

-The Deutschland has made her get away. Here's hoping that she reaches home in safety.

-Charles Evans Hughes talks more like an ambulance chasing lawyer than a former Justice of the Supreme court.

-The Republicans didn't want Hughes themselves so why are they trying to cram him down the throats of other people.

-Mexico is 1900 miles long and Troop L is just receiving its horses. My, what a ride if they don't get a chance to get callous.

-Louisville, Ky., has a saloon for every three hundred and thirty-four persons and that is probably not half enough for some of them.

-If Dr. Surface had given half as much attention to spraying Brumbaugh's ambitions as he gave to spraying farmer's orchards, things might be different.

-Poor Dr. Surface. It is so hard for him to let go. The Department of Agriculture found it almost as difficult to get rid of him as he did of the San Jose scale and the chestnut blight.

-What will our pro-English friends, who are also uncompromising Republicans, do when it comes down to choosing between Hughes and Wilson. Germany has put its seal of approval on Hughes and we are waiting to hear from the light-heads who can see no good in anything that is not English and not Republican.

-Its pretty tough when residents within the borough limits of Bellefonte, and less than a mile away from the postoffice, have to wait until 4 p. m. and after to get mail that comes here before 9 a. m. Think of it! Some of them are served by a rural carrier who goes clear to Fillmore, six miles away, and delivers their mail on his return trip. The unfair arrangement is not due, of course, to the local postal officials. It is the work of the ruters in Washington who do things by chart rather than by personal observation.

-Gen. Funston has gotten his dander up over the work of some newspaper correspondents who are sending out untruthful tales concerning conditions among the soldiers on the border. He very probably speaks the truth when he says: "It is only the molly-coddles and sissies who kick. These are the ones who tell tales to special correspondents." The General should read the "Watchman" and there he would find the reports of a "special correspondent" that carry no kicks from a bunch of as good little soldiers as he has in his command.

-So the State is bankrupt. There is no money to pay the school and hospital appropriations and these worthy institutions will have to get along the best way they can until enough accumulates, over and above the salaries to officials in Harrisburg, to pay them their allowances. Meanwhile state printer Pomeroy announces that more tons of bulletins, etc., are being sent out each month by the various departments of the State Government, than ever before. Paper costs twice as much as it ever did, thousands of dollars are spent for mailing and addressing these documents and we'll bet that not twenty per cent. of them are read at all and not more than fifty per cent. of them are even opened. What the State needs, more than anything else, is to get its economy and efficiency experts to work right in Harrisburg, before it disseminates so much advice to others as to how to avoid accidents, to live long, to run their business, to study fish, to make roads, to reforest the land, to protect the game, etc.

-The "Watchman" has frequently called attention to the extravagance and wastefulness practiced in the service of foods in high class restaurants and hotels where the European plan prevails. When meat prices are soaring to the point where the man of moderate means can afford meat rarely and the laborer scarcely at all it seems to us that it would be quite within the range of legislative regulation to make it impossible for a restaurant to serve enough meat to satisfy four persons as a portion on one order. It might be argued that one man's money is as good as that of four persons and so long as he pays for the meat whose business is it? It is somebody's business, however, to see to it that meat is not placed beyond the reach of many who need it, simply because those who can afford the extravagance pay for and are served with three or four times as much as they can eat. What they leave is waste and if portions were limited to actual needs of the individuals there would be less waste and, in consequence, more meat at the disposal of others.

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Justice Hughes' Acceptance.

The only positive statement of value contained in Justice Hughes' speech of acceptance is the declaration that if he had been President in 1913 he would have recognized Huerta as the head of the government of Mexico. He pronounces himself in favor of female suffrage but as that is a matter of State regulation it doesn't mean much coming from a candidate for President. He criticizes the diplomatic service of the country in a rambling sort of way but says nothing in this respect that has not been said with equal force and quite as much oratorical effect by "Hammy" Moore and other cheap politicians in and out of Congress. But he is explicit on the point that he would have recognized Huerta.

Some time before the expiration of President Taft's term of office Perfirio Diaz, who had been President of Mexico for many years, was deposed by revolt of the people and a successor elected. Huerta was at the time commander of the army and bound by oath to fidelity to the new President. But instead of supporting him he had both the President and Vice President murdered and declared the government a military satrapy with himself as Chief. The people promptly revolted against this atrocity and began operations to depose Huerta. President Taft refused to recognize Huerta during the period that he continued in office after the butchery and President Wilson followed his example.

When the revolutionists appealed to the government of the United States President Wilson answered that whenever the people of Mexico legally elected a President he would be recognized. Huerta thereupon set a time for the election of a President and announced himself as a candidate. When the election was held the polls were surrounded by soldiers who wouldn't permit an opponent of Huerta within a mile of the polling place. Of course Huerta was unanimously elected and promptly demanded recognition. But President Wilson justly refused not only to recognize him as President but to recognize that an election had been held. In this he was cordially supported by the entire body of American citizens.

But Justice Hughes declares that he would have recognized the red-handed murderer as President of the Mexican Republic upon a title smirched with crime and would have compelled the Mexican people to acquiesce in his decision. Can any one imagine anything more atrocious? And this is the only reason that Justice Hughes gives for asking the people of the United States to depose the just and capable Chief Magistrate who has honored himself and the people he represents by refusing to ratify such an outrage and such a criminal. In this he shows scant respect for the intelligence and integrity of the voters of the United States. He would make them accessories after the fact to Huerta's crimes.

Of the rest of the speech little need be said. Any Quarter Sessions lawyer practicing in the slums of Philadelphia or Pittsburgh would have done as well. He slurs a couple of private citizens after the fashion of such practitioners but fails to make a single suggestion of value with respect to any public question. He reveals a slovenliness in expression and carelessness in thought which must have warmed the heart of the blusterer from Armageddon but said not a word which would appeal either to the intelligence or patriotism of his audience. If such a speech will inspire hope in the bosom of any thoughtful voter or suggest a reason why Hughes should be elected we will be surprised.

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Republican Politicians Were Fooled.

The most formidable element of opposition to President Wilson thus far developed is the so-called German-American citizenry. Many of the voters of German nationality and extraction are Democrats. Justly and properly they have a strong affection for the Fatherland. Because President Wilson compelled the German government to abandon the murderous system of warfare expressed in the torpedoing of merchant ships by submarines, Dr. Heximer and other Republican German-Americans organized an opposition to the President's re-election. With the aid of the German diplomatic officials and commercial agents this opposition has grown to considerable proportions.

During the past several months the energies of the leaders in this movement have been centered in an effort to secure the nomination of Justice Hughes as the Republican candidate for President. Nobody else wanted to bestow that honor upon him. But the German-Americans who have greater interest in Germany than they have in the United States could find no other candidate willing to serve their purpose. Therefore they forced Hughes upon the party and the moment he was nominated proclaimed that a great victory for Germany had been achieved. The marine authorities of Germany have not yet undertaken to resume the undersea atrocities, but it will not be surprising if they do in the near future.

Happily for this country all the German-Americans are not in sympathy with the Heximer enterprise. They all feel warm sympathy for Germany but a large proportion realize that upon becoming American citizens they accepted obligations of fidelity to our government and will not follow Dr. Heximer or any other propagandists into treacherous activity against the government of the United States. The conspirators were able to force the better element of the German-American electorate to vote for him. They fooled the Republican politicians but will not fool the people of the country.

-The inventory of the late J. P. Morgan's estate reveals the fact that he didn't invest much in the corporations with the view of making money for the shareholders.

Pennsylvania Treasury Empty.

The Pennsylvania State Treasury is in a state of bankruptcy, according to a statement recently issued by State Treasurer Robert K. Young. That is to say there is not sufficient money in the several depositories to pay warrants already issued and meet the salary accounts now about due. The school warrants have not been paid though the custom of recent years has been to pay them during June and July. Other bills are overdue but there is less than a million dollars in the treasury and the salary list now due will take about one-third of that amount. The result is that the schools will have to wait and possibly suffer for a few months until money is collected to pay.

Bills due now and paid out of future revenues mean a deficit next year, of course, but that doesn't bother the distinguished statesmen now in control of things at Harrisburg. So long as the treasury is able to meet the salary list semi-monthly, Brumbaugh can enjoy himself in the Maine woods or junketing in one direction or another. School authorities throughout the State can borrow money on their individual credits or allow the children to suffer because the necessary school supplies are not obtainable, and other creditors may discount their warrants if they need money before it is regularly and that is all they care for. "Nero fiddled while Rome burned." Of course these conditions indicate bad management. The last time the State was bankrupt was about 1874 when the late Bob Mackey was manipulating the finances to fatten his own bank account. As a penalty for that "slip" the Republican party was defeated and for a number of years after that organization had to pretend to be virtuous in order to avert frequent defeats. But of late they have been growing careless and allowing cheap demagogues to run them into the ground, as might have been expected. But Pennsylvania will recover, as she did before, from the effects of mismanagement. The Democrats will take charge and inaugurate new and better methods.

-The "Watchman" should be read in every home in Centre county. Why don't you try it?

Hughes the Candidate of Conspiracy.

Justice Hughes is a man of clean life, fair ability and good repute. Because of these facts he is entitled to just treatment at the hands of political foes as well as party friends. But no man has ever entered into a campaign for popular favor under as poor conditions. He has permitted himself to become the candidate of elements in the electorate that represent the most undesirable. Because Woodrow Wilson insisted upon principles of humanity the German authorities in Berlin condemned him. Justice Hughes has surrendered himself to this agency of resentment against Wilson. Hughes is clearly the candidate of the German government to punish Wilson.

No party in this country has ever before permitted the government of a foreign power to select its candidate for President of the United States. This year the Republican party has done that thing. No member of the Republican party wanted to nominate Hughes. No member of the Progressive party wanted Hughes as his candidate. But orders came from Berlin to the German embassy in this country to organize a conspiracy to compass his nomination and through the instrumentality of Boy-Ed and Captain von Pappen the result was achieved. Therefore Justice Hughes is not the candidate of the Republican party or of the Progressive party but he is the candidate of the German empire, nominated by a conspiracy.

If President Wilson had permitted Germany to murder American citizens by torpedoing passenger ships laden with women and children, there would have been no German propaganda in the interest of Justice Hughes and he would hardly have been among those "who also ran" in the Republican convention. But President Wilson refused to acquiesce in such inhuman butcheries as the destruction of the Lusitania involved and because of his indignant protest Justice Hughes is now the candidate of the German government, the marine butchers of women and children and the irreconcilables of Wall Street whose political actions are determined by the record of speculation in the several exchanges.

-That was a rather shabby trick in Penrose. In an interview given out a day ahead he practically presented Hughes' views to the public. Probably Boies wants the public to know in advance who will write the President's messages in the event that Hughes should be elected.

Boies Penrose Needs Looking After.

The hot weather is certainly working an impairment of the mental equipment of Senator Boies Penrose and if his friends are wise they will lose no time in calling an experienced alienist to look after him. His recent hobnobbing with Roosevelt frequent conferences with George W. Perkins and his heart-to-heart talk with Gifford Pinchot excited grave suspicions among thoughtful men who have known him long. But when he gave out an interview, the other day, in which he declared that the European war had nothing to do with the increased appropriations being made by Congress, he revealed a mental condition that requires instant and constant attention. No man who talks such rot ought to be at large.

The European war uncovered to the view of the most casual observer the absolute helplessness of this country for defense against the attack of any enemy. But for that we might have gone on for years in a state of unpreparedness and without great evil resultant. We were at peace with the world and no power on earth had a grievance against us, with the probable exception of Colombia from which friendly neighbor Roosevelt feloniously stole the canal zone, and no war would have resulted from it. But the European war has not only shown our helplessness but it has created grievances and aroused resentments against us which may lead to war in any event and probably will unless we are prepared.

In the same interview Senator Penrose declares that "pretense is made to extend a protective duty on dyestuffs. This is a confession on the part of the Democrats that there is merit in protection." From the earliest period the Democrats have followed the policy of imposing a reasonable tariff tax for the protection of infant industries. Dyestuffs have not been protected hitherto by Republican legislation because the purchasers are manufacturers who were interested in keeping the price low. Now that legislative policy is to benefit the people rather than plutocrats a moderate protective duty is laid until the industry is able to stand alone. But hundred year old infants must care for themselves.

AT DAWN.

M. MURRAY BALSAM.

As wearily I raised my head,  
In distant East, a disc of red,  
Rose softly into view.  
It filled my soul with reverent awe.  
This handiwork of God I saw,  
Ascending in the blue.

The virgin clouds took wing and fled,  
As if in some avenger's dream.  
Then, soon athwart the sky,  
Raced welcome beams of warmth and light.  
A wondrous, joyous, radiant sight,  
For e'en the artist's eye.

I saw Dame Nature stir the tress,  
The grass, and flow'rs, with gentle breeze;  
Each secret she unfurled.  
To me it eased my tired mind,  
I rose with new love for mankind  
And interest in God's world.

Germany Planning for Future.

From the Johnstown Democrat.  
While millions of her citizens are manning the trenches Germany is not neglecting to make plans for her future "after peace comes." At the present time the Teutons are building nine great merchant vessels. That her financiers, scientists and commerce experts are busy outlining the details of the trade campaign the Teutons will wage is quite likely.

Germany will need ships when peace is established. It is not likely that when they sail forth they will go in ballast. They will carry cargoes while outward bound, and they will carry cargoes when they return. It will be necessary for Germany to buy heavily immediately following the declaration of peace. Her stores will be diminished. Her surplus will have vanished. Germany will have to buy. But with what will she buy and of whom will she buy? She will not have a great surplus of gold to draw upon. She will have goods, however. As a result she will buy from those to whom she can sell.

The American protectionists would not doubt welcome Germany as a purchaser. If, however, she attempts to pay for the goods she buys with goods she has manufactured the land of the Kaiser will at once be charged with "dumping." And that, to a protectionist of the old school, is the greatest of all economic sins. They will take half an eye to see that in the end trade is trade. Either manufactured articles are exchanged for raw materials or manufactured articles of one sort are exchanged for manufactured articles of another sort. It is impossible to do the world's business by means of such transactions. Those who would go into the world's markets must be traders.

Since that is the case there is always one way to be quite sure that no one will make this nation a "dumping ground" for its goods. We can very carefully refrain from making any other nation a "dumping ground" for our goods.

Short of State Funds.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.  
State Treasurer Young sounds warning of the recklessness of the Legislature in appropriating money that is not only not in sight, but which it has been found difficult to collect by the enactment of new revenue laws, the constitutionality of which either fail to stand the test in court or are now in process of being tested, but which furnish no revenue to the State. When the appropriation bills were on their way through the Legislature, both State Treasurer Young and Auditor General Powell sounded the alarm and on several occasions announced that if the law-making body persisted in appropriating more money than the law would bring in there would be trouble, and that the time would come when the money in the treasury would fall so short as to occasion alarm. According to the statement made by State Treasurer Young, printed Friday night, that time has arrived, and the state's financial officers will have to do some pretty clever financing to prevent the State from holding off payments to institutions that rely on their state appropriations from quarter to quarter to keep up their existence, and the lack of which may cause suffering. Governor Brumbaugh did his best to cut down appropriations without crippling institutions, but his best failed to remedy matters, and the falling off in revenue, due to short-sightedness and lack of knowledge of taxation, has brought on conditions that must necessarily shame the State unless something is devised to pull it out of the financial hole into which it was placed by the Legislature.

Hughes Doffing His Dignity.

From the Springfield Republican.  
The signs are unmistakable that Mr. Hughes is getting ready to prove that he is off the bench and truly a man of the people when he says to a handshaker: "You bet your life." Will the former justice of the United States Supreme court be called "Charlie" on his stumping tour, as Mr. Wilson four years ago was hailed as "Woody"?

Adding to the Ocean.

From the Christian Herald.  
Marie was enjoying her first ocean voyage when she began to feel very sick. She did not know that this was the regular program for most ocean travelers. It was a surprise and she wailed, "O mamma, I'm so afraid I shall have to unswallow."

-Justice Hughes is convinced that the crippled Germans, the maimed French and the impoverished English artisans will overwhelm industrial America after the war. That is placing a low estimate upon the skill, energy and ingenuity of workmen in this country.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Caught in the act of robbing the store of Frank Bartholomew, of Johnstown, Joseph Bernice was arrested and remanded after he had put up a strong battle with the patrolman who gathered him in.

-The mystery surrounding the ejection of the mother's pension board of Camria county from its snug headquarters in the city hall, Johnstown, continues to deepen. Nobody wants to assume the responsibility.

-Ward Gray, aged about 20 years, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gray, of near Hughesville, was killed by a bolt of lightning, while loading rye in a field during a severe electrical storm about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

-Residents of Milton, Muncy, Montgomery, Watsontown and other West Branch towns felt the shock of the great explosion in New York harbor the other morning so distinctly that they supposed an earthquake had shaken them.

-Lightning made things decidedly lively for a party of campers near Ligonier on Monday evening when it struck a big tree and scattered splinters about. One young fellow was painfully injured by a splinter penetrating his arm.

-Mike George, aged 48 years, an industrious citizen of DuBois, dropped dead while working in the car shops there. He had been working almost day and night for some time past and the loss of sleep and the hot weather probably hastened his death.

-Two brothers, John and George Zemek, aged respectively 15 and 13, residents of DuBois, were drowned in the old London Mines, near DuBois, where they had gone to bathe. Neither was able to swim, and they got beyond their depth, with a fatal result.

-D. K. McFarland, wanted at Punxsutawney for various crimes, was killed in a gun fight with officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad company at Blairsville Intersection, McFarland receiving wounds that resulted in his death at the Indiana hospital soon after his admission.

-C. T. Burkett, lumber dealer, of Huntingdon, met with a painful accident yesterday morning when his right foot slipped against the big saw in the mill. His toes were so badly mangled that it was found necessary to amputate three of them after his removal to the J. C. Blair Memorial hospital.

-Harry C. Yinding, linotype operator on the Williamsport "Sun," has devised and manufactured an artificial leg for his own use that pleases him greatly. It only cost him about \$5 and he is thinking of having it patented as he believes the demand for artificial limbs will be pretty brisk during the coming months.

-During the progress of a heavy rain Monday evening the drain pipes of the Swank Annex building, Johnstown, became clogged and the flat roof of the structure collapsed, inflicting thousands of dollars worth of damage. The Moore suffered the heaviest loss. Some of the tenants were in bed when the roof fell.

-During the incarceration in the county jail of a negro named Frederick Wright, several dilapidated buildings near Clearfield, said to be his property, were burned by two prominent citizens of Curwensville. It seems probable that the alleged incendiaries were within their rights, as the court had decreed the colored occupant a trespasser.

-Raymond Hall, a lineman for the Lycoming Edison company, sustained injuries Tuesday morning of this week at Williamsport when he fell from the top of a pole on Market street. Hall was at the top of the pole when it broke near its base and he was thrown 20 feet to the ground. When picked up and taken to the Williamsport hospital it was found he had a broken leg, a broken shoulder blade and numerous cuts and bruises.

-While forty or fifty boys were sporting in the waters of the Stonycreek, at Johnstown on Monday evening, one of their number, Blair Oldham, aged 10 years, met death by drowning. There was not a sound, not a sign of struggle to indicate that anyone was in trouble in the water. The presence on the bank of the drowned boy's clothing led to a search and the discovery of his body. This is the fourth drowning fatality in that manner recently.

-The prevailing style at Charleroi in hostery for girls is socks. This startling fact became known when the news was spread that girl choir singers of one of the district churches Sunday had appeared wearing varicolored half hose that peeped from beneath skirts not too long. The fashion spread next day. Girls who have no brothers to borrow from are doing the next best thing, which is to roll their own full lengths half down from the top.

-Two more normal schools will soon be added to the list now under complete state control, the shareholders of the Shipensburg school agreeing to sell their holdings to the State Board of Education and the papers being now in preparation for the formal sale of the stock of the Kutztown school. The Millersville school negotiations are under way. When these schools are taken over there will be only the Indiana, Mansfield and East Stroudsburg schools not under state control.

-The Superior Court has carried out an intention intimated at its last meeting in Harrisburg of abolishing the Williamsport district and adding the counties constituting it to the Harrisburg district. The order was issued on July 20 in Philadelphia and has just been received by Prothonotary William Pearson. The Harrisburg district was formed of eight counties, to which have been added the seven of the Williamsport district—Union, Sullivan, Foga, Elk, Lycoming, Cameron and Clinton.

-A civil action to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 has been entered against James P. McCabe, constable and chief of police of Dale borough, by Irvin Wayland, a prominent resident of Dale. The plaintiff, through his attorney, has filed the papers at Ebensburg, the bill of complaint alleging that the plaintiff, on May 25, was taken from his home by the defendant, escorted through the streets and locked up, charged with carrying two deadly and concealed weapons. He was held for the grand jury and that body dismissed the case. Mr. Wayland alleges that his good name and reputation have suffered and that also his financial burden was more than \$100 as a result of the arrest.

-Charged with having swindled prominent men in Shamokin and nearby towns out of a total of \$1,350, Charles E. White, of Lanerch, and Thomas R. Burns, of Philadelphia, were arrested in that city last Thursday. At a hearing before Magistrate McCreary, White was held in \$2,000 bail for a further hearing, while Burns, on account of the condition of his health, was allowed to sign his own bond for his appearance with White. The men were arrested at the behest of Sheriff Jeremiah, of Northumberland county. According to the evidence produced at the hearing White and Burns sold several hundred dollars' worth of a chewing gum slot machine stock in Shamokin and vicinity, from which the purchasers have received no return. It is alleged the transactions were fraudulent.