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PASSED BY THE CENSOR
PLUTARCH, who had as many "lives" as a
Tippitery cat, says in one of them:
"A prating barber asked Archelaus how
he would like to be trimmed. He answered:
'in silence.'"
Percy Standing, the actor, had his hair cut
in silence last Saturday in the Hotel Lincoln,
Pittsburgh, barber shop. It cost him \$9.75.

Penrose Playing Samson
MAD with pain and humiliation, with
vision gone and strength sapped,
Penrose is trying to win revenge and a last
personal triumph before he goes to his doom.
Like Samson of old, he has put his arms
around the columns supporting the Republic-
an home that has sheltered him for years
and with one final desperate effort he would
pull it to the ground to cover his own ruin.

Wait for the Second
THE first act is over and the heroine is in
the clutches of the Red Indian. But mind
you, the villain is only temporarily triumph-
ant. The second act is on this afternoon.
Wait for the hero to get in his licks. A good
play is a better play for a desperate state.
Whoever saw a really good melodrama that
didn't put virtue in a pretty bad dx at the
start-off?

Pennsylvania Itself the Judge
THE Norris resolution is not dead. It has
merely been put to sleep. Meantime the
people of Pennsylvania have an opportunity
to set themselves and this great common-
wealth right before the nation by repudiating
utterly the system against which the inquiry
is directed and the man who is its champion
and its leader.

Make Health Contagious
IN CLOSING the silver jubilee celebration
at Johns Hopkins, Doctor Flexner made
an announcement of fitting importance. He gave
assurance that infantile paralysis is caused
by a germ organism, which he has succeeded
in isolating and by means of which he has
proved infection to be spread. It is the first
step toward a dependable cure. Prevention
is already in sight, for it is now clear that
the disease is transmitted through respira-
tion and that adults carry the germs which
may infect children.

Continue to Pray
O BEDIENT to President Wilson's request,
millions of prayers were offered to the
Almighty and All-Father last Sunday on
behalf of peace.

Bryan Embarrassed—Never!
NOT even the clergymen of Ohio, deter-
mined that the Secretary of State shall
make a pronouncement upon prohibition, can
really embarrass him. They may put him in
a pausing predicament, they may annoy him
by their unsophisticated zeal, they may make
it hard for him to be passionately and convinc-
ingly eloquent; but they can no more
embarrass him than they could the Teutonic
orcade.

Japan Reawakening China
CHINA once more is rubbing its eyes over
the astounding prestige and progress of
Japan. When Nippon defeated Russia, the
Chinese first realized the value of western
civilization. Under Yuan Shi Kai the new
republic has been slowly slipping back into its
age-long somnolence.

Hope for the Merchant Marine
SINCE the new registry law went into
effect 43 foreign vessels have been added
to the American merchant marine. This is a
hopeful sign for the future of shipping inter-
ests in this country, and what is now ur-
gently needed is a definite governmental
policy by which the advantage already
gained can be kept and increased.

Our Mexican Prisoners
From the Indianapolis News
The Rev. Ernest C. Warming, an editor of the
Western Christian Advocate, is convinced that
a city has no soul. So, at least, he reminds him-
self in a recent address before the Zion Park
Assembly. Those who feel inclined to dispute
the Rev. Mr. Warming's judgment, however,
may feel the strictly biblical reason on their
side. A good deal depends on what is meant
by "soul."

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From the Indianapolis News
The President and Congress have done well
to take time for further discussion of the
Government's plan to liberate our Mexican
prisoners. The measure has steadily lost
importance. When first proposed it seemed
that the Government would be com-
pelled to protect the business of the
country. Almost two months have passed and
the emergency, if any exists, is not grave enough
to warrant the expenditure of the great
body of products.—Chicago Herald.

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR
The Real Strain
World's Series games are a terrible strain
on the nerves of the spectators, and also on
their pocketbooks.
Pity Both
Pity the Boston gentleman supplied with a
dozen wads
Offered a chance to back his team and back
it at mounting odds;
Sure of the nine's ability and the strength
of his fighting lungs,
Who didn't play the initial game—who simply
would not plunget.

Caught
"I was looking at some \$20 hats today," said
his wife, "and I brought this one home to see
what you think of it."
"Beautiful," said her husband.
"That's what I thought. This is a cheap
\$5 hat; let me have it!"

CURIOSITY SHOP
Both England and Prussia have been designat-
ed as "Aaron's Serpent" (Ex. VII, 10-12),
the latter because she absorbed India and
the small German States.

HUM OF HUMAN CITIES
Music is not a problem for Philadelphia;
the city has its orchestra, and its operatic
visitors. And music is not a problem for
Keokuk. But in between lie cities like St.
Louis, which appreciate and desire good
music, but which find it very difficult to
obtain. Just now St. Louis is waging a
broad, popular campaign to save its Sym-
phony Orchestra.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW
There is a pronounced difference between
total military debility and a top-heavy mili-
tarism which crashes over into a war with its
own weight, and this is just the time when
American people to touch also with common
sense.—New York Evening Sun.

THE IDEALIST
Few people will deny the character-build-
ing virtues of hard work. Quilo often, how-
ever, a very low rating is put on these virtues.
For instance, it is a common thing to hear
that hard work serves as a means of keeping
one out of trouble. If one remains busy, one
has little time to devote to unprofitable plea-
sures and mind-destroying occupations. This
concept, however, is a very low valuation
of work.

THE BARBLING FOOL
Politics is a disease which causes honest
men to become machine adherents.
This malnutrition, it is said, is the result of
state-milking qualities remaining in the
body. No politician ever sprained his ankle run-
ning from office.
A politician who holds a position that is
rather hold down a position than a job.

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Views of Readers
ON TIMELY TOPICS
Contributions That Reflect Public Opin-
ion on Subjects Important to City,
State and Nation.

SUFFRAGE WINNING THE WORLD
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—Please let me congratulate and thank
the Evening Ledger for its editorial on the
subject of woman suffrage in the October 7 issue.
I congratulate you because your unequivocal
stand for a great reform, which is sweeping
the entire world, shows that your new evening
paper is progressive in policy and has the
courage and foresight that augur success. I
thank you for befriending a cause that is
working not for the sake of a majority vote
on the side of Justice, but for the sake of the
whole people to the true meaning of democracy.
CAROLINE KATZENSTEIN,
Executive Secretary, Equal Franchise Society
of Philadelphia,
Philadelphia, October 8.

HELPS TAXPAYERS TO DISCOVER
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—Your article on the "Hands of Esau"
are well written and very interesting. More
than that, they reveal to the taxpayer the true
nature of the Organization, so that he learns
more about the system of which he is
hardly thought about before. I hope you will
print the articles in pamphlet form when the
series is completed.
J. D. TURNBULL,
Philadelphia, October 8.

FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—Good for the EVENING LEDGER and its
editorial on the subject of woman suffrage.
Philadelphia, October 8.
F. R.

COMMENTS STAND ON SUFFRAGE
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—May I express to you the gratification
that we feel in learning that your paper has
taken a stand for the enfranchisement of
women. With best wishes,
EMILY SARGENT LEWIS,
President Equal Franchise Society of Phila-
delphia,
Philadelphia, October 8.

JEALOUSY
She leaned from out her casement wide,
And watched below the human tide
Flow, as the night drew nigh;
Bitter the thoughts her fancy span,
And black the threat that through them ran
As the hurried feet swept by:
For, like a poisonous seed wide-sown,
Her base imaginations had grown
And o'er her heart had crept;
Till on the one who loved her best,
Who strove to hold that love, hard-pressed,
Her ceaseless watch she kept.

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