Democratic Watchman.

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INK SLINGS.

-Just eighteen more days until Christmas.

-Hang out the British flag tomorrow. It will be British day and surely we should pay some tribute to our gallant ally.

-Right, O, Mr. President, the ballot would be small reward for the part the women of the country have taken in winning our victory.

-The Jugoslavs appear to have missed something out of the lessons of the war. Their cutting up at Fiume may end in a wholesome chastisement.

-All the bans on sugar are off. Your grocer can sell you as much as you want to buy and neither one of you have to sign cards or keep any record of it.

-Possibly there may have been some use in the formal abdication of his throne but at this distance it looks as if the throne had collapsed and spilled the Kaiser.

are trying to work the sectional issue Pennsylvania and New York enjoyed incomes equal to the taxes they paid.

snow and by night there was ten inspired by Lodge and Smoot would inches of the beautiful on the ground be pitiable if they were not treasonand, you will remember, the mercury able. Their purpose is to discredit fell to zero just after it stopped snow- our President in the council of nations

rounding himself with good cabinet minds an effective partisan expedient material. Let us hope that it means but they underestimate the American that he is really going to be a worth standard of intelligence in thus diswhile Governor and let the diversion of building political machines for oth- mote party interests. Every honor

-Anyway the President will come back from the peace conference even a greater man in the eyes of the world than he is today and the pin-heads who have been heckling him as to his right to go will be even smaller than they are.

many of those Senators and Congress-ma during his incumbency of the ofmen who say that the President has only gone to France in order to be abroad at his pleasure. The seat of fussed over are merely jealous because they will not be conspicuous at Washington but the President is when the fussing is done.

regular Christmas habits.

to the government's war risk insur- safe journey and speedy return. ance like hot cakes, for Secretary McAdoo's report shows that there is most practical and beneficent offering Quarter Sessions courts and even a government ever made to those who gave their service to it.

-So the eldest of the Kaiser's six six fat sons denies that he has renounced his right to the throne. Possibly he hasn't, but what of that? It will be like the little boy who wanted the core of his playmate's apple and was told: "There ain't goin' to be no claim to later on.

Those best informed say that flu conhealth is your most precious asset and you should conserve it.

-The fact that the army of occupation is to comprise a million and a tion. quarter men makes it look very much as if the time for Johnny to come marching home is still very far off. As long as Germany is as unsettled as it is and Bolshevism rules in Russia when the war was actually in prog-

—Headquarters of the Centre County Branch of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense and Committee of Public Safety which have been maintained in this place during the war will be closed within a few days. The organization will be kept intact but the lifting of all food, fuel and other regulations has reduced the amount of work involved so much that a general office is no longer essential.

-Killed two birds with one stone is the event. what Secretary McAdoo did when he first issue had then been quoted on the same condition obtained at the launching of the third and fourth issues. So in order to hold all previous issues people who had had little previous experience in buying securities of any ergies on barren ears. kind the Secretary of the Treasury went into the market as a purchaser for the government and his report shows that \$244,036,500 worth of bonds were bought back for \$234,-310,000. This had the effect of stabilizing the market, the government actually made \$10,000,000 in the Germans are good fighters but it is transaction and cancelled a large equally certain that they are accomblock of its evidences of indebtedness. plished beggars.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Governor Sproul's Cabinet. President Wilson's Trip Abroad.

President Woodrow Wilson is on and hopes of every patriotic citizen in this broad land are with him. His mission is one that could not be shunned or shifted. He is the voice of democracy of the whole world and it will be raised in the interest of civil and religious liberty and heard and heeded as far as civilization extends. en with the same force and effect in

so well serve the cause of democracy. In view of the facts the puerile -A year ago tomorrow it began to complaints of Cummins and Sherman and impair his influence for good. -Governor Sproul is at least sur- This may seem to their distempered honoring the nation in order to probestowed upon President Wilson during his sojourn abroad in the performance of sacred services is a compliment to the government and peoappraised at its full value by the peo-

—We are inclined to believe that to Europe. Roosevelt visited Pana- the Departments will be changed after fice of President and Taft journeyed government of the United States is many extra clerks and work as many tion of law and in pursuance of his sides. The Adjutant General might hours as their business warrants. In public obligations President Wilson is be retained for though he was apjoin with all other right minded -The soldier boys evidently took American citizens in wishing him a

> -Somebody ought to suggest to 'passing the buck" wears gray whiskers.

Greatest of All Absurdities.

core." There'll be no throne in Ger- France to watch the actions of the vored the creation and adoption of a many for the Crown Prince to lay American delegates in the peace con- new fundamental law for the State -If you have been a victim of the ident in the Senate are resentful be- contemporaries, cordially commended flu be very careful of your health. cause none of them were named on the his purpose. But in an interview valescents are susceptible to the tu- is against the President himself going have altered his mind on the question berculosis germ and unless great care as a delegate. But even the most re- for he suggests that probably the is taken for a long time after recov- sourceful of them could dig up no val- present is not an auspicious time for ery it will develop. Don't scoff at id or legal objection to that so they such action. He talks somewhat such warnings. Heed them. Your centred upon an objection that no vaguely about the "proper perspec-Foreign Relations was named. All indicates that it might be well to postprecedents, they say, require such ac-

Article 2, section 2, paragraph 2 of invests the President with the power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, "to make treaties, proit will be as necessary for us to be on | vided two-thirds of the Senators presthe job, ready to fight again, as it was ent concur, and shall nominate and of the Senate, shall appoint ambasand all other officers of the United herein otherwise provided for." But from the beginning "the advice and consent of the Senate" has been neither asked for nor given until aftprecedent for the action indicated of Senatorial interference in advance of

A year ago there were a lot of inbegan buying the government's own tellectual pigmies who happened to bonds back in order to keep them have seats in the Senate nagging the from falling too much below par on President with absurd suggestions as the open market. Everyone knew to the conduct of the war. If he had that confidence in the value of the abandoned his own plans and acceptbonds was necessary in order to cre- ed those offered by these Senators ate a general buying by the public, the war would still be going on and but that confidence could not have the German armies driving toward it impossible for them to control the been inspired at the time the second victory. But President Wilson wisely issue was offered if the bonds of the paid no attention to the senseless chatter of mischief making politicians market at much less than par. The and conducted the operations of our ally they are averse to such a change great army to a marvelous and speedy victory. Fortunately in the present emergency he is following the same at a price that was reassuring to a sensible course and the complaining Governor-elect. His last expression Senators are wasting their vocal en-

> -How many of you knew that General Tasker H. Bliss, who will help represent our country at the peace table, was born at Lewisburg?

---It has to be admitted that the

Governor-elect Sproul has officially the high sea on board a great ocean announced that William I. Schaffer, to the Governor. It is said that all on the income tax ought to know that such a crisis and no other man could retire. But Sproul has prevailed up-

> Mr. Schaffer is a widely known and capable lawyer. For many years he has been Reporter of the Supreme court and his work is said to indicate easily be believed that his appointcause it divorces Philadelphia from in the change.

Though no intimation has come to There is no violation of either law the public on the subject it is more Certainly Denny O'Neil, the present is toward Penrose.

-Senator Reed, of Missouri, and Colonel Roosevelt are yet to be heard from on the President's address to \$36,000,000,000 of it in force. To our the Kaiser that the "alibi" has been | Congress but there are symptoms of mind the war risk insurance was the overworked by common criminals in eruptions in Washington and Oyster Bay. Meanwhile the asbestos market is stiffening.

Vares Enlarging Their Domain.

The latest utterance of Governor-Of all the absurdities that have elect Sproul on the subject of a concome out of Washington within the stitutional convention is rather ominperiod of the war the most preposter- ous. Immediately after his election ous is that which contemplated the he gave out an interview in which he sending of a Senate committee to declared quite positively that he faference. The opponents of the Pres- and the "Watchman," like many of its delegation. Their principal complaint published last Sunday he appears to member of the Senate committee on tive," whatever he means by that, and

pone the work.

The response to his promise of a new constitution was general and genthe constitution of the United States erous. Among the prominent men of the State who are asked to discuss the subject there was only one dissenting voice. Senator Vare, of Philadelphia, protested that the popular mind is not in a fit frame at this by and with the advice and consent time to assemble a convention and consider a new constitution. But nosadors, other public ministers and body dreamed that the Governor-elect consuls, judges of the Supreme court, would be influenced by the opinions, on such a subject, of the Philadelphia States whose appointments are not contractor boss. There was an impression that in matters relating to Philadelphia the Vare voice would be potential for the Vares usually make terms in advance of the election upon er the treaty or the appointment all matters in which they have a diwas made. Their is neither law nor rect interest. But it was not expectrect interest. But it was not expected that they would try to extend their zone.

The Vares do not want a new constitution for Pennsylvania. The present instrument, patched and tinkered as it is, suits them exactly. Under its provisions they are immune from punishment whatever they do. A constitution framed by capable men, guided by just motives and familiar with their methods might make entire membership of the Legislature from Philadelphia and even to own the city councils absolutely. Naturin the civic regulations of the State and city but it is surprising that they are able to determine the plans of the on the subject indicates such power, however.

-If every one saves as much as possible and produces to the full extent of opportunity this great country will be able to feed the whole world without stint on a single necessary of life.

mins might try "gnawing a file."

The President's Message.

The address to Congress of President Wilson which serves the purpose "Liner" fitly named the George of Delaware county, will be Attorney of his annual message, is literally a medium of giving "to Congress from important obligation that has devolved upon any American since the death of Abraham Lincoln and the hearts of Philadelphia, will be the secretary and the conditions extraordinary but of the Union." The times are unusual control seems to have been displaced and the conditions extraordinary but and a radical system substituted anthe President simply recites the facts these are personal appointments but in their order and makes such suggestions as appear to him appropriate. singularly enough they are all friends tions as appear to him appropriate. of Senator Penrose. Mr. Woods is at He told of the marvelous achievement present Secretary of the Common- in sending more than two million men wealth but was wise enough to keep across the sea; of the splendid reout of the factional quarrels organ- sponse of the industrial life of the cialist republic and the soldiers' and ized in the interest of Brumbaugh.

He was not anxious for reappointment and had expressed a desire to retire. But Sproul has prevailed upon him to remain in office.

Mr. Schaffer is a widely known and sized in the interest of Brumbaugh. Country to the demand for military defend and develop what has been achieved by the revolution and to suppress all counter-revolutionary activity. Pending the election of representatives of the soldiers and work-resentatives of the soldiers and work-resentatives of the soldiers and work-resentatives of the soldiers and is to defend and develop what has been achieved by the revolution and to suppress all counter-revolutionary activity. Pending the election of representatives of the soldiers and work-reserved. Those feeble minded idiots who No other living man could have spok- He was not anxious for reappoint- equipment; of the magnificent cour-

He adverts gracefully to the part the women of the country played in the war work. "Their contribution to the great result is beyond appraisal," a high order of ability. He is a neigh-bor of the Governor-elect and it may luster to the annals of American This is the kind of government that womanhood." That is generous praise ment is a personal choice. It will be but no more than is deserved and he agreeable to the public, moreover, be- adds, "the least tribute we can pay them is to make them the equals of the office. Every Attorney General men in political rights as they have since the administration of Governor proved themselves their equals in rorism, now prevalent throughout rorism, now prevalent throughout Russia. London newspapers express yer. Except in the administration of have entered whether for themselves Governor Pennypacker, when Hamp- or for their country. These great ton L. Carson sat, these law officers days of completed achievement would have not been of the highest stand- be sadly marred were we to omit that ple of the United States and will be ard. There is something to hope for act of justice." Will any one take issue with him on this point?

The question of revenues, the question of railroad and ship control, the or tradition in the President's voyage than likely that the heads of most of question of waste land redemption and all other questions of current inthe new Governor gets acclimated. terest are discussed with characteristic clearness and capability. He has Highway Commissioner, will have to overlooked nothing and shows an ungo and the Insurance Commissioner, derstanding of everything. Probably Mr. Ambler, will be equally undesirthe most complex of all is the matter as free to go to Paris as to Long able. Only the Fish Commissioner, of the future management of the rail--The bars are down on Christmas Branch or Oyster Bay or as any Sen- Mr. Buller, is likely to be retained roads. There are three lines leading shopping. The public will be permit- ator or Governor is to move about if and he is so free from factionalism to the solution but he is not ready to ted to buy all the fool things it likes the public service is not hampered or and so earnest in his work that his offer a final answer. He is, however, and the merchants can employ as impaired. Therefore under the sanc- retirement would be regretted on all ready to obey the mandate of Congress on this as on other subjects and he has affairs in order so that there other words, we are to go back to our en route to Europe and we heartily pointed by Brumbaugh his allegiance need be no delay in the work. On the whole the message is a splendid expression of a fine performance.

edly called the attention of respondents to the fact that correspondence should reach this office Tuesday evening, if possible, and not later than Wednesday morning to insure its getting in the paper in full. Correspondence that reaches this office Thursday morning stands a poor chance of going through without being cut down, as there is always a rush of the eleventh-hour local news that must go in. Correspondents should mail their letters on Tuesday without fail, and if anything important happens in their neighborhood after the mailing of the letter, telephone the fact to this office and the item will be properly covered.

Lock Haven Must be Jealous of Bellefonte.

In a recent issue of the Lock Haven Express appeared an item detailing the fact that the Centre county commissioners had appropriated \$500 toward the expense of building the hangar at the Wilson aerial mail station here, the item winding up with the question, "Is a hangar more im-

portant than a farm bureau?" Evidently the editor of the Express is ignorant of the conditions in Centre county or through jealousy of the fact that the aerial station was located here instead of in Lock Haven is perverting facts. The truth of the matter is that Centre county has a farm bureau, and one with a real live man at the head of it in the person of R. H. Olmstead, as county agent. One of the first things Mr. Olmstead did after he was appointed county agent after he was appointed county agent about eighteen months ago was to get on the part of our allies in Europe acquainted with the farmers of the that those who are responsible for the county and also acquaint himself with the different kinds of soils and everything else pertaining to farming in Centre county. He did this, not by sitting in his office from one week's end to another but by traveling through the county, day after day and far into the night, and the result is he has been a wonderful help to many farmers who have confidence in his

judgment and ability. Just about a year ago Mr. Olmstead spread broadcast throughout Centre county advice to farmers to pick their seed corn at once and have it tested, owing to the poor condition of the bulk of last year's crop. Hundreds of farmers took advantage of the timely advice and took their corn to Mr. Olmstead for testing. Later the agricultural department issued a bulletin incorporating the advice that Mr. Olmstead had previously given. The

has demonstrated the good work of sired to. the Centre county farm bureau as being a very live organization. In the future, therefore, if the Lock Haven Express has any just cause to pick at Bellefonte or Centre county it should -Senators Sherman and Cum- exercise proper judgment and pick where the picking is good.

NO. 48. Following Russia's Example.

From the DuBois Daily Express. Latest advices regarding govern-ment making in Germany indicate developments of the greatest import-ance, in which the combination of conservative elements heretofore in alogous to that of the existing Russian government. As officially announced, an agreement has been reached between the German soldiers' and workmen's council and the government providing that all power is to be in the hands of the German So-

men's council to an executive council in Berlin, created under the agree-ment, is to exercise its functions with full powers of control of all governthe Lenine-Trotzky combination pre-tended to set up when the Kerensky government was overthrown, and which quickly developed the extrav-agances that led to the disintegration

the gravest alarm over the new turn of affairs, fearing that it may portend a drifting into conditions not unlike those in Russia. However, while the possibility of such demoralization is not minimized, the view is expressed by some of the newspapers that the

mitted to righteous popular govern-That the allies are deeply concern-ed in the kaleidoscopic changes tak-which was the highest month! October being place in Germany is a matter of course. It is to their interest and to the interest of the civilized world the interest of the civilized world that stable government be established there as speedily as possible. The grown of the civilized world that stable government be established there as speedily as possible. The problem of subduing anarchy in Russia is big enough to create gravest a sprendid existence of a fine performance.

The "Watchman" has repeating the attention of its correspondent to the attention of its correspondent to the first hat the f press, that the Berlin authorities are playing up the situation in the hope of getting a modification of the armistice if possible, and, failing in that, to get speedier action and more len-

> His Turn is Coming. From the Williamsport Sun.

ient terms in the making of a treaty.

There will be no "return from El-ba" in the case of William Hohenzollern. That is as certain as it is sure there will be a peace conference. It may be the plan of some of the former Kaiser's former officers to again place him on a throne as the ruler of Germany and the chief exponent of autocracy and it may be the present hope of Hohenzollern that the revolution in Germany will form the stepping stone by which he may ascend to the place of power from which he has been hurled. But these are fruitless plans and false hopes. The ex-Kaiser and his crowd must remember that they are still dealing with the same forces of right and justice which caused their downfall and before they can recover their old time prestige these forces must be removed from the world or so diminished that they become negligible. If there is a man who believes that such can come to pass, let him stand in the market place and proclaim his thoughts. The peoples of free and unburdened nations will take care of him and right quickly. No, there is little danger of Hohenzollern ever again sitting on a throne. If the allies are agreed to one thing it is that there must never be a repetition of the last herrible four years and to make them possi-ble Hohenzollern and all for which he stands must forever be abolished. Too measured out to all offenders against humanity in proportion to the enor-mity of their crimes. As William Hohenzollern stands before the world as the arch criminal, to him must go the supreme punishment. Whether his fate be death or banishment or imprisonment, it must be commensu rate with the deeds for which it will only partially atone and must be as lasting as the memory of German cruelties, atrocities and outrages stand

Why Shouldn't Germany Pay?

before man.

From the Kansas City Times. Why should not Germany pay the cost of the war to the limit of her capacity? as Premier Lloyd George sug-

the last four years and have devoted result was Centre county farmers had all their energies to the business of walked over the line into Clearfield counplenty of good seed corn and some to war were not mortgaging their fusell. In various other ways Mr. Olmstead of their sons to die, because they de-

> Germany deliberately inflicted this damage on the world. It is now up to Germany to make it good so far as National bank, of Sykesville, and it is supthat lies within her power. Any other outcome would be an incentive to future international piracy.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-The Custer Coupling company's big plant at Bradford was damaged by fire early Saturday, with a loss of \$20,000. C. B. Custer, the owner, carried no insurance. The machine shop with valuable machinery was totally destroyed, but the main building of the plant was saved by work of the firemen.

-Rev. Irvin Bailey, pastor of the United Evengelical church of Saladasburg, has been a valuable assistant to the farmers in that vicinity during the threshing season, he having assisted forty farmers to thresh their grain. The acute shortage in farm labor induced Rev. Bailey to render his services to the farmers of that community.

-The Rev. Silas H. Durand is dead at Southampton, Pa., in his eighty-sixth year. He was born in Herrick, Bradford county, the eleventh child in a family of fourteen. He commenced teaching at 18, practiced law four years in Wilkes-Barre and in 1864 was ordained at Herrick to the O. S. Baptist church, of which denomination he was a minister to the end of his

days. —Lew R. Palmer, former Commissioner of Labor and Industry, who was fired by Governor Brumbaugh six weeks ago, after Palmer had several passages at arms with private secretary William H. Ball, has been named "director of safety and personnel, and consulting engineer on group insurance" for a life insurance company. As acting commissioner Palmer got \$8000. On his new job he gets a salary considerably larger than that of the man who fired him.

-The Thanksgiving day mails last week delivered copies of the report of Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart for the year ending December 31, 1912. There is a delay of six years in publication, but the Adjutant General's department makes no explanation; at least, not with the book. The report is addressed to Governor John K. Tener, and comprises 350 pages of mat-ter that might have been timely six years ago. Adjutant General Stewart died in August, 1917.

-The four children of William H. Grimes, of Wernersville, will have to be "kind" to their step-mother, Grimes' widow, if they want full shares in his estate. Grimes' will was probated at Reading, and gives each of his children a share in his belongings, amounting to \$3750, but it contains a proviso in favor of his wife, step-mother to the children. If they are harsh or mean to her, the will states, they will receive only half of the legacies pro-

vided for them. new development is part of a "big bluff" aimed at persuading the allies that the old Germany is of the past and their future dealings with it should take into consideration the fact of a chastened and regenerated Germany, with its future firmly committed to righteens normalized to righteens normalized to righteens normalized. the service, this is at the rate of \$8 a man. It is believed when all the bills are in that the cost will run about \$10 a man. The which was the highest month! October being next with \$228,526.77.

-Two weeks ago a party of hunters arrived at English Center, Lycoming county, ners feel that the fire was started by some one who did not want them to hunt in that vicinity.

-Peter Joseph Schmidt, of Shamokin. one of the Northumberland county commissioners, died in a hospital at Danville on Saturday, from stab wounds alleged to have been inflicted by Robert Brantley, a Shamokin piano tuner. According to witnesses the two men a week ago got into an argument over Brantley calling Schmidt disloyal for having made pro-German remarks. A fight resulted in which Schmidt was stabbed; Brantley is in jail. When told of Schmidt's death he said he was sorry, but that he struck in self-defense.

-Unable to agree upon a final audit of the Milton school district, auditors Harry B. Bibby and Thomas B. Shannon were on Monday ousted from office by Judge Mower, in Northumberland county courts. Shannon refused to sign the audit because George D. Hedenbergh, president of the school board, furnished \$1,000 worth of coal to the school board last winter, a violation of the school code. It was shown the coal was sold at the direction of the fuel administrator, at the administrator's prices and was done to keep the schools from closing for lack of heat.

-Commissioner of Fisheries N. R. Buller reports that the take of white fish and herring eggs on Lake Erie during the last three weeks has been far in excess of what was anticipated. There is not an empty jar on the batteries at the Erie station and the following hatcheries have also been supplied with all the eggs of this species that they can take care of. Union City, Pleasant Mount and Torresdale. The output of these fish for the coming year will be considerably above the average, and it is the constant stocking of Lake Erie which has made it such an excellent fishing ground.

-One-half of the estate of Thomas J. Stewart, for many years Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, will eventually go to the Grand Lodge of Masons for the erection of two or more cottages at the Masonic home at Elizabethtown, it developed at an adjudication of his \$100,000 estate in the Montgomery county Orphans' court. Trust funds to the amount of \$45,000 were awarded as follows: Margaret Emma Stewart, a sister, \$20,000; Mary J. Vadican, a sister, \$15,000; William H. Stewart and James H. Stewart, brothers, each \$10,000. The Masonic home benefits at the death of the last of these four brothers and sisters. The two sisters each receive \$5,000 in cash. The residue is divided equally among the two sisters and their brother William.

-Last Memorial day, at Sykesville, Jefferson county, Frank Sotek created a sensation by disrobing in the cemetery and scattering his money and effects around with a lavish hand. He was taken in charge and confined to the county home The nations that have been suspending all their normal activities for he was allowed his freedom. Wednesday he secured two sticks of dynamite and ty, where he placed the dynamite on his chest and exploded it, blowing himself to pieces. At one bank he had \$600, which he refused to draw at the time he was declared sane. Just before blowing himself to pieces he had taken \$1000 from the First posed he had the money on him when he killed himself. The Commissioners and officials at the Jefferson county home maintained that the man should not be set -Subscribe for the "Watchman." at liberty, but the jury said otherwise.