

Governor Smith's plan would make the bootlegger's life a sad story.

The multilateral pact outlawing war has been signed but the manufacture of war materials still goes merrily on.

The victory of Connally over Mayfield for Senator in Texas indicates the collapse of the K. K. K. in one of its strongholds.

The Commander Byrd expedition to the South Pole is on its way and carries with it the best wishes and highest hopes of the whole world.

Now if Philadelphia and Chicago would come to an agreement to wage perpetual war on outlaws the hope of permanent peace would be strengthened.

It often happens that the fellow who saw an opportunity that looked rattle-brained to you turns out to be the one to whom you think of applying for a job.

The Granger's picnic is on at Centre Hall and the sons and daughters of the soil have had a wonderful time thus far. Why shouldn't they? The grounds have been warmed by sunshine in day time and flooded with moonshine by night. Not the kind of "moonshine" however, that is flooding some other parts of Centre county.

Before Bellefonte starts spending thousands of dollars for additional fire apparatus so that we can get as low insurance rates as a sister town has that doesn't possess more than half as much fire-fighting machinery as we have now, it would seem that an investigation should be made to find out what is rotten in Denmark. There's no room for argument. Something's wrong. Besides, what guarantee will the propagandists give us that after we do buy all the apparatus they are urging, so that we may secure lower rates, the reduction will stand long enough for the premium payers to have compensated themselves for the cost of the apparatus.

Czecho-Slovakia is considering legalizing the killing of incurables. We'd hate to see such a law written into the statutes of the good old U. S. A. Some times we think it would be the humane procedure in cases purely physical. But we know what would happen if there were such a law in this country. It would be twisted, distorted and generally resorted to in all manner of cases. For instance, the Republicans being in power so continuously that we're getting mighty tired of it and spending most of our wakeful hours conjuring up schemes to help Al Smith root them out, what would prevent them from declaring Al and me political incurables and sending us "west" before we've told anybody what our "meat route" is.

Incidentally, can anybody tell us just why everybody heads for Canada when they decide to take a motor trip? Is it just a craze, a game of follow the leader or what? Canada has been sittin' right up where she is for a good many centuries. In the old days an occasional bride and groom went up to Niagara Falls and came home to boast that they had crossed the bridge and put feet on foreign soil, but there was no such curiosity about seeing Canada as is apparent everywhere now. What in the world do you suppose is the cause of it all? One might think that the rummies are going up to get a drink, but there are more not regarded as such among the pilgrims. Candor urges us to add that the only persons we positively know of as having been caught and fined for trying to smuggle liquor back across the border are the kind who vote dry here and act wet in Canada.

Somewhere up or down this column is a paragraph in which we quote the words "meat route." We say up or down this column because we don't know whether the paragraph referred to will be longer or shorter than this one. If it's longer it will be down. If it's shorter it will be up. Be that as it may, that "meat route" reference needs amplification and clarification. So we proceed to tell you that when good old Gottlieb Haag, than whom nobody ever made better grape wine or purer spirits frummenti found himself without a license to do either he started business as an itinerant butcher. All over the county Gottlieb drove with his butcher wagon. He was a good butcher and he sold his meat much cheaper than it could be bought elsewhere. He was a soul of friendliness and accommodation and was persuaded by some of his customers to let them have portions of the wines and liquors that were in his vaults out at Pleasant Gap. Gottlieb believed in men, but his faith was misplaced for one of those to whom he had sneaked a jug "peached." He was brought up before Judge Furst and convicted of illegally selling liquor. When he stood before the bar of Justice to hear his sentence of twenty-five days in the county jail, he said: "My God, Judge, I can't go to jail. Nobody knows my meat route." Now that's the reason we're against this Czecho-Slovakian idea of killing incurables. If the Republicans should put me and Al to death there would be nobody left who knows what Democracy is or where it might lead.

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Governor Smith's Acceptance Speech. Valuable Feature of Smith's Speech.

The acceptance speech of Alfred E. Smith, Democratic nominee for President, is characteristic. It is a frank, forceful and courageous expression of his opinions on public questions and a correct interpretation of the principles and purposes of the party of Jefferson, Jackson, Cleveland and Wilson.

On every subject in controversy in the pending campaign he declares his views openly and honestly. There is no evasion of responsibilities, no dodging of issues, no pussyfooting. He understands the problems and knows how to solve them to the advantage of the people of the United States, and he dedicates himself with all his power and energy "to the service of our great Republic."

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, who was the Republican nominee for the Vice Presidency in 1912, says "the address of acceptance of Governor Smith is a statesmanlike document, well conceived, well phrased and admirably expressed. It shows the Governor at his best. . . . On all three paramount subjects, agriculture, foreign policy, with respect to international peace, and prohibition, the Governor speaks with no uncertain sound. His treatment of prohibition is frank, constructive and forward facing."

Nothing we could say would add force to the praise of such men as Dr. Butler and Mr. Rea, one a distinguished Republican and the other a traditional Democrat. But we may be permitted to express profound admiration for a man, born in poverty, in an environment more baneful than benevolent, whose achievements, eloquence and ability have commanded the commendation of all fair-minded men, party friends and enemies alike.

The acceptance speech of Governor Smith revealed a thorough understanding of the science of government and a perfect knowledge of the details of administration. More than that it fixed his place among the great statesmen and orators of his day and generation.

No candidate has ever been confronted with more perplexing problems and none has ever met them with greater candor and courage. His treatment of the farm relief question is so adequate that the real leaders of that basic industry, irrespective of politics, are drawn to his support. The Republican party has done nothing except make promises for the relief of agriculture.

It would require an analytical mind to discover any difference between the operations of Boss Tweed, in New York, fifty years ago, and those of Mayor Mackey, of Philadelphia, and his late law-partner now.

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CO-OPERATION BETWEEN BANKERS AND FARMERS.

Farmer-banker-county agent cooperation for a successful community agriculture was the keynote of a week-end by members of the agricultural Pennsylvania State College agricultural school and experiment station last week-end by members of the agricultural committee of the State Bankers' Association and their "key bankers" in agricultural advancement.

The farmer who cannot show that the money he wants to borrow from the bank is to be used in a recommended project that is assured of adequate financial return to himself, should be turned away by the banker without a cent. But the farmer who shows convincingly that his project is one that should succeed, and backs it up with facts and figures, will not only get the loan but will do good to the entire community.

It is not usual for a candidacy for Assembly in a rural district to enlist State-wide interest but the aspiration of Hon. Wilson C. Sarig, of Temple, Berks county, has achieved that result. But there is a substantial reason for it.

More than 100 bankers representing every county in the State were at this State College conference, said Mr. Robb. "We came away feeling that a new era is in sight for Pennsylvania agriculture. These bankers are planning to call their fellow-bankers together in each county and tell them what we saw and learned on this trip."

This anti-Tammany smoke screen is so thick that no one sees through it the oil well pillage under Secretary Fall, or the foray of the Ohio gang under Daugherty, or the well-mapped corruption zone created by various Republican State administrations and officials in the past seven years.

Some of the people living along north Allegheny street are anxious to thin out the shade trees along the street because they are becoming too dense. Too dense for their own good and just dense enough to afford a good roosting place for thousands of blackbirds, which not only disturb the peace and tranquility of that neighborhood but clutter up the street and pavement in a manner not in keeping with the rest of the town.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Falling down a flight of stairs, Mrs. Mary A. Hoover, aged 82, of Hollidaysburg suffered a fractured neck. Her body was found at the foot of the stairway by a son-in-law early on Friday.

Falling from a ladder while attempting to climb to the haymow of his father's barn, Clair Eckenrode, aged 4, son of Vincent Eckenrode a farmer near Carrolltown, was fatally injured late last Friday.

Sergeant William McMillan, of Company D, Pennsylvania National Guard, died in the Gettysburg hospital, on Monday, of injuries suffered in an automobile accident while his company was encamped at Mt. Gretna several weeks ago.

Walter Tillman, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tillman, died at the Lock Haven hospital of internal hemorrhage, due to an injury of the abdomen sustained Thursday when he fell over a steel girder while he was carrying water to employees of the Case Construction company, at work on the new senior high school building.

Striking his leg with a knife while he was pruning raspberry bushes at his home in Harrisburg, on Monday, Lewis D. Wiltse severed an artery and bled to death. Fifteen doctors were called by his widow and daughter, the only survivors, before they could summon aid to the dying man, fourteen of the physicians being out of their offices.

The Pennsylvania Department of the American Legion at its closing session Saturday at Uniontown, selected Harrisburg as the convention city of 1930.

Argument over possession of a can of sardines ended fatally for Ray Smith, Negro, aged 35, early Saturday when he was struck on the head by an iron pump handle by William Biddings, Negro, of Sharon.

A greyhound bus, going east about 7 o'clock last Friday morning, burst into flames about four miles east of Newport when a tire blew out and the bus struck a fence, overturning twice.

Awakening after his mother and six small brothers and sisters were asleep and his father was at work at the mines, 11-year-old Ernest Horabough, of Marion Center, found the walls and floor of his bedroom in flames.

Refusal of an injured man to undergo an operation for possible relief does not necessarily constitute cause for terminating compensation by the employer.

Former Governor William Cameron Sprout, who died March 21 at his home near Chester without making a will, left an estate appraised at \$1,721,578 according to the inventory filed with the register of wills at Media, last week.

Although a P. R. R. passenger engine and two cars passed over her, Irene Gardner, 16 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gardner, Alexandria, was picked up by her parents uninjured on Monday.

Arrested on a charge of false pretense in the complaint made by the man she promised to marry, Helen Kay, who gave her address as "just plain Philadelphia," occupies a cell in the Chester county prison unable to obtain \$500 bail.

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The peace pact was signed in silence. Everybody seems to have been afraid that discussion would lead to explosion.