## Democratic Matchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Mellon consents to Beidleman as National delegate for the Dauphin district, but it was a case of "Hob-

-By way of advice-entirely gratuitous-to a Republican friend who is offering to immolate himself on the sacrificial altar in Centre county we want to say: Keep out of it.

-We don't quite get the reason why the Vare watchers of the Senate's recount of the Pennsylvania vote for United States Senator should have quit their job "in a huff." It seems to us that if they were sure of their ground it wouldn't make a particle of difference to them how many watchers were present for the other side.

Pennsylvania are to be renumbered. In his letter Mr. Pinchot placed much of necessity. Probably all the motor- Mellon family, and Secretary of Laists had become familiar with the old numbers and might have found time to start inquiring into affairs of State, so they are being given new ones to and paint dealers run away with more

-A case of miscengenation is rocking the Nutmeg State to the point of riot. You ask what miscengenation means? We would likely have asked the same question had we seen it in print before the Hon. Bill Kepler introduced a bill in the Pennsylvania Legislature that, if it had been enacted, would have made it unlawful for a white person to marry one of the colored race.

-The New York meeting of Pennsylvania's Republican potentates apparently resulted in giving Eddie Beidleman back a seat at the political pie counter. They found that the square shootin' Dauphin dictator was needed more than they thought he was and, incidentally, his rehabilita-tion removes a lot of splinters from the bench Senator Scott has been sitting on for two years.

-It must be admitted that Eddie Cantor, who was taking down fortyfive hundred a week, let Flo Zeigfeld election of Vare. He professed to be down rather hard when he quit the willing and anxious to expose fraud Follies and the show had to close in consequence of his departure. Eddie said he had pleurisy. From what we have read of the case we diagnose it as one of "pipp." We know the symptoms well, because we get it so often ourselves. However, Zeigfeld hired Eddie because he is one of the few comedians who can "stop the

that he's done it. -Who's going to succeed the Hon. Holmes in the Legislature? The Hon. Holmes wants to. Jim Heverly, former County Treasurer, wants to. Frank Mayes, former County Treasurer, wants to. And we are told that somebody wants Robert Walker, of Bellefonte, to want to. Our ears are ringing with rumors of the rise and fall of prestige of Centre county Republican leaders at Harrisburg. They are all "State" and "Coal and Iron" police. grist for our mill and that is the reason we suggest that Andrew Curtin Thompson starts now to show that he is the man the people of Centre county want to succeed the Hon. Holmes in the Legislature.

-Well, Paul Whiteman and his band have been back to State College and we presume there are those who are expecting us to pay our respects to him, as we did following the occasion of his first visit there. Unfortunately Paul has reformed so that what might otherwise have been food for a whole column dissipates into scanty sustenance for a brief paragraph. He has put his laughing donkeys and ma-ma dolls on the shelf with Little Boy Blue's toy dog and tin soldier. We don't know whether he kissed them when he put them there, but we could almost have synchronized an osculatory effort with him when we realized that he had done so. The "Rhapsody in Blue" carried us back to the days when music was something more than saxopeal, not wholly because of its several exquisite passages. It started us thinking again of the transmigration of souls and wondering whether George Brandon might be speaking again to us through the perfect technique of the Whiteman pianist.

-In our "Talks With the Editor" column this week we suspect that a correspondent is trying to inveigle us into an academic discussion of the proper use of the prepositions "with" and "to". Now with and to have always bothered us. Sometimes we re-That suggestion, of agree to them. course, might help those who could Thus the political agencies in au- adelphia club, until very recently, as think of Waterloo when they couldn't thority are contributing to the cor- a non-resident member. It is not tion that we have ever heard of that has offices to sell and another has ional resident of Washington that he is taking on some job. If he wants to tak "to" the editor he can do to talk "to" the editor he can do people get no consideration. The interests of the two machines are contact that the had ruined a perfect that, too, but we reserve the right to the two machines are contact that the had ruined a perfect of the clouds." How Herbert Hoover that, too, but we reserve the right to the two machines are contact that the had ruined a perfect of the clouds." How Herbert Hoover to should or should not be told. walk out on him whenever we please. sired only.



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Grave Charges Against Pennsylvania.

In response to a letter from former Governor Pinchot, Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, last week addressed the Senate on his resolution providing for a thorough investigation of labor conditions in the bitu--We note that the highways in minous coal fields of Pennsylvania. We presume that the change is one of the blame for existing evils on the bor Davis puts the burden mainly on the operators who failed to attend conferences called for the purpose of conciliation. After reading the stateponder over while the marker makers ments Senator Johnson declared that "in Pennsylvania, today, there are social revolution and economic warfare. Worse, far worse, in that great Commonwealth there are the dark evils of bloody warfare-sickness, suffering, ficials hardship, privation, want and hunger and the ever attendant infamies of

wrong, oppression and tyranny." As might have been expected the Senator representing Pennsylvania promptly entered a plea of confession and avoidance. "No one could exaggerate conditions in Pennsylvania,' he said, "and all I ask is that any inquiry to be made be a fair and thorough one. There must be some relief from the situation but let us not jump at conclusions about the causes." Referring to Governor Pinchot's statement that "coal and iron" police are responsible for much of the suffering Senator Reed added that Governor Fisher "is investigating this phase of the situation." He assumed much the same attitude during the last session of Congress with respect to the investigation of frauds in the but invoked every expedient, even a filibuster, disastrous to important leg-

islation, to prevent it. Senator Johnson's resolution was introduced a year ago and Senator Reed promised cordial support and sympathy with its purpose. His limping alibi now is that Governor Fisher is making an investigation of the show" and we can't see that the impressario has much come back now dren of the Pittsburgh Coal company's evicted miners will find little comfort in that assurance. One day last month Governor Fisher commissioned upward of 3000 coal and iron police- criminal courts seem to be impotent will not prevail. men for service in the bituminous if not worse. coal sections of Pennsylvania, and that after complaint had been made against the atrocities perpetrated by them. Senator Reed justifies their employment because State policemen are in service in most States. But there is a vast difference between State police are amenable to law while coal and iron police obey only orders of bosses.

Vicious Deal in Offices.

On Monday of last week W. L. Mellon, chairman of the Republican State ring upon Mr. Vare, whom he had its idols." previously denounced as representing nothing in public life but a beer mug, disgraceful incident.

pany, the Steel trust, the Aluminum years ago and since that has been an trust and other corporate interests in | inhabitant of New York and New Jerthe Senate, aspires to re-election. His fidelity to his corporate clients and in- New Jersey. He became a repatriatdifference to public interests has ed inhabitant of Pennsylvania only afaroused such opposition that it has ter he had entered into a questionable been believed that any opponent bargain with William S. Vare to take would defeat him. Friends of Justice his place as a Representative in Con-Gephart, of the Supreme court, had gress for a district that Mr. Vare been urging him to enter the race and professes to own and control. Vare had been encouraging his ambimember that it is proper to "talk with tion. With Vare's support he would sented to the House Committee on and speak to" but not always. Loi- have become a candidate and Reed Elections by Representative Everett sette's memory book doesn't cover the would have been defeated. At the Kent. It was admitted by Mr. Beck case. It tells us, for instance, when New York conference Vare stated his that since his separation from official we want to recall Napoleon to a wool- terms and the Governor and the chair- life in Washington he has lived in gathering mind we "must think of man of the State committee had to New York and voted in New Jersey

of Napoleon, but there is no sugges- ruption of public life. One faction claimed by any business or profeswe might fall back on when we get what serves as currency to buy and may reside and pursue his business or into a quandary as to whether it is both are influenced by sinister pur- profession there and still be an "in-When we arrive at poses. The Mellons need a Reprethat point we're the twin brother of sentative on the floor of the was born. But that is the basis upon the fellow who admitted that he was Senate and Vare's Philadelphia which Mr. Beck claims to represent a in no condition to articulate "sarsap- machine has power to defeat their Pennsylvania constituency in Conarilla." However, if our correspond- plan. So they get together in New gress, and party exigencies will enent wants to talk "with" the editor York and strike a bargain just as a able him to get away with it. the column is open to him and he bunch of hucksters deal for a carload is taking on some job. If he wants of potatoes. The interests of the

Another Oil Magnate Defiant.

The oil millionaires continue their defiant attitude respecting the investigation of the Teapot Dome lease to Sinclair. Robert W. Stewart, chaircompany of Indiana, was before the Senate committee on Public Lands, last week, and refused to answer pertinent questions concerning the operaporation which is said to have made vast profits out of the transaction. It has been shown by the evidence of other witnesses that the \$325,000 paid to the then Secretary of the Navy, Albert B. Fall, came from that source, and it is suspected large sums drawn the pockets of other government of- were all that could be desired.

While negotiations for the lease of at \$1.50 a barrel and before any mon-Stewart and Sinclair for \$1.75 a barwas begun all books and records of

Harry Sinclair, associated with rich rascals imagine that they are imts exacted from t

-Republican Chairman Butler is threatening to take his National convention away from Kansas City. Probably they gave him a bad check.

Mr. Beck's Absurd Claim.

It may be safely predicted that the House Committee on Elections will report in favor of seating James M. -Next Tuesday will be Valentine Beck as a Representative for the First district of Pennsylvania. It has been clearly shown that he was not an "inpressed in the constitution at the time than fall below the estimate. To of his election. But the committee contruct such a plant, lay the pipe will be influenced by partisan prej- lines, etc, will naturally give emcommittee; John S. Fisher, Governor udice as the Senate Committee on ployment to quite a number of workof Pennsylvania, and William S. Vare, Privileges and Elections was, the othmen and Mr. Hunter expects to emdiscredited United States Senator- er day, when it voted to summarily ploy local labor so far as possible. As elect, met in conference in New York dismiss the petition of William B. and completed the most vicious polit- Wilson in the Vare contest. The cer- built and pipe lines laid during the favor such a course. France and ical deal ever perpetrated in the tainty of an appeal to the Senate coming summer there is prospect for country. It involves the abdication by caused a reversal in that case but jobs for most of the men who are Governor Fisher of the most import- there is no terror in such a course in now out of work in this vicinity. ant function of his office and confer- the House. That body is "joined to

residence in Washington did not make deliberative body in the world. It as an officer of the government. So would be impossible to imagine a more long as he remained in the employ- Harding for President. ment of the government at Washing-David A. Reed, who now represents | ton that is true. But he ceased to be the Mellon banks, the Gulf Oil com- an officer of the government some sey in turn and a qualified voter in

All these facts were clearly preand that he was registered in a Phil-

-Lindbergh at an altitude of 7,must envy him.

Trouble in Pan-American Congress. Another Soft Coal Inquiry in Pros-

The Pan-American Congress, in Havana, is not moving in the manner From the Philadelphia Record. desired by the administration in Washington or as smoothly as the man of the board of the Standard Oil royal welcome to the President indicated. Mr. Coolidge's glittering speech made little impression on the Southern delegates and the Hughes' magnificent success. The representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua and Peru had been carefully coached in their from the same fountain trickled into roles and the preliminary proceedings

But when the real work of the Congress was taken up the atmosphere the oil reserve were pending this Can- changed as rapidly as the temperaadian corporation was organized. It ture of the weather in this latitude. purchased from oil corporations con- Committees were appointed to controlled by Stewart and Sinclair up- sider the various subjects to be treatward of three million barrels of oil ed and some of them seem to have been packed to serve the purposes of ey had been paid or oil moved sold it Washington. For example, the comback to the corporations controlled by mittee on international law made a report practically justifying the exrel. Immediately after this very isting conditions in Nicaragua and profitable transaction was completed when submitted to the Congress it the Canadian corporation was dis- was vehemently denounced by an ovsolved and about the time the investi- erwhelming majority of the delegates. gation of the lease of Teapot Dome Mr. Hughes, who is rapidly earning the title of the great American promthe corporation were burned and all iser, praised it fulsomely and one or evidence of its activities destroyed. It two others gave it qualified endorseis believed Mr. Stewart could tell the ment. But the majority condemned it emphatically.

The truth is that the people of the Stewart in the transaction, has al- United States, as well as those of the ready been convicted of contempt of several Republics of the Rio Grande, the Senate for refusal to answer sim- are opposed to such intervention as is ilar inquiries more than two years now being forced upon the people of ago, but thus far he has escaped the Nicaragua, and so long as this counpenalty. Stewart is now threatened try persists in it the spirit of resistwith prosecution for the same offense ance will assert itself in the Caribbut doesn't seem to mind it. These bean States. The doctrine of selfdetermination expresses the true senmune to punishment and the fact that timent of self-respecting people ev-Fall and Sinclair are still at liberty erywhere, and regulating policies and justifies their confidence in some de- controlling elections by alien bayonets gree. The civil courts have been len- is the antithesis of this. The Panama ient with them. The leases corruptly Congress may be able to point a path made to Sinclair and Doheney have to compromise on this question which

-In the regular report of the business meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, mention is made of the request of Robert F. Hunter for is overdeveloped and over manned, a franchise for furnishing gas to resi- with 3000 mines and 250,000 miners a franchise for furnishing gas to residents of Bellefonte from a plant to in excess of bituminous consumption be erected at or near the Pleasant Gap railroad station. The magnitude of Mr. Hunter's undertaking can be better appreciated by the fact that the estimated cost of the plant, main pipe lines to Bellefonte, Lemont and tion. State College, as well as service lines into homes of prospective customers, is close to half a million dollars, and habitant" of Pennsylvania, as ex- is more likely to exceed that sum it is his desire to have the plant more of the Powers involved would

-Probably those Pan-American Mr. Beck set up the claim that his delegates remembered that Charles E. Hughes solemnly assured the Amerthe power to appoint a Senator to him an "inhabitant" for the reason ican people in 1920 that the surest represent Pennsylvania in the highest | that it began in pursuance of his duty way to get the United States into the League of Nations was by voting for

> -The Milton girl who recently advertised for a husband with \$10,000 says she "is a good cook and does not mind washing dishes." That sort of a woman is cheap at any price.

-Secretary Kellogg says he is willing to join with all other governments in the world to abolish submarines. safe proposition.

-Workmen in Barcelona are quitting their employment as a protest against the income tax. Most people will think that a poor way of meeting the issue.

-President Coolidge is perfectly willing to let all newspapers praise his administration and all other administrations in power.

-Grundy will go to the convention habitant" of the State in which he record of a pledge to obey the big vation. boss in the voting.

> -Automobile builders and dealers -Automobile builders and dealers are about the only people who can get not a good newspaper. Newspapers burglar. At two o'clock in the morning folks to pay for looking at their

pect in Congress.

Reciting accounts of shocking distress and charges of alleged oppres-sion of labor in the soft coal fields of central and western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, Senator Johnson, of California, offered three weeks ago a resolution providing for oration, redolent with sympathy and a Senate inquiry. The demand gained tions of the mushroom Canadian corprofuse in promise, was accepted at only moderate support, but it has reporation which is said to have made a considerable discount from its face ceived unexpected indorsement from value. But the delegates proceeded Senator Reed, of Pittsburgh, and this with the organization of the confer- assent from a representative of the ence as if they were hopeful of a operator's point of view indicates that the investigation will be made.

That the prolonged strike has led to deplorable results is nowhere disputed. Senator Reed admitted that miners in some sections "are living under conditions in which no American ought to live," and he declared that the market price of coal had fallen until neither operators nor workers could exist, with inevitable impoverishment of their communities. More explicitly, the Johnson resolu-tion charges that miners and their families evicted from their homes are suffering from exposure and starvation; that wage contracts have been dishonored; that railroad companies have conspired to cripple organized labor by depressing prices and boy-cotting mines employing union work-ers and that injunctions have been unjustly used to suppress peaceful and legitimate activities by the strikers.

Undeniably the situation is serious enough to justify a searching inquiry, and such action by the Senate might be useful in attracting public opinion to the problem. But the truth is that the underlying conditions and the causes thereof have been notorious for years, and that the proposed investigation can yield no new information or make more urgent the need for drastic remedies.

Nearly five years ago, in fact, an exhaustive survey was made by the Federal Coal Commission; but its comprehensive recommendations have been ignored by Congress, although
President Coolidge in half a dozen
messages has urged legislative action. The Department of Labor likewise has intervened, but the conference it held a few months ago accomplished nothing because the most powerful operating interests refused to participate in it. Thus the dismal been revoked and a large part of the will save the face of the Washington and hopeless struggle has continued, m. But the administration, but the Hughes plan with vast numbers of workers suffering misery, the weaker companies taining merchandise and funds through drifting into bankruptcy and the stronger barely sustaining themselves in a chaotic market.

The fundamental cause of all the trouble is that the soft coal industry requirements. Unless the proposed inquiry leads to the complete reorganization, which alone can remedy overproduction, underemployment, wages and a profitless market, it will be just another futile investiga-

Looking Toward 1936.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones says is much reason to believe that one or in a fire. This was plainly shown by their refusal to go to Geneva.

But it is the other three Powers whose adhesion to the idea of naval! limitation is most vital to the peace of the world. Two of them, the United States and Japan, have expressed themselves as reasonably sat-Neither would be disposed to terminate the Washington treaty, despite the fact that it could not be extended and supplemented at the Geneva conference. It is Great Britain which is the uncertain factor.

The British have shown plainly their dissatisfaction with the idea of equality with the United States, even ships. They do not like it and never have liked it. Eight years from now, perhaps, they will have decided that they can't endure it any longer. But in the next eight years the United Mr. Kellogg knows that is an entirely States may have an effective sea power equal, if not superior, to that of Great Britain. This might make the British change their tune.

Everybody's Newspaper.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph. Hopwood, able editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, is right when he says the only successful newspaper is "everybody's newspaper."

three great instincts—the instinct of tropolis of the Kishacoquillas valley, self-preservation, the instinct of race Belleville, in which he faked a note, staged perpetuation (sex interest), and the a burlesque on a bank holdup and kept as a district delegate but there is no instinct of property and home preser-

> any one of these "interest-centers" is to be pulled by robbers in Belleville, so not a good newspaper. Any newspa- that scores of them remained at their must serve all, interest all, face the a shot was fired and McKinley says he facts, tell the truth.

No editor has the right or the in-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Frederick Herman, of Sunbury, drove his truck in front of a Reading passenger train at Lewisburg last Thursday night. It was reduced to junk, and when the crew went to look for the corpse they found Herman sitting among the debris, not having suffered even a scratch.

-Hal Hughes, who is in charge of the Salvation Army barracks, at Hazleton has forsaken the role of an oil magnate for service as a captain in the corps and he also has given up good chances of starring in baseball and basketball circles for the cause which he has made his life work.

-One of the most unusual acidents reported in Shamokin for several months befell Mrs. George Shuey on Monday. She was being led from her sick bed to bid good-by to a daughter who was leaving for the hospital when she fell into the arms of relatives. She fractured her right leg near the hip.

-Coming in contact with a high tension electric line, while descending a steel tower in the mountain back of Seward, Chalmer Bracken, 17, of Johnstown, was killed. He was hurled forty feet to the ground and landed at the feet of eight of his companions, who had watched him climb to the top of the tower to blow a bugle. The boys were on a hiking trip.

-J. Walter Sharp, aged 75, a resident of Castanea township, adjoining Lock Haven, died suddenly of heart disease when he was attacked by the malady in an acute form as he was walking near his home, Friday night. He entered a filling station nearby and asked for liniment, but died before a doctor could be summoned. He worked for the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads and was a carpenter and marble and granite worker.

-James H. Elliott, of Toledo, Ohio, was sentenced to spend from two to four years in the Clearfield county jail and pay fines totalling \$500 for passing worthless checks, when he was tried before Judge Chase at Clearfield on Monday, of last week. Elliott had located in DuBois several months ago and when he attempted to step out he essayed to pay his way with checks that had no funds back of them, which procedure brought him into the toils of the law.

-Two Franklin countians, John Hammond, of Stony Point, and Cornelius Hockenberry, of Doylesburg, paid fines of \$100 each to State Game Board officials for illegal collection of bounty on furs. The pair were arrested by C. B. Baum, division supervisor, and Game Protector R. O. Dunkle. It was said that both are fur dealers and took advantage of their business to collect State bounty on furs they purchased. About a dozen weasels were involved, it was said.

-Mrs. Adah H. Kauffman, aged 28, former clerk for the Exchange bank, at Franklin, Pa., was convicted of embezzlement last Thursday. It was testified that she transferred \$4174 from inactive acer. The husband, charged with conspiracy in connection with the transfer of the money to his account, will be tried later. He is in jail in default of \$5,000 bail.

-For representing himself as a member of various churches, fire companies fraudulent check transactions, Lester Mc-Sherry, 27 years old, was sentenced at York, Pa., on Monday to serve three years on pleading guilty to charges of false pretense and passing bogus checks. He was also sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 on each of the three pleas. The swindle netted McSherry, he admitted, about \$172 in cash and a supply of merchandise and articles for which he had absolutely no

-Six persons are being held in the Blair county jail on charges of burglary, robbery and felonious assault at the home of R. L. Wilt, at Duncansville. Mrs. Wilt, alone in the house, was bound and gagged, kerosene was poured on her hair and she was threatened with death until the burglars were told the hiding place of \$3,200 in eash, Liberty bonds and stocks. Mrs. Wilt was found unconscious some hours that he "gathered the impression" at later. Persons familiar with the family Geneva last summer that the Wash- | are believed responsible, as the Wilts only ington naval-limitation treaty would recently received the stocks and bonds. be allowed to expire in 1936. There which were duplicates of others destroyed

-A search for relatives of Walter Dudley, former soldier, who was found dazed Italy have never been satisfied with on the streets of Harrisburg some days ago and has been unable to give an account of his relatives, has been instituted by the Veterans Bureau, Red Cross, and Harrisburg Chapter of War Mothers. Major H. H. Barnhart, head of the veterans bureau, had written to two soldiers near Baltimore who were reported to have been "buddies" of the world war veteran but no definite data concerning his home has been obtained. Dudley is being cared for by the American Rescue Workers at their home in Harrisburg.

-After a search that had extended over two weeks, James Rieg, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rieg, of 206 South avenue, DuBois, has been located. Young though parity is confined to capital Rieg walked into a police station in East Pittsburgh Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock and asked for a night's lodging and was imemdiately recognized by Pittsburgh police as the missing DuBois boy. His request for lodging was granted and Pittsof Police R. R. Love, of DuBois, who in turn called the boy's father and advised him that his boy was safe in the Pittsburgh bastile. Mr. Rieg left early Friday morning for Pittsburgh to take charge of his

-James Clayton McKinley, correspondence school detective and alleged fingerprint expert, of Lewistown, has presented his resignation to the courts of Miffin county. The resignation was accepted without comment, and McKinley is no longer a private detective. Ten days ago He cites the fact that we all have he conceived a publicity stunt at the mebusiness men out of bed the greater part of the night. McKinley warned business Any newspaper which goes wild on men of the town that "a job" was going was attacked by three men on the street. Later he confessed that it was purely a