

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.

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 Carolina, to that powerful position.

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.

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.

As she was being taken from the court room in Philadelphia, after having been convicted of murder in the second degree, Mrs. Kathryn Miller fought with the officers and shrieked: "If Mrs. Rosier could kill two and go free, why must I go to jail?"

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Fire marshal Bob Kline seems to take his job seriously. His report to council on the work of the fire department for 1923 was not only comprehensive, but interesting, as well.

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 greatest hour might come by marching down Pennsylvania Avenue at the head of the marines when Mayor Kendrick, of Philadelphia, becomes President Kendrick, of the grand old U. S. A.

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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 impossible to measure the judgment of the arbiters.

If the author of the plan accepted 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 and participate in the work of the League as a body of mutual counsel under conditions."

Even at that, plan No. 1469, which has been unanimously approved by the board of judges, is a carefully thought out and admirably expressed scheme to promote and preserve peace throughout the world in the future.

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Snyder's Charge Sustained.

State Treasurer Snyder is not always accurate in his statements concerning Governor Pinchot but his recent charge that the Governor has been maintaining a private pay roll seems to be supported by the facts.

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 by Governor Brumbaugh caused considerable amusement throughout the State.

Governor Pinchot is likewise amply able to pay his personal bills out of his abundant resources and conceived the idea that he might safely use the personal appropriation to carry out a plan which failed to appeal to the Legislature.

If Premier Baldwin's tenure of office was as fixed as that of Secretary Hughes he could please himself better and be less uneasy.

Garner Exposes the Mellon Fraud.

The falsity of Secretary Mellon's profession of tax reform has been exposed by a statement of Representative Garner, of Texas, ranking Democrat on the House committee on Ways and Means, issued the other day.

But Representative Garner doesn't rest with the exposure of this false pretense. He reminds the Secretary that the great burden of taxes which is impoverishing the people of the United States is not on incomes.

Mr. Garner cordially endorses the income tax suggested by Mr. Mellon on small incomes but objects to the proposed cut on the tax of the unearned incomes of the millionaires.

The change in the shore limit 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.

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.

The esteemed Philadelphia Record likens the present action of the Washington government to the Holy Alliance in resentment of which the Monroe Doctrine was declared.

As Woodrow Wilson said in commenting upon the covenant of the League of Nations, the government of the United States is bound to the principle of self-determination because by asserting that principle it was established.

One advantage of the cold wave lies in the fact that it lessens the danger of automobile accidents.

Secretary Mellon is finding out that all Congressmen can't be fooled all the time.

Governor Pinchot and Party Managers.

While Governor Pinchot remains as silent as a sphinx on the question of his candidacy for President gossip indicates that he is not exactly indifferent.

There is a good deal of friendly interest among the Republicans of Pennsylvania, for Senator Johnson. He was the "guide, philosopher and friend" of the late Colonel Roosevelt and that makes a strong appeal in Pennsylvania.

Up to this moment those Centre counties who have been fortunate enough to fly to the balmy coasts of Florida for the winter have little on the rest of us who have to stay at home and work.

Our "Backwoods."

The report that a Centre county woman visiting Northumberland the other day received her first glimpse of a trolley car will not be surprising to those who have traversed the mountain sections of Pennsylvania some distance from the railroads.

It would be folly to either deny or affirm the truth of the above story. Doubtless there are in all rural communities persons who have not seen a trolley car or even been many miles away from their home environment.

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A new model A Duplex printing press has been installed in The Times office, at State College, which has a capacity of three thousand eight page papers per hour.

The slate makers now put Congressmen Vane on the list of delegates-at-large, which proves that they are afraid of a Pinchot combination.

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Sowing Less Wheat.

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 last year's crop, does not appear a great surplus, and it might easily be offset by a larger carry-over to the crop year 1923-1924.

The Department does not indicate variations in other countries in wheat area, but a reduction of more than 7,000,000 acres in the three countries named can hardly fail to be reflected in next year's harvest.

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Accept No Substitutes.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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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.

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.

These sound views are expressed by Secretary of Commerce Hoover in a letter to Wm. Allen White, the Kansas editor. As Mr. Hoover suggests, the only solution so far discovered for the breakdown of the two-party system has been the dictatorship, and a dictatorship is unthinkable in the United States.

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 government, representing not even a plurality of the voters, is about to come in to power. Certain political writers are of the opinion that, as the thrice-split Parliament fairly represents the divisions in British public opinion, the government under such conditions.

The insurgent war in the United States Senate seems to have subsided and Senator Cummins enjoys both choice jobs.

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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 ground last Thursday.

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.

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.

"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.

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.

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.

Benjamin Bernstein, a Shamokin merchant, has brought suit in the Northumberland county Common Pleas court at Sunbury, seeking \$35,000 damages from the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company for injuries he says he suffered in a grade crossing accident.

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.

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Five young bandits, stripped Jacob Movenski, 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.

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.

Francis Kerstetter, a farmer residing several miles east of Sunbury, was probably fatally injured Saturday when gored by an infuriated steer when about to lead the animal from its stall in the barn to sell it to John Leshar.

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, were arrested on Saturday for February court.

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 and House Association, that no more efforts will be made to exhort the depositors of which have not claimed it within fourteen years.

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