

INK SLINGS.

-If the ground-hog saw his shadow on Wednesday he has some eye sight.

-One trouble with Germany is that she was over confident of her preparedness.

-Easter doesn't come until April 23rd. It is a very late date and indicates a late spring.

-The latest war news is to the effect that the Russians have chased the Turks down Mush valley.

-Nearly every child, no matter how dull it may be naturally, has at least one real "smartie" period in its life.

-VILLA is surrounded again, according to dispatches, but nobody every caught a flea by surrounding it.

-What the country really needs is a Congress with intelligence enough to frame a tariff law and courage enough to pass it.

-We are all glad to hear that the United States is ready to go to war right now, but we would all be sorely distressed to hear that she had gone.

-Strangely enough it never occurred to ROOSEVELT, while he was President, to do the things which he now says ought to have been done long ago.

-There is a suspicion abroad that the Standard Oil company is "cutting-up" again and if Mr. ROCKERFELLER is wise he will take steps to remove that suspicion.

-Mr. PALMER has made up his mind to reappoint himself member of the Democratic National Committee for Pennsylvania but appointments are not valid unless confirmed.

-Wednesday was ground-hog day and even if the weather wise little rodent didn't see his shadow we hope he is back in his hole again. Surely we have had so little winter that every one would welcome at least six weeks more of it.

-When I see some of my fellow citizens spread tinder where the sparks are falling, "I wonder what their ideal of Americanism is." They are the fellows, Mr. President, who have no ideals, they are our iconoclasts and should have no place in our land.

-Decent, self-respecting Republicans have no alternative. They must follow either PENROSE or the VARS, and in doing that they are following the past-masters of corrupt politics and placing their stamp of approval on the methods of one or the other. They must either do that or come over to us.

-In all this talk about drilling and military training for the civilians of this country the fact should not be overlooked that as a mass Americans have more intelligence than the peoples of any other nation and with this superior intelligence they could become first line soldiers in an incredibly short time.

-If February 1st and 2nd be clear there'll be two winters in one year," so runs an old weather proverb that THADDEUS HAMILTON quotes. You all know that Tuesday and Wednesday were far from being clear days so that it is not likely, if there is anything in Mr. HAMILTON'S couplet, that we will have a cold spring.

-The German sympathizer can surely look his pro-Ally friend in the eye and demand that he acknowledge that one of the greatest feats in the old world war was the capture of the ship Appan and the landing of the prize in American waters. With the Germans supposedly swept clear off the seas that was certainly some achievement.

-If there is one thing that we love more than another in the United States, it is that every man shall have the privilege, un molested and uncrisided, to utter the real convictions of his mind."

-From President Wilson's Pittsburgh Speech.

And there are a lot of people in this glorious old country of ours who think that that man is not a Democrat whose mind and voice at times, run contrary to those of the President or his advisers.

-The Borough of Bellefonte has the prospect of State and county aid in constructing two pieces of highway during the spring. It is just possible that the Highway Department will find it impossible to co-operate in the construction of more than one of the two pieces.

Should swell be the case we trust that council will bend every effort to make that portion from High, along South Water street, to the Borough line. There are many reasons why the permanent improvement of this thoroughfare would be more desirable than the building of the other proposed piece from Bishop street, out Pine to the Borough line.

Water street probably carries more and heavier traffic than any other street in town. It is low and in wet weather it is next to an impossibility to keep it from becoming a veritable sea of mud.

It is the approach to the Big Spring, Bellefonte's beauty spot, and we think we are quite within the truth when we say that the upkeep of this particular piece of road has cost the Borough twice as much as the same distance on any other thoroughfare in town. Water street property holders should join in the movement enthusiastically because a bricked highway there instead of a muddy lane would add considerably to the value of their properties.

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President Wilson's Tour.

President WILSON'S tour of the Middle West is more than fulfilling expectations. He is meeting with cordial receptions wherever he stops. The success of such an enterprise is not always measured by that standard. During the campaign of 1912 ROOSEVELT drew vastly the larger crowds and wherever that trouble-breeder goes now he attracts large audiences. But nobody regards him seriously. On the other hand President WILSON commands large audiences, genuine enthusiasm and popular respect. He is known as an earnest patriot, unselfish public official and sincere man. His statements are accepted at full value and command approval. He is giving voice to the best sentiments of the country.

In his speeches at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Chicago he has revealed his earnest purpose to conserve the interests of the people. As the servant of the public he asks the public to support him in his aspirations to fulfill his public obligations. As he stated in Chicago there are no new perils to be met. But there are dangers always and he asks the people to provide him with the facilities to meet them. If your neighbor's house is on fire it is your duty to make provision against communication with yours. The neighbors' houses on all sides are on fire now and he asks us to prepare against the calamity which would follow if our dwellings should come within the zone of the conflagration.

If responsibility for danger were limited to our own actions there would be no cause for apprehension. The President and the people would keep us out of the trouble area. But it is quite as important to preserve national honor as it is to maintain national peace, and any or either of the belligerents have it in their power to assail our national honor. The purpose of the President is to prevent such misfortune. He asks for such defensive equipment as will qualify us to resent such wanton assaults. He knows, as we know, that the people will support him in his desire. As in the beginning so now, "millions for defence but not one cent for tribute." That is his idea and the country is behind him.

The average man is easy, no doubt, but the Wall Street Journal will have a hard time convincing him that "the man who runs his own peanut stand is a capitalist" while "the salaried President of the Pennsylvania railroad is a workman." Economic science will hardly stand such refinement.

Republican Factional Fight Goes On.

The war in the Republican party of Pennsylvania goes "merrily on." On Sunday, according to an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, Brother BILL VARE issued the official declaration. He is for anybody for President that PENROSE doesn't want but his first choice is BRUMBAUGH. "I should like to see Governor BRUMBAUGH'S splendid ability placed at the service of the nation," he states, "and will gladly give him my support and ask for him the support of my friends." Another esteemed Philadelphia contemporary after a poll of the State says "PENROSE will control nominations." So there you are. "You pay your money and takes your choice." It all depends upon how the people take Brother BILL.

As a matter of fact, however, no public man in recent years has disappointed public expectation as grievously as Governor BRUMBAUGH. His long experience and considerable success as an educator had influenced the public mind strongly in his favor and he was elected over a factional candidate of the Democratic party by a large majority. But he has failed to make good in every particular. His head swelled to enormous proportions and his vanity inflated beyond calculation, he has wobbled around in the office to which he was chosen as a mouse would in the nest of a lion. He set up a trading post in the State capitol to cajole, or coerce or Legislators into obeying his orders and failed in that.

Of course it makes little difference to us which side wins in the impending factional battle for control of the odious Republican machine or who is nominated for President by the Chicago convention in June. President WILSON, who has safely and sanely guided the country through the troubles of the past two years, will be re-elected President by a majority greater than that of 1912. But the talk of BRUMBAUGH for the nomination of any party for that office is not only absurd, but an insult to the intelligence of the voters of the country. The only Republican in Pennsylvania who comes within range of Presidential material is former Senator KNOX and PENROSE has a mortgage on him.

"Wolf of Wall Street," Goes in Prison.

The judgment of the United States District court of New York, convicting DAVID LAMAR, known as "the WOLF of Wall Street," of fraud, has been affirmed by the United States Supreme court and he will likely be committed to the Atlanta Federal prison to serve the two year sentence imposed at the time of the trial. WOLF was charged with using the name A. MITCHELL PALMER in telephoning to certain New York financiers in relation to some Street operations. After a Congressional investigation he was indicted, and though the purpose of his assuming the name of Mr. PALMER was not fulfilled, his turpitude was clearly revealed. He appealed the case and thus delayed incarceration until now.

Mr. LAMAR is under indictment in the same court which convicted him of that offense on the charge of having conspired with a German emissary named VON BINTLEN and others, to organize strikes in establishments engaged in the manufacture of munitions of war for Great Britain and her allies. A Chicago member of Congress and others are alleged to have been associated with him in these transactions and Captain BOY-ED and Captain VON PAFEN of the German legation at Washington were given passports, in connection with the conspiracy. LAMAR is under \$5000 bail on this charge, but now his trial is likely to be postponed until after the expiration of his sentence for the other crime.

It may have been only a coincidence but it is a curious fact that A. MITCHELL PALMER might have been involved in this second crime of the "WOLF of Wall Street." Some time before the discovery of the conspiracy the New York World exposed the mysterious visit of an influential Congressman to the White House who registered as "M. P. of Pennsylvania." The purpose of the visit was to obtain from the President, in confidence, the purpose of our government in respect to certain important matters, to be transmitted through German agents in New York, to the authorities in Berlin. The exposure divorced Mr. PALMER from the affair. At least his name has never been connected with it since.

-Dropping bombs from airships upon the helpless inhabitants of cities and towns is atrociously cruel beyond question but war is what General SHEARMAN named it many years ago.

Satan Reviving Sin.

Colonel ROOSEVELT has finally satisfied himself that President WILSON is to blame for the German invasion of Belgium and is railing like a madman about it. In a speech delivered in Brooklyn on Sunday night he dwelt fondly and at length on this phase of recent history and declared that "it was dishonorable conduct on the part of the United States to take no action in the matter." He doesn't indicate what sort of action ought to have been taken, but presumably he has in mind his own ambition to lead an army into the theatre of war and wipe Germany off the map. Of course that would have been crazy action but hardly anything else could have been expected of ROOSEVELT.

ROOSEVELT was President of the United States for nearly eight years and during that time had opportunity to exercise every legitimate power of the office. He says with tiresome frequency that preparations for war and strengthening the defensive facilities of the country are among the prerogatives of the office. Yet during the period he occupied the Presidency the defensive equipment of the country constantly degenerated until at the expiration of his term we hadn't force enough or facilities sufficient to fight the weakest South American Republic if the occasion had arisen. Why didn't he perform his duty to the country when he had the opportunity to do so?

In his Brooklyn speech of Sunday night the Colonel prates much about national honor. Yet while he was President he organized a rebellion against a weak sister Republic, easily the most atrocious piece of national brigandage perpetrated in any country since the dawn of modern civilization. When Colombia refused to agree to his terms for the zone of the Panama canal he sent warships and marines to the Isthmus and literally seized the territory desired, creating a bogus Republic to act as the holding agency for his crime. A man guilty of that offense against national honor and national morals has no right to a voice among honest citizens anywhere, or upon any question.

-Chairman HILLES, of the Republican National committee, declares that ROOSEVELT will not be the candidate of his party for President and that statement may cost HILLES his job.

The Appointment of Brandeis.

President WILSON treated the country to a profound surprise in the appointment of LOUIS D. BRANDEIS to the vacant seat on the Supreme bench. Mr. BRANDEIS has long been known as an able lawyer and an honest and courageous gentleman. But he has never been classed among the corporation advocates or employed by the giant trusts. He has served the government with distinguished ability on several occasions but has never written a charter for a monopoly. For these reasons nobody even thought of him in connection with such an appointment, except President WILSON. Probably no other man in the country, in like circumstances, would have had the courage to nominate him for that service.

We have no complaint to make against the Supreme court. It is an illustrious as well as an honorable body of men. But it will suffer nothing, either in ability or character, by the accession of Mr. BRANDEIS. In legal learning, personal character and habits of life, he will measure up with the best of his associates, if he is confirmed, as we hope he will be. The south laid claim, with some justice, to the favor. We hoped an old time and thoroughly seasoned Democrat would be called to the office. But Mr. BRANDEIS was born in Kentucky and he is sufficiently set in his opposition to graft, monopoly and imperialism to make a first rate imitation of a standard Democrat.

Besides Mr. BRANDEIS will represent the people upon the bench of the Court of last resort, and the people are entitled to representation in that tribunal. Every other interest is represented and assured of protection in so far as the Court is able to protect. Then why shouldn't the people have a champion there? No other government agency is so potent in the administration of affairs. The Supreme court can annul the acts of Congress and cripple the power of the President. It can write anything into the statutes and eliminate any provision of the law. Under such circumstances we need a man like BRANDEIS and as usual President WILSON has tried to give us what we need.

-Last Thursday afternoon, during the recess period, a number of children at the new High school building were roller skating on the pavement. Just at that time the Adams Express company's wagon happened along and with it was James Toner's bull dog. The dog grabbed Paul Dubbs, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dubbs Jr., by the leg, throwing him down. He then pawed his face and finally bit him in the ear, one tooth puncturing the ear. The bite on the leg did not bring blood, but the tooth marks showed very plainly. The boy's knee was also injured in his fall to the pavement. On Saturday afternoon the same dog made for a boy who was roller skating on the pavement in front of the court house, but the lad happened to have a stick and hit the dog, driving it away.

The recent tragic deaths of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Noll, who were overcome with gasoline fumes in Mr. Noll's garage on South Water street, has awakened the Department of Labor and Industry to the great danger to automobilists in inhaling gasoline fumes and medical experts of the bureau will immediately conduct investigations along this line and their findings given to the public in bulletins issued by the Department.

On Friday of last week John T. Gephart resigned his position as engineer of construction with the State Highway Department to accept the position of county engineer in Fayette county. Mr. Gephart had been with the Highway Department since 1905, shortly after it was organized. His new position pays in the neighborhood of four thousand dollars a year. Mr. Gephart's successor will not be named before spring.

The County Commissioners recently took out a policy with W. Miles Walker for \$43,000, covering all the county officials, jurymen, election officers, constables, tax collectors, assessors, witnesses, etc., under the Workmen's Compensation Act, so that if any man is injured while in the employ of the county he will be entitled to recover damages.

The Republican leaders have decided upon W. I. Swoope Esq., of Clearfield, and A. H. Gaffney, of Kane, McKean county, as candidates for delegates to the Republican national convention from this, the Twenty-first congressional district.

The bridge erected last summer from south Water street to the Island to accommodate the Midway attractions of Old Home week, was finally removed Saturday and the lumber hauled away.

A Sensible Invasion of Mexico.

From the Shamokin Dispatch. The United States is intervening in Mexico. The advance guard of its army of invasion is already en route, and the main army is mobilizing. It isn't a large army, but there's no question of its ability to handle the job. In part, it's the same force that invaded Serbia lately—before the Germans and Bulgarians swept through. And its object is the same. The United States is not fighting Mexico, any more than it fought Serbia. It is fighting typhus, one of the great scourges of the human race, and the particular foe of nationalities not given to cleanliness. There are said to be 100,000 typhus victims in Mexico.

The invading column consists of a corps of physicians and nurses. Their uniforms are chiefly silk underwear—for which the typhus-carrying vermin have a peculiar dislike—and rubber gloves and their weapons are kerosene, vinegar and a serum specific. They will go into the infected communities, clean houses, bathe and disinfect and dose and feed the victims and their families. It will be hard work. There will also be much risk in it. The invaders stake their own lives as surely as soldiers do in battle.

They are doing this for an ignorant, slovenly, prejudiced race that hates the United States, and mistakes its tolerant kindness for cowardice. It requires a rare degree of christian charity to "love your neighbor as yourself" when that neighbor is Mexico. It is hoped that the Mexicans will soon begin to appreciate that fact.

Choosing the Lesser Evil.

From the Altoona Times. Scylla and Charybdis would have no terrors for the political voyager in Pennsylvania who is compelled to steer a course between two Republican factions, represented respectively by Senator Penrose and the large corporation interests and Governor Brumbaugh and the crooked contracting combine in Philadelphia. But this is how the situation has resolved itself. Penrose the other day threw down the gauntlet to the Governor over the selection of national delegate candidates and it was promptly taken up by the Vares, contractors extraordinary and advisers particularly to our beloved Governor.

The Vares, you know, claim responsibility for Brumbaugh, and they very promptly resent anything that seems to reflect upon their handiwork. Ah, praise from the Vares is praise indeed! Most honest men would prefer open and unrestrained condemnation from their enemies! But that is not what we started out to say. What interests us is how upright, God-fearing Republicans confronted with the duty of choosing between these equally nauseous alignments, will meet their responsibility. Being between the devil and the dark, blue ocean is scarcely a marker to the predicament of voters who hesitate between party loyalty and their self-respect.

Back to Cobden.

From the New Republic. In the early days of this struggle facile pens discoursed about the war that was to end war and create a united Europe. All but the blindest see now that men do not gather olive branches from machine guns. The war overtook a divided Europe, and it has deepened its divisions into chasms. While the clergy, the poets, and the demagogues invoke our selfrighteousness to refuse all dealing with the enemy of yesterday, the business world will capitalize our hates and turn our sentimentality to profit.

Somewhere from their present silence sager heads may emerge on both sides to warn us all that an economic struggle with the old divisions on the old battleground means the permanent organization of the moral ruin of Europe. Some see and some will dare to say that it was our financial imperialism, our commercial nationalism, the closed colony, and the concession area which prepared the present strife.

Cobden's preaching on the connection of peace and free trade is not wholly forgotten, but the lessons will be slowly learned, and it may require a hard experience to enforce it.

Look Out for the Fireworks.

From the Chicago Herald. Col. Roosevelt is going on a trip to the West Indies, no doubt as a preliminary to coming back and raising East Hades if Congress doesn't provide a defense that suits him.

The Country Would go Fishin'.

From the Philadelphia Record. Taft says the Republicans would lose with Roosevelt and the Democrats with Wilson. But what would happen if they were the two candidates?

Mahomet Went to the Mountain.

From the New York Evening Sun. Those stern words of George W. Perkins. "Let the G. O. P. come to us!" recall to mind the ancient adage of Mahomet and the mountain.

Pedal Extremities Are Cold Storage.

From the Southern Lumberman. The King of Roumania is said to be exceedingly hot-headed. An equally high temperature, however, does not appear to affect his feet.

It's a Good American Doctrine.

From the Anaconda Standard. At any rate, Gen. Carranza must be given credit for some bustling activity in locking the stable door after the abstraction of the stud.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Clearfield county had six shooting episodes within ten days and the returns are scarcely all in yet.

-Williamsport expects to recoup the organization of an Engineering and Aeroplane company within a few weeks.

-Harry N. Lakin, a member of the Greensburg High school faculty, has been appointed vice-consul at Leghorn, Italy.

-Jacob Lightner, who died in the Franklin county almshouse recently left the sum of \$5,000 to A. A. Schugman, who befriended him for many years.

-Williamsport's new mayor is making the situation lively for corner loafers and vagrants. He is locking them up and prescribing alternate days of darkness.

-Five members of one family were simultaneously removed from the Westmoreland county town of Bitumen to various hospitals, all having contracted pneumonia.

-DuBois had three incendiary fires on a single night last week. They kept the firemen quite busy but were extinguished promptly with a total loss of possibly \$1,000.

-According to the Progress, Clearfield is short on girl workers and the industrial establishments of that town are in a position to offer employment to a score of energetic girls.

-According to the Johnstown Democrat, foremen in the Flood city have been mulcted of \$500 or more during the past few weeks by constables who are taking advantage of the alien dog act.

-The West Branch National bank, of Williamsport, has just awarded the contract for the construction of a handsome new home, with all the modern conveniences, at a cost of about \$50,000.

-The State health authorities have ordered the city of Williamsport to file plans for a sewage disposal plant within six months. The cost of plant and accompanying sewers will be about \$1,090,000.

-William Workinger, a famous hunter and trapper of Milroy, while on a recent hunting expedition to the Seven mountains, captured two wild cats, one of which weighed sixty pounds, the other half as much.

-Somebody seems to be selling poisoned candy in Pennsylvania. A two-year-old daughter of Jacob Bixel, of Jersey Shore, died twenty-four hours after eating some lollypops, purchased from a confectioner.

-The lawyers of Williamsport are about to inaugurate a new departure. They will attend the First Baptist church of that city next Sunday night and will listen to an address and a sermon, both relating to legal topics.

-Indiana is no longer numbered among the dry counties of Pennsylvania. At Indiana yesterday morning, Judge Langham granted fifteen licenses and refused eight. The Indiana Brewing company was also licensed.

-Huntingdon's Chamber of Commerce will give a complimentary dinner to Hon. George B. Orady, of the Superior court, and Hon. Thomas F. Bailey, judge of Bedford, Huntingdon and Mifflin counties. The event will close off this evening.

-Without food or money for many days, Charles Douglas, condemned murderer, who escaped from the Greensburg jail a week ago with two others, was recaptured near Irwin last Saturday. All three have now been returned to prison.

-Five men residing in the outskirts of Johns town have been arrested on the charge of sending their children out early in the morning, regardless of the weather, to gather garbage and "slop" with which to feed cows and pigs. The conduct of these men is said to constitute pronounced cruelty.

-Mrs. Ellen Zenobia Parks, of Johnstown, lost a 2-year-old son on Saturday, January 1. On Saturday, January 8, her husband was taken to the hospital, where he died on Saturday, January 15. On Saturday, January 22, Mrs. Parks gave birth to a daughter. She has two other daughters living.

-Quite an uproar existed in Patton recently because it became known that an assistant principal of the schools had developed tuberculosis and been compelled to resign. All the school rooms were closed and then exhaustively fumigated. Fifty years ago there would have been no excitement, probably no trouble.

-Out in Jefferson county during the greater part of the past week farmers were plowing, trees were budding, children running about in middy blouses with no outer coats, while Miss Pearl Mann, teacher of the public school at Walston, declares that a great many of her pupils have been coming to school in their bare feet.

-The Hon. Frank B. Black, of Meyersdale, member of the State Agriculture commission, has presented to the McElhattan, Clinton county zoo, a golden eagle measuring seven feet across the wings. The bird was captured in an unusual manner, its talons having become entangled in the thick fleece of a sheep which it was trying to carry away.

-Andrew Jackson Bloom and John Kitko, both of Madera, Clearfield county, engaged in a quarrel about some stock which had trespassed on the lands of the two men. Bloom was endeavoring to strike Kitko with an axe when Andre Kitko, aged 17, son of John, picked up a heavy piece of wood and struck Bloom on the head, killing him instantly. The dead man was aged 55 years.

-Tripping as he was about to descend a flight of stairs at his home at Shamokin, on Friday, Joseph Haupt, proprietor of a meat market, met death by plunging headlong to the bottom, breaking his neck. His body was found half an hour later by his son Earl. Haupt's wife, whose hearing is defective, was in the kitchen at the time of the fatality and was notified of the death by her son.

-John Rowles, an inoffensive inmate of the Clearfield county home, was attacked by four men, supposed to be hoboes, and beaten to death Monday evening in the Clearfield yards. Two officers from DuBois captured two suspicious characters in a freight car near Rockton, after a pistol fight in which one officer was slightly wounded while one of the suspects was shot through the left lung. The latter is in the DuBois hospital and is in a serious condition.

-Mrs. Austin Rowe, aged 33, residing near Liverpool, Perry county, had her left arm and right leg fractured, her left shoulder dislocated, her scalp torn off and her body covered with cuts and contusions when she was drawn into a corn-fodder shredder which she was running during the temporary absence of her husband. Her skirt caught in one of the stalks and was wound around the sharp teeth of the machine before she realized the danger. The woman is in the Harrisburg hospital and may recover.

The store, postoffice and railroad station at Elban, Pa., a small mining town of the Shawmut Mining company, 19 miles south of St. Mary's, were robbed Friday morning about three o'clock. Among the loot secured are the following: Diamond ring, one-half karat, Tiffany setting; 1 twenty-dollar bill; 25 one-dollar bills; \$2 in halves, wrapped; \$10 in quarters, wrapped; \$2 in nickels, wrapped; \$5 in pennies, wrapped; \$35 to \$40 in change; one P. S. & N. check, James Bennett, 10 cents; three Shawmut Mining company statements; \$30 ticket money; 900 one-cent stamps; 100 five-cent stamps; 200 six-cent stamps; 100 ten-cent stamps; 100 twelve-cent stamps; postoffice money order for \$38; \$40 from postoffice money drawer; 25 to 30 watches, valued from \$9 to \$15, and two pair of shoes.