

INK SLINGS.

-ROOSEVELT is being lionized at the San Diego exposition. That is, the mob is cheering him just as lustily as ever and he is naturally "de-lighted."

-The Russians having turned on the Germans in front of Warsaw there might be a recurrence of previous victorious German sweeps that have ended in retreats.

-Anyway there is little competition among the gentlemen who want to be Judge, so far as their pictures are concerned. They all seem to make good negatives.

-When it comes down to shredding corn that hail storm in Sugar valley, Monday afternoon, would put to shame the best work any machine the International Harvester Co. can produce.

-Save a sheaf of that wheat that you are now telling your neighbors is as long as any rye you ever saw. It will draw a fat premium for you at the fair in September and cost you practically nothing to preserve it until then.

-Surely the glory of A. MITCHELL PALMER must be waning when his doings are good for only two inches on the inside pages of the metropolitan papers. There was a time when he could draw a column with a triple head on the front pages.

-Boss BARNES and ELIHU ROOT are working side by side to rehabilitate the Republican party in New York. Both are giants in their respective lines but they have a big job on hand when it comes to patching up defenses that have been completely demolished by the successful administration of WOODROW WILSON.

-Recent revelations in the matter of American exports have revealed that the Germans are getting nearly as much munitions of war in this country as the Allies. The only difference appears to be that they have to surround their purchases and shipments with secrecy while the Allies can make theirs openly because they have the ships to carry them and the open sea lanes through which to transport them.

-JOHN TRINKO is a candidate for Mayor of Johnstown. The Flood city has had some notable Mayors, has one at present, but if JOHN'S platform gives any side light on what might be expected of him, should he succeed Mayor CAULFLOWER, Johnstown will pass into an eclipse as the greatest place since NOAH'S time and emerge in the effulgence of pristine cleanliness because Mayor JOHN TRINKO has compelled Johnstowners to swim in their "swimming tubs" rather than use them for beer coolers in the summer and coal receptacles in the winter. We intend to publish JOHN'S platform next week and if you are interested in the conception some of our hypenated citizens have of government don't fail to read it.

-Now that the campaign is opening in Centre county let it be understood that the candidate who hopes to make capital out of the time-worn and much exaggerated statement that he is for economy and against mismanagement of the county affairs must make good his accusations. Mr. Voter, if some one comes sneaking around to you with the story that you are being robbed and that the taxes you are paying to help run the county are not being prudently expended pay no attention to him until he cites specific cases and then don't believe them until you have investigated for yourself. The man who is against the established order of things either has an axe to grind or a real economic reason. The last one is a good reason, but it must be verified and should be more definite than mere innuendo.

-The other day a gentleman called our attention to the campaign speeches of two of our departed Colonels. Both of them had traveled abroad and both of them revealed in telling of the pitiable plight of the foreign farmer who was compelled to have his wife and daughters work in the fields with him. Notwithstanding that in some sections of Centre county there were women who helped in the fields during harvest they were so few as to be a negligible quantity so far as counteracting the effect of the highly varnished stories of these two tariff specializing Colonels was concerned. Had the shades of our two friends been riding through prosperous, prolific Nittany valley with us last week they would have seen women loading wheat and hay, driving rakes and tedders in more than half the fields along a fifteen mile drive. They were wives and daughters of farmers in whose parlors are grand pianos and in whose barns are automobiles and whose checks are good for goodly sums at the banks. They were not doing men's work because they couldn't afford to employ men to do it. They were doing it because men can't be found who will do it. So that it is just possible that the same conditions obtained in prolific Germany at the time our departed Colonels were so prone to hark back to and out of respect to their memory we are inclined to believe that they really didn't know what they were talking about rather than that they did and were deliberately making misstatements for political purposes.

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Party War in Philadelphia.

It may seem like "butting in" but viewing the matter at considerable distance from the theatre of an impending war we are constrained to express sympathy with the VARES in their ambition to seize the government of Philadelphia. ED. and BILL have done much for that city and for the Republican machine, and as his first client who paid the late Governor CURTIN twenty-five cents for a long day's work in searching records, said, "the laborer is worthy of his hire." It is true that the VARES have exacted some recompense for their services to the city and the party machine. In contracts and various forms of graft ED. and BILL have managed to draw several million dollars out of the municipal treasury and one or both of them have held office continuously for many years. But neither of them has ever had free hand in the administration of the affairs of the city though both have long aspired to that point of vantage and as CHIMMY FADDEN would say "w'at 'il."

Four years ago the "vaulting ambition" of the VARES to seize the government was revealed when Senator VARE, which is ED., announced that then Register of Wills and since Congressman VARE, who is BILL, would take the Republican nomination for Mayor. In justification of his claim upon the party brother ED. recalled the fact that Governor TENER was elected and the party saved from everlasting smash by the fraudulent vote cast for the candidates in South Philadelphia at the election of 1910. United States Senator PENROSE and State Senator McNICHOL are not angels by a long shot. Nobody has ever suspected that DAVE MARTIN and HAMPY MOORE were sprouting wings under their "sports shirts." But they couldn't stand for the surrender of the city to the VARES and defeated BILL for the nomination. It required a hard fight to accomplish this result for the VARES have abundance of money and understand the devious art of manipulating election returns and they had the then Mayor behind them.

Though defeated the VARES were not dismayed, however, and made a decent pretense of giving cordial support to the respectable candidate who had defeated brother BILL. Moreover they extracted a valuable lesson out of that school of experience. They had strung the wrong lines. They had divorced BILL from the contracting firm and predicated his claims upon party gratitude for having saved TENER and TENER wasn't in high popular favor. This year they propose to adopt the opposite tack. In announcing brother BILL'S candidacy brother ED. makes no appeal to party gratitude but frankly declares that "thorough knowledge of contracts and contractors and familiarity with public men and needed improvements are the main qualifications for the office." That is candid, to say the least, and possibly it may be true. And in that event BILL'S bank account is proof of fitness. He is a graft expert and Philadelphian's admire, or at least favor grafter.

Wanamaker's Crazy Idea.

From the beginning a good many people have believed that the National Security League is a bunch of smug egotists whose main purpose is to keep themselves in the lime light and the apparent approval by the Philadelphia branch of that organization of Mr. JOHN WANAMAKER'S absurd proposition that the government of the United States purchase Belgium from Germany at the price of one hundred billion dollars, clearly justifies this estimate. If Germany has any title to Belgium it is that of the possessor of stolen goods and purchasing property that is stolen with the knowledge it has been so acquired is a felony.

Mr. WANAMAKER submitted his proposition at a meeting of the Philadelphia branch of the National Security League, of which he is the chairman, held on Thursday evening, and preposterous as it is it is hardly as ridiculous as his scheme for raising the money. "We should declare a high tariff," he said, "in fact the highest tariff ever declared, so that nothing from abroad could come in. At the same time," he added, "we should take a step, unusual for America by declaring a prohibitive export duty, so that nothing from our shores could go out." The newspaper account of this incident states that "Mr. WANAMAKER'S remarks struck a responsive chord," and that "he was cheered to the echo."

Of course it was the tariff feature of the silly scheme that appealed to the Philadelphia audience. With a tariff "so high that nothing from abroad could come in," the tariff mongers and commercial pirates of the country could soon put their feet on the neck of the consuming public and rifle its pockets at will. With the proceeds of this pillage it might be possible to buy Belgium at any old price every few years and it would be necessary to do that under the circumstances. But the revel in graft wouldn't last long. The resources of the people would soon exhaust and starvation would be the ultimate harvest.

And JOHN WANAMAKER has been named to the managers of the Panama-Pacific Exposition as among the three greatest men in Pennsylvania.

An Interesting Write-up of Happenings at Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, PA., July 28th, 1915.

The only sign of official life about the State capitol is in the quarters of the Public Service Commission and Governor PENNYPACKER is as a brood hen in a garden patch. Possibly it is a matter of temperament and possibly the result of pure cussedness, but those \$10,000 beauties who had nothing to do during the spring and early summer are now working over time to the disgust and distress of the newspaper reporters who have to attend their sessions.

Of course they are mostly concerned with Philadelphia problems and outside of the city those problems are not interesting. But one of the cases from that city considered the other day was surprising. It brought the legal talent of the traction company to an argument against the extension of traction service. The able and eloquent City Solicitor had applied for "a certificate of public convenience," which, it appears is an essential prerequisite to the construction of the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated road. The traction company pretends to object for various legal reasons, but as a matter of fact the real reason for its objection is that it impairs the monopoly which the Rapid Transit company enjoys.

During the discussion which ensued an interesting comparison was brought out. It was shown that while Philadelphia has fifteen miles of high-speed service upon an investment of \$17,000,000, New York has 633 miles of the value of \$661,000,000; Chicago has 275 miles of the value of \$229,000,000 and Boston has thirty-six miles of such trackage worth \$59,000,000. In other words Philadelphia is a bad fourth in enterprise though third in population. The tariff mongers of Philadelphia are probably waiting for "protection" in their transportation enterprises and the hearing in question proved that they are still devoted to monopoly. But the tariff mongers of the city have the most expensive club house in the country.

Senator PENROSE stopped in this city, the other day, on his way to Watson-town, long enough to take lunch, but his presence created no excitement. A few people called to see him and discussed briefly the political situation. It may be remarked, however, that the Senator is unusually reticent on Pennsylvania politics and says little that can get into the public prints. He expresses great confidence in the future but shows that he is anxious and uncertain. His bogie about industrial paralysis has failed entirely to frighten the people and now he is setting up another issue. Preparedness for war is his new hobby and he is riding to a fall. The country is better prepared for defense now than it has been any time within a quarter of a century and the administration has beaten him to new activities along that line.

It is now predicted that WILLIAM C. FREEMAN, of Lebanon county, will be nominated for Secretary of Agriculture within a brief period. FREEMAN served a couple of terms in the Legislature and was nominated for Congress in 1912 but withdrew a few days before the election for some reason as yet unexplained. He is a gentleman of considerable intelligence and a good deal of money, having married into the COLEMAN estate. His farming operations are more for pleasure than profit but he probably knows enough about agriculture to fill the office which is more ornamental than useful anyway. In any event he will serve as well as another to "farm the farmers" of the State and that is the main purpose of the office.

The army board held a session here yesterday and discussed plans for a squadron armory for Philadelphia and company armories at Washington and Scranton. The money has been appropriated for these military edifices and it is reasoned that they may as well be pushed, now that labor is plenty and cheap and materials as low as they are likely to be in the near future. Besides there is a sentiment, and a wholesome one at that, that strengthening the State militia is the very best way of preparing for national defense. The jingoes who are screaming for a big standing army and an increased navy, quote WASHINGTON freely on this subject, but they forget to add that his expressed idea of a strong defensive force was an efficient State militia.

Professor SURFACE, Economic Zoologist, is not apprehensive of trouble from the army worm this year though a warning has been sent out by the Department of Agriculture at Washington. That pest was destructive last year in the northern and central parts of Pennsylvania and this year they may be troublesome "at the edges of districts visited last year," the professor states. But there is no way of forecasting a plague from the army worm, he adds, and inferentially states that nobody hereabout needs worry. This is gratifying, for there are plenty of other things to think of that are conducive to pleasant dreams.

Mr. A. NEVIN DEITRICH, chairman of the Bull Moose party in Pennsylvania, having declared that the organization of that party will preserve itself for use in 1916 there has been an attempt to infuse life into it perceptible to close observers. The offices of State Treasurer and Auditor General are under the control of men of that faith and they may propose to "start something" in the near future. Just what it will be is a matter of conjecture. NEVIN says "Washington party organizations in various counties of Pennsylvania are carrying on their own fights this year in their own way." In this county they are doing nothing at all toward putting a local ticket in the field and so far as reports from other sections of the State, received by managers of the other parties, indicate, there is no greater activity in other sections. But Bull Moosers are hopeful creatures and probably they expect something out of nothing.

The Governor is on vacation, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is out of town and the Attorney General is away, but the routine business of the government is moving along regularly. There isn't much to do these hot days and no body wants to do more than he has to. But after all that is an ideal condition. We have too much government anyway and a relaxation of authority is a welcome incident. It may be said, however, that what is to be done is done and mostly well done. The wholesome apprehension on the Hill that BRUMBAUGH is likely to get out his meat ax any day and chop off a few heads makes for alertness. BRUMBAUGH isn't going to do anything of that kind. His schoolmaster instincts take delight in a feeling of dread, but he is not going to do anything that will seriously injure the party. He likes to think that the people think he is a terror to PENROSE, but at the same time he likes to know that PENROSE knows that he is a pretty good friend of the boss.

There is something ominous in the withdrawal of the application to the Public Service Commission by the Jitney Service company, of Williamsport, for a certificate approving its incorporation. The reason assigned for that action is that there is nothing to regulate the jitney service now and not likely to be, which makes it a hazardous enterprise. The fact is, however, that the street car companies are making it too hot for the jitneys and they are abandoning the contest. In the first place, too many jitneys got into the business and too little profits were drawn out. But the idea that street car corporations can drive away legitimate competition is not a pleasant one to contemplate.

Political observers are watching closely for a ruction over the appointment of the VARE Lexow committee. The resolution authorizes the Speaker of the House to name three members and the President pro tem. of the Senate to name the other three. Speaker AMBLER is under the influence of the VARE dope and President pro tem. BIDDLEMAN is an out-and-out PENROSE man. It is expected these appointments will be made soon and it is apprehended that VARE wants to use the committee to help his brother in the fight for mayor of Philadelphia. Of course if the committee is equally divided, this expectation will be disappointed. And there you are.

-An important political campaign will soon be here. Subscribe for the WATCHMAN and get the authentic news fresh every week.

Our Future as to Germany.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. The reply of the American government to the last German note is more an unmistakably firm warning not to repeat such violations of international law as the attack on the Lusitania, than it is an insistence for reparation for past offenses. Although it opens the way for Germany to "disavow the wanton act of its naval commander in sinking the Lusitania" and for Germany to offer "reparation for the American lives lost, so far as reparation can be made for a needless destruction of human lives by an illegal act," it does not say that we will go to war with Germany if the German government does not make such disavowal and such reparation.

In fact the reply, which in no way minces words in setting forth clearly and unmistakably that the United States is dissatisfied with the German note of July 28th is of such a character that even if Germany makes no response whatsoever to it and fails to make reparation for what has been done, there will be no declaration of war on our part for Germany's acts of the past. The note avers war for any act that thus far has been committed.

On the other hand the American reply sets forth so clearly America's disapproval of such acts as have been committed by German submarines against American rights on the high seas, that America is practically committed to a repetition of such acts in the future.

The latest American note cannot possibly be misunderstood, by Germany. While maintaining the injustice of past offenses, the reply wipes out past scores so far as indicating any intention on the part of United States to insist on reparation for the damage done to American lives and property by Germany's illegal attacks.

Germany, if she so elects, can ignore what the Lansing note shows unmistakably this nation regards as an obligation on Germany's part to disavow responsibility for the Lusitania attack and to make what reparation it is possible to make, but even if Germany does so elect there will be no war based on acts of the past.

Germany, however, cannot fail to understand that any future acts of the kind referred to will be regarded by the United States as "deliberately unfriendly" and that United States is unqualifiedly committed to treating them as such even if it results in the two nations going to war.

Constructive Science.

From the Philadelphia Record. The contrivance of new means of destroying life and property has lately gone forward by leaps and bounds under the solicitation and moneyed backing of the warring nations now engaged in a death struggle; but as yet the fighters have no monopoly of scientific effort. A party of Louis scientists have just set out for a voyage of discovery in Central America with a view of gathering first-hand data in the disease-breeding regions of that part of the continent for more successful combatting and curing the infectious diseases that have their origin in the malarial swamps of the tropics. There is no little personal risk attending the execution of this life-saving service. Peace has its heroes as well as war.

The discovery of a practicable means of extinguishing oil fires by Engineer Walker (the successful operation of which has been lately chronicled in the Record) is another forward step in the future saving of life as well as millions of dollars' worth of property. The general use of oil and its products throughout the civilized world for purposes of lighting, heating and the production of mechanical power has been attended with serious fire risk. A means of insurance against this risk is a great boon to the whole industrial world.

The Soldier of Italy.

From Everyman. The Italian soldier is still the man who eats scarcely anything, drinks water only, lunches on a little paste and a glass of water and dines on a few beans. Between meals, not a scrap. If he must go hungry he will fast without regret. This frugality and this sobriety extend to all the bodily requirements. The Italians are inured against fatigue, very hardy, capable of a physical resistance beyond all others. Those who employ them as laborers know it. The endurance of the Italian is extraordinary. And when he rests, he need only stretch himself in the sun to recuperate. He sleeps on the ground for weeks without a thought. If only he feels the sun on his skin he is happy. Nor do cares of the toilette concern him much. So there you have an ensemble which seems to me singularly suited to make a good soldier.

The Source of the Increase.

From the New York Sun. The State census of Massachusetts shows a total population of 3,646,768, an increase of 8.3 per cent. in five years, and some of the newcomers are of native birth.

Fine-For Other Fellows.

From the New York Sun. Secretary McAdoo's admirable plan for limiting the cost of Federal buildings will have the unanimous support of everybody in all the towns it does not affect.

Quick, Doel the Needle!

From the Brooklyn Eagle. "Frank Holt, Ph. D.," reminds us that a diploma is a poor monkey wrench to tighten a nut.

-Put your ad. in the WATCHMAN.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Miss Mary Campbell, of Johnstown, has fallen heir to the estate of her grandfather, John Campbell, worth \$7,000.

-Representatives of the United States department of agriculture and State College are in Ebensburg making a detailed soil map of Cambria county.

-Lock Haven has a one-armed berry picker who gathered fifty-four quarts of huckleberries in two days last week and didn't work all the time either.

-Taxidermist Eldon, of Williamsport, has recently mounted a man-eating shark for the Scranton museum. The fish is nine feet long and weighs over 300 pounds.

-Two Clearfield county men made the trip from DuBois to San Francisco in an automobile in twenty-one days, at a total cost of \$34.56 for the gasoline and oil they used.

-Charles Winslow, a young resident of Lock Haven, was arrested the other night while in the act of breaking into Kinlos's book store. The man has already done time for burglary and his future looks somewhat dim.

-The Kerr brothers, operating a saw mill in Jefferson county, have been arrested charged with polluting a stream known as Newcomer's run. It is said the saw dust from the mill kills the trout in the stream which has been restocked three times.

-Loading his last load of coal in what he had intended should be his last day in the coal mines, Joseph Comfort, an Italian miner, was instantly killed in a mine at Rossiter, Jefferson county. He had purchased a ticket and was about to return to Italy.

-Llewellyn Smith, aged 16, a resident of Muncy, who has a finger cut off a dined in ago, was admitted to the Williamsport hospital last Saturday, the wound having become infected and the lad having contracted lockjaw. On Sunday he died.

-Rev. William E. Sunday, pastor of the Lutheran church of Hooversville, Somerset county, while working about the electric wires in the parsonage received a shock which almost ended his life. He was insensible for some time but eventually recovered.

-The tower of the Lutheran church at Lilly was struck by lightning recently, making the second time this has happened within two years. Mrs. Luther Miller had been in the tower only a short time before the storm and made a narrow escape.

-At Paint Creek, Somerset county, the other night, burglars stole eighteen mileage books and official stamps of the company from the B. & O. station. They also stole about \$50 worth of cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and provisions from a small store near the station.

-A story from Penn Run, Indiana county, tells how lightning struck the residence of A. L. Diehl. It parted the hair of one of Mr. Diehl's daughters and split her shoes. It also tore a locket from her neck. All the inmates of the house were stunned but no one was seriously hurt.

-McCarty, a small town in Clearfield county, situated about twenty miles from the county seat, had a sensation the other day when an unknown man entered a hotel conducted by Michael Cox and carried off a box containing \$200 in money. The fellow was pursued but managed to get away.

-Fire believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed three barns in the vicinity of Clarkburg, Indiana county, one night this week. In one of them two horses, a colt and calf, with 200 chickens perished, and in another some live stock. The loss was estimated at \$20,000, with insurance for half as much.

-The Rev. C. I. Caffenberger, pastor of the Williamsport United Evangelical church, fainted at the home of a parishioner last Sunday soon after a preaching service. He was revived but believed he was dead, but he recovered eventually. His condition was the result of a severe attack of indigestion.

-With four precincts yet to count over in Clearfield county, the recent enrollment of voters shows a Republican gain of 1,800, a Prohibition gain of 72, a Democratic loss of 250, a Washington party loss of 1,007, a Progressive loss of 89, and a decrease in those who declined to give the name of the party with which they affiliate of 812.

-Cyrus M. Elliott, secretary of the Business Men's association of Lock Haven, was examining some young chickens at close range some days ago when one of them took advantage of the situation to peck him in the right eye, cutting out a small portion of the pupil. He is having some eye trouble but the doctor says nothing serious will happen.

-Sheriff Tomlinson, of Lycoming county, recently arrested and lodged in the county jail at Williamsport the notorious wild man, Warren Wilson. He had no trouble whatever, found the man unarmed and does not credit the stories circulated about him, who, he says, was almost frightened to death by the conduct of the officers who had undertaken to capture him.

-Frank Casey, an 8-year-old resident of Johnstown, visited a moving picture theatre last Saturday night, slid to the floor during the performance and went to sleep. He was not discovered and did not wake until thirteen hours later. Then his cries were heard and he was released. During the interim his grandmother, with whom he lives, was nearly frantic with fear.

-The Elk county gas field is showing its riches, another large rusher being drilled in Friday by the Salberg & Gerb company. The well, which is registering 1,000 feet a day, is located on the crest of the Arnold hill, and can be plainly seen from Ridgway. The well was struck at a depth of about 2,800 feet, and is the first to be drilled in that section of the rich field. More wells are to be drilled in that vicinity. The gas will be pumped to Ridgway.

-John Redding, a resident of Punksutawney, died a few days ago of tuberculosis, at the age of 21 years. His grandmother, Mrs. Thomas M. Pantall, was notified of his sudden decease and went to the house. Ten minutes after looking at the face of the young man she also died. Mrs. Pantall was a very prominent lady of Punksutawney and active in the affairs of the Pythian Sisterhood, having held the office of keeper of records and seal for the state organization. She was in her 64th year.

-Archie C. Clear, an energetic young farmer in Freedom township, who, a few years ago made the old-fashioned farmers gasp for breath when he announced that he had planted two and a half acres in cucumbers, and to the surprise of all, cut 110,000 nice cool cucumbers from the patch, yielding him a fine profit, now has four acres growing, with prospects of a crop exceeding 200,000. Mr. Clear, a few years ago, purchased a tract of land, situated on the ridges, two miles west of East Freedom. It was timber land and its growth was spoiled by forest fire. He began to clear the land, and as he prepared a patch for farming, he began planting. What ever he planted on the virgin soil grew with astonishing rapidity. This induced him to continue, until today he has one of the prettiest and most picturesque little farms in that section of the country. Three of the four acres now planted in cucumbers are growing their first crop since the creation of the world, the timber having been removed last winter and spring. The cucumber farm is a wonder, and many people are going great distances to see it. His crop will be marketed in Roaring Spring, Hollidaysburg and Altoona. He has already booked advance orders for 50,000 cucumbers.