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ment and development of the American merchant marine the navigation laws must be so revised as to enable our ship owners to compete on equal terms with the carriers of other nations.

As for the proposal for Government-owned ships, its adoption would mean, among several evils, a competition which would discourage private capital.

Penrose Playing Samson With vision gone and strength sapped, Penrose is trying to win revenge and a last personal triumph before he goes to his doom.

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 triumphant.

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 commonwealth right before the nation by repudiating utterly the system against which the inquiry is directed.

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.

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

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.

Hope for the Merchant Marine SINCE the new registry law went into effect 62 foreign vessels have been added to the American merchant marine. This is a hopeful sign for the future of shipping interests in this country.

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

PLUTARCH, who had as many "lives" as a Tipperary cat, says in one of them: "A prating barber asked Archelaus how he would like to be trimmed. He answered: 'In silence.'"

Standing sat himself down in the chair and suggested that the man of shears trim his hair slightly, especially in the back, as his part required that he wear his hair rather long.

Revenge! Desperate Desmond in his most fiendish moment had never perpetrated so scurvy a trick! For that German barber had deliberately and with malice aforethought clipped Desmond's back hair with a horse clipper in the style so much in vogue among office boys.

STATIONED within a square of City Hall is a policeman who has certain political views which he does not always care to have made public.

FOR many years engineers and inventors puzzled their collective brains over the question of casting high temperature metals. They had cast iron and lead and zinc, but bronze and steel had resisted their efforts.

IT WAS just before the war. The British militants were smashing up things in general and shop windows in London in particular.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW There is a pronounced difference between total military debility and a top-heavy military machine which crashes over into a war with its own weight.

SOUL OF A TOWN From the Indianapolis News: The Rev. Ernest C. Waring, an editor of the Western Christian Advocate, is convinced that a city has no soul.

Our Mexican Prisoners From the New York Tribune: An incident of the Mexican war almost forgotten is the internment at Fort Wingate, N. M., of a Federal army of several thousand men and women which nearly a year ago sought refuge on our soil when closely pursued by the Constitutionists.

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

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The Reason "He's rather old-fashioned; positively won't trust a bank with his money."

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the firm is now leisurely looking over plans for a residence, garage included. The sudden overtaking of the sugar market is working other wonders as well.

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 you say in your editorial under the heading, "Brumbaugh Qualified by Experience," to picture Doctor Brumbaugh as a mere pedagogue is to fly as wide of the mark as possible.

Suffrage Winning the World To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Please let me congratulate and thank the Evening Ledger for its clear, strong editorial on woman suffrage in the October 7 issue.

New Men in New Times To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—May I congratulate you upon the stand taken recently in your columns on the subject of suffrage for women?

Helps Taxpayers to Discover To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Your articles on the "Hands of Esau" are well written and very interesting.

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.

For Woman Suffrage To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Good for the Evening Ledger and its editorial staff in their fight for woman suffrage.

Jalousy She leaned from out her casement wide, And watched below the human tide Flow, as the night drew nigh.

The Babbling Fool Politics is a disease which causes honest men to become machine adherents. Anybody can be a politician; it takes special qualifications to remain a voter.