moon over our right shoulder. To get to the point though, do you believe in signs? If you do we have a new one for you. It is a way to get rid of rats and a very simple one too. Make doughnuts on Shrove Tuesday. Then take the grease the doughnuts were cooked in and with it paint the wagon tongue—if you have one—point the tongue in the direction you want the rats to vamoose and you'll need no more cats, ferrets or poison. Of course we have had "hunches" and we wouldn't dig in the ground on Ascension day or plant garden truck in the down sign of the moon, but we'd be a little skeptical as to this doughnut-grease-wagon tongue rat runner if we didn't personally know of a place where it was tried with highly interesting results. The day before the tongue was greased the rats were having as much fun with an army of cats as the Bellefonte kids are supposed to have with our policemen. That was over a year ago and from that day to this there hasn't been a rat seen about the place.

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Ford Hope May be Realized.

According to the esteemed New York World a long cherished hope of many Democrats of the country that Montecello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, may be acquired and converted into an American shrine, may soon be realized. For many years there was public expectation that the State of Virginia would purchase and preserve in its original form this home of the father of Democracy. Dispairing of this result Mr. Jefferson M. Levy, of New York, purchased the property and proposed the organization of the Thomas Jefferson National Memorial association as an instrument for the completion of the project. The World announces that the consummation of the plans for the enterprise are almost perfected.

Mr. Levy offers the property to the Association for \$500,000, the price he paid upon a payment of \$50,000, and with others associated with him in the original transaction offers to underwrite the balance. Of course this would involve a voluntary contribution to the capital fund of the association without expectation of reward other than the satisfaction of paying just tribute to the memory of the greatest of our Presidents, and next to Washington the most illustrious of our public men. This project has been talked about for many years and ought to have been accomplished long ago. But the neglect of our predecessors gave the opportunity to ourselves to achieve the result.

Every Democrat in the United States, and millions of men in other countries, cherish fond memories of Thomas Jefferson. As the author of the Declaration of Independence and among the foremost of those great men who devised and set in operation our form of government it is not an exaggeration to say that he was among the greatest benefactors of all times and throughout the world. As Mount Vernon, the home of Washington has become a patriotic shrine, not only for Americans but for all nations, it is fit and proper that similar honors should be paid to the memory of the Father of the Democratic party as well as one of the most distinguished figures among those who created our nation.

Those coal region folk who commandeered all the coal in sight may have hurt the feelings of the dubs who have been appointed to regulate the distribution of coal but the school children will forgive them.

Small Tax Dodgers Penalized.

News comes from Washington to the effect that the commissioner of internal revenue has organized a force of sleuths to be distributed throughout the country for the purpose of rounding up dodgers of income and other forms of internal taxation. "It is estimated," writes a Washington correspondent, "that the Treasury is losing a billion dollars annually by the dodging of corporations and individuals" and the purpose of the commissioner is to stop this leak. The process will be expensive, no doubt, for gum shoe men are usually high priced but the chances are it will prove profitable for there are many tax dodgers in all sections of the country.

For partisan reasons Congress recently cut a billion or more from the revenue receipts by decreasing the excess profit taxes and the super taxes on big incomes, but the beneficiaries of that legislation are generous contributors to the Republican campaign fund. The proposed action of the commissioner of internal revenue is to be taken in order to reimburse the treasury from the pockets of small income earners for the loss caused by the favor of the few who measure their incomes by hundreds of thousands and millions. The little fellows have no right to dodge their obligations to the government and the commissioner not only intends to make them pay but to penalize their dodging.

Ever since the Civil war the aim of those who have controlled the tax legislation has been to put the burden of expense upon those who being too poor to make resistance may be easily compelled to pay. Imposing the burden upon those most able to bear it is the scientific method of taxation, but it has never been the method of the Republican leaders or statesmen. They reason that it is a waste of energy to levy taxes upon persons able to put up a fight when the money can be extracted from the poor devils who can't afford to refuse. But the government must have the money and the commissioner of internal revenue has adopted the easiest way to get it.

Automobiles killed 10,168 persons in thirty-four States during 1921. Unless this form of life destruction is stopped there will be no need of pestilence or war to keep down population.

HEADED TOWARD DEMOCRACY AGAIN

The Country Protests the Iniquitous Tariff Legislation and Rebukes a non-Constructive Congress

GREAT DEMOCRATIC GAINS REPORTED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

Pennsylvania for Pinchot but Yields Eight Congressional Seats to Democracy. In this District Betts Won the Senate Fight and Beaver Defeated Miss Meek for Assembly

The election in Centre county was without color except for the strenuous effort put forth for Scott and Beaver. Of the total registration of 21,934 slightly more than half the votes, 11,050, were out to the polls. While on the face of the returns it would appear that there were more Republican stay-at-homes than Democrats we are inclined to believe that it was about a fifty-fifty break in delinquents, for it was Republicans who voted the Democratic ticket that ran the poll of our party up and held that of their own down.

Just what might have happened had the Democrats of Centre county alone polled their full vote would have been the election of Miss Meek to the Legislature and J. Frank Snyder to Congress. Of course the water is over the mill, but it does seem unfortunate that when we had the opportunity and so many Republicans were willing and even anxious for us to grasp it that so many Democrats, like one we heard of over in Harris township, stayed at home because they thought it "was no use."

In the Congressional race William I. Swoope, of Clearfield, won every county in the district: Centre by 128; Clearfield by 664; McKean by 1200; giving him a majority over Snyder of approximately 2144.

For State Senator the result in Centre county was Betts 5735 and Scott 5286. In this contest evidently the voters were more interested than in any other than that of McSparan and Pinchot, for the total poll was only 29 votes less than for that of the head of the ticket and hundreds more than the totals of any of the other candidates. It is impossible to analyze this vote and show what percentage of Republicans voted against Scott, for it is quite well established that many Democrats, some openly and others under cover, were supporting him.

The vote in the District was as follows:

Table with 3 columns: County, Betts, Scott. Rows: Centre, Clearfield, Total.

Of all the contests that for the Legislature between the Hon. Tom Beaver and Miss Zoe Meek was most interesting. Miss Meek was Centre's woman pioneer in county politics. Her campaign was started in the face of indifference on the part of some of her own party leaders and wound up without having had their co-operation. She was almost alone, but made a fight that will long be remembered for its clean conduct and near success in the face of the many disadvantages a woman is under in playing the political game.

Miss Meek has much to be proud of. Two years ago her opponent carried Centre county with a majority of 3146. On Tuesday he defeated her by 185. While the two most apparent contributors to her defeat were the difficulty in getting some reconciled to the novelty of voting for a woman and the fact that Mr. Beaver was on the Prohibition ticket and secured a hundred or more votes from that source, it is certain that she was cut by some Democrats who professed to be for her. Some think, but we don't, that the eleventh hour story, that was whispered around, reflecting on her character, hurt her some. Such a cowardly, base calumny cannot go unchallenged and the "Watchman" hopes that its originator may be discovered so that he or she may grovel at the feet of this pure woman and beg her forgiveness.

Mr. Beaver will admit that he can never hope to have a cleaner and fairer opponent than was his in last Tuesday's race and certainly he must regret the pollution that some of his advocates have tainted his victory with.

Lloyd George has been appointed to the House of Commons but he is likely to have a lonely time of it there. Only forty others of his party were successful.

The automobile racers are preparing to organize "a protective body." But strangely enough it is not the purpose to protect the public.

When the Red Cross roll is called on Sunday will you be there?

Sultanate and Caliphate.

Angora has given a perfect imitation of a man sawing off the branch he is sitting on. During four years of war the Indian Moslems fought for George V against Mohammed V because the Sultan was simply the head of a State with which the British Raj was at war. But the Allies dallied ungrudgingly over the terms of peace to Turkey, and Mustapha Kemal then organized his Nationalist party, set up a government in Angora and aroused the Moslems of India with the cry that the Allies' terms to Turkey invaded the prerogative of the Caliph and the religion of Islam was in danger.

The British government was easily scared by reports of the disaffection of the Indian Moslems. There was disaffection among the Hindus, but they are not a warlike race. On the other hand, the Moslems of whatever blood strain are warlike, and there are about 72,000,000 of them, of whom probably 12,000,000 are Shiaks, who curse the Sunnis, orthodox Moslems, with great heartiness.

The Sultan's Caliphate rests upon a very slender title. It was extorted from a prisoner who was the Caliph of Egypt, but he was not the Sultan of Egypt; he was no more than a court chaplain. When the Sultan of Turkey had conquered the Sultan of Egypt he took the Caliph to Constantinople, where the latter ceded his office to the Sultan. The Arabs have never conceded the Sultan's title.

The Persians are Shiaks and detest the Turks. The Moslems of Tripoli, Tunis and Algeria were subjects of Turkey not so long ago, and probably the Caliphate and the Sultanate are closely associated in their minds.

The Moslems of Morocco, Turkistan, Afghanistan and India have a very high interest in the Caliphate, which according to learned Moslems, descends in the posterity of the Prophet, and the Sultans of Turkey do not pretend to be descended from the Prophet; they are Turcomans and not Arabs.

Practically the Caliphate amounted to nothing outside of Turkey until after the war, when Mustapha Kemal got India aroused with the idea that the Sultan was the Caliph and the peace terms to Turkey affected the status of the Moslem religion. The whole stock in trade of Mustapha Kemal in dealing with the "Allies" has been that the Sultan was the Caliph.

Now his National Assembly separates the temporal from the spiritual power and allows the Sultan only the latter. The tie of Turkey to India is cut. The Grand Vizier in Constantinople telegraphs Mustapha Kemal that any measure affecting the status of the Sultan will impair Turkey's position abroad and that the Allies will gain at Lausanne at the expense of Turkey if there is any division between the Sublime Porte and the National Assembly. Nothing could be more obvious than this. Mr. Sastry, an Indian, but not a Moslem, says that the Moslems of India "will be thoroughly disillusioned and bitterly disappointed. This will confirm the conviction among sincere Indian Moslems that the young Turks are concerned exclusively with politics and have no reverence or regard for the Mohammedan religion." The Emir Abdullah of Arabia says the action has no effect upon his people because "the population of Arabia does not recognize the Sultan of Turkey as the Caliph."

REPUBLICAN HOPES FAIL.

That expected Republican victories in Kansas, Indiana, New Jersey and possibly in Michigan, failed to materialize.

That on the wet and dry issue there seemed to be an even break as to state-wide results, but considerable wet gains in Congress. Illinois and Massachusetts voted wet, Ohio and California swung into the dry column.

Two women apparently were the only successful candidates for Congress from among twelve who aspired. They were Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck, Republican, Illinois, elected to succeed her father, the late Representative William Mason, and a Democratic woman from Indiana, Miss Alice Robertson, Representative from Oklahoma, was beaten, and Mrs. Anna Dickie, Oleson, Senatorial candidate in Minnesota, was a poor third.

Victor Berger, Socialist, ousted from the last Congress, again was returned. Andrew Volstead, father of the dry law, was beaten by the Rev. O. J. Kvale, a drier rival. Representative Mondell, Republican leader in the last House, failed in his effort to get into the Senate.

VETERANS ARE OUT.

Senators Hitchcock, Nebraska; France, Maryland; Frelinghuysen, New Jersey; Townsend, Michigan, are among the Senate veterans who will be seen no more after March 4, as a result of the voting. Ohio, where Vic Donahay, Democrat, has beaten Carmi Thompson, Harding's choice for Governor.

All over the nation they cut down the huge Republican majorities of two years ago, and in States where they did not score overwhelming victories, restored the normal balance between the parties, as it existed before the Harding landslide two years ago.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Pinchot and the entire Republican ticket has carried the State by majorities ranging from 200,000 to 300,000. Pepper and Reed, for Senators, ran far ahead of the Forester, everywhere.

The result is not without comfort to the Democrats, however, for we have gained eight, possibly more, Congressmen, whereas the State had only one Democrat in the last Congress. In the Dauphin district Frank C. Sites is the first Democratic Congressman since Civil war times. From Luzerne John J. Casey goes back after an absence of four years. From Northumberland and Montour Herbert W. Cummings was elected. From York Samuel F. Gladfelter will succeed a Republican and the Fourteenth, Thirtieth, Thirty-sixth will have Democratic Representatives.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Engaged in clearing away a freight wreck at White Marsh Junction on Saturday, in which two Harrisburg trainmen were killed Joseph Hansella, a member of the wrecking crew was run down by a shifting engine, had a leg cut off and died in the Montgomery hospital at Norristown.

Fifteen inmates of the Northumberland county jail will receive a free course in civil engineering taught by State College instructors, warden William H. Calhoun Sr., announced on Saturday. The course was instituted as a result of efforts by the Rev. Dr. B. Talbot Rodgers, of St. Matthew's Episcopal church.

H. B. Swoope, the well known Madera coal operator, who also has extensive interests near Phillipsburg, has just closed a deal whereby he becomes the owner of a fine body of coal in Jordan township, Clearfield county. The tract contains 302 acres and was purchased from Mrs. Jennie Neuling, the consideration being \$48,462.

As Frank Portzline, of Allene, Snyder county, helplessly paralyzed, sat in a chair alone in his home, three men entered and said they were doctors. They examined him, and when they left drove rapidly away. They had stolen his wallet containing \$100 in bills. It was an hour before a son came from a field, and then the men had disappeared in a high-powered car.

Firing through the door of a house barred against her when she attempted to collect a small board bill, Mrs. Hannah Pundexter, a widow, 42 years of age, of Brownsville, Pa., is alleged to have killed Pauline Wichte, a five year old girl in the house at the time of the shooting. The woman was arrested by state police after the shooting and lodged in the Fayette county jail.

Chalmers Van Dyke and J. F. Bodenhorn, members of a train crew employed in the yards of the Punnaxatunway Furnace company at Punnaxatunway, were horribly burned when a hdd of molten metal overflowed upon one point in the yards to another. From one point on the train near the ladle when the train was jolted and the hot metal splashed upon them.

Attacked by a mountain hawk, Mrs. Charles E. Sorge, living in Carson valley, Blair county, is recovering from the encounter. She was working in her garden when the hawk swept down and struck her with its beak and clawed her with its talons, tearing her arms and hands. Seizing a club, she struck the bird on the head, stunning it, then tossed it into a chicken coop, where it is still confined.

The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad will move the large part of its office of transportation from DuBois to Punnaxatunway on November 15th. Approximately fifty men and women employed by the railway company in DuBois will be removed to Punnaxatunway, which includes eighteen men with families and about thirty single men and women. The change means about 125 more people for Punnaxatunway.

Gunners were surprised last Thursday when they discovered cached in woodland near Neiffer's store, Montgomery county, 1000 pounds of lard, 100 pounds of ham, a lot of bacon, scores of cans of peas and corn, etc. Police chief Scheets found the goods were stolen last August from the stores of Warren H. Freed and W. F. Conrad, of Boyertown. At Fruitville gunners found a lot of lard in cans, silver knives and forks and fine chinaware in a woods.

Francis M. Stewart, of Sunbury, a fugitive for nearly a year, was taken on Saturday to Middleburg to await trial on a charge of burglarizing the store of Ray Johnson, at Shumokin Dam, and stealing goods worth \$25. Two others implicated in the burglary are now serving prison terms. Stewart had been in New York State and went to Danville last Monday and secured employment at the State hospital. He was arrested there by the state police.

Charles Bomboy, 45 years old, a farmer of Millin township, Columbia county, committed suicide on Sunday by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. His body was found by passersby soon after the shooting. Bomboy had figured in Columbia and Luzerne county court proceedings in more than a dozen cases during the last year, numerous civil and criminal proceedings growing out of a dispute over crops on the farm, which is partially in Luzerne and partly in Columbia county.

After a week's search by Boy Scouts and organized posses over the mountains near Llewellyn, Luzerne county, a mining patch, a scurrying rabbit chased by three miners disclosed the presence thirty-five feet below the surface in a mine breach of Mrs. Letta Kohler, 71 years old, who disappeared after she had turned from the path 100 feet from her home. "The rabbit's in the hole," one of the men explained. "So am I, get me out," was the astonishing echo. The men found the woman on a ledge three feet from a 600 foot drop into an abandoned mine workings. She stated on Sunday she had been there three days.

"Fatty Arbuckle," a prize 600 pound hog, owned by a farmer at Wetmore, jumped from a wagon in Kane, last Friday, and ran directly into the Temple theatre, where a matinee performance was in progress. The big pig smashed through the swinging doors and reached the main aisle of the theatre before he was turned back to the vestibule, where after an exciting tussle "Fatty" was secured and led from the building. The hog then escaped his captors and an interesting game of "pig in the alley" was participated in by a hundred volunteer players. Traffic was blocked for an hour before the mammoth porker was finally hoisted into a motor truck by twenty men and taken to a slaughter house.

Six complete electric locomotives, representing the third shipment of an order for 23, were started on Saturday from the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, the shipment representing about \$700,000 of the \$7,000,000 contract given the Westinghouse International company by the Chilean State railways. The locomotives are of the road freight type and weigh 113 tons each. They go from Philadelphia directly to Valparaiso, Chile, where they will be used on the railroad from that city to Santiago. The contract received by the Westinghouse company is said to be the largest ever received by an American company for railroad electrification, and the present shipment is held to be the largest of its kind. The remaining locomotives will be shipped at the rate of one each week. Chilean railway officials decided to electrify their system after a careful study of the electrified roads in America.

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As their sales grew, so their publicity would grow. In many cities fellows who were at first laughed at for their deficiencies, have risen to the top of the ladder, just because they made use of the power of advertising. Their triumph over obstacles and difficulties had as much romance as the adventures of the traveler in far lands.

The normalcy which Harding promised is probably expressed in the 400 per cent. dividend recently declared by the Standard Oil company.

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