## Democratic Hatchman

INK SLINGS.

\_\_\_It seems that President Coolidge has no objection to participating in affairs in Mexico.

-One of the real reasons that the Black and White Revue was so good was that it featured the Bible all the way through.

-The success of the Kendrick administration will be measured more by the accomplishments of the police in suppressing vice in that city than by the work of any other department. And the policy will succeed or fail in accordance with the determination with which Mayor Kendrick stands behind "Smed" Butler.

the Republican insurgents in the Senended the deadlock that has existed since December 3rd. Senator Bruce, the Maryland Democrat, voted to the last with the Republicans.

-The Mellon tax reduction plan over which the Republican press is trying to work the country into a hysteria of approbation, will save a million and a half a year for the person whose income is five million a year and twelve dollars and seventy-five cents for the fellow whose income is four thousand a year. While the vast majority of the people have incomes of less than four thousand a year the Mellon plan saves nothing for them, yet they are the ones who have the votes and are supposed to hurrah over such hokum.

-Mrs. Pinchot told the Republican women of Dauphin county, on Tuesday, that her husband needs more laws with which to enforce the Volstead act in Pennsylvania. She urged them to help divorce enforcement from politics and to vote for only such nominees for the Legislature as will promise to pass all the laws Gif. puts up to them. Cordelia is indeed a wordy lady. With all her fine phrases we don't believe she would come up in to Centre county and stump for a thought out and admirably expressed Democrat who was running on the scheme to promote and preserve peace the nth degree in enforcement if there were a wet Republican running for the Legislature against the dry Dem-

-As she was being taken from the second degree, Mrs. Kathryn Miller and the covenant of the League of favor of a tax reduction but the tax for the future are futile anyway, and fought with the officers and shrieked: Nations by the United States Senate on incomes is not the most oppressive therefore he has everything to gain "If Mrs. Rosier could kill two and go free, why must I go to jail?" In that screaming expression of her realization that there is a penalty to be paid to that there is a penalty to be paid to the world and screaming to gain and nothing to lose by forming such a nothing to lose by forming such a combination. In any event every than in 1920 would not only have averted an alleged swinding plot, it is believed, through detecting the world's rye crop was a little larger last year than in 1922, and in some countries rye and wheat are altered to the Rosier could kill two and go and nothing to lose by forming such a combination. In any event every some countries rye and wheat are altered to the Rosier could kill two and go a combination. In any event every some countries rye and wheat are altered to the Rosier could kill two and go and nothing to lose by forming such a combination. In any event every some countries rye and wheat are altered to the Rosier could kill two and go and nothing to lose by forming such a combination. In any event every some countries rye and wheat are altered to the Rosier could kill two and go and nothing to lose by forming such a combination. In any event every some countries rye and wheat are altered to the Rosier could kill two and go and nothing to lose by forming such a combination. In any event every some countries rye and wheat are altered to the Rosier could kill two and go and nothing to lose by forming such and nothin tion that there is a penalty to be paid prosperity in this country three years for taking a human life was revealed ago. the danger society exposes itself to every time it lets sentimentality thwart justice. Doubtless reassured sideration of the subject chairman W. by the long list of women who have Harry Baker has declined the office recently killed and gone free Mrs. of prothonotary of the Supreme Miller thought she could keep any court, and a Philadelphia follower of other woman from getting her lover Roosevelt has been appointed. Wonby killing him and escape the consequences. But she hasn't, and, thanks than \$10,000 a year for life? to the courage of a real jury, a certain class of women will realize the danger of totin' guns and shooting down men whose love they have been unable to gain or retain.

or five hundred-or something else, the payments were made. but if they hadn't had something to draw them to the side of the apparatus they might not have saved \$260,-050 worth of property from destruction. And Marshall Kline is right in by Governor Brumbaugh caused conhis suggestion that such a record should be an unanswerable argument ers unite in a demand for a reduction in the Bellefonte rate.

-Samuel Smed Butler let the cat out of the bag in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, when he told the police of that city that if they do their duty his little of the amount allowed him. Begreatest hour might come by marching a very rich man he probably reaing down Pennsylvania Avenue at the soned that such expenses as creasing head of the marines when Mayor Kendrick, of Philadelphia, becomes President Kendrick, of the grand old U.S. pulously careful to make an accurate A. Some may think he let the cat out of the bag. We don't. He merely revealed the cat in the bag. Any one with a mite of political perspicacity playing a big game. A smart poli- personal appropriation to carry out a half of the then existing government tician's game of heads I win, tails you plan which failed to appeal to the of Mexico, menaced by revolutionists, thinks of Secretary Mellon, of that lose. If he reforms Philadelphia, Legislature. He could have paid the and each in turn declined. President city. even by sacrificing a lot of his erstwhile political friends, he automatically makes himself a potential candidate for Governor-that is if the east cession. If he becomes Governor he to pay for it. How he reconciled his combatants up until the declaration page papers per hour. can have a grand time fixing up the conscience to the evasion if not the of war against Germany. But Cool-Philadelphia martyrs or make a record at Harrisburg that might lead to Washington and there he could dictate just what should be done for the But he certainly threw himself open political crooks who are running to cover now under the lash of his new Director of Public Safety. Yes, Kendrick has it coming and going and if he doesn't take advantage of the situ- Hughes he could please himself betation he's an it.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

BELLEFONTE, PA., JANUARY 11, 1924. VOL. 69. Governor Pinchot and Party Man-Garner Exposes the Mellon Fraud.

lars on their hard earned incomes.

agers. The falsity of Secretary Mellon's While Governor Pinchot remains as profession of tax reform has been exposed by a statement of Representasilent as a sphinx on the question of tive Garner, of Texas, ranking Demohis candidacy for President gossip in-The Senate deadlock over the chairmanship of the committee on Interstate Commerce was broken, on Wednesday, by the election of a Democrat. Senator Smith, of South Carodown something like \$100,000 and Governor an option on a seat in the work similar advantages to the six to Cleveland convention as delegate-ateight thousand multimillionaires large, if he behaves. Good behavior whose incomes range from half to a involves more or less stultification, million dollars a year. But the sav- however. It means an agreement to ing to the twenty or thirty million of vote on such questions as are brought small income tax payers would be before the convention, including cantrifling. Yet the shrewd Secretary didates for President and Vice Presiimagines that he can fool the vast dent, as the managers favor, and look majority by saving them the few dol- pleasant. If he desires to speak on any subject he will be required to sub-

But Representative Garner doesn't mit his manuscript to the managers. The Governor does not take kindly pretense. He reminds the Secretary to such conditions but he may be comthat the great burden of taxes which pelled to submit. The exigencies of is impoverishing the people of the the machine are such that absolute United States is not on incomes. It harmony must be preserved and a disis the tariff tax which holds the cost | cordant note from a man in the standof living on a level that literally ing of the Governor of Pennsylvania "as at present constituted" when he try. The single man who earns a alliance with Senator Hiram Johnson, thousand dollars a year or the family of California, and a determination to perfect as it was possible to make it man who gets twenty-five hundred "buck the line" from the beginning. at the time it was written, and was as dollars a year in wages for his work The Governor and Mr. Johnson have could pay the four per cent. on his in- had two or three conferences already which it was created as human en- come if the price of food, clothing and and it is suspected that such an allideavor could make it. Palpably he shelter were obtainable at reasonable ance has been under consideration. But nobody except them knows what

Mr. Garner cordially endorses the has happened. There is a good deal of friendly interest among the Republicans of Pennsylvania, for Senator Johnson. He earned incomes of the millionaires. It was the "guide, philosopher and is neither fair nor equitable to those friend" of the late Colonel Roosevelt platform to support her husband to throughout the world in the future. It who are robbed of their earnings from and that makes a strong appeal in exposes the fallacy of an "Association labor by the exorbitant prices of every Pennsylvania. If Pinchot would cast necessity of life, which is the result of his "bar'l" in with Johnson's lung tariff legislation enacted by the last power there might develop a condition Congress in fulfillment of a contract that would revolutionize the Republi-Coolidge's flippant dismissal of the made by the Republican managers can party of the State. A failure subject as "a closed incident." The with the contributors to the campaign | might be fatal to future hopes but any court room in rimadelpina, after having the ratification of the treaty of Versailles slush fund in 1920. Everybody is in hopes which Mr. Pinchot may have

-Up to this moment those Centre countians who have been fortunate demand for bread. The increased enough to fly to the balmy coasts of crops of rye, barley and oats would Fur company of Canton, Ohio. Their value, he said, was \$15,000. Florida for the winter have little on the rest of us who have to stay at time when wheat was in increased home and work. Thus far the weath- supply. Corn also is in some measure er here has been about as pleasant as any one could desire.

Our "Backwoods."

The report that a Centre county woman visiting Northumberland the other day received her first glimpse of resist revolutionary enterprises, and tain sections of Pennsylvania some since his time force and fraud have distance from the railroads. Condichosen the officials and insurrection or rebellion has been the rule. But primitive as any in the South. The these people. The customs and the manner of speech of their settler anagainst the administration, however shady its title to authority might be. The policy of self-determination has not until now been violated.

Inamier of specific of their sectors are cestors largely prevail. The people lead lives of simplicity. They have no fine clothes and their houses are small, but most of them live substan-The esteemed Philadelphia Record likens the present action of the Washington government to the Holy Alliter informed on questions of the day than they are familiar with city ways roe Doctrine was declared. "That alliance of a Czar, a Kaiser and a King such as this Centre county woman who have not seen a trolley car simpreserve the peace," says our Phila- ply because they never have been interested enough outside of their own dertook to secure peace by precisely local affairs to go exploring into the

Harrisburg Telegraph. It would be folly to either deny or affirm the truth of the above story. ing Spain to subjugate its revolted Doubtless there are in all rural comdertakes to secure peace by enabling trolley car or even been many miles dictatorship is unthinkable in the away from their home environment. United States. The simple life is more to their taste than the Great White Way, but they are exceptions rather than the rule. norant of the beauties and grandeur of the vast rural communities.

-Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, "carries coals to New Castle." That the idea that he might safely use the been importuned to intervene in be- is, he told the people of Pittsburgh, the other evening, just what he

-A new model A Duplex printing press has been installed in The tion. But he figured that it was pub- vate transactions in war materials Times office, at State College, which lic business and the public had a right during the world war equally to both has a capacity of three thousand eight

> -The slate makers now put Congressman Vare on the list of delegates-at-large, which proves that ---One advantage of the cold they are afraid of a Pinchot combi-

Now that Sousa has been deco--Secretary Mellon is finding out rated with the degree of Doctor of something to jaz.

Sowing Less Wheat.

NO. 2.

From the Philadelphia Record. Thirty-seven countries produced 352,000 bushels of wheat more in 1923 than in 1922. That amount, which is but little more than ten per cent. of and as the world's crop was nearly 12 per cent. above that of the previous year it is natural to put the two together and infer that the low price

was due to the large supply.

At any rate, it is inevitable that the individual farmer should reason so. If the wheat he sold last summer and fall did not pay expenses he would as a matter of course raise less for this year, and turn to something that could probably be more profitably marketed, or let his land lie idle for a season. He would at least save the pecuniary sum which might be named. cost of fertilizer and cultivation and harvesting.

And the farmers in at least three countries, according to our Department of Agriculture, have cut down their wheat acreage. Taking this country, Canada and Rumania togethand participate in the work of the League as a body of mutual counsel under conditions." That implies a challenge of the value of the League of the value of new and cheap ground, and the rapid increase of its grain exports which has occurred in the last fifteen or twenty years is likely to continue a long time. From year to year there may be fluctuations in the acreage, but on the whole it is likely to expand for many years. Population does not increase as rapidly in the Dominion as it does here, the supply of unoccupied land is so great that not much increase in prices is to be expected, and

the climate is such as to make wheat almost the only possible staple crop. The Department does not indicate variations in other countries in wheat area, but a reduction of more than 7,- an army rifle to a chair, tied one end of a 000,000 acres in the three countries named can hardly fail to be reflected in next year's harvest. There may be reductions of area in other countries, but ours is the only one where there has been loud complaint of low prices, and early reports from Argentina and out and tore away part of the house wall. Australia are more suggestive of in-

creased than decreased area. not much used for bread, they are ance officials were notified and identia bread grain and the world's crop last year was larger than that of 1922. Taking the five cereals in the aggregate, the production in 1923 was 1,-128,000 bushels greater than in 1922.

Accept No Substitutes.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Legislatures, Parliaments and Congresses must be able to govern themselves in order efficiently to carry on the business of governing a State or a Nation.

Popular government through the two-party system has worked out with considerable success in the United States, virtually always assuring the rule of the majority. But whether we are satisfied with the system or not, it is the last word in democratic government that no efficacious alternative has been evolved.

In view of the tendency toward the In view of the tendency toward the breakdown of party lines and the multiplying of parties, especially in European countries, this last fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. It

Secretary of Commerce Hoover in a er. The sale of the steer was arranged beletter to Wm. Allen White, the Kansas editor. As Mr. Hoover suggests, of Kerstetter, after which they proceeded the only solution so far discovered for to the barn. As the owner stepped into the breakdown of the two-party systhe stall to lead the animal out, he was munities persons who have not seen a tem has been the dictatorship, and a

In Italy an experiment will probably be made within the next year to test the efficacy of plurality rule. Under a new electoral law, the largest of a number of parties will automatically control at least three-fifths of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies.

In Great Britain a Labor govern ment, representing not even a plurality of the voters, is about to come into power. Certain political writers are of the opinion that, as the thricesplit Parliament fairly represents the divisions in British public opinion, the Parliament should be forced to run the government under such conditions. As Mr. Hoover observes, our own Congress has become slightly infected with the disease that has crippled European Parliaments. Strict party discipline and acceptance of party responsibility are the vitally necessary remedies if the disease is to be properly checked.

-The insurgent war in the United States Senate seems to have subsided and Senator Cummins enjoys which recently declared a similar law in both choice jobs.

but if Gif. and Hi. get together there authorities do not feel there is any legal may be trouble yet, "you bet."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The silk throwing mill owned by E. R. Wingard, of Selinsgrove, and located at Independence, a mile below that place, was burned to the gorund last Thursday. The loss will reach \$50,000, of which \$15,000 was silk owned by a New York firm and \$35,000 on the building.

-Wallace Minnich, a Pennsylvania train operator, stood on the second floor of his tower at Columbia, Pa., directing the movements of trains while firemen fought flames that raged beneath him on the first floor. The fire originated from an overheated stove. Although nearly suffocated he escaped injury.

-Thrown from a car in which he was riding, in a collision with another machine, Emanuel Neff, aged about 38 years, a resident of Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, was so badly injured that he died a few minutes after the accident. His skull was fractured. Five other men in the car, all of Mill Creek, escaped with more or less severe injuries.

-"Gossip and you die," were the words written upon a slip of paper placed by burglars upon the cash register in the large grocery store of J. C. Prettyleaf, of Lewistown, when they left the store early last Friday morning after stealing all the cash from the register amounting to about \$7. Entrance was gained by chiseling and cutting a glass plate front from a door of the store.

-Concurrent with the new year, trustees of the Robert Packer hospital at Sayre, announce they have insured the life of chief surgeon Donald Guthrie for \$100,000 in favor of the hospital to safeguard against possible loss of his highly valued services. While the amount is considerapecuniary sum which might be named.

-Dr. Leon H. Bernd, of Philadelphia. a widely known surgeon, died suddenly, last Wednesday, while playing hand-ball in the squash court of the University of Pennsylvania. Heart disease was the cause. Dr. Bernd was born in Macon, Ga., 48 years ago. He served in France during the world war as a major in the 305th reserve cavalry. For ten years he was professor of surgery at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania.

-Benjamin Bernstein, a Shamokin merchant, has brought suit in the Northumberland county Common Pleas court at Sunbury, seeking \$25,000 damages from the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company for injuries he says he suffered in a grade crossing accident. According to the plaintiff's statement, he was on foot at the time and heard no warning signal of any kind. He claims a permanent injury and asks the amount stated as sufficient remuneration.

-Said to have brooded over poor health, Joseph Klavis, a miner, of Scranton, committed suicide on Wednesday in a little shack where he lived alone. He fastened cord to the trigger and a tobacco can to heart, reached out with his toe and pressed on the can, which pulled the trigger. The rifle ball literally blew the man's heart

-William Dreppard, a baggage agent for the Pennsylvania railroad at the Lancereals the use of which reduces the | fied the furs as part of those believed stolen a few weeks before from the Superior

-Five young bandits stripped Jacob Moveinski, 50 years old, a storekeeper of Plymouth, of his clothes and holding him near a red hot stove, threatened to torture him if he did not reveal where his money was hidden. The man pleaded that all the money he had was in his coat and the bandits finally took the \$180 they found there and left after again pushing him against the stove and then beating him up. They waved their revolvers at the storekeeper and threatened to return and shoot him if he gave the alarm.

-General Charles Miller, nationally known oil man and manufacturer, of Franklin, on Sunday achieved an honor which is probably without precedent in the United States. For the fifty-first consecutive year he was unanimously elected president of the Miller Bible class and superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school of that city. He is on the job every Sunday. He is now past 70 years of age. Three years before going to Franklin he was assistant superintendent of a position

-Francis Kerstetter, a farmer residing would be dangerous folly to start throwing away our old clothes, even though they may not quite fit, before we are rather certain of a new suit. These sound views are expressed by sell it to John Lesher, a Treverton butchcharged and pinned against the side of the small enclosure. He had been gored four or five times before his cries brought help from his son and Lesher.

> -Charged with neglect of duty and maintaining a public nuisance through failure to keep a sewer open, president of council Fisher and councilmen Stiner, Yorks, Baker, Hughes, Creveling and Snyder, of Bloomsburg, were arrested on Saturday and each held under \$300 bail for February court. The information was laid by William Hutton, convicted in court on a charge of maintaining a nuisance, and on whom sentence soon is to be imposed. Hutton was convicted for alleged failure to keep a small sewer leading to the public sewer open and in his action he alleges the blockade of the public sewer caused the trouble in the private one.

-National banks throughout the State will be affected by the announcement of Attorney General Woodruff in a letter to James Francis Burke, general counsel for the Pittsburgh Clearing House Association, that no more efforts will be made to escheat to the Commonwealth moneys in bank the depositors of which have not claimed it within fourteen years. The decision of the United States Supreme court, California unconstitutional, is taken as the guide of the Pennsylvania authorities. Approximately \$500,000 is said to have been The Old Guard seems confident paid into the State Treasury, but the State way for them to refund the money.

Mr. Bok's \$100,000 Prize.

As only one of the 22,165 peace plans submitted in response to the reward offered by Mr. Edward W. Bok has been given to the public it is imocrat, Senator Smith, of South Caro- not surprising that the responses lina, to that powerful position. Six of were numerous. It may be assumed, moreover, that the award has been ate voted with the Democrats and properly made. The plan is elaborate and in the main fair. It recommends immediate entrance into the permanent court of international justice, not for the reason that it is independent of the League of Nations, but membership in the court would be leading in the direction of membership of the League, which is the logical destina-

> If the author of the plan accepted rest with the exposure of this false had been as frank as he is capable he would not have written "that without becoming a member of the League of Nations as at present constituted, the United States shall offer to extend its present co-operation with the League must have known that it is as nearly certain to achieve the purpose for was throwing a tub to the whale of rates.

> party prejudice. Even at that, plan No. 1469, which income tax suggested by Mr. Mellon has been unanimously approved by on small incomes but objects to the of Nations" such as the late President Harding professed to have in mind and reveals the absurdity of President

After two years of careful conder what Baker gets that's better

## Snyder's Charge Sustained.

State Treasurer Snyder is not always accurate in his statements con--Fire marshall Bob Kline seems to cerning Governor Pinchot but his retake his job seriously. His report to cent charge that the Governor has council on the work of the fire de- been maintaining a private pay roll partment for 1923 was not only com- seems to be supported by the facts. prehensive, but interesting, as well. During the session of the Legislature With forty fires that might have de- the Governor asked for an appropriastroyed \$270,550 worth of property tion of \$250,000 for use at the discrehandled in such a way that losses to- tion of the Attorney General which talling only \$11,500 were incurred we was refused. But the usual approthink it meet that Marshall Kline or priation for the personal expenses of some one should call public attention the Governor and the maintenance of to what those "bad men," the Logans the executive mansion was made and and Undines, are really "loafing" the Governor used it for the purposes around the hose houses all the time for which the special fund was intendfor. While they are "loafing" they ed. In thus using the money the Govmight be playing a game of pinochle ernor neglected to specify to whom

It has been customary for many years to appropriate money for the personal expenses of the Governor and the report of the use of the fund siderable amusement throughout the State. Among other luxuries chargshould local fire insurance policy hold- ed to his account were expensive cigarettes, luxurious soft drinks and the pressing or creasing of the gubernatorial trousers. In this way he exhausted nearly the entire amount. Governor Sproul used comparatively trousers could be met by draughts on his private funds. But he was scru-

statement of his expenditures. Governor Pinchot is likewise amply able to pay his personal bills out of his abundant resources and conceived the United States since Grant has expenses of his enterprise out of his Harding refused to allow government private purse. It was only a trifle munitions to be sold to Poland and actual violation of the law remains to be seen. He has not taken the public into his confidence on this point. to censure.

-If Premier Baldwin's tenure of office was as fixed as that of Secretary ter and be less uneasy.

The change in the shore limit hearts of the managers. from three to twelve miles may have made some difference in some ways but it has not perceptibly decreased the volume of hootch on the market.

proposed cut on the tax of the un-

## New Element in Foreign Policy.

In authorizing the sale of war implements and munitions to the government of Mexico President Coolidge has injected a new and menacing element into the foreign policy of this country. For more than half a century Mexico has been a source of trouble to us. Even the Diaz admin- a trolley car will not be surprising to istration was constantly compelled to those who have traversed the mounnever before has the government of currents of modern life have swept by the United States intervened for or

ington government to the Holy Alliance in resentment of which the Monroe Doctrine was declared. "That alwas animated solely by a desire to delphia contemporary. "And it unthe same means as Mr. Coolidge and great outside world.—Wednesday's Mr. Hughes employ. The old Holy Alliance undertook to establish peace in the western hemisphere by assistcolonies. The new Holy Alliance un-Obregon to subjugate de la Huerta." A more perfect parallel could hardly

As Woodrow Wilson said in commenting upon the covenant of the And there are probably more people League of Nations, the government of living in cities who are woefully igthe United States is bound to the principle of self-determination because by asserting that principle it was established. Every President of more than that paid for his nomina- President Wilson allowed only priidge reverses all Presidents and precedents.

> wave lies in the fact that it lessons nation. the danger of automobile accidents.

that all Congressmen can't be fooled Music let us hope that he will do