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Two hundred saloonkeepers meet in secret conference; the next, Pennsylvania hears of free "movies" showing Penrose in Washington.

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On the appearance of Asiatic cholera in Russian Poland and in Vienna Budapest is disquieting. The world is standing on the threshold of new calamities.

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The discovery of innocent persons are making a surprising discovery of the internationalization of capital.

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dinner and have shot and killed them across the table. Belgian women cut the throats of soldiers whom they had quartered in their homes while they were sleeping.

Humpty Dumpty's League Island Wall
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Some people, who ought to know, said he was taking chances. But he replied scornfully: "The wall is a handsome structure and there is nothing wrong."

New Cycles of Cathay
Contra to reports, coming mostly from sources of uncertain dependability, China is now well on the way toward a really republican form of government.

Trying Out a Theory
The completion and opening of Cleveland's municipal ice factory and cold storage warehouse calls attention to the great strides which municipal ownership of public utilities has taken in the last ten years.

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PASSED BY THE CENSOR
OUR sailors and marines had just landed in Vera Cruz and street fighting was in progress. The papers were full of rumors of impending war.

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR
Valuable
Jones has stopped talking of his new safety razor. Guess it won't work.

THE announcement that certain railroads of the country would raise their mileage charges raised many protests, but what would the protesters say if they had to pay 6 cents a mile, as did the passengers on the old-time Mississippi steamboats?

THE prime necessity in the writing of minor news events. Once a green reporter was assigned to an \$8 fire. He returned to the office and wrote a glowing two-column account of the "conflagration," laying special emphasis upon the "holocaust" which had been averted by mere accident, and referring touchingly to the "devouring element."

CHILDREN have queer ambitions for the future. The writer's main object in life, at the mature age of 11, was to produce another "Three Musketeers." But a youngster belonging in a Philadelphia home has given juvenile evidence of future financial greatness.

IN THIS city of ours lives a Frenchman who for years was a valued contributor of the Paris Mail. He represented that paper with the Russian army in Manchuria, where he saw the Bear beaten and yet fight on for five months before a realization of defeat permeated into its dullish brain.

NEWLY MADE millionaire bought a certain Chicago daily paper. His first order was to put on the bulletin board a notice that under no circumstances should the word "balance" be used. "Use 'remainder' instead," he ordered.

TO the world who was transported from England to the island of Jamaica in 1671. Returning without leave two years later, she was hanged in Tyburn Prison. She was also known as the "German Princess."

THE youth stood by the burning deck— Not that one of the bard's—"My life," he said, "you shall not wreck On evil playing cards."

When baby's teething, papa's night Is one of marvellous labor. And mother's day is made a night By certain sayings of the neighbors.

Who is it grabs his pencil blue And makes the correspondent rue The whole heartbreaking interview? The censor.

Cholly (making a date)—Very well, I'll be there. Miss Keen—Be there early, anyway. I won't ask the other thing.—Boston Transcript.

Observing the retirement of General Marquand, it becomes plain that Field Marshal John McGrath's left wing has given away.—New York Herald.

And then my Conscience sort of grits His teeth and spits On his two hands and grabs, of course Some old remorse. And beats me with the big butt-end Of that thing—'till my closest friend 'Tid hardly know me. "Now," says he, "Be careful as you'd orto be, And allus think o' me!" —James Whitcomb Riley, in Century Magazine.

DONE IN PHILADELPHIA
I NEVER have been able to discover the time when the stage was not declining, according to some writers of the period, and I have come to the conclusion that each generation, after it ceases to be interested in theatrical exhibitions, comes to the conclusion that the shows are not so good as they used to be.

There is not one playhouse in the city that would dare to offer the kind of entertainment that was filling houses in 1857. The usual evening's offering was a drama and a farce and dancing.

PERHAPS, instead of commenting on that program, I should give another week's offerings in the same way. On Monday evening the plays were "West End" or "The Irish Heiress" and the farce, "Miserable of Human Life"; Tuesday, "Walden" and the nautical drama, "Black Eyed Susan"; Wednesday, "Seven Ages of Women" and the farce "The Cork Leg"; Thursday, "Fazio," "My Neighbor's Wife" and "Valet Sham"; Friday, "The Stoops to Conquer" and the drama "Dombey and Son"; Saturday, "Monsieur Jacques," "Dombey and Son" and "My Neighbor's Wife."

CHANGES of bill were not so frequent at the Arch Street Theatre that season. The "Sea of Ice" had attracted general attention, in view of Doctor Kane's Arctic expedition, and the drama had a run of almost three weeks in April. A comedy, "Love in 1830," was another popular piece about this time, and had a run for almost two weeks, while Shakespeare's "Henry IV," which is unknown to theatre-goers of the present day, had a run of the same duration.

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Another Masterly Retreat
Observing the retirement of General Marquand, it becomes plain that Field Marshal John McGrath's left wing has given away.—New York Herald.

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Without any attempt to generate enthusiasm with a stirring speech, I simply called off the list and after each name delegated my boys in teams of two to "go get him."

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—Every Philadelphian is loyal in his support of the Athletics and desires to see them win the world's series. But we must all acknowledge the marvelous game Boston has played for the last three months, and while we admire them for it, we must consider what such phenomenal signs of sportsmanship mean to our own team's chance.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS FOR TRUTH
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—Many a reader must reflect on the unfairness of the news of the present war compared with other recent conflicts in which the newspaper correspondent has had a free hand. The war offices have undertaken to handle the news, and they seem to be doing very badly.

A British Washington City
From the Richmond News-Leader.
The prime of England has directed that the form of prayer for the British navy and armies now engaged in war be used in all the churches of Great Britain, in England, and in the Town of Berwick-on-Tweed.

With Penrose Still to Be Heard From
From the Detroit Free Press.
The limit of arrogance has been reached in Pennsylvania. A Norristown man claims to be able to pronounce correctly the names of all the places mentioned in the war dispatches.

The New Allies
Let us see, Germany and Austria are now aiding Russia, France, Belgium, Italy, the United States, Canada, Australia, James Gordon Bennett, Serbia, Montenegro, Gibraltar and Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst.

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