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When Judge Day goes to Cuba you will be able to see in its most illustrious sheen the thing known in diplomacy as the Spanish "jolly."

A Warning.

The defeat in committee Tuesday of the bills prohibiting undue interference by municipal employes with primary and general elections and conventions, and forbidding political assessments, exposes the Republican party in Pennsylvania to charges of insincerity, and will inevitably embarrass the defense of the party's next state ticket.

War Possibilities.

The opinions of foremost diplomats in Washington as to the Turco-Grecian war are certainly interesting at this time. According to William E. Curtis, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, they are almost unanimous in agreeing that the conflict now in Southwestern Europe will end with the dismemberment of the Turkish empire.

A Short Talk with Business Men.

An interview with J. M. Munyon, the Philadelphia patent medicine man, printed yesterday in the Press of that city, mentions the fact that the concern of which he is the originator and head—and which, in five years, during the thick of the hard times, has cleared \$5,000,000—spends \$400,000 a year in newspaper advertising.

A Growing Problem.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. Taking the entire country into consideration, the percentage of prisoners of the foreign element in 1890 was 56.81, and of all the prisoners in the country in that year 84.4 per cent were of foreign extraction.

Causes of the War.

From the Pittsburgh Times. Why are the Greeks and Turks shooting each other, and why is Europe fermenting, and the questions that a good many people are asking, now that the peace of Europe has been disturbed for almost the first time in a generation.

Refuge cannot be taken by them in the excuse that factional dissension was to blame. No matter what the motives behind the scenes, the fact cannot be overlooked that pledges of reform were solemnly made by two state conventions, and that the breaking of these pledges will disgust and possibly alienate large numbers of citizens who have heretofore cast their ballots for Republican nominees.

If legislation in Pennsylvania has to assume permanently the level of a battledore and shuttlecock arrangement between suspicious factions, each bent on no higher purpose than ripping its rival up the back, the people can hardly be blamed for expressing their dissent. We hope for the party's sake that this gathering storm will burst with discrimination, and that the teachings of the past lend small encouragement to such a hope.

The bills of Senator Penrose to pension the two unmarried daughters of General Meade, who are living in Philadelphia in straitened circumstances, and to appoint to and retire from the regular service, with captain's pay, General David McMurtre Greig, of Reading, who is also reduced in income, will have the good effect, in support of the public, that the people should care for those and for the dependents of those who, in its time of need, unselfishly cared for it.

Free Kindergartens.

The passage of the bill of Senator Vaughan authorizing school controllers to establish and maintain out of the public treasury free kindergartens for children between the ages of three and six years adds a desirable feature to our common school system. The desirability, indeed the necessity, of kindergarten instruction is now so thoroughly recognized that it is unnecessary to add to the offer of argument in its support.

The only word of warning needed in this connection must be addressed to the school controllers. While it is the community's wish to have an amplification of the kindergarten system there will be need of prudence in the expenditure of funds for this purpose when once it is begun. We have had an illustration recently of the dilemma into which careless financing can plunge the city's educational system.

The Case of Gentry.

The action of the board of pardons in recommending the commuting to life imprisonment of the death sentence passed on James H. Gentry for the murder of his sweetheart, Madeline York, has excited varied comment. That of the Philadelphia Record is the furthest away from justice. "While Gentry shall live," it says, "there will be no particular use for the gallows in Pennsylvania, no matter as to the manner of the butcheries which our laws are intended to punish and prevent."

And yet, as the Record itself admits, the jurors who convicted Gentry, forty out of the fifty state senators, ninety two out of the two hundred and four state representatives, sixty-six out of the one hundred and thirty-three members of the Philadelphia Common Council, and the Pennsylvania Prison society (the first time in its hundred and ten years of existence in which it had asked for clemency in a case of this character—) all petitioned the board of pardons in his behalf. It is impossible to see how the board could have ignored a representation so commanding—especially when it took into account the peculiar circumstances of the crime.

Let Gentry be kept in confinement if you will; let society thus guard itself against a possible recurrence of his dangerous spell. But don't think that the gallows for crimes like his can ever be anything but a ghastly testimony to the antiquity and barbarity of our criminal code.

The fact that the national bank note circulation of the country is contracting at the rate of \$69,000 a week and that idle sums on deposit continue to increase ought to warn the senate to hurry up the tariff bill. If that is going to restore prosperity let us give it an early chance.

There is one thing for Turkey to whip the life out of Greece, according to military statistics, and quite another to do it on the battlefield, as we think results will soon prove. Now that war is actually on there is no knowing where it will end. Greece will represent in her battles the combined hatred of Europe against the Turk and his practices. Numerically she is inferior to Turkey, and the contest seems an unequal one.

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It was most inconsiderate in Philadelphia's board of trade to endorse the Dingley bill the very day after Colonel McClure had elaborated the theory that Dingley's bill was a special swipe at Philadelphia.

From the Springfield Republican. The English are literally forced to have a navy large enough to prevent the blockade of her coasts by any possible combination of powers because the source of her food supply is mainly in other lands. But the United States could be hermetically sealed from the rest of the world and could live in comfort so far as food is concerned.

In consequence of this attitude Turkey has of late been allowed to misbehave herself without being seriously called to book. The recent horrible massacres of Armenian Christians in her dominions have aroused the temper of Christendom to an unusual degree, but several feeble protests nothing has been done, and nothing would have been done had not Greece stepped into the arena. Greece was formerly a province of Turkey and achieved her independence in 1832. She has felt

all the tenacity of Turkish oppression and misrule. She has many grievances against her former oppressors, and her people have long nursed their wrath. They are intensely patriotic. They have felt cramped and starved for the reason that when they achieved their independence, the intervention of the powers, much of the territory that really belonged to Greece and which is inhabited by Greek people was not included in the cession, but still remains under the rule of Turkey.

A portion of the navy and army of Greece was sent to the island and it was taken possession of. Previous to this action the Greek premier thus expressed himself: "The situation which has arisen at the present state of things in Crete. The impression made by the recent massacres, devastations and plunder has created a public opinion which cannot be overlooked by the Greek government. We cannot always act as guardians to Turkey and endeavor to suppress the sentiments of our brethren by postponing indefinitely the fulfillment of their most cherished aspirations."

There is a lesson in this example for business men in Scranton. They complain of dull times, but are they not to some extent guilty of dulling the times? Times are just as dull in the communities that Munyon reaches as they are here—perhaps on the average more so. But Munyon declines to let that interfere with his business. He knows that in a country as rich as ours is, there is bound to be sufficient money to transact necessary trade. Therefore he undertakes, by judicious, energetic and effective advertising, to make his trade necessary. He not only thinks he has a good thing at a fair price, but he imparts this "think" to others. That method of doing things has made him rich; still, he holds no patent on it.

What a field there is for this kind of capitalized brain-work in Scranton!

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