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INK SLINGS.

-Be of good cheer. Summer will eventually tire of lingering in the lap of winter.

-If newspaper accounts of the reception are true New York certainly hit the ceiling in its frenzy to welcome Lindbergh.

-The Coolidges are safe and, we comfortably located in the Black Hills of South Dakota. They are to spend the summer there, far from the turmoil of Washington but close to the delegates Calvin desires most to land.

President three years ago, sailed for

-Jerome K. Jerome is dead and the head-lines in the metropolitan papers call him a "humorist." We have no desire to snitch the flowers from the graves of the departed but them to be.

-The deliverance of Capt. Nungesser and Maj. Coli seems like a miracle. Unheard from for a month and nine days they had been given up for dead, monuments to their memory were being planned and benefits for their families were under way. Then they walk out of the woods of Quebec and assume the role of live heroes with Lindbergh, Chamberlain and

-The staff of the Carnegie Foundation has set out to make study a major sport in our colleges. We say only knows where it will land. Who could conceive of fifty thousand people paying five dollars per to see eleven men from Yale and eleven gymnastics through four fifteen minute periods? Study will never be a major sport at any American college as long as its coaches draw down more than its president and its athletic teams have to commercialize their sports in order to maintain their recreational facilities.

less than half as much per hour as is getting more per hour than those who furnish it with employment. better. The President's utterance was only grand-stand play, however. He can get more for common labor if he wants to. All he need do is tell the tariff beneficiaries that he will advocate a cut in their schedules unless they give more of the tariff's unearned increment to their employees. He hasn't the courage to do that.

-The political pendulum has been swinging back and forth so erratically in Centre county that nobody seems to know just what way the Republican judicial cat's going to jump. One week there is nothing to the nomination but Judge Furst. The next week Lately, however, rumors are sifting into the effect that with each sweep of the tide of popular favor a few more Fleming jetty than onto that of the sitting Judge. We don't know and we give it only for what it is worth: Gossip tells us that Judge Furst has a mill-stone about his neck in the person of the new dispenser of patronage in Centre county. It, gossip, leads us to the conviction that the hired and fired armies in Centre county are going to decide the issue and at the present stage of the battle it looks as though the fired army has more supporters than the hired one.

matic procedure and because his con- by the compromise then adopted. duct was so unexpected Ambassador times and places for everything. A man who makes a bally-hoo of his procession to church isn't the kind



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Capitol Construction Work to be Rushed.

The expressed purpose of Governor -John W. Davis, our candidate for Fisher to hasten the construction of Europe on Tuesday. Before embark- office building in Capitol park, Harrising he said: "Hope springs eternal burg, is commendable. When the new in the Democratic breast." John's a capitol building was designed a trifle wise guy. He gave the exact reason more than a quarter of a century ago, why so many people voted for him it was believed it would supply ample government for a century at least. More than fifteen years ago this expectation proved futile and within of the several departments to pay for if Jerome was a humorist then we've the additional buildings contemplated got to admit that crape-hangers are in the plans subsequently drawn by not as dolorous as we have thought the late Arnold W. Bruner as necessary to properly conduct the business of the State.

The south office building, now about completed, cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. Four years were spent in the construction and the work was performed during a period of peak prices for both labor and materials. It is believed that the north building may be completed in less than two replica of the other it can be built for \$3.500,000. Its completion within the two years will enable the State to house all its agencies of administration instead of having them scattered it has set out to do so, but the Lord about in Harrisburg at great expense in the way of rentals. The quarters Public Welfare and the Public Service Commission cost nearly as much anfrom Princeton contest in mental nually as the interest on the proposed building would amount to.

The General Assembly, at its last session, appropriated \$1,000,000 to cians in corrupting the ballot the only start the work, which will serve the hope for honest elections lies in the purpose. But piecemeal method of that reason Governor Fisher has set struction on the new building." That prompt and generous. skilled and much of the skilled labor will be fine and if it is free of graft, as well as expeditiously built, all the

> -Mexico "goes the whole hog." By government decree all the clocks in that country are to be set forward an hour for the whole year.

## Usual Fight on Tax Reduction.

The stage is already being set for the usual contest between the leaders of the major parties in Congress on the question of tax reduction. There is perfect agreement on the main question, which is that with a vast and annually increasing surplus business interests and national safety demand we hear nothing but Fleming talk. a decrease in the revenues. But there is a wide difference of opinion both as to the amount and the form of the decrease. Senator Reed, of Pennsylvasupporters are swept up onto the nia, personal representative of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, and presumably spokesman of the President on the subject, would limit the cut to \$300,000,000 while Senator Simmons, speaking for the Democrats, demands a reduction of \$500,000,000.

The books will show a surplus at the close of the present fiscal year, the 30th of this month, of upward of \$600,000,000, an increase of more than \$300,000,000 over that of last year. The President has publicly stated that some of the sources of this surplus may not be present next year but has -An incident that occurred in failed to specify which will default. Washington on Sunday convinces us In the absence of this information it that it was not wholly due to Ambas- may be assumed that there is not sador Herrick's coaching that Lind- likely to be a considerable falling off bergh did the right thing in every and with a practically certain surplus emergency that confronted him in of approximately \$600,000,000, a tax Paris. His comportment there and in reduction of \$500,000,000 cannot be Brussels and London is the talk of harmful. If the Democratic prothe world. The very simplicity and gramme had been adopted last year important work of the session, was naturalness of the young man were so the people would have been relieved mutilated to meet his perverted measimpressive that they almost wrote a of the considerable unnecessary bur- ure of merit. new dictum into the ethics of diplo- dens which were imposed upon them

There is also a great difference in monwealth to select the managers of Herrick was generally credited with the programmes as to the form of the the several charitable institutions of tipping him off as to what to do. On tax cut. Senator Reed, speaking for the State. As a rule the only recom-Sunday Lindbergh and his mother the Republican party and the admin- pense which those faithful men and went to church in Washington with istration, proposes to cut the tax on women received for their arduous but President and Mrs. Coolidge. All the incomes of upward of \$75,000 in half, benevolent efforts was the consciousway from the temporary White House on those of \$25,000 to \$75,000 a trifle ness of doing well. Partisanship was to the First Congregational church less and on those under \$5000 not at rarely if ever considered in the seleccrowds lined the streets and cheered all. The Democratic schedule would tions. But the new boss has revoluhim to the echo. There was no sign leave the rate on the big income alone tionized the system and usurped the from him that he either saw or heard and make the cut on small incomes power of naming persons to discharge them. In that moment Lindy was the and corporations' incomes, which are the duties of these honorary offices. idol, not the President of the United shifted to the consumers, thus doub- The other day the public was inform-States, but he remembered who he ling the burden of taxpayers of small ed, through the newspapers, that Mr. was riding with and what his errand means. Both favor the repeal of the Mellon had gone to Harrisburg to was and knew, because he has had inheritance tax and most of what are "confer" with the Governor on these good home training, that there are known as the "nuisance" taxes, which appointments. include automobile and similar levies.

who would have done what Lindbergh distributed \$8,014,737 to ministerial cheese, recently ordered by the Presipensioners during 1926.

Deserving Adventure in Politics.

The creation of a State-wide organization "dedicated to the dual purpose of reforming the election system the usual date of assembling, based what is to be known as the north and protecting the ballot" is the most deserving adventure in the political life of Pennsylvania in recent years. Such an organization has been suggested by a number of influential men and women of Philadelphia, and it is room for the activities of the State to be hoped that it will be cordially and generously supported by the people in every section of the State. It is to be absolutely unselfish and nonthat period of time enough money has partisan, and as Thomas Raeburn by the filibuster to shield Vare at been paid in rentals for space for use White and Roland S. Morris are among the sponsors, and the other be passed in order that the courts sincerity of purpose.

The temporary committee, composed of twenty Republicans and Demo- Senate Committee on Finance and is crats in equal ratio, has addressed a anxious to get the tax reduction bill letter to 500 men and women of Penn- on its way. One of the clearest headsylvania asking them to contribute ed politicians in the country, he realto a fund of \$50,000 to finance the endizes not only the importance but the est points in August, 1919. All othterprise, the money to be collected necessity of decreasing the tax bur- ers have started with March 4. 1921. by contributions in smaller sums from dens during the first session of the citizens in sympathy with the move- Seventieth Congress. He is also wise years, and though it will be an exact ment. The object is "the creation of to the fact that the measure has "a public sentiment which would secure rocky road to travel." The contest from the next State Legislature a for the Senatorial seat fraudulently substantial improvement in the elec- claimed by Bill Vare, and other distion laws; assistance in the enforce- turbing questions are likely to occupy ment of these laws and the bringing the time of the Senate for so long a to justice of those who might violate period that the revenue bill may fail them, and the conduct of a campaign altogether and the best claim of the now occupied by the Department of to assure the adoption of the voting Republican party for a continuance in machine amendment at the general election next year."

So long as the millionaire corporations, bankers and manufacturers are The creation of such a force is not on-

-The late Russel Sage was an form in escaping an income tax charge of \$1,500,000.

## Hard Boiled Republican Boss.

In politics, as played in Pennsyl-The late Senator Quay was an "easy" boss. That is so long as the person other office that had patronage to disinsisted on filling the minor positions with men loyal to the organization appointing power or required the nomical. adoption of his personal choice. It is true that the appointment by the Governor of an open enemy provoked "roar" that was heard from the Delaware to Lake Erie.

But the present boss of the party, chairman W. L. Mellon, is a "hardboiled" master. When the General Assembly organized last January he selected the officials of that body from the president pro tem of the Senate to the pasters and folders of the House of Representatives. Even the committee assignments in both chambers were made under his direction. In the selection of the Governor's cabinet his voice was loud and controlling. No important legislation could be enacted until it had his approval, and the Governor as well as the Legislators were obliged to yield to his caprices. Ballot reform legislation, the most

For years it had been the privilege and duty of the Governor of the Com-

-Probably the fifty per cent in--Eighteen church denominations crease in the tariff tax on Swiss dent, is a levy on the holes.

Concerning the Extra Session.

The expectation of an extra session of Congress some time in advance of on a statement made by Senator Smoot, of Utah, after a conference with the President, has been somewhat impaired by a subsequent declaration by Mr. Coolidge that he had "made no definite decision" on the subject. There are good reasons why an extra session might be called. The Mississippi flood situation needs attention, the deficiency bill, defeated the close of the last session, ought to members of the preliminary commit- may function, and the necessity for Republican has taken notice, even by tee are men and women of the same tax reduction before the opening of implication, of the enormous reductype, there can be no doubt of the the Presidential campaign all cry out tion of the public debt during the last

for an extra session. Senator Smoot is chairman of the power be lost.

Of course the President gave Senator Smoot ample reason for his statement that an extra session would be supporting selfish and corrupt politicalled. The Senator is far too wise a politician to make such a statement without complete authority. Likely thorough reorganization of the better Mr. Coolidge expected the Senator to construction implied in that act is element of the electorate to repeal keep the information to himself unneither economical nor wise. For their malign influence in public life. til released by the White House, and the publication was disappointing. about to devise a plan to finance the ly possible but entirely feasible, and But the disappointment is hardly an as non-recurring receipts and limits The President's latest bid for undertaking in a more expeditious the plan suggested by the committee excuse for practically branding the the possible tax reduction to \$205,popular favor is his recent call for manner. "Construction work on the should appeal to every voter who fav- Republican leader of the Senate as a 000,000. But if this surplus is so higher wages for labor. Everybody new building will be vigorously push- ors honest elections. It may be that prevaricator. Some men would reed to give Harrisburg and Pennsylva- a greater fund than that named by sent such an aspersion, and if Smoot penses, and the President warns Conwould say: Amen! to that if he had made clear just what he meant by labor. If it was unskilled labor he labor, and he added, "we intend to established for the world all it costs. Let third term ambition of Calvin Cool- we shall know a good deal more than labor. If it was unskilled labor he day, and he added, "we intend to established into the street with lathered faces would take it into his head to adopt the committee will be necessary to active Amen! for unskilled labor is getting tablish a new record for State con- us hope that the response will be idge, which is not quite safe at pres-

> -The man who made the remark export in dodging expense bills and that "there is nothing new under the his widow's estate is running true to sun," ought to be alive now and he would undergo a change of mind. Especially had he been interviewed last few weeks of a fiscal year estion Monday by W. H. Garman and his mates have been substantially exceedsample of congealed liquid air. The sample was only a small slab about six inches long, two and a half inches vania, there are bosses and bosses. wide by three-quarters of an inch thick, but he claimed that there was sufficient congealed frigidity reprehe had chosen for Governor, or any sented in the small parcel to supply an ordinary refrigerator for sevenpense, selected subordinates who were teen hours. It represented a temperfriendly, he allowed full latitude in ature of 140 degrees below zero. The selections. The late Senator Pen-liquid air is entirely devoid of moisrose was an "amiable" boss. He ture and if it has all the cooling properties represented it will revolutionize refrigeration methods, especially and willing workers in the cause. But if it can be commercially manufacturhe never put other restraints on the ed to render its use general and eco-

the government must be kept at the present level President Coolidge "is addressing the galleries." He made a similar statement a year ago and the expenses increased many millions.

-The Philadelphia subway scheme will provide for an underway walk for pedestrians. This is entirely proper. That city is governed by the "underworld" population.

-Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, was married in Rome last Sunday. He may now direct his in- from Moscow has shocked the ventive powers to framing excuses for domestic derelictions.

-French troops have been withdrawn from the Sarre valley by order of the League of Nations, thus re- shows not only weakness and inefmoving a cause of irritation that fectiveness but a fundamental and inmade much trouble.

The Governor made 500 appointments in one day recently. If he keeps up that pace Mr. Mellon's troubles will soon be ended.

-Captain Richards, of Lebanon, is also an air hero. Though eightyfour years old he flew from Philadelphia to Washington to greet Colonel Lindbergh.

-The President is still driving weak and criminal? the caution car on high gear. With a \$600,000,000 surplus in sight he hesitates about reducing revenues.

zen will preach the sermon. A full turnout of members is desired.

President and Budget.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Congressmen would like to reduce taxes; that is always popular. They would like increased appropriations; that is always popular with some locality or class. Almost everybody wants more money from Congress for something he—or she—is particularly interested in. But the President has no glad hand for either. Both are likely to feel that he has a marble heart. But we hail with great satisfaction one evidence of broadening of the Re-

publican horizon. Among all the Republican speeches and documents we believe that the President's address on Friday was the first time that any year and a half, or a little over, of Wilson Administration. amount was over two billions of dol-lars. The President doesn't specify, but he does what no Republican before him has done; he takes the starting point in reduction from its high-The world began for all Republicans with the inauguration of President Harding. We are now permitted to know from a high Republican source tha debt reduction began more than a year and a half before Mr. Harding was inaugurated, and by considering the debt statement at the point where Republicans have always begun it is possible to see that debt reduction was more rapid in the last part of the Wilson Administration than at any time since. But, of course, the reven-

ues have been reduced in later years. The President is extremely conservative; it will seem to many persons competent to judge that he is too conservative. The \$600,000,000 surplus of the year now approaching its end is, he says, no basis for appropriations or tax reduction; there were revenues of a non-recurring character. The estimated surplus for the fiscal year soon to begin is \$338,000,000. but he deducts from that \$133,000,000 used no margin is left to increase ex-

we do now about the finances. We may very well remember that all the estimates of revenue in these recent years have been exceeded. By December we shall know exactly what the surplus of 1927 was, whether it was just under \$600,000,000, or whether it was a good bit over. Even in the ed. We shall also know what the revenues for almost half the coming fiscal year will have been.

The President refers to large and unexpected demands upon the Treasury which may arise. But the public Treasury is not exactly in the condition of a private business. There is always the taxpayers to fall back upon, and it has generally been regarded as wiser public finance not to raise money in anticipation of possible demands, or to carry large surpluses of idle funds, but to meet unexpected emergencies by temporary measures.

Furthermore, it is by no means necessary to reduce the public debt by a million, or a billion and a quarter, annually. It is nice to reduce the debt rapidly, but it is not essential In demanding that expenses of to keep up the present pace. The President himself has spoken often enough and urgently enough of the importance of leaving as much money as possible in the citizen's pocket. A temporary emergency can be met by temporary means, and if the flood control to which the President alludes should cost 50 or 100 millions that amount might be stopped out of the payments on the public debt without serious results.

#### The Moscow Orgy. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The orgy of executions reported whole world. It is a further evidence that Russia under Bolshevism is not fit to be received into the comity of civilized nations. A revolutionary Government which, after ten years, has to resort to terrorist methods excusable criminality. If the Bolshevists hoped in this way to give proof of their power to the outside world, they have merely proved themselves execrable psychologists. But perhaps the main idea was to make an impression on their own people. So there is a suspicion that these may have been "newspaper executions. At least one of the victims has been "executed" in this manner before. The world is inclined to extend its sympathy to the Russians. But what by throwing a dark acid over them. Two is to be thought of a people who will one-gallon jugs used to carry the acid tolerate a Government so fraudulent, were found on the factory floor. One hun-

making arrangements for the annual convention of the Central Pennsyl--Centre Hall Camp, No. 889, P. vania district firemen's association, O. S. of A., will hold Memorial serv- which this year wil be held at Duices at Sprucetown at 7:30 o'clock on Bois, August 10th and 11th, has com-Sunday evening, June 19th. Rev. Ha- piled a long list of prizes for competitive events which total \$1465.00 in signed for the attack on the plant, as there cash.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYTSONE.

-His first mistake in 20 years as botom man at Pennsylvania Colliery cost the life of Michael Gonbeck, aged 42, of Mount Carmel, last Saturday. He stumbled when turning and was crushed between a car and side of the mine, sustaining two broken arms and a crushed chest. -Believed to have been caught in a whirlpool when she ventured too far out in the stream while bathing in the Raystown creek at the Narrows brdge, seven miles west of Everett, Evelyn Brunnet, 18, of Mill Run, near Central City, Somerset county, was drowned shortly after 5 p. m. last Thursday.

-While playing bridge on the first floor of the residence of City Treasurer R. M. Keiser, at Wilkes-Barre, Thursday night, the valuables of sixty guests in the wrap room upstairs were taken by a sneak thief. The women, who were the guests at a card party given by Mrs. Keiser, lost their purses, wraps and other articles.

-Struck on the head by a batted baseball during a juvenile game which took place near his home Wednesday afternoon of last week. William McAlonis, 11, of Girardville, suffered a fractured skull, from which he died at the Ashland State hospital early on Monday morning. This is the first baseball fatality in that section for the season.

-The office of the American Oil Co., in Reading, was robbed on Sunday night of its safe, a 100-pound steel case containing \$900 in checks and about \$50 cash. All that was left in the office of the safe was the door knob and part of the frame, battered off with a heavy railroad sledge found on the floor. Police believe it was hauled to the country for dynamiting.

-Willis Beck, 30, a battery supply station proprietor of Nazareth, Lehigh county, chose a somewhat unique method of suicide, it was reevaled yesterday with the dscovery of his body in a small coupe in the fair grounds. at Nazareth. Beck had twisted the exhaust pipe of the car so that the fumes poured into the car through a hole in the flooring. The windows of the little car were then tightly closed and the engine started.

-When Charles Trotter, 76 years old, went to the Lancaster county poor house for admission as an inmate he met at the door of the institution his wife, Bertha, 73, whom he deserted fifty-six years ago. The woman, who had been in the institution since 1871, recognized Trotter who deserted her as child wife. She went to the poor house when she became ill from worry over her abandonment and the death of her infant child.

-John Falls, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Falls, of near Beech Creek borough, burned, his right hand severely while playing with fire at his home Thursday night. His mother wrapped the injured member in a cloth saturated with turpentine, and the boy getting too near the kitchen fire, the bandage took fire, burning his hand to the bone from the wrist to the ends of his fingers. It is doubtless if the hand can be saved.

-A near panic occurred in a Wilkes-Barre barber shop one morning last week when a snake ten feet in length crawled or t of an opening in the brick wall. Men rushed into the street with lathered faces and aprons around their necks as barbers ed the shop the snake had crawled back into the wall and has not been seen since.

-Several convicts on duty in the boiler room of the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh, aided firemen early on Tuesday in fighting a fire which broke out in the novelty shop on the first floor of the main building. The flames were confined to that shop and were extinguished after a two hours fight with a loss of about \$3,000. Scores of detectives and city police sped to the prison when the fire alarm was sounded to be on hand for a possible attempt at escape.

-Explosion of 400 quarts of nitro Glycerine at Lick Hill, near Butler, on Thursday, cost the lives of two men, while hosptal reports indicate that two, at least, of the score injured, may die. Three houses were demolished by the blast, several others were badly damaged, telephone poles were torn down and gas lines broken. Preliminary estimates placed the property damage at more than \$100,000. The explosion occurred when a rear wheel of a truck carrying the nitro glycerine to a storage magazine slipped from the highway into a small ditch.

-After warning his two small children to keep away from a tree which he was cutting on his farm near Kembles ville, Chester county, on Friday, John A. Kirk, aged 46, stumbled and fell beneath the tree when it toppled over, receiving injuries which resulted in his death two hours later in an ambulance that was taking him to a Philadelphia hospital. He receved a punctured lung, four broken ribs and a fractured arm in the accident. When one of the trees was about to fall he warned his children, Mary and John. Jr., who were watching him. As he started to run away he tripped on a rock, and he was pinned to the earth by the heavy

-A small gold medal awarded for meritorious service in the Johnstown flood of May, 1889, is awaiting a claimant at the capitol, in Harrisburg. When Joseph Bates, paper baler, reached the bottom of the paper bin he saw a small sparkling object. He picked it up and found it to be a medal. On the bar to which the pendant was hung is the name "A. N. Mc-Innes," while the pendant says "Presented for valuable service rendered-Johnstown Flood." Mr. Bates said that a check failed to disclosed any one by the name of McInnes in the State service at the capitol. He is at a loss to know where it came from and how it came to be with the waste paper, but if Mr. McInnes can be located the medal will be turned over to him.

-Breaking into the H. Fisherman shirt factory at Quakertown, Pa., early on Monday, some person or persons destroyed 12.000 finished shirts, valued at \$12,000, dred persons are employed in the plant, which will be reopened Wednesday. The -The committee in charge of culprit left no clew. State police and Polic Chief Harry Rhoades, of Quakertown, are conducting a thorough investigation. No insurance was carried on the merchandise. On January 28 the plant was partly gutted by fire, when smoke and water caused a loss of \$15,000, origin of which was undetermined. No cause can be ashave been no labor or other troubles.