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Unless above himself he can Erect himself, how poor a thing is man! -Samuel Daniel.

Every tax is iniquitious except the one which the other fellow pays.

Rumania's Queen is on her way to Berlin. To escape trouble, or to make it?

Munich food riots considered as a joke,-Headline. But not in Munich.

Certain Germans, professing indifference to American opinion, urge resumption of submarine activity. It's not opinion, gentlemen. It's determination,

It is true that Rudyard Kipling has written a poem "on a submarine," but what the world is waiting for is the man who will write a poem in a submarine.

The Pennsylvania National Guard is short of machine guns, and unfortunately it cannot use as a substitute the machine politics for which the State is

President Wilson says that the Democratic plank on suffrage is all right and perfectly sincere. Most women are glad, nevertheless, that there is a plank to their liking in the Republican platform.

Had we had a regular army of the kind a country of our wealth ought to have there would never have been any insolence from Carranza or from any other Mexican bandit. We may have to pay two or three times for trouble that ought never to have been any trouble at all.

The elimination of the drug evil can come only through the co-operation of pharmacists with the Government authorities, obviously, and with the defects discovered in the Harrison law that cooperation must be closer than before, Barring the inevitable cases of sharp have not been slow in helping the Federal organization that local police be empowered to take at least the first steps in prevention and punishment is highly com-

Texas is justly proud. Besides, take a look at that Cabinet. There's Burleson in it and Gregory in it, and Houston—mostly Texan—in it; and House is deputy President, and House's brother is postmaster at Houston; and Cone Jackson is in the State Depart. ment, and Cato Sells is Indian Com-missioner—and a whole lot of little similar knicknacks in an office way here and there and roundabout.-Sam Blythe, in the Saturday Evening Post.

Tut, tut! The Cabinet was but a way station and Gregory goes to the Supreme Court, where all good Attorneys General go these days. First thing we know they'll be building a new White House on the banks of the Pecos River.

The Mexican situation is clear Mexicans are clamoring for intervention and Mexicans will repulse intervention at the cost of their lives. The position of General Pershing's troops is said by experts to be desperate and the position of General Pershing's troops is said by experts to be strong. It would be folly to send the National Guard across the Rio Grande, and the National Guard, once across the Rio Grande, will have an easy time gaining Mexico City. South America | the State has spent good money. justifies the United States and wants the United States not to prosecute its demands on Carranza. Carranza himself is mad and is the cleverest diplomat on this continent. Oh, yes, the Mexican situation is clear-as clear as waters running with

The country is ready to submit to any taxation necessary to pay the cost of the Mexican adventure, but when it is asked to pay a lot of direct taxes to make up the deficit in the Treasury arising from Democratic revenue legislation there will be considerable objection. The report from Washington that agreement has been reached on a plan to double the income tax and to raise \$100,000,000 by tax on inheritances and war munitions and \$40,000,000 by special war taxes states that the purpose of the new levy fa to overcome the deficit. The defenders of the Administration will have to choos a different form of words with which to explain their course if they wish to escape the consequences of widespread indignation. They may argue, however, that these new taxes will rest on the rich and that the poor man will not suffer, but there is a sense of justice abroad which is not measured by bank balabces. No political party can outrage that sense with impunity.

to regulations are occupied. Perhaps the I trade abroad.

children crossed the street midway and broke the spirit of a further regulation before Councils. There is no way to stop children from doing this except by a long period of individual training. These facts are not urged against the proposed traffic laws, but should be considered as pointing out the need of a regulation beyond the law. That regulation must be an instinctive check on the accelerator of every car, and it must rest with the individual driver. If the fear of the death he causes be not in his heart, then the fear of the law must take its place. Beyond that there must be a decided quieting down of the speed mania. Not one motor car out of a hundred need be driven at the highest possible speed. There is no occasion for quite so much rushing, and if there were less rushing there might be some time to think of what murder on the highroad means.

ABSENT-MINDED BEGGARS

THE private soldier is indeed, as Kip-Lling sang in Boer War times, an absent minded beggar who, when he goes to the front, is apt to leave "a lot of little things behind him.". The hat was passed in the London music halls, amid cheers for the Queen, and Tommy Atkins' wife and chilren did not go hungry. By a "beggar" number of persons were unkind enough to suggest that the literal meaning of the word was more to the point. The problem of feeding the wives and children of soldiers in the present war was of such magnitude that the belligerent States could not leave it to the casual passing of the hat for small change, but had to take it in hand themselves.

Today this country is in much the ame phase that England was 17 years Then, as now, a large country looked forward to cleaning up jauntily a small country in about three months. It took England nearly three years to beat the Boers and there followed a period of reconstruction which kept the army further employed. As strife with anarchic Mexico would be meaningless if not followed by reconstruction, a real war with that country would keep our forces in the field three years more likely than three months. Splendid as the patriotism of various corporations and business firms has been in offering to pay salaries and hold open jobs for guardsmen suddenly reduced to the \$15 a month pay of private soldlers, it is not ungrateful for young married men to ask, "How long will you hold our jobs open? How long will we get our pay? Three years?"

It is possible that some large establishments whose working forces happen to include not too many National Guardsmen would reply, "Sure!" But such promises would mean great loss or even bank ruptey to individual employers or small firms, and the employes of these would be deterred from enlisting if provision for their families were not assured. Prompt assurances from the 400 wealthy men whom the Mayor has called into conference today to supplement the generosity of business houses will make the guardsmen and those who are considering enlisting feel free to do their country's work; but what if we shall need 500,000 men to clean up Mexico? Call out more squads of wealthy men to finance the volunteers? Such a solution would make the meanest kind of absent-minded beggar of every citizen of ordinary means. The selfrespect of a democratic people demands another solution.

Fortunately for this country there is another solution. The professional army, the need of which has been drilled into us by the humiliations of recent years, will not have to be so large as to upset induspractice, the druggists of Pennsylvania trial life or make demands upon private beneficence when it goes into action. In agents, and the saggestion made by their all countries recruits are naturally young and unmarried men. A man about to get married does not seek a \$4-a-week job. It is the young and unmarried men that the nations require for their first line of fighters, for it is the alertness, speed, endurance and strength of youth that a nation relies on for safety in the first and often decisive onslaught in the athletic contest called war. It is not economy that calls out first those who have no families to support; it is grim necessity. If the older, married men were better fighters than the youth, the older, married men would be called out first.

It is precisely the lack of this profes donal army of young and unmarried men which puts us into the present muddle of private beneficence. For many of the guardsmen are married-the National Guard armory is for many married men a club as well as a service. It takes so little of their time that they remain in the guard after marriage without considering the advisability of doing so. But if there were now a force of say 200,000 professionals (such as a wiser Congress will provide), their departure for the border would not cause a ripple in the business life of the country. Their personnel would not need such adjustments as private funds and the offers of immunity from action which are now being made to married men for whose military training

The personnel of the new army that I to be will be made up of those who really want to make the complete sacrifice that soldiers have to make, and who are free to take up a profession that is necessarily not remunerative.

GREGORY, TRUST BUSTER

ATTORNEY GENERAL GREGORY, if he is appointed and confirmed as Justice of the Supreme Court, will come to it under many of the same auspices as those which graced the entrance of Mr. Justice Brandels. There is little chance of a fight within the Democratic party and confirmation is certain. Mr. Hughes has, therefore, made way for one of the most careful and one of the most consistent enemies of monopoly in the country. His early claim to renown was in the smashing verdict he won against the Waters-Peirce Oil Company, a part of the Standard Oil. The case was taken before the Supreme Court and the State of Texas upheld. Mr. Gregory fought on for penalties and won \$2,000,000 for the State. He has a natural objection, grounded in theory, against monopoly and repudiates the idea of the "good trust" on the ground that the power to do evil is in itself an evil. But political enemies and corporation counsel askie, there is room for wonder whether the One child was killed and two in nature of American industry does not jured yesterday by motorcars, and the need a more indulgent treatment of the three necidents occurred far from the trust so that it can compete with the parking zones with which the new traf- great organizations in furtherance of looked upon those white horses as mine,

Tom Daly's Column

MARKING TIME Patience! Borne on the south wind come: Blare of trumpets and rattle of drums And stirring news of the foe. Oh! to be held in the barrack yard, Armed and ready is hard, how hard Only the rookies know!

Courage! Under the brave smooth brow Many a timorous tempest now Seethes in a rookie's brain. Patience? Ah, but the young lads crave Action, action to keep them brave-

Or to be home again,

ALL yesterday morning we were scared. It was the first day of summer. Now we had been (shall we say "more than or dinarily"?) observant of the girls' airy pring clothes during the last three months, and we were fearful-if you get s-but nothing untoward happened, as far as we could see,

CHARLES HANSON TOWNE, a true poet and withal a merry cut-up when the mood is upon him, comes now with a book of his poems, from the press of the George H. Doran Company, New York. It is called "Today and Tomorrow," and the poet meant a "good fellow," but a this is one of the many levely things in its pages:

THE LITTLE STREET WHERE SHE DIED.

went to the little street, The little street where she died,

And it seemed to me as I turned the square That the very parements sighed. and the blinds stared, vacant-eyed, When I went to the little street,

The little street where she died. thought of the days when she leaned Out of the casement there and always scatched for me As I turned from the quiet square;

Of her lamp at the window pane-A beacon through the rain.

And the nights when I watched for the

Lost wight I went to the street The little street where she died. But I could not see, for my tears, The house of love denied. The winds, like spirits, sighed; Then a star in heaven flashed Over the street where she died.

What's Your Sword of Damocles?



Mine is that, after peace is declared, the newspaper space now filled with war news will be turned over to the wild yappings of professional baseball.

BUT WAIT FOR FIRST FAIR DAY! 7. Sukes and I went out to play The Public Golf Course yesterday. I'm sure I would have walloped him, But Sykes's caddic couldn't swim. *Competent Charles the Cartoonist.

And besides nearly all of his clubs were

POETRY AND PIGEON ENGLISH. From Hon. Tsuchlya's "Guide on Hakone." 1 EIGHT SCENERIES. It was already described that all the mountain sceneries Hakone are very agreeable to us, but cially there may be eight sceneries picked

1. The snow-crowned view of Koma-gadake.
The evening twilight of Toga-shima.
The flowing lanterns on the waves

Asi lake 4. The wild geese flying down near Sanada-

yama. 5. The moonlight shining upon Kurakake-6. The wild ducks swimming about Kasu-

soms of azalea or tsutsuji flowering upon Byobu-yama 8 The ship putting firewoods into when the

BALLADE OF FAMILY NAMES Change is the order in man's estate, Times have changed and the customs,

Everything now must be up to date, Things old-fashioned will never do. Even the names that our fathers knew-

Jonas, Zachary, Zehedee-Fashion adjures us we must eachew. What will the names of Tomorrow be?

Patronymics with frills ornate, Out of the roots of the old names greu Kathryn" coocd in the arms of "Kate," "Hugo" lisped at the knees of "Hugh.

Nursery walls of the wealthy few Rang with titles of high degree, All affecting the blood that's blue-What will the names of Tomorrow be?

Greater changes have come of late; Even these new names fade from vi Wife and husband no more debate Titles fitting their infant crew. Even the infants lie perdue. Fido," "Rover" and "Tige"-Ah! me,

These are the names that the maids halloo. What will the names of Tomorrow be?

L'ENVOI Man, it's sad, but alas! it's true, Pashion's killing your family tree. If but a little bark's left to you, What will the names of Tomorrow bef

Our Milkman Says:

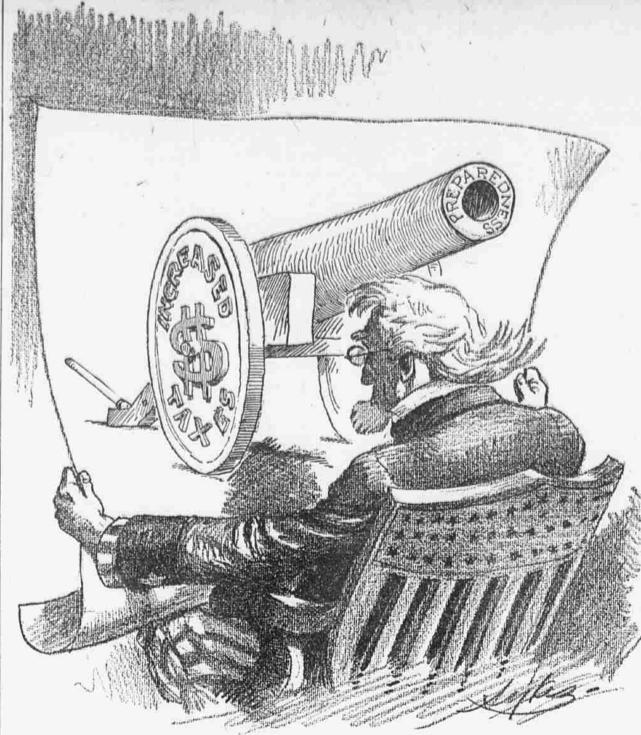
Servin' the bottles o' milk ain't nothin' o lookin' out for the cranky women. If ou rattle two bottles together when yer uttin' them on the porch or the front step. irst thing yer know you'll be reported fer pustin, the peace. Then the inspector gets on me last week that I galloped me horses like a fire engine through Clapler street, and the inspector comes around and seg he, "What about it?" Seg I. "I got 38 cus-tomers in the two squares I serve on Clapler street." s' I. "and if you kin gallop yer horses when yer doin' that." s' I. "I'll live on

U NDER a copy of Robert Bridge's tribute to Kitchener, pasted on our deak some one has had the temerity to write; The "poet's born, not made," we know;
We beg to state
This is not true of England's Poet-Laureate.

Just Part of a Letter

Sorry I have talked too much, but I feel fit as a fiddle this morning. It was glorious in the sait wind yesterday. A fellow with me said. "Don't you think the ocean so monotonous?" Good night If he only knew how I herded cows and too, out there, but -1

"COMES HIGH, BUT WE MUST HAVE IT!"



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

An Admirer Insists That Roosevelt Has Always Had Greatness Thrust Upon Him-Merion Police Are Not Appreciated—Other Matters

GREATNESS OF ROOSEVELT

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-I am a reader of the Evenino

Import, and am a great admirer of Mr. Roosevelt. In Thursday's Evening Ledger there was a letter entitled "Win With Whiskers," which was vulgar in the extreme. The writer is mistaken when he refers to King George as being an uncle of the Kaiser. His father, King Edward, was a brother of the Kaiser's mother, so it is cousin George. He is also mistaken when he refers to Mr. Roosevelt seeking the office for the third term. He has always had greatness thrust upon him. greatness thrust upon him.

Mr. Roosevelt is being pressed for the office by the same millions of people who voted for him in 1912. He is beloved by voted for him in 1912. He is beloved by all good people and admired by all classes; but Taft was not liked and was not wanted by the people, but they said he was determined to thrust himself upon them, and, according to the writer, he has done so. elt was defeated by Taft and a few corrupt politicians in 1912, and when the same party went to Chicago this year the people knew what to expect.

Ever since the nomination they have been time that Taft has won, and like all of that fact has won, and, like all of their 'lind, after they have done some kind of triskery they must crow over it and say vengeance is sweet. To the wicked it is; "Vengeance is Mine: I will renay " says

hing they can think of, now they want to thing they can think of, now they want to blame the war in Europe on him. Didn't Mr. Edison say that no other man was so well equipped to guide the ship of State through the difficulties which beset it? And all the nations in Europe wanted him. He is the greatest living American statesman and was the man for the times. Then were didn't they nominate him? Then why didn't they nominate him? wanted to have revenge. The head of their party is good, but the tail end is not, with To the Editor of Evening Ledger Taft and his followers. Now, they have the audacity to expect Mr. Rossevelt to take the stump for Hughes, and the people to vote to keep "Bill" Barnes and Murray trane and others in office, to do the sm Crane and others in office, to do the same thing the next time, but they will not do it. The writer heard people say four years ago that they would not care if the Democrats did win, if they could only get Taft and some other men out at Washington. The Progressive party still lives and will go on, and all respectable and decent people in the Property of the Proper he Republican party should join it and et the Republican party go down Philadelphia, June 18.

THE COPS OF MERION To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir-Geographically speaking, on is the first small stop on the Main Lin outside the big city of Philadelphia. It is essentially residential, has no stores or saloons, is famed chiefly for its policemen, whose main duty seems to lie in stop-ping people on the road and subjecting them to a searching interrogation such as one night expect today in the neighborhood of Brussels or Dublin.

RUSSIA'S LOAN

But what a price Russia has had to offer, in these, the days of her stress, she is pay-ing in good round rubles the penalty of her ing in good round runes the penary of her years of oppression and persecution of the Jews. It must indeed be a source of keen satisfaction to Jacob Schiff and those who have worked with him to know that while they can no longer prevent Russian access to the American money market, their efforts have resulted in the Slav paying the full pound of flesh and more—Detroit Free Russian

PRESIDENCY AND THE BENCH

Democrats will spend a great deal of energy during the next few months in denouncing the Republican presidential candidate for not considering the occupation of a position on the Supreme Court a bar to the acceptance of a nomination for the presidency. They are proposing to submit the the State Legislatures a constitutional presidency. They are proposing to submit to the State Legislatures a constitutional amendment forbidding a repetition of the offense. In assuming this attitude they are only behaving just as the Republicans would behave under similar provocation; but all their eloquence will not gain a thousand votes for Mr. Wilson or lose that number for Mr. Hughes. Political lawyers like to raise questions of this kind because it is so much easier for empty and timid minds to effervesce into verboatty about factitious than real issues. But the ordinary voter has loo much command sense not to realize the vanity of these pretentious series. but all their elequence will not gain a thousand votes for Mr. Wilson or lose that number for Mr. Hughes. Political lawyers like to raise questions of this kind because it is so much caster for empty and timid minds to effervesce into verbosity about factitious than real issues. But the ordinary voter has too much common sense not to gailly the vanity of these pretentious serus.

Any person who wishes to be free to move about in the territory along the Main Line between the city line of Philadelphia and the respectable borough of Narberth first nust proceed to the capital city of Ardmor and get a passport from a man named Donaghy, after which he will need to get about 20 photos of himself, one of which must be given to each cop-and one retained and attached to the forementioned passpor If he fails to take this necessary precau-tion, he enters forthwith on the first course tion, he enters forthwith on the first course in martyrdom. He will be held up at all times during the day and night and be obliged to give a lot of civil answers to a lot of most uncivil questions. The first question generally put to the wayfarer is this, "Say, where do you think you're going?" If nothing incriminating is found, said or done, he is generally free till he reaches the next tollgate, where the whole thing is repeated under a different director, until at last his under a different director, until at last his patience gives way and he is forced to ex-claim. like Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

The cops of Merion are a wondrous as-sortment—all sizes, lengths and breadths. They were never known to catch a crook, and to report a robbery to them is the mos have something in their favor-they are t be complimented on their martial splendor The peaceful state of the community mus doubtless be attributed to the terror in spired in the heart of the wrongdoer as their majestic persons pass. Some travel on motored and motorless, but the majority are carried on flery chargers, and to see a troop of them in their shining armor swoop down on a solitary pedestrian is a sight never to be forgotten. Some people in quest of ad-venture sail to Europe on battleships, over-looking the fact that greater excitement lies almost at their own door

HINDENBURG. Narberth, June 20.

TYPOSCRIPT

Sir—Permit me through your courtesy and in your columns to add another word to the English language, That word is "Typoscript." At present there is no single word that signifies type-written matter, and this, to my mind, "fills

Derived from the Latin "typus," a form and "scriptus," written, it is etymologically correct, and besides answers all the reuirements of brevity, distinctness, applica tion and euphony,

J. ST. GEORGE JOYCE.

Philadelphia, June 21.

IT WAS A PLEASURE To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir-At a meeting of the Executive Cor mittee of the Pennsylvania Woman Suf-frage Association on June 15 I was directed express, our sincere thanks splendid publicity given by the Evening LEDGER to the suffrage demonstration in including the preliminary send-off delphia. We are very grateful for the generous co-operation extended in every possible way. HELEN C. CLARK. State Secretary.

Philadelphia, June 16.

ples. The presidency is immensely the most important office in the American sys-tem. The American people should be free if necessary to recruit its incumbents from any and every source—from ex-President no less than from Supreme Court Justices of course, a Justice should not solicit a nomination unless he resign his position, but Mr. Hughes did not lift a finger on behalt of his own nomination. The most effective way to keep the Supreme Court out of pol-ities is not to lug it into politics on factious or frivolous pretexts.—The New Republi

NOTHING TO SAY! Lo, the poor newspaperman in Germany var began.-Florida Times-Unio

THE BETTER WAY At least it is something of a relief if warships have left off making war on merchant ships and taken to fighting other warships.—Cleveland Leader.

ANOTHER LEAGUE

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

OUIZ

What time is it on the Mexican border when it is moon in Philadelphia?
 What is the pay of a private in the regular arms?
 Name the Mexican and United States border States.

States.

4. Who is Thomas W. Gregory?

5. What is a fireship?

6. What part of the world has been known as New France?

7. What is generally meant by "a cable's length"?

8. What is meant by the expression "good wine needs no bush"? 9. What is a "cul de sac"? 10. What is meant by "candling eggs".

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

. Mount Gretna is in Lebanon County, Pa.

"Wirwaging" is signaling by flags.

London is "Lud's Town."

The Golden Horn is the inlet of the Bospherus on which Constantinople is situated.

5. Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides were Greek dramatists. . Frederick the Great, born 1712, dled 1786. 7. Robert Browning wrote "The Pled Piper of Hamelio."

Hamelin."

8. Carpenters' Hall stands in a court off Chestnut street between 3d and 4th. The first Continental Congress met there in 1774. At that time the second floor was used by the Philadelphia Library Company. Yeshihito, Emperer of Japan, Lynch law; named for James Lynch, a farmer of Pielmont, Va., who in 1686 became "Judge" of an informal court, as there was no court in the vicinity.

Mexico in 1914

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will ulties with Mexico in 1914? On April 9 United States navy men from

the Dolphin were arrested by a Mexican officer at Tampico and marched into the city under an armed guard. Rear Admiral Mayo demanded formal disayowal and anot ogy, with a salute to the American flag, and the Administration supported his de-mand. Huerta refused to salute the American flag. On receipt of his defiance Pres dent Wilson ordered the whole of the active North Atlantic fleet to Tampico. Huerta then offered to salute the American flag if the Mexican flag be saluted "reciprocally and simultaneously." But the United States and simultaneously." But the United States demanded unconditional compliance with its terms, and on April 19 additional naval vessels were ordered to Tampico. On April 20 Congress passed a resolution declaring the President justified in the use of "the armed forces of the United States" against Huerta. But just at this time the occupation of Vera Cruz by American bluejackets was forced by the arrival in Mexican waters of the German ship Ypiranga with a cargo of arms from Hamburg. To prevent the landing of the arms and to avoid complications with Germany the United States seized the custom house at Vera Cruz on the morning of April 21. The Mexican commandant demanded the surrender of the port; the American officer. mandant demanded the surrender of the port; the American officer, Admiral Fletcher, refused, and an engagement took place. Elight Americans and 125 Mexicans were killed and 25 Americans and 195 Mexicans wounded. With the occupation of Vera Cruz the Administration halted its aggres-sive program, but continued to prepare against eventualities. General Function was against eventualities. Ordered Function was sent to Vera Cruz, American authority was transferred to the army and the marines were withdrawn to the ships. By that time, however, the "A B C mediation" was alhowever, the "A B U mediation" was airready under way, having been proposed on April 25. The conference of representatives of Argentina. Brazil and Chill, with delegates of the United States and Mexico, held its first session at Niagara Falls, May 20, Funston withdrew from Vera Crus No-

Number of States

A Reader.—There are 48 States in the Union. The last two to be admitted were Arizona and New Mexico.

First Steam Ferryboat

D. R. T.—The first steam ferryboat, the Nassau, commenced running between Brook-lyn and New York in 1814. "Henry Esmond"

Editor of "What Do You Knote"—What is the thems of "Henry Esmond" and who are some of the characters? G. B. M.

"Henry Esmond" is an historical novel "Henry Esmond" is an historical novel dealing with the cureer of Esmond, a colonel in the service of Queen Anne. Members of the Esmond family, who are stanch Catholics, become involved in Jacobite plots, and the hero is one of the actors in a plan to perpetuate the reign of the House of Stiuart instead of yielding to the establishment of the new Hanoverian rule. Colonel Esmond takes part in the Blenhelm and other campaigns, and such colobrities as the Duke of Mariborough, General Webb, Richard Steele, Joseph Addison and the "Old Pretender" are introduced.

HORSE TRADING IN MIDSTREAM

How Very Near Uncle Sam Came to Swapping Lincoln for General McClellan in 1864

TINCOLN'S remark that it is not good policy to swap horses while crossing a stream is likely to be repeated from the Democratic stump during the next few months as a reason for the re-election of Wilson. We are likely to be told also that the country has never changed Presidents while a war was in progress. This precedent is likely to be recited as a reason for retaining Mr. Wilson.

But the country has not been so united or so nearly unanimous in the support of its war Presidents as the special pleaders for the present Executive would have us believe. There was strong opposition to the re-election of President Madison, who was conducting the War of 1815. The opposition was in his own party, De Witt Clinton, of New York, was nominated by Democrats dissatisfied with Madison and was accepted by the Federalists, His campaign manager was Martin Van Buren, who later became a Democratic President by grace of Andrew Jackson, The campaign was fought vigorously and Madison was re-elected by an electoral majority of 39. The vote of Pennsylvania decided the issue. If her 25 electors had voted for Clinton, the bolting candidate, President Madison would not have suc eeded himself.

"The War a Failure" Lincoln came much nearer defeat than

Madison. If the election in 1864 had been held in August, it is morally certain that McClellan would have become President. There was widespread dissatisfaction with the conduct of the war. The Union armies were winning no victories. There is no doubt that the Democratic convention. which declared in its platform that the war was a failure, expressed the sentiment of many patriotic men of the North. The convention of opponents of Lincoln, which met in May and nominated John C. Fremont, were in favor of the vigorous prosecution of the war, but did not believe that Lincoln was the man to do the work. For some time before the Republican convention met, on June 7, Lincoln had been afraid that his own party would repudiate him. The leaders were against him and were casting about for a successor. Fremont had been nominated in the hope that the party could unite on

Lincoln was so discouraged that on August 23 he wrote: "This morning, as for some days past, it seems exceedingly probable that this Administration will not be re-elected. Then it will be my duty to co-operate with the Presidentelect so as to save the Union between the election and the inauguration, as he will have secured his election on such ground that he cannot possibly save it afterward."

He put this memorandum in an envelope, scaled it, and when he met the members of his Cabinet in the council room later in the day he asked them to write their names on the envelope. When they had complied he put it in his pocket. It was not opened until after the election, when Lincoln told his advisers that the envelope they had indorsed contained a pledge he had made with himself that he would do everything possible to save the Union in the event of his defeat at the polls.

When the Tide Turned

It was not until the Democratic convention, which met on August 29, had completed its work that conditions changed so as to give Lincoln any hope of success. While the convention was still in session the news came that Shee man, who had been conducting his campaign against Atlanta, had taken the city. Soon after Sheridan won some victories and the Democratic platform, which had declared the war to be a failure, was repudiated by General McClellan. If the Democrats had met a week later they would have adopted a very different platform and would have refrained from insulting the soldiers in the field. McClellan then would have been a much stronger candidate. The changed situation was followed by the withdrawal of Fremont and the union of the Democratic opposi-

tion on Lincoln. But even then Lincoln was still doubtful of the outcome. After the Democrats won the congressional election in this State in October he summoned the State leaders to Washington to take counsel with them. He insisted that they exert themselves to their utmost to retrieve in November their failure in October. He wanted to carry the State by the home vote exclusive of the vote of the soldiers in the field. Arrangements were made to have 10,000 Pennsylvania soldiers sent home on furlough in order that their vote might be counted as cast within the State. Counting the soldier vote cast in the field, he carried the State by 20,000. McClellan would have had a majority of the home vote if the 10,000 had not been sent home. on furlough. As it was, he polled 12,000 of the total 39,000 soldier vote in the field. If he had refrained from meddling in the politics of the State in the Curtin-Woodward election he would doubtless have come much nearer carrying Pennsylvania. Lincoln was so weak in New York that he carried the State by only 6000 in a total pell of 725,000.

The support which Lincoln received because of the timely victories in the field and the weakness of McClellan because of his political inexperience gave to Lincoln an overwhelming majority in the electoral college. McClellan carried only Delawart. New Jersey and Kentucky. But the electoral votes of eleven States were either

not cast or not counted. The reason the country has not swapped horses while crossing a stream is because of any inherent objection to the proceeding, but because the horse they have been using has proved himself abla to get it safely on the other side.

SERIOUSLY?

In the name of publicity and sincerity we demand that Mr. ex-Justice Hughes get a clean shave before he begins his can-paign. The American people would like to look in the face of the man they are asked to vote for—Baitimore Sun.

WHAT ABOUT MEXICO?

Honestly, in forcing us to begin trying to spell Czernowitz and Przemysł again those Russians have come yory not to dangering our sympathy with the Allen-Richmond News Luaden.