

### INK SLINGS.

-Apparently Mabel Normand has gone to join the society of the unscreened, which "Fatty" Arbuckle founded a few years ago.

-Last month we might well have sung "December's as Pleasant as May." Thus far January is bidding hard to start us composin' something that would get it into the June class.

-The New York girl who sold her forty million dollars to a foreign fortune hound, thinking she was to become a Princess, will have to be satisfied with a less high sounding a very impecunious one at that.

ton by sight only, and there may be those who will question our compefies our belief that she is a woman of very winning ways.

-Spring creek got on a rampage on Wednesday and for a while it looked like our press rooms were in for a bath. The water rose at the rate of about a foot an hour for a while in the early afternoon and we felt about as miserable and helpless as when as a kid we knew the terrible ordeal of having our neck and ears washed was impending. The flood reached its peak, however, at twelve o'clock, when about four inches over our floor, and then the menace to the prompt arrival of this visitor to your home began to subside slowly.

Evan Jones, of Bradford, would like to go back to Washington and is con-Mr. Swoope hasn't yet set the halls of Congress ringing with one of his rose obscurity. It is life or death. painting flights of oratory we don't recall that the Hon. Jones ever did anything during his two terms that completely fooled the managers of the choking Billy off with one.

-General Dawes talked with characteristic candor to the foreign experts with whom he is sitting in Paris to diagnose the European financial disease. Ever since the General shocked the country with his rather inelegant but certainly understandable answers to a congressional investigating committee that was quizzing him he has appeared an interesting



#### **Revolt or Reconciliation**, Which? Chairman Baker Greatly Surprised.

Governor Pinchot has announced Prince at all. He is only a baron and National convention, but it is not certain whether it represents a declara- chine of Pennsylvania, the surprise of causes chairman Harry Baker and is he and his friends have been assur- State committee. She is a daughter the proposed Mellon tax law had been Senators Pepper and Reed to change ed that he will be chosen for the cov- of the late John Wanamaker and their minds, on occasion, rather justi- eted honor "if he will agree to go probably a liberal contributor to the have saved \$4,000,000 of the amount, along with the leaders." In announc- slush fund. But she disappointed ing his candidacy, therefore, he may those who bestowed the favor on her challenged Secretary Mellon to debe accepting the conditions, thus by supporting Mr. Pinchot for the bate the question in the open. He avoiding a bitter and expensive fight. nomination for Governor, and in some believes that he can prove the fallacy It is fairly certain that the "party other ways, and the managers have of Mr. Mellon's theory that the tax leaders" would prefer to put that con- been secretly trying to get rid of her struction on the event.

But on the other hand the Governor may mean that he will be a candidate for the office in spite of the leaders. That is the attitude he assumed when he aspired to the nomination of has party for the office of Governor two years ago, and he won out, though at an enormous cost to him- paid no attention to her demand. In ample, that rich men invest in taxself and his family. Mr. Pinchot has strong faith in himself. He believes bled a number of the leading Republi- avoiding business cares and risks." that he is a real reformer and that can women workers and told them her As corroborative evidence he shows -A story is going the rounds to the people of the State are in accord troubles and disappointments, wind- that there are only \$11,000,000,000 in the effect that former Congressman with him in that opinion and highly ing up with the declaration that beappreciate his work. It may safely be added that he prefers independ- her re-election as vice chairman and taxable securities available to investsidering entering the primaries ence of, rather than servility to, the their unwillingness to slate a woman against the Hon. William I. Swoope machine. But he is ambitious and a for the convention seat, she would shortage of funds to capitalize indusfor the Republican nomination. While defeat of his present aspirations not be a candidate for any office. This trial enterprises." Smaller investors would work complete consignment to aroused the women, including Mrs. are always ready to accept the care

Two years ago Mr. Pinchot beat the chairman Baker to express their promachine at its own game because he test. might be recalled to flim-flam Repub- opposition. He spent money as freelicans into giving him a third term by | ly as a drunken sailor but obscured the operation in such secrecy that it for the vice chairmanship, or that it 000 a year in income tax. That is, was not suspected. If it had been could be imagined that the list of del- the able Secretary's tax bill would be known that he was buying the favor he would probably have been outbid. Posing as a political purist, however, he was practically without competi- and lays awake nights thinking out an increase in the taxes of ten or tion in the vote market and scored plans to honor the women workers of twenty million smaller tax bills to heavily. That is not likely to occur his party. It is true that his list is reimburse the government for this again. Lightning seldom strikes made up, all except the place left for loss of revenue. But it reveals the twice in the same place and the re- Pinchot, "if he will be good," is com- real reason for Mr. Mellon's anxiety sources of the machine are quite as pleted. But he assured Mrs. Warbur- to translate the bill into law. It ample as those of the Pinchot family. ton and her sister complainants that makes equally clear the duty of Con-

ever since. This fact has not escaped her attention, though she kept her own coun- rate on big incomes forces capital to sels on the matter until the question accept tax-free securities of less proof slating delegates-at-large to the ductive power, thus robbing industrial National convention came up. Mrs. enterprise of an essential element. Warburton demanded that a woman be placed on the list and the managers idence of his own experience and exresentment of this slight she assem- free securities, "for the purpose of cause the managers were opposed to whereas there are \$125,000,000,000 Pinchot, and they sent a committee to and risk of business. Of course Mr. Baker was surprised Ways and Means, estimates that the and amazed that any one should think adoption of the Mellon bill by Con-

egates-at-large would be without a decreased that vast amount annually he men. They were expecting more from him in his first Paris speech, but forces there will be less pussy-footing along to put Mrs. Warburton or some oil, which is framed in the interest of along to put Mrs. Warburton or some oil, which is framed in the interest of

The Senator from Michigan, Mr. Mrs. Barclay Warburton, of Philathough none the less empty title. It his candidacy for the honorary office delphia, presented chairman W. Har- Couzens, formerly an automobile has been discovered that Salm isn't a of delegate-at-large to the Cleveland ry Baker and his colleagues in the builder, was a fit instrument to puncture the tire of Secretary of the management of the Republican ma-Treasury Mellon. Mr. Couzens is a -We know Mrs. Barclay Warbur- tion of war on the machine or a tok- their lives, the other day. Mrs. War- Republican and a multi-millionaire. net, for which act Fall became the tion of war on the machine of a tox-en of reconciliation. As has previous-burton has been a source of some anx-iety to the managers for some time. He knows all about paying income taxes. Within the last ten years he has paid \$8.223.679 tax on income, Committee. The inquiries of this place has been reserved on the slate A few years ago Mrs. Warburton was has paid \$8,223,679 tax on income, charms, but the manner in which she for the Governor on conditions. That made vice chairman of the Republican nearly all of which was surtax. If

Mr. Mellon's Tire Punctured.

in force during that time he would quite a fortune. Senator Couzens has rate on big incomes is crippling the

industrial life of the country. Mr. Mellon contends that the tax Senator Couzens declares upon the evtax-free securities on the market Congressman Tague, of Texas, a

member of the House committee on that he is opposed to Mrs. Warburton gress would save Mr. Mellon \$2,000,woman member. Mr. Baker is the by the decrease on big incomes as this dusty New Mexican plant, who most gallant and courteous of men proposed in his bill. It would require was it that performed the generous

-Former Secretary Fall has been caught in one lie in connection

# Irrigation in New Mexico.

From the Philadelphia Record. Former Secretary of the Interior Fall leased the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to the H. F. Sinclair interests while he was still functioning as a member of President Harding's Cabicome affluent enough to arouse the cu- tract price was said to be \$1,600,000. riosity and perhaps the suspicions of them compared Fall's change of condition to a withered plant that has been refreshed by copious watering. But the unabashed Mr. Fall was ready with a very plausible explana-tion. He told the Senate committee that he was in funds because he has procured a loan of \$100,000 from Ed-ward B. McLean, the millionaire Washington newspaper publisher. It was obvious that on funds furnished by McLean, as Fall testified, he could put up quite an impressive front after a long and lean period of unprofitable office-holding. Then Fall went South to Palm Beach, where McLean has a magnificent villa. He found McLean already installed in his Florida home. Fall had notified the Senate investigators that he was too ill to appear for further examination; McLean gave the same excuse. Then the commit-

the voted to send Senator Walsh, of Montana, to interrogate McLean. On Friday McLean testified that he agreed to make a loan of \$100,000 to —A record for s Walsh then went after Fall for further explanation, and Fall condescends to corroborate McLean, thereby contradicting his own testimony. If millionaire McLean did not water act of irrigation?

### In the Pan-Slavic Tide.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Recognition of the Bolshevist government of Russia is the bitter pill governments of the Little Entente nations are preparing to swallow. In an association or municipalities, may be their conference at Belgrade the statesmen of Czecho-Slovakia, Jugoslavia and Rumania are trying to sugarcoat it as much as possible. As misery loves company, the three governments want to do the same thing at the same time and in the same manner, lending each other mor-

#### SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-While all the members of the Erie police force were in conference with Mayor J. C. Williams, last Wednesday afternoon, discussing law enforcement, two bandits entered the Lincoln bank, in the business district of that city, held up the cashier and three girl clerks, and escaped with \$2800.

-Mrs. James Silverthorne, aged 62 years, of Titusville, died in about half an hour after being taken to the city hospital last Thursday afternoon. When her clothing was removed nurses found in salt bags sewed to the inside of her skirts \$6,617 in cash, Liberty bonds and bank securities.

-Stabbed in the abdomen during a street fight at Altoona, early on Monday, Benedetto Laporte, a Pennsylvania Railroad workman, died four hours later in the hospital. Alfonseo Damico and Dominick Nagniso were arrested, and each accused the other of the crime, both being held for trial for murder at the next regular term of court in Blair county.

-The Pennsylvania railroad on Tuesday awarded to the Bethlehem Steel company a contract for erection of two two-track bridges over the Susquehanna river from Sunbury to Packer's Island and from the committee developed the facts that Island to Northumberland. This will Mr. Fall, previously believed to be make six tracks crossing the two branches without financial resources, had be- of the river to the yards there. The con-

-While she was bidding Frank Kiphis New Mexican neighbors. Some of horn, her lover, good-bye over the telephone, Miriam Orr, aged 19, of Lancaster, collapsed from the effects of poison tablets which she took in an attempt to end her life. Kiphorn notified the police who went to the house, found the girl unconscious and a note addressed to her lover on the table. In the note she denied allegations which caused an argument between the two. Kiphorn is a baggage agent at the Pennsylvania railroad station in that city.

> -The rod was upheld as a necessary aid to the cause of education when a jury that tried Eugene Moyer, a school teacher of Lehigh county, acquitted him on charges of assault and battery, growing out of a whipping that he was alleged to have inflicted upon two sons of Ray Geary, using a razor strop. The outcome of the trial hinged entirely on the ancient question whether a teacher has a legal right to flog of pupils for breach of discipline. The jury On divided the costs between the teacher and

-A record for speed in the disposition Fall on his notes, and that he drew of court trials was established at Lewistwo or three checks, totaling that town, on Monday, when Walter Smith, a amount, payable to Fall's order. But within a few days Fall returned the checks—unused—with the statement that he had gotten his funds else-to not less than two and not more than four years in the western penitentiary. four years in the western penitentiary. Less than an hour and a half after he had staged the hold-up, Smith was arrested as he boarded a train at Mifflin, by J. B. Eisenhart, of the Middle division police department. He was taken back to Lewistown in an automobile.

> -Division and district engineers have been ordered to remove immediately from State Highway routes all signs or advertising matter illegally placed within the limits of the highways, Paul D. Wright, secretary of highways, announced last Friday. He pointed out that under the law no advertising matter of any kind or direction signs erected either by individuals,

it is probable that Dawes is saving his hot stuff for later crises when it may have more startling effect.

-The president of the Republican women's clubs of Pennsylvania has Warburton isn't the big cheese, at shall be the woman to go to Cleveland as a National delegate. Pity the poor future honors and is not likely to take political leader of today. All of them know that it was hard enough to keep He is outclassed in political expereverybody pleased when there were ience and intellectual force by any one none but men to squabble over places, but now that the women have come in for a share of the spoils their efforts secure it's going to take more palaver is an interesting situation well worth and "bull" than was ever called into use before.

-The next Democratic National convention will be held in New York. We Democrats are proverbially poor and Gotham offered to do most by way of relieving that embarrassment; so there you are. As it will not be an hours. One report had it drifting expensive trip for delegates from this section it is reasonable to expect more looking toward that honor than would have been the case had the convention got back to San Francisco, Chicago or St. Louis. By way of suggestion to the Democrats of this District we want to say that they could have no more creditable representative in the convention nor confer the honor on a more deserving party man than the wind subsided the ship made its Dr. F. K. White, of Philipsburg, if he way back to Lakehurst where it was could be persuaded to become a candidate.

-The average radio fan is almost an exact replica of the owners of the first automobiles. We recall many invitations to what had been anticipated as delightful rides that in reality turned out to be afternoons wasted on the roadside while our host tinkered with the carburetor, the ignition or the timer. When the car was working at its best he would have to stop to see why it was hitting so regularly and tinker a bit more. We have been invited to several radio evenings and anticipated picking up every time our host got us tuned in right he commenced working the dials and left us to listen to a bedlam of cats yowling and winds shrieking while he groped around in the ether for PDQ, SRO, SOS or any other old station he could get in tune with. We were in and out everywhere. One moment hearing Dowie's band in Zion, the next Prof. So and So talking on child welfare down in Columbia, Mo., and the next jazz in Atlanta, Ga. We were in the air for more than an hour and all the satisfaction we got was the beaming face of our entertainer cause he is among the foremost in as he announced that it was his best that group. night's work: He had gotten fifteen stations in one evening, and we had nothing.

and more hard hitting. mosphere will be cleared and the facts but no matter. developed. There are signs of other

troubles in the ranks and insurgencies impending and in the event that telegraphed Senator Reed that Mrs. they grow sufficiently to menace the could have been made, but according machine Governor Pinchot might to the judges is the best that was least among her Republican sisters in make up his mind to lead the revolt. made, and as it is disapproved by the Philadelphia and that there are oth- He has the inclination if he had the bitter enders ought to be favored by ers who want to have a say as to who moral courage to become a crusader. all others. But he is cherishing an ambition for a step that would destroy his hopes. of half a dozen of the machine leaders, but it may be doubted if he is equaled in caution. In any event it watching.

> -The big dirigible, Shenandoah, broke from its moorings at Lakehurst, Long Island, on Wednesday evening as the result of a seventy-two mile gale and was adrift for eight west but this was a mistake, as it got no further away from its base than Newark, N. J. In breaking loose from its moorings the nose of the ship was torn away and one of the experts on board hurriedly emptied the water tanks in the other end of the big ship which enabled it to attain an even keel, then turned it tail to the wind and simply rode out the storm. When again moored at three o'clock yesterwhen it broke its moorings.

Pinchot has decided to go to Cleve- onized him at every point and made land that is worrying the Republican his efforts futile. The chances are organization in this State. It is that as soon as Mayor Kendrick anwhat he might undertake to do after tagonizes the "gang" his work for rehe gets there that is causing them form will end. the sleepless nights.

rogues fall out, honest men come by their own," may not have had any- channel. Philadelphia has been bad something good from somewhere, but thing to do with the existing Ku Klux quarrel

> -General Dawes has made his first speech to the Reparations Commission and singularly enough he used no "swear words."

-Hearings on the Mellon tax bill have begun in Washington and it is a safe guess that most of those heard will favor the bill.

-Secretary Mellon's heart bleeds for the poor millionaires mainly be-

-If it isn't in the "Watchman"

this week it isn't true.

Within the next few days the at- ment is not consistent with the facts,

-The approved plan for the Bok with the Teapot Dome transaction prize is probably not the best that and the investigation is not finished.

### Moral Improvement in Philadelphia.

The marvelous progress which the new Mayor of Philadelphia and his imported Director of Public Safety has made in "cleaning up" that "corrupt and contented" city, must be gratifying to every right-minded cit- not be permitted to hold the chairizen of Pennsylvania. A great many manship of that committee and the saloons have been closed up for violating the Volstead law, the number of murders and banditries have greatly diminished and vice and crime arrangement would be made that almost eliminated. During the weekend, a period so prolific of crime, scarcely an arrest was made and, greatest achievement of all, nearly all the crooks and thugs on the police force have been removed or demoted. Philadelphia's crime record has been a blot upon the escutcheon of Pennsylvania for many years. The haunts of vice have been under the protection, rather than the condemnation, of the police and the gravest crimes were perpetrated with immunity for the reason that however notorious the offender political influence and agencies were able to guarantee day morning. The only damage was him freedom from punishment. The the destruction of the nose of the ship last Mayor, Mr. Hampton Moore, made an earnest effort to correct some of the evils but the councils, un--It isn't the fact that Governor der the control of the machine, antag-

But the people of Pennsylvania would have greater reason to rejoice -After all the adage, "when if the reform energies of the city government were directed in the right in every variety of crime but the worst feature of its criminal record lies in the corruption of the ballot. From one to two hundred thousand fraudulent votes are cast in that city at every election and the necessity to protect the perpetrators of those crimes from punishment is the principal cause of all the crimes committed in the city. If the new Mayor will lot crooks he will have solved the problem.

> -Some fellow fond of figures has discovered that more money is spent for chewing gum than for books in this country. But he hasn't the courage to ascribe the fact to the suffrage amendment.

**Confession of Imbecility.** 

The election of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, to the important office of chairman of the Senate committee on Interstate Commerce was a real surprise. That corporate influ-Senator LaFollette, ranking Republican on the committee, to the chairmanship, was certain from the beginning. That Senator Cummins would presidency pro tem. of the body at the same time, has been equally obvious. But it was fully expected that some would result in the selection of a chairman who would satisfy the corporations and preserve the ascenden-

cy of the Republicans. If Senator Smith were a servile agent of the corporations his election, notwithstanding his well defined political faith, could be understood. The Republican majority in the Senate, in that event, might have made his election a useful party expedient. Certain legislation is contemplated that will be sharply resented by popular

opinion and a Democratic committee chairman would have served the purpose of a "goat" admirably. But Senator Smith is not that type of a Democrat. He believes in the real gospel of the party and can neither be fooled, frightened nor bribed into a betrayal of his party and Senatorial obligations. That is why his election is the big surprise of this session of Congress. As it is now the election of Sena-

tor Smith to the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce committee is a public and official acknowledgment that the Republican leadership in Congress is utterly and irretrievably incompetent. With a clear majority of seven there is not sufficient cohesion to function as a party organization and the proceedings are certain to drift with the tide of contention in whatever direction passion leads. It is the most abject confession of imbe-

cility that has been revealed in Washington within a generation. As a matter of fact it may be doubted if there has ever been a parallel case.

it would not have occurred. -Japan is still shaking at intervals but not because she is afraid of

-One good reason for encouraging air service is that they have withdrawn favor from the submarines.

al support through the ordeal. Russia has brought a tremendous knuckle under and accord political recognition.

So much for the governments. The peoples of these countries are predominantly of Slavic extraction; of the 50,000,000 combined population, 37,000,000 are bound by ties of race to the Russian people. This accounts for the close sympathy they feel for the great mother of all the Slavs, a sympathy that does not take into ac-count Bolshevist political institutions. The crux of the matter is that the governments of the Little Entente are closely related to those of Western Europe while the people are look-ing toward the East. The issue is the old one of Pan-Slavism. That the government cannot avoid the recognition of the distasteful Russian regime Europe resist the tide of Western Pan Slavism?

## **Distribution** Again.

From the Pittsburgh Post. As the case stands the farmer has proved that his prices are too low and the milling interests seem to show through statistics of operation that they are paid a minimum for the confarmer receives for his grain, and the 10 cents per pound paid by the con-sumer for whole wheat flour. The flouring mill and the consumer-in most six times the charge of producwhere the ordinary consumer cannot reach it with comfort. In that case the wheat grower may be in worse fix than at present.

# Something Wrong Somewhere.

From the Altoona Tribune. Something is wrong somewhere. One hundred and fifty farmers in Im-lice that he and Trott were quarreling turn his attention to prosecuting bal- If Senator Penrose had been present bler, Oregon, sat down to a banquet at a meeting there and the meal cost them just sixteen cents each. Nearly is the second murder to occur in the same everything on the tables was the pro-duct of the farm and the cost a plate a pair of stairs and killed himself through was computed at the price the far- breaking his neck. Four men paid with mer was paid for the products, plus their lives in the electric chair at Rock-the labor cost of preparing the food. view, for the killing of John Florain, dur-The same menu then was computed ing an attempted robbery. The house is at Portland restaurant prices and known by neighbors as the "black cat," amounted to \$1.55 a plate.

to violations of law by candidates for office at the spring primaries.

-Mrs. Ray and her niece, of Mauch Chunk, while on their way home from a neighbors on Saturday night, were confronted by a highwayman, who stepped in front of them and ordered them to stop. economic and political pressure to Mrs. Ray, a powerful woman, did no such bear upon these three border nations. thing as stop, but let her right arm swing One of them is a republic founded with all the effect of her strength, and upon conservative lines; the other two are monarchies. All of them have man's nose, which made him reel and beat to put up with a heavy bombardment a hasty retreat. Mrs. Ray hit the highof revolutionary propaganda from wayman so hard that she knocked several ence would prevent the elevation of Moscow, and they can get no assur- of her knuckles out of joint, but otherance that it will cease even if they wise she was unscathed by the encounter.

-Registration of the Templer Motor Car company, of Lakewood, Ohio, for the sale of \$2,500,000 worth of stock in Pennsylvania has been refused by the State securities bureau. A syndicate of the officers and directors of the Templar Motors company, which went into the hands of a receiver in October, 1922, has taken over the affairs of the old concern and are now represented by M. F. Bramley, who was president and general manager of the company; W. M. Pattison, who was vice president, and Newton D. Baker, of Cleveland, the Secretary of War under President Wilson.

-"That represents matrimonial contentment," George E. Diehl, business manager of Penn Hall, explained to members of the Rotary club, of Chambersburg, when he drove up Lincoln way in his roadster. The brings up the old problem: Can right hand side of the body of the automobile is painted blue, while the lefthand side is painted gray. The wheels are done in bright red. Mr. Diehl further explained that his wife likes blue for an auto body color, while he prefers gray, and as they like to go riding together, the color problem was satisfactorily solved by using two kinds of paint. But it does cause the curious to ask many questions.

-The sum of \$250 for information as to her whereabouts has been offered by the version service. Yet a spread exists, parents of Miss Verna Rhodes, a McVeymeasured by 11 cents per pound the town girl who mysteriously disappeared on the night of December 22nd at Wernersville, Berks county. Miss Rhodes for the last five months had been a patient at difference is accumulated between the the Wernersville sanitorium, where she was receiving treatment for nervous trouble. The week before Christmas she dethe cost of distribution. And obvi-ously a distribution which costs al-cided to go to McVeytown to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. S. B. Kiner. tion is too high. If the farmer suc- She was taken to the Wernesrville railceeds in advancing the price of his road station, where she bought a ticket for wheat he may be placing it on a level Harrisburg and checked her baggage. That was the last seen or heard of her.

> -Shot through the heart as he lay in bed, Gabor Trott, 45 years old, was killed instantly at Erie, last Friday, by one of four bullets fired at close range. Police arrested George T. Kocik, 35 years old, a boarder, and the holding him for the slaying. August Jonies, 56 years old, is being over money and that the latter had attackbecause of its record for killings.

any army or navy in the world.