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INK SLINGS.

-Would-be Senator Vare seems to have picked the wrong Reed to lean

-When Jim Reed gets through with Big Tom Cunningham there will be sorrow on "the rialto."

-Mr. Vare has no concern for his own disappointment but his heart bleeds for the suffering public.

-An optimist is one who, because his party is in power, kids himself into thinking times are good when they are actually bad.

-If there should be no snow Santa Claus might ride down on the tail of that Skjellerup comet which is to be visible at Christmas.

-Only the morons bemoan the rain. They are too nit-witted to understand that it is easier to carry an umbrella than it is to shovel snow.

-It looks like it won't be long until Bellefonte is minus the district highway offices. The removal will mean an appreciable loss in many

-Ambassador Morrow has accomplished a good deal in the way

-If we were Santa Claus we'd make the girls hang up socks this Christmas. It's unreasonable to ask the good old soul to fill the lengthy stockings the ladies are wearing now.

-That Chester county bride of three weeks who fired four shots at herself and missed every time, in an attempted suicide, is the kind of marksman one wouldn't describe as having unerring aim.

-When the hour hand has swung around the circle ten more times the shortest day of the year will be here. Then as the days lengthen the cold will strengthen and spring will be only three months off.

enough money to recompense for the time spent in holding them up. Political blackjacking is conducted on the same system there.

-Senator Dave Reed says it cost three times as much to nominate Govciling Mr. Beidleman to the robbery is not included in the reckoning.

we believe that banditry won't decrease until parents train their children to work for what they get and punishment for the crime is made so shrink from it.

-Yes, a friend brought us a mess of venison. You are curious to know, sherry in the parcel. We shall not gratify such curiosity for the reason friend and ourselves.

-President Calles, of Mexico, is quoted as having said that "any revolutionary movement in that country which threatens the authority of capital is bound to fall." In the light of recent occurrences in Mexico we are

that he is capital. -Inasmuch as William S. Vare stands practically no chance of being given a seat in the United States Senate Governor Fisher might have a chance to appoint a Senator for Pennsylvania. As to whom it might be we shall not hazard a guess. It might be Joe Grundy, but it won't be Gifford Pinchot.

There being no more doubt as to President Coolidge's determination to retire at the expiration of his present term our friends, the Republicans, find themselves with a problem on their hands. A problem so difficult to solve that they will have no time to continue poking their noses into our presidential woodlot.

-The most striking example of rare presence of mind comes to us through a Chicago dispatch. A woman out there undertook to bite a policeman who was attempting to arrest her and the officer promptly grabbed her false teeth out of her mouth. The message didn't say whether she "gummed" him then or not.

-If you've never been impeached and feel that you would like to star in such a proceeding go down to Oklahoma and have yourself elected to some office. Just now the Legislature of that State is trying to get rid of the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Secretary of Agriculture; all by the impeachment

-If Willis Beach and Mrs. Lilliendahl killed the latter's husband they must have done it with premeditation. For that reason we can't understand how that New Jersey jury returned a verdict of manslaughter. It must have been a compromise. If such were the case justice was not rendered either the State or the defendants. Justice is not exact when compromise holds the scales.

-Lots of hunters who will rail at seventy-five cents a pound for a Christmas turkey came home from the woods elated with a few pounds of venison that had cost them two or three dollars a pound. Of course they had the sport of the chase, but is it comparable with that of a happy family, in a cheerful home, gathered about a table on which reposes



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Electrical Monopolists Active.

The most important problem in the industrial life of the country is the development and control of electrical pressed a full appreciation of the

There is now, and has been for restrained by suitable legislation, monopolize the production and distribution of electrical power and put the whole country under tribute. Those concerned in this sinister enterprise thoroughly understand that the Congress is the only agency that can defeat their purpose. Among the leaders in this scheme of spoliation is Samuel Insull, of Chicago, whose activities extend from the Atlantic to ing liberally to Frank Smith's slush fund in the campaign of last year was

The determined fight to place Wilthe same reason. Mr. Vare may have delphia. no personal interest in the matter and little understanding of the subject. ernor Fisher as was spent to nomi- But he will be obedient to orders and nate Vare and the expense of recon- vote as Big Business desires. The ap--Possibly we are pessimistic, but in furtherance of this plan, also. He friends of Mr. Vare, in and out of able, courteous and progressive and is a corporation lawyer, with a repuwill be a formidable opponent to any legislation inimical to the interests of off the investigation before the whole though the hot sun of midday may severe that the most hardened will monoply. Meantime the true friends truth could be brought out. The purpierce and the hot winds of midnight are in the watch tower.

-Another reason in favor of early that we might incriminate both the Christmas shopping is that you have a better chance of getting what you want if you get there first.

Not a Partisan Question.

During the debate on the question of admitting Mr. Vare to a seat in inclined to infer that Calles means the Senate, which Governor Pinchet declared was "partly bought and part- the Senate, on Monday, renewing the ly stolen," Senator Dave Reed, of life of the Slush Fund committee, will Pittsburgh, inferentially charged that mark the beginning of the end of the Democratic Senators were influenced by a desire to seize control into the Senate. If it should also of the Senate. There are forty-seven mark the elimination from Mr. Vare's Republicans, forty-seven Democrats mind of the absurd idea that he is and one Farmer-Labor Senator, including Vare, and throwing Vare out would reduce the Republican force to that he has fondly cherished for many a minority, giving the Democrats years an ambition to wear the Senacontrol. But in that event the Farm- torial toga. But until recent years er-Labor Senator could at any time tie the vote and invest the Vice-President with controlling power.

Even if that were the purpose of lie in the mouth of Senator Reed or any other Republican Senator to complain. At the opening of the Sixtysixth Congress a similar condition existed, except that the Democrats had the meager majority and the question of control rested upon the admission ate and maintain corrupt partisan orof Truman H. Newberry, of Michigan, who stood convicted of corruption in his campaign for the nomination. Under direction of the Republican caucus it was made a party issue and Newberry was given the seat and his party control of the organization and the committees. It was part of Senator Lodge's "fight against Wilson," and kept us out of the League of Nations.

In the Vare case the Governor of the State had cast a doubt on the validity of the nomination and election of Vare by refusing to certify that he had been "duly" elected. The resolution to deny him the seat had Newberry was admitted to memberbeen offered by a Republican, the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, and was being supported by Senators. It was not in any respect a surances from the Governor and the partisan question. It was simply a Mellon organization of cordial support protest against the purchase of seats in his claim which they knew to be in the Senate by unfit men of large wealth and small conscience. Senator Reed had, himself, denounced Vare as unfit and the Senate has approved Vare unfit for the office, but Mr. Reed his judgment.

-If Mr. Coolidge would indicate in even cryptic manner who he favors as his successor he would relieve a great many anxious minds.

-Tobacco users paid \$376,000,000 revenue tax last year, which accounts a great browned bird stuffed with for the smaller income tax of some of them.

Distinction Without a Difference.

It is difficult to reconcile the reaactual taint was shown in the funds dent Coolidge.

lieved, that it was collected from pub- ceived. lic officials, bootleggers and profesliam S. Vare in the Senate may be for sional criminals in and about Phila-

It is true that this suspicion and

-Lowdon and Dawes are rendering the "After You, Alphonso" act very gracefully, if not exactly successfully. -Justice Kephart is a vote-getter and his friends are making the Mellon management very anxious.

Vare's Absurd Hope Vanished.

It is to be hoped that the vote in William S. Vare's attempt to break a political leader in Pennsylvania it will be doubly gratifying. It is said the political morals of the State had not fallen to a sufficiently low level to justify the public avowal of his hopes. The certainty that his corthe Democratic Senators it would not rupt methods will now be exposed ought to put an end to his dream.

Mr. Vare may not be altogether to blame for the moral degeneracy which inspired his ambition. Men of great wealth, who for selfish purposes contribute large sums of money to creganizations, are the real causes of existing political evils. Men of the Vare type are simply instruments by which the greater enemies of moral public life accomplish their sinister purposes. The recently adopted resolution of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce urging the Senate to admit Vare, notwithstanding his tainted title made every member of that organization as culpable as the election officers now serving prison sentences for frauds

in Vare's interest. Besides Mr. Vare had the encouragement of past experience to feed his expectation of making the hurdle. ship of the Senate, even after he had been convicted of fraud, and it has become a custom to buy or steal Rea considerable number of Republican publican nominations. Vare had assuspicious. During the primary campaign Governor Fisher, Senator Dave Reed and chairman Mellon declared organized a filibuster in the Senate order to force him in. If such things are stopped great good will follow.

> -Major Eugene H. Lederer, of praiser of estates for Centre county The appointment is said to carry a salary of \$100 a month.

Kansas City Gets the Convention.

After an intensely bitter contest soning of those who professed to Kansas City, Missouri, has been chosdraw a line of distinction between en as the seat of the Republican Napower. It is a question that can be the claims of Mr. Smith, of Illinois, tional convention, which will assemble properly settled only by Congression- and Mr. Vare, of Pennsylvania, for a on the 12th day of June, 1928. The al legislation. Gifford Pinchot ex- seat in the Senate and the facts in other contestants for the party favor the case. It is true that the investi- were Detroit and San Francisco with subject when he appealed to the Leg- gation of the Slush Fund committee scattering votes for Philadelphia, islature of Pennsylvania to enact a revealed the fact that the vast Cleveland and Chicago. On the first law that would prevent the exploita- amount of money used in the pur- ballot San Francisco had within four centrated for years upon events in tion of this great element in industry chase of the nomination and election votes of a majority but was unable by monopolists. It was a step in the of Colonel Smith was obtained from to increase its force. Philadelphia's right direction and if his advice had an illegal source. Samuel Insull, a three votes were cast by the two been followed the people of this State utility corporation magnate, had con- Pennsylvania members and one Verwould have been secure in their right tributed to the Smith slush fund a monter. The controlling influence in to use and control the electrical enervery large sum. Presumably this controlling was the preference for
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tribution was made in consideration. Kansas City corposed by Chairman of composing differences between this country and Mexico, but wait until wealth. But the better method of conformal wealth are consideration of favors previously bestowed or Butler, of the National committee, Shanghai seemed to call for foreign the fattern was not aware of it until the startling events of Hankow and Shanghai seemed to call for foreign the fattern was not aware of it until the startling events of the National committee, shanghai seemed to call for foreign the fattern was not aware of it until the startling events of the National committee, shanghai seemed to call for foreign the fattern was not aware of it until the startling events of the National committee, shanghai seemed to call for foreign the fattern was not aware of it until the startling events of the National committee. services expected in the future. No who is supposed to speak for Presi-

employed to nominate and elect Vare. Of course considerable party adsome time, in process of formation a vast electrical trust which will, unless didates or political committees by holding the convention in the Miscorporations is forbidden by law. The souri city which is the market centre contribution of funds to candidates or of the corn belt and the most importpolitical committees by officials or ant city of the middle west. In recent employes of State or municipal gov- years the political complexion of the ernments is forbidden by an act of State has been very much in doubt the General Assembly of Pennsylva- and the electorate disposed to listen aries were called in from outlying nia. The contribution of funds to a to the appeals of the slush fund, stations, and the shipping and comcandidate by organized criminals is which is the only form of politics merce of all nations except Germany obnoxious to every principle of mor- chairman Butler understands. He were crippled, if not actually paraality. In the slush fund investigation realizes that it will be necessary to lyzed. it was shown that a public official of carry such States as Missouri, Kenthe Pacific. His reason for contribut- Philadelphia earning \$8000 a year tucky and Tennessee in order to crehad contributed \$50,000 to the Vare ate even a hope of victory and imslush fund and he refused to tell agines that holding the convention in -In Philadelphia the bandits beat that he might have an attorney in where the money came from. It is Kansas City will promote that result. up their victims because they haven't the Senate who will guard his inter- widely suspected, and generally be- But voters are no longer so easily de-

Kansas City, in June, is probably the hottest spot between Maine and California and the delegates and others who attend the convention may belief was not supported by compet- look forward to a period of discoment evidence. But the failure was not fort which is appalling to contemthe fault of the Slush Fund commit- plate. But otherwise and in other pointment of James M. Beck, as a tee or the public outraged by the seasons of the year it is a charming Representative in Congress, may be crimes. It was the grave fault of the place to visit. The people are hospitthe Senate, who organized a filibuster not too particular about the enforcetation for ability and success, and and by sinister methods and at great ment of laws that are obnoxious to sacrifices of public interests choked some politicians. For that reason, of the people, both in the Senate and pose of this criminal "hold up" of torture, the delegates and other vis-House of Representatives, are alert. Senator Walsh and Senator Norris are in the watch tower.

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> Centre County Man Attacked by Rioting Students in Rumania.

News dispatches on Tuesday included a cable message from Rumania about an unwarranted attack on William M. Keller, a son of Mrs. Tammie Keller, of Linden Hall, Centre county, who is now in business in Oradea Mare, Rumania.

An eye witness to the assault said that Keller was walking through a public square on the way to his home, ten blocks away, when he noticed that he was being followed by a group of students with a menacing attitude. He remonstrated with them, declaring that he was an American citizen. They ignored his plea, declaring he must go to the police station with them.

They took him by force back to the public square, passing a Rumanian officer who knew him and who was aware that he was an American. Keller pleaded with the officer to save him, said the witness, but the officer ignored the appeal. En route to the square the students and their American captive passed three military guards who did not raise a hand to save Keller, the witness said, despite his repeated pleas that he was not a Jew and not a Rumanian.

When Keller and his captors reached the Anglo-Rumanian bank the American was attacked by at least 25 students. A sympathetic civilian observer tried to assist the American, but was ordered away by soldiers.

Keller is in the automobile business there and has been since January, 1923. He served in the American army in France.

Keller's wife was born in Oradea Mare and is understood to be of Hungarian Jewish origin. Keller was once connected with the American Y. M. C. A. in Rumania, which esteemed him highly, and also was employed for a time by the Near East Relief.

Lindy Does It Again.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh has once again manifested his superiority as a flier. Leaving Washington in his famous ship, "The Spirit of St. Louis," shortly after noon on Tuesday, he made a non-stop flight to Mexico City, a distance of two thousand miles, in twenty-seven hours, and defeated important legislation in landing in the Mexican capital at 3:34 on Wednesday afternoon. President Calles and almost one hundred thousand people were at the Mexican flying field to greet him on his arrival. State College, has been appointed ap- Now if "Lindy" can be induced to attend that big military ball, at State by Auditor-General Edward Martin. College in January, Centre countians up with the hero worshippers.

The Chinese Puzzle.

From the Philadelphia Record. For a few years after China became a republic the internal political sit-uation was so involved that even ob-servers on the ground gave up trying to untangle the threads of rival move-ments. We had already stopped won-dering what Sun-Yat-Sen really stood for when the World war broke out

another continent.

news story once more in the press of the world. The civil war had been intervention. Although Great Britain gave up her special privileges at Hankow, she ordered thousands of contingents for the defense of the international settlement at Shanghai to marines. Soon the anti-foreign movement grew in intensity to a point it had not attained since the Boxer

A civil war between two parties, with clearly defined opposing princi-ples, is not a puzzle. The reason we have a Chinese puzzle—and have had one that appears insoluble to observ- over the grave of his son in the Newtown ers—ever since the beginning of these internal troubles is precisely because there never have been two parties with opposing principles. Civil war arose in China, coincident with the establishment of the republic, because of Dr. Smith fired five shots through his the opposition of the Liberal South breast near the heart. His body, lying to the Conservative North. At least across the grave, was found a few hours this is the way it was represented to the outside world. But the explanation, if true at the beginning, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Deemer, of Burnham, did not remain true very long. The southerners, or Nationalists, had effective control only over the Canton region, and the Peking government, the ostensible government for all through the back yard at his home in China, was not always master even in the darkness and falling sliced a goodly Peking. The Peking government had to rely on generals who were virtually independent of its authority to defend it against the Canton government had the Canton government had the Canton government had the carries and raning sheed a goodly portion of his chin off on a double-bit axe that had one bit sunk deep in the chopping block and the other as a snare for the unwary. Doctors at the hospital say offensive character without enlisting the support of provincial leaders who neither understood nor shared the sincere enthusiasm of the originators of the Canton movement for a Liberal sertion of independence against foreign political and economic encroach-

Virtually the same situation pre-The Kuomintang Central executive committee of Canton has seen the opposition to Peking get entirely out of its control. There is another Nationalist government at Nanking, which claims to represent Young China and the Liberal independence movement by virtue of the successes on the field of battle of the generals and provincial governors who constitute this government. Nanking now calls Canton "red." On the other hand, there is no army, under a common leader, in the north representthe Peking government, but a group of war lords, each hostile to the other and shifting in alliances and each hoping to dominate for his own personal aggrandizement the Peking government

We understand that while there is less actual fighting and danger to foreigners in China now than there was six months ago, foreigners living there, with a stake in the country, are more pessimistic than they were last spring. They seem to realize that their ability to remain in China is due solely to the 54 foreign patrol boats on the Yangtze and the soldiers, marines and fleets at and near the larger seaports.

State Shows Up Well.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph. Pennsylvania State College entries won two class championships, seven first prizes, one second place, two third, one fourth, one fifth and one eighth prize in the international live stock exposition in Chicago this week.

This is only an example of the splendid work State is constantly doing for the agriculture and the industry of Pennsylvania. Only such outstanding triumphs can be noted among a host of everyday activities that mark the institution as one of the most useful among the colleges of

All the more remarkable is this because most of the wrok done at State is under discouraging conditions and difficulties. Until Governor Fisher generously and wisely recognized the needs of the school with the first real appropriation in years, State College by the Legislature. It is to be hoped the Governor will be able to persuade better.

-The new Senate committee on Privileges and Elections, which will Schinninger, who represented himself at count the Wilson-Vare vote, will be the time as "C. E. Hugus, representative made up of six Republicans, all hard- of a New York broker," was ordered held will also have an opportunity to line boiled, and five Democrats. But the while police sought to locate other Pitt five will be alert.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Unless the State raises an additional \$200,000 by January 1, Cook forest, near Brookville, will be offered at public sale, according to announcement of the Cook heirs, who are eager for division of the estate, and decline to wait longer for sale

-While on duty Thursday night Patrolman Robert Mohr, of Allentown. parked his car in the heart of the city. After transacting his business at police headquarters he made a quick return to report the automobile had been robbed of tools, bulbs, tire gauge, patching kit, chains and flashlight.

-While 12-year-old Edgar Watson, of Chester, stood in the central shopping district, on Saturday, waiting for his mother to accompany him on a Christmas shopping tour, the mother, Mrs. John G. Watson, died at her home from acute indigestion. The boy, tired of waiting, went home and discovered her body.

-Anthony Frak, Oil City grocer, saved the \$19 cash in his cash register but received a bad cut on the head from the end of a revolver when he made an empty threat to shoot it out with the masked and armed invader of his store Saturday evening. While Frak was edging toward a meat cleaver the robber slugged him over the head and escaped.

Almost a year has passed since China suddenly became a first-page -On the ground that Mrs. Mary Cyko, of Kittanning, was not dependent upon her husband at the time of his death within the meaning of the statutes, the Workmen's Compensation Board last week upheld the referee's action in disallowing compensation to the woman. The husband, Andy Cyko, died two days after a piece of rock, weighing several hundred pounds, fell upon him while working in the property of the Allegheny River Mining com-

-Records in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, at Harrisburg, disclose the fact that a majority of members of the Legislature and of the Pennsylvania bench have availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain distinctive license plates for 1928. The legislators have plates with the letter "L" preceding the numerals, and on plates for the judiciary the letter "J" follows the numerals. This is the first time that special plates have been made for these two classes of officials.

-Dr. Charles B. Smith, 62, of Newtown, one of Bucks county's most prominent cemetery. Grief over his son, Morrell Smith, who was killed in the Argonne drive during the World war, was said by relatives to have caused Dr. Smith to take his life. Placing a blanket over the grave,

-William Deemer, four year old son of will not be compelled to travel through life, short a large portion of his chin as was at first thought when he was taken to the Lewistown hospital. The lad ran they can graft the pieces on his chin

Oliver, of Berwick, prefers snakes to mice. Eleven snakes have been brought into the Oliver apartment by the cat in the last month, several of them copperheads, and regime in China and a sweeping as- the cat plays with them as with a mouse before killing them. In some unexplained manner she has avoided being bititen by the copperheads. A son, George, aged 12, investigated the source of the snakes and sents itself again at the end of 1927, found a huge ball of garter snakes and copperheads, apparently gathered for the winter, on the hill back of the business section. He killed or caught 30 of them.

-The State of Pennsylvania has one unique position. It is that of official clock winder in the State buildings held by Melvin D. Leonard. Once each week Leonard makes a tour of the State offices winding and regulating about 850 clocks. In addition, he cares for 336 electric clocks which are controlled by four master clocks. This work takes about five days. Until a few months ago Leonard also had to do the clock repairing, but now a masing and recognizing the authority of ter clock maker attends that work. The official winder has been on the job for three years and declares he likes the position

-- The Logan flour mill, at Lewistown, one of the oldest in this section of the State, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night with an estimated loss of \$65,000. Flying embers endangered nearby residences and the adjacent business section, and all Lewistown's firemen and those of all the neighboring villages and townships were seriously hampered by the cold. For the past few years the mill has been owned by H. J. Cohen & Son. The building was constructed between 1800 and 1820 over the bed of the old State canal, the boats passing through under it when the canal was in operation. It was three stories high and constructed of brick.

-Apples have been reported scarce this year but a cold storage plant at Waynesboro is filled with 65,000 barrels. The apples in storage there are from the orchards throughout the Cumberland Valley and other sections as far away as the State of Washington. One hundred carloads of apples were shipped there for storage, from Washington State. It is a case of "in again, out again" at their local storage plant. With the filling of the storage rooms, orders for apples begin to arrive from various markets. Already twelve carloads have been shipped out of storage at Waynesboro. Shipments will continue from the plant, up until about May 1, when the storage will be put in readiness for the early apples of the 1928 crop.

-A certified check for \$2,000, posted by J. M. Breman, a former University of Pittsburgh student, with C. J. Schinninger, of Altoona, as a wager on the recent Pitt-Penn State football game, was returned on Saturday by Schinninger, who was treated in most niggardly fashion is under arrest in Piittsburgh, charged with defrauding Pitt supporters out of approximately \$8,000. The check was rethe next session to do as well, or even turned in Morals Court after Breman testified he wagered that amount with Schinninger that Pitt would defeat Penn State, but was unable to find the man to collect his winnings after the game. men who were victimized.