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Commenting mon the rumors strike settlement out of court, the Philadelphia Inquirer expresses the hope that they have substantial foundation, and adds: "What the public is looking for is a settlement that will settle and that will prevent strikes in the future." The public, we fear, will look in vain.

The Crux of the Problem.

HE POINT of greatest importance in President Eliot's remarks upon labor unions, which we printed yesterday, and which every intelligent person should be sure to read; a point certain to enter very largely into the deliberations of the Anthracite Strike commission when it comes to formulate its award, is set forth by Dr. Eliot in these

"The principle that an American has a right to sell his labor at whatever price he chooses to fix is earnestly disputed. Indeed, it is said that no American has a right to sell his labor at any price, without considering the effects of his sale upon associated laborers in the same trade or business. The right to earn bread for his family by whatever opportunity presents itself is denied. He must not earn bread for his family without considering the effects which his taking the price he is willing to accept may have on thousing to accept that price. This doctrine cuts deep, and the American people liberty.

zine when he says that the great lesson the honor was worthly bestowed. of the coal strike to his mind "is that the this point.

tailment in fact if not in law of the individual liberty which for more that a century has been deemed a vital part new doctrine implies, and it is the more cott and by other processes of intimidaare often powerless and our executives afraid, he is to be unlawfully deprived | worthy. of it, "for the common good."

It will be interesting to see how the Roosevelt strike commission will view this doctrine.

As a result of personal urging by Secretary Root, the senate committee on military affairs has decided to report the Dick bill for the reorganization of the militia. This is one of the most important measures before congress and it is gratifying to learn that its early enactment is predicted.

Not a License to Steal.

toms and comity. The welfare of civil- peculiarly American phenomenon; sation calls loudly for such a disciplining of the rotten autocracy of President | few structures other than canvas tents Castro as will leave a lasting memory but all the business enterprises are in the minds of his mongrei type of housed in substantial frame structures South American dictators.

thatend of our feeling worried lest the paint of being completed. The lo Monroe doctrine should get dented dur- drawing began at daylight. ing the fracus, it could be wished that boomer paid \$25, which entitled him to the United States might take a hand a twenty-five-foot business lot or a in the chastening, so as to make sure fifty-foot residence lot, the selection to that it will be carried to a wholesome be by lottery. As soon as the choice limit. Americans have suffered equally sites were drawn the bidding for them with Europeans from the rapacity, in- became lively and several sales were competency and viciousness of the made before 9 o'clock at from \$500 to Castro regime and only in the major \$1,000 each. It was on these lots that cases has our state department inter- the merchants who were already on the wened. The entire proposition of a gov- ground with 'knockdown' buildings and winnent in the American hemisphere stocks of goods established themselves so out of touch with modern ideas of before nightfull. Only a third of the justice and equity as Venezuela is to- lots were disposed of today, and the day is untenable, and the primacy drawing will continue until all are which we have officially asserted gone. It looks now as if Eagle City will among the republics of the new world have 4,000 residents by the end of the as well as the limitations we have as- week. It is to be a division point on sumed to the down for the guidance of the San Francisco line." old-world powers in their dealings with these new-world republics impose upon forthwith. Such growing qualities deus the moral obligation to use our every influence, to lift up the average stand-

American license to steal. It should Minister Concha. not in any manner be used as a screen behind which vulgar intrigues of petty tyrants can be consummated with impunity and immunity. The pleasant fiction that sovereign powers are equal and that what one does another may not question save in safe defense is a fiction at best; and as applied

the Seranton tribune to such monstrosities of government as Let us not, therefore, put any obstacles in the way of the Anglo-German prothe good work as it goes along and thus serve notice upon other Latin-American satraples of what they must xpect if they shall not behave.

In the case of the medical commis-

distribution of the patronage of the incoming administration and as to legislative policies.

One of these credits the leaders with naving decided again to table ballot eform, or at least to go no further han to recommend some amendment of the existing ballot law with a view o restricting the multiplication of mushroom parties claiming columns and circles on the ticket. Also, to try to hold the legislature down to a programme consisting of confirming the governor's appointments, electing a United States senator, passing the necssary appropriation bills and adjournng not later than the middle of April.

This, to be sure, is only a guess, and can be nothing more than a guess, for the reason that the man who will have the most to say on these matters, especially as to the policy to be pursued, is Samuel W. Pennypacker, and he has yet to make public his views. Those who know what his ideas are say he earnestly favors thorough ballot reform and will insist that adjournment shall not take place until the reasonable expectation of the progressive Republicanism of the state in this direction shall have been met.

There is said to be a fair prospect that congress at this session will enact the Lodge bill reorganizing our consular service by establishing permanent grades, establishing adequate salaries. doing away with fees in payment for service and creating definite consular careers. The news seems almost too good to be true.

The Atterney Generalship.

NE OF THE locally gratifying bits of political rumor current in the state press credits Governor-elect Pennypacker with considering with favor the ands of other men, who are not will- appointment of Major Everett Warren is his attorney general.

Major Warren's neighbors would, on have got to consider and reconsider this personal grounds, regret having to part contest of opinions. It is a serious con- even temporarily with a man of his adtest of opinions with regard to personal mirable qualities. But if the prospective executive should decide to extend Another expression of the same idea the official invitation which he is credis given by President Mitchell in the ited with considering, they would know December number of McClure's maga- and the state would soon learn, that

Major Warren possesses to an excepindividual is nothing, the good of so- tional degree every important qualificiety at large is everything." It is true cation for the office of attorney general. that Mr. Mitchell immediately adds He has professional ability so marked that "no man, no combination of men, that it has placed him at comparativeno matter how many or how powerful, by an early age among the foremost whether they belong to capital or to lawyers of the commonwealth; he has labor, can set their own interests or moral as well as physical and political their own will against the common courage; and in the amenities of social good," but those of us who reside in the and private life he is singularly pleascoal fields have yet to be assured on ing and attractive. It hardly needs to be added that his record as a Republi-The disappearance of individual init- can is first-class, showing an unvarylative, and, to a large degree, the cur- ing devotion to party interests and not a trace of self-seeking.

Cabinet-making does not always follow the lines of the highest efficiency; of American freedom-this is what the and in this instance there are geographical considerations which may operate serious because the individual is not to to the detriment of Northeastern Pennhave the chance to yield up this liberty sylvania; but the importance of the of voluntarily but by means of the boy- fice of attorney general calls for an occupant in no way less worthy than Mation, in dealing with which our courts jor Warren, and we are sure that Judge Pennypacker could not find one more

The last Chicago hotel tragedy illustrates anew that the firetraps are seldom discovered until after the conflagration.

In Oklahoma.

ETWEEN darkness and dawn, in one night, the town of City, Oklahoma evolved from a combination of stubble cornilelds and raw prairie to the dimensions of a village of 2,000 inhabitants, with a complete municipa! or ganization, a bank in operation, a daily T IS MOST sincerely to be hoped howspaper established, a fairly good hothat England and Germany will tel, four restaurants, seven saloons, at execute their declared intention least a score of mercantile establishto give Venezuela some much- ments, and no end of gambling houses. needed tuition in international law, cus- Says the press dispatch recording this

> "The residence section as yet boasts many of which lack nothing except

Congress had better admit Oklahom: mand recognition and encouragement.

It now looks as though every one The Monroe doctrine is not a South wanted a Panama canal treaty save

> It looks as if anti-canteenists might oon be as scarce as anti-imperialists. About everything has combined nov

save the "dear public." And Senor Sagasta welcomes that thas been" feeling

MR. BAILEY OF TEXAS. W. E. Cartis, in the Record-Herald,

An Impression prevails that Hon. Join the way of the Anglo-German pro-gramme with reference to Castro and his deviliry, but let us rather applaud ments in his baht with the lien. William L. Penfield, solicitor of the department of state, but his friends advise him not to do so. Pennick has stated in the pub-lic prints his crimton that Balley is an ass and a liar, although he does not charge that Balley knows he is an ass. A year or more ago one of Bulley constituents got into trouble about a got sion and Judge Smith it seems to have resolved Itself into: First catch your victim before you examine him.

Clatters of Quesswork.

Constituents got into trouble about a gon or silver mine down in Mexico, and applied to Ambussador Clayton, who declined to help him, and reported his reasons to the secretary of state. The constituent appealed to Mr. Bailey, and the latter demanded the removal of Clayton. The secretary of state referred the matwhich have been taking place among men prominent in the Republican organization in Pennsylvania have been followed by a was unwarranted. When the senate adrenerous crop of rumors, both as to the Journed Balley grabbed Beveridge by ti Journed Balley grabbed Beveridge by the lapels of his coat and shook him dereely, demanding a retraction and threatening to kill him. Beveridge was rescued by Spooner and others, smoothed down his suffled plumage and behaved as a genticinan should. Bailey blew off his steam in the newspapers and renewed his attack grow Denfeat. The latter wrote is can mon Penfield. The latter wrote a con munication, which was furnished to the press associations and appeared in ever; paper in the country, reviewing the case and declaring in so many words that Balley lied, and knew he find intention ally, in his speech that day. He added that Bailey was an ass, and did not know any better than to not that way. As Bailey had shaken Beveridge for merely suggesting that his statements

were unwarranted, it was naturally ex-pected that he would eat Penileld alive without ketchup, but he did not de any-thing of the kind. He refused to be interviewed and returned to Texas with out vindleating his honor. That was las June, and he has made no motion toward Penfield since. He is expected to do something soon. It will propably not be in the nature of personal violence, but the thunderbolt will fall in the form of a whereas and wherefores and resolves presented to the senate of the United States, and demand Penfield's removal or insulting that immortal body by say ng that one of its members is a liar and on ass. Balley regards this as more important than tackling the trusts or revising the taring, and will demand an exra session to attend to the matter it it an't be attended to at this. He will have a difficult time passing such a resolution, and if it did something would happen at white house that would hurt Balley more than Penfield's letter. That interesting paper was read and approved by the ecretary of state before its publication. and it was afterward approved by the president of the United States in the forlowing words, to wit:
"I wish Penfield hadn't called him an

iss, because we ought to show respect to the senate, but the rest of the letter is all right." Hence if Balley wants to get rid of Penticld he will have to abolish the whole administration. His friends are advising him to let the matter drop and not to go around looking for any more trouble.

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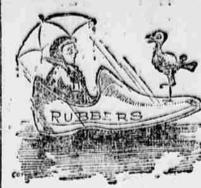
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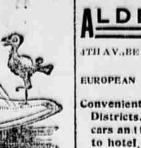
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