# Democratic Matchman.

# INK SLINGS.

-Hay making has begun.

-Don't forget to swat the fly. -Let us welcome the boys home right.

-Next week old Centre will have its greeting and express its gratitude.

-And the scientists who say the earth is cooling off haven't been heard from for a long time.

-Little is heard of the activities of former Secretary of the Treasury, William G. McAdoo, these days.

-While we still believe the Germans will sign the peace terms, their bluster about refusing might result in the command to the allied armies to advance

-Next week will mark the close of what Centre county has done in the the wars conducted by them and that substantially the same as that prewar. Ours has been a record to be of the Democratic administration in sented several weeks ago against committee, professes the same view proud of. Let it not be marred by a the great war just ended in complete which objections were made and con- and in a recent public speech declarsingle jarring incident.

-Every once in a while, as the junior Senator from Pennsylvania goes Philanderin' about, a bright idea seems to strike him. That is, the junior Senator thinks it a bright one.

-All the fuss and feathers have been ordered off the naval full dress uniforms and probably none of the officers will be sorry except those who have been longer on regalia than work.

will give something to help defray the expenses of the "Welcome Home" celebration, but if you find yourself out He freely exculpates President Lin- against humanity and freedom of the of funds, you can at least give them the glad hand.

-As the first of July approaches a lot of people, whom we never have green timbers, fitted with engines such circumstances, no negotiation, no suspected of being interested in the matter before, are making veiled inquiries as to whether the country really will be dry.

-The Senate has killed the daylight saving law and it will end next October. It has also killed the proposal to furnish a pulmoter with which to keep King Alcohol alive for of the period," he continued, "there currence of the great crime in the fua little while after July 1st.

-Cherries are being contracted for at twenty-five cents the quart. The only reason we can ascribe to explain why promises to pay such a price should be made is that there is said to be "one born every minute."

-The man who takes the new position as borough manager for Bellefonte will have to work for nothing. The salary attached to the job will all have to be expended in buying sedatives to keep his nerves quiet enough to listen to the complaints and sass he'll get.

-Two years ago we had our whole d Uncl



## Peace Treaty Completed.

The peace terms have been finally The proposed investigations of the conduct of the recent world war has fixed and placed in the hands of the

not frightened the Democrats in Con- | German delegates in the conference gress. In fact they are rather eager with a time limit of seven days for to present for public comparison the the signing. The text has not been records made by the Republicans in given to the public as yet but it is triumph. For example Representa- cessions demanded. It may be ex- ed that such an investigation in the

Welcomes an Investigation.

tive Henry J. Steele, of Easton, Pa., pected that further objections will be issued a challenge, the other day, to made and other concessions asked, the Republicans of the House of Rep- but to no purpose. Premier Clemenresentatives "to an investigation of ceau, of France, has expressed the at- made in the conduct of the war were all the activities of the government titude of the United States and the of the head rather than the heart. As during the war instead of confining allies from which there will be no retheir inquiries to the War Depart- cession. It is either sign or hostili- war equipments were bought that ment." There are no indications of ties will be resumed. It may be prean anxiety to accept the challenge. dicted that the signing will be execu- ed a year sooner than was expected. Mr. Steele offered the evidence on ted within the time limit.

none but active Republicans in show- In what is termed a "covering ing up the delinquencies in the con- note" Premier Clemenceau presents -Of course it is expected that you duct of the Civil war and didn't even the case in its true light. "The war, refer to the proportionately greater in- which begun on August 1st, 1914," he iquities of the Spanish-American war. declares, "was the greatest crime coln from blame for the evils of the people that any nation calling itself Civil war but shows that "our sailors civilized has ever consciously commit-

were sent to sea in ships built of ted." There can be no compromise in and the other advantage to the Gergood only for the junk shop, and were concessions. Justice demands repagiven guns that would not shoot, ration and punishment. Mercy is powder that would only half explode, misplaced if it defeats these elements shoes of which the soles were filled of justice and the conditions presentwith shavings, hats that dissolved ed to the German people are as genoften in a month's showers and cloth- erous as possible in view of the facts. ing made of cloth ground up and fab- Reparation is not enough. There was a system of corrupt bargaining ture.

between public servants and contractors under which goods of inferior is approaching. We have no fear of quality and short of quantity were a resumption of war. That is too horaccepted as of the lawful standard and count."

Those who were familiar with pubic affairs of that time as well as students of the history of the period, living in Pennsylvania, are not sur- prospects are in view. As soon as the prised at the revelations made by treaty is signed President Wilson will Congressman Steele. "Public property was purloined," he declared, "and carried off in open daylight; scores of superfluous men were quartered on force in the work of the conference the pay rolls by politicians; navy and must continue so until the task is

agents colluded with ring contract- completed. But happily that time is army hiking into Mexico to catch Vil- ors to buy of them all supplies at near and within a fortnight we may la. Today he is just across the river highest market rates on agreement expect him with the full fruits of his from El Paso and one regiment of for fifteen per cent. commissions and labor accomplished. cavalry could grab him in twenty-four | clerks in the yards, for a considerahours. He is just as guilty now as tion, would slip the pay requisition of \_\_\_\_\_Meantime it's just as well that covenant. these ring th ieves from the bottom to

Representative Fess, of Ohio, chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, protests that the proposed investigations into the war activities of the government are not for political purposes. Chairman

Either the Party or Germany.

Hays, of the Republican National interest of politics would be reprehensible. In this view we cordially concur. Whatever mistakes were Admiral Sims said a few days ago were not needed because the war end- of the flight.

But if the proposed investigations what are they expected 'to accomplish? There are only two possible results from investigations of war activities at this time. One of them is advantage to the Republican party man autocracy. It would be difficult to decide which of these interests would be more directly or in greater measure benefitted by a Congressional inquiry that would hold up to public reprobation an error of judgment on the part of some agent of the government. If it were possible to show criminal intent the answer would be easy. The party would be easily the gainer. But criminal intent is not even charged in the indictment.

Obviously, therefore, the intention of the Republican machine is to help the Imperial government of Germany to bear its burden of disappointment or aid in restoring it to its former place "in the sun." It has already helped considerably in that direction. It was largely because of the nagging of the President that Germany has been emboldened to demand conditions of peace that would feed the pride of the military autocrats who still fondly hope for a restoration of the empire. Nothing since the armistice has gone so far in this way as

the resolution of Senator Knox with

#### Airplane Crosses the Atlantic in Sixteen Hours.

London, June 16 .- London celebrated today the achievement of the two British airmen who yesterday completed the first non-stop trans-Atlantic flight, meanwhile preparing for a formal reception to the air victors, Capt. John Alcock and Lieut. Arthur Whitten Brown.

Formal examination of the Vickers-Vimy bombing type airplane in which the two men flew 1,650 nautical miles in sixteen hours and twelve ai miles in sixteen nours and twelve minutes from St. John's, N. F., to Clifden, near Galway, Ireland, has been completed by Aero club officials who found the seals intact on the marked parts of the airplanes, thus officially establishing the authenticity of the flight

Meanwhile, the aviators, tired but But there was nothing criminal in happy, are on their way to London and may reach here tomorrow. Both are well, but Lieut. Brown, the naviare not intended for political effects gator of the plane, suffered injuries on the nose and face when the machine landed in a bog. The biplane was badly damaged and may have to be dismantled.

Features of the trip were the carrying of the first aerial mail across the Atlantic and the transportation of two mascots, a dog and a cat. BARELY ESCAPED PLUNGING INTO

#### SEA.

Enthusiasm over the success of the trip has not been accompanied by any minimizing of the dangers the aviaminimizing of the dangers the avia-tors encountered. Once, the airmen said, they barely escaped being plung-ed into the sea when the machine went into a flat spin. Early in the flight the half gale in which they took off from St. John's tore off the propel-ler that drove the wireless dynamo and made radio communication imand made radio communication impossible. At the same time Lieut. Brown said, a stay wire broke, but of this he did not speak to his compan-ion until they landed. Capt. Alcock said he would have turned back had he known this.

Bad weather, accompanied by fog, permitted only three observations for laying the course, while sleet stopped the working of the petrol indicator. Captain Alcock describing his ex-periences while flying at an altitude of 11,000 feet, said:

MACHINE COVERED WITH ICE. "It was hailing and snowing. The machine became covered with ice by 6 the resolution of Senator Knox with the probable exception of the mali-ci us lie invented by Senator Lodge concerning the copy of the League covenant. -The air route across the ocean een successfully negotiated but are no indications as yet that it which came out when we descended to a lower altitude an hour before land-

## SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Among "Pennsy" shop employees at Altoona receiving belated classification back pay, one woman will receive \$600.

-Cambria county has six murder cases scheduled for its June criminal court and its jail is filled with prisoners. The city of Johnstown is a strong contributor to the criminal list of that county.

-Robbers early Saturday morning forced the safe of the Trexlertown postoffice and secured Allentown bank stocks, Liberty bonds, cash, war savings and postage stamps to the value of upwards of \$6000.

-President Judge H. W. Cummings, of Northumberland county, captured a mon-ster turtle while fishing along Penn's creek one day last week. The turtle, which weighed twenty pounds, was presented to C. A. Summers, of Milton, brother of Prothonotary Edgar Summers.

-Mrs. Maria Herr, who last week cele-brated her 101st birthday anniversary, died Thursday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Abram Stively, at Collins, Northumberland county. She outlived her husband by twenty years. She possessed her faculties to the end.

-Captain W. C. Kress, of Lock Haven. has celebrated the eighty-third anniversary of his birth. Captain Kress has been an attorney in Clinton county for nearly sixty years, and for several years was Supreme court reporter. He is one of the few surviving members of the old Cataract Steam Fire Engine company, of Lock Haven.

-The Adrian furnace at DuBois and the Punxsutawney furnace at that town were closed indefinitely last week. Manager St. Clair, of both furnaces, says that the shutdown is for repairs and because of little iron demand. Workmen employed at the DuBois plant say that they were asked to take a reduction in wages before the plants were shut down.

-Plans of the State Armory Board for reconstruction of additional armories for the re-organized national guard will have to be curtailed in view of the fact that less than \$200,000 for construction has been allowed by the House of Representatives. The State has received offers of free sites for buildings which would cost twice as much as the sum available.

-The State Compensation Board has ruled that Indiana county must pay compensation to the widow of Constable Artley, of Blairsville, because he was shot and killed while trying to make an arrest. It is held that the constable has been duly elected by the people, had given bond and was acting under control of authorities. The manner of his selection to the office does not enter into the case.

-The United States Supreme court has decided in a car discrimination case brought some six years ago by James H. Minds, of Ramey, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, that the latter corporation must pay Mr. Minds \$75,000. Mr. Minds has three suits pending in Clearfield county for discrimination in intrashipments. One of these cases was tried and a sum of \$300,000 obtained after a three week's trial.

-Charles Hershey Mengle, of near Verdilla, Union county, related a strange experience he had with a snake. While walking through a grass field, he noticed something hanging to his trousers, and stopped to remove it. He found it to be a good sized black snake. The snake had itself fast to his trousers and was wrapping itself around his leg. He tramped on it with his other foot and the life of

-Goaded to a frenzy of jealousy by sup posed intimacy of his wife with another man, Frank Lotz, of Reading, waited for her early Sunday morning, and as she came out of the house where she boarded he fired three bullets into her head, and, turning the revolver to his own temple, fired on himself. Both died immediately, Lotz and his wife had been estranged for some years. The husband left a statement in which he named a man as responsible for breaking up his home. -Miss Lillian Barclay was elected Johnstown's first policewoman at the regular meeting of city council last week. One of Miss Barclay's most important duties will be to supervise city dance halls, in accordance with the act recently passed by the Legislature giving the mayors of third-class cities power to regulate such places of amusement. Miss Barclay will be formally appointed as soon as the city solicitor prepares the necessary legislation concerning the dance hall act. -In a sensational daylight raid on an alleged whiskey distillery in the heart of Midland, Butler county, on Saturday, three persons were arrested, apparatus said to be in actual operation and forty gallons of new whiskey were confiscated. Those arrested were foreigners. Eli Bondivi, his wife and daughter, all of whom are alleged by the police to have been connected in the operation of the still. This was the first raid of the kind reported in years in Butler county. That county has been known as a dry county since the 1st of April. -Harry Drey, 28 years of age, married and the father of three children, was shot from ambush in Hampden park, Reading, early Monday morning by an unknown assailant concealed in the shrubbery. With him was Helen Noll, aged 24 years. a single woman, to whom he had been paying attention, and whose story coincides with Drey's. She was taken to police station as a witness. Drey, with a bullet through his stomach, is in a hospital, expected to die. He was prominent in the past several years as a semi-professional ball player. -Sergt, Genn Leitzel, of Mifflinburg, who was taken prisoner by Bolsheviki forces in Russia, March 29th, and held in Moscow with four others, has been released through the efforts of Frank J. Taylor, a correspondent of the United Press. Reports of the capture of Sergt. Leitzel were received in Mifflinburg a short time after he was taken by the revolutionary forces in Russia. Some time later word was received in Miffinburg from the War Department that he had been killed by the Bolsheviki troops, but fortunately this report proved incorrect. -A roll of bills, containing \$670, was found by Edward A. Fleming at the entrance of his clothes pressing establishment in Sunbury last Friday. Many passersby had overlooked the money, although one man is thought to have gotten a stray bill or two that was loose from the roll. Some hours later Willard D. Leiby, a merchant, telephoned the police he had lost a roll containing between \$500 and \$1000, which he had left in a pair of trousers. These trousers, with other clothing of Leiby's were taken to Fleming to be pressed. They had been tossed about with not a thought that they contained money and they lay for a long time within everybody's reach. Fleming turned the money over to the police.

grab while the grabbin's good.

-It is now assured that there will be more than a thousand soldiers in the parade next Thursday. This will be the greatest body of uniformed Grand Army of the Republic in this place many years ago.

-An unusual feature in the big parade we are to have next week will be two soldiers who survived to read their own obituary notices. Both were reported killed and forthwith sent to Heaven by the county newspapers. Nothwithstanding this happy disposition of them they will be here to parade on Thursday.

-Alcock's wonderful performance of flying from New Foundland to Ireland without a stop lost much of the thrill it would have occasioned had it not been for the three-stop flight of the American aviators and the failure of Hawker. It is none the less wonderful, however. It is one more clincher to the optomist's argument that there is no such thing as "It to fear. can't be done.'

-If the Germans refuse to sign the peace treaty and war is renewed at the cost of more precious lives the fault will lie more at the doors of those Republican Congressmen and Senators who have labored so despicably to discredit President Wilson abroad than to any other source. It has been this propaganda that has made the Hun murderers insolent and hopeful.

-Under a new law, just signed by the Governor, every vehicle that travels a public road at night, must display a white light ahead and a red light astern. This law covers every kind of conveyance except hay wagons loaded and agricultural implements. In addition to this, no conveyance will be permitted to stop in the centre of a road and every driver of a conveyance will be liable to fine and imprisonment if he does not immediately turn to the right and permit a driver following him to pass, if he so desires. This is a splendid act and should go far toward reducing danger in travel on our highways.

-Last Friday a strawberry huckster drove along a certain street in Bellefonte. To one customer he offered berries at twenty-five cents a box. She said she'd "see about it." Then he drove on and was hailed by another woman to whom he offered them at thirty cents. When she told him they were too high, he said: "Git-up! I'm going to Linn street." haven't heard what Linn street paid for the berries, but fresh home-grown strawberries were being offered at several stores that day for twenty cents and this huckster knew it, for he had tried to sell his at one of the stores before he thought of going to Linn street.

official certificate of approval, so that they might draw their money at once liest men in this broad land of liberty. to the prejudice of honest dealers." The Legislatures of Ohio and Michimilitary men seen together in Centre gan, both overwhelmingly Republican county since the encampment of the at the time, passed resolutions protesting against the venality but to no

purpose. We all know of the orgie of crime and corruption that ran riot during the Spanish-American war when embalmed beef and rotten fish and vegetables were fed to the troops who had a choice of eating the poison furnished or starving to death. And the authorities were deaf to protest. President McKinley might be exculpated as Congressman Steele exculpates

President Lincoln but the evils could easily be traced into the inner sanctums of the War Department and the Navy Department the very heads of which were sharing in the profits of the vile traffic. Congressman Steele may confidently invite an inquiry that will reveal these records and invite comparison. His party has nothing

and gave that institution a look over brain. then made another stop at the Rock-Fishing creek.

-Senator Vare is throwing bouquets very freely toward Governor Sproul now. Four years ago Governor Brumbaugh fell for the same sort of chaff.

-It was rather unkind of the against the President. The investigaate called on the President to submit a copy.

-Senator Lodge has been fooling the people a long time but now he ernment will diminish as war chargstands revealed as one of the scurviest | es are cut off but that doesn't prove demagogues of his day and generation.

-Hungry Hi Johnson's Presidenthe steering apparatus.

the Repub lican Senators had an opthe top of the pile that awaited the portunity to cavort. When the President gets home they will be the bus-

It is gratifying to feel that the end

rible to think of, too costly to con-

template The world needs rest and

recuperation. This country needs its

great President at his post of duty in

Washington, And these beneficent

come home but until that is accom-

plished he cannot be expected. His

guiding hand has been the potent

Lodge's Mare's Nest Contained a purposes. Goat.

The mare's nest recently discovered by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, contained a "goat." We referred last week to the discovery and the resentatives in the General Assembly sinister use of it made by Mr. Lodge. Since then an investigation has dis- vote on the question of ratifying the shown to him was brought to this are that every Democrat in the Gencountry by the head of the American eral Assembly will vote for ratifica-Red Cross who had obtained it in a tion and if any of them cast negative legitimate way for a proper purpose. votes it will be because of resentment It had never been in Wall Street, was at the "butting in" of this self-apnever used as a speculative pointer pointed political overlord. This imiand was entirely innocent of the ul- tation of the methods of Republican terior motives which Lodge had infer- bosses is not agreeable to the indeentially ascribed to it. As a matter pendent minds of representative Demof fact it wasn't even the real text of ocrats.

the peace treaty. But it served the contemptible purpose which Lodge intended for a brief Representatives in the General Asperiod and if the friends of the Pres- sembly as were willing to take orders, dent had been less courageous might to oppose pending legislation divorc--Senator Boies Penrose couldn't have been "a good enough Morgan ing the police of Philadelphia from find time to keep his engagement to until after the election." In fact it politics and defeated a reform which deliver the commencement address at did create considerable excitement in had been earnestly advocated by Dem-State College on Wednesday of last official circles. The idea that the ocrats for years. The defeat of that week, but he did have time to spend President or any of the agents of the measure made the primary election most of that day in Huntingdon hob- administration should employ such an riot and murder in the Fifth ward of

Spruce Creek club fishing. In fact the country and justly aroused a accessory, before the fact, to that ormost of the week was spent in this storm of resentment. But the mask- gie of crime. But the Democratic section of the State, his latest ap- ed accusation didn't endure long. The Senators and Representatives who pearance being at Williamsport Sat- friends of the President promptly de- obeyed his orders on that occasion Aerial Mail Route Officially Declared urday where he made the Flag day manded an investigation which quick- have since been retired. Those who speech at the Elk's club. On Friday ly disclosed the fact that the story continue in the service of the State and the Senator stopped at State College was a figment of Lodge's cankered the party look elsewhere for counsel.

That gentleman without any evil pur-

and handed it to Senators Borah and Reed, for use as an instrument was no necessity for correspondence

Peace Conference to begin a revision tion soon extracted the teeth from it, of the treaty on the very day the Sen- however. It proved that the only evil connected with it was in the malicious mind of Henry Cabot Lodge.

> ----Of course the expenses of govgreater economy in management of public affairs.

----Sergeant York having been tial boom has been launched but it married the other day it may be safeneeds Jim Reed as a tail to operate ly predicted that his "triumphal rain badly while others have had more military occupation there will be of march" through the country is ended. | than they need.

has been successfully negotiated but there are no indications as yet that it will become popular for excursion

# Palpably Unnecessary Orders.

It was hardly necessary for A. Mitchell Palmer to write instructions to the Democratic Senators and Repof Pennsylvania as to how they shall closed the fact that the copy of the Woman Suffrage amendment to the tremely thirsty. tentative peace treaty which had been Federal constitution. The chances "For a time," Captain Alcock said,

Two years ago Mr. Palmer instruct-

ed such Democratic Senators and

is justified by precedent and there in landing.

school instructions on the subject. -The vast number of Liberty bond holders in this country is some protection against Bolshevism but police vigilance is not a bad thing even

under the most favorable conditions. -After July 1st old John Barleycorn will be added to the collection of quainted with the route there should skeletons in a good many family be little difficulty in their getting closets.

-Some parts of Centre county need

ing." Captain Alcock said the Vickers company was sending two men to salvage the damaged biplane, but he expressed the opinion that the job would require several men and that they

would have to lay a track to get the machine out of the bog. The aviators said they did not feel hungry during the flight but were ex-

"we spoke to each other through the communication telephones, but these broke down after four hours and we had to discard them. Then I had to shout to Lieut. Brown. Most of our 'conversation' consisted of tapping each other on the shoulder and going through the motions of drinking."

Luxury Tax Must Go. From the Williamsport Sun.

The so-called luxury tax must soon go to satisfy the demand of the suf-fering public which no longer sees any need of paying a penalty for the purchase of certain good grades of merchandise and in reply to this demand Congress is getting the repeal machinery under way. It is not like-ly that the recall will also include the tax on soda water which these days is a considerable item in the revenue knobbing with politicians and spend instrument for speculative purposes that city in 1917, possible, and inci-the afternoon and evening at the was abhorrent to the moral sense of dentally made the Democratic party al cost for its drinks providing it is el and many other inappropriately classified luxuries.

Open.

According to postmaster P. H. The Democratic National conven- Gherrity the Wilson aerial mail route The facts are that Mr. Davison, tion of 1916 practically declared for from New York to Cleveland, Ohio, view penitentiary and after inspect- head of the American Red Cross, was Woman Suffrage. Nearly all the was officially declared open on Moning that institution was accompanied in Paris when the copy of the tenta- Northern Democratic Senators and day, though up to yesterday noon no to Williamsport by warden John tive peace treaty was handed to the Representatives in the present Con- planes for carrying mail have passed Francies. On the way to the latter German delegates to the conference, gress voted for the amendment and through Bellefonte either east or west. place he dropped in for a call on and procured a copy which he brought most of the Democratic newspapers The first plane with mail was sched-Judge Quigley who was a member of with him home. In the course of of the State favor ratification. It is uled to go through yesterday but failthe Furst-Curtin camping party on time he handed it to former Senator a safe guess, therefore, that the Dem- ed to arrive. A number of planes, and Secretary of State, Elihu Root. ocrats in the General Assembly would however, have come to Bellefonte, have voted for ratification without in- several of them without mishaps, pose showed it to Senator Lodge and structions, selfishly offered, from Mr. while several others were forced down he, for selfish and political reasons Palmer. Woman Suffrage is inevita- at other points on account of running decorated it with sinister trimmings ble. The process of bringing it about out of oil and gas, and were damaged

> Superintendent Powers, of New York city, arrived here on Tuesday and will remain ten days or more until after the service is established. Just when the first mail will reach Bellefonte or be taken out by plane is uncertain, but there is every reason to believe it will be in a very few days, and once the pilots become acthrough without delay or mishap.

-We will all welcome the kind of Bellefonte next week.