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was in the troublous days of Reconstruction; but even with the Fifteenth Amendment, the Federal Constitution confers the right of suffrage directly on no one.

The Fifteenth Amendment, though something of a dead letter, restricts the liberty of the States. The right of citizens, to vote, shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

Let Commuters Pay the Freight... Let the commuters pay the freight! The Interstate Commerce Commission, its vision of the facts having been warped by too much argument, refuses to let the freight pay its own way.

No Time to Let Go in Mexico... It is the purpose of the Administration to withdraw the troops from Vera Cruz on Monday, November 23.

Ocean Caravans of Succor... MURMURS of protest against generous charity to the stricken Belgians are being heard, on the ground that the poor at home are in need of real assistance.

Home Rule for Cities... THE final, and perhaps the dominant, note of the Conference of Mayors was home rule for cities.

Pruning the Grapevine... A GOOD many men are supplanting prohibition who are mentally and temperamentally opposed to State interference with the personal life of the citizen.

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GOLF FIENDS OF CONGRESS UNDERGO TRANSFORMATION ON THE LINKS

Lincolnesque Prouty, Cyclonic in House, Becomes Gentle as a Lamb on the Green, While the Usually Austere Fitzgerald Romps About Like a Hilarious Youth—President an Ardent Golfer, Too, But His Scores Are Guarded Like a State Secret.

By E. W. TOWNSEND... Member of Congress from New Jersey, Author of "Chimney Fadd" and Other Famous Stories.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Twenty years ago Washington socially was the least out-of-door community in this country. All this summer and fall Washington socially would have stagnated had it not been for its lately developed opportunities for out-of-door recreations and the indoors affairs, which one may call by-products of golf and tennis.

On the golf links he displays a sweetness of temper unaltered by a hole in nine which he should have made in four. I can say no more to a golfer. Bunkers, traps, lost balls, unattended caddies, none of the trials of golf so much as a ripple the smiling placidity of his temper.

When he is "presenting" a bill, as the introductory explanation is called, he proceeds gravely and systematically, showing no trace of his renowned high temper until some member questions the justice or correctness of an item of appropriation whose existence he has just become aware of.

Where a Pupil Wins Out... Prouty's game was better than Fitzgerald's early last spring, but the Brooklyn man was taking lessons, and one day in June offered the Iowa a couple of strokes on a round.

Better Links for Less Exalted... A little beyond the Chevy Chase links is the Columbia Country Club course, with better links to any over, but with a membership of less exalted officials.

Lord Roberts... SOME of the sting is taken from England's grief by the fact that Lord Roberts, the beloved "Bobs," was 82 years old. But he did not belong to England; he was the Empire's idol.

Cyclonic in House; Placid on Green... Take two instances: Representatives Prouty (just elected to the Supreme Court of Iowa, by the way) and Fitzgerald, of New York. Judge Prouty in action on the floor of the House is a cyclone backed by an ominous black cloud.

Crises in Great Lives... Earl Roberts was already the wearer of the Victoria Cross and the hero of all England when he had his most striking military move. He was then 47 years old, but it cannot be doubted that the relief of Kandahar was the critical moment of his career.

CURIOSITY SHOP... The popular fallacy that there are certain hours of the day more fatal to human life than others was investigated some years ago by an English editor. He ascertained the hour of death in 2880 cases, of all ages, and arrived at very interesting conclusions.

His journey in 22 days, covering a distance of 813 miles. The average speed of nearly 37 miles a day, under the conditions, is extraordinary, but it is even more noteworthy that on the day following his arrival at Kandahar, without resting himself or his soldiers, he routed his troops into battle, routed the enemy, and relieved Kandahar.

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