INK SLINGS.

-Even the heroics of L'il ARTHUR in Paris must be coming in for their share of the censor's pencil.

-The mills are paying only ninety cents a bushel for wheat yet the price of flour is going up. Why this thusness?

-Physically it may be pretty hot in some parts of this country, but politically the pot hasn't even begun to sizzle in Pennsylvania.

-From the dictatory character of Japan's ultimatum to Germany one could of the flowery kingdom.

-Apparently we are just emerging port that the ground is so hard and dry that it is almost impossible to plow.

-Cuyahoga county, Ohio, is spending one million dollars on roads this year. If Centre county tax payers were asked to do such a thing there would be none left. They'd all drop over dead.

-With sugar at ten cents a pound it is too costly to even undertake to sugarcoat this foreign war pill that American consumers have to swallow as well as those responsible for the trouble.

-In this war hold-up game the foreigners are the ones who are getting shot while we are getting robbed. Prices of food stuffs in London have not gone up near to the price we are asked to pay.

-If the French, German, English, Austrian and Russian war vessels keep on seas will be overflowing their banks because of the extraordinary water displacement.

-German poultry fanciers have disguardians for little chicks than the "clucking" hen. They take better care of them and stay with them longer. Incidentally, capons make better eating than "clucking" hens.

-Some of the foreign papers that were sneering at President WILSON'S "watchful waiting" policy in Mexico might have found it easier in the future to finance their business had their own governments done a little "watchful waiting" rather than precipitately going to a war that is costing fifty million dollars a day.

-That "take-it-back-day," for the fellows who had so much to say about "bipartisan" Democrats, prior to the May primaries, might help warm up matters a little for some people, if properly commemorated before a political frost sets in, for those most responsible for the bad blood that campaign engendered.

-Rumor has it that the president of taking the pictures of that head-on railcome together.

Hall Repeater so proudly boasted of two tures can use. But we don't want pamweeks ago has had every syllable knocked pered enterprises to boss the government out of it but the first. If reports be true or bulldoze Congress and the people. We it's editor couldn't pass the civil service have turned our faces away from that examination so can't get the post-office sort of evil and will not even look back. in that place. Really we are not surprised. Brother SMITH's memory has been bad for the past three years.

-Professor WILLIAM BATESON, pres-Advancement of Science, takes the opposite view of evolution to that expressed

-There must be doings in the Republican camp. For two days this week candidates ROWLAND, MILLER and SCOTT have been "doing" this side of the mountain and county chairman HARRIS has been too busy to roll his own cigarets. What it all means we have been unable to find out. But if the G. O. P. has sent out orders to mobilize it seems to us that the ultimatum has been handed to the Democrats. Paraphrasing a recent appeal of the Czar of Russia to his Jews: Isn't it about time for the near boss of Centre county to begin to send out a call to arms to "my beloved bipartisans."

-The voters of the Nineteenth Pennsylvania Congressional district might do price of flour. It is safe to say that con-pulpit or rear platform, or dashed into well to consider that their Congressman ditions in the war zone have not added jungles to strangle wild beasts with his is doing exactly what they sent him to a pound to the usual foreign requisition bare hands? Washington to do: Remaining at his for meat products of this country. But What the Kaiser has done for Europe desk to represent them and uphold their prices have been advanced enormously. ROOSEVELT would have done to America President. We repeat what we have often stated in these columns. We be-And he is not a derelict to his duties fering public. In the case of sugar the elected in 1912 who can doubt what he there. While the WATCHMAN is not in purpose is double, probably. The sr:gar would have done in solving the Mexican accord with some of his theories there is trust is still hoping that the sugar sched- problem? No "watchful waiting" for a so much of good and determination in ule of the UNDERWOOD tariff law will be man of his temperament. "Saddles and Col. BAILEY that it earnestly hopes that altered so as to renew the graft franchise those of his constituents who may also it has enjoyed so long. But the advances in meats, flour and other products are differ with him on the questions of sin- ascribable only to cupidity and every gle taxation, re-organization, and a few person concerned in the iniquity ought to settlement of affairs that has delighted other hobbies we might mention, will be punished to the full extent of the law. the Christian world there would have submerge their personal antipathies for under the direction of Woodrow Wilson the greater good that would be accom- the investigation will produce that replished through his re-election.



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Concerning Ship Subsidies.

Rear Admiral GOODRICH, U. S. N., in an article in the August issue of The Naalmost imagine the Colonel the Emperor vy, discusses the problems of our merchant marine with much frankness. "Our legislation for more than a hundred from a very rainy season yet farmers re- years," he declares, "has always had the shipbuilder in mind. So far as the laws could go they have helped him. And so far as the laws could go," he continues, "they have equally discouraged the ship owner." In view of this fact the Admiral adds: "It is a marvel that there are any ships afloat flying the American flag, while the theory that builders can really flourish while owners are penalized is an amazing violation of common sense."

During the last half century the only idea in the direction of strengthening the merchant marine that has been seriously considered by the dominant party in Congress is subsidy. The plan was to pay ship owners out of the public treasury so much bounty that they could afford to divide with the shipbuilders and satisfy the cupidity of both. No matter how much materials might be taxed unsinking as rapidly as they are reported der such circumstances or how inefficient as having done during the past week the the products of their plants, there would be graft enough to go around and everybody except the taxpayers could be content. The rational proposition to admit American owned ships, wherever built, to covered that capons make much better registry was flouted as a sinister assault upon the tariff and a species of treason against the government.

> Because of this discrimination in favor of shipbuilders these gentlemen have come to believe that they enjoy a vested right to legislative favor and during the consideration of the question in Congress the other day an announcement was made that in the event the pending measure is enacted into law one of the Philadelphia plants will be removed to Canada. This same concern has built ships for owners in all parts of the world in competition with ship yards of Europe and proved its ability and capacity to hold its own in the strife for business. But the legislation in question curtails its opportunity to graft in building for American owners, which is an infringe. A cut of half in the number of battlement upon its rights, and consequently it

But the legislation will amply recomthe Pittsburgh and Susquehanna railroad the loss involved in the removal of this Co., wanted the Lubin people to defer plant and whether it goes to Canada or road collision in Philipsburg until No- eral SHERMAN said war is, the governvember 4th. If he doesn't get elected ment at Washington will still live and Congressman the day before he wants to we may be happy yet, you bet." We be in one of the locomotives when they want all the industries we can get in this country and profitable employment for -The "ascendancy" which the Centre all the labor that diversified manufac-

Conspiracy to Advance Prices.

ident of the British Association for the of foodstuffs, recently inaugurated by careful analysis or inductive reasoning. be thorough and effective. The cupid- ROOSEVELT. He loves speed. When he by the late Dr. DARWIN. He says it is ity which will cause suffering and dis- has decided upon a thing it must be and that possibly man has degenerated and should be severely punished. There lost in setting in action the forces that into monkey instead of the monkey de- are many reasons to believe that recent are to accomplish his end. When he veloping into man. And a careful esti- advances in prices are ascribable to this starts to do a thing if he finds he cannot mate of the capabilities of some of our cause. The European war could not do it one way he is quick to change his prominent politicians lends plausibility to have had such an effect at this time. methods, and it is this changeability of the future, but certainly not at present. and erratic tendencies." our abundant stores thus far.

drawn from these facts. The advances Happily while he occupied the seat of

Revenue Deficits and Remedies.

The foreign war is certain to create a deficit in the revenues of the government flicting claims the progress of the great aid statesmen at Washington are striv- war in Europe is involved in uncertainty. ing to devise a remedy. In this connection Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER has Servia, Austria and Russia and on the spoken in favor ot a stamp tax and an increase of the tax on beer and incomes. He also proposes an ad valorem tax on cigars. If additional taxes are to be lev. differ widely both with respect to casuied, these would be fair subjects for consideration. The stamp tax has always It can be said, however, that Germany unostentatious dedicatory act may be been unpopular in this country but prob. has made little progress in its purpose to ably for the same reason that an income invade France and Austria has had no tax has invariably been opposed by those most able to pay taxes. And if cigars are to be taxed at all the ad valorem aggressive forces had their most favormethod should be adopted. It is unjust to tax the toby and the high priced cigar the conflict. alike, which was the Republican system.

But there is a better way of making the revenues and expenditures of the go ernment balance than by levying ad. ditional taxes on any subject of taxation. The UNDERWOOD tariff bill would have provided ample revenue under normal conditions. The threatened deficit is ascribable to the disturbance of commerce incident to the war in Europe and will disappear as soon as armed hostilities cease. Therefore any new taxes levied the war is not likely to last long. Sir he has not taken a too hopeful view of the situation. Luxuries that cost fifty million dollars a day are not usually pro-

It wouldn't hurt the country much or greatly impair the efficiency of the public service if expenses were cut down temporarily, or at least during the time that the revenues are diminished by the curtailment of importations. For example, the improvement of Sqedunk creek might safely be postpored for a couple of years and the delay in building a postoffice structure at Liberty Cross Roads wouldn't do a great deal of harm. ships would jeopardize no vital interest thin a short period and other profligacies that Congress has been indulging in pense the people of the United States for might be abandoned. These economies would soon amount to the hundred millions which it is estimated will be lost to that insalubrious climate where Gen. and the platform pledge of Baltimore would be fulfilled.

> -When the constitutionalists marched into the City of Mexico General VIL-LA probably regretted that there were no heads to smash. But he will become reconciled to peace after awhile if other things come his way.

We Had a Narrow Escape.

One of the numerous panegyrists of the German Kaiser writes for an esteemed New York contemporary that "his It is hoped that the inquiry into activity is so ceaseless, he is so continthe causes of the increase in the prices uously in action, that he has no time for the administration at Washington, will In this he is strikingly like Colonel That disturbance may have justified the methods and haste in applying them that apprehension of scarcity of products in give him the reputation for impulsiveness

There has been no foreign demand for In another part of the same article this eulogist of the Kaiser says: "He never The price of sugar always advances rests and professes the deepest horror of The canning period creates an unusual insist that he is merely a paranoiac. demand and natural consequences fol- Certain it is that he is very vain and allow. But an advance of half a cent a ways wishes to be first in everything he pound is all that can be claimed on this does." Could any biographer of ROOSEaccount whereas there has been an ad- VELT describe him more accurately? flour is concerned there is no excuse for Europe was distracted," the writer condant crops ought to have caused a ma- speeches and silly sermons." How like terial decline in values. Yet there has the Colonel as he rushed across the conbeen an extraordinary increase in the tinent and harrangued the public from

There is but one conclusion to be if the opportunity had been present. spurs," and bayonets and big guns would have been his implements and diplomacy could go hang. Instead of the peaceful been a harvest of death and desolation from the Texas line to the City of Mexico. We made a narrow escape.

Progress of the European War.

Between censored reports and conborders between the contending countries and according to all reports the losses have been heavy. But estimates alties and the results of the encounters. better success in its invasion of Servia. In the nature of things, moreover, these able opportunities in the early stages of

Thus far the participants in the war are Germany and Austria-Hungary on one side and France, Russia, England and Belgium on the other. Italy, which was the third power in the Triple Alliance, has thus far refused to join with her a horrid nightmare, it is not probable allies, Germany and Austria, but Turkey seems to be ready to take her place. On the other hand Japan appears to be anx. ious to get into the scrimmage on the refuge from more powerful enemies may side of the Triple Entente and Holland, Sweden, Norway, Portugal and Greece now would have to be repealed then and are giving moral support to the same interests. The Balkan States are nearly lies crippled everywhere and has become HERBERT KITCHENER, Secretary of War evenly divided in their inclinations and HERBERT KITCHENER, Secretary of War in Great Britain, estimates its duration at ultimately Spain may be drawn in. In for the great canal it might better be any event the German empire promises postponed to a time when the flags of eighteen months and it may be said that any event the German empire promises to be the bone of contention.

In such a conflict there can hardly be any doubt of the ultimate issue. The Triple Entente is so far superior in numerical force both on land and water that the greater efficiency of the Kaiser's army will hardly work a balance. Unless the signs are misleading the brunt of the fighting will be on Belgian soil though Kaiser may shift it into France. The world will watch the struggle with differlikely to reveal some vast changes in the map of Europe. Dynasties are already of Kaiser.

-Our Boys band of Milesburg cleared just \$185.85 at their big festival last Saturday evening. The Pleasant Gap detract from the gathering as Our Boys band rendered an even seventy selections during the evening, which was blowing some. Frank Kohlbecker was master of ceremonies over the cake department and of the eighty-six cakes contributed he auctioned off eight, pulled off sixty- Constitutional government evinces a disother seventeen. But all the others in attendance had just as good a time as

been requested by the Hon. A. B. Fletcher, president of the Fourth American Road Congress and State Highway Engi- ico, and it is questionable whether Carneers of California, to name three dele- ranza could command the allegiance of gates to atte: I the sessions of the Congress at Atlanta, Georgia, during the week of November 9th. Forty-seven might take, in the event of a new rebelattributable to loss rather than addition tress among the people is most atrocious done at once. Not a moment must be great organizations are taking part in the lion, is not defined. It is improbable, Congress under the leadership of the however, that we are committed to Car-American Highway Association and the American Automobile Association.

> horses, good cattle and good hogs in Cen- to respect the wishes of the administratre county; and if only a small per cent. of the best were brought to the Centre county fair, September 1st, they would make an exhibit worth going many miles to see. Farmers in other counties take great pride in making a stock exhibit at perceptibly at this season of the year. idleness. Some call him a genius, others their county fair, and Centre county farmers ought to be in the front line. Try it again this year.

> -If the European war lasts eighteen months, as General KITCHENER, Secretary vance of three cents a pound. So far as "During the first few years of his reign of War for Great Britain, predicts, and costs fifty million dollars a day, as some any advance. On the contrary the abuntinues, "with his furious journeys, rash statisticians estimate, bankruptcy will be has forced an advance in the price of epidemic on the continent of Europe flour is to state a manifest absurdity. It when peace is restored.

> > -Roosevelt's candidate for Governor of New York declares he is opposed to female suffrage but as ROOSEVELT is of the dangerous sort must be curbed. in favor of it they hope to catch votes "coming and going."

-An esteemed contemporary calls the scrimmage in Europe "A Devil's lieve that Col. WARREN WORTH BAILEY in prices are the results of conspiracies authority there was no chance to involve War." Well in view of General Sherhas no superior in mentality in Congress. to extort money from a helpless and suf- the country in war. But if he had been MAN's definition of war, that's an appropriate name.

> -We will probably not know who upon the subject.

-This country spent five billion dollars for luxuries during 1913 and some girls didn't have half enough ice cream.

-For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

Opening the Canal.

From the Philadelphia Record. With the passage through of the Panama Railroad steamer Ancon Saturday. the Isthmian Canal was thrown open to There have been battles in Belgium, the world's just now badly disarranged commerce. Unless the ceremonial opening, scheduled for next February, and which was to be attended by the war fleets of the great Powers, should actually take place according to program, the informal passage of the Ancon may be regarded as the final dedication of the waterway to its real purposes. And this considered a more appropriate celebration of a triumph of the arts of peace than if it had been associated with martial pomp and an array of commerce destroyers and battleships. Indeed, the presence of these instrumentalities, so deadly to trade, would have been rather anachronistic.

One consequence of the present deplorable situation in the civilized world will be to make the canal completely American-for the time being, at least. Until this dreadful war among the maritime nations of Europe shall have passed and its memory shall have become as that of that any flag but that of the United States will float from the mastheads of the ships that shall go through the canal. Fugitive war ships seeking havens of apply for transfer from sea to sea; but the appearance of such unbidden applicants for hospitality would only empha paralyzed in many parts of the world.

Germany, Great Britain and France can once more flutter peacefully side by side and ruffled by the same breeze; when instead of sending over ugly floating for-tresses, their Iron Dukes, Moltkes and other equally well-named super-dreadnaughts, the nations will be represented by fleets of Vaterlands, La Frances and Olympics. And the time is coming. Whatever may be the issue of the present conflict, one thing is practically cerextraordinary energy on the part of the tain—the booming guns are tolling the death knell of militarism. The nations will surely awaken to the folly of seekworld will watch the struggle with differ-ing advantage in mutual destruction and ent emotions and the end is more than to the fact that world-wide competition in the advancement of commerce and the arts of civilization is really world-wide co-operation. Under such new and betcelebrated.

> Villa Ready to Break Loose. From the Altoona Times.

With bad blood existing between Generals Carranza and Villa, and an open band failed to show up but that did not rupture imminent, the former's order that supplies for the latter's army shall be withheld may precipitate a situation in Mexico that will be attended with the most serious consequences.

It is stated that Villa is determined that reforms for which his army has been contending must be redeemed by General Carranza, and that if the new one cake-walks and helped to eat the position to sidetrack them he will again take the field in a new revolution, in which the cause of the common people will be advanced with fire and sword. And there is no doubt that if this prediction is realized that the struggle will be -The burgess of Bellefonte has as bitter and as bloody as that which was terminated with the flight of General Huerta.

Villa is the idol of the peons of Mexany great portion of his army were he pitted against his former victorious general. Just what position this government ranza to the extent of guaranteeing his government or making issue with him against his opponents.

In its dealings with the Mexican lead--There are hundreds of good ers, Villa alone has evinced a disposition tion. Probably Washington might regard for re-election is final, but that he is not prehis success as the most certain assurance of that abiding peace which it has en-deavored to establish.

Go To It Mr. President.

From the Johnstown Democrat. every power within the reach of the government in attempting to halt the mad of whom are still living, the youngest being about rush upward of the price of foodstuffs.

possible excuse can there be for an ad- forty grandchildren. Mr. Port was a veteran of vance? Europe is not drawing upon us as heavily as usual. The wheat crop is the largest in years. To assert that the war is not war that is back of the increase. but plain and simple robbery. Eggs have advanced in price within the last two days. Meat has advanced. Advancing prices has become a mania, and manias President Wilson has made a ten strike by calling the attention of the Department of Justice to the present situation and demanding that every legal means be used to protect the ultimate con-

It is to be expected that the administration will be attacked upon the ground that it is "attacking business." It is. It is attacking business of the dishonest big operations at and near Windber. The comsort. It has been attacking dishonest pany furnishes ocean steamships with coal and —We will probably not know who will be running for office in this State until ROOSEVELT has made up his mind that Wilson should withdraw his antitrust measures and that Congress should adjourn are the men who today are forcing prices upward and using a fake war scare as a basis for the boost. An increase in the price of flour at this time is absolute evidence of a wide-spread the United States army equipment from Vera conspiracy against the public welfare. It is to be hoped that President Wilson will be able to "smoke the rascals out."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Five men and a woman were arrested on a charge of a Latrobe fruit dealer who complained that they made a raid on his shop and attempted

-A terrible tragedy was enacted at Sidney, when David Williard was deliberately shot in four places by Frank Guthrie, also of Sidney. He died later in the Adrian hospital.

-Mifflin county farmers report the peach crop the most promising the county has had for several years past, potatoes showing a fine yield of excellent quality, and berries of all kinds very -Thinking that they had found some candy

wo Connellsville children feasted on twentyeight medical pills and their lives were saved only by the prompt administration of emetics by a physician. -While riding at a speed of a mile a minute in

the motordrome connected with a carnival at Minersville, a young man was badly hurt by being hurled almost 100 feet out over the top of the motordrome. -Of the 400 teachers who took the examina-

them successfully. Something over 15,000 sheets of paper, weighing about 200 pounds, were used -D. H. Hamaker, for the last forty-two years agent for the Adams Express company at Lew-

tions recently held in Cambria county 320 passed

istown, the oldest acting express agent between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, retired last Saturday. His successor is C. O. Ely, of Harrisburg. -The tipple of the Rich Mill Coal company, at Hastings, was blown up by dynamite early Mon-

day morning. It was entirely destroyed. So was the barn of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company. The entire town was shaken by the ex--All the mines of the P. & R. Coal and Iron company, in the vicinity of DuBois, and in the

Indiana district, are working full time to fill an order for 75,000 tons of coal consigned to the Grand Trunk railway in Canada, and believed to be for the Russian or English government. -Last year the Berwind-White Coal Mining

company, Windber, mined more than 4,000,000 tons of coal, most of which was shipped east for the use of trans-Atlantic steamships. Owing to the almost complete discontinuance of steamship service this trade has been very seriously affected.

-Jefferson county had a malevolent murder last Saturday when Frank Guthrie, aged 20, shot and fatally wounded David M. Williard, a merchant of Sidney, a town located about twelve miles east of Punxsutawney. The murder was deliberate, the result of a quarrel over Williard's

-Pittsburgh had a big bank robbery on Monday and one of the auto bandits was positively identified at the Pittsburgh police headquarters by a photograph in the Bertillion Bureau as Frank G. Hohl, who robbed the Union bank of Altoona last March. The bandits made a good get-away.

- Mrs. James Long, of Portage, gave her infant daughter a dose of soothing syrup and then went out driving with her husband Sunday afternoon. Presently the mother thought the chi d had a peculiar look and closer examinations showed that it had ceased to live. The soothing syrup is to be analyzed.

-By an order of Judge Cummings, all men hereafter committed to the Northumberland county jail for desertion and non-support will be employed on the streets of Sunbury, with remuneration of sixty-five cents per day, the money passing through the hands of the court to the prisoner's family.

-A 15-year-old Italian girl named Bershinski tottering and the successor to Emperor ter conditions, let us hope, will the for-WILLIAM may be called President instead mal dedication of the Panama anal be chances to marry, both of which she declined, has run away from home and been recaptured and is now taking her father into court for cruel treatment, all within a few days.

> -The Johnstown Traction company is defendant in a suit for damages to the amount of \$25,000 and hospital expenses amounting to \$665.20, brought by Miss Rachel Simendinger, a trained nurse of Johnstown, who alleges careless operation of one of the company's cars in which she was riding when injured last May.

-Walter Gaskins, chef on a dining car, was standing on the car step watching a hot box last Saturday afternoon when his head came in contact with a girder of the Queen's Run bridge, between Lock Haven and Renovo, resulting in his death. The upper part of his head was torn off. including the eyes, both legs and an arm were broken and he was frightfully mangled.

-Mrs. H. F. Heffner, a resident of South Wiliamsport, was struck by lightning last Friday evening and badly shocked. Women who examined the woman soon after she had been struck say she was purple from head to foot. This color gradually faded away, beginning with her head and passing off toward the toes. This was followed by a greenish tinge which also vanished, leaving a large purple burn covering the whole upper portion of her breast.

-The strike of the miners of the Miller Coal company at Portage continues, the company refusing to make any concessions other than to refer the matter to an arbitration board and de claring that it will not give an inch of ground if the mines are allowed to remain idle for months. President Gilday of the United Mine Workers made this announcement following a conference with general manager Maxwell. Mr. Gilday announces that his decision not to be a candidate pared at this time to announce his plans for the future.

-Corl Porta, who held the distinction of being the father of the largest family ever raised in Altoona, and who for many years was employed as a puddler at the Altoona Iron works, died at his home in that city on Monday evening, of President Wilson is justified in using cirrhosis of the arteries, after a week's illness. He was the father of thirty children, twenty-one 3 years of of age, while the oldest is past forty. Flour has taken a jump, and yet what In addition of the twenty-one children, there are the Franco-Prussian war, having served for five years in the Prussian army.

-A bold and daring robbery was perpetrated at the Metz hardware store, Williamsburg, Sunday night, the thief or thieves carrying away with them in the neighborhood of \$200 worth of revolvers, rifles, pen knives and a large amount of ammunition. The deed was not discovered until the opening of the store Monday morning, when upon entering the office which is located in the rear of the main store room, it was found that the large glass in the lower part of the window had been removed and entrance made. which led to investigation and the discovering of the missing hardware, with no clew, however, as to the identity of the burglar. The work without doubt was executed by a profess

-The European war last week caused the shutdown of the Berwind-White Coal company's days, but resumed operations on Monday in full. However, until the trans-Atlantic transportation companies restore ocean service, it is not likely the mines will run more than five days and perhaps only three days per week. The recall of business. The company carries part of the