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small and too weak successfully to menace us without reinforcements from the mother country. These reinforcements cannot be landed, after war has broken out, if we have a fleet in the Atlantic adequate to our needs.

FIGHT! The Issue Is Worth the Battle THE transit situation resolves itself into this: The Taylor program has been squarely before the public for months. No argument of any weight against it has been found.

Part of the Donkey Goes Home CONGRESS adjourns tonight. Many of the members will never return to Washington. That they have been there at all only their immediate constituents know.

A Great Battle in November THE woman suffrage amendment was reported out of committee yesterday. Enough favorable votes have been pledged in the Senate to assure its passage.

The Highway to Death THE laws of the Medes and Persians were mere temporary rules in comparison with the immutable laws of righteousness.

Peace Will Be Made by the Navies MASTERY of the sea in this war means mastery of the land also. The blockade of Germany cannot be made effective if the blockaders are weak on the water.

Reports from St. Petersburg are more interesting than those from Petrograd. The outer defenses of the Dardanelles seem to have been largely psychological.

Delaware has decided to retain the whipping post. Too bad that it has not authority to order that one be set up in the courtyard of the City Hall here for the benefit of those deserving stripes.

"Billy" Sunday does not go far enough. If the church members had been as active as they should there would not have been a single Philadelphian untouched by the appeal to lead a better life.

TERRE HAUTE'S YEAR UNDER NERO City Hall in Possession of the Faithful, Who Fattened on Contracts and the Tainted Tribute of the Tenderloin—Fairbanks' Beer and Fairbanks.

By IRWIN L. GORDON THE year under Nero began in Terre Haute when Donn M. Roberts was elected Mayor. That year was the blackest in Terre Haute's history.

City Council the Chief Tool The basis of Organization power in any city is the City Council. In Terre Haute this consists of one branch. It surrendered body and soul to the Organization.

Particular care was taken that the offices of Sheriff, Prosecutor and Magistrate were filled with firm Organization men.

Roberts appointed one of his lieutenants, P. W. Holler, as chief of police. John F. Nugent, Roberts' personal lieutenant, was made assistant or night chief.

Roberts went to work. He first pushed an ordinance through the Council for three automobiles for the officials. Then he raised his salary \$1000 a year, tacked another \$1000 on that of the City Engineer and created many other minor jobs.

Roberts first tried to take from the city plans the main streets and saddle them on the township. He pushed the ordinance through the Council, but it was fought by the Pennsylvania Railroad on constitutional grounds.

Terre Haute under Holler was another Philadelphia under a Henry Clay. The only difference between the men is that Holler has confessed, while Clay is waging a fight in the highest courts to keep himself from the penitentiary.

Terre Haute now became truly "the hell hole of Indiana." Here sprang up a mushroom growth which surpassed the Wood street, of this city, under the Reubyn administration.

Hand in glove with the vice traffickers were the dope-sellers, who paid their tribute to the administration. One man alone made

ONE ACT OF CONGRESS WHICH MEETS WITH UNIVERSAL APPROVAL



A profit of \$10,000 a year by selling cocaine. The dope fiend, the thief, the footpad and all that army of disolute who feeds upon the Tenderloin life found this city a Mecca.

In a wide-open town, a town which attracted the sporting element of an entire State and visitors from Terre Haute, much beer was consumed. Each disorderly house, each saloon, must be supplied.

When the political house of cards tottered about these lieutenants of the Tenderloin, it was found that all were exclusive users of Fairbanks' beer, that Fairbanks held mortgages on their property and that their places were never raided.

How He Interviewed the Governor of the Bank of England, With Important Results. JAMES CREELMAN'S death in Germany while still in the prime of life recalls an exploit of which any newspaper reporter might be proud.

It is matter of history how the governor, the Right Honorable William H. Lidderdale, handled that crisis. He lived to see the Barings successfully liquidated and stronger than ever, with the financial situation in Argentina restored.

But the joke failed to explode. Lidderdale was a long-headed Scotchman, much too intelligent not to see the value of publicity at such a time. He was no slave to precedent. He gave Creelman an excellent interview of a frank and reassuring character.

EACH HAS TWO SIDES God be thanked, the manest of His creatures boasts two soul sides, one to face the world with, and one to a woman when he loves her!

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- (1) American, "Knows 15,000 Cattle Brands." (2) Collier's, "Lloyd-George Counts the Cost." (3) McClure's, "The Newest Terror in Warfare." (4) New Republic, "Mother Jones: An Impression."

PERSONALITIES

IT WOULD add to the gaiety and interest of nations if people were required to wear little placards around their necks, stating briefly and explicitly all the important and noteworthy facts and incidents of their lives.

Magazine acquaintances, on the contrary, put their best foot forward. An enticing sentence, intended to pique curiosity, beckons to us: "Clutching the mouse carefully in her hand, she leaped from the tenth floor window"—in the five minutes it takes to read the sketch we get the full benefit of the 25 or 30 or 60 years it has taken that individual to live his or her life.

One of the most interesting acquaintances to be made in the current magazines is Lod Calohan, who is described in the American Magazine (1) as knowing 15,000 cattle brands. He is a Kansas City cattle inspector.

More than 2,000,000 cattle pass by Calohan annually for inspection at Kansas City, and from 300 to 600 of this number he picks out and returns to their rightful owners. Generally the cattle become associated with shipments by mistake, but sometimes the steers have been assisted in straying.

War Ingredients Declaring a war and commanding an army and fighting battles are the spectacular parts in warfare, but here is another part, less appealing to sentiment perhaps, but more important than all of these, the man who finances the war.

WOMEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA The grand old State of South Carolina has a reputation for being a well-to-do merchant of the Middle West. At first also he seemed jaunty, rather than impressive in his manner. But this was soon realized as a self-

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servitiveness, a self-assurance due to native resilience and never-failing determination something inherited from the boy who, at 11, on the event of his first visit to London, wrote home: "Went to the House of Parliament. Very much disappointed with them. Grand buildings outside, but inside very crumbled, small and suffocating, especially the House of Commons."

Daughters and Sons The incongruity of modern fathers and sons is illustrated in the case of the John Hays Hammonds. Mr. Hammond, Sr., is chiefly known in these latter days as one of our foremost peace advocates.

He has invented a projectile designed to scatter molten iron upon an enemy's defenses, and to throw forth deadly gases as it explodes. Next to the electric arc, thermite produces the most terrible heat known.

There is a kindly sketch of the notorious Mother Jones in The New Republic (4), persuasive through its impartial, rather judicial tone.

What Mother Jones really is, those must say who have seen her in her natural environment, trudging up some bleak canyon in defiance of martial law, to preach peace and raise a rouse in an angry mining camp.

From personal antipathies Mother Jones appears singularly free. As to her real character, middle-class reformer has associated all manner of evil with her name. She is feared as ill in this respect as Joan of Arc fared at the hands of Shakespeare. So much, however, you can know: she is old, and her life has not been lived in pleasant places.

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