



Courieterettes.

IT'S deuced hard for the printers to remain at their machines instead of taking to machine guns when they're constantly changing the names of those war zone cities.

Some paper says the U. S. has a new Mexican policy. We did not know it had an old one.

Bryan cannot hope to get the German vote on a "peace and prohibition" platform. They want peace now, no doubt, but —

Mexico seems to be so busy fighting that she doesn't get time to eat.

German torpedoes make a lot of "mistakes," considering that the Teutons take pride in their scientific precision.

So long as the Vatican keeps its Swiss Guards it should be able to remain neutral.

An American Baptist journal excused the Lusitania murder. The editor must favor wholesale and total immersion.

The Huns have been shelling Dunkirk again. They seem to have an attraction for any town with a kirk in it.

When a woman weds it's a sure sign that some man's troubles are beginning.

President Chazaro of Mexico has issued a statement. We never knew there was such a chap. He slid into the presidential chair, probably, when nobody was watching.

Woman suffragists talk of marching from New York to Buffalo in silence. If the suffs do that they will deserve the vote.

France has now called her citizens of 200 pounds and over to the front. That should give the allies' line the needed weight.

We note in the American papers a lot of stuff about the Morgan-Converse wedding. Why not make it the "Money-Talks" nuptials?

A mountain near the Frisco Fair is in eruption for the hundredth time. The managers of the Panama Ex. are mighty men.

Life seems to be just one retreat after another for poor Pancho Villa these days.

No sooner does Uncle Sam get the Frank case out of the way than the Thaw case bobs up again.

**The Explanation.**—There's a man in California who says he is 100 years old and has never sworn. We are confident that he never struck his thumb with a hammer nor was forced to listen to one of Bryan's lectures.

**The Price of Flour.**—The price of flour is dropping. It was outrageous. Now it is just unreasonable.

**The Way It Works.**—The more stories they get going about the Ford car the more factories is Henry Ford enabled to build. The man who makes up those yarns is Ford's best friend.

**The Probability.**—Harry Thaw is now 45 years old. It is more than possible that his case may outlive him.

**The Usual Way.**—They were asking the weary mother how she was going to spend her holidays.

"Oh, pa'll get a summer cottage beside some lake, and I'll stay in the kitchen cooking the fish he catches

for the city folks who visit us to eat," she said.

#### Those Straw Hats.

The new straw hats, says Farmer Brown, seem silly things to him—With their two dollars' worth of crown And ten cents' worth of brim.

#### War Notes.

In the official reports there is no such word as "retreat." It is simply a "readjustment of our lines."

The Germans nearly blew up the Nebraskan. A little later on the other Nebraskan blew up—unaided.

The Teutons asked America for time to consider its demand. How much time did the torpedo give the Lusitania?

How can they talk of New York being defenceless when we read so much in the press about gunmen in Gotham?

It seems to be generally agreed now that Bryan's greatest service to his country was his resignation.

Von Bulow says he tried hard to bring Italy and Austria together. They're fairly close together now.

It is said that Germans stain their hands, faces and clothes green to hide in the trees. A sort of horti-kultur?

Reports say that Italian crowds shouted "Long live the war!" when Italy declared war. But they didn't just mean it that way.

The hesitation of those Balkan states for these many months makes it clear that somebody put a "balk" in the Balkans.

**It Pays.**—A farmer near Indianapolis, while plowing an extra deep furrow in his field, turned up a tin can containing 318 silver half dollars. Yes, boys, it pays to plow deep.

**Agreed.**—Dr. Wiley, the health and food authority, declares that woman's best profession is marriage. The fact that, like other professions, marriage has its failures does not prove the old doctor to be mistaken.

**The Lie-Detector.**—Prof. Munsterberg of Harvard has invented a machine to detect a lie. Fine. Now let the Teuton professor try it on the remarks and writings of himself and his fellow-countrymen in the colleges.

**A Sure Cure.**—We note in the news that a New Jersey man alleges the nagging of his wife to have caused him to lose 105 pounds in one year. Here's an idea for fat men. Marry a nagging woman. It will either kill or cure.

**Some Skipper.**—Miss Zenobia Leaster, of Baltimore, aged 80, boasts that she is able to use a skipping rope with ease. The rising generation must look to its laurels. There's no holding these people at the prime of life.

**It Doesn't Matter.**—It is said the second contingent of Canadians may go to the Dardanelles. Well, all roads lead to Berlin in this war.

**Reversed.**—That famous Russian steam roller was going full speed

ahead for a while, till something happened and the reverse lever was pulled.

**Supply and Demand.**—Two women in New York claim the same man as husband. Somehow, the demand for husbands always seems greater than the supply.

**Of Course He Is.**—Judge Elbert H. Gary says: "The mentally ablest men I know are between 55 and 65 years old."

And we are forced to the conclusion that the learned Judge's age, if looked up, would be found to be somewhere between 55 and 65.

**The Logic Of It.**—A liquor man in West Virginia offered to pay off the State debt of \$17,000,000 in ten years if he were given the sole right to sell liquor in the State. That offer may set West Virginians thinking that by cutting off the traffic they might themselves clear off the State debt and stay sober into the bargain.

**Sized Up.**—William Jennings Bryan says that international law is intended for war and not for peace. And we rise to remark that similarly Mr. Bryan seems to have been intended for speech and not for action.

**Health Hint.**—Never interfere with a woman who is beating her husband.

**The Recipe.**—It is easy to make people laugh—just let them say something funny.

**Collected.**  
The red-headed collector collected The powder mill rent as directed,  
But he paused there to scratch His head with a match—  
The collector was later collected.

**Ornamental.**—"I see that Smith has fitted his car with a new siren."  
"Yes; isn't she good-looking?"

**A Pressing Affair.**  
"May I print a kiss on your cheek?" I said;  
She nodded her sweet permission,  
So we went to press and I rather guess We printed a large edition.

"But one edition is not enough,"  
She said, with a charming pout,  
So again in the press the form was placed  
And we got some "extras" out.

**Police! Police!**—This is from the ad. columns of the Hamilton Spectator:  
"For Sale.—A splendid baby and folding cot, all in good condition."

What's the matter with the Hamilton police? Do they permit a trade in helpless infants to be so openly carried on?

**A High Price Per Acre.**—Hon. Sir William Mulock has never posed as an authority on art, but he enjoys pictures and stories about artists. He is responsible for a story concerning the late owner of a very beautiful wooded estate of nearly a hundred acres in the north part of Toronto. A few years ago a Canadian artist painted a picture from a scene in this sylvan wilderness and asked the owner of the estate what he thought about buying it to hang in his home.

"How much do you want for it?" asked the owner.  
The artist mentioned the price—a good one.

"Poh!" said the owner. "Quite impossible, sir! Why that's more than I paid for the whole estate when I came here."

**Uncle Sam's Condition.**—Julian Street, the writer, says that Uncle Sam is in no condition to fight. Possibly. The old chap's flesh may be a bit soft, but we fancy there's nothing wrong with his wind.



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