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## RUMORS OF WAR

### MUTTERINGS OF WAR WITH THE BRITISH LION.

England Will Probably not Abide by the Decision in the Behring Sea Dispute.—What is Happening.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—War talk is again heard in Washington and, as usual, the naval officers are hoping that there may be something in it. It is not complimentary to the British government, which is pledged by formal treaty to abide by the decision of the arbitrators in the Behring Sea dispute, that so many people should be willing to believe that the massing of warships and troops in the Pacific indicates a disposition to dispute by force the decision of the arbitrators, should it be against England, as it is generally believed it will be, but the British government has upon more than one occasion in the past displayed some very queer ideas of the meaning of international honor. It has been suggested here that the talk about the English not accepting the decision is all originated by the English, for the purpose of influencing the arbitrators in their decision. If so it is a very foolish proceeding, certainly as far as the American arbitrators are concerned. One of them—Senator Morgan, of Alabama—has more than once expressed the belief that another war between the United States and England was inevitable, and that the sooner it came the better for this country.

Notwithstanding all the sentimental talk about the increasing brotherly relations between the great English speaking nations, no well informed man will deny that there is greater rivalry between the United States and Great Britain to day than ever before, and it is the rivalry of commercial traffic, which has drawn England into more waters than any other one thing. The commercial supremacy of the world lies between the two nations, and that either of them will surrender the field peaceably to the other is not probable. No man can mingle with the prominent and representative men from all sections of the country who come to Washington without becoming convinced that a war with England would be very popular, particularly if England should be the aggressor. Nothing would please the American people more than for England to refuse to abide by the decision of the Behring Sea arbitration. Such a course would justify war and the Americans would so accept it.

Secretary Herbert left Washington to day on the Dolphin, to make a visit of inspection to all of the Atlantic coast navy yards. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

A contest over the House doorkeeper-ship and Sergeant-at-arms is beginning to get quite spirited. Strong claims are being made by the friends of several candidates for both positions. There are also several candidates for postmaster of the house, but only one for the clerkship, and so far none for chaplain.

There are a number of democrats in the House who are in some particulars the peers of any men who ever served therein but if there is any one of them who possesses preeminently all the qualities of a good leader he is not known at this time. It may be because there are so many able democrats in the House that no one of them has distinguished himself above a score of his colleagues, thus making it appear that the party lacked a leader, such as Sam Randall or Orpheus Kerr was. Whatever the cause of this condition of affairs may be it offers a splendid opportunity to the new members to come to the front.

Representative Catchings, of Mississippi, who was a member of the committee on rules of the last house, and who will, it is generally believed, occupy a similar position in the next house, has arrived, and as he expects to stay a long time he brought his family along. Mr. Catchings has the same idea that most of the democrats who served in the last house have about the necessity for the adoption of a rule by the next house that will prevent a few men tying the house up whenever they are so inclined, and he agrees with Speaker Crisp in thinking that the proper way to do this is to adopt a rule giving the majority of the House the right to decide when a vote shall be taken upon any measure. That such a rule would expedite business cannot be doubted, and it would not be open to the objections raised against the obnoxious Reed rules, because it would place the authority for shutting off filibustering in the hands of a majority of the house, instead of the committee on rules, which was but another name for Reed in the last republican house. No democrat wishes to curtail full and free debate, but filibustering must be put down, or there will be no legislation by the house.

Secretary Morton is determined that the seeds sent out by the Department

of Agriculture shall be what they purport to be, both as to the name printed on the package and growing qualities, and in accordance with that determination he has issued an order directing that the sellers of seeds to the Department be required to guarantee both in all future purchases.

**Benefits the Land.**  
The farmers work never ceases. As soon as he houses one crop, he has to prepare for growing another. The farmer does a great deal of work without receiving a fair reward. This occurs sometimes because the ground does not contain fertility sufficient to produce a crop corresponding to his labor in cultivating it.

Dissolved South Carolina Rock has proven to be a cheap and beneficial assistant to the farmer. There are hundreds of farmers in Centre county, who are fully convinced, that notwithstanding the low price of wheat, they have been greatly benefitted—more than three times the cost of the Dissolved Rock in the present crop. They know this by making a comparison with their own crop, as compared with their neighbors, who did not use any South Carolina Rock. These facts invite your attention to the advertisement of McCalmont & Co., who have had long experience in buying and selling fertilizers; and they have the satisfaction of being able to produce the testimony of hundreds of the best farmers in Centre County, that this firm furnishes the highest grade of fertilizers at the least possible cost, which is the best of all reasons, that it is to the interest of all farmers to purchase this class of goods of them.

Wm. H. Bailey, of Ferguson township, purchased a McCormick Self Binding Harvester in June last. After the harvester was set up ready for work in the field, Mr. Bailey remarked: "If I had not purchased that Dissolved South Carolina Rock from you people last year, judging of other crops of wheat on which it was not used, I would not have any use for a binder this year."

**Your Home Paper.**  
Your local paper tells you when to go to church, to county court and to send your children to school or any where you want to go. It tells you who is dead, who is sick, who is married, who is born and many other things you would like to know. It calls attention to public enterprises, advocates the best laws and orders of the town. It records the marriage of your daughter, the death of your son, the illness of your wife, free of charge. It sets forth the advantages of your town and invites immigration and is the first to welcome new comers. Yet in spite of all these benefits, some people say that the home paper is not half as good as some other papers that have no interest in their business or success. The home paper is too often neglected by those who are benefitted by it.

**A Handsome Monument.**  
Gottlieb Strohmeier, the marble cutter, last week received a consignment from Italy which was a statue, which will form part of the monument to be erected by Mrs. William Luse, to the memory of her late departed husband and children who died last winter at Farmers Mills. The statue is several feet in height and represents a woman as Patience, sitting, resting the head on the hand, and with the other holding a wreath. The statue is of the finest work, and was done in Italy.

The monument will be erected in the cemetery at Farmers Mills, where Mrs. Luse's family is interred. The statue will stand upon several large pieces of granite forming the pedestal.

**Lock Haven Market.**  
Last week's Lock Haven curb market ran as follows: Butter, 18 to 20 cents per pound; eggs, 16 to 18 cents per dozen; spring chickens, 50 to 60 cents per pair; potatoes, 80 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; string beans, 30 cents per peck; peas in pods, 30 cents per peck; shelled peas, 15 to 18 cents per quart; cherries, 4 cents per quart; raspberries, 8 to 10 cents per quart; onions, radishes and turnips, 5 cents per bunch; cabbage, 5 to 12 cents per head; lettuce, 2 to 5 cents per head; huckleberries, 10 to 20 cents per quart.

**Then He Reformed.**  
A Lewisburg man came home drunk and began abusing his family. One of his children was thrown against the stove and was badly burned about the face, which will cause scars that will remain during life. One good thing, however, resulted from the accident. The man has reformed.

**Died at Howard.**  
Mrs. Elizabeth Meese, mother of Mr. John Meese, the merchant of Bellefonte, died on Monday at her home at Howard, at the advanced age of about eighty years.

## THE FATAL SUMMONS.

### Mrs. Sarah Harpster Breathes Her Last Tuesday Evening.

On Tuesday evening, a few minutes past nine o'clock, Mrs. Sarah Harpster quietly and peacefully breathed her last, and her soul was ushered into the dim future whence none returneth, after an illness of not quite two weeks.

On Wednesday noon, 5th, while sitting at dinner she received a paralytic stroke which affected her left side, and it was followed the next morning by another which left her almost helpless. Her speech was affected and she had lost almost entire control of the muscles of her left side. With careful treatment she gradually grew better and her condition improved, so much so that her friends had hopes for her recovery. Last Saturday she was feeling considerably better, when about two o'clock in the afternoon she received a third stroke, which rendered her unconscious, in which condition she remained until death set in on Tuesday evening. She passed away gently and quietly. No struggle, the breath of life simply ceased and her soul had fled. Everything possible was done to relieve the afflicted lady, but medical science and skill was of no avail.

She was a widowed lady, her husband, Mr. Samuel Harpster, having died some years ago. She was the mother of two sons, Will and John, both located at Freeport, Ill., and was aged about 58 years. She was a member of the Lutheran church and was a regular attendant at all the services of the church, and was connected with its various societies and religious organizations. The funeral will take place this Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from her late residence, and her remains will be interred in Centre Hall cemetery by the side of her late husband.

### Doing Good Work.

Rev. C. W. Rishel, late pastor on the Morrisdale charge, now on the Ansonville circuit, is doing good work in his new field of labor and is very much pleased with the people and the locality. He is engaged in building three new churches and a parsonage on the circuit, the latter at Mahaffey and the churches at Berwindsale, Bower and Gazzam. The church at Berwindsale is about completed, and will be dedicated in three weeks. He informs us that the money for these improvements is nearly all raised, which is certainly a very creditable showing. The Reverend is located at Ansonville, but as soon as the new parsonage is completed will move to Mahaffey. Thirty two probationers were recently admitted, and others are to be received, and the future is very bright for successful work.—*Phillipsburg Journal.*

### How to Remove Rust Spots.

To remove rust from nickel plate, grease the rust stains with oil, and after a few days rub thoroughly with a cloth moistened with ammonia. If any spots still remain, remove them with diluted hydrochloric acid and polish with tripoli.

Rust spots may be removed from highly polished cutlery without injury to the surface by cleaning the article with a mixture of ten parts of tin putty, eight of prepared buckhorn, and twenty-five of alcohol, and then rubbing with blotting paper.

To keep silverware bright without constant rubbing, which is injurious to plated articles, dissolve a small handful of borax in a pan of hot water, with a little soap; put the silver in and let it remain for an hour or so, then pour off the suds, rinse with clear, cold water and wipe with a soft cloth.

### Marriage Licenses

Following is the list of marriage licenses granted the past week:

Charles Stranburg, and Cathrine Harker, Altoona, Pa.  
John G. Huss and Mary M. Shreckengast, of Linden Hall.  
William R. Comer and Viola B. Chatman, Trimble county, Ohio.  
John G. Brown and Jane Summerville, Phillipsburg.

WEST VIRGINIA reports having a volcano, as smoke is rising from a high hill five miles from Weston. Haines township, in this county, some 20 years ago reported having a volcano in the Narrows beyond Woodward—it was all smoke too—perhaps the Haines township spouter has gone to West Virginia. A volcano is a big thing and not every locality can have one.

FOR THE first time in the history of the trade every plate glass factory in the United States is closed and that indefinitely. Fully ten thousand men are idle as a result. The depression is attributed to three elements—overproduction, a tight money market and the arbitrary method of the plate glass trust.

## THE WOMEN RULE

### A KANSAS TOWN RULED BY THE FEMALES.

The Women Not Even Content With the Split Pelticoat.—The Sterner Sex Shiftless but Must Work.

There is one town in Kansas that, having had a woman for mayor, was willing to make a second trial, or at least was willing to accept as final the wishes of the women of the municipality. Mrs. Barnes was elected without much opposition, Mayor of Geuda Springs, in Cowley county. As its name indicates, Geuda Springs is a laundry town to which the afflicted and the dirty of the adjoining towns resort when they desire to try the virtues of a bath. Without the springs and their supposed mineral qualities there never would have been a town in that particular locality. There is one hotel and the skeletons of two others which are fitted up every summer as soon as the bathing season begins. It is due to the energy of women that this is done, for whenever men have tried to make any improvements or progress they have failed.

Geuda Springs is essentially a woman's town, kept alive by the business qualifications that lead the fair ones to fit up boarding houses and then fill them up with the inhabitants of other places who have no bathing facilities at home. There is a lake, made by constructing dams across the little creek that runs above the town. This is semi-annually washed out, and the dam remains a ruin until the women compel their husbands, or other men dependent upon them to turn out with picks and shovels to repair it. The fact is there is no work there for men except in subordinate positions and those who remain there become as much like old women as it is possible for men to become.

The streets in the village are as much like country lanes as streets can be made. The sidewalks were until last year mere paths in the centre of the streets in dry weather, while in wet weather communication was practically suspended. The women rebelled at such shiftlessness and resolved to take things in their own hands, especially as they paid nearly all the taxes. A woman was elected mayor, and immediately, over the protests of the sterner sex, improvements were begun and sidewalks—real board sidewalks—were laid.

The first ones to benefit by this improvement were the men who had protested. They very soon recognized their utility, for there had never been such comfortable loafing places. On any sunny day or cool summer evening, groups of men, little groups, it is true, might be seen congregated in spots on these new boardwalks, settling in earnest discussion national questions, especially finance; for Geuda Springs is one of the reform; town so far as the men are concerned.

As there was a woman council it was not long before the rights of the real governing class were infringed upon, for a "city ordinance" soon took from them the right to obstruct the walks between certain hours, those hours being when the women desired to shop or visit. When they remonstrated they were informed they could submit, go to work or go to Oklahoma. They choose the first, for either of the latter involved a dreaded occupation, that of self support.

There was a little disposition among the men this spring to return to the old order of things, but they were soon squelched in their own homes or at their boarding houses, so that when the contest was made at the city election the women were allowed to have their own way without interference. Mrs. Barnes, the new mayor, is one of the most energetic women of the town and if anybody can scrape the moss from fossils she is the person. If she falls the town will return to its old status as a country cross roads, in spite of the springs and the wash house that has been erected beside Lake Juanita.

THE GOLD reserve is gradually getting back to its full amount of \$100,000,000 as a result of the slight improvement in the financial situation. Saturday it was \$98,405,366 a gain of \$26,997 over Friday.

There is a general concurrence among officials of the treasury department that the financial situation has improved and continues to improve. With all crops good besides, we see no cause for fear of hard times or starvation.

### Absent by Order of Presbytery.

Rev. H. C. Baskerville will not fill his usual appointments next Sunday at Centre Hall and Spring Mills, but will be absent by direction of Presbytery in order to supply the Lick Run and Hubbersburg churches. His other appointments will continue unchanged.

## DEATH AT BUFFALO RUN.

### Mrs. Nancy Hunter Dies on Friday Morning Last.

Mrs. Nancy Hunter, widow of the late Benjamin Hunter, died Friday morning at seven o'clock at the country residence which is located along the Buffalo Run road, about five miles from Bellefonte. In the spring Mrs. Hunter had a stroke of apoplexy but in course of time she became better and was able to walk about but could not attend to the duties of the house as was her custom. One evening, about three weeks ago, she again became very ill, and it was thought that she could not live. She, however, rallied and, in course of ten days was able to sit up in bed and converse with her friends. Friday morning about 5 o'clock, she took a sinking spell and at 7 o'clock she was called into the Celestial city to be forever with the Lord.

As stated, she was the widow of Benjamin Hunter, who preceded his wife to the grave about five years ago. He was quite a prominent man in Centre county and had hosts of friends.

Mrs. Hunter's maiden name was Miss Nancy Corl. After they were married a very nice family was the result of this happy union. Among the children living are Robert Hunter, of Bellefonte, the efficient clerk in the County Commissioner's office; Dorsey, Austin, Craig and Miss Nannie all at home. Rachael is married to Robert Henderson and lives not very far from the homestead. The deceased leaves two brothers and one sister which are as follows: Joseph Corl, of Winnebago, Ill., Robert Corl, of Linden Hall and Mrs. William Foster, of State College.

The deceased was a good woman and lived an honest, christian life, being a member of the Presbyterian church. She has many warm friends who will be sorry and grieved to hear of her death. Her age was 59 years.—*Gazette.*

### New Law of Postal Cards.

It is a mistake to suppose that any card with handwriting upon it bearing a one cent stamp can be lawfully transmitted by mail as if it were an official postal card. The first paragraph of the 273d section of the postal law and regulations runs thus: "Postal cards cannot be issued by private parties. All cards other than those issued by the department, containing any writing are subject to letter postage; but if cards contain printed matter only, so as to constitute a circular, but one cent is required on each of them."

When this regulation is not properly complied with, there is very sure to be a tedious delay in the transmission of the card by the postoffice department.

### Will Take the Air Route.

John Evans who resided in Springfield, Coal township, says the *Sunbury Daily*, has invented an air ship and will make his first ascension in the latter part of August, and says he will start from the fair grounds at weigh scales. The destination of this trip will be Chicago and he fully expects to startle the world's fair people by dropping down on them from the clouds. If his first trip is successful he will attempt to cross the Atlantic ocean and visit the country of his father, Wales. Evans is about 25 years of age, and is a lineman on the Shamokin electric street railway. He has been working on his air ship for five years. The ship will be propelled by gas and will weigh 400 pounds. The car will accommodate two persons.

### Juniata Valley Camp Meeting.

The beautiful grounds of the Juniata Valley Camp-meeting Association, located at Newton Hamilton, will be open to tentholders Aug. 1, but camp-meeting services will not begin before the 8th, to continue ten days. The religious exercises will be in charge of Rev. A. S. Baldwin, of Muncy, Pa., assisted by an efficient ministerial force.

A post office, book store, news stand, commissary, restaurant, hotel and other accommodations are on the grounds.

BUSINESS prospects the country over are improving. The fact that the free gold in the treasury is rising \$98,000,000 shows public confidence in the good intentions of the coming congress and in the Cleveland administration. It also indicates the wisdom of Secretary Carlisle in not listening to the clamor from Wall street for an issue of government bonds in order to purchase gold for which the treasury has no need.

### Lutheran Picnic.

The Lutheran Sunday School has decided to hold a picnic on Thursday next, 27th, in Harper's woods, about one and one-half miles east of town. Every one is invited to attend, whether connected with the school or not.

### Celery Plants for Sale.

1000 celery plants for sale by Mrs. Moses Richard, Centre Hall.

## Duping old Soldiers.

Henry Dauberman, who passed as a government detective, was arrested near Harrisburg last Saturday for defrauding old soldiers.

Dauberman's plan of operation was a shrewd one. He had in some manner at Washington secured the names of pensioners who live in that section of the state. Then he went there about two or three months ago and set to work. His scheme was to call upon an old soldier who was down on the list as a pensioner and inform him that he was a government official from Washington with a warrant for his arrest.

The warrant, which was well gotten up, was for the pensioner's arrest on the charge of fraudulently obtaining money from the government by pretending to have wounds or ailments contracted while in the civil war. This would generally scare the old soldiers who would try to get out of it. Then seeing his advantage the fake detective offered to destroy the warrant or hush it up for \$100 or \$200. The money was usually forthcoming as the person was only too glad of the opportunity to get out of the scrape.

In this way Dauberman is believed to have made from \$50 to \$200 in each instance by using a little nerve. He is alleged to have defrauded a large number of people and invariably told them to say nothing about it as it might leak out and they would have to stand trial for fraudulently obtaining money.

### The Fair Making Money.

A net balance of \$1,127,418 profit is the fair's record for May and June, according to Auditor Ackerman's official statement to the fair directors. The receipts from ticket sales, concessions and other sources since July 1 have been over \$1,000,000, and a large reduction in the floating debt has been made since that time.

According to the statement, the total gate receipts were \$2,121,661, including \$282,440 received prior to May 1. The total expenditures to June 30 were \$20,610,160. Of this amount \$16,456,663 is charged to construction. His estimates, however, put the operating expenses for May at \$609,884, and receipts at \$716,403. During June the estimated receipts will be \$1,600,820, and expenses \$642,921.

### Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood.—Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial fevers.—For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters.—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50 cts. and \$1.00 per bottle at J. D. Murray's Drugstore.

### Sudden Death.

A dispatch received by Dr. J. F. Harter, of Millheim, on the 12th, conveyed the sad news of the sudden death of his sister, Miss Lillie Harter, which occurred at Glenn Union, Clinton county, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The direct cause of her death is not known at this writing, but, in a letter to her sister, Mrs. Wm. Miller, dated a few days back, she says that she received a serious injury to one of her limbs which caused it to swell very much and that she suffered intense pain. From this information her friends here are inclined to believe that she died from blood poisoning. Her age was 42 years, 7 months and 5 days.—*Millheim Journal.*

### Speaking of the fire at the World's Fair.

The New York *Sun* says: It was a narrow escape. Had the wind been from another quarter, it would not have taken more than an hour to obliterate every building in Jackson Park. The Transportation building, the Horticultural, the Mining, the Agricultural, the Administration, the Manufactures and Liberal Arts, the Women's, even the Art Gallery, to say nothing of the interminable quantity of intermediate fuel, all would have gone.

Never were structures more inflammable than are those at the World's Fair. They are of wood, so disposed that it offers the least conceivable resistance to combustion.

### Closed Them Up.

The law and order society at Phillipsburg prohibits the sale of cigars or soda water on the Sabbath. They should get after the hotel men and indict them for furnishing meals to travelers on Sunday.