

INK SLINGS.

-Don't turn over any new leaves unless you are absolutely determined to keep them clean.

-Possibly the New England manufacturers of war materials got the Presidential ear first.

----Our old friend Venezelos has "got his old job back," but he may not be able to work at it long.

-If the average boy had to earn the money with which to buy the gas and the tires it would be a long time between rides for him.

-If Henry Ford could control votes as successfully as he builds automobiles his support of Coolidge would be of some value.

-About one more invention like the radio and another game like mah jongg and productive work will cease entirely in many households.

-An earth tremor shook Tennessee the other day but Tennessee country when it voted for the Repubyears ago.

exceptional capability in doing what is personally concerned. they were elected to do.

-While from all sections of the whistles than out of bottles.

-This is leap year, of course, but even leap year ain't what she used to be. The flapper works too fast to respect the old time limitations that were put on her sisters as to their right to pop the question.

-The only comfort that the dawn of 1924 brought to the lot of organization Republicans who reluctantly crawled onto the band wagon and saved the day for Pinchot is that he has only three more years to trouble them.

-Selling war materials to Mexico may make grave trouble for this country in the future, but it provides a promising market for New England manufacturers of such wares now, the hand is worth two in the bush."

-My, Oh my! What might the Woods boys not have done had their distinguished daddy been elected Pres-



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Justly Condemns the Propaganda.

In declaring that the organized bill through Congress is a conspiracy have been a trifle immoderate in language. A conspiracy is "a combination of men for an evil purpose." ands of letters in precisely the same language could hardly have happened who sent them or procured their sendabsence of evil in the purpose. Secre--Here's wishing the retiring coun- tary Mellon stands to save \$100,000 in tian Endeavor Union. The Pennsylty officials good luck, in whatever his personal tax bill by the passage vania State Grange, the Pennsylvania to the pre-arranged program the two lines of endeavor they may elect to of his tax bill and it would be unfair State Teachers' association and the delegates from the District were asfollow, and their successors in office to say that was any evil, so far as he Federated Women's Clubs of Pennsyl-

But Representative Garner is fully justified in protesting against the State come reports that New Year's propaganda. It is an insidious meth- pal purpose of the conference is to eve was about as wet as boot leggers of of accomplishing a purpose of devise means for the better enforcecould make it far more of Bellefonte's doubtful character. The plain intent ment of the prohibition laws. There into the machinery by injecting his celebration came out of bells and is to compel senators and Representa- is much reason for anxiety on the part tives in Congress to act under penal- of those composing these civic organty of the enmity of those who write izations on this subject. There are did, how far he got with it, we are not the letters. In many cases the signers of the letters do not know the contents of them. They are framed by those who have a selfish interest in the subject and are frequently signed cities indicate a woefully lax enforce-

under duress. Every citizen has a legal right to appeal to Representatives in Congress to vote on any question pending. But a citizen has no moral aims of such legislation or not every hope right to compel or beguile others to man and woman in Pennsylvania write letters which they don't understand for a selfish purpose.

Besides the propaganda of which Representative Garner complains is based on a false foundation. It is said that unless the income tax on big incomes is greatly reduced capital will be withdrawn from industry and and everybody knows that "a bird in commerce and that the industrial life of the country will be paralyzed. This is plain bunk. The owners of capital which is earning from twenty forbidding such evils. Corrupt use and made a runaway of it. to fifty per cent. will not resort to of money at elections is forbidden by three per cent. securities because part the fundamental law of the State yet ident. If with the prestige of pop's being Governor General of the Phil-of their incomes is taken for taxes. Any crea who does that is heading for creation of the amount that might be disippines they could clean up millions Any one who does that is heading for the "bug house." The multi millionthey would have Rockerfeller looking like a piker had they had opportuni-ty to operate with the White House as ty to operate with the White House as like a piker had they had opportuni- aires can afford to pay. The protec- complaint is made, or if prosecutions tion of their property and interests are instituted and control on the waterman. It is this time as Senator Johnson's campaign manager, and it is announced will be sentenced some day this week. For his far off home in Blackfalds, Ont., he sent a greeting to this paper be--New York bankers are trying to find out how much gold has been deposited in banks outside of Germany by German capitalists and the estimate runs anywhere from one hundred million to two billion dollars. Either figure would go a long way in settling the reparations question.

Conference May Do Good.

The conference which opened at propaganda to force the Mellon tax Harrisburg, on Wednesday, for the declared purpose of "enlisting the aid Representative Garner, of Texas, may of the people of Pennsylvania for the suppression of lawlessness," may accomplish much good. It is sponsored by five non-political organizations That there is a combination scarcely that have long been active in civic for delegates to their National conadmits of doubt. Hundreds of thous- improvement and have already achieved splendid results. They are the Pennsylvania federation of churches, shocked the Democrats all over the without understanding among those the Anti-Saloon League, the Pennsylvania Women's Christian Union, lican candidate for President three ing. But there may have been an the Pennsylvania Sabbath School association and the Pennsylvania Chris-

> vania are participating in the work. It may be assumed, though it has not been announced, that the princi- Coolidge.

most drastic laws on the statute advised. Mr. Harter was about the books for the prevention of the sale only active Republican leader in the and use of intoxicants as a beverage but police records in the principal against Alter, but as his recompense, should spend the cold season in the cities indicate a weefully lax enforcement of them. Good citizenship re- of only an honorary job-with no pay quires the strict obedience to all laws -it may be possible that he has abanand whether in sympathy with the doned Gif. as a potential plum tree should strive for improvement in the ference may have been the way is not methods of enforcement.

There is equal or even greater lax- son and Pinchot should finally decide ity in the enforcement of other laws to go after the Pennsylvania delegawhich should receive the attention of tion and set up candidates in this Disthose composing the conference in trict there is likely to be as much fun Harrisburg. The violation of the as there was four years ago, when election laws, for example, has been a Col. Theodore Davis Boal and Melsource of shame and scandal in Penn- ville Gillett, of McKean, catapulted sylvania for many years, but no ser- themselves into the race, after the ious effort is made to enforce the laws conference slate had been announced, cess of the amount that might be disbursed for legitimate expenses and no

DuBois. From the Philadelphia Record. Announcement by Senator Hiram Leaders in the Republican organ-Johnson that he intends to make a ization in the counties composing the vigorous campaign for the election of Southern delegates favorable to him-self to the Republican National con-21st Congressional district met in Du-Bois yesterday for the purpose of vention, in opposition to President forestalling, if possible, troublesome Coolidge, will recall to some old-timdevelopments in the coming campaign ers the historic contest of this kind which was just getting under way 28 years ago. The leading Republican candidates for the Presidential nomi-

District Republicans in Conference at

vention. County chairman Frank Mayes, editor T. H. Harter, of the Gazette, and prothonotary Roy Wilkinson were the representatives from this end of Centre county. While we have no report of the ac-

igan, who had nothing to recommend tion of the conference if it ran true him except the possession of a fortune of several million dollars, a considerable part of which he was willsigned to McKean and Clearfield couning to expend in the purchase of ve-nal G. O. P. statesmen from the ties and it is to be understood that whoever they may be they will be for Southern States. Nobody else con-

As to whether editor Harter undertook to throw a monkey wrench friend Pinchot into the discussion on own. "the favorite son" basis and, if he tactics of the Michigander, Mark Han-na resolved to outwit him, and early in the winter of 1895-6 found that his county who was for Pinchot as health made it imperative that he up to this time, has been the tender ing up his temporary residence there, he spread his nets for the drab birds of the Gulf region and adjoining States, and managed so adroitly that

peared on the scene with plethoric pocketbooks they discovered that they were too late. The whole South sim-ply reeked with McKinley enthusiasm, Whatever the outcome of the consmooth as it might look. If Hi Johnand it was with great difficulty and at and it was with great dimensional at terrible expense that an Alger dele-gate could be picked up here and there. When the national convention met, in 1896, Hanna's man had a walkover in carrying off the nomina-The Hanna tradition has descended

1912. Indeed, it was largely because -Many people in Centre county, of the shameless manner in which the and especially down Nittany valley, Southern delegates were manipulated remember Will Truckenmiller, the farmer poet who years ago used to to the nomination of Taft and ran as the Bull Macross and data. cents a bushel, oats 25, rye 40 and dozen, butter 35 cents a pound and milk 10 cents a quart. Many of the older residents of that country are selling out and going to California to spend their declining years.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Four thousand five hundred and fiftywo criminal cases were disposed of in Allegheny county in 1923.

-After serving the Pennsylvania railroad for 50 years, Samuel E. Hyle, station agent at Spruce Creek, will go on the roll of honor Monday.

-The Northumberland Commissioners awarded \$10,800 of gasoline tax money to Sunbury and Upper Augusta township to be used in improving roads entering the city.

-T. Van C. Phillips, justice of the peace in Chester county, has received a handsome gold chronometer which had come to him recently from the estate of the Duc de Moro, of England, whose title he inherits.

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Hanna Tactics Recalled.

--Railroad detectives claim that more than fifty robberies from Pennsylvania Railroad freight cars have been cleared up with the arrest on Saturday of John C Kirkpatrick, of New Kensington; Frank E. Wagner, of Natrona, and John T. Barbour, of Pittsburgh.

-Robbers entered the Cohen Brothers furniture store at Uniontown on Saturday night, worked the combination of the vault and escaped with \$2,200 in money. Merchandise in the store was not disturbed. An entrance was forced by sawing steel bars over a rear window.

nation at that time were Governor -In an open letter Dr. F. W. Black, William McKinley, of Ohio, who was actively backed by Mark Hanna; Speaker Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, and General Russell Alger, of Michchief surgeon at the Lewistown hospital, offers \$2.000 reward for information tracing the origin of stories reflecting on his character and also leading to the discovery of the identity of persons who, it is alleged, have made two attempts upon his life.

-Cyrus E. Woods, American Ambassador to Japan, was taken to the University hospital, Philadelphia, on Saturday sidered Alger in any way fitted for the Presidency, but he had the ob-session badly, and for several years had made the bagging of mercenary politicians rather a specialty of his a serious nature.

-On petition of creditors, Judge Thom-Fully appreciating these alluring as F. Bailey, of Huntingdon, last week appointed Andrew S. Webb, of Philadelphia, receiver for the Joseph E. Thropp company, Inc., which operates iron and coal mines and coke ovens in Pennsylvania and Virginia. The assets were given as \$2,400,000 and the liabilities \$1,300,000.

-Because he proved to be a friend as well as an employe, David M. Foulkrod, of Jersey Shore, has been named sole execuwhen General Alger's emissaries aptor and heir to about \$30,000 in a will made by the late Mrs. Anna Klasner. The entire estate of the deceased save \$100 left for the upkeep of her cemetery lot, was left unreservedly to her friend and employe, David M. Foulkrod, and his heirs and assigns forever.

-Arthur Dorman, who, the police say, s a master diamond thief, was arrested on the back porch on the second-floor apartment of J. M. Lloyd, at Sunbury, on Sunday night by Northumberland police after Mrs. Lloyd had called them by telto ex-Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, who practiced his methods ephone. In his pockets were more than \$100 and \$300 more at his boarding house. with pronounced success in 1908 and He denied any intention of crime. Dorman as already served three terms in the penitentiary.

-B. J. Gill, one time state policeman, but recently chief of police of Coalport, fore Christmas in which he reported splendid weather there with the far-Against him will be pitted that purist testified that Gill would come to his place and carry away moonshine without paying a cent for it. -Following a drunken Sunday carousal on poisoned liquor at a lumber camp near Alexandria, Frank Leitz and his brother Robert, lumbermen, quarreled, and Frank was ejected from Robert's shanty. About midnight Robert went to Frank's shanty with a shotgun, and is alleged to have shot his brother in the back in the presence of his wife and three children. The wounded man died about 3 o'clock Monday morning before medical aid could reach him. -Jacob W. Wisler, of Montgomery county, left an unopened will which will" govern the future distribution of his estate of nearly \$25,000. In an adjudication announced by Judge Solly, Wisler gives his wife the use of property at Trappe, together with the income of his whole estate, with the right to use some of the principal as may be necessary, so long as she remains his widow. In case of her remarriage, or at her death, the remainder i of the estate is to be distributed in accordance with another will, which is to be opened only upon either the death or remarriage of his widow. cleared up nearly \$800,000 in a year by long-range speculations. This is such an astounding performance that house in which she lived, more than \$200 in various, amounts and denominations leasing of the Teapot Dome oil re- have been found by relatives, since the serves by Secretary Fall to Sinclair, death of Mrs. Catherine Geesey Kemberthe oil magnate, who soon after gave him \$10,000 for a European trip. Con-tion, Blair county. Seventy dollars of the currently with this scandal came those sum found was in bills ranging from \$1, in the Veterans' Bureau, in many \$2, \$5, to \$10; the sum of \$27.50 was in ways the most shocking revelations of gold; \$20 was in silver half dollars and \$6 official mismanagement since Civil in dimes. Besides this there was a number of silver and trade dollars, nickels, silver half dimes, three and two cent pieces, a quart of pennies and a lot of old copper cents and half cents. -An explosion of gas last Thursday wrecked the home of Samuel Mears, at ambridge, and caused serious injury to our members of the family. The entire cond floor was blown high into the air with the roof intact until it fell. The exlosion occurred when Mears touched 'a'match to a gas stove in a second floor bedroom. He was blown through a four-inchall and fell to the first floor, the ceiling having collapsed. His wife and a daughter, Catherine, who were in the room below, were buried under plaster and debris. Harold Mears, a son, was carried up with the roof. All were badly burned and taken to a hospital. The detonation broke many windows in the vicinity. -Joseph H. Johnson, of Beech Creek, who wounded himself in the right cheek when he fired a revolver into his head below the right ear in an attempt to end his life, is recovering and will soon be restored to his usual health. Mr. Johsson was recently placed on the honor roll of the New York Central railroad, and fear-ing that his pension would not provide the comforts of life for his wife, who has been an invalid for the past twelve years, Johnson in a fit of mental depression, decided to shoot himself. In the past twelve years he has not only worked steady to bring a substantial income into the home, -President Coolidge's interest in but has had entire care of his wife, losing the common people increases as the much sleep, which brought about a nervous breakdown and melancholia.

-If you happened to know what flashed through the old bean just now you'd understand why the hundredth day from this date looms big. It will be the 15th of April. Momentarily we recalled what a strenuous job we had last fifteenth "kiddin'" two companions into cutting enough wood to keep us warm while we told them how to do the rest of the chores about the camp.

-When it was so unseasonably cool last summer science told us that sun spots were the cause. We have just come through what has probably been the mildest fall within the memory of most of you and of course we look to science for explanation. As always, science is there with the high-brow stuff for us to swallow or let alone. The Japanese earthquake not only rent Nipon almost asunder, but so transformed the bed of the Otto Wiedfeldt, was assigned as the ocean that the gulf stream has been thrown five hundred miles out of its Cartier de Marchienne, wife of the former course and in consequence we are more favored by its warm winds. Not being scienced in anything except, possibly, the matter of starting an argument, we shall not attempt to throw any light of our own on the unseasonable weather further than to say that if this gulf stream dope is good and was responsible for our thermometers standing at 52 degrees when the bells were ringing in the New Year we advise every one to pack all the ice they can get for we're cer-

July. -We once thought that the parents were the only happy ones when vacation days were over for their little folks and there was surcease, for a few hours in the day, in the trials of now trying to conjure up a cause of managing them. However, since the quarrel between Belgium and the schools have made study a pleasingly United States on the ground that the interesting occupation, rather than Baroness insulted a guest of the Presthe drab, monotonous grind it once ident and thereby created a casus was, we think the little ones are re- belli between two friendly nations. ally glad to get back to their desks. In truth we know a lot of them to no respect responsible for the unforwhom vacation is positively a bore, tunate incident, though such a thing after a day or so of it. They seem to has never occurred before. One might be unable to either amuse themselves think, too, that it ought not to have or occupy their time in any way and occurred. There could be nothing for the most part are utterly at a more probable than a feeling of hosloss to know what to do next. Per- tility between the diplomatic reprehaps this condition is due to the fact sentatives of Belgium and Germany that the yougster, the lad especially, and there would seem to be so many doesn't play like his dad did. He ways of avoiding the juxtaposition doesn't seem to find any thrill or which would have occurred if the it built. There is little of the rough, muscle building out of door play that develops resourcefulness in the small town boy of today. Pay amusements have diverted him and, we think, to an extent are mollycoddling him so when he had reached young manhood. 'President's veto.

War Clouds Hovering.

We sincerely hope that an incident which occurred at a recent social event at the White House will not lead to grave international complications. Grave international complications are serious matters and should be avoided. But the newspaper writing men at Washington are apprehensive. It seems that at the last White House dinner the German Ambassador, Dr. escort to the table of Baroness de Belgium Ambassador, and the lady refused to accept the arrangement. In other words she exercised a right enjoyed by every American woman and probably some others to select her own escort.

There is a good deal of feeling between Belgium and Germany as the result of certain features of the late war and the diplomatic men and women assume that they represent their governments in social as well as other things. Presumably the charming tainly in for some torrid weather next Baroness had no other reason for objecting to the proximity of the learn-

ed German Ambassador on the occasion in question. But diplomatic gossip has ascribed to the incident some sort of sinister slant and somebody is

Of course President Coolidge is in pleasure in lugging store boxes or old leading lady in the comedy had been boards to some outlying common and less courageous or more acquiescent. building a cabin and then organizing But the worst consequences may be a gang to lick the crowd that tore it avoided if the trouble is handled dipdown the very next night after he had it built. There is little of the rough, retarial blunder and the statement unofficially that Slemp slumped may solve the problem.

----Senator Smoot, of Utah, the "wise guy" of the Republican machine that he must be given as much money in Washington, is of the opinion that to spend as his dad dared to "blow" the bonus act will be passed over the

lull in business during the holiday until the day after New Year. Dur- turn out from 150 to 200 bushels. ing that period every ship in the Wheat, however, is selling at 73 service was gone over and thoroughly stabilized so as to reduce to a minimum the possibility of accidents in the future.

Detrich's Resignation No Surprise.

The resignation of Mr. A. Nevin Detrich, who since the adoption of the administrative code has been director of publications in the Pinchot official family, is not surprising. Detrich is a shrewd politician and doesn't underestimate his value. He probably contributed more than any other individual to Mr. Pinchot's nomination, which was accomplished by fooling the leaders of the opposition. They never suspected that Pinchot was spending money with unexampled | til Pinchot has indicated his program. liberality. Detrich handled the funds and did it so skillfully as to completely decieve such past masters as chairman Baker and those associated with him in the support of Mr. Alter. It barrel there is no telling what may was a striking example of political finesse.

Naturally Mr. Detrich expected that the value of his achievement would be appreciated after the election of his candidate. In this expectation every experienced observer of politics concurred. Nobody supposed he would be placed in a station below Secretary of the Commonwealth. But the best offered him was superintendent of public printing under the old regime. Yet that wasn't a bad job. The salary bursements of funds would not make was fairly generous and it was an independent department. The adoption rent suspicion that he may open his of the code altered conditions, how- barrel in the interest of Senator Hiever. Director of publications is a ram Johnson, of California, and that minor office under the director of pub- is a menace to be seriously considerlic grounds and property, which is a ed. Hungry Hi has a considerable fol-King, who knows about as much practical politics as the average puddler knows about constructing a watch, and is said to be as arrogant as Caesar, began butting into the affairs of Pepper and Reed, State chairman Bathe bureau of publications and made the official life of the director intolerable. Protests made no impression on the hypnotized mind of Pinchot and Detrich had no alternative but resignation. Of course he leaves the service of the administration in anything but an amiable frame of mind and the chances are he will attach kept open for him for some time yet. himself to the opposition to Mr. Pin- But if he fails to "toe the mark" withchot's future ambitions. It may be in a reasonable time Congressman added that he will have no trouble in McFadden, of Canton, will be given getting an assignment to service.

-May every day of the new year bring happiness to our readers.

Pinchot Has Leaders Guessing.

Governor Pinchot has the Republican leaders of Pennsylvania guessing, according to the political dopesters of the Sunday papers. He refuses to "show his hand." The United States Senators, the chairman of the State committee and most of the Congressmen want to declare for Coolidge for President and are afraid to do so un-That vast fortune of the Pinchot family, constantly increasing by inheritances from one source or another, is the disturbing cause. If he taps his happen, and there is a constant fear in the minds of the bosses that he will

"spring the bung" any old time. If the Governor would declare himself a candidate for President the tension would be relieved. It may be said that the leaders are not much has made so many blunders as Governor and alienated so many of his the eight years of clean Democratic former friends by his eccentricities administration, and it is easy to see that even the most profligate dishim formidable. But there is a curmight be organized for him.

The leaders have practically agreed upon the eight delegates-at-large to the Cleveland convention. Senators ker, former Governor Sproul, Mayor clay Warburton, of that city, and Pittsburgh, are certain to be selected. Governor Pinchot can have the other seat in the delegation if he will promise to be good, and the honor will be the place. He is a prime favorite with corporate interests and big business and always willing to serve or

wait. at al that ym, at s'anna ad I bas , zavas og ol "We were timed off an

-Taking advantage of the usual mers just completing their threshing in politics, Private Secretary Slemp, business during the holiday season. The wheat yields there avseason the areo mail service was cut erage from 60 to 70 bushels to an game, especially as understood by out from the day before Christmas acre, with high yields at 105. Oats southern Republicans. There may be an interesting fight, but we doubt it. Unless all signs are at fault, Mr. Coolidge and his private secretary have the contest well in hand, just as barley 30. Eggs bring 45 cents a Mark Hanna had, by exercising a wise provision, and there will probably be no more vociferous Coolidge delegates at Cleveland than those who will travel up from the sunny South.

Democratic Hopes Running High. From the Philadelphia Record.

Woodrow Wilson's confidence that 1924 "is to be a year of Democratic triumph" will be shared by many mil-lion Americans, judging by all recent election returns. One thing that is producing this reaction is the apparently inevitable Republican propensity to what may be gently termed financial looseness. Just at present there is very much in the public eye a stripling of 26, son of a prominent personage, who pretends that he has Congress is anxious to learn just how Then there was the it was done. afraid of Pinchot as 2 candidate. He war days. And there are many others. Compare all this rottenness with

> why Democratic hopes are running high

Survey Should Prove of Value.

From The Philadelphia Public Ledger. A motor-transport survey carried on jointly by Federal and State high-way officials, is being made in Pennsort of bureau under control of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. And there's the rub. Dr. Clyde and the commodities, but in assisting in the laying out of new roads and in deciding upon the material best suited to the service required of it. Anoth er useful result of the survey will the ascertainment of the extent which the operators of the me Kendrick, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Bar- transport vehicles obey the regula tions governing the maximum weight Secretary of the Treasurer Mellon, of and other details concerning the business. No rules yet devised are selfenforcing; and there must be some way of making really effective such wholesome regulations for the preser-vation of the road surfaces and the protection of the rights of all who use the public highways as experience may find to be necessary and expedient.

Presidential election approaches.