

INK SLINGS.

—There is nothing like self-control. It's the greatest trouble saver we know of.

—Italy and Turkey have about come to the conclusion that they must stick a finger in the die.

—The Granger's picnic next. Here's hoping they will have as fine weather as we had for the fair.

—Both the Emperor and the Czar of Russia are following the advice of HORACE GREELY to go west.

—Tax paying time is almost here and that reminds us that taxes will have to be paid if we expect to vote.

—If sugar goes as high as experts predict Santa Claus will have to popularize sour-balls by Christmas time.

—If the war keeps up much longer poor old St. PETER will probably be kicking for an eight hour "trick" on his job.

—The Dutch want to dine in Paris and the Russians want to sup in Berlin and they are trying to beat each other to it.

—Judged by the illuminating quality of the lights in it Bellefonte might be regarded as having gone back to the talow-dip era.

—There seems to be nothing else to it than PATTERSON in this Senatorial district. That he is the best man for the office is the general opinion.

—The downfall of COLE BLEASE, in South Carolina, has somewhat retrieved the good sense of the people of that State. He was a dangerous man, very dangerous to society.

—The boy or girl who always knows that their parents don't know what they are talking about are glad enough, some day, to have the old folks extricate them from some fool scrape.

—The great American colleges having ordered their foot-ball armies to mobilize we may expect to see general skirmishing until November when the real big engagements will take place.

—More sugar was exported from this country last month than during the entire year of 1913. Because Europe is ready to pay fancy prices for the necessities we'll have to do the same thing unless Uncle SAM can stop the exportation.

—Anyway there is one candidate the war hasn't eclipsed. DAVID MILLER, of Ferguson township, our candidate for Assembly, is on the move all the time and the further he goes the more general becomes the opinion that he is just the man Centre county should send to Harrisburg.

—Forts don't seem to have counted for much in the present war. The French frontier forts failed to stop the German invasion and the German frontier forts have failed to stop the Russian invasion. Forts would be all right were opposing armies to linger long within the range of their guns but when the enemy has slipped by them they are not only useless but a hindrance to the defence of the country that relies on them.

—Did you ever stop to think that, after all, the single necessary thing to our existence, outside of the air we breathe, the sun that warms us and the water we drink, is labor. The last farthing of capital could be wiped out, all values, other than those in the earth we live upon, could be destroyed, and we could live and start anew. Wipe out labor, however, and there would be nothing. Labor is the embryo from which springs every phase of our existence.

—Brother CORRELL, of the *Easton Sentinel*, is protesting against spending State money on such publications as the 152 page book recently issued by Dr. H. A. SURFACE, State Economic Zoologist, on the "Economic Features of the Amphibians of Pennsylvania." Brother CORRELL, being somewhat of an iconoclast, and more of a pessimist, doesn't see much good in anything and has evidently forgotten the debt we Pennsylvanians owe Dr. SURFACE for having told us that the cabbage worm is good to eat.

—Suppose those who were jeering had goaded Mr. BONNEY, the aviator, into attempting a flight on Wednesday in his machine when it was out of "tune." And suppose he had fallen and been dashed to death for their entertainment. Do you suppose they would have been sorry for the unfortunate victim of their jeers or sorry that they had jeered at all. Every instant an aviator is in the air his life is hanging on the exact balance of the working of his machine and he, and not the fellow who sneers in safety, should be the judge as to whether the machine is going to carry him successfully or to his death.

—Just now when you are feeling so secure and proud because you have a man in the White House who does not keep you on tenter-hooks about your own country's becoming involved in the awful foreign war you should resolve to back up that quiet, conscientious, dispassionate President who is guiding your good old ship of State so true. The only way you can express your gratification to him is by putting Democrats in Congress. Men who will support him and his policies. Not those who will oppose. Therefore we ask you to vote for W. E. TOBIAS. He will be with President WILSON. Mr. ROWLAND will be against him if he is chosen.

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Choose the Lesser Evil.

"That government is best which governs least" was one of THOMAS JEFFERSON'S political proverbs. Opposition to paternalism has always been a fundamental principle of our political philosophy. Therefore when it was announced, a few days ago, that Congress contemplated the appropriation of funds to purchase ships with the view of engaging in international transportation, we were concerned. Such a step would be subversive of the doctrine of the Democratic party which holds that the government should not go into competition with citizens in any enterprise. There are services, the postal service for example, in which this policy may be renounced safely and properly. It is too big for individual efficiency.

A cursory view of the subject would lead one to believe that the proposition to buy ships for the purpose stated would be obnoxious to both the principles and traditions of the party. But obviously the President and the leaders in Congress had inside information on the subject. Necessary service must be performed by public or private medium. The transportation of our products to the markets is a necessary service. The facilities which have hitherto performed the work are no longer available. Congress enacted legislation which invited private enterprise to the work. But private enterprise declined to perform its duty. The ship owners and ship builders want something more than a fair field and opportunity.

In other words the ship builders and ship owners want a ship subsidy. That is the form of graft they have coveted for years and out of the confusion and necessity now before us they hope to extract it. In this they ought to be disappointed. The proposition for the government to own and operate ships is repulsive and hazardous. In the event that one of the ships were attacked it would be hard to keep out of the war. But repulsive and hazardous as it is the ownership and operation of ships by the government is preferable to subsidizing ship owners and ship builders. Under existing circumstances that would be little less than organizing a conspiracy to loot the treasury. Of the two evils take the lesser.

—The chances are that Justice McREYNOLDS will point with pride to the fact that Senator VARDAMAN voted against his confirmation. Men are sometimes loved "for the enemies they have made."

Popular Fictions Exploded.

The European war has already exploded two popular and expensive fictions. The first is that a big army serves as a guarantee of peace. Germany, Austria, Russia and France have been maintaining big armies for a number of years and they are all involved in the war. The second is that a big navy is certain security of the merchant marine. Germany had built up a navy second in strength and efficiency to only one in the world but the end of the second week of the war found her superb merchant marine completely driven off the seas and into the shelter of neutral ports wherever such asylums could be found. Both of the claims, almost universally accepted, are assigned to the junk heap.

Big armies and big navies accomplish but one certain result. They keep the people so poor as to make them helpless in an emergency which requires independence of thought and action. A hungry man is without the spirit to resist even the most flagrant wrongs. Big armies and big navies keep men hungry and in the proportion that they suffer from privation they submit to outrages upon their rights and liberties. This is the reason why predatory corporations are always urgent for big armies and big navies. They understand that poverty helps to make men in their employ docile under conditions which might otherwise find them rebellious. Profligate government is an essential element in increasing the cost of living.

For years there has been in active operation in this country a propaganda striving for a big army and a big navy. It has been financed, mainly, by the manufacturers of arms, ammunition and ordnance at home and abroad. Its principal protagonists are the plutocrats who oppress labor and the army and navy officers who hope for promotions. But the burden is upon the men and women who earn wages by physical or mental labor. They pay directly or indirectly the taxes which meet the bills of expense as they come due. But the experience of the past few weeks has burst the bubble. No intelligent mind can longer be deceived by the absurd fiction that big armies and navies are desirable except in war.

—Wheat has advanced at least fifteen per cent. in the local markets and there is hardly any question but that the war in Europe will keep the price up during the next year or so, higher than it has been for some time. This will be occasioned by the fact that so few able-bodied men in the war-torn countries will have a chance to put out the crops. For this reason wheat growers in the United States should sow more wheat this year than usual in order to be able to supply Europe's deficiency, and this is a tip to Centre county farmers to do likewise.

Passing of Roosevelt.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT appears to be in the "sear and yellow leaf" period of his political life. The recent disorders in Mexico kept him out of the lime light for a time and since the European war has held him off the first pages. To a man of his superabundant vanity this forced eclipse must have been almost unendurable. But it is not the only, or for that matter, the principal sign, that he is on the toboggan. There are more practical as well as more convincing evidences of his passing. Even in his own party he is no longer the master. His voice is not the only sound which can be heard in the Bull Moose corral. In fact his influence is not absolute.

Some time ago under the mistaken hope of clinching the Republican nomination for President in 1916 he announced his preference for Senator HINMAN, a Republican, as the Progressive nominee for Governor of New York. He naturally expected that his preference would control the nomination of HINMAN by both the Republican and Progressive parties and with a devoted friend in authority at Albany, he figured that both parties would be for him on the momentous occasion. But the Progressives rebelled and sent a delegation to protest. At the Oyster Bay conference which followed he stuffed himself full of humble pie and loudly declared that he would support nobody except a Progressive.

Then SULZER who misappropriated campaign funds two years ago and was impeached for that "high crime and misdemeanor," appealed to him and TEDDY fell upon his neck. There is a natural affinity between these two bogus reformers and a fellow feeling, and ROOSEVELT adopted SULZER as his candidate for the Bull Moose nomination for Governor. But the rank and file as well as the leaders of the party refused to acquiesce and at a conference since held SULZER only received six votes of those present out of a total of one hundred and ninety-seven. In other words ROOSEVELT is no longer a potent force in the Bull Moose party and may be dismissed as "down and out."

—The Pennsylvania Department of Fisheries will begin the shipment of fish for stocking streams on September 15th. The fish are all one year old and some older and are in fine condition. Several hundred thousand small trout are at the Bellefonte hatchery ready for distribution, but they will be sent out only on properly signed requisitions. Application should be made to the Department of Fisheries, Harrisburg, Pa.

—Of course everybody is glad that COLE BLEASE wasn't nominated by the Democrats of South Carolina for Senator in Congress, but there is no certainty that the defeat will end him. These reform cranks always reserve the right to bolt the ticket and COLE BLEASE is one of the type now somewhat conspicuous in Pennsylvania.

—It may have been simply a coincidence but it is nevertheless a fact that the day after some more or less needy American tourists appealed to Secretary BRYAN'S married daughter in London the Secretary issued an official warning to all American tourists abroad to come home.

—The German army may occupy Paris and thus gratify an absurd ambition which has been carefully nursed for a quarter of a century. But it isn't easy to figure out any advantage that the capture of Paris would give the Kaiser if Berlin were lost about the same time.

—It is all right to appeal to God when you are going out red-handed to murder in job lots but it is the god of battles who listens to such appeals. The God of Peace Who is the only God that counts, has neither ear nor heart for that sort of business.

—President WILSON has richly earned the brief vacation he is now enjoying at the summer capitol in New Hampshire and every right-minded citizen of this broad land will hope that he may have both pleasure and profit from it.

—We still believe that a luxury that costs fifty millions of dollars a day will not long endure, notwithstanding the adage that fools and their money are soon parted.

—And the worst of it is THEODORE ROOSEVELT will be a nightmare to future generations, rather than a memory.

—Wonder if ROOSEVELT will recognize an admonition in the defeat of COLE BLEASE.

—One more day of the big Centre county fair, and the best races of the week will take place this afternoon. Don't fail to see them.

—Have your Job Work done here

Vindication for the President.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Now that practically all Europe has been plunged into war over a pretext that must be considered trifling—indeed absolutely contemptible in view of the untold human misery involved—it is to be hoped that fair-minded Americans will begin to estimate more at their true value the wisdom and justice of that policy of watchful waiting which has proved so successful in President Wilson's handling of the Mexican question. The United States had far more provocation for intervention in Mexico than Austria-Hungary had for its truculent attitude toward Serbia. Huerta proved himself a peculiarly exasperating person, with much more ability and a greater command of resources than were at first credited to him, and there can be no doubt that a war of invasion, and possibly even of permanent occupation, would have proved popular with a large part of the American public. After the landing at Vera Cruz nothing would have been easier than to find a pretext for such a warlike policy.

It is infinitely to the credit of President Wilson and his advisers that notwithstanding the sneers and jeers of the empty-headed, the malevolent and the selfish interests that desired to exploit the President's course, and the weakness of a sister republic, but adhered firmly to a line of action that was high-minded and patriotic. Contrasted with the bullying arrogance of Austria-Hungary, which has set all Europe aflame, the President's course has shown the highest statesmanship, and his country has benefited immensely by his patience and tact. This fact is now generally recognized by intelligent Republicans. The Boston Herald, a loyal standpat organ, after praising the President for resisting the clamor to attack Mexico, comparing his course with that of the authorities in Vienna under less provocation says:

"But the President exercised a staying and a steady hand. We did not go in. We have saved ourselves the horrors of war, and the long legacy of hate throughout Latin America which would surely have followed. If the example of our own President could find imitators among the crowned heads of Europe it would be a blessing to humanity."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYS.

—Two veterans, who fought side by side in the Civil war, met the other day for the first in forty-nine years, while in attendance at a reunion held in Pittsburgh.

—While snapping a picture of her brother in the family orchard, Miss Elizabeth Burgardner, of Penn township, Perry county, dropped dead, the result of heart leakage.

—Isn't it funny? Reedsville pays 3 cents per kilowatt hour for electric light, the borough of Huntingdon 6 and the people of McVeytown 12 cents. Somebody is getting the short end.

—Mifflinburg was stirred up last week when it was learned that Arthur Aurand, in a fit of insanity, had made a desperate attempt to kill his mother, by shooting at her with a 32 calibre revolver.

—In the eastern part of the State a judge imposed a sentence on a farmer for not allowing an automobile to pass his wagon, and the old man is still wondering what this world is coming to, anyway.

—According to a report made by a Pittsburgh bacteriologist, who made analyses of samples of Reynoldsville's water supply, the water now being pumped to the town is unfit for drinking purposes.

—Owing to a lever being set in the wrong position, while Simon Marteeny was cranking up his car in Meyersdale, the machine started ahead and rolled down a thirty foot embankment. It was a Ford.

—The poor directors of neighboring counties having large foreign populations are worried over what they will do with the families of the men called back to their home countries to respond to arms.

—The leader of the West Holiver Latter Day Saints society is under arrest for the charge of assault and battery preferred by a woman whom he claims to have been full of devils which he could drive out.

—Thomas Parker, of Langton, who twice escaped from the Clinton county jail, after having pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, has again been convicted, this time to serve, at hard labor in the western penitentiary.

—At the annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Newton Hamilton Camp association, T. J. Armstrong and H. L. Wilson, of Altoona, and I. M. Watters, of Bellewood, were elected, with four others to constitute the directorate.

—Deaf and unable to hear the frantic cries of trainmen and of a tower watchman, John Steinbacher, of Williamsport, walked in front of a slowly moving freight engine on the Pennsylvania tracks at a city crossing, and died a few hours later at the hospital.

—Believed to have been robbed of his money, beaten up and then sent over an embankment in his machine, Jacob Blank, a well known taxi-driver of Greensburg, was found unconscious down over the side of the road about three miles out from Greensburg.

—The product of the typewriter plant at Kit-tanning is sold almost entirely in Germany, 90 per cent. of the machines going to that country. As the people of Germany are too busy to write letters, the works have closed down until after the war clouds roll by.

—When M. H. Canan, president of the Central Trust Company, of Altoona, and his daughters returned from a dance at the Altoona Cricket club, early last Friday, they found their home ransacked and \$1000 worth of diamond-studded jewelry missing. A cook employed a week ago was not to be found.

—Dr. Martin Griffith, of Monessen, Pa., convicted of manslaughter by the death of Prof. William L. Robinson, whom Griffith attacked during an alleged assaulting of Mrs. Griffith in her home, was sentenced to six months in the work house. Judge Doty declined to consider a parole petition of hundreds of signatures.

—Miss Gertrude Keister, daughter of Isaac Keister, residing about three miles east of Thompsonstown, was fatally burned a few days ago. She spilled some coal oil on the floor and tried to remove it by setting it on fire. Her clothing ignited and she was horribly burned, dying twelve hours later. She was twenty-eight years old.

—Eulallen J. Schwover, the veteran liverman and driver of race horses in the big fair circuit, was instantly killed and his daughter Elizabeth fatally injured at Allentown on Tuesday when their team was struck by an empty engine on the Jersey Central railroad at Newport. Two men on the wagon escaped by jumping. Miss Schwover was carried 400 yards on the smoke-stack of the engine.

—Governor Tener has issued a requisition for the return to this State for trial of an Italian, who is under arrest in Baltimore. Ruben and another man are alleged to have held up Julian Morris, paymaster of the Crown State Company, near Argyle, Northampton county, and robbed him of a satchel containing \$1,700, money to be used in paying workmen. The men fled to Baltimore, it is alleged, where Ruben was arrested, but the other man escaped.

—Speeding toward Latrobe in a double-seated motorcycle, George L. Lucas, of Greensburg, overtook a stranger walking in the same direction. The latter who proved to be Jos. Greener, of Latrobe, accented an invitation to ride. Later the driver lost control of his vehicle; there was an upset and Greener sustained a compound fracture of the right leg which will keep him housed up for many days. While Lucas was knocked senseless, but escaped serious injury.

—Warren is threatened with an epidemic of typhoid fever. During the last few days 23 cases have been reported to the health officer. Dr. Samuel Dixon, head of the State Department of Health, has been noified and sent two of the Department's best typhoid experts to Warren immediately to combat the disease. The cause of the epidemic is said to be from impure milk and an inspection of all the dairies has been made with the result that several are expected to lose their licenses.

—Arthur Williamson, of Antis Fort, dropped dead at the Avis shops Monday morning shortly after he began his work. Doctors who were called pronounced death due to heart trouble. Mr. Williamson left home Monday morning in his usual health, but for some time back he had not been well. He had not been working long until fellow employees saw him fall and when they ran to his side he was dead. Mr. Williamson was aged 37 years and is survived by a wife and two little daughters.

—Simpson R. Miller, the well-known oostman and stock-breeder, of Chambersburg, is confined to his home suffering from injuries received Sunday evening at his stock farm when he was attacked by an angry Holstein bull. Mr. Miller had his back to the animal, when the bull charged. He was tossed into the air. When he landed the bull pawed and kicked him about the ground until his son, Jay B. Miller, and others arrived and rescued him. Mr. Miller's body is a mass of bruises and two teeth were knocked out.

—The big quarries of the Pittsburgh Limestone company at Clover creek, in the southern end of Blair county and which furnish limestone to the mills of the United States Steel corporations at Braddock, resumed operation Monday, giving employment to about 200 men. The resumption caused a general jubilation among the workers and also tended to increase optimism in the entire neighborhood, the resumption of work bringing a feeling of optimism and a general belief that work will be plentiful at all the quarries at an early date.