Democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

-Good morning! How is your garden growing?

-Much, but not near all of the corn has been planted in Centre county. -The men who fail to register for military service when the call comes

are to be officially called slackers. -The Kaiser had to send for an American dentist to treat his teeth. We presume he has been biting his Roosevelt's Ambition and Enterprise. nails so much of late that they are pretty well worn out.

some sort of a refrigerating plant.

camp. It has been made very plain to the men with millions that they will count for no more than the men without a penny unless their personal activities win the preferred places.

-We met a lady on the street the other evening and with the same exultation in her voice that she used to use when telling of a feast on lobster a la Newburg or terrapin, she gloated out "I had fried potatoes for supper."

-A few years ago the livery business alone had one hundred and thirty-four horses in daily service in Bellefonte. Today there is only one velt proposition may have been influstable and it keeps only four horses for livery. Is it any wonder that the Republican party is done for. The de- funds as it has given similar aid to sparrows play such havoc with our gardens nowadays.

enough cars could be kept under the an organized opposition to the Demo- man is dead food is no use to him. tipples to keep the miners working regularly who are willing to work coal that party faith are willing to resort ought to have been organized and diswould be very reasonable in price in a to any expedient to accomplish that patched a fortnight ago. But possi-

-The Legislature is to adjourn on trained and inexperienced troops to June 14th. Little has been done at France under command of a homicithis session and it is just as well that dal maniac is sacrificing them to fight against Germany. The German such has been the case, for Pennsyl- slaughter, but in the hope of prolongvania is beginning to show signs of ing their own tenure in public life for royal family of Russia, are striving Roosevelt wants to take to France and being legislated to death. We have a brief period they are willing to pertoo many laws, too many commissions and too many needless state departments already so that the less that is done in the General Assembly the better it is for the Commonwealth.

-Don't let the war scare scare you out of making your usual and needful purchases. Business must go There is plenty of money in the countory and even if commodities do ad- down like grass before the reaper. ground and long distance effort is funce still further in price economic adjustment will follow that will make the purchasing power of the individual commensurate. What we need to do is save. That means don't waste anything. For most of their lives the adopted. Since that the army of American people have been throwing away enough to have kept the same population in India, for instance, in luxury. If we stop the waste we will not need to be niggardly with ourselves.

-Col. Bob Cassidy, of Canton, occupied the center of the stage at the Monday night's celebration of the centennial of local Methodism. While we enjoyed exceedingly the reminiscence of the man who joined the "old church on the hill" here sixty years ago we suffered all the while we were listening because of the ever recurring thought that there will probably never be another with the temerity of Col. Bob, after he is gone. "Why, bless my soul," to use his own most favored expression, there wasn't a person died in Bellefonte from the terials now being demanded. Reasontime he came here in 1857 up to the able charges for storage and care of time he moved to Canton, who isn't surely in Heaven now. Col. Bob knew and named them all and declared, without qualification, that he will meet them all again in Heaven. Think of it! Who will stand up in the Metho- At this particular time it is a graver dist church fifty years from now and reminisce over us and declare that he is certain to meet us all in Heaven. We hope some one will, but we fear that there will be none to handle the cloak of charity as gracefully as Col. Bob did on Monday night. And, talking public is about the most atrocious about handling the cloak of charity gracefully did you notice him handling the tail of that frock coat.

-The "Watchman" evidently punctured the feelings of the burgess and the policemen last week, when it called attention to their derelictions that of the soil for speculative prices had been aired at the last meeting of while others are starving because of council. For several years the the impossibility of procuring them "Watchman" has been the one paper for food. Electrocution would be too in Bellefonte to promptly recognize easy a punishment for such beasts of and commend the good works of the prey. Unfortunately, however, the officials in question, therefor its com- fundamental law of the land forbids ments last week were made solely cruel and unusual processes in punishwith the hope that a warning might | ment and electrocution is the only lebe sounded to these officers lest they gal way of taking life in Pennsylvadeteriorate. They know that it has nia. been the history of Bellefonte policemen, as well as that of officers in dastards should inflame the public many other small towns, that they mind by their cruel exactions to such gradually lose their usefulness and, an extent that law would work no refinally, their jobs. And that is exact- straint on public indignation. Every ly what the "Watchman" attempted serious outbreak in the history of the to convey to them. The advice was world has been the result of the scarcwhich it was given, for we are inform- which justified the belief that it was ed that immediately after the "Watch- the result of selfishness or greed. If man" appeared instructions were giv- the present food speculation is con- he has had his day and didn't make has gone up. en to all of the officers to "get" the tinued until a reign of terror ensues, the best use of it. writer. We presume, therefor, that those responsible will pay the penalother motor drivers can go on park- ties, not of the law but of the mob, intagged 17311.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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his campaign for President in 1920.

The Senators and Representatives

in Congress who supported the Roose-

enced by that expectation also. The

feat of Justice Hughes last fall bur-

in charge of the military affairs of the

country and he instantly stopped the

slaughter and introduced the system

which our military experts have

Great Britain has developed into an

effective force and though men are

killed there has been no senseless

ture at Harrisburg are trying to get

a few reform measures through but

with little hope of success. The pres-

Penalties of Food Speculation.

If there is any legal process of pun-

offense against the country. It is

treason for the reason that it gives

aid and comfort to the enemies of the

Food speculation carried to the ex-

tent of inflicting suffering upon the

crime that could be perpetrated. Ac-

cording to the current news miscre-

ants are at present engaged in this

dastardly crime in various centres of

food supply. Men are holding wheat,

potatoes, beans, and other products

It would be a great pity if these

unless existing evils are abated.

The Democrats in the Legisla-

petrate the crime.

slaughter.

country

The Russian Commission.

The Russian commission has been In the somewhat heated debate in the House of Representatives in completed and in personnel leaves box" was the sign for the 15th. It Washington on Saturday upon the nothing to be desired. Elihu Root, administration rather than help the was cold enough to make us feel as question of authorizing Roosevelt to the chairman, is a great lawyer, an allies is revealed in his prompt and though the air were coming from muster a body of troops for service experienced statesman and an accom- gleeful acceptance of the offer of the in France, those who favored the plished diplomat. General Hugh L. State Fencibles of Philadelphia to be-—Plattsburg is a great democratic proposition assumed that the other Scott, Chief of Staff of the army, is a come a part of his proposed army. side was influenced entirely by the capable soldier and Rear Admiral While the proposition to provide for

fear that an affirmative issue of the Glennon a splendid seaman. The oth- his army was pending in Congress he boat, according to an anouncement by subject would rescue the Colonel from er members are equally fit for the declared that he would accept only rethe political oblivion into which he service to which they have been as- cruits above the age limit expressed of it has not been made public. plunged himself when he betrayed the signed. The only cause of complaint in the selected conscription act. Now Progressive party last year and make in connection with the matter is on as a matter of fact a considerable him a formidable figure in the future account of tardiness. German emis- proportion, if not the actual majoripolitical life of the country. No saries are busy at work in Russia fo- ty of the State Fencibles, are not outdoubt that is the reason that influenc- menting trouble. The American com- side of that age limit and if the ored Roosevelt to persist in his ambi- mission ought to be on the job countion to set the military authorities teracting the German efforts. In this case delay is essentially dangerous. aside. It is probably the beginning of

The purpose of the commission is to strengthen the provisional governable hope of endurance the govern-England, France and Italy, to butied the Republican party as effective- tress it against German intrigues and result. They know that sending un- bly it may yet achieve its purpose.

The provisional government in Rusunanimous in the opinion that the Then General Kitchener was placed tile.

\$1500 to \$2500 a year is going forward at a great rate and that increas-\$10,000 to \$25,000 a year is practically certain to pass.

Armistice in the Factional Fight.

From the best information attainable the conclusion may be drawn that ent Legislature is not of the reform the Legislature will adjourn sine die on the 14th of June. This determination plainly implies an armistice in the factional fight between Penrose and Brumbaugh. It gives the Goverishing the speculators in food stuffs nor the opportunity to continue the it ought to be invoked and applied. officials he has appointed since the ad-Granting that there is a scarcity and admitting the prospect of a short crop the expiration of his term of office. this year, there is no excuse for the It also affords Brumbaugh a chance prices of potatoes and other food mato turn all sorts of tricks with the appropriation bills and leave the Penrose interests without substance or potatoes over the prices of last fall sustenance during the period between would be justified. But multiplying now and then. It is equivalent to an the prices of last fall by three or four, unconditional surrender and will be a by those who were unable to sell then sad disappointment. and now have a surplus, is robbery.

The Senator appears to have lost ground since the organization of the Legislature on the first day of January. Then he had things his own way and fairly radiated the spirit of war. A war council was organized and proclamations of hostile purpose were issued frequently and regularly. Certain measures of legislation were proposed for the express purpose of eliminating Brumbaugh and the Vares from the political equation. But one after another of his schemes was defeated, though some of them had distinct merit and it looks now as if he is prostrate with the ample brogan of the Governor pressing his windpipe. Like Caesar "now lies he there, and

none so poor to do him reverence." Fortunately for Penrose his term of office doesn't expire until March 4, don't get rich as fast as some others. 1921, while Brumbaugh will "hit the toboggan" two years earlier. But few come back and by the skillful use of the public patronage during the in-Vares so effectively that they will be are kicking like steers. able to control the party organization. It has been an interesting contest so far; as Sir Lucius O'Trigger would say, "a pretty quarrel." But in the armistice which seems to have been declared, unless the signs are misleadevidently not accepted in the spirit in ity of food under circumstances ing, there is concealed the final and complete destruction of Penrose as a

There are 10,000,000 men availing their cars and exceeding the speed flamed by the passions induced by able for military service in this countain that it has the merit of truth. limit in defiance of council's ordinance starvation. That would be a sad and try between the ages of twenty-one while the entire force Hawkshaws shameful incident in the life of the and thirty-one. But if twice that after a rattling old 1913 Tin Lizzie country and it is a present menace number is needed they will be on

Roosevelt's Purpose is Sinister.

That Roosevelt's purpose is to retard enlistments and embarrass the ganization goes as a body to the Roosevelt contingent, those eligible

will not be able to join the army. in the Union are striving earnestly to ment of Russia. If there is a reason- recruit the regular army and the National Guard of the several States to ment of the United States will supply full war strength. Philadelphia and Pennsylvania have found just cause for pride in the fact that the Keystone State leads in this laudable enterprise. —The Johnstown "Democrat" ly and as enduringly as the sentence thinks that the price of coal could be to Elbe disposed of the ambitions and demagogic conspiracies. But there is demagogic conspiracies. But there is demagogic conspiracies. But there is demagogic to the two thousand or more officers and men of the Fencibles it might kept within reason if enough miners activities of Napoleon Bonaparte. extended the provisional government have been reasonable to expect half could be kept on the job. We are of But in the resurrection and resuscita- will be overthrown. As in the case of to join the real army. But because the opinion that cars have more to do tion of Roosevelt there is a vague bestowing charity timeliness is the the commanding officer of the force with it that the lack of miners. If hope of maintaining something like important feature. After a hungry expects spectacular service or some special opportunity to acquire distinction he offers them as a whole to the bogus army which Roosevelt con- harbor. templates. Every manly member of

the force ought to resent his action. No government can afford to have sia was created to strengthen the an army in the field which is or assumes to be independent of its authoremissaries, including many of the ity. That is the sort of army which to pervert it to the opposite purpose if he should get such a force there and because the provisional govern- his only purpose would be self ag-But the opponents of the proposi- ment was badly equipped in money grandizement. If there were no othtion were influenced by vastly differ- and materials, the aim of the conspir- er reasons against the proposition ent impulses. Military experts are acies have been advanced. Whether that should prevent it. But there are it can be checked now is conjectural. other reasons equally potent. The Roosevelt enterprise means disaster. The splendid personal of the Ameri- time and money spent in equipping When Great Britain entered into the can commission is a source of encour- such an army would be taken from present war a military policy anala- agement. If any human agency can and necessarily delay the organizagous to that expressed in the Roose- accomplish the result these capable tion, equipment and training of the responsible for his or her share of it. velt enterprise was adopted with the gentlemen will score. But they must real army. Every trained soldier result that the flower of the young get on the job soon. The German and military expert in the country understands this and for that reason is

-High cost of living suggests no "Watchman" will be found a story of thought of restraint upon salary rais- the forest fires that raged in Centre ers. The bill increasing the compen- county this week destroying much valthem from doing more damage. In one case the fire was caused by a faring the salary of the Governor from mer burning dead grass in a field and not giving it proper attention to confine it to the grass. Other fires were blamed on sparks from a locomotive. The very fact that so much valuable young timber was destroyed is a substantial argument why the very greatest of care should be exercised by peoing adjacent to the mountains. Centre county has a good quota of foresters and fire wardens but it also has a land, so that it is impossible for the ment, and will sail soon after. journment of the session of 1915 until wardens to cover every foot of the ground. That they were able this week to marshall a force and confine the fires to a limited area demonstrates the efficiency of their work, because young timber that is destroyed by fire is done for and it will take years to replace it by reforesting.

> -The centennial exercises now being held in the local Methodist church have been wonderfully interesting and well attended. It has been noticeable, however, that most of the speakers have evidently been impressed with the idea that they won't have a chance to talk again for another hundred years.

> -General Joffre is pleased with West Point but then he has no reason this country with the probable exception of that railroad accident in Illi-

> -It may be true that the farmers live longer than men of other employments, but they work longer, and though enjoying big profits now they

-Strange! The English rich men cherfully pay a tax level more terval the Governor may entrench the ing revenue bill and the rich men here The Legislature has fixed June

14th as the time for adjournment. But to do so they will have to work harder in the future than they have done in the past.

-Don't chuckle because warm weather has torn you from the clutchparty leader and political factor. But es of the coal man. The price of ice

-That "the Hohenzollerns must go," isn't a bad slogan and besides

-Raising flags is all right but raising vegetables should not be neglected either.

NO. 20. U. S. Torpedo Boats Doing Duty in

War Zone.

Queenstown, May 16.—A squadron of American torpedo boat destroyers has safely crossed the Atlantic and is patrolling the seas in war service.

The American navy's actual entry into the war zone has already been productive of a brush between a destroyer and a German under-water the British admiralty, but the result

The destroyer squadron arrived in Queenstown after an uneventful voyage across the Atlantic, but almost immediately after a formal exchange of greetings with the British naval of- disabled. ficials put to sea again for the hard work that is before it.

A crowd of several hundred sons, some of them carrying tiny The patriotic citizens of every State | American flags, lined the water front | growing out of the death of her husband, and cheered the destroyers from the moment they first sighted the flotilla until it reached the dock. The crowd cheered again when a few moments later the American senior officer came ashore to greet the British senior officer and Wesley Frost, the American consul, who had come down to the later the British senior officer and Wesley Frost, the American consul, who had come down to the later the British Every.

The Harbison-Walker Refractories dock to welcome the flotilla. Everything was done in a simple business like manner. There was an entire absence of formality.

The commander of the British flotil-

la was waiting on board his ship and sent wireless greetings to the American units as soon as they hove in sight, steaming in a long line into the

After the exchange of shore greetings and the British commander had congratulated the American officers on their safe voyage, he asked:
"When will you be ready for busi-

ness?" "We can start at once," the Ameri-

can commander replied, promptly.

This response, so characteristically
American, surprised the British commander, who said he had not expected the Americans would be ready to begin work on this side so soon after their long voyage. When he had re-covered from his surprise, however, he made a short tour of the destroyers and admitted that the American tars looked prepared.

"Yes," replied the American com-mander, "we made preparations on the way over. That is why we are ready."

at State College.

State College, Pa., May 16.—Two ambulance units for immediate service in France have been recruited at tives in the General Assembly from of anxiety and hard work to keep within twenty-four hours after the this institution to provide one unit of thirty-six men, more than double that the passage of the draft act, the State is number of students had volunteered.

told that the Surgeon General's office of the War Department needed 1400 motor ambulance corps which would ple when in the woods or farmers liv- asked to supply but one unit, seventyfive desirable applicants appeared and word was sent to Washington that two bodies had been raised. The men will be summoned to headquarters large acreage of mountain and timber. this week for examination and enlist-

Each unit will have one sergeant, two corporals, one chief mechanic, two mechanics, two cooks, two clerks, two orderlies and twenty-four drivers. B. M. Hermann, an instructor in the history department and Freshman athletic coach, has been selected as sergeant of one unit. Ben Cubbage, 18, of Philadelphia, football and track man, will be made sergeant of the other unit.

State College to Shorten Activities.

State College, Pa., May 16.—As measures of war economy, the commencement program at The Pennsylvania State College has been stripped of all unnecessary activities. Today the Board of Trustees voted to limit class will issue commencement invitathe only decoration used at the annual

Senior class reception. Penn State's shortened commencement celebration will begin June 10.

Weather a More Striking Topic. From the New London Day.

After people have read war news morning, afternoon and evening for a week, the minister need not feel it absolutely necessary for him to preach on the same subject Sunday.

Another Jingo Confesses.

From the Detroit Free Press.

already, and we've only been in it two weeks.

Great Year for Vermont Toll Bridges. From the St. Johnsbury Caledonian. We wonder if New Hampshire's go-

ing "bone dry" will have any effect on the income of the toll bridges along the Connecticut for the next two years.

-For high class job work come to the "Watchman" office.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Mike Dennery, better known as the Big Swede," the hobo found guilty last February of killing John Rowles at a shanty in Clearfield on the night of January 31, 1916, was on Friday morning sentenced to death in the electric chair by Judge Singleton Bell, of Clearfield.

-Houtzdale is to have a new state banking institution to be known as the Houtzdale Savings and Trust company, with a paid capital of \$125,000. Members of the Berwind-White Coal Mining company are among those interested in the new institution. A new building will be erected at an early date.

-Bartoli Aveni, the demented Italian who shot and killed his friend, Samuel Cadili, in Clearfield, on April 23, was put on trial at Clearfield on Thursday morning, the 10th, and after all evidence had been presented, the jury pronounced him to be of unsound mind and Judge Bell consequently directed that he be sent to the asylum for the criminal insane at Fairview, Pa.

-Though but four weeks have elapsed since the Eddystone horror, announcement was made Friday by Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, that awards on death claims totaling \$71,167.30 had been made in the cases of persons who lost their lives in the explosion. The adjustment was made on 4 deaths out of the total of 128 killed, and in addition compensation is being paid to 68 injured employees out of a total of 89

-Mrs. Mary Kenna, of Osceola, through her attorney, A. R. Chase, Esq., of Clear-field, has brought suit against the Montola Water company for \$20,000 damages who was one of the recent typhoid fever victims in the epidemic at Osceola Mills. She asserts that he contracted the fatal

-The Harbison-Walker Refractories company have subscribed for one million of the war bonds to be issued July 1, 1917, \$500,000 of these bonds being for the company and the other \$500,000 to be subscribed for by the employees of the company individually. Already approximately \$200,000 of these bonds have been subscribed for by employees, and there is little doubt that the whole \$500,000 will be covered at an early date if the patriotic spirit already exhibited by employees is any criterion.

-The jury in the case of Dan Alexandero, charged with the murder of Fred Rossi at Naginey, on February 18, rendered a verdict of voluntary manslaughter in the Mifflin county court last Thursday and the prisoner was admitted to \$800 bail pending his application for a new trial to be heard at the August session. The testimony submitted indicated that Alexandero nad committed the deed in defense of his

life. Alexandero is the man who was caught at Potters Mills while trying to escape after killing Rossi.

-Frank Carroll, of New York, and Oscar Mingle, of Thompsontown, were beaten and robbed of \$460, last Wednesday night, which represented their savings of several years. The two men are employees of the A. J. Haws Refractories in the Lewistown Narrows, and were returning Recruit Two Army Ambulance Units to the boarding house late at night after a trip to Millerstown, when they were set upon in the darkness, beaten into insen sibility and their pockets rifled. Carroll thinks that the yeggs followed them from Millerstown, where they had made a foolish display of their wealth at the hotel.

-To make Mt. Gretna ready for the troops expected to be mobilized there after now pressing every effort to complete The State College authorities were many of the improvements already under way on the ground. The Cornwall and Lebanon railroad is being double-tracked volunteers at once to take places in from one end to the other with numerous sidings to expedite the handling of soldiers be sent abroad with the first expeditionary force. While State College was ling of freight is being built along the ling of freight is being built along the lake. The management of the park is also preparing to handle immense crowds. The bathing facilities and dance floor are being enlarged and other amusements are being installed.

> -William Decker, Montgomery's wealthiest citizen and leading manufacturer, is up against a serious proposition. He has just completed a new \$25,000 factory, a four-story brick building, finished and equipped in the finest modern style. By a decree of the county court, handed down on Wednesday, Mr. Decker is ordered to remove that portion of the building covering and obstructing an alley. The owners of the property abutting on the alley notified Mr. Decker not to obstruct the alley, but he paid no heed to the notification, and the matter was taken into court, with the above result. It looks now as though the disregard of the rights of others will prove an expensive proposition to Mr. Decker.

-The Harbred Silk company, in which W. J. Hartman, S. B. Seeley and M. S. Bredbenner, the last two former residents the commencement celebration to of Berwick, are interested, propose to erect three days instead of the customary five additional mills this year. While the six days; the Greek letter fraternities company has not decided definitely upon to be displeased with anything that has come within his observation in neither the college nor the Senior all probability be erected in Potter county, where the company recently erected tions, and the American flag will be two mills and is operating them with much success. The Harbred company is rushed with work and has contracts signed for eight years' continuous work, to the full capacity of their present five mills, located at Scranton, Shickshinny, Benton, Shinglehouse and Galeton. Each of the mills is taxed to its full capacity and unable to turn out another pound of silk. The orders are placed by the largest silk manufacturer in the United States.

> -Stockholders in the African Ostrich Farm and Feather company, of Bloomsburg, a \$1,000,000 Arizona corporation, in which more than \$100,000 was invested, will not receive one cent, according to the report of I. Clinton Kline, of Sunbury, the The people of Germany are said to be growing tired of the war. We don't wonder at it; we're tired of it Mt. Carmel, who has been receiver for the property for more than a year. Many of the stockholders are women and wage earners. They are distributed from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, including Altoona, Wilkes-Barre, Shamokin, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Bloomsburg, Selinsgrove, Rochester and Huntingdon. Unsecured creditors get 16 per cent. of their claims. Great things were promised for the concern, promoted on a co-operative basis by William H. Hile, its president, about ten years ago. Farms and an office building were bought, ostriches imported from Africa by Hile personally, and riches were promised.