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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.

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

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

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 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.

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 "sweeters" such a common draws from the professional humorists.

War Is Gethsemane

IN 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.

Every City Has a "Big Stick"

IN THE course of a recent visit to a part of the United States, especially in the West, the number of municipalities owned public plants in this country has increased 100 per cent.

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.

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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. At first they may be a little hard to learn, though the straight streets and right angled corners greatly simplify the matter.

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 explain 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 "business philanthropy"?

JUSTICE FOR VILLA

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I am glad to see the entire fairness with which you treat Francisco Villa. Other papers label him an "evildoer" or "bandit," 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. It is such a work he should have the sympathy of every American.

SARCASTIC IN REGARD TO PENROSE

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I am heart and soul for Boies Penrose, Senator. Penrose is a professional office-seeker, and a professional is always more competent than an amateur. You abuse the Senator for adhering to the machine. But this is the day of machinery. Why, in some of our elections, the honest machine is a professional office-seeker, and a professional is always more competent than an amateur. You abuse the Senator for adhering to the machine. But this is the day of machinery. Why, in some of our elections, the honest machine is a professional office-seeker, and a professional is always more competent than an amateur.

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To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The colleges give honorary degrees each spring. If a few more men like Penrose (Harvard '83) develop his failings, their alma mater will have to join us in administering the sort of disciplinary degrees that the State of Pennsylvania is going to bestow. The Senate and the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania should have the same regard for the honor of the State as the State has for the honor of the University.

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School is on in the big cities of the East. "War" in school has been tabooed. In Philadelphia the acting superintendent of the schools, Doctor Brumbaugh, being busy on the holidays, 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 is sound procedure.

Playing Both Ends

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 hundreds of millions of marks.

Model Malthusianism

How Malthus would have delighted in this war, cheery old soul!

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

It is to be hoped that it is not too