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actly as it was believed to have been by impartial observers. France promised explicitly to regard the neutrality of Belgium. Germany was notified of that guarantee. Germany professed to have secret information that France was insincere and would not keep her pledge.

SOME THOROUGHBERED Americans at a Wedding Festival—The Adventure of Young "Charley" Taft—Former President Sure the Republican Party Will "Come Back" if Given Half a Chance—Believes in an Independent Judiciary.

THE candidates on the ballot be arranged in circular form so that no one should have any advantage over another by standing first on the list. A suggestion of more practical nature is to follow the method of several new charters and print a number of different ballots in each of which the names of the candidates are arranged in a new order.

SCRAPPLE The Woes of Poverty "I asked for bread," moaned Poverty, "and you gave me breakfast food." Which proves that things are as bad now as they were during the Stone Age.

Penrose Inaction a Confession of Guilt NO MORE serious charge has ever been made against an American Senatorial rank than that leveled at Senator Botes Penrose by the editors of the North American. He is accused of acts that would invalidate his right to represent the people of Pennsylvania in any capacity whatever.

Brumbaugh a Constructive Force THE next Governor of Pennsylvania must be a man of independent and constructive capacity. With such questions as local option, the reorganization of the State Highway Department and the elimination of boss rule hanging up, Pennsylvania cannot afford to have a Chief Executive who has not proved himself a master in the art of public service.

THOROUGHBERED Americans, the Tafts! They came here in force last Saturday to see Robert Taft and Martha Bowers married. There were Henry and Horace and William. Charles P. was absent for some good reason, but he was represented by members of his family. There were, of course representatives of the four families especially interested in the alliance—the Tafts, Herrons, Bowerses and Wilsons, and they were all happy, especially the two young folk who were all the world the one to the other.

THE TAXPAYER'S CHOICE To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The "Hands of Esau" articles have awakened an interest in this city that must be appreciated by men of all political affiliations, regardless of parties, for the manner in which the bipartisan machine is being exposed by your able editor of the Evening Ledger.

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Penrose Inaction a Confession of Guilt (continued) Penrose is alleged to have been one of three major benefactors to have used the United States Banking Department to squeeze Reysburn through the banks carrying his paper, to have adjourned the Catlin commission in order to avoid giving testimony before it, to have controlled the Commonwealth's officers of justice with a view to presenting or withholding whatever he wished from the commission.

Brumbaugh a Constructive Force (continued) Doctor Brumbaugh's fitness is not doubted by any one who knows his record in Philadelphia. Besides being the Superintendent of Education, he co-operated with every movement for higher citizenship and a better social order. He was a firm supporter of the Blankenburg administration, and as an unpaid member of the City Recreation Board he did more than any other citizen to provide breathing spaces and recreation centres, both for children and adults.

THAT is the way "Charley" father thought and felt about it. He played the game straight, and, whatever his disappointment with his friends, he looks out upon the world with clear eyes and clean hands, content with his lot—the best loser that ever held a hand in national politics. Horace, who is, next to William, the most human of the Tafts, says that the former President is perfectly happy in his new home and with his new duties in New Haven. Of course, he is no such teacher as Horace, who has been in the business since 1890—24 years, but he is doing his work well and getting better every day.

THE TAXPAYER'S CHOICE (continued) On its completion it should be published in pamphlet form and placed in every voter's hand in the city, that they may see the light as they have never before seen it, and know the absolute truth, that heretofore never has been so justly and fully exposed.

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Fair Play for the Fair Sex THE carefully organized and vigorous campaign on behalf of women's suffrage is certain to produce concrete results in this city. Now that the bizarre aspect has worn away and unilluminated ridicule has shot its last shaft, there remains only the education of the rank and file of the voters to be achieved.

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INTERVIEWING THE STATUES Rain and wind and sleet and snows had left their imprint on his bronzed features. There was a metallic ring in his voice. "To tell the truth," said George Washington, as he "climbed down" from the pedestal in front of Independence Hall, "this statue business isn't what it's cracked up to be. You've got to stand still or sit still. If you shifted from one leg to the other or turned your head around, you'd cause talk and—oh, yes, you want to know my opinion on some things in particular and the European war in general—General von Kluck," added the Father of His Country.

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Boston's Opera Embargoed BOSTON, like Philadelphia, is to have no Simon-pure, native, mid-in-Europe opera this winter. While the big Opera House opens its doors to glorified, operatic "movies," Elbert Jordan, the principal cock-shock, as well as founder, of the enterprise, announces that there will be no more opera there till the European noise ceases to compete.

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Penrose Filled With Laughter THAT the Vares are not so acute in mental vision as the excellent gentlemen who delights to use them is probably true, although they have been known also to have the benefit of Harvard-trained intelligence. Reading how honorable Penrose has been in furthering their interests, no doubt the Vares will exercise every influence they possess to secure his election to the Senate. They will be glad to have in Washington a friend who can be relied on when in a good humor. What's a stab in the dark now and then between friends? Besides, a tactician must have some things to laugh at now and then.

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Col. Waterson Still Undisciplined A DELICATE problem in steamshiping is presented to President Wilson at this moment. The news of his reconciliation with Colonel Waterson hardly precedes the arrival of a Louisville newspaper which contains the following rare bit:

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Belgium's Case Against Germany THE story of Belgium's diplomatic struggle for the preservation of her neutrality is now placed clearly before the world by the publication of the Belgian "Gray Book," detailing the Government's pre-war communications. Summarized, the case is as follows:

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