## INK SLINGS.

-Obey the dog law or the dog law will bite you. -Are you remembering to buy each month all the war savings stamps you

pledged your honor to buy. -The farmers of Centre county are being called upon to seed two thousand more acres to wheat this

fall than they did last year. -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. the month. Then it will be September and everybody will be after plumbers and coal. Fix your heating plants

-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

-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 hard way and it will be harder still for the boys over there if we don't fight just as

days are the reports of the tremenwith the war bulletins 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 con-

sumption. -Some time ago the "Watchman" called your attention to the fact that from the moment Admiral Sims arrived in European waters with his is a part. The managers of the mafleet of American destroyers the chine have already declared that the curve of the destructive efforts of the same section will secure the election 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 Liber--What's the use of making Liber-ty Bonds legal tender anyway. We have all the gold and legal tender notes that are needed and legislation notes that are needed and legislation putting the Liberty issues into a legal tender class would have the effect whereas the regular laws of supply and demand will probably bring wide fluctuations in their value between Democratic people of the United the dates of issue and maturity.

a new Olds motor. In itself this is Representatives of that party faith not a startling bit of news, but as who nag him betray their constituen-Bob has been driving and swearing cies and deserve defeat. 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

-An episode that recently occurred in one of our local churches where plan of the President for the prosenoon-day prayers are daily offered for cution of the war would be defeated. our boys over seas would suggest the Because that party hasn't strength idea that since no one but men do the actual fighting no one but men should do the public praying. 1st Corinthi- for legislation favored by the Presians, 14th and 35th might be tortured dent. But if they could defeat such into support of such a notion but we measures they would do so and even fear the army would be in as sorry a in the face of certain defeat they state as we know most churches would be if the women were actually portant measures for monthsto rely on getting their dope as to "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 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 Vare machine had been systematically trying to corrupt the jury. A policeman named Allen had offered one of the jurymen \$4000 to procure a mistrial and made a small payment on There are but fifteen more days in account. Fortunately the juror was incorruptible and the purpose failed. But it revealed the desperate frame of mind of the Philadelphia Republican and replenish your coal bins now, if machine, the force of which has conyou can. Do it early and avoid the trolled the elections in this State for many years and expects to decide the contest for Governor of Pennsylvania this year.

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. Because of the fear of a mistrial a change of venue was taken and the trial was held in Chester county. The evidence of conspiracy to nominate an adherent of the Vares against a supporter of McNichol was overwhelming. More than a hundred witnesses testified to acts of lawlessness upon the part of the accused and to prevent -The things we can't reconcile these conviction and just punishment the attempt at embracery was finally redous victories the Allies are gaining sorted to. The agent employed in the perpetration of this crime is now in the West Chester jail.

After the election of 1910 the emissaries of the Vare 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 U-boats began to decline and that the of the Republican candidate for Gov-American soldiers in France hadn't ernor this year and presumably by the same methods, certainly by the same men who are involved in this scandalous proceeding. Will the Republicans of Centre county contribute

-A couple of Texas Congressscheduled for similar treatment. The States are for Woodrow Wilson and -Robert F. Hunter is now driving his war policies and Senators and

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 Dempublican majority in Congress every enough to control legislation some Senators and Representatives vote have delayed the passage of some im-

Every conceivable plan to embarhas been tried by the Republican leaders in Congress. In violation of the usurp the functions of the Commandpedients to impair his processes. If they had had a majority in the House of Representatives every one of these measures would have been passed through that branch and probably forced through the Senate by threatening to withhold supplies. It is not a question of partisan politics that confronts the voters at this time. It of the Republic and the liberty of the world is at stake.

All the Democratic candidates for Congress in this State are earnest and zealous supporters of President Wilson. Nearly every Republican new income tax law simple enough candidate for Congress in Pennsylvaso that each individual could fill out nia has, at one time or another, tried his own papers, without the assist- to defeat his plans. Why then should ance of special deputies from the rev- a loyal American citizen, though he enue offices, hundreds of thousands of be a Republican, vote for a candidate dollars would be saved to the govern- for Congress who will cast his vote ment. There is no need of any meas- for measures to nag the President ure of the sort being as ambiguous and defeat his plans and policies? and complex as the last one was and Some of them may feel it a duty to it would be far better to employ a support the President. But they will few experts to put it in a shape that all be under control of a sinister orthe ordinary mind can understand be- ganization which will force them unfore it is promulgated than have to der the party lash to vote as party ton. And it does, more or less, but ty of them. Both are very patriotic employ thousands of interpreters for interests require. The Republican the penalty will amply compensate in machine is selfish and sordid.

> -It is as important to work as it is to fight and happily we have plen- plaint of Food Administrator Hoover ty of good men able and willing to do both.

Bonniwell Can be Elected.

In 1910 Judge Bonniwell organized impelled him to the action. He had no nucleus upon which to build. His appeal was to the conscience and justhat it is now practically admitted by the opponents as it has always been claimed by his colleagues in the work, that his candidate was elected and counted out by fraud.

The "Watchman" had no sympathy ought to be reduced. with Judge Bonniwell in his work in that instance for we never doubted the fairness of Webster Grim's nomination. But the "Watchman" did have profound respect for Judge Bonniwell's sincerity, courage and ability in the campaign which he directed. With little money, no party patronage and even without tradition to appeal to, he created a giant organizatory. He is now about to repeat that achievement. He has seen a bunch of patronage brokers outraged the has justly aroused the indignation of

With proper support from the Democrats of Pennsylvania Judge Bonniwell will be elected Governor this ditions have changed materially in to guarantee him moral support. Woodrow Wilson.

-It is hardly worth while to try to get information into the Austrian men have reaped the just reward of Emperor's head by dropping literaof holding them at par all the time, defeat for opposing the war and a ture out of a flying machine. An ax couple of Southern Senators are or some heavy surgical instrument is call to the farmers of Centre county that gave it the thrifty aspect that what is needed.

Good News from Russia.

The impending collapse of the Bolsheviki government of Russia is an encouraging sign. That Lenine and Trotsky have become servile tools of have been made. Germany no longer admits of doubt lic life of the country will mark the a natural increase over last year's within a few days that they are fugiocratic Representatives. With a Retives. Where they will find an asyafter they have ceased to be useful to the Huns remains to be seen.

Out of the confusion which overshadows Russia, however, the conduct than he did last fall. of the American Ambassador, Mr. Francis, is a subject of pride. He wheat is now selling and the governhas measured up to the highest stan- ments' assurance that the price for dard of intelligence, courage and ef- the 1919 crop will be equally as high ficiency. His communications with has led a number of farmers we know Washington have been held up and of to start turning over sod fields what to do for both organizations by rass the President in his war work his personal safety frequently men- that they had intended holding in aced. But he has never wavered from grass for another year or so. They the path of duty. In reply to one of have told us that they consider wheat federal constitution they tried to the messages of the Bolsheviki gov- at anything from \$2.10 up a more ernment he wrote: "Speaking for profitable crop and less troublesome er in Chief of the Army and Navy. myself I have no desire or intention than hay at anything under \$25 a ton. Failing in that they tried other ex- of leaving Russia unless forced to do And as there is no guarantee on the so, and in such event my absence price of hay they are leaving only would be but temporary. I would not enough grass stand to fill their own properly represent my government or needs on the farm, putting everything the sentiment of the American people they can turn to wheat. if I should leave Russia at this time."

With the allied forces now in process of assembling in Siberia and the demoralization among the fake rul- that his catch of clover is not near up ers in Moscow and Petrograd there is a question of patriotism. The life are abundant reasons for the hope of a restoration of the Russian army to its place among the forces of the Allies and when that occurs the last chance of German victory will have vanished. Aside from that promise the fate of the Hohenzollern dynasty is sealed but the result will be greatly expedited when Russia is again in its rightful place in the world war, for liberty and humanity. Trick diplomacy and fake government will disappear together and for all time when this result is achieved.

> -The U-boat operations in American waters do the Kaiser's cause no good but are continued be- from Centre county we know of two cause he thinks it annoys Washingsatisfaction.

-We don't hear so much comlic obligations the same as ever.

An Inquiry Worth While.

A vast number of people outside of the Keystone party in Pennsylvania Pottsville will follow the progress of in less than three months and procurthe Athracite Consumers' League ed for its candidate for Governor with deep interest, in its investiga-382,187 votes. He believed that the tion of the causes for the high prices Democratic candidate nominated at of coal. The plan is to interrogate Allentown that year was not fairly those who have permitted the high chosen and his keen sense of justice prices as to the basis upon which the price is fixed. The League wants to know whether interest on the money paid for the purchase of the Schuyltice of the public. But he went to the kill canal, since abandoned, is figured work with such energy and pursued in the cost of production. It also it with such intelligence and ability wants to know whether interest on money paid for large tracts of undeveloped coal land is included in the cost of production. The practical men who compose the League believe that the price of coal is too high and

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. But they object to profiteering in any and tion and won a marvelous moral vic- every form and believe, justly or otherwise, that a considerable part of the high prices is ascribable to profiteering. Because of this impression Democratic party and betray its can- the Anthracite Consumers' League didate for Governor in a way that was formed and the investigation in question has been undertaken. Let every right thinking Democrat in the us hope that it will be productive of much good. It has a fruitful field for

operations. Last winter there was much suffering throughout the country on account year. The skill in organization, the of cold. There was a scarcity of sincerity in purpose and the force in coal and transportation facilities failargument which he invested in the ed sadly. But these were not the onpolitically now as they used to. Con- reason that they couldn't pay the prices charged for coal. Presumably Pennsylvania as well as elsewhere. the scarcity now noticed will contin-The people are for Woodrow Wilson ue to and through the winter, but and they will vote in such fashion as that is not a sufficient reason for the high prices that are threatened. If Senator Sproul may camouflage as the investigation shows that interest much as he likes but he isn't fooling on investments foolish, criminal or the people. They know that voting for future profits are included in the for Bonniwell is the only way to help cost of production, the prices fixed by the government ought to be decreased.

Farmers of Centre County.

The government has just issued a 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

While at first glance it would seem and their disappearance from the pub- an impossible accomplishment unless that of similar conditioned men or beginning of the end of German con- acreage is to come about as the result trol. Late information indicates that of the regular rotation plans followtheir bogus government is tottering ed by most of our farmers. Such and we would not be surprised to hear plans often bring about relatively wide variations in the number of lum is problematical but popular as there is just as much chance that just one. opinion is that they will go to Ger- rotation will decrease the acreage this many. How they will get along there fall as there is that it will increase it we cannot afford to rely wholly on the latter chance. Every farmer who can should put out a few acres more

The very attractive price at which

Another farmer is turning a wheat stubble that he had seeded to both clover and timothy. He discovered to standard on the field and rather than take the chance on a bad hay yield next spring he is plowing and going to put the field in wheat again.

Asked as to whether this wouldn't break up his plan of rotation he said that it would, so far as this particular field and possibly one other are concerned, but that he could arrange matters very satisfactorily and, after all, it might be a good thing for the farm to change the system entirely for a year or so and give the soil treatment different from the routine diet it has had for well onto a century.

Of the 2000 extra acres called for 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 ment's call at any time, but both of paying business to put every acre they can to wheat while the price is farming and they deem it good and these days but he is fulfilling his pub- they can to wheat while the price is sults. Perhaps this time they will be what it is.

Exempting Government Salaries.

From the Williamsport Sun. The Ways and Means committee of Congress is not having much of a va-cation notwithstanding the recess of that body, but the daily reports show it to be industriously working upon the involved problems of the new rev-enue bill. The announcement of their activities, by its reference to non-exemptions of all government offi-cials, 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 operation of the first war revenue saved. The conclusion reached by the

constitution that salaries shall not be his name as Harry Boyle, of Buffalo. increased or diminished during the term of an incumbent's office. To the ordinary mind this logic seems to be defective, and that was the view taken of it by the committee, which seemed also to hold the view that a pro-nounced public sentiment favored no exemptions. Some rapid calculators have placed the President's tax, if the recommendation becomes a law, at about \$24,000 per annum.

There is a slight sensation of in-

congruity 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?

On the other hand, the salary is the income of the official, and when every Davies, arrested at Stroudsburg for masother income is subject to a univer-Berry campaign in 1910 will give him an overwhelming majority of the votes this year. Voters do not think of the data of the suffering. If coal had been plenty and accessible poor had been plenty access parently for the sole reason which salary comes from a fund which would be non-existent except for bersburg, held in \$7,000 bail for alleged these extraordinary taxes. Surely pro-German activities. these extraordinary taxes. Surely the officeholder has the largest interest in the cause that makes the taxes

The latter would seem to be the would probably never have been interrupted had it not been for the incongruity that was so apparent when the work of Congress in the first war revenue bill exempted the congressional salary, in glaring contrast to every other private source of income. every other private source of income. It was the makers of the law including themselves among its beneficiaries caused member after member to announce that he would not accept the exemption and then its speedy repeal.

The economic condition brought about by war presents peculiar hardships to the salaried man with a fixed income, but they are common to all in that class and the governmental income is no harder to increase than women in private pursuits. All these are subject to the tax law where they come within its provisions, and it is to be presumed that the President and judges, federal and otherwise, will ance with its terms. The conclusion of the "latent disease."

Disintegrate.

From the New York Evening World. the German Empire after the war.
"First catch your hare" is still

good advice. But the hare is so sure to be caught that the discussion cannot be wholly out of order. Trade reprisal, disarmament and economic thraldom are all under discussion.

Will we add to these ideas the suggestion that the empire be disintegrated? Founded as the result of Bismarck's shameless alteration of Benedetti's telegram, it has been for more than forty years a menace to the back, one in his shoulder and three in his peace of the world. The German generation of today deserves small kindness from the rest of the universe, but there will come a new one out of the welter whose place on earth must hanging. Hemling was 39 years of age, be considered.

Why not, therefore, restore the conditions prior to 1871? Why not difficulties in connection with the mill revive the petty States and keep them disunited? Let Prussia, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Saxony and all the little duchies resume their former condition of political independence and for some years.

This would scotch the snake and make the world a safe place to live ment for sale of barn I sent you yesterin. As for the Hohenzollerns, there day." This was the message in a letter re-

Austria.

paid!

From the New York Evening World. The Entente Powers will do well to smashing move be made against Austria. It is pointed out that the dual by fire. monarchy's army is in the same chaotic state of mind as was that of Russia when the revolution blew it up.

With Germany so close at hand it blows is a reasonable certainty if they

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

-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 Ha-ven 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 6,600 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 Dethe committee over the criticisms at partment of Agriculture are planning a tendant upon the exemption of gov-ernment salaries, including those of designed to prevent this waste. It is bethe Congressmen themselves, from lieved that thousands of bushels will be

-Returning to his room after midnight, committee was to permit no exemptions, though there is a hint that this restauranteur, found a burglar under his restauranteur, found a burglar under his tax might be construed as a lowering of their compensations and therefore forbidden by the provision in the ed help and captured the man, who gave

-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 gener-

al'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 owner, William A. Matter, who, having missed the bees, recaptured and re-

turned them to his apiary. querading in a sergeant's uniform. She len," and achieved great popularity.

-Henry Rouscher, of York, was sentenced to forty-five days in prison and ordered placed in class A1 on a charge of better argument, but the former had the benefit of the custom, and it would probably never have been in-

charged, 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.

-An injury sustained in the course of employment and which brings a latent disease into activity, with resulting permanent disability, entitles the injured workmen to compensation, the Workmen's Compensation Board has decided in the case of Fred Eckert, Pittsburgh vs. Superior Coke company. Eckert was struck across his face when a horse suddenly set the example of cheerful compli-

-The John Wildi Milk company, operating the large plant in Lewisburg, is about ready to start operations in the addition built during the summer months, which will greatly increase the capacity of the concern. A large addition was built Prematurely, but inevitably, as the to the condensary, and in this building feeling of certain victory grows among the Allies, comes speculation as to the best way of dealing with feeding its immense army abroad.

-With nine bullet wounds in his body, John Romierez, 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. Romierez has one bullet wound in his head, one in his chest, three in his

-Phares Hemling, a well known resident of Clay township, Lancaster county, ended his life on Saturday morning by and was part owner of a saw mill at Robesonia. It is believed that financial caused him to commit suicide. He was found dead on Saturday morning behind the stove in the summer kitchen of his home in Durlach, where he was a resident

-"Please withdraw classified advertiseshould none remain when the bill is ceived by a Williamsport paper on Wednesday morning from F. C. Lucas, of Lock Haven, who on Tuesday inserted an ad. for the sale of a barn near Castanea. The message then went on to explain that the barn which had been placed on sale had been forcibly taken off the market. The heed the Italian suggestion that a building was struck by lightning during a thunder storm Tuesday and destroyed

> -S. O. Poffenberger, Harper D. Collier and Charles Hummel, of Marysville, were sentenced in Federal court at Harrisburg to pay a fine of \$100 each and serve nine months in jail for robbing freight cars in the Enola yards, the shipments having been in interstate commerce and hundreds of dollars' worth of loot having been secured; and Arthur M. Barnhart and Ralph