

INK SLINGS.

Crude oil has been going down in price during the last two weeks, but, as yet, there are no signs of a recession in the price of gasoline.

"Road Hog" is just the name for the fellow with the big car, who because it is big, tries to scare the poor little Ford clear out into the ditch when passing.

The auto driver who doesn't give the other fellow his full half of the road, when passing him, is the one who will have to pay the damages when an accident occurs because he doesn't.

Candidate Hughes seems to have a lot to say about the tearing down process, but not a single suggestion for building up. Hughes is really a candidate with "the hammer" and nothing more.

Dr. Surface has finally decided to detach himself from the State's service on next Tuesday. Nerve kept the gentleman in the lime light a great many years, but there comes the time when even nerve wears out.

The recent advance in the price of wheat, due to the prevalence of "rust" in the northwest and Canada, has started many farmers to hoping for a dollar and a half by the time their fall crops are threshed.

Lieut. Dr. David Dale writes from Laredo, Texas, to the effect that in the particular country in which they are encamped "one can see farther and less than in any other place I have ever seen."

What is Congressman Rowland going to tell Mrs. Roessing when she asks him whether he favors woman's suffrage and whether he will vote to submit an amendment granting it to the several States for ratification.

Again, Old Sol presents his compliments to the wise man who predicted that farmers would be working in their fields with overcoats on this summer. Sunday and Monday were as hot as the place that is supposed to be the superlative of heat.

The heat that makes you wish that you could emulate "September Morn" is the heat that later fills the cribs with corn. So while you mop your sweltering brow and swear because it is so hot to the many things that need the heat you might do well to give a thought.

Some of the Centre county oats crop is harvested and some looks as though it would not be fit to cut for weeks. The ripening of the oats has been most unusual this year and the irregularity of it is going to make very late wheat sowing for those farmers who expect to turn down their oat stubbles.

The Philadelphia Methodist minister who told the men of his congregation to take their coats off at the Sunday morning service, remarked that "the Lord looks at the hearts of men, not at their coats." That was fine for a temperature of 92 degrees, but we pity the poor parson should he advise the women to take their hats off at his next Easter service and tell them the same thing.

In parallel columns some of the city papers yesterday announced that the State Treasury has now insufficient funds to pay the warrants that have already been drawn upon it and that licenses had been issued to 118 new boiler inspectors in the State. Under the new code even the heating plant, if it be steam, in your cellar, must be inspected by a State employee, who is drawing so much per.

While it is the sincere hope of everyone that there will be no tie up of the railroads of the country through a general strike of the engineers and conductors it is just as well to be prepared for the worst and we would advise both individuals and merchants who are anticipating receiving or making fall shipments to have as many of them as possible made at once. The railroads are not overtaxed now, but there is no telling what their condition may be several months hence.

The price of paper is going up so rapidly that a combination of publishers in New York city voted the other day to reduce their combined editions one hundred and eighteen pages. Country publishers are beginning to feel the increase and many of them have already been forced to resort to the use of even more inferior news print than they have been accustomed to using. The "Watchman" is one of the few that has not yet been driven to a change, but we can't tell how long we will be able to hold out and give our readers the cleanest sheet of paper on which any newspaper is printed. Incidentally, will you look at the label on this paper and if you are in arrears, or nearly so, kindly mail us at least a year's subscription. We need it very badly and can save the postage if it is not necessary to write you a personal letter.

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General Funston Makes a Protest.

General Funston is justly indignant because certain correspondents of newspapers with the National Guardsmen on the Texas border, have been lying about the treatment of the soldiers en route to and in the camps. He threatens to drive them out of the camps and accuses them of all sorts of evils, for the reason, as he states it, that their false reports indicate that the young men of America are mollycoddles incapable of being made into soldiers. What the General says is true and he might add that these false reports are creating discontent among the soldiers at the front and intense suffering and anguish among their relatives at home. These are grave reasons for his objections.

It is hardly fair, however, to blame the correspondents. As a rule they are weak persons who are willing to commit any crime rather than give up their jobs and they are writing lies about the troops under orders from the owners or editors of the papers they serve. One or two of the Philadelphia papers are particularly outrageous in this respect. Their blind bigotry justifies anything which will contribute to prejudicing the public mind against President Wilson and the Democratic party. That their offenses are treasonable, makes no difference to them. That they are inciting mutiny in the ranks of the army has no deterrent influence. They are out to make trouble and stop at nothing.

Of course the representatives of such papers ought to be driven out of the camps as the owners and editors who require such base services from their correspondents ought to be ostracised in the communities in which they live. But the weaklings who do the work are less to blame than the principals who order it to be done. They need money and imagine that if they lose the jobs they have they will starve so they write lies to please their partisan employers and make themselves criminals to secure the dirty dollars they are paid for treasonable work. General Funston was once a newspaper man himself and imagines that they ought to have self-respect enough to preserve manhood.

Wiseest Act of Recent Years.

There is only one adequate punishment for the traitor who strives to create discontent among the citizen soldiers now in the service of the government on the Mexican border. He ought to be horsewhipped. Under the most favorable conditions the National Guardsmen thus employed meet hardships and suffer privations. But what is the use in multiplying their troubles? They are manfully fulfilling their obligations as citizens. They are uncomplainingly enduring whatever evils confront them. But the lying stories of distress which come to their families, and in turn to them, magnify their burdens. The statement that they were sent to the border and are kept there needlessly is the worst lie of all.

If President Wilson had not mobilized the National Guard of the several States and forwarded the force to the Mexican border we would be in actual war with Mexico today. It was the obvious intention of Carranza to attack General Pershing's punitive expedition and with the force at his command that gallant body of men would probably have been annihilated. But at the psychological moment President Wilson ordered the mobilization of the militia and the prompt and manly response of the men diverted the Mexican Chief from his purpose. What better service could the National Guardsmen render to the country as soldiers and heroes.

It was not the intention of the President to send these brave and willing men across the border in a state of unpreparedness. The purpose which he had in mind was fulfilled the moment Carranza withdrew his order to attack the force under General Pershing and the expense of the enterprise, in money and hardships to the men, was not a high price for such a magnificent service. Meantime they have had the advantage and the country the benefit of a training in the art of war which would have been impossible if they had remained in their local concentration camps. In fact, taking one consideration with another, the mobilization of the militia on the border was the wisest act of recent years.

Suggestion to Senator Penrose.

If Senator Penrose finds pleasure in falsely criticising President Wilson nobody will seriously object to his silly tirades. They are as futile as they are false and do no harm. Besides the Senator is entitled to some enjoyment. He is a large man physically and hot weather is hard on humanity put up in big packages. If he could extract any enjoyment from discussing affairs of his own party he would probably turn his attentions to such exercise of his mental equipment. But Brumbaugh and the Vares are so constantly and successfully "pushing him off the plantation" that he gets no leisure or pleasure except in abusing the President. The bosses give him free rein in that.

But really the Senator ought to give some time and attention to the consideration of the faults and failures of his own party in his own State. Last week we referred briefly to the bankruptcy of the State Treasury but at that time there was something like a million dollars available and nothing due except school appropriations and the salary list. Of course the school districts could wait. Before the election of a Democrat to the office of State Treasurer a few years ago it was the custom to make the schools wait for their money for months. The salary account must be met promptly because the beneficiaries do the party work. But with the schools it is different. Vanderbilt once said the public could go where the Republicans inferentially consign the schools all the time.

But there is a new development in this bankruptcy affair that demands consideration. The Pennsylvania guardsmen on the Texas border are unable to get the money due them and are suffering in consequence. Mr. Penrose and his hysterical Republican associates have been shedding "crocodile tears" over imaginary deprivations of the troops because they were not conveyed to their destinations in Pulman palace cars. But the first real injustice to the soldiers, comes from the government of the State of Pennsylvania the bad management of which has left the State Treasury without sufficient funds to pay their wages due. Let Senator Penrose give this matter some attention.

Following the few day's relief last week from the torrid wave which weather scientists designated as the "Bermuda High," it grew hot again on Saturday and Sunday was unusually warm. In fact it was impossible to keep cool in any place or condition. Monday, also, was exceedingly warm until a heavy rain, with hail in some portions of the county, cooled the atmosphere and made it more bearable for all mankind.

Reduced to the last analysis Huerta is the only campaign issue the Republicans can rely on. Hughes would have endorsed that murderous maniac and imagines the American people are of the same mind. But he will find out that he is mistaken before the election.

It is all well enough for the several belligerents to say that "the war will be continued until the enemy has been crushed," but how are we to find out when the enemy is crushed? It is easy to see that he is crazy but being crushed is a different thing.

When Hughes was a member of the Supreme court he was looked upon by all men of all parties as a model of virtue and patriotism. Now he is regarded by most men of most parties as a scurvy politician. How the mighty have fallen.

The Progressive party may do much good yet. It has uncovered the yellow streak on Roosevelt's back and if it will now turn in and support Wilson it will be an honorable memory in its retirement.

Justice Hughes lost two caps while on a recent motoring jaunt but he doesn't really need caps. When he resigned from the Supreme bench he lost his head.

Anyway the Indianapolis conference has shown that Roosevelt is not the whole Progressive party, a fact which was probably a great surprise to Teddy.

The Canadian sentries who searched the car occupied by Justice Hughes on his Western trip, for explosives, were probably misled by his whiskers.

Why Hughes Doesn't Tell.

Justice Hughes has not informed the public as to what action he would have taken, if he had been President at the time, for the sinking of the Lusitania. He freely criticises the action of President Wilson, who promptly protested against the outrage and declared that a repetition of the offence would be resented by force, if necessary. The result of the action was a complete cessation of murderous operations by undersea craft against merchant ships. But that doesn't satisfy Justice Hughes. At least it doesn't silence criticism from that source. He said in his speech of acceptance that something else ought to have been done without indicating what.

But it is perfectly safe to assert that he has taken Kaiser William and Ambassador Bernsdorf into his confidence on the subject. They know exactly what Justice Hughes would have done if he had been President of the United States at the time of that atrocity and for that reason immediately after the event got busy organizing forces and crystalizing sentiment in favor of the nomination of Hughes for President by the Republican convention. Captain Von Papen and Boy-Ed divided their time between supporting Hughes and creating conspiracies to dynamite munition factories and finally succeeded in perfecting plans which neither Roosevelt nor Penrose could check.

Thus for the first time in the history of the country we have a candidate for President of the United States chosen, not by one faction or the other of the party to which he professes allegiance, but the head of a foreign government influenced by resentment against a man who made it impossible to further pursue his murderous plans against citizens of the United States and non-combatants. The German government using the "Saboteur" and such hyphenates as Dr. Heximer as its instruments nominated Justice Hughes. Of course in the circumstances he is unwilling to tell what he would have done if he had been President when the Lusitania was torpedoed.

The Microscope.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, LL. D., State Commissioner of Health, in his weekly talks on health and hygiene, thus discusses the microscope:

No single invention has made possible greater saving of human life than the microscope. Its origin dates back to antiquity. There is every reason to believe that the ancients had some knowledge of the use of the single lens. The compound microscope was probably invented shortly after the middle ages. The Italians and the Dutch both claim the discovery. These ancient microscopes were very crude instruments compared with those of today. They were, however, sufficiently powerful to reveal myriads of living things in the clear atmosphere as well as in a clear tumbler of water, but they left us to imagine a great unseen living world beyond the power of the new instrument, and that is even so today without most improved microscopes.

In the hands of scientists the microscope has revealed from time to time a teeming life of bacteria everywhere present. Some of these minute organisms are the friends and some the deadly foes of man. Vegetable, and indirectly animal life, depends upon their work.

Typhoid fever, tuberculosis, typhus fever, tetanus, and other diseases are the result of certain of these bacteria which can only be seen by the aid of the microscope. There is evidence, but as yet no positive proof, that they are responsible for many other diseases, the aetiology of which is yet unknown.

An army of scientific workers is today occupied in the study of bacteriology for the purpose of discovering the organisms that produce the different diseases, and then to push on with the idea of discovering that which would produce immunity or cure. This work is vital to the welfare of humanity—indeed it is that which forms the foundation of preparedness.

There is a constant warfare between these little single celled organisms and man. The bacteria have the advantage of reproducing themselves in untold numbers and of adapting themselves to different environments, and when the conditions surrounding them suit their existence they produce great epidemics of diseases that man is unable to resist. The fight is an interesting one as man has already discovered how to combat successfully many diseases which for centuries baffled the skill of science.

Senator Penrose in a speech delivered the other day most emphatically denounced extravagance in government. There is a tradition that Satan, now and then, reproves sin.

Fear, Foolishness and Quarantine.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Someone has written to this journal asking it to advocate a quarantine by Atlantic City against children coming from New York.

We refuse to enter into any such brutal scheme. The quarantining against New York by all sorts of communities because a few hundred children of that city have been attacked by what the doctors call infantile paralysis is the product of ignorance, foolishness and contemptible fear. There is no sense in it. There is nothing in it but abject cowardice.

There are tens of thousands of children in New York who are perfectly well. What would these panic-stricken save themselves at all price town authorities do? Condemn every child of New York city to remain cooped up in a hot city? Prevent the charities from giving their summer outings to weary mothers and suffering children? Shall there be no day by the sea for a week in the country for the little ones?

The senselessness of this quarantine movement is beyond all intelligent belief. The worst fear is without doubt the most detestable one in language. Or rather it defines a quality of the human mind that is responsible for about every evil that exists. Petty town officials and so-called boards of health have succumbed to fear. Perhaps it is not strange when we read in the New York "Sun":

"To the health authorities of New York themselves these reflexes of their own blundering conduct are directly attributable. They started the panic which filled the minds, first of dwellers within the city, and then of the population outside, with fear; they are responsible for the exaggerated idea of danger from infantile paralysis that obtains today over so wide a territory."

We do not doubt it. The New York authorities have but followed the modern method of trying to build up health by scaring everybody to death. It is a happy individual indeed who can escape from the clutches of this scheme of preaching disease from the cradle, through the schools and into manhood. The New York authorities have given an overdose of the new-fangled remedy with the result described by the "Sun."

What is this infantile paralysis? Nobody knows. Like every other ill that afflicts mankind, its cause is said to be some sort of a germ. But it is such a tiny little germ as to escape the doctors. Because they are not acquainted with it they are at sea. And because they are at sea and cannot account for the growing number of cases, they have talked of contagion or infection or both. Yet one of their number the other day reported that it was rare that more than a single case occurred in one family, which would seem to knock the contagious theory in the head, while the United States Health Service has found that out of 2070 persons exposed by residence in the same houses and in the same families with patients, only fourteen developed the disease in frank paralytic form.

But because of the Campaign of Frightfulness inaugurated by the health authorities of New York, fear has taken possession of the parents of New York, of Brooklyn and of cities and towns too numerous to record. These New York health people have done far more harm than they have done good.

It is to be hoped that none of this cowardly foolishness will find its way into Philadelphia. Sanity has prevailed here thus far. Indeed, the best comment on the situation that we have yet seen from a medical source was that of this city's Chief Medical Director, Dr. A. A. Cairns, who said:

"I can call to mind only three rules, and they are applicable to the fight against all other diseases as well as infantile paralysis. They are: Cleanliness, fresh air and good food."

Excellent, worthy doctor, excellent. And if you had added a word about the eradication of fear, you would have strengthened your good advice.

Protection, Prosperity, Preparedness.

Scott Nearing at Chautauque. The platform of one political party advocates "Protection, Prosperity and Preparedness." I do not believe in Protection, Prosperity and Preparedness, yet I believe I am an American. I believe in the principles upon which this country was founded, if I read history correctly; liberty, justice and right. Insofar as protection, prosperity and preparedness will bring about liberty, justice and right, they may stand, but when they fall, we must resist. Protection, Prosperity and Preparedness is the morality of the piggery where you are fattening porkers for winter hams.

"Gasifer" Makes Autos Run on Plain Coal Oil.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 6.—A device for using kerosene instead of gasoline for motor fuel has been invented by J. Earnest Smith of this city. He calls it a "gasifer." It is attached to the engine between the intake manifold and the carburetor and utilizes the heat from the exhaust to bring the fuel to the exploding point. The construction of the "gasifer" remains a secret. That it works successfully is testified by dozens of motorists in this city.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Clinton county expects to reduce her bonded indebtedness by \$20,000 this year, having all the money she needs for current expenses and a surplus.

A. R. Rathmill, a retired druggist who lives on a farm near Somerset, has a pet hawk which keeps chickens and other undesirable out of the owner's garden.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the state game commission, is responsible for the announcement that there will be an abundance of quail in Pennsylvania this autumn.

An intoxicated individual residing in Lock Haven, who made his couch in the open, discovered upon awakening that some needy brother had appropriated his shoes while he slumbered.

Citizens of Downingtown have contributed sufficient funds to return to their homes three young girls of Norfolk, who were found in a freight car at the former place, "beating" their way.

Dead fish lying along the shores of McElhattan run, in Clinton county, give color to the impression that illegal fishing is going on and are regarded as a menace to the health of the people of Lock Haven.

John Demiak, aged 19, an employe of the Cambria company's Bessemer steel works, was caught under an elevator and crushed to death while he lay on the floor of the mill throwing mud balls at a fellow employe.

Attorney Thomas J. Hell, of Cambria county, who embezzled some money belonging to a loan association was taken to the western penitentiary on Monday to serve a term of twenty-two to twenty-four months.

A fawn wandered in the orchard at the Noyes home, Westport, Clinton county, a few days ago and remained there for several hours, seemingly well-contented. Many of the village residents paid it the compliment of a visit.

Taxidermist Charles H. Eldon, of New Bloomfield and Newport, found a pocket-book and over \$60 in money. It was discovered later on that the money belonged to George Page, whose home is near New Bloomfield, and it was handed to him.

Clearefield has asked the Public Service Commission for permission to purchase the water plant of the Clearefield Water Co., the action coming after a petition from six hundred citizens of that borough had been presented to the town council.

Former Councilman James A. L. Minor, of Williamsport, ate a late dinner Saturday afternoon and was apparently in his usual health, when he was suddenly seized by an attack of acute indigestion, dying in a few minutes. He was aged 57 years.

The thirtieth annual session of the Bigler camp-meeting will begin next Friday and will continue for ten days. A strong force of ministers and other Christian workers will be present. Dr. E. H. Yocum, of Bellefonte, to be one of the preachers on Sunday.

Leaning over a gas well last Sunday morning and inhaling the fumes, Elton Burket, of Cool Springs, Jefferson county, was asphyxiated. The boy accompanied a couple of workmen to the well and these men found his body at a later hour lying by the side of the well.

During the progress of a drunken brawl in an Italian boarding house at Colver, Cambria county, early Sunday morning, Alex Graneski was shot through the left eye and will probably die. Ignatz Fouchel was shot through the back and lungs. Six suspects have been lodged in jail at Ebensburg.

H. E. Bodine, secretary of the Clearfield Chamber of Commerce, who was offered the position of manager of the Altoona Chamber, to succeed George H. Mosser, resigned, has notified the Altoona body that he will not accept the place, having already decided to accept a similar position at Washington, Pa.

During a heavy thunder shower, Elias Snyder, a Perry county farmer who was on his way to New Germantown, took shelter in the red bridge near the latter place. A bolt of lightning struck the metal roofing of the bridge and knocked Snyder insensible. Later on he recovered. The bridge was badly damaged.

Clarence W. Lanning, of Kane, when turned down by the army officers because of a physical defect, underwent an operation that corrected it and spent three or four weeks in a hospital, only to have his plans for rejoining his company nipped by his grandmother who informed the recruiting officers that he was only 16 years old.

The Central Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church recently purchased the former homestead of the late Effi Siffer, at Lewisburg, consisting of a mansion and 190 acres of land. Last Friday the home, which is intended for the benefit of aged people and orphans of the Central Pennsylvania conference, was opened with appropriate services.

As the result of lightning striking the home of Alex Anderson, of Brockwayville, Jefferson county, Wallace Anderson, aged five years, is dead and his brother Oscar, aged sixteen, was badly hurt. The boys and their ten-year-old sister, Annie, were standing at an attic window when an electric bolt struck the building, with the tragic result above stated. The little girl was not badly injured.

While working on the transmission line running from Philipsburg to Clearfield, Kenneth C. Wills, an employe of the Penn Public Service company, was electrocuted about eleven o'clock Sunday night. The accident occurred when one end of a chain with which he was working, fell onto the high voltage line, sending 2200 volts of electricity through his body, causing his immediate death.

John Thompson Park, aged 71 years, of Marion County, Indiana county, a veteran of the Civil war, was electrocuted at his home early Monday evening. His house and barn are lighted by electricity. Undertaking to turn off the lights at the barn with a knife which he held in his hand came in contact with the switch, causing his almost instant death. He is survived by his wife and several children.

Sections of Somerset county were visited by a very severe hail storm last Thursday evening. Information from the Davidville, Soap Hollow and Woodstown regions say that hail fell for more than half an hour and some of the stones were as large as black walnuts. Hail thrashed out the oats as it stood in the stalks; cabbage plants were cut off. Many panes of glass were broken and the crops of some gardeners and farmers were entirely destroyed.

John Lafferty, aged 13, was standing on the porch of the cottage of his grandmother, John P. Lafferty, at Mt. Etna, Pa., last Thursday night when lightning struck a tree nearby. The boy's left shoe was knocked off, his stockings set afire, his trousers torn to ribbons and his abdomen seared. Splinters from the tree lacerated his neck, shoulders and back. He will recover. Mrs. John P. Lafferty, his grandmother, was also lacerated about the face and chest by the splinters.