Democratic Matchman. BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

-Of course Col. House wasn't expected to talk much, but when he did we all knew he would say a mouthfull.

-Dr. Anna Shaw's advice to Baltimore mothers to smile when their sons march off to war might have made a deeper impression had it been volunteered by a woman who had a

-Those Bolshevikivites will wind up by declaring war on the German people because they don't kick the when they don't believe in governments.

a smell.

-Thanksgiving festivities are over, but Christmas is only twenty-five days off, and after that-the delugeof snow and coal shoveling, and frozen water pipes, and chapped hands, and frosted feet and butter that's too hard to spread-if you have any at all-and worryin' as to whether that car of coal that's "on the road" for the steam heat company is going to get here on time, all piled on top of seven wheatless meals and one beefless day a week; who said "life is just one damned thing after another."

-The poor despised penny has come into its own at the banks. Whereas the man behind the wicket once looked at you like a meat axe when you dumped several hundred unwrapped pennies on him now he commences to smile the moment he spies a bag or box under your arm that looks as though it might conceal the coppers. The man with pennies is really the bank's valuable depositor nowadays. They are so scarce that in some localities postage stamps and script are being used as substitutes.

have been many such rumors afloat in But what men are left to labor should Centre county. All designed to operate at home where they are needfrighten the individual into withhold- ed.



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Crimes that Ought to be Stopped. There appears to be something the

Europe is calling loudly and earnhope to treat with any government towns and villages of France," ac- ciation have practically admitted the in Pennsylvania. Mr. Heinz, of Pittscording to philanthropists who have violation of the Sherman law forbid- burgh, is the head of the administrarecently returned from the despoiled ding price fixing and restraint of tion of that service in the State and

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with less horror on it than they have valued contemporary says, "whose but the association has been dissolv- claimed for officials clothed with the for the asafoetida bag that will be weapons are the instruments of man- ed by decree of the court and the five same authority in New York and Illihung around the necks of many of ual labor." No doubt that is literal- members fined a matter of \$2,500 nois. Prices are soaring constantly them if the disease spreads, and we ly true. Many lovely villages and each. This conspiracy has been in op- in Pennsylvania and while they are don't blame them. It is about as sure even cities in France and Belgium eration for several years and since being held down in New York, Illia charm against sickness as it once have been razed by the heartless Huns the war has been extorting most nois and in some other States, Mr. was for suckers, when we all had a and they must be rebuilt and restor- shamelessly from the newspaper pub- Heinz says that he has been waiting was for suckers, when we all had a did they must be result and restor-ball of it in our bait cans—and what ed to their original state. If there lishers of the country. The nominal the result of experiments in New pected of her while she is engaged in are mechanics and artisans in this fine imposed is triffing compared with York and Chicago. But the people of an internal struggle, the outcome of

inclined to work here, they ought to that the evil is abated. go where they are so greatly needed. This is one of the most prolific Now we are learning that they are al-

it has fallen to the United States to ing before Judge Mayer the defend- Pennsylvania millions of dollars. practically feed the allied armies in the war for the suppression of autoc-listic arrangement. Not only were the war for the suppression of autocpractically feed the allied armies in ants had created a complete monoporacy. These armies must be fed. prices fixed but "the country was di- in Washington ten days ago reports Germany is setting the example for vided into geographical districts for indicated that the plans in operation we learn that however hungry the ci-vilians may be the German soldiers have plenty to eat. Coincident with the call for mechanics and others to indicating increased manufacturing several other locations. But nothing restore French villages which have cost at the time when it was actually was done in Pennsylvania while the Italians will respond to the suggesbeen destroyed by German invaders lower than it had been in previous food pirates were reaping rich harwe hear the call of American and es- months." The defense was that the vests by running up prices. Mr. pecially Pennsylvania farmers for publishers had organized and the Heinz declares that he did not assume help to plant crops for next year. It Manufacturers' association was to that he had authority to go ahead unbecomes a question, therefore, which counteract the effect of joint purchas- til he receives definite assurance from call shall receive attention from the ing.

working men of this country. American labor is to respond to the on intelligence is an unendurable in- ought to have been taken as an in- only the very positive newspaper recall of the home. We have sent iquity. That is what these conspira- struction to proceed along the same thousands of our best citizens to Eu- tors had created and were maintain- lines if there were no better lines to rope to offer their lives in the cause of ing and hundreds of newspapers were lay. "A wink is as good as a nod to democracy. It is infinitely more im- forced to suspend while most others a blind mule." mors you hear that have even the portant to us that no member of this were compelled to operate without Meantime we learn that on the railpatriotic contingent shall go hungry profit. Now that the conspiracy has road sidings in Pittsburg, hundreds of German propaganda is everywhere than that some despoiled village in been dissolved it may be hoped that car loads of perishable food stuffs trying to break down the efficiency of France shall remain in its present the publishing business will improve have been allowed to rot. At Cleverumors concerning the motives of our government in this or that activity and it is going to be stopped, even if and it is going to be stopped, even if and it is going to be stopped, even if you have to be punished for unwit-tingly rehashing some of them. There been many such rumors afloat in

Bad Trust Dissolved. Five of the individual members of the News Print Manufacturers' asso- matter with the food supply control sections of that unhappy country. trade. The corporate members of the up to this writing he does not appear tails that would prove exceedingly dif-Bellefonte, but most children look "There is work for many soldiers," a association have not pleaded as yet to have secured the results that are country who are out of employment, their vast profiteering operations, Pennsylvania are suffering and they which is altogether problematical. or even if there are any who are dis- but there is satisfaction in the fact are losing patience. Everybody

But at the same time there is a causes of the high cost of living and so expensive. Within a month the

To our mind the first obligation of all circumstances but a needless tax methods were approved by Hoover demand has been formulated. We have

the Johnstown Democrat. The armistice proposed by the Le-nine government which now appears to be in control of Russia may come to nothing in itself. Apparently it is big buck deer emerged from the woods somewhat impossible, involving de-

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But the proposal is interesting be-cause it may lead to counter propos-als. It may be the opening for those conversations which many think have been needlessly delayed. The world has settled down to the rather definite conviction that Bussia is already out conviction that Russia is already out of the war. Certainly little can be exfor peace, but not for a separate knows that delays are dangerous. peace. Their program is specific with respect to what the German people must do before Russia will lay down

ple are thinking the matter over and taking account of their affairs, it is

ter for speculation. It seems to call for that laying of the cards on the table which President Wilson is understood to have put in the form of a demand to be delivered by Col. House at the war conference at Versailles. Needless taxation is burdensome in didn't wait and the fact that their It is not officially known that such a port that it has and that the President

> making the world safe for democracy. There is not so wide or so fundamental a difference between the war

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-George Blank, while hauling corn fodder near Jeannette Tuesday afternoon, was struck by a corn stalk, which caused him to lose the sight of his right eye.

-Frederick K. Rengier, of Lancaster, isin the hospital at that place, suffering from injuries received in an automobile and motor-cycle accident on the state road near Mechanicsburg on Sunday afternoon.

-A bill of costs and damages amounting to \$175 was divided among seven Newberry boys in court the other day when they entered a plea of guilty to entering a cottage along the Nesbit road and ransacking it.

-Frank Marshall died Thursday at his home near Livermore, from a fracture of the skull, received Tuesday when he fell from a wagon. He had been husking corn, and was jolted from a wagon while on the way to the barn.

-While Orie Reeder, who resides about mile and a half outside of Oriole, was butchering his porkers the other day, a and came to within seventy-five yards of the butchering party.

-Two negroes were arrested at an early hour Wednesday morning at Williamsport on the charge of robbing Thomas Grier, also colored, of Williamsport, of \$145. As the officer was searching the one the other one was trying to chew three \$20 bills.

-Ernest Johnson, of Klondike, was instantly killed Thursday morning in the woods near that place by a companion hunter who aimed at a rabbit and at the same time Johnson stepped in front of the gun, receiving the full discharge in the back and lungs.

-Adam Bleecher, of New Providence, a patient in the Lancaster hospital, escaped growing demand for workers in this conditions the one least justified. According to uncertainty as to Mr. Heinz's authori-ty to fix prices has cost the people of the control of their government attired in the thin hospital garments, and

> -For the second time the prize that is offered annually by the Pennsylvania the Bolsheviki idea that an armistice railroad for the most improved tracks,

> > -The commissioners of Clearfield county decided on Monday to begin the erection of an emergency quarantine hospital which will be used to take care of contagious diseases in case of epidemics such as the smallpox outbreak at Blue Ball and that section of the county, at the present time

-Governor Brumbaugh late on Monday signed a respite staying the execution of Henry Ward Mottern, Jefferson county, is prepared to stand by it with reso- from the week of December 3 to that of lution until it has been frankly and January 21, to permit the Board of Parfully met by the nations with which we have joined in the great task of rehearing. Mottern has been respited six times.

-A young teamster named Karstetter, residing near Loganton, secured a twenty aims as declared by the President and pound wild turkey gobbler in the Sugar trying to break down the emittency of the shall remain in its present the publishing business will improve have been allowed to fot. At cleve aims as declared by the Fresident and bound wild turkey gobbler in the Sugar those set forth by the Bolsheviki that state until we have leisure to look though it will take some time to get back to normal conditions, contracts loads of food stuffs have been allow- a common ground might not be found. The faction now in control at Petro. rumors concerning the motives of our government of the United States has having been made for the future dur-having been made for the future dur-this on their and is underblack a difficult one to the future dur-this on the states has having been made for the future dur-this on the states having been made for the future dur-this on the states having been made for the future dur-the states having been made for the future dur-he states having

> It has been suggested that during the period that Lake navigation is closed on account of ice those mag-ic black beats might be horrow. prove in the end a constructive rather alighted from a street car near the works than a purely destructive agency. when he was knocked down and beaten by And in the latter case it may be posone of the men while the other secured the sible to deal with it in a way to promoney. The robbers escaped. mote the great common end for which -John Traynor, brakeman, residing in Punxsutawney, was killed at Cummings, Thursday, when his foot caught in a Can this end be the better promoted guard rail as he stepped from the cars to by refusing to consider the proposals make a cut, without waiting for the train which Russia has submitted or is to stop. Despite the fact that his body was cut practically in two when he was knocked down by the car behind him, Traynor lived for an hour and a half, and was conscious until a few minutes before his death. -It cost \$121 to raise two bushels of potatoes in a school or community garden in Morrellville, Johnstown. The school suggestions she has thought in her supervisor explains that the ground was province to make? Prudence alone sour, the plot was flooded by the clogging of a sewer, due to the neglect of some to keep her in line rather than to body, stones were super-abundant, comtic in the work failed to keep it up, no lunches were served to them by the domestic science students. In short everybody was to blame but the supervisor. Explanations are not yet all in. -There is now smallpox in twelve counties in the State, with thirty-eight patients under quarantine. This state of affairs, according to Dr. Dixon, although it does not constitute a severe epidemic, is a serious one and, unless the public will heartily cooperate with what the State Health Department is doing, may very well grow into a condition that will menace not only the health and well-being of large numbers of citizens in different parts of the State, but retard and handicap the prodigious labor that Pennsylvania is

ing his full co-operation in moves serious trouble.

-State Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil opens a stupendous question when he suggests that the tax-rate in Pennsylvania be more equitably adjusted. The "Watchman" agrees with the gentleman that there is much that is unfair in our present methods of arriving at the tax liability of the individual, but woe unto the man or the party that essays to ble time was wasted in talk by a bring about a more equitable rate. small group of Senators influenced by We know of no tax payer today who mistaken notions or evil purposes. is not convinced that he is already During the coming session the opporpaying more than his share and we tunities for similar blunders will be know of none who will deny that a abundant but we hope the inclination more equitable rate would increase will be less. We are at war with a the burden of some and reduce that powerful enemy and it is the plain duof others so it must be patent that J. ty of all men to promote rather than Denny is working himself into the retard the successful issue of the conmuss of his lifetime, if he is really flict. There will be opposition to the contemplating action in the matter.

Harry Keller Esq., as a member of the no room for traitors in the halls of commission to locate the new state institution for inebriates is out. After Governor Brumbaugh set him to the job of doing something that requires an alcoholic perspective-when he has lation necessary to the prosecution of only that of a soft-drink fiend-oth- the war ought to be eliminated. This ers came to the rescue of our very es- policy will involve some very radical timable citizen, to save his reputation changes in our methods of procedure. for doing all things well and have put him in the way of qualifying, ere followers will be located. He has been made fuel dictator for Centre county have to do for him what the Salvation Army does for other near-derelicts; keep him out of temptation by being otic duty to yield to it. open at all hours.

-In reporting an addition of \$52.50 to the \$100.00 the people of Rebersburg and vicinity had already given to the Y. M. C. A. war fund, Mr. C. L. Gramley remarks that there "was some faithful work done to se- that every man and every dollar will cure this amount." There must have be freely given, if necessary, to combeen. When we consider that this contribution represents that of one follow such an expression of patriothundred and twenty-five different contributors we must confess that the folly of Senators Stone and Reed and spirit to do, as well as the spirit to the stupidity of Senator Borah and tributions it is the number who give rather than the amount each one contributes that augurs most for the cohesiveness of the American people in nothing of that kind during the comthis crisis. Practically one in every ing session. ten of the entire population of Miles

township is on the Rebersburg list

pro-German peddles them, but he and in many sections it would serve That sounds like good sense and won't do it long without getting into the purpose. While food is scarce in would make for efficiency. the cities it ought not to be rotting in the suburbs where there is efficient trolley service.

Important Work of Congress.

Congress will reassemble on Monday for what is likely to be an epoch making session. During the extra session much important legislation was enacted but a good deal of valuamost essential legislation, no doubt, -The sequel to the appointment of but it should be minimized. There is

Congress.

The essential element of success in peace as well as in war is unity. In view of that fact opposition to legis-For example, the proposition to submit the direction of all railroad operlong, as a most fit member of the ations to the government is a tremenbody that is to select the site where dously wide departure from the printhe home of old John Barleycorn's ciples laid down by Jefferson and cherished since by the Democracy of the country. But self-preservation is and if that don't eventually drive the first law of nations as well as of Kel. to drink the picture shows will nature and if such a step is required to achieve victory for democracy in the existing emergency, it is a patri-

The session of Congress which

opens on Monday need not be a long or noisy one. The first duty of every Senator and Representative is to impress upon the German mind that the whole people of the United States is a unit in support of the President and pass the victory which is certain to ism. The malice of LaFollette, the give, was there. In all of these con- Senator Gore did more to hearten the Kaiser during the last session of Congress than the achievement of the submarine boats. There should be

-After awhile order may come alone and if we were to add to it the to Russia of its own accord and meannumber who have contributed on the time it is comforting to know that Madisonburg list it would make the only the worst elements of the populapercentage still better for Miles. tion are killing each other.

-Use of trolley lines is suggest- nificent lake boats might be borrowthat the government is maring to de as a remedy for freight congestion ed for use in the coast carrying trade. erating submarines on the high seas.

Psychological Time to Investigate.

are wise they will press the pending and the food pirates and profiteers investigation of electoral frauds to a brought to an accounting. But this logical conclusion. They believe that must be accomplished speedily else the the Vare ticket was elected at the re- public will lose patience with the food cent poll by fraudulent votes and that controller and all the constructive an honest return of the votes cast work already done will have gone for would show that the Town Meeting naught. ticket was elected by from ten to fifteen thousand majority. The few recounts made by direction and under mountains and woodlands of Centre the supervision of the court justifies county will be literally alive with this opinion. The energy and assidu- deer hunters and because of the fact ity with which the Vare party managers resist the movement for a thor- one of the high power rifles the utough investigation indicates that they, most care should be exercised to too, are of the opinion that the Town avoid the much-dreaded accidental Meeting ticket was elected. There-

fore there ought to be no let up. a movement to expose electoral hunter exercises the proper amount of frauds in Philadelphia held out as caution there is little danger of accibright a promise of success. A con- dents. Therefore be sure you know siderable portion, if not half the Re- what you are shooting at before you publican voters of the city are in shoot, and never carry a loaded gun sympathy with the purpose of the in- with the muzzle pointing toward anyquiry. Senator Penrose has given it one. Another thing that hunters adherents in the party promise it en- If you start a fire, be particular to cently elected judges of the city have is no danger of spreading, and when been chosen by the Vares but there you leave it be sure to tramp it out are some of the older occupants of to the last little coal. the bench who are indebted to Penrose. With the Senator's influence and activities in favor of exposure, therefore, the chances of success are on the success of the twentieth annifair if not strong. In view of these versary edition of his paper, the Clinfacts it is a plain duty to proceed to to County Times, published last Fri-

At another time conditions may be gives not only the current news of the the end. vastly different. The "cohesive power of the public plunder" may bring the factions together before another election is held and that accomplished there will be no chance to investigate. Just now Penrose is with the reformers but it is not his natural attitude, and he doesn't always "stay put." The Vares had become so arrogant that he had to take steps to curb their ambitions. Now that they have been face to face with real danger they may be willing to yield something and we all know that Penrose is not averse to a dicker that may be advantageous to him. All these things

he did in the beginning. considered it must be obvious to the reformers that this is the time to inget busy in the cloak rooms every time LaFollette got the floor to speak, vestigate. -Moreover it's a fairly safe bet the problem of abating one pestifer-

that when supplies run out those ama- ous nuisance would be solved. teur statesmen in Russia will be looking for easier and less hazardous jobs.

-Speaking of lines that laid by Mr. Hindenberg is rapidly assuming for decency. a serpentine form.

cuted for a crime as atrocious as op-Meanwhile we have every confidence that in a short time the food controller will get everything working properly to the end that whatever the allies and America are fighting, If the reformers of Philadelphia distress there may be will be relieved the overthrow of Prussian autocracy.

-During the next two weeks the might she not change her mind in tains and woodlands of Centre case her allies should flatly reject the

would seem to dictate a course in that every man will be armed with treating with Russia which would tend drive her still further out of touch with the other enemies of the German shooting. Centre county has been imperial government. fortunate the last few years in not There has never been a time when having one fatal case, and if every Winning the War in the West. From the Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

as the Italians continue to hold Mackensen and the Austrians preventing the complete defeat of Italy, as they his unqualified endorsement and his should be careful about is forest fires. Adherents in the party promise it enthusiastic support. Most of the re- see that it is in a place where there fensive on the Western front as they will, we may be cheerful about the war situation. Nothing less than sep-arate peaces made by Russia and Italy, which are remote if they can be called upon to do in support of the Unit-

regarded as contingencies at all in view of the aid which is flowing to -The "Watchman" congratulates those countries, can change the fact Judge C. H. Bressler, of Lock Haven, of Ally success.

The war is being won for democracy in France and Belgium. Progress is slow, it is true; but it is steady. Volunteer recently passed into the hands day. It consists of forty pages and That is the significant thing. Every gain is made secure and held. Gerweek but devotes thirty-two pages in man counters are ineffectual. If the worst possible to imagine happens elsewhere, Germany cannot win in the West. The war would be prolonged Judge Bressler has made the Times a by the release of German forces now on other fronts to battle with Frenchmen, Britons and Americans. That is all. The retreat of the Germans in the Aisne sector is but another yielding to superior power. Germany can-

A student of the problem of alco-hol says there are 30 calories in a dime's worth of sherry, 240 calories in a dime's worth of beer, and 3,130 calories in a dime's worth of cornmeal. Now, of course, if it is calories you're looking for you know where to go.

-Representative Mann threat -The Russian Embassy at Washens to relinquish the floor leadership ington has quit business for the very of the House minority and that may sufficient reason that it no longer be regarded as an important victory knows who it is working for.

-The Punxsutawney Spirit says: Another newspaper of this vicinity has suspended publication, with the passing of the Reynoldsville Volunteer. Published for many years by Ward Elliott, the of the Bierly brothers, of Rebersburg, who made extensive changes in the make-up the Bierly brothers, of Rebersburg, whe which for scathing irony and personalities are said to have had anything beaten in Jefferson county. Lack of advertising support is said to have caused the demise of the Volunteer. It is the second paper in this section to suspend this fall, the DuBois Journal being the other. The Star is now Reynoldsville's sole journalistic entry.

-The II. S. Kerbaugh Construction company's plant, west of Bellwood, has been leased for a period of one year by Harris Bros., of Chicago, who will use it for repairing locomotives. The company will employ between seventy and one hundred men and will begin operations on December 15th. Harris Bros. have purchased a large number of locomotives from the federal government which were used in the construction of the Panama canal. These will be taken to the Bellwood plant where they will be put in condition for service and then sold wherever purchasers can be found. The Bellwood plant was built a number of years ago by the Eyre-Shoemaker Construction company for use in their railroad construction

work.

not change the balance that favors her foes. Eventually she must give -Possibly the war may last a up the fight. good while yet but it is safe to say that the Kaiser will get less enjoy-A Short Lesson in Dietetics. ment out of it from this time on than From the Louisville Courier-Journal. -If all the other Senators would

a complete write-up of Clinton county, its varied industries and prominent business and professional men. really high-class weekly newspaper and the successful accomplishment of getting out such a large anniversary edition was made possible by the upto-date equipment in his office.

So long as the Russian armies re-main in the field watched by a large section of the German forces; so long

about to submit? It seems reasonably clear that Russia is in no mood to go forward without some more definite understanding than that at present obtaining. She unequivocally declares against a separate peace, but