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The Dupe Demands Proof

F SENATOR PENROSE did not give this I false information to the North American. It is up to him as a candidate for the United States Senate to so deny it that the public will be satisfied of its falsity," said Congressman Vare, rising to a question of personal privilege yesterday in the House.

Mr. Vare, it appears, is sensitive of his honor and good name. More important to him even than the alleged treachery of Mr. Penrose is the charge that he personally corrupted Mayor Reyburn and gloated over his success in doing it. So the integrity of Mr. Vare is equally involved in this affair with that of Mr. Penrose. The failure of the Senator to make any effort to vindicate his honesty makes of Mr. Vare a helpless victim: that is, helpless except at the ballot box.

But why should the Senator worry about that? Mr. McNichol is ready with a southing tonic. The Vares have been cajoled and fooled and used many times before; why not again? Before the week is over, Penrosa and McNichol leaders intimate, the Vares will again be licking the McNichol and Penrose boots.

But back of the bickerings and trades of the leaders waits the great public. Mr. Vare's speech has crystallized sentiment. It has endowed the charges with renewed ansthority. It has made their submission or a court of justice imperative. They must be noticed, proved or disproved.

More infamous than the election of Mr. Penrose to the Senate while resting under these charges would be the immunity of the editors of the North American if their accussation is untrue. There is rescallty on one side or the other, and the editors have been daily challenging the accused to put the issue to the proof.

Another Reverse for America's Air Army

AGAIN America is bulked of a suitable nir army. This time it is beither a paraimonious Congress nor a short-sighted Wor. Department that must be blamed. The fault Hes squarely with our uncaterprising, unambitious designers and manufacturers of nero-

enough. The only response was three lone been called off, and the army will be animat even the meagre quots of social defense prowided by Congress.

All this is only another proof that American energy and initiative in the acroplane field have absolutely gone to seed since the early work of the Wrights. While Europe | the nation, has forged ahead with great strides, the United States has vegetated.

"You Can't Fool All the People"

THIS is 'Pencoseism'," mays mocard which A has been distributed broad-ust over the State, referring to a quotarion move to pended. Perhaps it makes no difference that has been able to find in any of Lincoln's works the quotation used. He might have said it even if he didn't.

There is, however, one statement which Lincoln did make. There is no dispute about it. Moreover, it is particularly apt at this time, when an effort is being made to felst on the Republican party on its preserver the man who is the chief enemy: "Yourcan't R.A. all of the people all of the time."

World Styles "Made in Germany"

TERMAN system. Tentonic thoroughpious G Ab, what a nation! Nothing left to. chance, everything arranged for. Kitchens on wheels, telephones in the frenches, mannfacturing plants close to the ecomies' forts. with concrete roofs to use as foundations. for slege guns; half a bumbred clayer, forsighted preparations for this war that was ferced upon her.

And now styles. A national meeting but been held in Beriin to soulle upon dress modes for women and men. In it patriotism? Only incidentally, for simplicity and economy are to be the Regnotes. No Hermany Books farther ahead. In this matter of failure she Is looking clear to the end of the war. When hostlitles are over, so they may Germany will have in supply styles to the rest of the world. A worthy goal?

Let Naval Increase Wait

THERE are two good remons why the Administration should hold back on mayal construction. The first is that with the close of the European war there may be a treaty limitation of armaments armous the great nations; in which case the United States might find itself possessed of superfluors ships. The account reason is that the present war will indicate what are the most elective types of vessels. To build dreadhoughts now, only to find later that submarines or torpedoboats make them obsolete, would surely be the belight of fully. Every consideration bids us wait.

Cutting the Cost of Accidents BESIDES the time lost to production and wage-carning by the two million ladgetrial accidents which occur in this country yearly, there is a vast social minfortune in

the fact that IS per cent, or more of the

workers killed in the mills, factories and

paines are under 40 years of age: they are

ness to the world have been only partially fulfilled.

Workmen's compensation is included in the definite legislative program which Doctor Brumbaugh proposes to Pennsylvania. He aligns himself with progressive thought on this economic and humanitarian subject, and stands squarely in favor of what has proved the most effective method yet discovered of reducing the enormous cost imposed on society by industrial accidents,

The National Civic Federation bears testimony to the fact that "the objections raised by either employer or employe prior to the enactment of compensation acts have been mostly removed by experience under the acts." These statutes, some of them faulty, are nevertheless giving excellent results. With the experience of 22 States to guide her, there is absolutely no reason why Pennsylvania should go very far wrong in the framing of her own compensation law.

Brumbaugh Meets the Demand

FOUR distinct demands will be made of the next State Legislature. Bills will have to be drafted, discussed and passed upon dealing with local option, child labor, emplayers' liability and good roads. Reports coming in from all the legislative districts of the Commonwealth show the candidates pledging themselves on these subjects,

Doctor Brumbaugh has defined himself clearly and emphatically on each of these important matters. The platform upon which he stands has been self-made, therefore his commitment is more complete and inevadable than if he were offering himself to the people on a platform of generalities drafted. by a State committee or convention for campaign purposes.

Doctor Brumbaugh has promised to formulate and expedite legislation upon these four argent and important points. That promise he will keep to the letter.

Another Anti-Suffrage Extravagance

OF COURSE, it is a good many years since the anti-suffragists ridiculed votes for wemen as the refuge of old maids and domineering downgers. But nevertheless they will have to square that old canard with the brand-new one that suffrage is using pretty young girls as a "lure" for votes.

If that is all the "antis" have to explain, they will be fortunate. The reported statement of one of them that these girls "just blossoming into womanhood" were exposed "to the dangers of becoming the prey of designing men" is a rather large and risky order. If there are real dangers, deliberately gnored, then the charge is too grave for the political use made of it. If the girls are merely meeting and talking to "unknown" men in the usual course of curbstone speaking, then the whole business is too ridiculous

cont of their own mouths the "antis" are

Good Morals and Bad Politics

CUSTOM-MADE, rock-ribbed Republican A said yesterday that the opposition of Republicans to Penrose might be "good morals, but it was damned bad politics,"

The "good morals" being easily conceded will lead a great many voters to ignore the quality of the politics. If they care to argue the point, they will be in an impregnable position when they assert that good morals caused possibly be had politics. But supposing it is "damaed bad politics," as the game is now played, it is better to have the debit on the side of the politics than prefaced to the morals:

But it can be successfully contended that The Government offer of \$20,000 in prizes | to oppose l'enrose is not bad politics at all, to induce entries for the \$75,000 worth of but exceedingly good politics. We need permachines to be bought was surely liberal specifice. If good politics is simply to win ent Republicans are making a big blunder. that there is another and more important election in 1916. If Penrose is elected next month it will put the means of victory into the hands of the Democrats for the coming presidential contest. Penrose triumphant in Penesylvania means Republican disaster in

Out of Proportion

DECEMENT ELLEAN FOWNER successor. the High Priest of Zion City, threatens. to repel the Carelmation officers of the Hilnois State Board of Harabb with cannon balls if they looks upon inoculating members of his which the name of Abraham Lincoln is and flock. Meeting pin pricks with tons of screaming shells and bursting bombs implies neither Mr. Pearose himself nor anyhody else | that the war has got on his nerves and disturbed his holy calm.

Helping War-orphaned Children

SANTA CLAUS cannot be killed. He is the King of Joy. The Christmas ship now tonding will be piloted across the seas by this include old here, who knows no nathoughts and is as amounted as the sun-Some things are beyond the range of shell and strupped, and these are the things which make for peace and good with. The sense of benevalence is not dead, and the law of love survives the atrouties of war.

Christman will mean more; possibly, than a linear tribulal or freaties of peace. It will ut least draw attention to the nobler

bettle our life: The children of the world are not at war, and it may be that a lattle child shall lead them. At least, this preparation for the festivities of the sucred day in worth while with a the grathest are structure in a

Exerciseds who contributes to the American Christmas ship cargo helps the wars orrhand children of Europe and incidentally does much for the better feeling of mankind.

In Charles Mellen showing us what to do Actio and excitational presidents?

Arter Day, with its planting of tender green things, began representely with an extra blanker and the recurrected svercout:

Answers the their ment knows just how many people down to the sixth digit, availed the boloma tax this year. The war bis delayed lots of other things

ments Mareon's wireless talk agrees the Weakness of curs, due to continued warm spentition." will probably surprise a good many.

proble, who always believed that it added to

the strongth of the bounts. In support of the candidacy of Ambassador Gerard for Putted States Senator from New York, a General Tourists' Committhe is to be organized. Askin the fortunes of war become a campalga asset, with about as much reasonableness, so far as political besses are concerned, as when the tale of Colonel Teddy's charge up San Juan hill banded him in the Governor's chair at Almen whose obligations to family and useful. | bany.

THE HANDS OF ESAU

Greatest Manufacturing City of Western Hemisphere Fights to Regain Commercial Pre-eminence—How Politics Has Bottled Up Philadelphia—Director Norris' Plans Should Have Enthusiastic Support—The Great Opportunity Now at Hand.

"The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

FOREWORD

"Between whatever places foreign trade is carried on they all of them derive two distinct benefits from it. It carries out that surplus part of the produce of their land and labor for which there is no demand among them and brings back in return for it something else for which there is a demand.-Adam Smith.

Better government in Philadelphia is being slowly strangled. The Blankenburg administration of a few city offices expresses better government just an completely as an anti-Tammany administration does in New York. The cold fingers of "The Organization," Philadelphia's Tammany, twisting dexterously through a pliable majority in Councils and officials under control, are pressing hard on its windpipe. Unless pried off by the people themselves, strangulation of better government must ensue. In the modest palaces behind the myriad two-story red brick fronts of working Philadelphia dwell the real beneficiaries of better government. They pay the taxes, It is for them to say how the public funds shall be expended. Their support alone means better government. The worst that can be said of people who toil is that they are sometimes too tired to study a public subject—SOME-TIMES, NOT ALWAYS.

NO. IX-COMMERCE.

UNTIL the Eric Canal was opened in 1825 teresting illustration of how dinvisible gov-America in foreign commerce. Then New York nosed in, and we lost the China trade, and gradually we shared our over-seas supremacy with Boston, San Francisco and New Orleans. For the last three years Philadelphia has had a man at the head of its Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries who believes this grand old town can "come back" on the water front.

George W. Norris is a philosopher in temperament and a dynamo in energy. One must have rare courage, indeed, to face day in and day out the ignoble, bectoring tactics of a city Councils and other public officials controlled by men who have mired all their civic honor in self-interest. In that Mr. Norris looks far beyond the immediate horizon; he reflects the spirit of the entire Blankenburg Administration-the handful of conscientious men in City Hall who are trying so earnestly under such difficulties to give Philadelphia better government.

Leaving out the slaughter houses of Chicago and the sweatshops of New York, Philadelphia is concededly the greatest manufacturing city on the western hemisphere. That means we have the most goods to sell-locomotives, ships, carpets and rugs, refined sugar and molasses, leather, hosiery and knit goods, furniture, saws, felt hats, worsteds, clothing, dyed and finished textiles, silks, cordage and twine, soap, cigars and cigarettes, paints, etc.-a mighty list of diversified products.

Today the entire world is buying from America, and now more than at any other period is the golden hour to pick up the threads of commerce and weave a new place for Philadelphia among the cities of the world. Success is the plus of countless fresh starts, and great prosperity in a community is always the product of opportunity multiplied by energy.

Other cities may well envy our special advantages, natural as well as artificial-two splendld waterways of about 35 miles of frontage, capable of expanding to meet the port requirements of one hundred times the commerce now held: down a 35-foot ship channel soon to be completed; deep sea water only 55 miles away; a bive of manufacturing activity located on a fine stretch of level ground with no natural barriers; enjoys a good climate, and close at hand westward are the great coal and oil fields.

To these superior qualities we must add beautiful suburbs and rich farming country around about: three great trunk line railroads with two others within 60 miles that provide an economic cut-off to and from the Mississippi Valley and Central West; over one and three-quarter million industrious population electric drive of a wonderful producing and consuming territory, Philadelphia outranks in every way the major cities of the Atlantic

Having presented this truthful panerama. of our internal industry, we next saunter down Market street to the stately Delaware River-"the American Clyde"-to inspect the 'neck of the bottle" through which must flow all our fereign commerce. Here we find the tragedy of Philadelphia written in terms plain enough to wrench even the sensibilities of those citizens who are comfortably wrapped in the cotton wool of clubdom. A half century of the "Hands of Esau" and 37 percent, of the city's waterfront has passed into the ownership of railroad companies, and 55 per cent, into that of individuals and estates. As for the remaining 8 per cent, it was not worth grabbing by outsiders, for it consisted principally of narrow strips at street ends which were practically valueless except to the owners of adjoining piers.

In 1906 some progressive mer, not enthusiasts or "reformers." but plain business men. nearly all good Republicans, organized a movement to enable Philadelphia to improve its water front through the instrumentality of a new municipal Department of Wharves. They introduced a bill in the Legislature authorizing the creation of such a department, and as a necessary part of the bill they incorporated a provision giving the city a right to condemn private water front property for municipal improvement.

It was perfectly plain that such a provision was a meessity, because the city could not, at its own expense, improve the property of private citizens or corporations, and without a power of condemnation it had no way of acquiring property, except at such fancy valuations as owners might see fit to put upon them. Scenting new "Jobs" in such a department, the organization-controlled Legislature put the hill through, but with the provision for condemnation so emasculated that it was practically worthless.

The business men who had been behind the bill were sorely disappointed, but still had hopes that some good might be accomplished. and urged upon the Mayor the appointment of some strong and competent man as Director of the new department. The Mayor, however, was of the old school of politics, and regarded appointments as personal or political appartenances. He, therefore, selected as the first Director of the department a personal friend, utterly unfitted to the work, both in temperament and in experience, and after the department had been a joke for two or three years, was finally obliged to call for

the Director's resignation. One of the first big jobs that Director Norris undertook was to get a real power of condemnation from the last Legislature. The bill went through the House without opposition; was favorably reported by a Senate committee, and passed first and second reading in that body, but when it came up for final reading. Senator Mclibenny, who had it in charge, put it on the postponed calendar, because he learned that it was "slated" for certain defeat. The bill was finally passed. but the story of how that result was brought about-if it could be told-would be an in- Legislature the right to condemn water-

Is not this something to get mad about? One murders a man and the penalty is death; one murders a city and it passes for clever politics-business politics. Some of the very men who let our water front pass under private control are resting on plush cushions behind brownstone fronts in actual ignorance of the part they played in the betrayal of a city. They blame the railroads, for it is so, easy to blame the railroads. Why, it is they themselves who are to blame for letting Philadelphia be ruled at home and represented abroad year after year by men who lacked character and vision.

Enough of the past! Fortunately a progressive movement is on to repair the damage. Director Norris has set the ball rolling. As he has repeatedly pointed out, a firstclass port of the present day must have: (a). Adequate city-owned wharfage and

monring facilities. (b). Mechanical appliances for the prompt and economical handling of cargo.

(c). Suitable storage and warehouse pro-(d). Facilities for the prompt interchange of

business on equal terms between all docks and all railroads entering " - city. The European war and the opening of the

Panama Canal are two great facts that will change the entire countenance of marine commerce. The seas of the world are now crowded with vessels seeking new accommodations and new places of future permanent attachment. Give these salt-water strays a home, and who knows but that their very presence in the Delaware River will usher in a new era of American shipbuilding. It does seem clear that every good citizen should get behind Director Norris, help him repair the nets of our harbor, and big fish will be our deep-water haul.

Right here it might be properly illustrative to show "the hands" at work blocking waterfront improvement. Philadelphia is the only scaport of consequence located in Pennsylvania, and one-third of the total State paulation lives in the metropolitan district of our city. Yet Governor Tener, who never does anything without consulting his creator, United States Senator Boies, Penrose, cut a \$1,000,000 item for local harbor improvements in the appropriation bills of the Legislature down to \$250,000. Massaachusetts, in the last few years, has spent \$15,000,000 on harbor improvements of Boston and is not done,

Over two years ago Director Norris had mental picture of an attractive Penn Treaty pier in the Spanish Renaissance style and an up-to-date farmers' and fishermen's market on the site of the old Neafle & Levy shipyard along the Delaware River between Columbia avenue, and Palmer street. His purpose was to throw open a water gateway into the city for farmers from Pennsylvania and New Jersey trucking districts, also fishermen with fish, oysters, clams and various sea foods, from along the two rivers. They had long wanted to get their products here by motorboats direct to consumers. Councils was asked to acquire this strip of valuable waterfront, and the area of land back of it for this particular purpose. The land would have cost \$400,000

Alas for the pier and the market! To go to Councils in the public interest is fatal, if the project had been a scheme such as the new Municipal Court, backed by Jim McNichol and the Vares, the reception would have been quite different. As it was, the majority of Councils took the pier and market project as a huge joke—the very idea of a public official being concerned over the cost of living. What did it matter if preliminary arrangements had been concluded for leasing the pier and market for a term of years on such a basis as to make the inestment a self-sustaining one!

"Piffle," said these Councilmen, strutting round the wards. "Ain't we the people?" Councils never even deigned to consider the proposition, but just ignored it. A few months ago a private corporation turned up as the purchaser of the shipyard property. and the chance of the city to get it was gone, like the flash of a match in the night.

Is it any wonder that a City Solicitor who runs his public office as an annex to "The organization" should Issue a blatant legal pinion attacking the integrity of Director Norris, who was placed by President Wilson on the salaryless board of the local reserve bank? If a man seeks to serve the taxpayers, hit blm. This is Philadelphia under "the hunds."

In contrast, the city of Hamburg, Germany, which is located 75 miles from the mouth of the Elbe Hiver, spent \$35,000,000 for a gigantle system of docks, basins and quays, without the quiver of an eyelash. But Hamburg is a free city. Both the Clyde Blver, which made Glasgow, Scotland, and the Tyne River, which made Newcastle, England, were originally busignificant streams, almost dry in places. They were brought to their present stage of efficiency by continuous and systematic dredging, backed by a crystallized public sentiment.

flasy transport of goods by land and sea s the keystone in the arch of a great commercial city. The first foreign merchants we know of were Southern Araba carrying goods and bags of silver from one distant region to another, but even they were frequently set upon and robbed by the early descendants of Ishmael and Esau. The first notable navigators and maritime carriers of goods were Phoenicians. In the ancient records we see commerce exposed to great risks, subject to constant pHiage, hunted down in peace and utterly extinguished in war. Hence it became necessary that foreign trade should itself be n armed force in the world.

Modern foreign trade also has its enemies Stupidity is one, rancality is another. Often the foe crouches behind a legal bulwark. some relic of the early 19th century. It took Director Norris months to secure from the

front property for harbor development purposes. In view of the acute shortage of free pler accommodations-free, in the sense of being municipally controlled-Mr. Norris has put three new ones along the Delaware River. One, at the foot of Dock street, was completed and opened late in 1913, and the others in the old Southwark district, between Queen and Christian streets, are now under construction. They will be opened next year.

South Philadelphia is the citadel of the Vares, Congressman William S. commanding in the 26th Ward and State Senator Edwin H. in the 39th Ward. The 36th Ward is neutral ground, for Jim McNichol has a halfinterest in the present ward leader, F. J. Ryan. For years the contractor overlords have let the taxpayers of this populous section bounded by Oregon avenue and the two rivers suffer the dangers of grade crossings without securing any relief for them. Oregon avenue, filled with tracks, was a Chinese wall that abruptly halted the growth of the city further to the southward.

Then came the Blankenburg administration, which took up a long series of negotiations with the railroads. These conferences culminated in an agreement that assures the complete removal of grade crossings in South Philadelphia. Again we find the placeholders busy, this time assuring citizens that the real brains of the plan were Jim McNichol and the Vares.

Of course, everybody knows that Jim Mc-Nichol and the Vares never did anything for anybody but themselves. Assurance is a necessary quality in politics-business poli-

But returning to the South Philadelphia plan; it is one of the big accomplishments of the Blankenburg administration, for, aside from benefits to the three local wards, it means great things for the commerce of the whole city. The belt line system it provides will connect every important pler with every important railway entering the city, leaving open the privilege to any new road that may come to Philadelphia to utilize the connecting rallroad.

Further, under the terms of the plan, some two miles or more of South Philadelphia waterfront is released to the city, where it is arranged to erect big piers for the accommodation of large ocean-going steamships; thus Philadelphia is put in the centre of the high road on the way back to the city's former glory as one of the leading seaports of the world. The city's part in the South Philadelphia improvement is \$9,000,000, of which \$3,000,000 immediately comes back through the acquisition of the big slice of water front.

There are to be ten new city-owned plers built, and the project as a whole will be known as the Moyamensing Improvement. The first pier will be located on the Delaware River at McKean street, the group extending from that point down to Hoyt street, including the site of the present coal terminals of a railroad company at Greenwich Point. The new piers are to vary in length from 900 to 1200 feet, and in width from 250 to 300 feet, Some steamers now calling at this port are forced to use two or three wharves before they have discharged and loaded their cargoes. This added expense operates to the decided disadvantage of Philadelphia. But

when the Moyamensing Improvement, including the connecting railway, is operating, Philadelphia will be able to offer advantages superior even to New York, where most of the wharves are located upon the wrong side of waterways from a freight handling standpoint, and necessitates costly loading and unloading operations.

Superior even to New York! Does it not listen large? All that the Blankenburg administration has asked for is the chance to make Philadelphia again pre-eminent in commerce. Along the water front the Mayor speaks through Director Norris. They are pulling for Philadelphia. Send them their flowers now!

CURIOSITY SHOP

"Fiddler's Green" is the Elysium of the sailors; a land flowing with rum and lime juice; a place of perpetual music, mirth, dancing, drinking and tobacco.

The "Giant's Grave" is a height on the Bosphorus. Byron refers to it in "Don Juan 'Tis a grand sight from off the Giant's

To watch the progress of those rolling seas Between the Bosphorus, as they lash and lave Europe and Asia.

A booby is not merely a human dunce, but is a Bahama bird, which is so spiritless that when attacked by other birds it falls to fight and gives up the fish it has caught

The phrase "to cotton to" is much older than is supposed. It dates back to Horace, according to a translation of that poet made in 1567 by Thomas Drant;

So feyneth he, things tru ena false, So always mingleth he, That first with midst, and midst with laste

Penrose a Millstone

From the Milwaukee Journal. No party can afford to carry Penroses. Their very presence in high places is so much clear contradiction of all that any party must claim for itself. In Illinois Roger Sullivan presents the same kind of menace to the Democrats. He has not so long a had record as Penrose, but he has stood for the same kind of politics. The party could lose his vote in the Senate far more easily than it could carry his weight in paign. Voters are looking for a party such men, and they are not so particular any more what the name of the party is. Good Republicans in Pennsylvania, believers in Wilson in Hilnels, will not feel drawn to Penrose and Sullivan any more than Wilson Democrats n Wisconsin will be drawn to leaders of a sim-

To sit down with a group of the emi-nently successful and hear them deliver their various reasons for "getting there" is an intensely interesting experience. But it has its drawbacks.

"If I were forced to give an honest reason for my persistent occupancy of my present rut," and the speaker in one of the failure groups, "it could be presented in my ever-lasting disregard for the spirit of 'Do it

"I began my career as a clerk. Perhapearly in the day I would have the bulk of my work completed and only a few minor tasks would remain. 'Well,' I invariably when I come in tomorrow morning, so I'll let these few unimportant things go over unti-then. The one big fact that I never had the gumption to get firmly fixed in my mind was that 'tomorrow' would bring its new work and that these uncovered minor mat-

"Gentlemen," continued the man who at least possessed the advantage of knowing himself, "my tactics were wrong. And I'll prove it to you by stating that I am still occupying that self-same clerkship."

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prominence in history.

SCRAPPLE

For He Whom Knows On Lombard street: "Whomsoever will may come

A Tropical Song, Mebbe?

Britain Rings With War Song. Many Troops Have Airs Distinctly Their Own. Yes, What?

What bitter loss by accident or crook Compares with that annoyance for a minute Consuming one who finds a pocketbook With nothing in it?

Or with the rush of futile wrath that blinds The tardy man who has been catapulted By some fair autoist and, rising, finds That she's insulted?

These things are hard to bear, there is no But think to what dark deeds the man is

Heid up at pistol's point, who then finds out It wasn't loaded. And what of him expecting wordy strife Who might have played till three-in fear exquisite.

Who reaches home at one and learns his wife Is on a visit?

There also is the would-be artful dumb one, Who lets the bell ring, thinking it is funny, To fool a creditor, then learns 'twas some one Who owes him money.

Defined

"Pa, what's a hypochondriac?"
"A person who is sick of being well, my

A Misnomer Many a man is called headstrong when in reality he has a weak mind.

So They Escape Seeking a rhyme for indemnity, Agents to Josh in the column, Comes to us only "solemnity," Which is too solemn.

Owing to protests from the composing room that it drives them dizzy, excerpts from Miss Gertrude Stein's futuristic verse will not appear for a few days in this column. When the war is over and the temporary insanity of a few men won't matter, they will

Back to the Soil The city man was telling his friends of

the delights of farming.
"There is only one time a successful farmer gets back to the soil," he said.
"And that is?"
"When he's so far away from a garage that he has to climb under his auto and fix it himself."

Ofttimes In the fall the young man's fancy

hough full well he knows the chance he Has of getting it's remote.

Turns toward the overcoat.

No. We're Afraid to Read It Mr. H—— B—— W——'s new book, "The of the W——'s two have his press agent's word for it), was written "with jaws set and eyes on fire." Whereas this para-graph, you may confidentially believe, is

written with eyes set and jaws on fire. *Advertising rates on application.

Rather Peculiar

No silence falls upon the town; The traffic noise does not subside; We may not hear the falling down Of autumn leaflets that have died.

The racket does not end or cease: The clatter goes on as before; We hear the same old clang of peace; Far more incessant that than war,

This is, of course, as people wish, And yet the clamor must be freak, For those whose livelihood's in fish Declare that this is oyster week.

Habit

"This new bookkeeper is mixing things up terribly," said the head of the firm, "here he's sent out a bill for double the amount due "Yes," said the general manager, "I understand he used to be a plumber's helper."

FOOTLIGHT PHOTOS

OLGA NETHERSOLE I love little Olga. Her plays are so warm, And if I don't see them They'll do me no harm.

MRS. FISKE

Mrs. Fiske is delightful, At least, so I've heard; Though 1 listen a nightful, I can't catch a word.

Enlightened "My dear duke," said her father, jocosely, "don't you realize that in this country the men never have anything to do with it? If she has given her consent nothing on earth will prevent her from marrying you. I cannot understand why she sent you to me."
"Nor I." said the nobleman, "but I suppose it was my mistake. It never occurred to me that she would wish to make the financial arrangements herself."

arrangements herself." Father Knew

Her father's voice floated from the head of the stairway, "Geraldine" "Yes, papa,"
"Has that young man gone?"
"No, papa; it's only 10 o'clock," "Send him home right away, and before he goes tell him it's midnight so he can

start his watch and the hall clock again."

Germany vs. Italy To put it into legal phraseology, if the deon in the criminal action, so to speakand not that we wish to violate our neutrality—is in Germany's favor, it should afford the Kaiser a good basis for a non-support suit against Italy. The latter country, of course, may obtain a standing army injunction against such proceedings,

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ters would be in the way."

The extended scholars have replied to the German Ministers. Among the events of this war will figure the "Battle of the Books," if the literary output on both sides is given due

THE BABBLING FOOL MINE THINE Justiflable pride Conceit

Higotry 'On this line if it takes me all sum-ERIA:I. Obstinate fool

Deep feeling Nature's nobleman Sentimentality Clodhopper Cowardice Frudence Hypocrisy A stroke of luck stroke of gentus Brute force

The velvet glove "Sacred and inviola-"A scrap of paper" "Rich but not gaudy" Bad taste Aristocrat "Of course I choose my friends care-fully"

Judge not that ye "Not an opinion in his head" be not judged" Fearless Reckless "I play the game according to the rules'

coller Strong, silent man
"I don't know much
about art, but—"
"That doesn't appeal
to me" Stupid Stupid

Stupid "I haven't time for Much trifles' Concentration of

do my work, and do that well"

Narrow Narrow

Grafter

Narrow