

INK SLINGS.

—The wild geese are flying north, the ball players are starting south and spring is not far off.

—The Turks got cold feet at Lausanne just at the moment that their bluff might have gone through.

—When the Governor's new prohibition bill becomes a law your home might still be your castle, but not your castle still.

—Harold Lloyd, the horn-rimmed film comedian is going to be married; at least his engagement is announced. Harold must be slipping.

—The Hon. Jack Dempsey and the Hon. Jess Willard, having discovered that this is a poor season for fistic suckers, have decided to call their proposed revival of the Youngstown farce off.

—The tomb of old King Tutenkhamun has revealed so much wealth that almost we are persuaded to think that he must have been in the oil business or boot-legging some three thousand and more years ago.

—The Reds of Russia have been seeing things ever since they conspired to take over the job of the Czar. Evidently, however, they haven't seen enough, for they have decreed that twenty per cent. more alcohol shall be put in the vodka.

—Governor Pinchot's demand that the School of Forestry now at The Pennsylvania State College shall be removed to Mont Alto doesn't square with his demand of 1906, when, as chief Forester of the United States, he demanded that the school be established at State.

—The value of German money is illustrated by a recent offer of the French government to indemnify the parents of a little German girl who was accidentally shot by a soldier of the French army of occupation. They were offered one hundred thousand marks. Money in six figures sounds big, but as the real equivalent at the present rate of exchange is only two dollars and ten cents the indemnity looks ridiculous.

—President Harding has announced that though he would much prefer retirement he will be an aspirant for re-nomination by his party because he will not quit under fire. To us this statement is the strongest thing his administration has thus far revealed. It shows the President as a positive character in something, at least. It is also notice to Congress that if it continues its do-nothing policy and then tries to "pass the buck" to him in 1924 he is going to pass it right back.

—Strange how the judicial ermine freezes up the gallantry and temporizing spirit of men. Here's Judge William H. Keller, of the Superior court, talking to the women of Lancaster in this manner: "Women on the jury will not bring the millennium in justice any more than it has brought the millennium in politics." * * * A recent trial in Philadelphia showed them to be just as easily swayed by cheap sentimentality and mush as were the men. "Who of those who recall the youth of the early eighties in Bellefonte imagined that this Chesterfield of the frivolous—we didn't have tea-hounds and lounge lizards in those days—would ever acquire the temerity to talk rough to the ladies?"

—Talk about getting old. We heard more news in a half hour's chat with a youngster Sunday morning than has flooded our ear in the past twenty-four months. Gleaning it carefully the outstanding incident of interest was a statement that a regular boot-legger's car makes a stand, once a week, at a certain corner in town where all who have the price can be served. With the fifteenth of April looming and with nothing in sight but a keg of home-made parsnip—that was supposed to be akin to sherry but turned out mother of vinegar—we delved for the corner on which this car is to park tomorrow night. Nothing doing. That was the news the boy wouldn't help break and that is the reason the boot-leggers get away with it.

—The Rev. J. T. Brabner, of the committee on conservation and advance of the Methodist church, said in an address, in Chicago, on Sunday, that every church should set aside and pay money for its advertising. He added that "every church member should help the newspapers for they speak to thousands and millions where the preacher speaks to hundreds only." * * * criticism of newspapers and their editorial policies is harmful. The pulpit and press should pull together and not apart. Here's one of the very few ministers who seem to have the right outlook. He recognizes the power of the press and appraises it as a power for good. Too many of them fail to see that it wields that power only because it strives to be a true mirror of the life of the community it serves; frank, honest and fearless without regard for creed, race or color. The "Watchman" has been criticized more by ministers than any other class of its readers and yet it has been giving good, uplifting, wholesome thoughts to thousands every week for sixty-five years. And its congregation is growing whereas many of the ministers find theirs dwindling. We think we speak for the reputable press of the land when we say these things and we think the clergy, generally, would do well to heed the advice of Rev. Brabner.

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Cheering News for Democrats.

Information comes from Washington, welcome to Democrats at least, that President Harding will be a candidate for another term. "He is unwilling to quit under fire," is the reason given by correspondents and "he can't be forced out" is the consensus of opinion among the shrewd observers in the press gallery. The result of the elections last fall is justly interpreted as an expression of popular opposition to Harding and he refuses to accept the responsibility. In fact he has already "cast his hat into the ring" and gone into training for the battle. He is arranging an itinerary for "a swing around the circle" next summer and it will be a comprehensive one.

President Harding is a rather skillful word juggler and confidently believes that he can persuade the people that his administration has been a brilliant success rather than the dismal failure that it appears to the vast majority of the thinking people. Even if he should fail in his expectations of his proposed trip his friends reason that the office holders could easily control the nominating convention and make him the standard-bearer in 1924. This was done for President Taft in 1912, notwithstanding the vigorous opposition of Colonel Roosevelt. It brought disaster in its wake in that instance and the Harding boosters are not unmindful of that. But there is no Roosevelt to revolt now.

Of course the nomination of Warren Gamaliel Harding as the Republican candidate next year will be the extreme measure of partisan folly. His measure as a statesman has been taken and is bulletined in the brain of every voter not blinded by political bigotry. The office holders will be for him with all the enthusiasm of selfishness and the bitter-enders will support him with the earnestness of misguided prejudice. But the carefully considered judgment of thoughtful voters was clearly expressed in the Congressional elections last fall, when the Democrats gained a dozen Senators and seventy seats in the House of Representatives in Washington. Harding's purpose is cheering to Democrats.

—The groundhog may have caught a glimmering shadow of himself last Friday but it wasn't anything very substantial. However, Sunday gave us real winter weather, with the thermometer down to within ten degrees of zero, and groundhog or no groundhog it is quite likely that the weather influence will be directed by higher power than a little varmint from a hole in the ground.

Pinchot is the Real Boss.

Governor Pinchot may not be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of Pennsylvania but he appears to thoroughly understand the psychology of Republican politicians of the State. When, after his election and before his induction into the office, he began functioning as Governor nine out of ten of the experienced observers felt that he was riding to a speedy and hard fall. But as a matter of fact he has forced all the machine leaders to accept his plans and present indications point to a personal triumph unprecedented in the history of the Commonwealth. There actually appears to be no man with courage or temerity enough to raise a voice against any proposition he presents.

We refer to this fact not in a spirit of derogation but as an expression of appreciation. The Republican machine in Pennsylvania was rotten to the core. It had been looting the public for years by devious methods in administration. Within the period of a score of years the taxes had been doubled and notwithstanding the enormously increased revenue a vast mountain of debt had been created to menace the industrial life of the future. Governor Pinchot has set out to correct the methods and cure the evils of this misrule. He has not held himself within constitutional lines or legal processes in accomplishing his purpose. After the fashion of Roosevelt he acts and lets the people talk afterward.

That he has completely squelched the arrogant and infamous Republican machine is beyond question. The Vares, the Leslies and the Eyres are as docile under the lash as whipped dogs. It is possible that he will make concessions on the question of the appropriation for the Delaware river bridge, but that will be in obedience to the suggestion of Auditor General Lewis rather than in deference to the wishes of the old machine leaders. On main questions he will compel acquiescence and, at least until after the public patronage of his office has been dispensed, he will be the actual as well as the titular boss. What may happen after that is left to conjecture. Ambition to boss has wrecked many a life.

Apparently Unjust Criticism.

"A cat may look at a Queen" and irresponsible politicians who have no hope of official favor may criticize a Governor. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that some of the "small fry" Republican partisans are casting reflections upon the economy program of Governor Pinchot. The Governor, as we all know, has made up his mind to "clean up the mess at Harrisburg" and curiously enough, owing to some form of mental strabismus, he imagines that profligacy was the only fault to be corrected. So he framed up a system of disbursements which will greatly diminish the cost of administration and personally appealed to the General Assembly to enact it into law. The Legislature will probably comply. Naturally one would imagine that every right thinking man and woman in the Commonwealth would give cordial support to this amiable purpose to save them money. Probably the critics are not tax payers and have no interest in cutting down expenses, but even some of those who have more or less to do with providing funds for the State point out the strange fact that the Governor does not propose to decrease the allowance to his own department or the departments under the immediate direction and control of his closest friends. For example, under the budget \$430,000 will be appropriated to the Attorney General this year against \$249,000 for the last biennial term and \$281,000 to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as against \$172,760 for the last term.

All the other departments of the State government are shaved down to a minimum and in the absence of an explanation this is perplexing to say the least. We all know that Pinchot is a reformer and though he took \$3000 a year more than he was entitled to as Commissioner of Forestry in the Sprout administration he proposes to take \$8000 less than the law allows as Governor. This shows the real spirit of reform but unhappily he provides increases in the executive contingent fund and other side-line allowances which amount to considerably more than the saving in salary. These are curious facts but no doubt should withhold complaints for a time at least.

Penalty of Our Default.

Late news from the Near East holds out the hope of a peaceful settlement of the vexed question in that section of the world. On Monday Lord Curzon, British representative in the Lausanne conference, left for home in despair. Ismet Pasha had positively refused to sign the treaty offered and there was nothing left to expectation. But when Ismet realized that his bluff was called, he came down to earth. Like the late Davy Crockett's coon, he wisely adopted "safety first" as his policy. Accordingly he called upon M. Bompard, of the French delegation, and signified his willingness to accept the terms proposed by the allies.

With the departure of Lord Curzon from Lausanne war clouds gathered rapidly and menacingly. The Greeks are willing and even anxious to fight and a renewal of the war would almost inevitably force Great Britain and France into the conflict. How much further it would spread devastation and suffering is a matter of conjecture. It has already revealed the futility of the Washington conference, said to be the greatest achievement of the Harding administration, for instead of guaranteeing enduring peace in the Near East, it seems to have created differences and promoted war spirit. It was a masterpiece of futility.

When the armistice was declared in 1918 the world was ripe for an assured and everlasting peace. The pride of German militarism was completely humiliated and the cunning of Turkish perfidy exhausted. If the United States Senate had promptly ratified the covenant of the League of Nations and taken her rightful place at the head of that benevolent undertaking there probably never would have been another war. Germany promptly signed the peace treaty and Turkey was ready to sign anything that would give promise of life to her leaders. But the United States betrayed her obligations and the whole world is paying the penalty.

—Ismet Pasha pretended to think that the Turks did not get full justice in the proposed settlement of the disputed questions. But his real fear is that they will.

Pinchot Prohibition Started.

The much discussed Pinchot prohibition bill has been started on its course through the General Assembly at Harrisburg. On Monday evening it was read in place simultaneously in both branches and faded all other public questions off the legislative map. It will probably become a law substantially in its original form, for the Governor's heart is in it. But there will be more or less opposition and the resistance will be stubborn and persistent. In fact no other suggestion of the Governor has been so openly attacked. There was mild protest against the budget scheme. A few Legislators interested in local charities protested mildly against it. But the opposition to this measure is earnest.

The measure is somewhat drastic in some respects. For instance, it authorizes search and seizure of a private dwelling whenever any person declares under oath before a magistrate "that there is probable cause to believe that intoxicating liquor is unlawfully manufactured, sold, offered for sale or possessed in any room, house, boat, vehicle, structure, receptacle, premises or any other place or thing whatsoever." This is a vast and dangerous power to invest in a mischief maker influenced by good or bad impulses. The nuisance provisions of the bill are equally drastic and mischievous. Under them malice might easily convert a community into a neighborhood of nuisances and get away with it.

But after all experience has proved that drastic remedies are required to enforce the prohibition law of Congress and the constitutional inhibition of intoxication. In providing drastic legislation on the subject Governor Pinchot is deceiving no man or woman who voted for him. He frankly declared in advance of his election that his prohibition policy would be the extinction not only of the traffic but of the indulgence in intoxicants. Those Senators and Representatives in the Legislature of his own party who are protesting now have no ground to stand on. If they imagined that Pinchot was fooling somebody else it is something like poetic justice that they are themselves the victims.

—According to a press dispatch 457 millionaires and near millionaires chartered the palatial ship Mauretania for \$1,250,000 and sailed from New York yesterday for a six week's Mediterranean cruise. It is quite evident that there aren't any country newspaper men in the crowd as the cheapest accommodation on the big liner is one thousand dollars, while for the two regal suites Elbert H. Gary and a party of friends put up \$40,500. Judging from above prices if we were inclined to ocean travel we would of necessity be compelled to go in an old tub.

—By way of conjuring up something to write about the borough council must be hitting on all cylinders these times. We haven't heard of a scrap around in the town hall for so long that really we are puzzled when trying to recall who are the solons who seem to be feeding on olive branches.

—No matter what happens in Europe or Asia this great country is safe. "Jimmie" Sheehan, of Philadelphia, has been securely anchored in a new office.

—Unless the administration at Washington has lost all humanitarianism it will do something to restore Ambassador Harvey's voice.

—Turkey has finally accepted the terms of the allies in the Near East controversy. The bluff was no better than the strut.

—A Philadelphia broker lived to be 101 years of age but most of his life was passed before moonshine became a necessity.

—Now that the influenza germ has been identified let us hope that somebody will discover a method of strangling it.

—Possibly the new "baby" in the Pennsylvania Republican family is the cause of the affliction in chairman Baker's nose.

—Mr. J. P. Morgan says "Europe must help herself," which is precisely what France is trying to do in the Ruhr valley.

—Germany hadn't near as much respect for the sanctity of territory in 1914 as she pretends to have now.

—The annual testimonial dance to the football team of the Bellefonte Academy on Friday night, February 23rd. Dave Harmon's orchestra will furnish the music.

The Fragile Entente.

From the Philadelphia Record.
If we may judge from the expression in several English papers of differing politics there is very general British opposition to the French occupation of the Ruhr and considerable resentment at the French attitude toward Turkey, and a common belief that the entente cordiale between England and France is not likely to survive long.

In regard to Lausanne the French are warmly protesting that they have not acted independently of their Allies, and that they have not promised the Turks to negotiate with them if the treaty of Lausanne fails. But it is perfectly evident that the English delegates in Lausanne do not fully accept this, and the course of France for more than four years prepares one to believe in the truth of the charges.

The immediate effect of Bonar Law's warning that if France did not support Great Britain on the Dardanelles England would withdraw from the continent was to bring France around to the British position, to the disgusted astonishment of the Turks at Mudania. But then came the French occupation of the Ruhr, deplored in England because it is unquestionably a menace to the world's peace. England declined to take any part in this, and, although it will not withdraw its army on the Rhine, it does not conceal its lack of sympathy with France in its present move.

The question is not whether Germany shall pay indemnity, but whether it can and shall pay at once the installments determined by the Reparations Commission. Germany has paid a good deal in gold and in commodities, and the English feeling evidently is that it is wiser to be patient with Germany than to take steps which might very probably involve serious consequences. France resents this attitude on the part of Great Britain, and it is not a violent inference that France is not supporting England at Lausanne any more warmly than England is supporting France on the Rhine.

From both sides of the Channel, therefore, there are increasing indications of friction between the two countries, a friction that cannot long be maintained without completely dissolving the Entente. The consequences of this would be most unhappy for the world, and particularly unfortunate for France. The latter cannot possibly gain anything in the Levant that will compensate for losing British support on the Rhine. It is possible that France does not realize this. France may feel strong enough to deal single-handed with Germany but it is not certain that this is true. What is unquestionably true is that Germany is watching eagerly for signs of a break between the two leading Entente nations, and if it shall become a little clearer that there is a real break between Great Britain and France the attitude of Germany toward the latter may undergo a sudden and unpleasant change.

A disruption of the entente cordiale accomplished by Edward VII. nineteen years ago would remove nearly all restraints from Germans, Russians and Turks, and their freedom to follow their own instincts cannot be contemplated with any comfort.

Look the Part.

From the Field.

Whether you call it auto-suggestion, self-esteem or something else, think well of yourself, and look the part.

The world is most inclined to take you at your own estimate of yourself, just as your customer buys your goods at the market price.

If you are down in the mouth, take a brace. Believe in yourself.

Among the ten thousand occupations in which men address themselves, there is one at least about which you can succeed.

And don't lose control of your mind, for your mental poise is your business balance.

You may have failed. Every failure should make you stronger for another effort. And each effort should stand upon its own bottom.

Assert yourself. Try it in a small way right now. Say to yourself, "I am capable and I can do what any one else in my position could do. I am a man and men must respect me." And they will.

Pinchot Slaughtering the Regulars.

From the Clearfield Republican.

All those hundreds and thousands of men on the payroll of the State Highway Department, who were so active for George E. Alter in the Republican primary campaign, and said they had word from Harrisburg to go the limit, will now be wondering "where they are at." The removal of Commissioner George H. Biles, by Governor Pinchot last Monday, and the appointment of William Connell will cause much anxiety all along the line. Looks as if the fellows who went so strong for Alter are all marked for slaughter. Not a single organization leader has so far been appointed. The successor to Biles is not strong for concrete roads. He rather prefers Warrenite and other mixtures, it is alleged. What he thinks of brick is not yet of record.

—It is reasonably certain that if the League of Nations had been accepted by the United States Turkey would neither be bluffing nor strutting now.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Sixty-five hundred dog licenses were issued by the York county treasurer in January.

—Among 43 aliens naturalized in the Fayette county courts was Charles A. Kalsner, aged 73, a German.

—Frank Lender, aged thirty-five, committed suicide by hanging with his belt in a cell in the Monessen police station.

—It is estimated that one-half of the population of Uniontown, or about 10,000 persons, are suffering from severe colds.

—The will of Joseph Norakon, a Northumberland Civil war veteran, gave all of his estate to Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert, who carried meals to the aged man and otherwise befriended him. He is said to have been worth \$5000.

—Because Charles Calvin, of Coatesville, pleaded guilty to stealing two chickens from the farm of Richard Schroder, of Coatesville, he was sentenced in criminal court at West Chester to serve from two to three years in the eastern penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$100.

—Watsonville citizens will vote on March 6th, on a proposal to issue \$50,000 worth of bonds for the erection of a new high school with a community auditorium. The board of education recently purchased a site for the proposed building on Canal street, away from the railroad and town's industries.

—Fifteen tons of chocolates constituted part of the cargo that was consumed early Wednesday morning when two freight cars on the Lehigh and New England siding at Allentown were destroyed by fire caused by gasoline that escaped from a passing train becoming ignited. The loss is more than \$10,000.

—A burglar entered the home of Irvin Walter, near the Pennsylvania Pump and Compressor company's plant at Easton, on Saturday night, carried off a small safe, and took it to a field some distance from the house, where it was smashed with a sledge hammer. They got a gold watch, considerable money and a number of insurance policies.

—Burglars working during Saturday night at the home of J. Ward Jordan, principal of the Hazleton High school, were scared away by the crying of a child awakened by their operations. Principal Jordan hastened down stairs when he heard the men, but they fled as he came upon them. The attempted Jordan burglary occurred after the residences of several neighbors had been looted of silverware and other articles.

—David King, of Butler county, seventy years old, entered a plea of guilty on Saturday before Judge A. E. Kober, to the charge of second degree murder for killing S. Clair McClung, forty-two years old, of Butler, in a hotel in that city December 9th. He was sentenced to from sixteen to eighteen years in the western penitentiary. King told the court before sentence was passed that he had been drinking and that the shooting was accidental. King has served a term of seventeen years for a murder committed in Clarion county thirty-five years ago.

—A steer owned by Jonas Bucher, near Brunnerville, became wild last Friday and escaped from his place. It made a break for the hills around the Lebanon pumping station. It jumped fences like a deer, going as far as Miner's village, near Lebanon. Men on horseback with guns pursued it and although they saw it twice that day the animal was too wary and made its escape. On Saturday it was tracked in the snow by men following on foot. At Brickerville a shot crippled the animal but it continued running as far as Brubaker's dam, where it was fatally shot by Harry Goehner.

—A detachment of state police went into Pottsville on Saturday with \$17,000 seized at Orwin, in the western part of Schuylkill county, on Friday night. Given warning that a cock fight and crap game were to take place, the police arrived just when the sport was at its height and arrested 40 of the participants, who were all fined on Saturday. The participants were young miners. It has not been decided what will be done with the large amount of money that was seized. Gold was stacked high and winnings were easy just as the police stepped in the door, placed their hands on the cash and notified all present they were under arrest.

—Six counterfeiters, with pockets bulging with wads of bad money, arrived in Shenandoah, Pa., one day last week and unloaded about \$100. One of the gang, a faultlessly dressed young man, about 31 years old, slim built, nearly six feet tall, entered the butcher shop of T. G. Dangora and asked for some pork chops and other articles and from a bag filled with \$10 and \$20 bills paid for the purchase. After getting the change Dangora became suspicious and questioned the stranger on the legality of the money. The visitor beat a hasty retreat from the store, followed by Dangora, who summoned the police, but the stranger picked up five confederates and disappeared in an automobile.

—According to reports from the big oil field at Tidioute, Pa., it is estimated that the daily production of oil from the Proprietor No. 3 well, on the Hoffman farm, is 125 barrels. The well, drilled four feet into the Queen sand, on Friday started to flow at the rate of from twenty to twenty-five barrels every half hour, the flow of oil being accompanied by gas production estimated at 1,000,000 cubic feet. The well on the A. E. Daniels' farm, owned by the Triumph Oil company, was drilled two and one-half feet into the sand Monday, with a good showing of oil and gas. This well will extend the Tidioute field about four miles to the west. The drillers struck the sand at a depth of 1375 feet. Norton & Carnahan are preparing to drill another well. The Pequinot well, it is expected, will be drilled in next week.

—Bent over the steering wheel of his automobile, George Fox, of Rockville, unconscious from a blow suffered in a collision, rode for three miles along the main line tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad near Harrisburg, on Sunday, before a townsmen stopped his car. The automobile which Fox was driving collided with a tree at a grade crossing at Lucknow. Glass from the windshield struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious. The auto was turned from the road to the railroad tracks. The rails kept the wheels of the automobile along their course. The car was traveling about ten miles an hour. A townsmen saw the automobile, telephoned to a tower three miles away, where another railroad employee was able to board the runaway automobile and bring it to a stop. Fox is in a serious condition.