

INK SLINGS.

—Were you thankful yesterday? The Lord knows you had plenty to be thankful for.

—It is back to the eats that the rest of the studes have to live on for the football warrior now.

—About tomorrow you'll get it warmed over, then look out for turkey hash any day after that.

—Only twenty-nine days more until Christmas. Can it be possible that you haven't started to get ready yet.

—There is yet time for you to get much good out of evangelist STARKE's services in the Methodist church. Go, hear him.

—Anywho the Suffragists have some consolation in knowing that those Denver women sold their votes for theatre tickets rather than half-pints.

—The Kaiser's troops having reached Constantinople the Gallipoli peninsula will seem more like the proverbial hot cake than ever to the attacking Allies.

—Waiting a year under the provisions of the treaties is all right, as a rule, but there ought to be a provision that the offence is not repeated meantime.

—With snow flakes flying and the mercury near the freezing point all day Monday reminded us that winter is ready to butt in at the first real opportunity.

—It may be worth while to notice that though this country is supplying food and clothes to Belgium, Germany is levying tribute upon those unfortunate people and collecting it.

—Americans took thousands of Turks prisoners yesterday when the first real offensive movement was begun. By Christmas day it is expected that their conquest will be complete.

—The German armies in Russia are to be clothed all in white during the winter. It is hoped that they can thus proceed in the snow without being such a good target for the Russians.

—And the dog that knocked one of our leading business men sprawling in the Diamond on Saturday had neither license tag nor its tail lights lit. Could it possibly have been on a joy-riding expedition too.

—DAVID STARR JORDAN, chancellor of Leland-Stanford University, and OSCAR STRAUSS, philanthropist and statesman, are two men who don't believe that swords in the hands of one nation keep the swords of another in their scabbards.

—Business is booming everywhere, labor is in great demand because there is work for every man who will work. The trouble is that the fellow who won't work is invariably the one who makes a lot of others believe that work is hard to get.

—All employees of the State, counties, boroughs, townships come under the provisions of the workman's compensation act. While the department has ruled that civil divisions are not required to take out compensation insurance they are subject to the requirements of the law just the same.

—Whatever else may be said of evangelist LEE STARKE, who is conducting a revival service in the Methodist church here, he can't be accused of issuing fake passports into Heaven. His sermon Sunday morning went to the very roots of the doctrine of regeneration and left conviction in the mind of the thinking man or woman in the pew that while his methods may be modern his teaching is the simple, old-fashioned gospel of the Bible.

—It was only a little thing, that recovery of a woman's hat from Spring creek Sunday afternoon by a well-set-up looking young man who saw the wind whisk the bit of head-gear into the water. But how many boys do you know who would have laughed at the woman's dilemma and had no thought of an attempt to relieve it? You might not think there are any, but we have seen plenty of them. Here was the fellow with the good red blood of sympathy and helpfulness coursing through his veins who just naturally went to the relief of that woman's distress. It was little, of course, but he would have been there with the same impulse had it been great. Real manhood works that way.

—Congressman MANN, the Republican leader in the last Congress, is evidently preparing to play the game of politics against the President's desire to have the matter of our national defenses settled outside of partisanship. He has practically announced his ultimatum to the effect that unless some concessions in other directions are made his party cannot be depended upon to join hands with the administration in putting through its program. From our point of view preparedness is a national question, not a political issue. It presents itself to the American people, as either an emergency or a bugaboo, without having been discussed or thought of at the time platforms were being written and principles enunciated. Naturally there is a division of opinion as to whether we need prepare or not, but it is economic rather than political and Congressman MANN reveals his unfitness for the position he holds by trying to make it a means to partisan ends.

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Demagogy Running Rampant.

Representative JAMES R. MANN, of Chicago, floor leader of the Republican minority in the House of Representatives in Washington, practically rejects the President's invitation to a conference upon the proposed legislation to increase the defensive facilities of the country. With the purpose of divesting the subject of partisanship, President WILSON invited Senators and Representatives in Congress who have influence in framing legislation, without respect to party affiliation, to confer with him. All those so honored graciously responded until Mr. MANN was invited. He imagined that the incident presented an opportunity to exploit himself and replied that he is "not willing to take orders from the President on legislation."

Mr. MANN is a Chicago "roughneck," who probably never performed a political act except under orders. In inviting him to conference the President probably had no thought of giving him orders on legislation or anything else. As minority leader he will necessarily participate in the discussions on the floor of the "preparedness" legislation. In view of that fact the President deemed it fit and appropriate that he should be invited to a conference where and when he would have opportunity to get at first hand the President's ideas and with equal freedom and frankness present his own ideas and suggestions. It was a compliment far beyond anything Mr. MANN deserved, and as his response indicates, as infinitely out of reach of his appreciation.

The question of preparation for defense or war is not a partisan problem. When the Spanish-American war was declared the Republican party was in control of all of the departments of government and party lines were instantly and absolutely eliminated from both chambers of the Congress. President McKINLEY declared his plans and every Democrat in both branches of the National Legislature promptly and cheerfully voted approval. But now that a similar proposition is urgently protruding itself upon the attention of Congress, cheap demagogues like MANN, of Chicago, try to make party capital out of the unfortunate conditions. But the incident will not interfere with the progress of the President's plan. Patriotism will quickly run such opposition down.

—Mr. PERKINS will put a National ticket in the field next year even if he has to run for President himself. But whether he runs or not he will have to pay the bills.

Another "Richmond" in the Field.

Political life in Pennsylvania is just one surprise after another. The latest is the information from Philadelphia that W. A. MAGEE, of Pittsburgh, and a member of the Public Service Commission is a candidate for United States Senator. The other candidates for the Republican nomination for that office are former Secretary of State PHILANDER C. KNOX and E. V. BABCOCK, also of Pittsburgh. KNOX is a great lawyer and MAGEE is somewhat of a politician. BABCOCK is a very rich man. If he has anything else to recommend him it has escaped public notice. Probably no other qualification is required. The machine needs money badly and the sources of supply are diminishing in number.

The announcement of MAGEE's candidacy is surprising mainly because of its obvious purpose. He has no more desire to become a Senator in Congress than Colonel ROOSEVELT has to become president of the Peace-at-any-Price society. But his candidacy might have a potential influence on the fight between PENROSE and BRUMBAUGH for control of the Pennsylvania delegation to the National convention. PENROSE is under obligations to KNOX for essential help in the fight last year but he would probably prefer BABCOCK as his colleague for the reason that the rich lumberman would not interfere much with his business as party boss and dispenser of spoils. KNOX wouldn't pay much attention to party patronage either, but he would overshadow PENROSE in point of ability.

On the other hand MAGEE's candidacy indicates an organized and energetic effort in the western end of the State in behalf of BRUMBAUGH's ambition to control the National convention delegation. If the VARES realize their expectations with respect to the new Mayor of Philadelphia and MAGEE takes hold in Pittsburgh as he could if a candidate for Senator, PENROSE's mastery of the party machine would become exceeding dubious. He is a resourceful politician but MAGEE is also a shrewd operator in the game and the reorganization of the old MAGEE-FLINN machine would stir things up mightily. In any event this announcement is fraught with interest and might develop startling results.

Making a Donkey of Itself.

Because Attorney General GREGORY has urged State authorities to activity in apprehending and punishing the incendiaries who have been burning and otherwise damaging plants engaged in the manufacture of munitions of war, the Philadelphia Ledger asserts that "it is a practical confession on the part of the federal officers of justice that they have been unable to cope with a situation in which the sovereignty of the nation has been set contemptuously at defiance." If the owner of the Philadelphia Ledger should break his leg that stupid journal would blame the President with it and if the cranberry supply runs short on Thanksgiving day the administration at Washington will be roundly denounced for something.

Incendiarism in Pennsylvania is a crime against the laws of the State and punishable by the courts of the State. The blowing up of a powder mill in Potter county, an explosion in an acid factory in Sullivan county or the burning of a fuse or shell factory in Northampton county doesn't set "the sovereignty of the nation contemptuously at defiance" or do anything else with it. Such incidents are simply violations of the State laws and the State authorities are under moral and legal obligations to capture and punish the guilty criminals. If the incidents are the result of a conspiracy the turpitude is multiplied and the penalty should be severe in the same ratio. But to say that the sovereignty of the nation is defied or in any way affected is absurd.

The frequency of these crimes fully justifies the suspicion that they are the result of a conspiracy and circumstances point to the participation in the crime of certain aliens who are temporarily sojourning in this country in official capacity or otherwise. If an investigation instituted and conducted either by State or Federal officials should convert those suspicions into facts it would then become the duty of the authorities at Washington to make full representation of the offenses to the country from which the offenders came and demand their recall after just and ample punishment had been administered by the State courts here. But there is no necessity for any stupid newspaper to make an ass of itself over the matter.

—Of course the incoming Congress will make a new record in appropriations. The necessary preparedness legislation will be expensive. But money paid for insurance always looks like waste to those who never have occasion to collect.

Root and Other Candidates.

The Philadelphia Union League has fixed upon ELIHU ROOT as its preference for the Republican Presidential nomination and quite a number of the big corporations, industrial, transportation and financial have expressed concurrence in this choice. Mr. ROOT had previously declared that he would not, under any circumstances, enter the race. But he is so impressed with this "call" of the interests that he has consented even "at the cost of his life." We hope the enterprise will not be so expensive to Mr. ROOT for he is a fine gentleman. If for no other reason he ought to be kindly remembered by Pennsylvania, for it was he who characterized the Republican machine as "a criminal conspiracy."

But we are not able to figure out why the Philadelphia Union League should be so anxious to have Mr. ROOT run for President. It is true that it was members of that organization who employed him to make the investigation of the Pennsylvania Republican machine which culminated in his severe but happy characterization of it. But ever since that time the same machine has been leading the members of the League about by the nose and compelling them to vote for candidates worse than any in machine favor at that time. It is certain, therefore, that ROOT is not favored by the League because of his denunciation of the machine. He is favored for some other reason.

There is no ordinary reason for the preference, it may be added. ROOT is a capable and industrious corporation lawyer but all the other candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination are quite as favorable to corporations. Senator PENROSE, of Pennsylvania, is said to be head of the corporation lobby in the Senate and Senator BURTON is equally close in his relationship to corporations in and about Cleveland, Ohio. Senator WELLS, of Massachusetts, the next in line among "those mentioned" is a stock broker in Boston and his fortune as well as his life is tied up in corporation interests. ROOT can do no more for them than the others and none of them: can do much.

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The Penrose-Brumbaugh Fight.

The qualified announcement, from a far-away Texas town, last week, that Senator BOIES PENROSE may be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President, next year, though simultaneous with the intimation of the fact in the last issue of the WATCHMAN, was merely and purely a coincidence. We are not in the confidence of either PENROSE, BRUMBAUGH or the VARES. We have no information from one or the other of these gentlemen with respect to his ambitions or hopes. But a somewhat careful scrutiny of the political horizon revealed enough to justify the prediction of a titanic struggle for mastery between these forces, and the PENROSE announcement "is confirmation strong as Holy Writ."

Of course the line of battle will extend from one end of the State to the other but the preliminary encounters and ultimately the storm center will be in Philadelphia. Since the municipal election the VARES have held the Mayor-elect in leash so closely that no one of the PENROSE contingent has been able to get within ear-shot. But Senator McNICHOL, who is the sentinel, advance guard or scout of the PENROSE force seems to view the situation with complacency and expresses absolute confidence that at the crucial moment the tide of Mayorality will run in his direction. In fact an anonymous but apparently inspired authority announced the names of a PENROSE municipal cabinet the other day.

It is a safe bet that which ever side gets the municipal cabinet in January will get the delegates of the city to the National convention at the spring primary. At this distance from the scene of the conflict it looks as if the VARES have the new Mayor "sewed up." He has hardly been out of the sight of one of them since the polls closed and no one hostile to their interests has been able to get to him. But their predictions in the primaries were so wild of the mark and those of McNICHOL so accurate, that the situation resolves itself into a wide field of conjecture. Outside of the city PENROSE will have things practically sewed up but there is enough doubt in the affair to make it interesting.

—Before the next issue of the WATCHMAN reaches its readers the deer season will have been ushered in three days and the first of the antlered monarchs of the forest will have fallen before the hunter's unerring aim. Counting on indications in the mountainous sections Centre county hunters anticipate a good deer season and the WATCHMAN would appreciate the favor if some reader in every part of the county would send us word next Thursday of any deer killed in their section, and again at the close of the season send us the total number of deer and bear killed.

—Bellefonte's two big furnaces are now only a myth, the last big stack of the Nittany furnace being pulled down last Friday. All that now remains is the clearing away of the junk and the only thing left will be two good sites for manufacturing industries. Bellefonte got a reputation years ago because of its iron industries, which flourished hereabouts for three quarters of a century. Now the lime and limestone industry is in the forefront and perhaps will be for years to come.

—Negotiations have been begun between the officials of the State Highway Department and the directors of the Centre and Kishacoquillas Turnpike company for the purchase of the pike between Bellefonte and Centre Hall. The price asked is \$4,000 a mile, or \$28,000 for the total stretch. This is thought to be a little high by the Highway Department and an effort is being made to have the offer reduced.

—Mr. MELLE of the Hartford railroad and the champion wrecker of his day and generation, was also operating under the favor of ROOSEVELT. "The Washington situation," he wrote to an admulatory friend, "I have, I think, completely cared for." He had obtained from ROOSEVELT an assurance that his spoliation schemes would not be interfered with.

—Senator GALLINGER is a pretty stiff Republican but he is also a gentleman. He responded politely and promptly to the President's invitation to conference on preparedness legislation.

—The Liberty Bell is creating great enthusiasm in the south-west but look who is traveling with it. There's the PENROSE and a committee of Philadelphia councils.

—We hope Philadelphia will get the Republican National convention next year. The people of that town ought to have some excuse for their political faith.

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

Slack up, brother, what's your hurry. That so recklessly you scurry With your elbows jabbing sideways and your glance fixed straight ahead? Is a minute's time so precious That you needs must be ungracious And go tramping on your fellow like a hungry quadruped?

Can't you spare a nod of greeting, Pass the time of day on meeting? Swap a joke or laugh a little when a neighbor drifts along? Is the dollar so enticing, Is "success" so all-sufficing, That you can't devote a second to a brother in the throng?

Do you know your destination? It's a quiet little station Where ambition never troubles and the dollar jingles not. Where there is no bootless striving, Sordid scheming or contriving, And the richest man's possession is a little grassy plot.

Why be overkeen for speeding On a trail so surely leading To that lonely little village where we all must come at last?

Slack up, brother, what's your hurry. That so recklessly you scurry? You may head a slow procession ere another year is past.

—Peoria Journal.

Penrose Probably Willing.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. Senator Penrose's denial that he had authorized the statement that he is to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States did not deny that he may be possessed of the lofty ambition to become the nominee. His carefully worded statement, issued from Denton, Texas, while repudiating the earlier story from San Antonio that he had said he would be a candidate, did not say that he has no intention of becoming a candidate at a later date, but on the contrary left a very strong impression on the minds of those who read the statement that he has such an intention. At least his Denton statement put him in a position where he can consistently become a candidate for the nomination should conditions frame themselves up favorably for him.

We doubt not that Senator Penrose is well enough satisfied that the impression that he would be a candidate if the opportunity came his way has been spread pretty widely throughout the country as the result of the publication of the report of his candidacy along with his denial merely that he authorized such a statement. The senior Senator from Pennsylvania is wise enough to know that in these modern days the people of a party like at least to think they are choosing their own candidates for public office, especially the Presidency. He may perhaps recall what happened to the Republican party in 1912 after a candidate for President was nominated by the steam roller process and if so that may explain his insistence in his statement yesterday that "the question of a nominee will be quite unsolved until the convention has acted," to which, incidentally, he added: "Some of the great Republican Presidents have been of such convention nominations."

We repeat, in effect, that the significant thing about the Senator's denial that he has announced himself a candidate for the nomination is that it did not say that he is averse to being nominated. He is thus left in the position to accept the nomination if it should be "thrust" upon him.

Stealing American Trade.

From the Altoona Times. German-Americans engaged in foreign business have a legitimate grievance against Great Britain. Many such citizens, some of them German in no respect but their names have been put on the British blacklist, particularly in the Far Eastern trade. Their shipments of goods from China, Siam and various other parts of the Orient are held up indefinitely.

In part, this discrimination appears to be due to genuine British fear and hatred of all things German. A British boycott on German goods and a blacklist of German business men has been established in every quarter of the world. The possession of a German name is enough, in the eyes of English authorities, to put even an American business man under suspicion. They are determined that in no way shall Germany or individual Germans derive any benefit from commerce which the British admiralty has power to control.

If that were all, it might be understood as mere excess of war prejudice. But the matter looks different when it is found that in nearly every case where cargoes have been held up, the merchants for whom they were destined have received cables from British firms offering similar or identical goods in the same quantities—and at higher prices.

That fact alone is ground enough for challenging British sincerity. It looks as if England were more interested in strangling American trade and diverting it to English firms than in destroying the resources of her enemy.

Classed as an Extrahazardous Job.

From the Indianapolis News. No wonder Jim Mann doesn't want to make the Republican committee assignments in the House. As a method of acquiring popularity it must be something like serving as a judge at a baby show.

Ain't It the Truth?

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch. One thing which must be apparent to the simplest political mind is that without an Ohio man in the very thick of it there would be no joy in a campaign for the nomination for the Presidency.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—An Italian laborer fell from a trestle at the Harbison-Walker brick yards, Clearfield, sustaining very serious injuries. Both legs were broken and an eye was knocked out.

—Tripped by a calf he was tying, John Gotwals, of York, Montgomery county, nearly lost his life as he fell, struck his head against a stone wall and was unconscious ten hours.

—Augustus Bachinger, of Bloomsburg, a traveling man known throughout central Pennsylvania, dropped dead while standing at the writing desk in the postoffice at Bloomsburg on Saturday.

—Judge Francis J. O'Connor, who recently had a portion of one leg amputated, will leave Johnstown's Mercy hospital for his own home within the next few days. He has been improving steadily.

—Seventy-five men employed in the Westover tannery walked out a few days ago, not being satisfied with the five per cent. raise in wages. The places of the strikers have been taken by men brought from Pittsburgh.

—The Johnstown schools have been accorded honors at the Panama-Pacific exposition for the work shown in the exhibit. They are one of the thirteen schools to receive this honor, which reflects great credit on the faculty.

—An individual of Austrian birth who now resides in Mifflin county, has created something of a sensation among the folks who are his neighbors by taking to himself a new wife, less than three weeks after the death of his former wife.

—In a month four employees at the Coudersport tannery have been stricken with anthrax. The latest is Melville Covey, who has been operated on at Falls Creek, where a famous specialist in this kind of poisoning lives. His condition is not critical.

—Tyler, Clearfield county, folks are somewhat excited over the alleged elopement of a widow resident of that place, leaving behind her five children, one of whom is but seven years old while the eldest, a girl of seventeen, has been employed in DuBois.

—Because of the great rush of orders in the mills at the Burnham steel plant, men are unable to get board in Lewisistown for "love or money." Hotels long closed are being reopened. This is the greatest era of industrial prosperity the town has ever experienced.

—H. R. Putnam, a resident of Renovo, was repairing an engine in the Pennsylvania round house there last Saturday, when a leak in the air pressure threw back a heavy bar that he was using, hitting him on the head with great force and fracturing his skull. His wife and two children survive.

—George A. Wood, a former professional baseball player who toured the world with the base ball teams at the same time former Governor John K. Tener did, is to be dismissed from his place as marshal of the Public Service Commission, according to rumors at the capitol. The job pays \$2,000 a year.

—Martin Luther Snyder, a Sunbury lawyer, who admits that he owns twenty-two houses and five farms and is estimated by other lawyers to be worth \$1,000,000, lost a suit in the Northumberland county court for a labor claim of \$19.90 that was four years old. Samuel Conrad and David Gottschal, Sunbury, were the plaintiffs.

—A black fox, supposed to be extinct in Pennsylvania, and whose fur is worth from \$1,000 to \$1,600, was seen in Tioga county by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mumaw, of Hazleton, while ginning for pheasants. They brought back 25 of the birds, but missed the black hide, although one of their party fired a shot that knocked the fox over, but got to its feet again and escaped.

—During the prevalence of a wind storm in Indiana county toward the close of last week big trees were blown down, roofs from barns were taken completely off, signs went hurtling down the streets of the county capital and telephone lines suffered greatly. The large barn of Preston Douglas, near Blairsville, was demolished and all his cattle and horses killed except one cow.

—J. M. Turner, aged 87, one of the pioneer coal operators and bankers of Blairsville, was almost instantly killed Wednesday morning near his home near Blairsville when he was run over by a train on the Indiana branch of the Pennsylvania railroad. He was crossing the tracks at a private crossing that led to his farm when the accident happened. He is survived by three children.

—A swarm of bees which were being brought from Trout Run to Williamsport, in possession of some hunters who had captured them, played havoc with the passengers when they emerged from the paste-board box in which they were confined, when brought into the warmth of the coach. The conductor came to the rescue and hurled the box out of the window and the other bees soon followed suit.

—The Van Ormer Coal and Coke company, which has had its general offices at Boston, has moved its headquarters to Altoona. The Van Ormer interests have large operations at Van Ormer along the Cresson and Clearfield branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, the daily production of its mines being about 1,000 tons. The Altoona offices will be in charge of B. C. McDowell, who formerly was in charge of the Brothers' Valley operations in Somerset county.

—The General Refractories company has just purchased and taken over the Mount Union Still-cast company's fire brick plant, which has been in successful operation for some years. The newly acquired property will be a valuable addition to this corporation's holdings located at Sandy Ridge, Blue Ball, Claysburg, Karthaus, Olive Hill, Ky., Hitchens, Ky., and Danville, Ill. The plant has a capacity of 80,000 bricks per day, which may be increased a little later on.

—An announcement was made on Monday that Charles M. Schwab has secured contracts for the Danville Structural Tubing company and that a new steel mill, to cost \$600,000, will be erected on the ground purchased near the plant. C. S. Wagner, a nephew of the steel magnate, and T. J. Price, of Danville, were associated with Mr. Schwab in the deal. When completed the new plant will employ about 1,000 men and enough orders, chiefly munitions of war, have been secured to keep it running continuously for two years, according to the announcement.

—There are now stored in the Hollidaysburg classification yards of the Pennsylvania railroad, and on the Petersburg branch, over 2,000 cars, loaded with goods for the warring nations of Europe. The storage is made necessary because not enough vessels are engaged in foreign trade to carry the goods rapidly, hence the slow progress in getting the cars to seaboard. The goods on the cars are of a varied character, but most of it is the product of American Steel mills, being the parts of steel cars, bridge iron, tubing and all such matter. Many curious people daily look over the stuff.

—For twenty years Miss Grace Derr, of Turbotville, Northumberland county, has looked nightly under her bed before retiring, fearing she would find a man there. Last Friday night the unexpected happened. After she had donned her night dress and was preparing for sleep, she looked under the bed in a perfunctory sort of a way, and there the man, long-looked for, lay on the floor. She screamed loud and long and faintly, and the man made a break for the door. Miss Derr's cries brought neighbors and Albert Shatt was arrested. He was held for the December term of Northumberland county court. It is alleged that he forced an entrance through a downstairs door while the family was away. He declared he only wanted a place to sleep and did not mean any harm.