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PENROSE'S OPPORTUNITY

SENATOR PENROSE'S indorsement of the proposition to revise the city charter is likely to be welcomed by all broad-minded friends of betterment.

The Senator does not go far enough, however. Now that he has started on the road to revision he ought to go all the way and demand the calling of a convention to revise the State Constitution.

The revision of the charters of cities by legislative enactment, for example, cannot accomplish the needed reforms in city government so long as the General Assembly in Harrisburg has the power to meddle.

Such a change would do more for decent government here than anything else save a new spirit in the citizens themselves. The city would cease to be the football of factions, and one wing of the party in control in the State capital would be deprived of its power to interfere with another wing in control in the City Hall.

While Senator Penrose should not stop with his demand for a revised charter, the constitutional convention would fail in its duty if it stopped with granting home rule to the cities.

If the Senator will back the demand for a constitutional convention with his undoubted influence he will find the best sentiment of the State supporting him. He will find also that the leaders of public opinion are not frightened by the thought that modern radicalism may be in control in the convention.

When Senator Penrose leads or will he let some one else jump in and take the honor from him?

German reserves are not yet worn out. There still remain the women and children.

Who is to control national industry? BUSINESS men are awaiting the appointment of the four members of the board of directors of the War Finance Corporation and the seven members of the Capital Issues Committee.

Issues Committee is to prevent any drain on the mobile capital that can be avoided. The net says that the committee may pass upon and determine whether it is compatible with the national interest that there should be offered for sale or subscription any issue of securities hereafter issued by any firm, corporation or association.

While the net is thus not mandatory, it is understood that the Administration expects the committee to exercise the powers conferred on it and to permit or forbid in its discretion the increase of the capital stock of any corporation or the floating of any loan which will interfere with the floating of Government loan.

There is, of course, no desire in Washington to unsettle business. Consequently it must be assumed that the men to be selected to exercise the great powers conferred by the law will be chosen with the utmost care.

The total student enrollment of this country, before we entered the war, was nearly twenty-four millions, including universities, technical schools and all grades of the public and private schools. It is less now, of course, and will be less still when the lower limit of the draft age is reduced, as it may be ultimately.

It is for trained technicians in this field to lay down definite programs for our course, but the general purview of the problem may be outlined here.

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When he reaches the bathroom he finds that he has put the safety razor on the fire and carried the coffee pot with him. He goes down again.

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"FORCE TO THE UTMOST" WHAT IT MEANS

Force, force to the utmost; force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world and cast every wicked devils down in the east.

MIND POWER THE important educational conference at the University of Pennsylvania last week showed the serious and constructive spirit in which teachers are facing the problems of the war.

Germany has at least forty years' start of us in nationalizing the power of education. She has been drilling into generations of students the surrender of their souls to the State.

Our schools are the shrine of our patriotic idealism. More than ever, the minds and hearts of our youth must be dedicated to the ideals of humanity and liberty for which we must pay so terrible a sacrifice.

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When the Day Is Done I have eaten a bale of spinach and kale. And I've never raised a row.

YOU CAN'T BE SURE OF WHAT YOU PLANTED TILL IT COMES UP



NOBODY WARNED ME AND OTHER FABLES

By Logan Pearsall Smith

The Alien THE sicker I get the more of an alien do I find myself in this world. I cannot get accustomed to it, cannot believe that it is real.

A Good Resolution LIKE the Aztec emperor of ancient Mexico, who swore a solemn oath each year that they would make the Sun pursue his wonted journey, I, too, have vowed that I will maintain the Solar System.

Phrases IS THERE, after all, any consolation like the consolation of rhetoric? When I am disconcerted by the unpleasant aspects of existence; when for me, as for Hamlet, this fair creation turns to dust and stubble.

Whiskers THREE was once a young man who I thought he saw life as it really is, believed that he looked it grimly in the face without illusions.

But, O, How He Skidded! 'Twas by the name of Otoburk. The coincidence is too eloquent and too precious to be passed by.

OUR OWN NURSERY RHYMES

The Plumppetts

WHEN little heads weary have gone to their beds, When all the good nights and the prayers have been said,

THE little Plumppetts are fairies of beds; They have nothing to do but to watch sleepy heads.

NO MATTER what troubles have bothered the day, Though your doll broke her arm or the pup ran away,

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. Who is the British Foreign Minister? 2. What is a plebeian? 3. What is meant by sandstone?