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INK SLINGS.

—Well, the big day is over. —Every day it looks less like trouble with Germany. —Uncle SAM is showing symptoms of wanting to sit tight in Mexico. —This thing of rocking the boat is a mighty dangerous proceeding for CARRANZA. —The intermittent rains have been keeping the farmers back with plowing that is already very much belated. —We'll bet that some of New York's "gun-men" could "get" VILLA in a very short time and they do it cheap over in Gotham. —HENRY FORD may not cut much figure in the Republican National convention but he is having plenty of fun in the primaries. —The Chicago judge who decided that SHAKESPEARE didn't write Shakespeare could easily decide who stole CHARLIE ROSS. —If Austria is obliged to finance her own war loans her part of the war will soon end. Austria is not in good credit in the average loan market. —Many of our Republican friends are breathing easier since it has become apparent that TEDDY isn't going to steal their nomination for President. —The landing of Russian troops in France indicates an early end of the operations at Verdun and even suggests a beginning of the end of the war. —Of course the bow-legged girl isn't an extremist in the present fad for short-skirts. As a matter of fact she thinks the fashion horrid, but just to be in style she goes as far as the bow will let her. —CARRANZA can't work that old dodge on our Uncle SAMUEL. "Here's your hat, what's your hurry" isn't going to get us out of Mexico until we get VILLA or know that someone else has gotten him. —What a splendid, inspiring and positively thrilling spectacle was the pageant of the massed bands as they crossed the Diamond playing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Those who saw and heard it without a thrill are surely without a soul. —We have to give it to the Millheim lodge for the hats they wore. Every last one of them was right up to the minute in fashion for top hats. We can't say so much for some of the others because there surely were some lids of the vintage of '63. —It's all over and there'll be a good bit of talk about it, but let us tell you right here that "Our Boys" band from Milesburg is coming fast. Wouldn't dear old "Squire BIERLY be happy if he were only alive to see and hear what his pupil FRANK WETZLER has accomplished. —There is more sport in landing a twenty-five inch trout than there is good eating in the fish after it has been taken from the water. The sport is the element that makes fishing attractive to most men and that is why the young man who landed the whale on Monday is so proud of his triumph. —And talking about transformations. If you noticed N. A. MILLER in the Bellefonte contingent in the parade, on Wednesday, and then look at him in his shop on Water street you'll understand what Shakespeare intended to convey when he wrote "the apparel of proclaims the man." Our friend really IS just what you saw in the parade and not what you might think him when you see him in that flaming red flannel shirt. —When you hear people talk about the booms that are in progress at other places and quiz you as to why Bellefonte doesn't get busy, just tell them the truth. Tell them that there never was a time when more wages were being paid out to workmen in and about Bellefonte than right now and that there never was a time when it was harder to get a man to do odd jobs than right now. Both of these statements are facts, but Bellefonte has been so quietly prosperous for years that many of her residents don't realize it and imagine that because some other half bankrupt community is making a noise over a little business revival, we are not getting our share. —The death of Col. D. F. FORTNEY brings us face to face again with the fact that Bellefonte is fast losing the men whose names have been almost synonymous with her own. At the bar in business and in politics we have very few left who are well known outside the confines of our own town, and unusual as it may seem, only isolated cases could be cited of men destined to retrieve the prestige that was won for Bellefonte and Centre county by these older men who are so rapidly passing. Time was when the mere mention of Bellefonte in any part of the State was a sort of open sesame, for were not BURNSIDE, McALLISTER, CURTIN, BEAVER, HASTINGS, MAJ. REYNOLDS, EDW. B. HUMES, JOHN H. ORVIS, ALEXANDER, BOWEN, LOVE, the two BLANCHARDS, HOY and FORTNEY Bellefonters and they were known everywhere. Count them up today and reflect on the few who are left and then look about you to see who will take their places. The future of Bellefonte will probably be in eclipse so far as the lustre of her public men is concerned for some time.

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Roosevelt and Daniels—A Parallel.

On the front page of the Philadelphia Ledger of Monday there were two interesting statements. One is from Oyster Bay and by THEODORE ROOSEVELT; the other from Washington, D. C., and from the Secretary of the Navy DANIELS. Mr. ROOSEVELT says: "Twenty-one months have passed since the great war began, and during all this time we have not prepared in even the smallest degree in order, if possible, to avert war from us, or, if it could not be averted, to wage it efficiently and successfully. The pacifists and anti-preparedness people have had their will, and our rulers at Washington have bowed to them and left us helpless; and with blind fatuity they said they did this in the interest of peace. When will our people learn that the peace of unpreparedness is the peace of cowardice and folly and may at any time lead to overwhelming disaster?" Secretary DANIELS, on the other hand, informs the public in the statement attributed to him, that "there are now in active service, fully commissioned, 255 vessels of various character. This is 66 more than were fully commissioned when I became Secretary in March, 1913. There are also 95 vessels of various types in reserve and in ordinary and uncommissioned, capable of rendering service in war. We have under construction and authorized 61 vessels, including eight dreadnoughts, 13 destroyers, 36 submarines and four auxiliaries. All vessels, those in reserve as well as those in active service, are supplied with munitions of war. No navy ever makes announcements of the quantity of ammunition and torpedoes, mines and other implements of naval warfare which it keeps ready, but our supply is ample, I might say, for all emergencies."

Bernstorff's Surprising Attitude.

One of the most surprising developments of our diplomatic relations with Germany is the attitude Ambassador BERNSTORFF has assumed with respect to the arrest of WOLF VON IGEL. That person has been indicted in the federal court of New York for conspiracy to organize in this country a plot to blow up the Welland canal in Canada. It was a crime for which any citizen of the United States would be severely punished. The evidence of VON IGEL'S guilt is overwhelming but BERNSTORFF has laid claim in his behalf of immunity from arrest because he is associated with the German embassy. Under treaty-made law representatives of foreign governments cannot be arrested. In setting up the claim of immunity for this conspirator, however, BERNSTORFF makes his government a party to all the crimes that have been perpetrated in this country by German agents since the beginning of the war. The inciting labor strikes, the blowing up of munitions factories and every other outrage committed by aliens or hyphenated foreigners are traceable to associates of VON IGEL and documents captured at the time of his arrest amply prove the fact. Therefore identifying VON IGEL as an attaché of the embassy puts responsibility for all these crimes upon the German government or its ambassador in Washington. That the principal is responsible for the actions of his agent is a well established principle of law. The claim that an attaché of an embassy or legation is immune from arrest is based on this theory of law. As a representative of a foreign government the government rather than the individual would be answerable for the action. But clerks to attachés or secretaries of understrappers can hardly claim immunity when they have committed a felony, and the crimes charged against VON IGEL are felonies. Members of Congress are immune from arrest for misdemeanors during attendance at sessions but if they commit felonies they may be taken as warrants are taken. The immunity to representatives of foreign governments probably goes no further. In any event clerks and servants are not included.

The Pursuit of Villa a Wise Policy.

Upon the recommendation of General SCOTT, chief of staff of the army, President WILSON has approved an order of the Secretary of War, to continue the pursuit of VILLA in Mexico. Recently there have been signs of discontent among Mexicans, ostensibly supporters of the de facto government and CARRANZA has made official request that our troops be withdrawn with assurances that the search for the outlaw will be continued by his own forces. But the promise of achievement was too remote to be seriously considered and the original program will be carried out. VILLA will be taken, dead or alive, and that accomplished the punitive expedition will be brought to an end. In justice to CARRANZA it must be said that he is not in complete control of the forces which are assumed to be the army of Mexico. Probably he is sincere in his pretense that he is anxious to capture VILLA. In the nature of things he ought to be of that mind for VILLA is easily the greatest menace against the permanence of his government. In that event he is to be pitied rather than blamed for his recent protest against the United States soldiers within the limits of Mexico. The people are uneducated and superstitious and put wrong constructions upon things they do not understand. But he ought to show greater zeal in the pursuit and at least a disposition to reconcile the people to a necessary condition. The government of the United States has no ulterior motive in sending troops into Mexico. Neither the people of the United States nor the authorities at Washington have any desire to acquire territory or encroach upon the sovereignty of Mexico. But a Mexican bandit encroached upon the territory of the United States, murdered people and pillaged a community and as the Mexican authorities have not the power, even if they had the inclination, to apprehend and punish him, our own authorities have properly undertaken the work and it is a duty to complete it unless a better method of achieving the purpose is discovered and acted upon. The President has acted wisely in the matter.

Divorcing the Tariff from Politics.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. The Rainey Tariff commission bill, introduced in the lower House of Congress and referred to the committee on ways and means, is an ideal measure and well adapted for the purpose intended by its author, the taking of the tariff question out of politics and placing it in the hands of a non-partisan commission of six members to be appointed by the President, no more than three of the appointees to be of the same political faith. The tariff problem is a most difficult one to solve. It has been more or less of a disturbing factor in Presidential elections for a number of generations, to the detriment of stable business affairs, and several times bringing the United States to the verge of panicky conditions. The tariff altogether paralyzing commercial and industrial development throughout the country. All this, it is now claimed, will be obviated by the passage of the Rainey measure, and no doubt will be. The tariff commission league, with headquarters in Chicago, is making strenuous efforts to have the bill passed and is urging its adoption with the suggestion of a few minor amendments which in no way affect the general terms of the measure. The committee saw fit to pare down the proposed salaries of the members of the commission from \$12,000 to \$10,000. The league says that when the magnitude and character of the work is considered, the larger salary would make it easier for the President to get a stronger commission. It is also suggested that the maximum term of appointment should be eight years instead of twelve, as fixed by the committee. The bill as a whole, if passed by Congress and signed by the President, will no doubt work out to the best business interests of the country, for the tariff question, no matter what political party is in power, is a thorn in the side of the commercial and industrial life of the nation, as the law is generally framed by Congressmen who have axes to grind one way or another, no matter what their political faith.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—It is said that nearly 200 coke ovens at Hastings are idle because men can not be secured to operate them. —Lock Haven hospital received this year an Easter donation of 2,855 eggs, the largest in the history of the worthy institution. —Miss Elsie Griffith, aged 23, a resident of Kecksburg, Westmoreland county, a victim of epilepsy, fell out of bed on Saturday morning and broke her neck. She died instantly. —A band of gypsies passed through Greensburg one day last week, the members of the party being conveyed in automobiles. Thus does the romance of the road vanish before a prosaic age. —The large hotel at Essick Heights, Locoming county, was totally destroyed by fire, together with several other buildings in the vicinity a few days ago. A defective flue caused the destruction. —The membership of the A. M. E. Zion church at Lock Haven having dwindled to a very few persons and the house of worship having been practically abandoned, it was sold at auction some days ago for \$405. —Daniel Yant, who was hostler for General Grant during the Civil war, died in Indiana one day last week. He was believed to be nearly 90 years old, and for many years was engaged in the junk business in Indiana. —A man calling himself James Collins and claiming Harrisburg as his last place of residence, knew what he was talking about when he told the police that he had taken poison, for he soon developed a case of delirium tremens. —It is declared by the Renovo News that the blasting of brook trout at Seven mile dam, in Paddy's run, could be plainly seen and heard for miles around, the other evening. Thus far the miscreant who thus violated the law have not been arrested. —Five members of the family of Edward Snyder, of Heppburnville, Locoming county, are suffering from ptomaine poisoning, three of them seriously ill. Three hired men are in the same condition. They had eaten liverwurst which was evidently unfit for use. —The Western elk recently turned loose in state game preserves near Clearfield are infested with wood ticks according to Game Warden George Hummelshaug, who inspected them with field glasses. Unless the vermin are killed the elk are expected to die. —Henry Turner and Martin Duckett are in trouble because they broke into Irwin's drug store in Clearfield, stealing a two-gallon jug of wine and one of gin. The fact that they divided up with other thirty ones and then proceeded to get drunk led to their detection. —The Morrisdale Coal company which was cramped for room to house its 700 employees because the recent fire which destroyed eight dwellings, will rebuild as soon as material can be secured. Houses in Morrisdale are at a premium, some now housing two or three families each. —Charged with having inserted a number of fraudulent ballots in the ballot box during the progress of a recent election of delegates to a state convention, Patrick McCarthy has been suspended from membership in the United Mine Workers of America for a period of ten years, by the Barnesboro union. —A drunken woman jumped into the Susquehanna river, at Williamsport, a few days ago but crawled out again, the chilly water having caused her to change her mind. The police found her and removed her to the police station where she was provided with dry clothing. Next day she was sent to jail as a common nuisance, an unromantic ending to the episode. —Andrew McElroy, while ploughing on his farm at Oklawaha, on Wednesday, met with a serious accident, when the single tree caught on a stump. As he bent over to lift it over the snag, the horse kicked him full in the face with great force. He was admitted to the DuBois hospital where it was found that his nose was broken, also his upper jaw in several places and may have a fractured skull. —The famous Dr. Dickinson hornless deer case which was tried in Clearfield county some time ago will cost the people of that county some \$2,000. Dickinson was tried on the charge of illegally shooting a deer. The jury acquitted him and imposed the costs on Dr. Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission. Now the Supreme court reverses the Clearfield county court and puts the costs on the county. —Traced to Scranton, to which place they were alleged to have fled following the shooting at Kulpmont one week ago, in which one man was killed and two others seriously wounded, Veto Varona and Saveno Morell were arrested there on Sunday, charged with having been implicated in the murder, and taken back to Sunbury for trial. The Italians are said to be members of a Black Hand organization. —Albert Roberts, a young farmer living near Ebsenburg, fell dead at the feet of the girl he was to make his bride on May 1, just after midnight last Thursday. Roberts and his fiancée had spent the evening together. He was preparing to return to his home, after having eaten a light lunch the girl had prepared, when he was stricken. Apoplexy, superinduced by over exertion while ploughing, was given as the cause of death by the coroner. —Miss Annie Dietz, of Mt. Eagle, who took nurse's training at the Lock Haven hospital, and graduated with honor, was called with another nurse to care for four cases of typhoid fever in Altoona, and recently fell a victim to the pest with great suddenness and severity. She was hurried to Lock Haven and again entered the hospital, but as a patient. She had made fast friends of all the nursing corps in the institution while one of them, and is receiving the tenderest and most loving care. —I. S. Mabee, a bond salesman of Williamsport on Friday arrived from Chicago without his traveling bag, containing \$1,800 in bond coupons, which was stolen from the train on which he was a passenger, in the Pennsylvania railroad station at Chicago. The theft was not discovered until the train was five hours out of Chicago. Mabee had handed the bag to a porter when he entered the train and the latter placed it in the traveler's apartment, from which it was taken by the thief, who escaped before the train left Chicago. —Mrs. Catherine Goss lost Wednesday attained the age of 100 years and at the home of the aged woman's daughter in Osceola Mills a celebration in keeping with the occasion was held. At the noon hour the church bells throughout the town were tolled and during the afternoon the Osceola band serenaded the centenarian, playing a number of the airs of her girlhood. Mrs. Goss was born at Hall Moon, Centre county on April 18, 1816, the daughter of German parents, Gearhart by name. When a small child, Catherine, then the youngest of three children, went with her parents to a farm near Philipsburg, where practically all her life was spent. —Six young men from Sandy Ridge found fishing on a private stream rather costly recently. On Saturday morning they were seen by Fish Warden Giles near the tanks at Deets Pond. They were laden with bait, tackle, lunch, etc., for a morning's steal on the private stream. In order that their lesson would not be too severe, officer Giles arrested them on the charge of trespassing, for which they paid a fine to Squire Hawkins, at Philipsburg, of \$10.88 each. Rather an expensive outing. The authorities are determined to break up the "poaching" on the premises of the Tyrone Rod and Gun club. The members are fully protected and violators of the law may expect no leniency.

Republican Factional War On.

The war between the PENROSE and BRUMBAUGH factions of the Republican party is on. The Senator opened fire in Pittsburgh last evening and BRUMBAUGH will reply from Williamsport tomorrow evening. Of course it is impossible to describe the PENROSE implements, for at this writing they have not been revealed. It may be assumed, however, that his batteries contain all the modern instruments of destruction from the ponderous howitzer to the swift acting machine gun and they will be used with great skill. BRUMBAUGH'S equipment is likewise a matter of conjecture but is likely to reveal the latest inventions in the "holier-than-thou" type of projectile. This fight will afford interesting spectacles for thoughtful voters to contemplate. The rules of civilized warfare will be disregarded entirely, it may be predicted, and poisonous gasses, submarine torpedoes and overhead fire cauldrons of every sort will be brought into service. Each side is abundantly supplied with ammunition for numerous battles along such lines and the victory is likely to depend more upon the accuracy of aim than the calibre of the gun. PENROSE can use the OLIVER episode and other delinquencies of the Governor with marvelous effect and the Governor may retaliate some of the Senator's political piracies and by ornate oratory invest with thrilling interest. But it's nothing to us, so "go to it," hammer and tongs. As Sir LUCIUS O'TRIGGER might say, "it will be a pretty fight," though probably a trifle nasty. Nevertheless the public ought to know more about the intrigues and conspiracies of the Republican machine in Pennsylvania and there is no better way to uncover them than through a "battle royal" between the factions. The base and commercialism of the 50-50 deals through which the State has been looted by the contractor bosses in the past and the plans for plunder by the managers on both sides for the future, can hardly fail to attract attention and the universal condemnation of all concerned.

Roosevelt's Loose Tongue.

There is a tradition of a man who talked himself out of a rich inheritance and many men have talked themselves out of jobs. But no loose tongue has ever worked greater disaster to its owner than that of THEODORE ROOSEVELT which has talked him out of a nomination that he cherished more than the salvation of his own soul. Two weeks ago it seemed reasonably certain that he would be able to seize the nomination of the Republican National convention. Even the New York Tribune, in obedience to an impulse to line up on the popular side, declared for him and a number of less influential journals followed in its wake. The indications pointed to his nomination as inevitable. But in his elation over the prospects ROOSEVELT turned his licentious tongue loose with the result that today he has no more chance of getting the nomination than BILL VARE has of becoming Pope of Rome. Every patriotic citizen has turned against him in disgust and though he may bluster and threaten and "gnash his teeth," it is doubtful if he will get one hundred votes out of the whole number which will compose the convention. He has talked himself entirely out of the arena and now lies prostrate in despair, the victim of his selfish and sordid ambition. He is enduring the just punishment of malignancy, mendacity and perjury. His "vaunting ambition has o'erlept itself."

Suspicious of Carranza.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The degree of faith and credit to be attached to any assurance made by Gen. Carranza touching the ability of his government to complete the work of crushing Villa, is to be seen in the character of statements made in his communication to justify his demand for an early withdrawal. In substance, the claim made is one that the exchanges between this government and Carranza, immediately following Villa's raid on Columbus, and leading to the agreement under which our entry into Mexico was made did not contemplate such an entry at that time, nor at any time unless further invasion, raiding, looting and murdering should occur. The Mexicans, in effect, charge this government with bad faith for having organized and marched the punitive expedition into Mexico as a measure of reprisal for what had been done at Columbus.

Other Converts.

From the Chicago Herald. We are told that the war has converted the French to the idea of sleeping out of doors. It has also converted a great many Belgians and Poles not only to sleeping out of doors but also to going without enough food. Following Line of Least Resistance. From the Detroit Free Press. Everybody seems to realize the utility of trying to get John D. to reduce the price of gasoline. Anyhow, all minds seem bent on finding a cheap substitute for it instead. No Chance. From the Anaconda Standard. Speaking of the separate peace concluded with Root, there's not yet much to indicate that Roosevelt and Taft will ever enter the Chicago convention arm in arm. —A most cordial invitation is extended to all the women of Bellefonte and vicinity to attend a series of free lectures on First Aid. The object of these lectures is to enable the women to prepare themselves in an efficient manner against calamity in any form. The first lecture will be delivered by a physician in the directors' room in the new High school, building, Tuesday, May the second, at 4.15 o'clock.