

INK SLINGS.

-Now set your speedometer to register the velocity of Bill Vare's return to health.

If Elihu Root gets us into the World Court he will render a greater service than getting signatures to a toothless treaty.

-As long as the penitentiaries and jails have accommodations for them there seem to be plenty eager to make reservations.

-The K. K. K., Tom Heflin and Bishop Cannon evidently scared Mr. Hoover out of his apparent desire to have "Col." Bill Donovan in his Cab- main in the Senate for the reason, as inet.

-Anyway the flood on Tuesday had the effect of compellig us to scrub out and so far as spring housecleaning is concerned we've probably beaten all of our readers to it.

-It matters little how March comes in: Whether it be like a lion or a lamb. It's how it's going to go out that's concerning the fellows whose coal piles are running low.

-Well, Lindy is really human. attackers failed. Cracking up a be able to advance the interests of plane was inconceivable, so far as the the Soviet government of Russia Colonel was concerned, until Anne in its efforts to secure recognition as Morrow's charms made him a bit a member of the family of nations.

-Senator Reed refused to put in interesting career in Washington. the finishing wallop in the Vare case | Entering the Senate at a comparabecause he couldn't "hit a man when tively early age and favored with a he is down." That's a fine spirit, of reputation for eloquence and skill in ing of the new Congress to reveal of the country. Elected as a Repubhow completely down Mr. Vare is.

-Judge Fleming put Coleville's called independents, among whom he "millionaire" on the water wagon last week, but it is reported that he wouldn't stay put and now he's facing punishment for failure to comply with an order that, in the case in question, was utterly impossible for him to do.

-It is the first of March and the first day of spring is only three weeks off. My, before we know it, we'll be spading up a little plot for onions and lettuce. That's what we think right now, but it is highly probable that when the time comes somebody else will actually do it.

-The Legislature promptly voted trance was getting him nowhere. He fifteen thousand dollars of the tax- had been not only a bitter but a vipayers' money to pay its way to the tuperative enemy of Herbert Hoover, sented no evidence. The plain in-Hoover inaugural. This, in the face but when the signs pointed to his ference is that he had no defense to of the fact that that an extra cent nomination Senator Borah enlisted in tax on gasoline is being advocated in his force and practically controlled because of that fact. He adopted the order to raise enough money to keep the activities of the campaign. Since legal quibble of "confession and things going at Harrisburg.

ducing so few statesmen is because throne." It is said he was offered The Republicans on the committee everybody wants to be a statesman the portfolio of the State Department now. Time was when the people of and it is certain that he has been They registered their abhorrence of a community got behind an outstand- tendered the office of Attorney Gen- his methods by signing the report. ing man among them and pushed him eral, which he has declined. But we Why should chairman Reed and his to the fore. Nowadays they are all are not persuaded that he was infighting to get in front of him.

-The Sharkey-Stribling fight at Miami, Wednesday night, was more or less of a pink tea affair. A four hundred thousand gate to see two second-raters punch each other takes only a little ballyhoo to reach, committee on Banking and Currency, yet what months of toil it takes to hints that foreign financiers are diraise such a sum to build a church, recting the policies of American a hospital or a library.

-Everybody who wants to pay four cents tax on each gallon of gasoline he buys should write to Senator Scott and the Hon. Holmes telling

-Mr. Hoover is believed to have selected a Democrat for Attorney General in his Cabinet. William D. Mitchell, of Minnesota, is the gentleman who is supposed to be the Presgovernment post. It is rather a joke activities." Still another proposition years of patient analysis. The plea on our Republican friends that no big lawyer in their ranks was quite dry enough to suit the Anti-Saloon League and, in consequence, Mr. Hoover remedies are desirable but inefficient. had to pick one out of the party that is supposed to be so wet.

the question Abe was on. We can't to shift part of the burden of mainhe split rails prior to that time. We and ruffians were employed by corare not trying to stir up an argumen- porations which had no concern outrails.

-Only forty-five days remain in which to get the old fly hook fixed, ited the bituminous coal producing the rod shellacked and the license sections of Pennsylvania, a year ago, button pinned on your coat. Better the evil influence of the private postart soon, because time certainly lice force was clearly pointed out. flies. The real fisherman never be- But nothing was done to check the lieves the stories others tell about operations until the recent murder of citizens. The oil scandals which inthere being no fish. He goes out and John Bercoveskie, near Pittsburgh, a settles that matter for himself. We few weeks ago. That outrage not inet were shameful, but no Senator don't know whether the fishing dur- only aroused the Governor but stirred or other high official of the governing the coming season will be any the people of the State. The bills in ment openly defended the culprits. better than it was during the last., the General Assembly are the result, But in the hope of securing party but by way of encouragement let us but they fail of their purpose. The tell you that eight sardine fishermen complete elimination of all such ready and anxious to sprag the got so many in their net, off the forces is the true remedy. Pennsylcoast of California, the other day, vania is rich enough to police itself, that they swamped the boat and the and it is under legal as well as moral fishermen would have drowned had obligation to do so. Our splendid not another boat seen their plight and State police is a nucleus which will been in progress and present indicagone to their rescue.



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Borah Declines Cabinet Offer.

the Committee on Foreign Relations,

the decrease in naval equipment mov-

Senator Borah has had a long and

lican he alligned himself with the so-

istration machine. The result of this

lied upon him and his influence in the

mittee on Foreign Relations he

Mr. Borah is ambitious as well as

reason for his change.

Senator Borah has decided to re-

What Came Over Senator Reed?

The dominating fact expressed in the report of the Slush Fund comhe modestly states, "that he can be mittee of the Senate is that the maof more use to his party and the counjority for William S. Vare in the try by remaining in his present in-Senatorial election of 1926 was obfluential position." He is chairman of tained by the grossest frauds. It was made equally clear, though not so which within late years has been a candidly stated, that the frauds were very important office. But with the deliberately planned by the leaders Kellogg treaty in operation and the of the Vare organization with the movement for another conference for knowledge and assistance of Mr. Vare. In view of these conditions it ing forward it will exercise less in- is not easy to imagine what impulse fluence in the future. But it may or influence appealed so strongly to afford opportunity to promote one of Senator Jim Reed's magnanimity Cupid got his nerve, whereas all other Mr. Borah's pet projects. He may that he quit the fight at the moment that the triumph of justice was about to be achieved. He was certainly not deceived by the absurd claim that Vare had not had a fair chance.

The evidence of the opened ballot boxes proved that the frauds were systematic as well as general throughout the city. The records of the tax office showed that the issue course, but it remains for the open- discussion he soon attracted attention of thousands of bogus tax receipts was by collusion. The records of the registrar's office indicated careful planning and complete supervision by soon became a leader. But his work the "division leaders." As a result along those lines was lip service, for of this systematic fraud the commitin every emergency he deserted his tee unanimously declared that "the associates and voted with the adminaverage chance of a Philadelphia voter to have his vote for United States attitude was that neither faction re-Senator counted correctly was less than one in eight." The records of body was diminished. Upon assum- the courts show the Vare organizaing the office of chairman of the Comtion defended every ballot thief brought to trial. In fact every charge threatened to oppose the policy of of fraud was proved and responsibilthe administration but soon afterity fastened on the organization.

ward fell into line without giving any The records show that Mr. Vare was given ample opportunity to appear in person before the committee able, and eloquent and his recalcito present his defense while he was physically able to do so, and that when his counsel did appear he premake and refrained from appearing the election he has been recognized avoidance" because in his cunning -The reason the country is pro- as the probable "power behind the mind that seemed the safer course. were not deceived by his tactics. Democratic colleage, Senator King, fluenced by consideration of the "good become so sentimental and sympaof the country." The ambition of thetic? Borah had something to do with it.

> -Somebody has suggested that -Congressman McFadden, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House dy never assumes bills he can saddle fails us not it was only a short time onto the State.

> > Slush Fund Committee's Report.

pression of sentimentality.

pediency. The Dave Reeds, Jim

Watsons, and other political hijack-

ers will manage the campaign for

has never been a parallel case. There

have been scandals in Congress and

shame to the faces of right-minded

volved in perfidy members of the cab-

advantage dozens of Senators are

wheels of legislation in order to le-

galize a fraud which threatens the

foundation of the government. For

two years this defense of crime has

tions are that it will succeed.

accomplish their purpose.

Well Meant but Inadequate Remedies.

bankers.

Three or four bills have been introhome" feel about the matter. If they nounced as a vicious system, refer- to a seat in the United States Sen- off. We might go so far as to ven- heat in the hotel. One of them would limit their operations to the property of the employer. Another would require a searching inquiry into the qualifications and character of applicants and "rigid men after a searching investigation Pennsylvania Decisions." State supervision of their official of the facts covering a period of two give bonds for the proper performance of their duties. All these

nearly three-quarters of a century ago, it may have been justified if not -Every time a political campaign exactly economically wise. Just afor Lincoln's birthday anniversary ter the close of the Civil war there is left for the Senate to determine. have moved back to Bellefonte. comes around the wets and drys get was more or less lawlessness in in- The fight is now on and in all probinto a squabble as to which side of dustrial centers and the purpose was ability will continue until the expiraanother. If he ran a store in 1833 to the corporations interested. It tation, but we are just a little cur- side of selfishness. In many instances ious why some one hasn't done somethese irresponsible thugs were more

a protective force. When a committee of Senators visrequire little expansion.

General Assembly Abdicates.

The chances of the repeal of the anthracite coal tax appear to be vanishing as the time limit for action of the coal. Unless the proposed leg- ing out the dirt. islation produces a reduction in the

tion. It is said that Governor Fisher fire in the furnace. is in sympathy with the plans of Mr. Grundy and acording to published recent. on their bulk sales into the pockets of the coal companies.

in a General Assembly which shall subject provides that the seat of the General Assembly is Harrisburg. But ing any great damage. according to the programme above transferred the theatre of its operations to Philadelphia, where the Govmeet at their convenience and detertatives of Pennsylvania ready to con- by its rush of waters. firm a report which so asperses their manhod?

A letter from the Hon. Willis Reed Bierly advises us that he is recovering from what he calls the Hoover flu, No. 2. That means, we presume, that he had a No. 1 dose of Grundy ought to pay the expenses of it. Mr. Bierly has been physically Pennsylvania at the inaugural. Grun- unfortunate lately. If our memory

ago that his surgeons nearly made hamburg steak out of his rotund anrecover from that dismembering or- to get away from the houses except The Slush Fund committee of the deal when the two flus got him and in boats. Senate expressed a just verdict in its he is now down to the middle-weight

At the time this force was created, three Republicans and two Demo- ville road to Peter Lyons, who will fices above had no heat all cay. crats and the report is signed by all. plow and dig and reap the crops the But it does not guarantee the exclu- coming year. John Shutt and family, sion of Mr. Vare from the seat. That who occupied the farm the past year,

-Miss Adella Sterrett, of Erie, tion of the present Congress, which Penna., has been made associate supsee that it matters much, one way or taining order from the communities will be at noon next Monday. But it erintendent for the young people's will not be conducted on the high division of the Pennsylvania Sabbath he probably sold liquor. They all did served fairly well at first but soon plare set by the committee. It has School Association. Miss Sterrett is then. It is generally supposed that degenerated into a menace. Outlaws already degenerated into a partisan a graduate of Boston University, strife in the interest of political ex- school of religious education.

-The Protestant Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania is having a thing to make it unlawful to split active in creating disturbances than Vare and they will sacrifice every hard time hunting a Bishop Coadjuprinciple of justice and patriotism to tor. If a laymen could serve the purpose there would be no trouble in In the history of the country there getting a candidate.

> -Probably the recent harmony elsewhere that brought the blush of deal among Philadelphia politicians has had something to do with the renewed gang gun operations.

> > The boom in speculative stocks has knocked the bottom out of industrial and commercial prosperity.

> > The Vare campaign before the Senatorial election was one of boodle, and, since, one of false pretense.

-Lindy's heart is in the right to spend Sunday.

MONDAY NIGHT'S RAIN FLOODED THE "WATCHMAN."

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by the Legislature diminishes. ing left a trail of mud and slime in tact with an overheated stove. The latest proposition of those op- its wake. In this we speak from obposed to the repeal is a compromise servation and experience because the which would cut the levy from eight water was high enough in Spring to four per cent. of the ton price. Of creek to flood the Watchman press course this would defeat the purpose room to a depth of 17 inches—which of the repeal which is to reduce the was not as deep as it had been once the with the woman, part of her clothing cost of the fuel to the consumers. or twice before, but plenty deep burned off, to subdue her. She was burn-So long as there is a tax there will enough to cause considerable incon- ed only slightly, but the furniture was be no material decrease in the price venience and a lot of work in clean- damaged. The woman was taken to police

But the Watchman was not the cost of the commodity it is of no only sufferer by any means. Every earthly use to the public. In the ab- cellar in the row of houses on the sence of such a result it can't be of west side of south Water street was very much interest to the mine own- flooded, and those equipped with pastor. Charles Howard Welch is corfurnaces were compelled to go with-The compromise proposition is the out heat as the fires were drowned ment. The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer, of product of the fertile brain of Mr. out. The furnace pit of the Beatty New York, a son of the Presbytery of Grundy and according to published re- motor company had eleven inches of Huntingdon and frequently in that church corporation share owners from taxa- water but not enough to affect the in early youth, has been invited to be

It rained hard most of Monday night, which naturally melted the ports the question is to be determined snow which had already been softenat a conference to be held in Phila- ed by the warm weather of Monday delphia in the near future. It is rea- With considerable frost in the ground soned that the operators might easily there was no place for the water to The four tracks which at present run over be persuaded to accept the compro- go only to flow into the streams, the bridge will be relocated to provide mise because it would reduce the tax and it was a toss up where the larg- more clearance, it was said. No additional they are obliged to pay by four per est volume went, whether into Spring tracks will be laid at this time. A total cent. without compelling them to cut creek or Logans Branch. Out at the of \$140,000 has been authorized for the the price to consumers. In other Phoenix pumping station the water words it would simply put four per in the dam overflowed its banks, completely flooding the road leading out to the Valentine home and also The constitution of Pennsylvania breaking through the bank along the mittee of the board of Christian educadeclares that "the legislative power railroad, with the result that the waof this Commonwealth shall be vested ter flooded the lower part of the old colleges are Wilson, Waynesburg, Lincoln, mill and ran down in a stream on Grove City and Lafayette. Beaver college consist of a Senate and a House of both sides of it. J. D. Seibert finally made no request. Other appropriations Representatives." The statute on the managed to open the flood gates were \$4,000 for University of Pennsylvawhich prevented the water from do-

The Buffalo run overflowed its stated the General Assembly has not banks at the intersection with Spring only abdicated its powers but has creek, where the water was over the Oil works, Inc., at Oil City, was found railroad tracks, though not high dead inside a tank car on Sunday, the apenough to do any damage. Notwithernor and the principal lobbyists may standing the high water in Spring been used for transporting gasoline and creek Bald Eagle creek, especially had just been emptied when Smith entermine what legislation shall be enact- from Milesburg west, was not unusu- ed it. It is a rule at refineries that none Are the Senators and Representally high and no damage was caused

> At "Red Roost' the run that comes down through Armor's gap became a raging torrent and because of the high water in the McCoy dam backed from second-story windows into the snow

rooned. surrounded when Spring creek swept out of its channel and covered the entire flat. No damage was done, atomy and he was just beginning to water in the cellars and being unable

The water flooded the basement of final report, submitted a week ago, class. He's a fighter, however, in any the Bush house and a centrifugal beard is six feet one inch long. He bethem of their desires. Otherwise our duced in the General Assembly for in its unequivocal declaration that division. In fact his letter has a pump had to be installed to keep the lieves his facial adornment the longest worthy representatives at Harrisburg the purpose of abating or correcting "it is the opinion of the committee chip on its shoulder which we are water out of the furnace pit so that in the world. He was born in Donegal will not know how "the folks back what Governor Fisher has justly de- that William S. Vare is not entitled wise enough not to attempt to knock there would be no interruption of the township. Lancaster county.

don't hear from anybody, after this ring to the coal and iron police. Each ate." This opinion was not arrived ture the sugestion that he got that The water was almost knee deep in notice, it will be understood that no- of these measures has merit, but at by careless mental processes or a "Hoover flu No 2" as retribution for the cellar under Ed Garbrick's cigar body wants to pay the extra cent tax. neither of them is entirely adequate. cursory examination of the facts. It having jumped the political traces store, and it came in so quick and was not influenced by partisan prej- last fall. Mr. Bierly has left Harris- fast that several cases of cigarettes, mediately ceased shaving after paying the udices or grudgingly formed with burg and is back in York again so as cigars and cut tobacco were caught bet. reservations. It was the unanimous to get nearer to the publishing house in the flood before they could be reopinion of a body of highly trained that prints his "Quarterly Digest of moved. Mr. Garbrick's loss will be and Ohio Railroad police for train riding, from \$150 to \$200.

> -Ex-sheriff "Dick" Taylor has Lime company, on north Water after a refreshing nap on his iron bunk is that such officers be required to for further delay by Senator King, had sufficient experience trying to street, water flooded the cellar to a in the jail at Connellsville, Fayette countries that such officers be required to for further delay by Senator King, Democrat, was an unwarranted ex- run a farm by proxy. He has sold depth of three feet, drowning the ty, he discovered his total capital, \$6.73, his live stock and farm implements fires in the boiler used for heating a search of the other prisoners and re-The committee was composed of and rented his farm on the Jackson- purposes, and the result was the of-

> > pears to be gone there is still lots of mainder in silver packed into the toe of it in the woods and on the north a shoe worn by Ray Gougeon, also arsides of the hills. Continued warm weather is likely

bring another flood.

a cigarette, the other day, so it may Northumberland, Montour and Columbia the shouting.

Aviation Future. From the Pittsburgh Press.

Somehow the west coast does not seem nearly so far away from New York since Captain Hawks made his record-breaking flight from Los Angeles to Roosevelt Field. Think of it—eighteen hours from

ocean to ocean—and it took our grandfathers as many weeks. To be sure Colonel Goebel did it last summer, taking only thirty-six the tax on horses, mares, geldings, mules minutes more than Hawks, but you can never be sure of what a stunt It was not until the following election like that means until it has been that the farmers discovered that they done at least twice.

The future of aviation grows more which requires a tax receipt as a precertain day by day. The air mail flies on schedule night after night Albert B. Davidson, of Allegheny, is auand just to show that the time for unblazed trails can be calculated tax on these farm animals. The amount accurately, Colonel Lindbergh, openof tax varies in the different counties. place, all right. Look where he went ing the new line from Miami to Pan- In 1926 a total of \$294,361 was collected ama, arrived only three minutes late. under this tax.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Two dollar bills that had been raised to tens by means of pasting a fake numeral "10" over the center of the notes have appeared in Sunbury.

-Gilbert D. Melhorn, 65 years old, was found dead in his home in Williamsport, by an employee of the Pennsylvania Power and Light company who went to the house to read the gas meter. Mr. Melhorn had been employed by the A. H. Heilman and company store for thirtyeight years as a collector. He resided

-Frederick Meeker, of Hunlock Creek, and John R. Weber, of Sunbury, suffered burns about the head and face on Monday when an explosion occurred in the chemical laboratory of Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, in which they were working. Their injuries were described as not serious. The explosion was caus-The regular February rain and ed by fumes from a five-gallon can of thaw arrived this week and depart- gasoline being ignited by coming in con-

-Locking the doors of her home in Reading, Monday night, Vera Davies, 37, went to bed and then set fire to the bed. Neighbors sent in a still alarm of fire, but the woman refused to unlock the door and policemen had to break in the door and batstation after first aid treatment.

-Plans are being formulated for the annual meeting of the Presbytery of Huntingdon to be held in the First Presbyterian church, Mount Union, April 8 and 9. The Rev. Robert S. Burris is the respondent for the committe on entertainone of the speakers at the meeting.

-The historic stone bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad at Johnstown, one of the few spans which withstood the "Johnstown flood" of 1889, will be widened 12 feet during the present year, Pennsylvania railroad engineers said on Tuesday. work. The bridge was erected in 1887.

-An appropriation of \$5,000 each for five Presbyterian colleges in Pennsylvania was made on Tuesday at the annual business meeting of the Synod comtion of the Presbyterian church. The nia; \$4,500 for Penn State, and \$5,000 for University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie

-George Smith, 24, who has charge of loading cars at the plant of the Empire parent victim of gas fumes. The car had enter a tank car without another man at the opening on top. It was said, however, that Smith went into the container without taking precautions. He was a resident at Franklin.

-Six persons were compelled to leap up around the houses there so that on one of the coldest nights of the winseveral of them were completely ma- ter when fire destroyed the home of William Dibble, ten miles south of Towanda. Out near Roopsburg several homes Pa., early on Sunday. Mrs. Dibble reon the dam bottom were completely ceived burns and was injured as a result of her jump but her husband and their four children escaped with minor bruises. None had time to obtain clothing and all were forced to walk in nightaside from the annoyance of having clothes and bare feet a quarter of a mile to the nearest neighbor's house.

-Samuel Hamaker, of Manheim, Lancaster county, who hasn't shaved since 1889, was 75 years old on Sunday. His young man he wagered with his father that he could grow the longer beard. When his beard reached a length of forty inches he was declared winner, but shaved when he lost an election bet. He im-

-Herman Marks, arrested by Baltimore doesn't believe in jails as a place of safe-Down at the office of the Chemical keeping. Last Friday when he awoke was missing. Chief of police Grubb made ported finding \$4 in \$1 bills pinned in the shirt sleeve of Wade Kimmel, another While in town most of the snow ap- railroad company prisoner, and the rerested for train riding.

-George Gibson, 22, of Grovania, Colto keep the streams high for several umbia county, was committed to jail at days and another hard rain might Bloomsburg, in default of \$10,000 bond on fifteen charges of forgery. Corporal Carr, of the State police, who laid the information, said Gibson had forged his mother's -King George was able to smoke name on notes during the last year in be assumed that it's all over except counties. Gibson is alleged to have attended public sales, making numerous purchases, and giving notes for them, forging the name of his mother as indorser. The total amount the police do not know, but Carr said he believed a number of cases had not been reported. The bond fixed is one of the highest ever set in that county.

> -Two bills to restore the right to suf-frage to tenant farmers of Pennsylvania are now before the Legislature. Hundreds of farmers who rent their land were disfranchised in 1927 when the General Assembly, in a spirit of fair play, removed and meat cattle over four years of age. were without a vote under the State law requisite to registration. Representative thor of a measure which would restore the