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A David Ready for Goliath

SENATOR PENROSE is a big man—a very Goliath. There is no doubt about that, and his bigness is not only physical.

There was a time when Pennsylvania's voice rang through the nation. There was a time when the Republican party in this State, standing for economic truth and political decency, possessed at its head, in every crisis, an honored leader who could interpret properly and effectually the beliefs and the teachings of that party.

Saddled by a master who is riding for a fall, who in blind selfishness is spurring madly and ruthlessly toward the stone wall of disaster, the party has no obvious means of escape.

Democrats Tear a "Scrap of Paper"

FROM Washington comes the interesting news that the Alexander bill, which proposes a Government controlled steamship line, is not having clear sailing and that the war tax bill is likely to run around in the Senate.

Two years from now will come the real judging of the Wilson Administration. Political soothsayers have declared that the European war is a great blessing to the Democratic party, inasmuch as it will obscure the effects of tariff, currency and other legislation.

License of Diplomatic Guest

COURTESY has generally been regarded as one of the essential qualities of diplomacy. Despite the strained relations of European governments immediately preceding the outbreak of hostilities, diplomatic communications among them were marked by almost excessive courtesy.

War Is Gethsemane

Explaining why Christians go to war it should be understood that when the command is given to fight a man's faith counts for nothing. He must answer the call, Christianity is not discounted by the European war, any more than the multiplication table is destroyed by shooting it full of holes.

Every City Has a "Big Stick"

TEN years, according to a report of the United States Census Bureau, the number of municipally owned public utility plants in this country has increased 91 per cent. As yet the movement for municipal ownership has scarcely touched transportation, though some cities have built and own airplanes which are operated by private companies.

Good Will is Public Spirit

SCHILLER had for the whole human race a kindly feeling, which might almost be called intense. The history of statesmanship is not devoid of names which stand for utterly unselfish devotion to the public good.

expressing to Charles Sumner his sorrow over the possibility of war between England and America and his intention to retire from public life if such an event should come to pass, was filled with a sense of brotherhood which left no room for personal or national narrowness.

Wanted: Fire Protection

FIRE—and rotten hose again! It is becoming an old story, a sickening, maddening story: fire that destroys property and rotten hose that bursts. Today, tomorrow, or some other time, it may be more than property that will be destroyed; it may be human life.

Getting After the Coal Embargo

NEW laws and regulations have not put an end to railroad rebates and discriminations. Even a college economist can testify to new ways of turning old tricks. By pro-rating spur-lines and half a dozen other means and methods all the essential practices of rebating are still possible.

"Button, Button"

WHOLESALE grocers think that housewives have raised the price of sugar. Housewives, or those with enough ready money to buy a barrel at a time, blame it on the grocers. They say the price is rising and they laid in a supply. So nobody gets the blame for what seems an unjustifiable situation.

Verbal Atrocities

THERE are atrocities and atrocities. One of them is a name like Kluck (we prefer the common or barnyard spelling). Half a dozen more are the "swiggers" such a cognomen draws from the professional humorist.

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PASSED BY THE CENSOR

FOR ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the Pennsylvania machine politician is the veriest ruff compared to his Texan prototype, if reports from Delhi in the Lone Star State be correct.

In a Spirit of Humor

A certain man makes hats and in them advertises as follows: "New York and big cities."

The Knock Subtle

We do not like McGraw to win, And yet his losing makes us sigh; Just think of what we'll miss this year in all!

Easy Money

Three minor political workers whose party lost an election found it necessary to do something to keep the wolf away and applied to the boss. He got them work as conductors on the local trolley line.

A Kindred Feeling

Fighting aboard ship nowadays, with attacks from beneath the sea and from above the clouds, is very much like going through a graveyard at night.

The Higher Explanation

"Father, what is this 'higher criticism' I read so much about?" "It is a method by which a man convinces himself of the falsity of something which he knows is not true."

Our Position is Impregnable

Say that our jokes are shy of point And our verses are lame and halt; Spot, if you will, and show the world Our every slip and fault.

A "P" Cable Suggestion

The inhabitants of Prussia, London, have petitioned Parliament that the street name be changed.—News Item.

Quite Damp

Hokus—I never knew such a wet blanket as Fludgus. Pokus—That's right. If that fellow should jump from the frying-pan into the fire he would put the fire out.—Life.

Of Course

Barney Dhean, Father Gageley's servant, was celebrated for being ready with. One day, while he was serving a dinner, one of the guests said to him: "Barney, why is my ankle placed between my calf and my foot?"

Health Hint

Never sing the Marseillaise at a German picnic.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Cubist Poem

A year ago, on Labor Day, (Sept. 7, 1913), there came an awful shock. A thousand fiery thunderbolts nearly scooped the barn off the track!

A Natural Query

The Flirt—Oh dear, what a lot of people will be unhappy when I get married! The Other—Why, how many are you marrying?—Exchange.

What's in a Name

It must be difficult to find a prouder man than Grant B. Peacock, the Princeton golfer who beat Champion Outmet 2 up and 1 to play at Greenwich.—New York Sun.

ON SOME HUMAN BONES

(Found on a Headland in the Bay of Panama.) Vague Mystery hangs on all these desert places; The fear which hath no name hath wrought to its rash, which had been lengthened with artificial hair, and then entered it as full-dear orphan, by Metropolitan (the name of the street car line which had once owned the animal, out of Delhi).

CURIOSITY SHOP

A Sabbath day's journey was estimated at 7 1/2 furlongs, or 1650 yards. The Rabbinus fixed it at 2000 cubits, or 1350 yards. Josephus says that the Mount of Olives was five stadia, or 625 paces, from Jerusalem, which would make the allowable Sabbath day's journey about 1650 yards.

The Ethics of Sniping

"Sniping" is a comparatively recent addition to the red lexicon of war. Originally it was first appearance it signified shooting from ambush or at a great distance. A soldier under this definition might be a sniper. The current definition, however, applies only to civilians who take part in fighting and are therefore not eligible to the consideration accorded to those who fight in uniform as members of a recognized military organization.

The Idealist

"Can you 'think on your feet'?" By which I do not necessarily mean, Can you stand up and make a speech, without previous notification, on any given subject? Those that excel in the art of quickly thinking out a situation and putting it in a systematic order of presentation do not always come within that class we term "extemporaneous speakers."

done in Philadelphia. Many of the big events in the world's history come to America first from an unexpected quarter and in an irresponsible, mysterious manner.

Colonel Blood, a disreputable and cast-off member of Cromwell's party, seized the Duke of Ormond's coach on December 6, 1670 and carried the Duke to Tyburn to hang him. The Duke escaped through the aid of friends.

There is more than one "City of Palaces"—Rome, which was converted from a city of brick huts into a "city of palaces" by Aristotle, modern Paris; Calcutta, with its splendid European residences. Edinburgh is sometimes given the title.

Done in Philadelphia

THE first report that the Treaty of Ghent had been completed and peace established with Great Britain reached Philadelphia in a most mysterious manner and fully a week before Washington had official advice.

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DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

MANY of the big events in the world's history come to America first from an unexpected quarter and in an irresponsible, mysterious manner. I recall that a week before we received the official account of the result of Dewey's battle in Manila Bay, a brief dispatch came from Paris to the effect that the battle had been fought and the American fleet had not lost a single vessel.

How did Paris receive the first word? It has always been suspected that it got it from Spain before Dewey could cut the cable. And this appears to be the only reasonable theory.

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fusion the motorman attempted to run the car out of the horse's course. It is not wrong, for instead he caused the car to strike a carriage a substantial jolt.

VIEWS OF READERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—As a newcomer to Philadelphia, I want to express my satisfaction with a novel feature of your city, its one-way street car lines.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I wish some Southern reader of the EVENING LEDGER would be good enough to explain how the purchaser of a bale of cotton is going to profit, or even how he is going to "break even" on every occasion with all possible derivatives of "thief," and "handit," while you inquire into the sincerity with which he backs what seem excellent principles.

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