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—Are you remembering to buy each month all the war savings stamps you pledged your honor to buy.

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—Wouldn't it be a good plan to cut out celebrating both "fake" and real victories and wait until the war is over then have a National holiday of about a month.

—They're coming. Every week a few new ones are added. And the pretty part of it is that they're coming voluntarily to enroll as subscribers to the "Watchman." Wise people always hunt up the good things themselves.

—This is the middle of August. There are but fifteen more days in the month. Then it will be September and everybody will be after plumbers and coal. Fix your heating plants and replenish your coal bins now, if you can. Do it early and avoid the rush.

—The salaried man who is working today for the same wage that he received before the war, and there are lots of them, is the man, and the only one we know of, who merits the fullest consideration of the men who are now framing the new tax bill in Congress.

—As the good news comes from the other side day by day, don't slack up a bit. The war isn't over by long odds. Things are going our way nicely enough, but it's a long haul way and it will be harder still for the boys over there if we don't fight just as hard here.

—The things we can't reconcile these days are the reports of the tremendous victories the Allies are gaining with the war bullets from Berlin to the effect that every "enemy attack was completely repulsed." Of course we have overlooked the fact that Berlin's reports are only for home consumption.

—Some time ago the "Watchman" called your attention to the fact that from the moment Admiral Sims arrived in European waters with his fleet of American destroyers the curve of the destructive efforts of the U-boats began to decline and that the American soldiers in France hadn't yet taken a step except in the direction of Berlin. All we want to add now is that they are still going.

—What's the use of making Liberty Bonds legal tender anyway. We have all the gold and legal tender notes that are needed and legislation putting the Liberty issues into a legal tender class would have the effect of holding them at par all the time, whereas the regular laws of supply and demand will probably bring wide fluctuations in their value between the dates of issue and maturity.

—Robert F. Hunter is now driving a new Olds motor. In itself this is not a startling bit of news, but as Bob has been driving and swearing about a Franklin for the past twelve years our interest is aroused. We can't see how he will be able to allude to a single virtue that he may find in his new car without eating some word he has said about it all the years he was hugging the delusion that the only real car was the Franklin.

—An episode that recently occurred in one of our local churches where noon-day prayers are daily offered for our boys over seas would suggest the idea that since no one but men do the actual fighting no one but men do the public praying. 1st Corinthians, 14th and 35th might be tortured into support of such a notion but we fear the army would be in as sorry a state as we know most churches would be if the women were actually to rely on getting their dope as to what to do for both organizations by "asking their husbands at home."

—The amendments to the constitution of Pennsylvania, which you will be called upon to accept or reject at the election in November, are published in this issue of the "Watchman" and will run until the week before the election. It is a duty that every voter owes to himself to read them carefully so that when the time comes for him to vote on them he can do it intelligently. Changing the basic law of the State is a serious matter and that man is not a good citizen who votes "yes" or "no" on the proposition without fully comprehending what he is doing. Only the two first amendments will be voted on in the fall. The others must pass another Legislature.

—If Congress were to make the new income tax law simple enough so that each individual could fill out his own papers, without the assistance of special deputies from the revenue offices, hundreds of thousands of dollars would be saved to the government. There is no need of any measure of the sort being as ambiguous and complex as the last one was and it would be far better to employ a few experts to put it in a shape that the ordinary mind can understand before it is promulgated than have to employ thousands of interpreters for it after it has been enacted into law. Let us have an income tax law—no matter how high it is—definite enough that no doubt will remain in the tax payer's mind as to whether he has made it out right or not.

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Embracery Attempted in Chester County.

The closing incidents of the trial of the Philadelphia conspirators in West Chester were thrown into confusion by the discovery late last Saturday evening that an instrument of the Vares machine had been systematically trying to corrupt the jury.

Six or seven of these political toughs "rough-housed" the Fifth ward of Philadelphia at the primary election of 1917 during which an officer who had not been taken into the confidence of the gang was murdered.

After the election of 1910 the emissaries of the Vares machine openly boasted that the election of the Republican candidate for Governor was procured by fraudulent votes cast and false counting made in the section of Philadelphia of which this Fifth ward is a part.

A couple of Texas Congressmen have reaped the just reward of defeat for opposing the war and a couple of Southern Senators are scheduled for similar treatment.

Support the President Properly.

The anxiety of Chairman Hays, of the Republican National committee to elect Congressmen of his party complexion ought to serve as an incentive to the friends of President Wilson to strive for the election of Democratic Representatives.

Every conceivable plan to embarrass the President in his war work has been tried by the Republican leaders in Congress. In violation of the federal constitution they tried to usurp the functions of the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

All the Democratic candidates for Congress in this State are earnest and zealous supporters of President Wilson. Nearly every Republican candidate for Congress in Pennsylvania has, at one time or another, tried to defeat his plans.

It is important to work as it is to fight and happily we have plenty of good men able and willing to do both.

Bonnivell Can be Elected.

In 1910 Judge Bonnivell organized the Keystone party in Pennsylvania in less than three months and procured for its candidate for Governor 382,187 votes. He believed that the Democratic candidate nominated at Allentown that year was not fairly chosen and his keen sense of justice impelled him to the action.

With proper support from the Democrats of Pennsylvania Judge Bonnivell will be elected Governor this year. The skill in organization, the sincerity in purpose and the force in argument which he invested in the Berry campaign in 1910 will give him an overwhelming majority of the votes this year.

It is hardly worth while to try to get information into the Austrian Emperor's head by dropping literature out of a flying machine. An ax or some heavy surgical instrument is what is needed.

Good News from Russia.

The impending collapse of the Bolshevik government of Russia is an encouraging sign. That Lenin and Trotsky have become servile tools of Germany no longer admits of doubt and their disappearance from the public life of the country will mark the beginning of the end of German control.

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—We don't hear so much complaint of Food Administrator Hoover these days but he is fulfilling his public obligations the same as ever.

An Inquiry Worth While.

A vast number of people outside of Pottsville will follow the progress of the Anthracite Consumers' League with deep interest, in its investigation of the causes for the high prices of coal. The plan is to interrogate those who have permitted the high prices as to the basis upon which the price is fixed.

The people of the United States are paying cheerfully and willingly immense sums of money in taxes, bonds, thrift stamps and through other mediums to meet the expenses of the war. They are paying, less cheerfully but quite as certainly, other large amounts to meet the increased cost of food and clothing.

Last winter there was much suffering throughout the country on account of cold. There was a scarcity of coal and transportation facilities failed sadly. But these were not the only causes of the suffering.

Farmers of Centre County.

The government has just issued a call to the farmers of Centre county to put out more grain this fall. To be exact old Centre is expected to roll up an increased acreage of at least 2000 acres.

It is imperative that it be done, else the call to have it done would not have been made. While at first glance it would seem an impossible accomplishment unless a natural increase over last year's acreage is to come about as the result of the regular rotation plans followed by most of our farmers.

The very attractive price at which wheat is now selling and the government's assurance that the price for the 1919 crop will be equally as high has led a number of farmers to know of to start turning over sod fields that they had intended holding in grass for another year or so.

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Of the 2000 extra acres called for from Centre county we know of two farmers who will supply possibly forty of them. Both are very patriotic and would try to answer the government's call at any time, but both of them have made big money out of farming and they deem it good and paying business to put every acre they can to wheat while the price is what it is.

Exempting Government Salaries.

The Ways and Means committee of Congress is not having much of a vacation notwithstanding the recess of that body, but the daily reports show it to be industriously working upon the involved problems of the new revenue bill. The announcement of their activities, by its reference to non-exemptions of all government officials, from the President down through the scarcely less important offices of justices of the Supreme court and other federal judges, revealed something of the sensitiveness of the committee over the criticisms attendant upon the exemption of government salaries, including those of the Congressmen themselves, from the operation of the first war revenue bill.

There is a slight sensation of incongruity to be perceived in either way this question of taxing income derived wholly from the government for services rendered is considered, depending upon the standpoint from which it is viewed. If the official is only paid the value of his services, why should the employer take a portion of it back for its own use again?

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Joseph Hauser, a farmer of Orefield, Lehigh county, was perhaps fatally injured when he was run down by a pair of runaway horses hitched to a self-binder, the knives of the cutterbar piercing his side.

—Rather than take physical exercise prescribed for the police department, John McElwee resigned as lieutenant of the Hazleton force after three weeks' service, making the seventeenth officer to quit the service since January 1.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs and six children, of Lamar, are in the Lock Haven hospital suffering from typhoid fever. The youngest is a daughter, eighteen months old. Owing to the drought they had been using water from a cistern.

—Curtis L. Porter, aged 40 years, an electrician, employed by the Mercer County Electric Light and Power company, died in a hospital at Greenville, Monday afternoon, shortly after a charge of 6,000 volts from the power line had passed through his body.

—Nine wife-beaters jailed in fourteen days is the record of Alderman Fierro, of Hazleton, who wants all such cases sent to court, despite the fact that he gets no costs if he commits the defendants, and there is from \$10 to \$15 in it for the magistrate who consents to settlement.

—With the average loss of grain in the harvesting, shocking and threshing from one to ten per cent., officials of the Department of Agriculture are planning a campaign among Pennsylvania farmers designed to prevent this waste. It is believed that thousands of bushels will be saved.

—Returning to his room after midnight, Friday night, S. D. Christos, an Altoona restaurateur, found a burglar under his bed. Discovery of the intruder was made by Christos' little dog. Christos summoned help and captured the man, who gave his name as Harry Boyle, of Buffalo. Boyle has been held for trial.

—Adjutant General Beary on Tuesday announced that he has accepted the resignation of Major E. Lowrey Humes, of Pittsburgh, from the Pennsylvania National Guard reserves. Major Humes, who is United States district attorney for Western Pennsylvania district, has been commissioned in the judge advocate general's department.

—When telephone linemen climbed a pole at the corner of West Fourth and Stevens streets, Williamsport, they found the box at the top filled with honey bees, which resented the intrusion vigorously until "gasses" with sulphur fumes by their own, William A. Matter, who, having missed the bees, recaptured and returned them to his apiary.

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—Henry Rouscher, of York, was sentenced to forty-five days in prison and ordered placed in class A1 on a charge of being a slacker during a trial in Federal court at Harrisburg on Tuesday. A number of sentences were imposed upon people for furnishing liquor to soldiers, Judge C. B. Witmer declaring that these were war-times and that the law must be obeyed even by friends of soldiers.

—Following a dispute over the wages due to an employee, whom he had discharged, Ernest Saylor, aged 25, a son of James B. Saylor, former sheriff of Somerset county, was shot and instantly killed on Tuesday morning at the plant of the Scott & Saylor Coal company, at Blaketown, Somerset county, by James Moon, aged 32, employed until Monday night by Saylor. Moon was lodged in the county jail.

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—With nine bullet wounds in his body, John Romiezer, a Mexican, of Midland, declared on Monday in the Rochester General hospital that he would not die. He was shot Sunday during an affray among Mexican mill workers in Midland, after being removed to the hospital, he refused to divulge the name of the man who had shot him. Romiezer has one bullet wound in his head, one in his chest, three in his back, one in his shoulder and three in his stomach.

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