

BIGELOW DESCRIBES SCENES OF WAR TIME

Returns From Berlin After Stay There
During First Days of Conflict—
Carl Stahl, Sr., Returns.

James D. Bigelow, a well known real estate dealer of this city, has just returned, with Mrs. Bigelow, from a six weeks' stay in Berlin, and he has many interesting things to say in regard to conditions in that city during the first few weeks of the war. Mr. Bigelow landed at Hamburg, Germany, July 31, and went directly to Berlin, where he remained until the middle of September. The vessel which carried him was one of the last to land at Hamburg, and the train he took to Berlin was the last to run on anything like schedule time. Mr. Bigelow made the trip from Hamburg to Berlin in three and one-half hours, and the next train to make the trip required fourteen hours, owing to the fact that the movement of troops had begun.

Speaking of conditions at the time war was declared and during the next few weeks, Mr. Bigelow said:

Living Cost Lower.
"On Saturday and Sunday, August 1 and 2, just at the time that war was declared, the dealers in Berlin refused to take paper money, and demanded gold or silver. On Monday the government issued a notice that paper money was as good as gold or silver, and that anyone who refused to accept it at its face value would be prosecuted. A schedule of food prices was also published Monday and has been maintained until the present time. Food is as cheap as it was before the war and in many cases cheaper, and the cost of living in Berlin today is one-third cheaper than it is in New York city.

"After Monday, August 3, there were no trains running except for the transportation of troops, and for the first two weeks following the declaration of war no person was allowed to leave Germany. At the present time the street car and local train service is reduced one-half, owing to the fact that many of the operators have gone to the front, but they are taking care of the transportation question in good shape. In some instances women have been employed as conductors on the street cars. The train service is rapidly resuming its normal condition, but all trains are subject to interruption, if they are needed for the moving of troops.

"The newspapers are being published three times a day and if there are any important messages received they publish an extra. If news of a German victory is received they immediately issue bulletins containing the news, and these are distributed from automobiles, free of charge.

"I was in Berlin at the time of the celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Sedan, and the occasion was marked by much enthusiasm and a large parade. The parade was more than three hours in passing. In it were cannons captured from the Russians, horses captured from the Russians, and many wounded German soldiers who had been sent back from the front, but were still able to march. The gathering for this parade was the largest crowd of people that I ever saw at one time. The streets were so packed that even the mounted police were unable to move their horses. "Every man in Germany seems in favor of every move made by the government, and the patriotism shown by the people is wonderful. No one is complaining except those who are unable to go, and I know of three men that committed suicide because they were not accepted in the army.

Americans Well Treated.
"The Americans in Germany were very well treated, the people even going out of their way to be of assistance to them, and the mayor of Berlin gave up his country home in order that it might be used to shelter Americans who were homeless. The Americans were asked to wear small American flags in order that they might not be mistaken for Englishmen. The newspapers of the country asked the people to be kind to the Americans and to give them any possible assistance, and the entire population united in doing this.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stahl, Sr., also returned last week from Europe, where they had been for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl were met in New York by Mr. and Mrs. Camille C. Urban and son, Carl, of South Seventh street.

MEET AFTER 27 YEARS.

After twenty-seven years of separation, Mrs. M. A. Burger, of 1428 North Tenth street, will leave today for Rando, Ark., where she will meet her brother, John Noland. Mrs. Burger and her brother were separated when they lived in Indiana. They have married since their separation, but they have never met during the lapse of more than a quarter of a century. Although Mrs. Burger has been west several times, she has failed to visit Rando. Mrs. Burger will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Lesser, of Evansville, Ind.

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Hard Times?---Huh!



WABASH VALLEY CORN.

When J. C. Gaunt, the architect, isn't architecting, or words to that effect, he looks after a farm he owns over in Putnam county. Saturday he brought in some of the prize corn raised on the farm. The ears measured from thirteen to fourteen and one-half inches and nine of them weighed twenty-four pounds. Any Vingo farmer got any bigger corn?

WASHINGTON SIDE-LIGHTS

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fact that he helps to fan the fires of prejudice which give promise of forcing a war with Japan sooner or later. Of course Mann knows that the speech he made, voicing the sentiment of a great party, would be given much significance by the Japanese ambassador in Washington; knows that the substance of that speech declaring war inevitable at some time was cabled by the Japanese ambassador to the home government at Tokio; knows that the Japanese newspapers will get the news and use it for demagogic purposes. But Mann evidently does not care if war comes so long as the republican brethren can get back to the pie counter. The whole thing is infamous. Taken in connection with the bellicose utterances of Roosevelt, the American people have all the more occasion to congratulate themselves upon the fact that at this critical juncture we have men like Wilson and Bryan, pilots of peace, at the helm of state. Otherwise Heaven only knows how we would escape participation in the screaming tragedy of death, disaster and disgrace across the sea.

Stanley's Rejoinder.

It was in reply to Mann's remarkable outburst of war spirit that Congressman Stanley, of Kentucky, one of the few finished orators of genius in the house, made his great speech. Stanley is not unknown in Terre Haute. He will be remembered for two splendid speeches there—one laying the cornerstone of the Elks' building, and the other in the campaign of '08 at which time he remarked that '08 would be afraid to hit a jack ass in the head for fear of making Alice a widow.' He is a remarkable man. His eloquence is as natural as the sunrise. The right word comes to him by inspiration. Graphic pictures rush upon him more rapidly than he can pass them on to the audience. His mobile features, his wonderfully eloquent and expressive eye, his wonderful voice expressive of every feeling known to the heart, make him one of the few men in Washington worth going quite a ways to hear. With infinite scorn he replied to Mann's sordid argument that trade wars must be succeeded by bloody battle fields when he said:

"The spectacle of dominions, torn and seamed by trenches red with blood and filled with the bodies of hundreds of thousands of mangled men, is of itself a sufficient condemnation for all future time of the crime—the fore-ordained, cold-blooded policy of deliberately transforming the marts of trade into shambles of slaughter."

And to Mann's abhorrent glorification of colonialism against which the Americans revolted in 1776 he said:

"I deny that we are prepared now to devote our youth to slaughter in foreign lands. The gentleman may read of the Hindu, the South African and the Egyptian soldier now in the trenches of Belgium and France, may dilate upon the virtues of semi-savage mercenaries who make the slaughter of their kind their bloody professions, but the people will not forget the Transvaal, will not forget the Sepoy rebellion, will not forget the day of the East India company and of Warren Hastings, will not forget Sedan, will not forget that the price Great Britain pays for the enforced maintenance of her flag around the world is the blood of her best and bravest sons."

And in response to Mann's infamous proposition that we must have war with Japan Stanley replied with splendid eloquence:

"The gentleman from Illinois imagines that the sky he sees incarnadined with the blood of American citizens is lighted by the rays of a rising sun. It is not the dawn, it is the dying of a day, thank God, forever past. If the gentleman will study the wise policies of that great and patient man who now directs the destiny of democracy he will see the dawn of a better day, a time when universal justice and the dissemination of peace instead of war, of liberty and not of tyranny, shall be the noble aim of a great republic. He will see an attempt to make men love us because we are just as well as strong, not an effort to manacle them to our hearts or to pinion them with a bayonet to a hated standard. We will

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One Unneutral Citizen.

This debate has been referred to thus at length because the views of Mann and those of Stanley represent so perfectly the views of the opposition and the government of Woodrow Wilson. Were Roosevelt president today he would not only be at war with Mexico today, but we would most probably be slaughtering our boys in the trenches of European battle fields, and judging from the bellicose remarks of Mann, it would be about as bad were the republicans in power.

Appropos of Roosevelt much comment has been created in the capital by the remarkable action of Roosevelt in ignoring the president's appeal to all patriotic American citizens to maintain a strict neutrality and to keep their mouths shut. It is almost inconceivable that a former president, under such circumstances, should rush into the press with long-winded articles on the European war. The very first of these Roosevelt articles, in which he undertakes to instruct the veteran warriors in Europe in the science of war, has been embarrassing in that the Germans have taken offense and the English press is quoting Roosevelt's words as indicative of American sympathy with the allies. Compare the methods of Wilson and Roosevelt toward the Belgians. Wilson received them, extended every possible courtesy, sent them away happy and satisfied, and without the utterance of a syllable to which the Germans could take exception; Roosevelt in utter disregard of propriety writes articles in their behalf that embitter the German nation. Just imagine what would happen were Teddy president today.

Penrose Scandal.

The senatorial fight in Pennsylvania is waxing exceedingly hot and this fact within itself is promising though almost unbelievable. The Keystone state gave a majority of 500,000 to the republicans a few years ago. Such being the case it is difficult for the man up a tree to understand how there can possibly be any doubt about the re-election of the Boies Penrose, the head of the machine in that state. And yet there are men who think it possible. That Penrose himself does not think it impossible is clearly evident in the extraordinary efforts he is making this year to get back. He has scarcely been in his seat in the senate in six months. Perhaps three or four times. And these times were only when a vote was to be taken affecting the special interests. He has hurried to Washington to record his vote for the interests and hurried back again.

Now that it is almost certain that sooner or later there will be an investigation of the character of campaign he

is waging some interesting light has been thrown on the contest in which he is engaged. It is the common talk about Washington that his campaign fund surpasses anything ever before thought of in American politics. One politician from his state said this week that in his opinion the Penrose people will have at least half a million dollars in excess of what they can possibly use. In the raising and expending of this frightful slush fund the Penrose people are brazenly and continuously violating the law both of the state and nation. For example Penrose filed a statement of the expenses of his primary with the senate in accordance with the law and he had the effrontery to place the amount at but \$1,800. The Penrose campaign of corruption and lawlessness centers about two organizations

Dodging the Law.

One of these, the most vicious, is known as the Pennsylvania Protective league. This pretends to be a permanent non-political organization perfected for the sole purpose of advocating the protective principle. This is done to the end that this organization may expend money lavishly and without accounting for the expenditure or being amenable to the law. If it were a campaign committee it would have to make an accounting. That it is a Penrose campaign committee and nothing more is notorious. It was not organized until in the early winter of this year. The head of the organization is a man named Chester Hill, a henchman of Penrose, who frankly told parties in Washington that he is managing the Penrose campaign. This organization is of a character to startle the American people. It embraces now the heads of practically all the protected interests of the Keystone state, every factory, bank and so forth on down the line of the favored interests is actually assessed ACCORDING TO THEIR CAPITAL STOCK. Such a brazen, impudent, treasonable conspiracy of the plutocracy to destroy popular government in a sovereign state is inconceivable—and yet that very thing exists in the Keystone state today. One of the charges made in Washington the other day was that through this assessment of the special interest corporations by capital stock, the city of Pittsburgh, alone, has contributed a quarter of a million to the Penrose corruption fund. If such a condition is to be permitted to exist, then popular government is not so much a failure as a farce.

With such a situation, the question naturally arises—is there the most remote possibility of defeating Penrose? If I had to bet I would bet that he cannot be defeated. The strange feature, however, is that the opponents of Penrose pretend to see good cause to hope and they are undoubtedly putting up a good fight. There are apparently thousands of anti-Penrose republicans and organizations of these republicans in the interest of Palmer are at work in every section of the state.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

strong republican paper, has come out for Palmer on the ground that the senatorial contest revolves less around an economic than a moral issue. Whatever the result, it will be worth following. No one who has been in position to see and hear the things I have seen and heard in connection with the situation in the state of Matt Quay can have any doubt about popular government being at stake in this commonwealth. The election of Penrose will mean that Pennsylvania is a barony of the middle ages and in no sense a self-governing people. But—and this is an interesting point—even should Penrose be elected, it seems hardly possible that the senate could accept

his credentials should the charges now being made be substantiated. It may be, therefore, that something of great value will result from a situation that now seems hopeless.

The other day—Monday—I saw a figure on the floor of the senate. The figure seemed familiar. I was certain I had seen it somewhere. After looking a few times it all flashed upon me—it was Penrose. He has been here so seldom—four or five times in six months—that I scarcely recalled him. But—and this question really seemed natural—but why was Penrose on the floor of the senate? I thought the fraction of a second. Ah, yes. There was to be a vote on the Clayton trust bill,

which was aimed at the combines and gave safeguards to labor. And then I knew.

OFFERED RING TOO CHEAPLY.

Fred Briggs is Arrested When He Tries to Sell Diamond.

Fred Briggs was arrested Saturday afternoon by Bicycleman Lloyd while trying to sell a diamond ring valued at \$180 to a pawnbroker for \$60. He was dressed in ragged clothes and could not give an account of where he got the ring to the officers at headquarters. Briggs will be held on a suspicion of larceny.

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