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#### A David Ready for Goliath

CENATOR PENROSE is a big man-a very S Goliath. There is no doubt about that. and his bigness is not only physical. He is big with the potentiality and actuality of political and economic evil-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 erisis, an honored leader who could interpret properly and effectually the beliefs and the teachings of that party. That condition does not exist today.

Saddled by a master who is riding for a fall, who in blind selfishness is spurring madly and muthlessly toward the stone wall of disaster, the party has one obvious means

Let it take the bit in its teeth. Let it win Its bead. Let it lick, and buck-and bolt if need be-until the Golfath is thrown. Then the course will be free and open.

Democrats Tear a "Scrap of Paper" LIROM 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 aground in the Senate. Democratic opposition to the shipping bill rises largely from recognition of the fact that a \$30,000,000 appropriation on top of a \$100,000,000 emergency tax is not likely to improve the party's chances at the

Two years from now will come the real judging of the Wilson Administration. Political spothsayers have declared that the European war is a great blessing to the Democratic party, trasmuch as it will obscure the effects of tariff, currency and other legislation. But there is already one very clear issue which need not be confused by conditions arising out of the war, and that is the question of extravagance and wastefulness in appropriating and spending rubble money.

The Democratic platform called for drastic have not been kept.

is a political platform a contract or "a mere scrap of paper ?

# License of Diplomatic Guests

Uns 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, which was doubtless merely formal. The American and broader idea is that the first and highest function of diplomacy is the promotion of genuine good-will among nations. This conception was wonderfully exemplified in the work of John Hay.

It seems that Ambassador Rustem Bey Baron won Schoen and Sir Lucnel Carden are not diplomatic in any true sense. Sir Lionel is not an accredited representative to this country, but he does bear the official credentials of the British Government, it has been suggested that President Wilson should not press his demand on Great Britain. for an "explanation" of the Carden criticism, now that the Mexican por is boiling over again, as Sir Lionel predicted. That prediction, however, is not what President Wilson and the American people object to.

From Genet to Carden, you Schoen and Rustem Rey, there have been too many socalled diplomats who have made the lnexcusable mistake of talking in the United States as if American liberty means beense. e en for guests. The three intest offenders should be taught that governmental and popular tolerance does not extend to insult or to the attempt to stir up prejudices. enmities and intreds.

Every City flas a "Big Stick"

YN TEN years nominging to a report of the United States Consus Hurrar, the number of manufactually sweeted public statics (Salits in this courses has increased 21 per cent. As yet the mutament for themshal excepting for scarced templed transportation (hough some cities hard built and own showays

which are obstated by private easembles. The only question is how best to supplies the quitte welfare. The meditiones of parthis instancement of quote griffies are prinequally twent misrogram of general we ful needs and an unides independent on investigation productions. The live of these is upt to take the form of any american property and effect lengths which is usually determined or focal conduthe it is not seen in the important to a CHI In pursuant to pursue of machine and the variables that the privile contain exceeded for the presph when the proof You to It has the cone viction that properly respected interests are not being properly respected.

# Good Will is Public Spirit

Schillands out for the whole numan care a kindly feeling, which might almost be called interme. The instory of state-smarship is not devoid of names which stand for in terly unsetfial devotion to the public good. One of them is that of hir Bobert Peek who broke with his party in 1846 and declared his sense of unfillares for he tax's or forming a "left centre" organisation, ological

expressing to Charles Sumber 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. The creators of art, against bitter calumny, have worled in the service of mankind. "Art for art's sake" does not

produce great art Our good will toward our fellowmen is public spirit. To search out the effects of our acts as citizens and voters is to prove ourselves public-spirited. Good will is made efficient by knowledge. "It is a home-bred right, a fireside privilege," said Daniel Webster. "to canvass the merits of measures and public men." But it is more than a right, more even than a privilege. It is a duty, We are all of us responsible for the acts of our public men.

#### 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, temorrow, or some other time, it may be more than property that will be destroyed; it may be human life. Attention has been called often enough to the fact that a large part of the hose owned by the city is unfit for use. Something must be done immediately, not by and by. Councils have a way of financing land grabs with the public money. Couldn't it finance a little public safety?

Getting After the Coal Embargoes

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. The Interstate Commerce Commission thinks it has spotted a new ruse. It is the so-called "embargo" placed by coal-carrying railroads on the fuel. Informal complaint alleges that they have been used to discriminate against certain shippers.

Though it is evident that coal-owning roads might be sorely tempted to such action. the truth of the matter is not yet at issue. The commission simply considers the charge serious enough to justify some action, and it has summoned representatives of all the roads affected to appear before it in Janpary. If it finds evidence to support the complaints, nobody will applaud its enterprise more loudly than the consumer who will then be burning that steadily advanc-

### "Button, Button"

W HOLESALE 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 saw the price rising and they laid in a supply. So nobody gets the blame for what seems an unjustifiable situation. It is the old story of no responsibility. Blame it on those venerable scapegoats. Supply and Demand, and let somebody pocket the profit. The ultimate consumer must look with enty on the citizens of those "war-ridden" countries where the food supply is under a responsible, if official thumb.

### Verbal Atrocities

THERE are atrocities and atrocities. One of them is a name like Kluck two prefer the common or barnyard spelling). Half a conomy. The pledges made at Baltimore | dozen more are the "sweezes" such a cognomen draws from the professional humorists. A man has a right to any name he likes, or any his great-great-grandparents chose for him. But that privilege entails, pher named Rogers pursued him across the duties. He should not thrust himself reckbecause if the to be such remarks as "Kluck counts his chickens before they're hatched," or allusions to his battle-cry as "Lay on!" The only alternative to changing his name or retiring from the army is to copyright the word and prosecute any breach of the peace. such as "General Kluck's right wing smashed. The horrors of war are had enough without verbal carnage.

# War Is Gethsemane

N explaining why Christians go to war it A 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. Truth is eternal Man is still imperfect,

The world is passing through the throes of evolution. Civilization does not move in a straight line. European political ideals are, for the time, predominating over the Chrisman ideals of the 30th century. The conflict will result in a new enthusiasm for those moral forces which are the leaven working slowly in modern life. There is a comfortable aptimism in the conviction that good things | ago. The cream of American show horses work together for good to them that believe them. The end of the world is not yet, and | Square Garden as never before. the path of progress leads through the Gar-

As a man of experience, Villa districts the military politician

New York a primary purpose was evidently not the defeat of Tammany.

Promose, at Pittshurgh, sale veters are

Prietty som we shall be well enough acquainted with fall to call it williams.

And now nine our of Iweine Kentunian countries don Virginia in Weeding out the

aroused -Futal confession

Junny Bennett exports a German Ermy telephone in a flower hed. But perhaps it is animals, out of helic. quarters of his flowers of speech If congress wints to win the press of a

grateful public. It might alove a tax on war

Adding its the tetal of the duils retreats of the Germana it is other than by non-study have just about reached the Pacific Youar. About this time let us recall (our the

Braves once went by the failend title of the Doves. What's it a market As a good many suspected, it took John

Masefield to write "the" English was poemand it is more poem than war-Vance: Mccormick doubtless consugers ha

has advanced a bit, but the enemy, figure intronched, doesn't seem to mind it.

President Wilson requests that American neutrality be preserved, but any housewife can tell him that with sugar selling at wartime prices it's difficult to preserve anything

### PASSED BY THE CENSOR

FOR ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the Pennsylvania machine politician is the veriest tyro compared to his Texan prototype, if reports from Delhi in the Lone Star State be correct. According to advices received in a letter, Mayor Walker, who is a candidate for re-election, addressed a town meeting the other evening in the Op'ry House. At the end of an eloquent and lengthy speech, he played his trump card by passing interstate eigars to the men. Here be it explained that interstate cigars are of the kind which, when smoked in Texas. are smelled as far North as West Virginia. the wind holding right, as they say at sea. To double cap the climax, as it were, he passed chocolate candy to the women in the audience. Then the trouble began.

"Dey's pepper in dis candy," howled a woman. Just then one of the gift cigars exploded with the "dull, sickening thud" of which cub reporters write so eloquently. Then another popped, and soon there was a fusillade akin to the battle on the Marne. The Mayor, aghast at first, spotted an enemy in the audience and seized him as perpetrator of the outrage. The constable sought to arrest the conspirator, and soon there was as nice and pleasant a fight as ever enlivened a political meeting. The letter vouchsafing all this information winds up: There is much indignation here."

THAT unreasonable panic seizes even the bravest is borne out by brief dispatches from the war, which somehow or other have passed the censor. It is related that one of the French army corps, possessed by some psychologic fear, on a wholesale scale, bolted, causing a retreat of the French army from Alsace. But the strangest fear that ever seized a body of armed men was in the war of 1866 between Prussia and the German States. A regiment of Bavarian cavalry had been retreating before enpressing Prussians for days-harassed and hammered at incessantly. At last the Bavarians found refuge in a dense copse of trees, where they rested their weary horses. Suddenly a shot rang out; then another.

"The Prussians!" came a cry and the Bavarians boited at top speed, never stopping for ten miles, the while two poachers gathered in the rabbits they had shot.

THIRTY-SEVEN years ago A. R. Ray-I nolds, of Denver, a banker of that city. cashed vouchers amounting to \$2200 for a contractor doing business with the United States. The banker obtained the necessary proofs and submitted them to the Department of the Interior, where they lay for four years without action. Since then Congresses have come and gone; statesmen big and little have espoused Mr. Raynolds' cause; Senators and Representatives have worked in his behalf and the claim is still unpaid.

A week ago the attention of Joseph P. Tumulty, private secretary to the President was called to the matter, and he interested himself to such an extent that Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who has the claim under jurisdiction, took prompt action. But he was as unable to pay the claim as were his predecessors, for under the law it will require an act of Congress to reimburse Mr. Raynolds for money legally due him. So the matter rests once more. All of which reflects little credit on the

husiness methods of the United States.

GENERAL RENNENKAMPF, who, although of German ancestry, is fighting for the Czar, is inordinately proud of his huge mustachios, which divide his face into two distinct entities. Once, during the Manchurian campaige, an American photograsteppes until he overtook the Cossack commander at Tchita. He explained his quest to the general and soon the entire corps was ready to parade before the camera man.

"Now, my friend," thundered Rennenkampf, as he gave the "forward march" order to his men, "take all our faces and don't forget my mustache,"

And every officer saluted the American as though he had been a king personified.

THE man who gives out carriage checks I at one of the principal hotels in Philadelphia is inclined to be absent-minded. Whether it is love or financial worry that causes this state is not known, but it was productive of trouble for him a few nights ago. Mechanically he gave out checks. Mechanically the chauffeurs and drivers took the slips and tucked them in their pockets. Suddenly one of the drivers came back. "Say, boss," he asked, "what's this for?"

"That's to get your fare when he's through

"Eat!" exclaimed the driver. "He'll get darned little to eat from my wagon. I drive a garbage cart.

THE Bryn Mawr horse show recalls a sim-I flar event in New York held some years were entered. Society flocked to Madison

Down in the old Jefferson Market Courthouse. Sixth avenue and Ninth street, on the top floor, is the office of a paper box manufacturer with a keen sense of practical humor. So it was not surprising that he should take advantage of the horse show to play a trick on worldly-wise New York. First of all, he bought a discarded car horse, one that had drawn a Chambers street ark for some twenty-old years. Then he sent it to his stable to be fattened up. Next be greened it for the show by feeding it oats, interspersed with ginger, sleeked its coat with crude oil, fied a beautiful blue ribbon to its fall, which had been lengthened with artificial hair, and then entered it as Pulldecar orphan, by Metropolitan (the name of the atract car line which had once owned the

And that herse, ridden by Brian O. Hughes' daughter, went third price. BRADFORD:

# CURIOSITY SHOP

A Sabbath day's lourney was estimated at 512 furious, or 1650 yards. The Rabbins fixed it at 2000 cubits, or 1350 yards, doephus says that the Mount of Olives was five stadill, or \$35 paces, from Jerusalem, which would make the sllowable Sabbath day's murney about 1950 yards.

The Hindu system of mythology has a had no comprehensive that its nethermost realms have never been measured or even teseritied. Nuralin is the generic name. The furam gives 2s divisions of Naraka, besides which, we are told, "there are hundreds and thousands of others in which sinners pay the penalty of their crimes."

The Lover's Leap, to which Byron refers in "Don Juan," is in reality Leguadia's rock, a promontory on the southern extremity of the island of Leucus in the Josian Sea, the the part is beind to be

quited love. At the annual festival of Apollo a criminal was hurled from the rock. Various living birds were fastened to him to break his fall, and if he survived, freedom

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. On May 9 of the following year Blood tried to steal the crown jewels from the Tower. For neither of these offenses was he pun-

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

#### IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

The Knock Subtle. A certain man makes hats and in them lyertises as follows: "New York and big advertises as follows:

Yes. Who? We do not like McGraw to win.
And yet his losing makes us sigh:
Just think of what we'll miss this year
In allbi?

When Connie's demons get to work And one by one the formen die, Who'll take the place of Mathewson To tell us why?

And Matty's famous yearly song. This year for Boston who shall sing. To tell the pitchers how to foil F. Baker's swing?

Easy Money

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

Some weeks later one of the three happened into the car barn after his run and found his two pals dancing about in high

"Whassa matter?" he asked. "Tomorrow's payday," chorused his friends. "Payday-holy smoke, do we get that, too?"

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—you're apt just to feel that something's going to grab you from be-

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 faisity of something wrich he knows is not true."

Our Fosition is Impregnable. Say that our jokes are shy of point And our verse is lame and halt; Spot, if you will, and show the world

Our every slip and fault. Rant at our stuff in sheer disgust, E'en to the smallest wheeze: Poke it as full of gaping holes As an ancient Schweitzer cheese.

Roast, if you must, but play us fair And herald it near and far, From the ice-bound shores of the Arctic Sea To the glades of Zanzibar; That we, alone of a horde of bards,

Hold not a line in store, Nor have we written a single line Of verse about the war.

as Flubdub.

-Boston Transcript.

Pokus—That's right. If that fellow should fump from the frying-pan into the fire he would put the fire out.—Life.

Quite Damp

Hokus-I never knew such a wet blanket

Of Course Barney Phelan, Father Healey's servant, was celebrated for his ready wit. 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?" "Begorra, I dunno," replied Barney: "unless it is to keep your calf from eatin' your corn.'

The Impossible

War has been able to do everything except push the pretty girl from the front cover of the popular magazine.—Chicago Herald.

Health Hint

Never sing the "Marseillaise" at a German pionic.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Cubist Poem

(Composed by Celesta Leona Goble, of Pepper-town, Ind.) A year ago, on Labor Day, (Sept. 7, 1913), there came an awful whack, A thousand flery thunderbolts nearly scooted the barn off the track; The lightning a board off sent, part of it in the sorghum patch-

If the lightning burned the barn down, we would have to dig and scratch. The lightning hit the top and ran to the ground; think that barn must be sound.

Mrs. Goble and her daughter were the only ones at home. The absent one had just started in the good old road to roam;

The absent one had gone to see her old friend, Blanche Medd. When she heard that loud clap of thunder and wondered if the lightning struck my old cat Ted.

old cat led. The Lord kept the barn from burning— He kept the barn from burning because He loves us so. - Harrison News.

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 gelfer who beat Champion Ouimet 2 up and 1 to play at Greenwich.—New York Sun.

#### ON SOME HUMAN BONES (Found on a Headland in the Bay of Panama.)

Tague Siyster; hangs on all these desert places; The fear which hash no name hath wrought strength, courage, wrath, have been and left

IG TERCOS. They came, and fled; but whither? Who can

We know but that they were that once, in days When ocean was a bir 'twist man and man. Stout spirits wandered o'er these capes and And perished where these river waters ran.

Mathinks they should have built some mighty Whose granite might endure the century's

cold winter, and the sharp night winds, that

Like spirits in their purgatorial pain, They left, 'tis said, their proud, unburied hones 'F' whilet on the unacknowledged shore; Yet nearly localdy the rocks and were sea-Now answer to the great Pacific's rear.

A mountain stands where Agamemnon died, And Cheops both derived elernal fame lie ause he made his fomb a place of pride, And there the door Metella carned a name.

But there they vanished as the lightnings die,

Their nutchiefs over, in the affrighted earth and me are browers, independent the sky their heroes revieted here nor whiles their 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. The astonishing character of the information made most people loath to believe it until a week later, when the regular dispatches from correspondents verified the fact.

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.

THE first report that the Treaty of Ghent had been completed and peace established with Great Britain reached Philadela phia in a most mysterious manner and fully a week before Washington had official advices. As we expect to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the conclusion of the peace of Ghent this year, this little known story may be of interest now.

The treaty was signed on Christmas Eve, 1814, but salling vessels did not cross the Atlantic in those days with the speed of modern ocean liners, and there was neither cable nor wireless to transmit the news. However, early in the year 1815 a mysterious stranger called upon President Madison at Washington one evening and brought him the news.

That night this same mysterious stranger sent a letter to John Binns, who published the Democratic Press in this city, giving him the same news. Probably no modern newspaper owner would have done what Binns did. Any newspaper receiving such important news today would instantly get out an extra edition, for the whole country was waiting patiently for word that peace had been concluded.

BUT Binns, not knowing from whom the news came, and fearing that it was a rumor intended to influence prices of cotton. rice and other home products, hesitated. The letter, which was anonymous, reached the editor one morning. He read it and then meditated upon his next step. He feared that the information was so important that it would be risky to consult any person as to his next step. He had visions of a speculator booming the prices of some home products or causing a fall in the prices of those imports such as tea, sugar, coffee and other goods which had been laid away in large quantities by some of our long-headed merchants.

No person in Philadelphia had received even a suggestion of the news. Binns made it his business to mix among men likely to have heard such a report, but no one approached him with rumors of that kind. Late in the afternoon, however, he sent the letter to the Merchants' Coffee House, and had it placed in the coffee house books, with his name as authority. In no time the whole water front was busy getting ships in readiness to send them to the South for cotton and rice. The merchants were readier to accept the news than was Binns. He printed the news in his paper the next day.

PRESIDENT MADISON received the news in the same manner and spirit. One evening a person, not known in Washington, presented himself at the President's House. He was met by Madison's private secretary, Edward Coles, afterward the second Governor of Illinois, who listened to the stranger's story. The private secretary asked the stranger to remain seated until he carried his message to the President. The latter was much surprised at both the information and the method by which it was brought to him, and then told Coles to admit to him the mysterious courier. Madison wanted to have a look at the man, and to determine if he was worthy of belief. He also called to his aid the Postmaster General, R. J. Meigs, and the two questioned the stranger closely.

After a long conversation, the President seemed satisfied, yet no information on the subject came from the President's House until the confirming official dispatch arrived some days later, by which time the news had already penetrated through a large part of the country.

BINNS, who relates the incident in his recollections, declared that he never was able to learn the identity of his mysterious letter writer, whom he believed to have been the same person who called upon President Madison that evening in the winter of 1815.

In view of how the news of the peace of Ghent was first given to the American public through the agency of a Philadelphia newspaper, Dame Rumor may not be so faithless a jade. While it is a good plan to be wary of tales of a surprising character. it does not necessarily follow that all rumors are untrue, no matter how extraordinary they may appear. Big news does not always come first from the fountain head. GRANVILLE.

The Ethics of Sniping

From the Boston Transcript.

"Sniping" is a comparatively recent addition to the red lexicon of war. Originally or on its first appearance it signified shooting from ambush or at a great distance. A soldier under this definition might be a susper. The current definition, however, apples 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 recog-nized military organization. Though the word may be new the action it describes is very old. Saiping can be traced far back in history. It existed when organized armies were few and very small, and by the commanders of old times was regarded as simply one of the risks of war. Sniners were not worse than any other fighters in the era before the war became a profession apart. The defenders of Jerusalem against the Roman legions were almost without exception in the category of snipers. men and women who manned the walls of Sara-gassa to reinforce its scanty garrison subjected themselves to the lex talionis

# THE IDEALIST

Can you "think on your feet"? By which I do not necessorily mean, Can 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. A man can handle a situation with marked

skill and precision, can convince those within night or heaving of the wisdom of his attitude without saying a word.
One day a high official of the police de-

partment came tearing down one of our prin-cipal streets in a carriage. At an intersecting street his horse grew unruly. Just at the moment a trolley car passed and in the canfusion the motorman attempted to run his car out of the has a course, He figured wrong, for instead he caused the car to sin the carriage a substantial folt.

According to precedent, the pollowness the corner, under the patronage of his to perior in the carriage, should have forther hurled strong verbal hot-shot at the motor He took the horse by the bridle, turned he head around in the right direction and start

ed him off. Then he waved to the motorna-to proceed down the street. And he had as spoken a word. You see the point. "Thinking on your fair

is really a matter of keeping your head the midst of excitement. It is the thousand words that are essential. It is the thousand and actions that a calm, cool poise pror in you.

### VIEWS OF READERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

Contributions That Reflect Public Opin ion 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. At first they may be a little hard to learn, though the straight streets and right angled corner greatly simplify the matter. But the singular value of your arrangement of routes seems to be the way it facilitates traffic. The care move much more swiftly and with far less danger to pedestrians and vehicles than in any American city I know of. In this respect, at least, Philadelphia is neither "slow"

'dend.' Philadelphia, September 29, 1914.

ANY PROFIT IN "BUYING A BALE"?

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-I wish some Southern reader of the EVENING LEDGER would be good enough to ex-plain how the purchaser of a bale of cotton is going to profit, or even how he is going to break even?" I hear it said that he can keep the cotton in storage and sell it at an advance next year. But by that time, it seems to me, another new crop is going to drive the price down instead of up. Am I right? And if I am right, why not call the "buy-a-bale" movement a legitimate charity and not try to make people think it is a profitable philan-thropy? H. L. HUSKINS, Philadelphia, September 28, 1914.

JUSTICE FOR VILLA

To the Editor of the Buening Ledger: Sir-I am glad to see the entire fairness with which you treat Francisco Villa. Other papers which you treat Francisco with all possible derivatives of "thief," and "bandit," while you inquire only into the sincerity with which he backs what seem excellent principles. Certainly Mexico will never be at peace so long as an officer of the army is in the saddle. Villa knows that, and he is trying to eliminate all

soldiers, himself as much as Carranza. In such

soldiers, himself as much as compathy of every a work he should have the sympathy of every C. K. H. American. Camden, September 28, 1914.

SARCASTIC IN REGARD TO PENROSE To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-I am heart and soul for Boles Penrosa Senator Penrose is a gentleman suf generis. He is a professional office-seeker, and a profes-

sional is always more competent than an ama-You abuse the Senator for adhering to the machine. But this is the day of machine.
Why, in some States they have voting machine. I understand that in this State the machine has done the voting whenever neces sary, but this may not be true after all.

THEOPHRASTUS CLUTTERBUCK Philadelphia, September 25, 1914. A NEW COLLEGE DEGREE FOR PENROS To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-The colleges give honorary degrees each

spring. If a few more men like Penrose (Har vard, '81) develop his failings, their alma makes have to join us in administering the sor of dishonorary degrees that the State of Pennsylvania is going to bestow on Penrose and Mi

ALBERT WELL crowd this fall. Philadelphia, September 29, 1914.

Ferocious Pacificists From the Springfield Republican. It is strange to find some of the flercest advocates of a fight "to the finish" among the advocates of peace, yet the reason is simple enough. When an English exponent of pacific ism is found demanding that Germany must be crushed, and its Emperor, perhaps, sent to St. Helens, what seems like vindictiveness he explains as really due to a desire for peace. This must be the last war. To make sure of Europe must destroy militarism, and to destroy militarism it is necessary to destroy Ger-

Torquemada, and those who apply it do no think of themselves as inhuman, or recognize their likeness to the feroclous Cato the censor, with his Carthaginem esse delendam.

many. It is simple logic, as simple as that of

Banning a Bane From the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle. School is on in the big cities of the East And war" in school has been thoused. In Philadelphia the acting superintendent of the schools. Doctor Brumbaugh being busy on the hustings. has banned all war discussions, all geographical studies pertaining to the battle lines and all narratives of thrilling experiences had by teachers before their flight as refugees. This

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is sound procedure.

From the Springfield Union.
The Krupps have contributed 1,000,000 marks to the Red Cross fund, but their contributions in cannon and the ammunition that provide work for the Red Cross run up into the hundred of million of the Red Cross run up into the hundred of million of the Red Cross run up into the hundred of million of the Red Cross run up into the hundred of million of the Red Cross run up into the hundred of million of the Red Cross run up into the hundred of the Red dreds of millions of marks. Model Malthusianism

From the New York world.

How Maithus would have delighted in this

war, cheery old soul! NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW It is to be hoped that it is not too late for the Mexican factions to get together and prevent a fresh carnival of blood.—New Or-

leans State. The most intelligible complaint of the German sympathizers in this country is that sur newspapers print too much war news obtained from English and French sources, New York

No sensible or fair-minded person wants to have the railroads oppressed and crippled mare ly because some railroad directors have been remiss or unfaithful and some railroad pres-dents have been overambitious.—Springfald (Mass.) Union.

When Congress meets next winter, it should make a careful effort to revise the patent laws. Our present patent system has become an aid to trusts, both foreign and domestic, a check to inventors, and a marvelous promoter of lawsuits.—Chicago Jourgal.

Secretary McAdoo is acting most com-mendably in beginning a movement for bringing to time national banks which may be piling up unnecessary reserves in their vaults while refusing legitimate requests for loans or which may be taking advantage of prevailing conditions to charge excessive in-terest rates.—Los Angeles Express.

Unlike John W. Griggs, counsel for the Marcoal Wireless Company, President Wilson never was a Mark Hanna Attorney General of the United States, but he happens to be Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, and his interpretation of the law bearing upon radio communication with belligerents is likely to prevail.—New York World

Minister Pezet, of Peru, believes not a that lack of good American salesmanship is South America is the principal cause of ear failure to compete successfully with Europe is the past, but that, unless we improve our sales ship, even the European war will not an us to get and keep South American trade -Charleston News and Courier.