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DELPHIA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1914

"Working" for Penrose

day two hundred saloonkeepers meet

in secret conference; the next, Penn-

a-haars of free "movies" showing Pen-

rose in Washington. The "barkeeps"

do by the aid of "small orange-colored

and a secret password—object un-

Penrose's "movie" man proudly an-

that it costs the Senator a hundred

and infinite surprise to the office

of the Capitol. But it was worth it. At

first, the Senator is going to have a

remind of other days to cheer him

in the winter of discontent.

Wisdom in Vigilance

ONE'S of the appearance of Asiatic

cholera in Russian Poland and in Vienna

Budapest are disquieting. The world

is standing on the threshold of new

conditions are exceedingly favor-

to the spread of the disease through a

part of Europe. Armies and battles

carry it far, but it is also to be remem-

bered that in vast regions where there are

vines and battles the requirements of

sanitation, just now, cannot be easily met.

Disease and pestilence, accom-

panying war or following in its wake, have

times devastated cities, countries,

whole continents. It is more or less

natural to reflect that scientific knowl-

edge has lessened the danger;

sanitation has been marvelously

developed in recent years; that the perils

in food and water supplies are recog-

and that quarantine is nowadays, in

countries, regarded at its full value.

whatever Europe may be able to do to

the spread of Asiatic cholera. It is

important that the strictest

measures be taken at American ports to

this country from possible invasion

of Europe. When awful havoc was

done in Europe in 1892 by that disease,

silence of the port authorities of the

United States was the price of public safety.

Commerce Knows No Country

MBER of innocent persons are making

surprising discovery of the interna-

tionalization of capital. A great many Eng-

men are worrying over the news that

cent of the stock of a 50-year-old Staff-

shire firm is owned in Germany. Shall

they buy goods from our enemy?

we contribute to his funds? Or shall

we cut down his works, impoverish the

stockholders and throw hundreds of

workmen into the street? To pay

duty over to the army does not seem a

more satisfactory solution, for wise

are saying that nothing must be done

ere with the free flow of foreign capi-

the country when the war is over.

Incidents are spreading faint glimmer-

knowledge that something binds us

together. Common humanity may

be strong enough, but commercial inter-

ests are. When this war has rubbed

the notion of how completely we are com-

munity and industrially stratified and in-

ated across all our frontiers, it is not

to be so easy to start a new conflict.

Tage for Those Who Fight the Fight

THE end of every political campaign

here is recrimination. Perhaps the hard-

these Coroners' verdicts is the sheer

victorious boorism so often flings at "the

"he who have been deceived and the men

who still believe in them. It is

disfashion to read such a sympathetic

analytic analysis of popular failings as

from an English statesman:

the inhabitants of a modern State,

whether they are officials or journalists or

ignorants, are indeed ignorant of much

it would be well for them to know

enough by much that would be well

to tell them. That they are so due

to their fact that individuals are

short and temperate and "collective,"

and ferocious, but to the fact that they

human beings, whose intellectual and

natural nature was evolved in contact

the restricted environment of the

native world, and who have not yet

seen, if ever they will, either to educate

faculties in each generation to fit their

environment or to change their environ-

so as to fit their faculties.

thoughts give new courage to the

to "fight the good fight" for political

us all over our United States each

strosities Felicitously Described

FOR VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG

gave immortality for a certain felicitous

expression when he characterized

treaty agreement as a "scrap of paper."

Now again the great diplomat

is beautifully simple language. "Eng-

tell your countrymen," says he, ad-

the fair-minded Americans, "that

troops burned down Belgian vil-

ages, but will not burn ours."

The conviction is growing that the Euro-

pean Powers might be better off now had

adopted the "watchful waiting" policy

which the Belgians pursued a short while

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."

Of course, we all share in Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg's indignation that social calls should be outraged by such courtesy. It is quite unpardonable. While the Belgian girls were gorging out the eyes of wounded German soldiers and Belgian women were cutting the throats of sleeping callers, and Belgian hosts were shooting their guests across dinner tables, Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg does not tell us what social atrocities the Belgian babies were engaged. The German chancellor's silence in this respect is most ominous, for, judging by the reprehensible manners of their parents and sisters, we feel quite certain the Belgian infants were industriously occupied on the fields of battle, subjecting the poor Germans to tortures too fiendish and terrible to describe.

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." And now the wall is down, and "all the king's horses and all the king's men" are hauling off the pieces. Poor Humpty Dumpty and his ivory dome!

Unfortunately, the destruction of the \$250,000 League Island wall may not be the end of Senator Edwin Humpty Vare. He may even go on for some time building "near concrete" work for the city. Experts will continue to condemn it. Vare will insist that it is the best ever made. And then, when the bluff can't be kept up any longer, he'll start tearing it down again.

There is one consolation, anyway: "Near concrete" is the best material for wrecking.

## New Cycles of Cathay

CONTRARY to reports, coming mostly from sources of uncertain dependability, China is now well on the way toward a really republican form of government. An optimistic message is brought by Professor Frank Johnson Goodnow, who until recently was constitutional adviser to the President of China, and has now returned to this country to assume his new duties as president of Johns Hopkins. Doctor Goodnow not only ridicules the stories of dictatorial and so-called imperialistic ambitions on the part of Yuan Shih Kai, but says that the President and his advisers are working earnestly to create a free system of government for China, which will answer the immediate needs of the Republic by wielding a strong centralized power.

In view of this evidence, coming from a man who is considered one of the greatest authorities on law and administration and a sincere exponent of the principle of democratic yet efficient government, the people of this country cannot help but wish China success, at the same time preserving a sympathetic patience for her efforts to extricate herself from the bondage of dark ages. For today the phrase of an English poet, "rather 60 years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay," has lost some of its meaning.

## 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. A report of the United States Census Bureau, just issued, shows a remarkable growth. From 1902 to 1912, heat, power and light plants have almost doubled in number. They have increased from \$15 to \$152, or 947 per cent., while privately owned plants have grown from 285 to 353, or 304 per cent. A net gain of more than 40 per cent. over private industry and private enterprise is at least impressive. It does not settle the merits of the case, but it means valuable experimentation on a pressing question of public policy.

## The Kaiser's Last Shred

LONDON tells us that the Kaiser may lose

his Garter: England is nerved for any desperate blow. William may laugh, "Ich wuerde sorgen," as he reads the daily report of his iron-cross factory; but the news is not to be taken lightly by the rest of us. It threatens the social decorum of all Europe. William has already disdained himself of sundry foreign robes of honor. Fearlessly he has bared his breast to the autumn winds by the removal of alien ribbons, decorations and medals. He has cast off half a dozen honorary collars—there perhaps lies the secret of his recent pneumonia—and discarded a score of uniforms of the armies of his enemies. If England takes the fatal step of removing the Kaiser's Garter, we may have to transfer Anthony Comstock to the embassy at Berlin.

## Life Motto of Dickens

HOPE is help and health and strength, the roll of doubt and the enemy of discouragement and despair. A prominent physician said that the world is full of four things, "sin, sorrow, books and neurosis."

Hope is a corrective of all these, "the evidence of things not seen." It is the power to be cheerful when there is little or nothing to be cheerful about; and of priceless value even if it did lie in the bottom of Pandora's box. Somewhere in every heart is concealed this inexhaustible source of cheer. "We are saved by hope," saved from folly and weakness and surrender. Hope always paints a picture of the future.

The world cannot be wholly bad while men

are hopeful of the best. The life motto of Dickens was: "Don't stand and cry, but press forward and help relieve the difficulty."

Four New Haven Directors Resign as

Mellen Takes the Stand." Cause and effect?

This year's pork barrel is headed up at last, thank heavens!

No, Alice, it is Gurkhas, not gherkins, that India has contributed to the feast of Mars.

Wilson believes that a second cup in 1914 is better than a demitasse now.

War is just one offensive operation after another.

The world's series fans will do well to take it out on the speculator instead of the um-

pte.

How does Mexico manage to go to war without a Hague or even a Balance of Power?

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pean Powers might be better off now had

adopted the "watchful waiting" policy

which the Belgians pursued a short while

## PASSED BY THE CENSOR

OUR sailors and marines had