

Henry Ford ought to be strong with the ladies. All the Lizzies will vote for him, at least.

Why is it that rye is worth only ninety cents a bushel and sells—on occasion—at twelve dollars a quart?

Well, so far as taking care of the hospitals is concerned the Governor has made good his promise to take all of his troubles right back to the people.

Soff coal is as low as it can very well get and if you use it you certainly stand little chance to lose and a very big one to gain if you put in your winter supply now.

Most of the wheat in Centre county is in shock and the oats has been slow in ripening so that farmers will have time to get the one housed before having to open the other.

Radio broadcasting of sermons may be a fine thing for the "shut-ins," but the excuse it gives others for not going to church is certain to overbalance all the good it does those who are really physically unable to go.

Believing in the principle of blowing your own horn the business men of State College swept through here yesterday morning on a pilgrimage of some kind and they were blowing for all they were worth.

Dollar wheat is the quotation for the local market this week. At that price the farmer will scarcely get enough out of it to pay for sowing and harvesting it, for while its price has steadily declined the cost of farm labor has just as steadily increased.

While the Governor couldn't find very much money with which to keep building good at Rockview he did display good judgment in vetoing every other bill designed as an entering wedge for starting the erection of costly prisons in other parts of the State.

Don't waste your time abusing the Governor for having made the murderous cut he did in the appropriation to the Bellefonte hospital. Devote it to serious thought as to how you can help make up the four thousand dollars that the State won't supply during 1924 and 1925.

By action at least Charley Snyder, our State Treasurer, is plainly telling Governor Pinchot that if he doesn't like the way a part of Pennsylvania is run he'd better move to some other State. We fancy, however, that when it comes Charley's move his will be away from the public crib.

Instead of getting nine thousand dollars a year from the State the Bellefonte hospital will get only five after January 1st, next. As the institution is now operating at a loss of nearly two thousand dollars a year there will be a big problem for the community to solve between now and the time it will have to go on short State rations.

All that was needed was a little real hot weather to stop the clacking of those scientists who were trying to frighten us into a glacial period because some sun spots had disappeared. As long as it was unseasonably cool they had a wonderful audience, but the seats are empty now and most people are back to the old and real belief that the earth is to burn up, not freeze—when the appointed time comes.

Anyway the chase of the six bandits who made a daylight escape from the eastern penitentiary is exciting reading. Hiding in the swamps of the Pocomoke, out in the sea in a motor boat to join a rum running crew and blundering through the mountains of Bedford county are three places the fugitives are supposed to be at the same time while a small army of police and detectives are running round in a ring trying to recapture them.

The troubles of our friends, the enemy, are multiplying. Since the La Follette victory in Minnesota there is much talk of Senator Hi Johnson, of California, as a compromise candidate for President; the idea being that Harding cannot be re-elected because he is too conservative and La Follette would be too radical. While all of this is mere talk, yet it is the expression of real feeling among the disorganized Republicans and anything is likely to happen.

We would like to ask Governor Pinchot to tell us what State College is if it isn't a State institution. His putting the determination of that question up to the Legislature is not going to fool any one or blind the public to his own expression of spleen, if the Legislature hadn't regarded it as a purely State institution it would scarcely have voted it the right to loan a two million dollar bond issue. The Legislature went on record as recognizing State College when it passed that bill. The Governor went in record as a peevish politician when he vetoed it.

The first news that the President has been fatigued by his long trans-continental and Alaskan trip came significantly close on the heels of the results of the Senatorial contest in Minnesota. Governor Preus ran on a "I favor Harding's policies" platform and was decisively beaten by Magnus Johnson, a Swedish farmer, who was his farmer-labor nominee. Johnson says he's against a world court or any other kind of foreign entanglement, et he declares he is in favor of recognizing Soviet Russia at once. Such evidence of inconsistency doesn't assure the country that the new Senator from Minnesota will do much more than trail along after La Follette.

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Gary No Deadhead in the Enterprise.

Judge Gary, head of the Steel trust, will be "no dead-head" in the enterprise of continuing the Harding administration for "four years more." A couple of months ago he solemnly declared that the elimination of the twelve-hour day would utterly and irretrievably destroy the Steel industry. He hoped, probably, to thus justify the industrial slavery which the trust had been practicing, contrary to public opinion for years. But it was discovered that the policy was working injury to the partnership between the Republican party and the Steel trust, and at the very polite request of President Harding Mr. Gary agreed to abate the evil "when there is a surplus of labor available."

This happy and soothing phrase was invented by the President himself but the result of it was disappointing. It was too indefinite to satisfy even the most credulous and Samuel Gompers, as well as hundreds of newspapers friendly to the cause of organized labor, riddled it into shreds. Thereupon Mr. Gary issued a statement to the effect that the trust "shall probably commence activity taking steps to reduce the number of twelve hour workers within the next six weeks." But even that vague promise is qualified. "It will require a considerable length of time to complete the change," he added. "If I said I was going around the world next week," he continued, "it would mean that I was going to start around the world next week. The actual trip would take a longer time."

The partners in the enterprise are working in complete harmony. In the course of six weeks the Steel trust will "probably commence actively taking steps to reduce the number of twelve hour workers." That ought to hold the over-worked puddlers and rollers in a patient frame of mind for a few months at least. Then the signs that the active steps have begun may serve the purpose, if the suffering laborers are credulous enough, for an additional period of a few months and thus may carry hope of improvement until after the election of next year, when the occasion for further fooling will be passed and the policy of human slavery in the mills and furnaces of the Steel trust may be restored.

The seventeen year locusts which swarmed over Centre county about a month ago but disappeared almost as quickly as they came, are just now making their appearance in other sections of the State, particularly in the Cumberland valley where they are reported to be in great numbers.

No Reason for Surprise.

A good deal of surprise has been expressed in various quarters that the authorities in Washington have made no protest against the boarding of our pet passenger ship, the Leviathan, at anchor in Southampton, by British officers for the purpose of arresting British sailors alleged to be deserters from British ships. It is recalled that, for a precisely similar act of the war of 1812 was declared against England and vast sums of money spent and some lives sacrificed in resentment of such an invasion of our marine rights. But it is not really a matter of surprise. Things are entirely different now.

For some time preceding the war of 1812 there was sharp rivalry between the rapidly developing marine service of the United States and that of England for the carrying of trade between America and Europe. England was justly alarmed at the progress of our infant merchant marine and interdicted all sorts of trouble for us. Among her complaints was that English sailors deserted her ships and served aboard the American bottoms. Finally the British began searching our ships and arresting such sailors as they accused of deserting. Our government protested vigorously but to no purpose. The practice continued until finally war was declared and a victory won that guaranteed American ships from search.

That unwritten law continued in force by common consent until recently when under a false pretense of enforcing the Volstead law against British ships carrying booze our revenue officers violated it. Great Britain might have protested against the invasion of her ships but remained silent for the reason that her officials saw in the matter an opportunity to achieve a greater victory by renewing the practice which aroused the Americans of a century ago to the drastic action of war. We had statesmen then whose perception extended beyond the bar-room and who were unwilling to allow our territory to be outraged by an invasion of our ships either in mid-ocean or in port.

In the interest of public peace some arrangement ought to be made to strangle that California photographer who claims to have invented a process to photograph thought.

Commissioner Wright's Wise Rules.

Every motorist in the State, whether on pleasure tour or business trip, will cordially approve Highway Commissioner Wright's new rules for parking on the public roads. Under authority of law the Commissioner has issued an order forbidding the parking of cars on improved roads, a practice which has obstructed traffic in every section of the State. Parking on the foot or crest of a hill or on curves in the road is also forbidden. "Under no circumstances," the Commissioner adds, "may vehicles be congregated along public highways to such an extent that the regular and orderly passage of two-way traffic is hindered." Parking at any point with four wheels on the improved section of the road is forbidden.

The splendid highways of Pennsylvania are beginning to attract attention and hold out allurements to tourists from all sections of the country. It is to the interest of the people and business of the State to encourage this development. But the perils of congested spots and the menace of reckless drivers on hills and curves work the opposite results. Most motorists have been frightened at one time or another by dangers on the highways thus presented, and if the rules promulgated by Commissioner Wright will eliminate the heart ache incident a great and useful purpose will be achieved. Of course, obedience to the rules is essential to success, but obedience must be enforced.

There are too many motor accidents in Pennsylvania, and most of them may be attributed to carelessness. In one or two recent incidents courts have taken action which will be helpful in abating the evil. A drunken motor driver is a menace as deplorable as a pestilence and should be severely punished. A reckless driver is almost as great an evil and is equally deserving of punishment. It is to some extent the fault of these that the evils to which Commissioner Wright refers are dangerous. He is wise, therefore, in taking steps which will avert danger on the highways as well as decrease the inconveniences of travel. We hope every motorist in the State will give support in the enforcement of the rules.

Candidates for the various county and borough offices are now circulating their nomination papers for the requisite number of signers. In Bellefonte borough there will be four councilmen to elect this year. Those whose terms expire are Messrs. John S. Walker, of the North ward; A. Fauble and Harry Flack, of the South ward, and Darius Waite, of the West ward. So far as now known all the above will be candidates for reelection. Dr. M. J. Locke's term as school director will also expire with this year.

Pinchot as a Juggler.

According to the Harrisburg correspondent to the Philadelphia Record, Governor Pinchot's boast of saving the people some \$30,000,000 during the current biennium is not only a mockery of figures but a deliberate false representation of the facts. The total appropriations approved by him amount to \$123,000,000, which is \$5,000,000 more than the total approved by Governor Sproul. Of the \$118,000,000 approved by Mr. Sproul \$29,000,000 were not expended during his administration but are now available for use of the Pinchot administration. This represents the saving Pinchot claims almost to the dollar.

But aside from this juggling of figures obviously made to deceive the public the revenue records show a discrepancy against the Pinchot administration as compared with its predecessor. The last Legislature increased the taxes to the extent of \$18,000,000, and the tax on anthracite coal imposed by a previous Legislature but withheld from the treasury through litigation will add to the resources of the Pinchot period between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, making a difference in favor of the Pinchot biennium of from \$23,000,000 to \$28,000,000. Then the last Legislature provided fees for State service to the people, which is a tax, that did not exist during the Sproul administration.

Assuming, which is justified, that the Pinchot administration for the current biennium will have greater revenue than its predecessor to the extent of at least \$23,000,000, what excuse is there for cutting the appropriations for charities and education as the Pinchot vetoes have done? The cuts in charity appropriations as compared with those of the Sproul biennium amount to nearly \$2,000,000. It is not claimed that the cost of maintenance will be less or the necessity for such institutions diminished. But as one of the "insiders" said the unfortunates can be fed on beans and black bread in order to glorify Pinchot.

Those Minnesota farmers simply expressed their appreciation of the tariff on wheat.

State Pay Vouchers Held Up.

State Treasurer Charley Snyder, the only unit of the old Penrose machine with enough life to make a kick, spread consternation among the job holders at Harrisburg last week by refusing to issue salary vouchers for the semi-monthly pay then due. It was a drastic as well as a cruel measure. A good many of the employees on "the Hill" need the money when pay day comes around and the failure to get it is not only a disappointment but a hardship. It may be safely said that it was not the purpose of the State Treasurer to thus inconvenience expectant employees. "Charley" has his faults but they are not in the form of cruelty. His objective was something higher up.

Governor Pinchot and his Secretary of State, Dr. King, have practically assumed that all understanding of administering the State government is lodged in them. In framing the "code" they invested all power in themselves and as the drastic action of the State Treasurer shows made a bungling job of it. Even in their own department, that of the Executive, they were unable to make statements of their accounts according to the "code" and the State Treasurer declares he will issue no vouchers except such as are clearly within the law. The Governor can hardly complain of that, for he professes the greatest respect for the law. The trouble is he doesn't seem to know the law.

Of course the Treasurer's purpose was to humiliate the Governor and rebuke his pretense of knowledge. How far he will achieve this result remains to be seen. So far as the employees in the Governor's office are concerned there was no inconvenience, for Mr. Pinchot gave his personal check for an amount to cover their claims. But employees in the Highway Department, the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Health were refused payment. Of course the men will get their money in the end but until the heads of departments learn how to make out pay warrants, or until the factional differences between the leaders of the Republican party in the State are reconciled.

President Harding may draw one "crumb of comfort" from the election result in Minnesota. It will diminish the number of aspirants for the Republican nomination for President next year.

The Triumvirate of Good Reading.

Curt Thompson writes from his home in Philadelphia that they regulate their family with the "Watchman," the Philadelphia Record and the Christian Advocate.

Surely such a combination of good reading matter ought to contribute much toward creating a wholesome, uplifting, intelligent atmosphere in any home and we know that is just what is to be found within the Thompson portals. On the side—any one would guess that the Thompsons are great Democrats and great Methodists.

The Lewistown city council, on a motor trip through Centre, Clinton, Lycoming and Union counties, paid Bellefonte a visit on Tuesday morning and spent an hour fraternizing with the Bellefonte borough dads. The Lewistown council is now facing the proposition of trying to float a big bond issue for street paving and civic improvements and Tuesday's trip was taken for the purpose of sizing up conditions in boroughs and cities along their route.

Jack Dempsey failed to knock out his antagonist, Tommy Gibbons, in that Montana fisticuff but he seems to have knocked out most of the Montana banks.

The Governor cut the State charity appropriations rather mercifully but he let every appropriation for the executive department ride as written.

The shopmen's strike of 1922 has been judicially declared off, but the striking shopmen on the Pennsylvania railroad haven't read the decision.

A prominent physician says that ninety-eight per cent. of the people over eat. There is a basis for another constitutional amendment.

The news from Minnesota, on Tuesday morning, would hardly thaw the atmosphere of Alaska to its most distinguished visitor.

If Mr. Ford can induce all the owners of his cars to vote for him all other candidates for President are facing defeat.

Governor Pinchot spends more time in apologizing for his vetoes than it took to write the messages.

Splitting Up of the Allies.

From the Pittsburgh Post. To get a proper perspective of two items in the news recently we have to turn back to the fears expressed in the days before the armistice of the world war that Germany might through diplomacy, and through differences of the allies, gain what she could not on the battlefield.

One of the dispatches, from London, said that the long-expected break between Great Britain on the one hand and France and Belgium on the other over the Ruhr situation is again imminent. If France and Belgium persist in pushing coercive measures against Germany, it is set forth, Britain will adopt means of her own for negotiating with the Berlin government.

The other dispatch, from Lausanne, contained a reminder that the Turk, who was supposed to have been driven from Europe forever, is back there, and has a war settlement that is described as containing a number of diplomatic victories for him.

First Russia and Rumania were beaten by Germany into making separate and negotiated peace treaties, with Bolshevist treachery playing a large part in the transaction.

Then the United States, which turned the tide of war against Germany, and stated the terms for world peace, was broken away from joint action with her allies as the result of plotting by Germany into making separate and negotiated peace with Berlin.

If Great Britain should break with France and Belgium, then indeed would the unity on the part of the allied and associated nations, once declared so vital to establishment of world peace, be pretty well "shot to pieces."

Let it be hoped indeed that things are not as dark as some who have lately returned from Europe are picturing them. But to guard against the collapse some believe to be threatening, it is well to refer back to the dangers we said during the war would result from a lack of unity, and ask ourselves whether some of the dangers may not now be near because of differences between the allies themselves. Did the break in the unity of the allied and associated nations come before the world was well out of the woods of war?

Who doubts that if that unity had continued there would be no such troubles as now threaten? Had the United States remained in co-operation with the allies, would France have invaded the Ruhr? Had unity of the allies continued would the Turk have been able to resume massacring Christians and return to Europe?

The most distressing thing about it is that the politicians who broke the United States away from her allies have proposed no system of their own for world peace or done anything effective in that direction. It is as if they had withdrawn this great Nation at precisely the time when she was needed most to help establish peace.

Before it is too late some attention better be given to the restoration of unity among those who won the war.

Tax-Free City Dwellers.

From the Philadelphia Record. One of the women voters of an up-State town, where they are preparing to send to jail the women who refuse to pay a \$5 a year school tax levied against all women as well as all men, wants The Record to tell her why the leaders of women in public affairs, so many of whom live in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, are not making a fuss over this threatened indignity to females.

Why should the women of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh who are leaders make any fuss about it? Neither they nor any of the men and women in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia are in danger of going to jail for not paying the tax. No such tax is even assessed against them. It is only the men and women beyond the two big cities, where reside so many men and women ready to tell them to be sure and vote the G. O. P. ticket "straight," who have to pay this school tax. Neither the women nor the men of the big cities pay any tax except one of 25 cents a year to qualify as voters, except, of course, those who own taxable property.

We were told the other day that the negro vote in Philadelphia now is almost 140,000. None of the negro women and men voters of Philadelphia are assessed this school tax, for the non-payment of which so many of the country women are threatened with jail.

As we recall the figures, however, many of the up-State women voted the same ticket last November as the white and colored brethren of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh who pay no school tax at all.

If Henry Ford Has Any Plans, What Are They?

From the New York World. Some day Henry Ford must reach a decision or the opportunity to be a candidate for President will pass him by. If he wants a railroad or a coal mine or a new factory he goes out, cash in hand, and buys it. But he cannot go about being a candidate for President in that simple way. Among other things, he will need an intelligible platform which he is capable of explaining to the satisfaction of the voters. He might nominate himself, but he could never elect himself. That is one great difference between being head of the Ford business and seeking promotion to the White House.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

A \$2,500,000 bond issue for good roads in Blair county is being fathered by the public affairs committee of the Altoona Kiwanis club. The county commissioners will be asked to submit the proposition to the voters next fall.

Gall Christine, of Reedsville, on Saturday encountered fifteen rattlesnakes in one bunch on the Seven mountains. Christine is famous as a bee hunter, and with the aid of his big dog "Bruno" and a hound owned by Frank Kohler, he killed the entire fifteen.

While on his way to help fight the fire in a barn in Heister valley during a thunder storm, the Rev. C. H. Bankes, of Northumberland county, was pinned to his automobile by a tree which was blown across the road by the violence of the storm. The car was disabled, but he was unhurt.

Vernon Hill, aged 26 years, of Wilkesport, was electrocuted in his home last Thursday night while taking a bath. He apparently stood up in the bath tub and grasped hold of an electric light fixture. Members of the family found him dead. The fixture was torn from its fastening. He leaves a wife and two children.

Game protector Harry Wingard, of Ingleby, is cutting a fire lane five miles long around the game preserve of which he has charge, in the mountains of Union county. He has it well cleared of dead limbs and rubbish. The purpose is both to prevent fires from spreading and to afford protection to deer and other game in the preserve.

Seven year old Verna Cheney, of Osceola Mills, will probably lose the use of both hands as the result of being run over by a freight train Tuesday of last week. The girl was playing about the tracks when struck by a draft of cars being pushed into the Osceola yards by a shifter. All the fingers of her left hand were badly mangled and several on the right hand.

Suit for \$25,000 has been entered in the Blair county court by Mrs. Ada Crider, of Altoona, against Hesser Hill and his son, Fred Hill, both of Altoona, for personal injuries. She was run down by an automobile owned by the former and driven by the latter in Altoona, July 15th, 1921, while crossing a street, receiving a broken hip and a shock to her nervous system.

An employee of a Johnstown delicatessen store, unpacking a shipment of bananas from South America, discovered, in a bunch of bananas a mother possum and five young ones. The mother escaped, but the young ones, believed to have been born while the bananas were en route from the south, were not strong enough to make a get-away. The animals are of the so-called "banana possum" species, foe of the tarantula.

Mrs. Mary Snyder, aged 6 years, died at Pottstown, last Thursday from surgeons' gauze that was left in the incision twenty-five years ago. When she underwent an operation at a hospital, surgeons had been unable to diagnose her ailment. When she was operated on a short time before her death, it was found that the tissues had grown around the gauze in such a manner that it could not be removed.

More than 200 residents of Kane, who invested their savings in stock of the American Plate Glass company at the rate of \$100 per share, eighteen years ago, received checks at the rate of \$750 per share last week from the Durant automobile interests, which have taken over the plant. In addition to the checks, which totaled \$2,000,000 an additional sum in bonds and liens against the James City plant of the American Plate Glass company are to be distributed in payment for the stock.

John J. Herr and Edward R. Patton, of Lancaster, touring to San Francisco in a canoe, reached Johnstown on Sunday and launched their craft in the Conemaugh. They shipped their 17 foot canoe from Hollidaysburg to Johnstown by rail. They will float down the Conemaugh, Kiskiminetas, Allegheny, Ohio and Mississippi rivers to the gulf and there will hug the gulf shores on the way to the Panama canal, which will be traversed to the Pacific coast. They estimate that thirty months will be required in reaching San Francisco.

While driving through Potter forests a monster bear mounted the running board of the automobile of Ward Casbeer, near Honesdale. The car came upon the mother bear and cubs. The latter took one side of the road and the mother the other. Separated from her cubs, she thought likely they had been kidnapped and in the car, and she got aboard to see about it. The companion riding with Casbeer on the front seat, crowded the driver so getting away from the proximity to the bear on the fender that Casbeer nearly wrecked the whole outfit getting away.

Crazed by the heat, Mrs. Mary Showkus ran amuck at Minersville, on Saturday, and injured several persons with heavy stones. Pedestrians were kept busy for a time trying to dodge her missiles. One stone aimed at a man missed the mark and hit Maggie Stubble a seven year old child, inflicting severe injury. The police finally corralled the woman and she was held by Justice Flynn in \$800 bail for injuring the child. Mrs. Emma Cabot and Mrs. Vera Gerbusky, who were among the victims, brought prosecutions, and Mrs. Showkus was held in jail in each case.

Farmers throughout Columbia county are solving the problem brought by the shortage of farm labor in recent years by co-operation. Groups of four and five farmers have been helping each other get their hay and grain in the barn, moving from one farm to another until they have made the rounds. The women also are being pressed into service in the fields, driving hay rakes and helping in the loading. In some instances women have also been driving three horses hitched to a reaper. One farmer's wife complained that she could not drive three horses in a binder, so the farmer hooked his automobile truck to the binder and his wife drove the truck, while the farmer did the shocking.

A hodcarrier is now working at Freeland, Pa., who earns on an average of \$100 a week. He is Citrhone DeMonte who home is at Allentown, but who is employed by contractor Joseph Durrin in the erection of a brick business block for Joseph Malhearn, at Freeland. He is regarded as an all around handy worker, and his employer values him so highly that he pays him \$1.35 an hour. Citrhone is on the job at five o'clock in the morning, when he begins to mix the mortar for the bricklayers. During the day he carries mortar and brick and can fill up any gap where labor is needed. He generally works 12 hours a day, and this nets him a daily income of \$16.20. He is a simple liver and retires regularly at 9 o'clock every night, thus getting plenty of sleep for the next day's activities.