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port him are sick of it. They know that it is not entirely true, and that the everlasting calamity howl for election purposes is making business worse and not better. Panic cannot be cured by making more panic; a depression cannot be lifted by deepening the depression.

The country is awakening to the fact that business has not gone entirely to the dogs. The exports from New York last week were the largest in eight months, an increase of \$6,000,000 over the previous week and an increase of \$3,415,759 over the same week of last year. Reports from Illinois indicate gratifying conditions, according to Samuel Inuall, of Chicago. Pottsville, in this State, reports the "business depression" wall, nearly all the mills there running on full time. Penrose, already beaten on every other issue, is overplaying his calamity card, and even the staunchest protectionists are resenting his line of campaign, because it is bringing ill results to his business.

Insubordination in Varetown
SOUTH PHILADELPHIA is the Vares stronghold, but it is also a citadel of rum. The Vares themselves, deluded and betrayed, are ready enough, politicians think, to knife Penrose. It would be the logical thing for them to do. It is the one method they have of hitting back, and it is the one thing that Penrose dreads. That is, he did dread it until reports began to come in that rum was stronger than the Vares even in Varetown. The order has gone out from the rum interests to vote for Penrose, and the Vares cannot outmaneuver them with any hope of obedience. They have been caught in a trap. The legions in South Philadelphia are for the Vares first, last and all time, provided the Vares and rum are fighting on the same side.

Finger of Destiny
SAYS Collier's Weekly:
Buenos Aires has long had the most beautiful street in America, the finest theatre and the best equipped newspaper plant. We have been reconciled to these things. But how does Philadelphia like the fact that the pride of Argentina now leads her in population—rising after New York and Chicago? Forty-five years ago, when the first census was taken, Buenos Aires had a population of 177,000. Today the population numbers ten times that. We suspect it is the announcement that the Argentine capital is to have another subway that will surprise Philadelphians most of all.

They Stand for Brumbaugh
WELL-KNOWN clergymen and laymen conspicuous for their interest in public morals endorse Doctor Brumbaugh for Governor. These men are under no illusions and are not capable of being deceived by subterfuge; they have known Doctor Brumbaugh long and intimately; they are one and all opposed to the alliance of liquor and politics. Their stand is dictated only by the very highest motives.

War's "Silly Season"
THERE comes a silly season in war even as in ordinary life. Sooner or later the correspondents get "fed up" on battle a la censer, and turn their pens to less controversial and more relaxing matters. The results are almost as bad as those exercises in imagination which the English Press Bureau calls news.

Little Journeys for a Dime
EVERY day it becomes more difficult to despise the movies. When they are bad they are horrid, but when they are good they are very, very good. Lately the announcement has been made that the panoramic movies have been brought a long way nearer perfection. The panoramic picture is projected on the walls of a large circular hall, and thus it places the spectator right in the midst of a given event or scene. He stands on shipboard and looks about in all directions, or he watches the progress of a football game in all parts of the field by merely turning his head. The movies hitherto have served pretty well as substitutes for travel for thousands of people, but what delightful journeys the future holds in store.

Gold for Iron
SACRIFICE, dignified, significant sacrifice. There is nothing more impressive. And of all means for spreading news of self-denial, surely Germany has hit upon the most novel and the most beautiful in the iron wedding ring. Young women married to departing soldiers wear an iron band instead of the immemorial gold circlet.

Gold for Iron (continued)
More moving still, the matrons are giving up their wedding rings to the melting pot of patriotism and receiving a replica of the same token that recorded a similar sacrifice a century ago, when Germany fought Napoleon at Leipzig. Again it is the wedding band of the commonest of metals with the words: "For this iron I gave gold."

Gold for Iron (continued)
Those sombre circlets are an eloquent sign of the never-sundering patriotism of suffering woman.

Penrose: The Prophet of Pessimism
WOES and walls, grief and lamentations, disaster and disruption—these are the arguments of the Penrose campaign. He is trying to wash out his personal record of unfitness with a flood of crocodile tears. Every speech he makes reads like a tale of a devastated country, prostrate and ruined. Even the Republican mail carriers who sup-

CAPITAL GOSSIP

Government by Newspapermen Appeals to the Administration—Editors Hold Fat Offices in Washington—Lure of Place Often Confuses Settled Convictions—The Men and Their Jobs.

THERE has been no end of talk about Government by Commission, Government by Injunction, Government by Classes. A few years ago lawyers were under the popular ban and much criticized by certain newspapers because they could not be trusted safely with the making of the laws. It was all the style among writers and speakers to discredit them; but they are coming back, and with them there are coming also a large number of newspaper folk, who are playing now a remarkable part in the affairs of the Government. It was Thomas Jefferson who said that if he were compelled to have government with newspapers or government without newspapers, he would choose government with newspapers and let it go at that, or something like that. Mr. Wilson seems to have caught the true Jeffersonian spirit on this subject, as he has called into his service a larger number of editors and correspondents than any other President in the history of the country.

In Cabinet and Office
IN HIS Cabinet there are two representatives of the Fourth Estate—William Jennings Bryan, editor of the Commoner, and his First Lord of the Admiralty, Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer.

Walter H. Page, long time journalist and editor of the World's Work, is his Ambassador to the Court of St. James. Thomas Nelson Page, who made his first money writing for a Virginia newspaper and who is the author of many books, is his Ambassador to Italy. H. M. Pindell, owner and editor of the Peoria (Illinois) Journal, was selected by him to represent the United States at the Russian Court.

Pleasant A. Stovell, editor of the Savannah Press, is his Minister to Switzerland. William E. Gonzales, editor of the Columbia State, is his Minister to Cuba.

Richard L. Metcalf, managing editor of Mr. Bryan's paper, the Commoner, was appointed one of the Panama Isthmian Commissioners and designated head of the Department of Civil Administration.

C. M. Galloway, who served for years on the Columbia State, was appointed Civil Service Commissioner.

William Bayard Hale, for a time connected with the Philadelphia press, was entrusted with an important mission to Mexico during the revolution against Huerta.

Byron B. Newton, an old Sun man, is Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, was the owner at one time of two newspapers in Richmond, Virginia.

Robert W. Woolley, formerly of the New York World, is the auditor for the interior in the Treasury Department.

George R. Cooke, formerly of the Associated Press, is the private secretary of the Secretary of the Treasury.

John T. Suter, of the Chicago Record-Herald, was appointed private secretary of the Attorney General.

In Congress
THERE are other places in the public service that have been filled by newspaper men since the New Freedom, and there are men enough left among the unattached journalists doubtless to take whatever other jobs may be offered "just to help out the Administration."

In the Senate and House the profession of journalism has not been neglected by the people. Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, served his apprenticeship as a newspaper reporter. Representative Keating, from the same State, is set down in the official record as "a newspaper man."

SCRAPPLE

To Be Accurate
"Is your friend an American?"
"No, he's a New Yorker."

The Daily Argument
The snow that falls with sheer delight
Her son, the mother rues,
Each day she has a fight to make
Him wear his overshoes.

The Idol Shattered
The literal-minded foreigner who had been touring the United States for weeks breathed a sigh of relief as he stepped off the train in Boston. His face was wreathed in smiles as he walked up to a ragged, dirty urchin and said:

Ypres of Battles
Now, further to confuse and trip us
Come daily fights along the Ypres.

With howitzers and roving snipers
There must be carnage on the Ypres.
No doubt the conflicts there are zippers,
Along the one-time placid Ypres.

Oh, Of Course
These politicians always throw dust into the eyes of the people.
"Yes, they do make sweeping promises."

The Remedy
Gladsy—I can't get a moment to myself,
Charlie insists on calling every day and I don't see how I'll find time to keep up my ymving.

Milady Talked
Milady talked of everything
As over hill and dale we walked;
I had prepared of love to sing,
But all my tender thoughts took wing.

Milady spoke of this and that,
And when I would her ear invoke
She made me feel extremely flat;
The cost of living was her chat;

Milady chattered of her dad;
I knew then it had never mattered;
She told of losing all he had;
My love grew cold, I felt less sad;

Milady cost me quite a sum,
Into the discard it is tossed;
To buy her jewels I was dumb,
Ere finding out—but she was mum;

Milady lost me on that walk;
Alas! that love should meet a frost
I had no wealth, I had no talk;
And she, although I died, would talk;

Milady left, and strange to say,
I did not feel at all bereft;
But blithely went upon my way
And she, although I died, would talk;

The Gift Kind
This is one of Brown's cigars, I don't see how he can smoke stuff like this.
He doesn't.

Correcting an Error
The special meeting of the Married Ladies' Society for the Better Control and Guidance of Husbands was held last night.

Sonnet to a Queen
Morse and dream my lot in life. O Queen,
Since—in the moment's brutal idiom—I
Discarded you, alas! I can but sigh
And vainly wish that I could have foreseen
This aftermath of troublous days, and lean
These knocks of fate that grow and multi-

Real Ability
He is an expert salesman.
"What man to say he has
Stopped writing poetry?"
"No; but the magazines are taking it."

Too Nice
There is a man we think is too
Egotistically nice.
He thinks 'twould never, never do
To wear the same shirt twice.

THE PRESS ON PENROSEISM

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