

INK SLINGS.

-A smile always gets further than a scowl.  
-Next week College commencement will be on.  
-Bellefonte and Centre county take very kindly to a real circus.  
-If all of the June days are to be like the first June day then what could be rarer than a day in June.  
-"Silence is golden" is an adage and JUSTICE HUGHES may demonstrate that it gets votes. Anyway he is constantly gaining while ROOSEVELT is losing strength.  
-Heavy frosts fell in many parts of the county yesterday morning but up to the time of going to press we had heard of no serious damage to either fruit or vegetation.  
-Various booms for President are being launched at Chicago these days but the real big noise will not be heard until Woodrow Wilson is placed in nomination at St. Louis.  
-Sunday was a remarkable growing day. Beans that were just breaking through the ground at seven o'clock that morning were three inches tall by five o'clock that evening.  
-Judged from what has happened within the past three or four years and what is going to happen over there tomorrow there can be no doubt of who put the "Boal" in Boalsburg.  
-The supernal beauty of a day like last Sunday led the writer to wonder what an egregious blunder human hands would have made had they been left to work out the design of nature.  
-What is Bellefonte going to do on the Fourth of July?  
-Penrose has been made chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican National convention, all of which goes to show that Republicans who have their eyes open to the main chance regard Brumbaugh's efforts to dethrone the boss as being merely a flash in the pan.  
-Harry Keller Esq. will probably come through with the best vote of all the Republican aspirants for alternate delegate at large to the Chicago convention. We congratulate the gentleman who seems lately to be coming into a share of the honors his steadfast devotion to his party merits.  
-G. Willard Hall has landed in a political job at last. He is to be an adjuster for the Compensation Board of the State and will be a good one, a credit to the Commonwealth and to this his home community. We are glad that Willard has been placed. He will adjust himself readily to this adjuster business.  
-The record of the Congressional investigation of the Hon. Jim Blakeslie's performances as fourth assistant Postmaster General, would have been more characteristic of the Hon. Jim had it included a statement to the effect that he "lit a cigarette" before he told Senators Vardaman and Martine where to get off at.  
-Gradually American soldiers are exterminating the bandits in Northern Mexico. The most hopeful result is the increasing disposition of the natives to help. Most of them have been afraid to give any helpful information heretofore, but now they are beginning to realize that we mean business in the work of wiping out the murderous bands and they are beginning to aid in the campaign to give themselves relief from the perilous existence they have had for years.  
-And Jim Blakeslie said to Senator Sterling, of South Dakota: "Who are you and what right have you got to ask questions here?" It happened that Senator Sterling was a member of the Senate committee that was investigating Jim, and the Senator replied: "I am a member of this committee and a Senator of the United States and I don't intend to be insulted by an impudent subordinate officer of one of the departments of this government." My how it must have hurt Jim to have been called a "subordinate officer." That's what he is exactly, but what he thinks he is you'd really have to know him to understand.  
-The Republican convention at Chicago is to adopt one principal plank and that is to be "Americanism." Aside from the ridiculousness of the idea that every great party does not have America foremost in mind and heart in every action dealing with international issues it is interesting to note that the grand old party of protection has at last showed that worn out old bogey into the discard. The day of protective tariff as a paramount issue is gone to rest with "the bloody shirt." We are living in an age of education now. People read and think and vote for themselves and the political party that resorts to subterfuge to capture votes can't succeed.

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### Lansing's Note to Great Britain.

The President's note to Great Britain and France dispels the impression of partiality as between the belligerents. The offences of Germany against which he protested with emphasis were graver because they had relation to the destruction of human life, and they were considered first. But the language used in the communications to Berlin was no more emphatic than that employed in the note to London. In both instances the President declares that the conduct complained of is intolerable and that the perpetrators of the offences will be held to a strict accountability for them by the government of the United States. He could do no more and should do no less.

Since the beginning of the war Great Britain has been tampering with mails between citizens of this country and those of foreign countries, neutral or belligerent alike. In some instances letters and parcels have been held or destroyed and in others delayed. Some months ago the President pointed out that this practice is in violation of international law and subversive of the friendly relations existing between this country and Great Britain. The British government promised to discontinue the practice and failed to keep the promise. The recent note, therefore, was a solemn warning that a repetition of the offence would be resented and that reparation will be demanded. Like Germany Great Britain claims that she "is fighting for her life," and that, under such circumstances, she has a right to resort to extraordinary measures. That is a subterfuge in both cases and especially so with respect to Great Britain. However the war results there can be no reprisals that will obliterate Great Britain from the map of nations and no extraordinary privileges against neutrals can be claimed. Numerous instances of the violation of the rights and property of Americans are cited in the note and notice is given that if the outrages are repeated this government will "press claims for full reclamation." A memory of past experience ought to make this notice effective.

### Brumbaugh Gone Mad.

Obviously Governor Brumbaugh has gone mad. According to information from Harrisburg, he proposes to dismiss from office all State employees who failed to support the candidates for State offices and delegates to the national convention favored by him. Even during the time that Quay rode rough-shod over his opponents; during the period when "to the victors belong the spoils," was the accepted doctrine of party managers, such a brutal practice was never attempted. But Brumbaugh proposes to inaugurate that system of reprisals, if current reports are not misleading or exaggerated, and we may expect factional war of unheard-of bitterness if he carries out the purpose.

Auditor General Powell, who is something of a Bill Flinn jumping jack began the work of execution last week and discharged some five men who refused to take orders to help Brumbaugh. But nobody expects much else from Powell. But when the Governor brings out the axe and swings it over the heads of the thousands or more officials under his control, it is time to "sit up and take notice." It means that under the Governor's interpretation public officials are simply slaves to the administration under which they are operating and have no right to civil liberty or individual opinion upon any subject. No party boss has ever gone that far in any State in this Republic.

The report that Brumbaugh's friends intend to raise the cry of fraud may be dismissed as unimportant factional gossip. It would be laughed out of the convention as a matter too absurd to be considered. The idea that anybody could work such a result on Shunk Brown and the Vares is utterly preposterous. They are past masters in the art of electoral frauds and wouldn't permit anyone else to beat them at their own game. But the threat of discharging all opponents from official life is different. It is just the sort of "piddling" politics which might be expected from a man who justifies evil by the claim that it is in the interest of righteousness.

-Put your ad. in the WATCHMAN.

### Between Roosevelt and Hughes.

The fight for the Republican nomination for President seems to have settled down to a contest between Theodore Roosevelt, who declares that he isn't a Republican, and Justice Hughes, who refuses to declare himself upon any question. Between these two we sincerely hope that Justice Hughes will be nominated, not for the reason that he is the weaker man, but because the nomination of Roosevelt would reflect upon the moral character of the people of that party faith. He is a notorious falsifier. The nomination of such a man would imply a public indifference to the decencies of life. He is simply an outlaw.

Singularly enough no real Republican wants either Roosevelt or Hughes to be nominated. The opposition to Roosevelt is based on the known fact that he has trained with Wall Street and given himself to any iniquity which that predatory element of the electorate desires. The opposition to Hughes is predicated upon the fact that he has refused to affiliate himself with the Wall Street element and is an uncertain quantity in the political equation. If the Wall Street faction believed in Roosevelt, he would be nominated. But even his friends don't trust him and support him only because they have greater fear of Hughes than of him, even if the worst comes to the worst.

As a matter of fact, however, it doesn't matter much which of these two aspirants for the nomination is chosen. The people of the United States are determined to re-elect Woodrow Wilson. He has been "weighed in the balance and not found wanting," in anything. He has kept the country free from war during a period in which war constantly seemed inevitable and the people of this country are opposed to war unless the honor of the nation can be maintained in no other way. Roosevelt wants war and his election would mean war. Hughes leaves to conjecture his notions upon the subject and the American people are not disposed to take chances.

-Colonel ROOSEVELT is always greatly surprised when a delegation calls on him to tender him support as a Presidential candidate. But he always has a reply to the speech in his inside pocket.

### New Feature of the Republican Fight.

The Brumbaugh-Penrose fight developed a new feature the other day. Penrose had invited the delegates elect to the Chicago convention to a dinner on Wednesday. Under the law it was necessary to reorganize the State committee on that day and the Senator conceived the idea that it would be a good thing to assemble the delegates to the national convention on the same day. But Shunk Brown, Attorney General and Brumbaugh manager, imagined that the Senator had some sinister purpose in his offer of hospitality and he wrote to such of the delegates as were friendly to Brumbaugh to absent themselves from the feast.

There could have been no possible harm in the assembling of the delegates under the circumstances. Penrose could not have taken them by the throat, even though their legs were under his mahogany, and compelled them to subscribe to his program. Presumably they are intelligent men with sufficient backbone to maintain their independence during and after the meal. But Shunk Brown, who is himself an uncertain quantity, imagined the contrary and assumed that the only safety from Penrose is to keep away from that gentleman. Accordingly he wired to the delegates an admonition of their danger.

This new aspect of the Republican situation in Pennsylvania is interesting only because of the intense bitterness between the factions it reveals. One faction cannot trust the other to the extent of a casual meeting. Meantime the Democrats of the State are coming together in the most happy and harmonious unity of purpose and the indications are that the electoral vote of the State will be cast for Woodrow Wilson, this year, instead of for one or the other of the Republican factional candidates. Four years ago the same result might have been achieved if the Democratic leaders had been more wise and less selfish.

-The worst is still to come, of course, but it is not likely to be in the form of a third cup of coffee for ROOSEVELT though that would be bad enough.

### Organization of the Democratic Committee.

The reorganization of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, was a most auspicious event. Every member of the committee except three was present either in person or by proxy, and there were few proxies, and not a discordant note was sounded during the session. Roland S. Morris, the retiring chairman pronounced his valedictory in happily phrased sentences which were cordially and enthusiastically applauded and the reports of the retiring officers show the organization to be not only in a healthy state but in a hopeful mood. In every respect the meeting was all that could be desired.

The new chairman, Mr. McLean, of Wilkes-Barre, is a lawyer of high standing, a gentleman of high judgment and a Democrat of the most earnest type. Upon assuming the chair he declared his purpose to strive for party harmony as well as political success and left upon the minds of those present a profound impression of sincerity. Other members of the committee, hitherto of opposite factions gave equally earnest pledges of a purpose to work together and with such energy as is certain to command success. In fact no recent party gathering in Pennsylvania has been so inspiring of hope and confidence.

Meantime the Republican party of the State is divided into opposing and irreconcilable factions. If the promise of the Democratic organization meeting of Wednesday is fulfilled, therefore, Woodrow Wilson will carry the State as certain as fate and the party ticket will be as surely elected. This is a condition to which Democrats have looked fondly for many years. While factious were making war upon Democrats rather than attacking the common enemy it could not be hoped for. With the party united it may.

Governor Brumbaugh did not cut much of a figure at the meeting of the Republican national delegates in Philadelphia Wednesday forenoon, and the meeting of the Republican State committee the same afternoon. Of the 76 national delegates 53 were open for Penrose and he was elected chairman of the entire delegation without any opposition, some of the Brumbaugh delegates voting for him. At the meeting of the Republican State committee 107 out of 113 were present and 106 voted for Penrose as Pennsylvania's member of the Republican National committee. Evidently Brumbaugh's popularity has receded to ebb tide.

-Two very severe thunder storms, accompanied by much rain and a high wind, swept over Bellefonte and portions of Centre county on Monday afternoon. Trees were blown down, limbs snapped off like pipe stems but no great amount of damage was done. The rain cleared the atmosphere and the balance of the day was cooler.

-The Republican National platform, according to the published forecasts, will declare for a restoration of the merchant marine. The Republican party spent fifty years in destroying the merchant marine and any proposition it makes toward restoration would look spurious.

-After twenty-five years of prosperity New Kensington will celebrate its silver jubilee with an Old Home week June 11th to 17th inclusive, and everybody, including Burgess Danny Burns, T. S. Strawn and Philip D. Waddle are banking on a big time.

-ROOSEVELT's vociferous and insistent pretense of Americanism calls to mind the adage that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." Of course the spurious sort was meant but that is the ROOSEVELT variety.

-It will be hard to prove, after the event, that some of the favorite sons are really favorites and there is no certainty that ESTABROOK will ever be found again.

-There will probably be no peace in Europe until Germany gives up the notion that she has achieved a great victory in the war.

-The only perceptible evidence that ROOT is still a candidate is in the fact that he is not going to the Chicago convention.

-They are all good enough, but the WATCHMAN is always the best.

### The Inevitable Result of War.

From the Altoona Times.

A steamer sailing into Vancouver recently, carried eighty-five Russian farmers and their families. These farmers will take up land in northwestern Canada, there to make their homes and to rear their children. When asked as to why they left Russia for the continent on this side of the waters, they use the one word, "discouraged."

Discouraged with the conditions existing in Russia; discouraged with the everlasting strife about them—with the oppression, with the bloodshed, with the sacrifices they have been called upon to make. Discouraged with the old world and its ways; discouraged with governments where the people have nothing to do but to obey royal mandates; discouraged with the outlook for even so rich a country as Russia.

There are going to be millions of discouraged people in Europe when the war ends. They are going to be discouraged with the wreck and ruin about them, with the taxation that will hold them to the ground, with the broken homes and crippled people. They are going to be discouraged with militarism, calling for the best and bravest of the land to give up their lives as a sacrifice to monarchy, and they are going to come to this good land of ours, on this side of the ocean, where they will have an opportunity to work out their own salvation in peace and quietude, and where a large part of the money they earn may be used for their own enjoyment rather than being taken to pay the cost of a foolish war.

Northwestern Canada is going to receive a lot of discouraged people after the war, but we are also going to get a lot of them in this country. How many, nobody knows. What the result is going to be, is in doubt. But if they are farmers, such as have reached Canada—if they are to go to the land and till it, the result is bound to be good. If they settle in our cities, still further congesting them; if they seek to make a home in the towns and are satisfied with the dreary outlook of the thickly populated communities—then the result will not be good. But we have millions of acres of land in this country, as they have in Canada, and its cultivation along the lines of European methods will do more to develop a higher civilization than anything else that can be suggested.

### Wilson's Idea of Peace.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.

President Wilson takes a just and commendable view when he declares peace in Europe can come only when the nations engaged in the present war fully understand that the terms to be discussed are for the benefit of all of the belligerents and not any particular group. While there has been no direct word from the President bearing on the peace subject, there is an impression in official circles at Washington that he has intimated sufficient to warrant the assumption of placing him in the light as previously stated.

This stand of the President on the matter of peace shows that he would not act as mediator, if his good offices were invoked, unless each of the countries at war would be willing to bear part of the burdens caused by the terrible conflict, and therein Mr. Wilson is right, for what hope would there be to end the struggle if any other course were adopted? The President holds that a neutral nation cannot offer its services as a mediator until all the countries at war understand the action is based on a desire to treat all the belligerents alike.

While the President does not yet see the way clear to make any proposals which might have a tendency to terminate the war, it is believed the time is not far distant when his aid will be sought by the European countries to stop the slaughter and arrange the terms of peace. A resolution introduced in the United States Senate by Senator James Hamilton Lewis, authorizing the President to suggest mediation, may have some bearing in hastening action, but until the warring nations themselves take the initiative along the lines suggested by Mr. Wilson, there can be little hope of the conflict soon ending.

### The Foundation of Peace.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

Ambassador Gerard, in an interview published in a German paper, shows a disposition to extend the Monroe doctrine around the whole world. He is undoubtedly quite right when he says that a war in Europe is bound to affect us. He is also right when he says that we have taken Central and South America under the wing of the American eagle. It does not follow, however, that the wing is big enough to cover all civilization. It is undoubtedly true that leaders like Roosevelt dream of the day when the United States will be the policeman among the nations; when Washington will by its fiat determine wars.

It would be quite possible for the United States to police the earth if the nations thereon did not unite against her. In other words, in order to govern the world we would have to be in a position to whip the world if any portion of it disregarded our decree.

It is only the imperialist who dreams of extending the Monroe doctrine. It is all very well to say that an offense against any European country is an offense against us because it may endanger the world peace. But the United States cannot take such a stand without entering into entangling alliances. The Gerard philosophy bases peace upon force, whereas peace should spring from good will. Peace that is the result of fear is simply a period of preparation.

HENRY FORD declares that he has no use for history and some of us may come to the opinion that he hasn't much interest in common sense.

### SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Bert R. Renn, a Sunbury man, has remarried his former wife, the parties having tired of the divorce which they procured some years ago.

-Chief Burgess Davis, of Friesland, Luzerne county, created somewhat of a sensation in his town by denouncing the police as movie picture loafers.

-Two children of Jacob Massena, of Latrobe, have died within a week of measles. At the present time a third child is hovering between life and death.

-The T. W. Phillips Gas and Oil company, which supplies the borough of Punxsutawney, is now piping natural gas to the town of Smicksburg in Indiana county.

-The powers that be in DuBois have issued a mandate requiring all bathers within the city limits to wear bathing suits. Promiscuous and unseemly swearing is likewise placed under ban.

-Ralph Crossman, aged 45, a prominent citizen of Valer, Jefferson county, died suddenly last Sunday morning from an attack of acute indigestion. He is survived by his wife whom he married ten months ago.

-While drilling in oats on the Sprague farm, near Sykesville, Jefferson county, Ted Mowry was killed by a flash of lightning, which likewise ended the life of one of the horses he was driving. He is survived by two small children.

-While on his way to the barn the other morning to feed the stock, W. H. Bridgens, of near Lock Haven, fell dead in the yard, death being due to apoplexy. He was one of the best known residents of Allison township and a successful farmer.

-Clyde Hewitt, the B. R. & P. engineer, who was struck on the head by a mail crane one day last week, died forty-eight hours after the accident. He was a citizen of DuBois, whither his body was taken from the Adrian hospital, Punxsutawney.

-A bad fire in the Eriton shaft near DuBois has been extinguished and the men have returned to work. The fire was caused by sparks from an electric wire that was broken by a cave-in, setting the coal on fire. Sixty-five men were idle for a short time.

-Andria Gresco, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, is probably the oldest man in the State. He is in his 105th year and labors every day in his garden, doing work that would put a kink in the back of many a man half his years. He was born in Austria on June 15th, 1811.

-Mrs. A. T. Simpson, aged 47, a resident of Corvode, Indiana county, lost the sight of her left eye and sustained other injuries when she fell down the cellar steps at her home, striking her head on a soap box. Her glasses were shattered, pieces entering her eye destroying the sight.

-The West Branch Knitting company, of Milton, of which Edward Hecht, of Lock Haven, is president, has just closed a contract with the United States government for 300,000 undershirts for the navy. Several months for this firm secured an order almost equally as large for the army.

-Willie Koper, aged 16, a Mt. Pleasant lad whose stepmother is said to have driven him from home, was run over by a heavy car last Sunday morning while sleeping at the Standard Coke works, and so badly injured that he died in the Mt. Pleasant hospital two hours later. He was sleeping on the track.

-With one foot caught in a snag, the head buried in sand, and one hand sticking above the water, the body of Leslie, the 12-year-old son of Norman Lauffer, of Portage, was found last Sunday afternoon, near Summerhill. The lad was drowned at Portage on Sunday, March 26th, when he fell into the river while playing on a raft.

-Harry McCloskey, a Slater, of Lock Haven was arrested the other day for dynamiting McElhatton run and fishing on Sunday. A fine of \$120 was imposed upon him and if he does not pay it within five days or take an appeal to the court he will remain in jail for the next four months. He states he will take an appeal to court.

-Unable to provide for her two week's old baby boy, a mother placed it on the porch swing at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lock Haven the other evening. No doubt the mother felt that if the pastor and his family did not care to adopt it they would at least see to it that it was placed in a good Christian home.

-The annual picnic of the N. Y. C. shops at Avis, will be held at Hecla park on June 17th. Both the locomotive and car departments will join in this event. The feature of the day will be a base ball game between the N. Y. C. shop team from Albany, and the Avis shop team. Special trains will be run from that place on the above date.

-Edward Mincer, of Mill Hall, had a miraculous escape from being killed or seriously injured on Tuesday evening, when the steering gear of his auto failed to work and the car, veering to the edge of the road, broke down a guard rail and tumbled over an embankment thirty-five feet high, to the bed of a small stream. The car turned over twice in its descent and Mr. Mincer was thrown out.

-Jacob Young, 79 years old, is dead at Lewis-town after a brief illness from the infirmities of age. Deceased was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in battery D, First regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, light artillery, taking part in some of the most important engagements of the war. Mr. Young was the last of a family of thirteen children, and is survived by one son, William H. Young, of Lewisstown, and a daughter, Mrs. D. G. McCafferty, of State College.

-Prosecutions of all cases involving charges of causing forest fires will be handled hereafter by the Attorney General's department at Harrisburg, which is now in charge of actions for violation of the game, fish and similar laws. Arrangements having been made [this week] for the chief forest warden to bring to the attention of the legal department of cases wherein it is suspected that forest fires were started through carelessness or by disobedience of law.

-Another good-sized coal operation is assured for the Ligonier valley as the result of a deal which has just been consummated, involving the acquisition by the Ramsey Coal Co. of nearly 200 acres of coal, located about a mile west of Wilpen, and about three miles from Ligonier. The Ramsey company has bought 150 acres of coal from Judge John B. Steel, and about 37 acres underlying what is known as the George Allen farm. Some additional surface has been purchased on the Allen farm for the location of the plant. It is understood that the development of the coal will be undertaken at once, with the idea of getting out from 700 to 1,000 tons a day.

-What would you think of a city physician who would tell you to come to his office between 11 and 12 o'clock, that being his office hour, if you had broken your arm at 8.30. Such was the case in Williamsport when a little girl broke her arm on the school grounds. The principal of the school, not wishing to call another physician and place the cost on the child's parents, called the city physician, who informed him that his office hours were from 11 to 12 and to bring the child then. The principal then called the poor authorities but received no help, and finally called to the police station and they sent their ambulance to the school grounds and hurried the child to the hospital.