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that it desired the outlook of a civilian rather than the point of view of a soldier in the White House during the next four years. The general's honor was never in question.

Certainly there were a few men who, desiring war with Mexico or hoping for the profits that might be made out of a largely expanded and elaborated military establishment, whooped it up for Wood in the belief that he was the man most likely to favor policies favorable to them.

COLLEGES HAVE GROWN FASTER THAN POPULATION And They Are Finding It Increasingly Difficult to Get Big Men as Presidents

IT WOULD be a grievous mistake for the friends of the University of Pennsylvania to regard with complacent satisfaction the growth of the institution in the forty-four years that have passed since Provost Smith first entered it as a student.

Only those whose business it is to inform themselves on the subject are aware of what has been happening in the fields of higher education during the last fifty years.

TESTS OF GREATNESS ONE of these days there will be a new two-cent piece. And when the time comes to design that coin the people of the United States will have to settle some of the heated arguments of the moment and decide among Americans of recent years is, or was, worthy to be honored in what is the most exclusive hall of fame in the world or in history.

LEADERS in the British Labor party have always taken a dispassionate view of Russian bolshevism. They are liberals of long experience whose minds are wide open to new doctrine.

ABOUT BACHELORS NOT many years ago a man who founded the world by writing a song of tenderness in honor of fathers. Prior to that achievement even the direct troublemaker was known to be a somewhat humorous. Something of the inspiration that caused a poet to speak out in behalf of the lowest member of the family seems to have appeared in the will of Marcus I.

WOOD AND BUTLER AMONG Americans who have a knack of getting in bad, Professor Nicholas Murray Butler holds a high place. His blistering attack on General Wood after the general had been defeated at Chicago, was another example of an incurable habit of intemperate utterance.

THE GOWNSMAN Help the Farmer? OF LATE there has been some talk of the farmer; and some talk back. First of all there does not seem to be enough of the farmer, and what there is of him can't work or won't work or don't work—it does not matter which.

A MIRACLE OF PROVIDENCE DEMOCRATIC editors, great and small, are benefiting in a peculiar way by the nomination of Mr. Harding. They have been compelled to a new reading of scriptural texts and a new acquaintance with a sort of literature of which not a few of them seem to be in grievous need.

WHEN people are mad for luxury even necessities must be curtailed. Why grow more potatoes than you can eat even if they do bring five times their old value when you can turn the old barn into a garage, furnish gasoline at a couple of cents above the market rate and, joining the profiteering class, learn a trade tinkering with other people's cars at a handsome profit?

HARD TO PLEASE NEITHER New York nor Boston is satisfied with the population figures given out by the Bureau of the Census. The Boston Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting to protest, and Mayor Hylan, of New York, has asked for the figures for a district in each year for which the figures have been compiled, there were 279,537.

THE TOO-READY REVOLVER THREATS of the last few days in Philadelphia point strongly to the need of curbing the promiscuous carrying of pistols about one's person. Since Monday the news columns have recorded the shooting of Joseph J. Stevens, charged with desertion from the army, without what at this time appears to have been a real attempt to take him into custody; a gun fight between two police officers, one of them fatally wounded; and the wounding of a young woman during a water-front riot.

NOTHING IS more common than to see a man who is asked to do a thing that he is not qualified to do, and who is asked to do it in a way that he is not qualified to do it in. The Supreme Court is to be asked to decide whether cloth is to be asked to do it in a way that he is not qualified to do it in.

What Do You Know? 1. How old was Jack London, the novelist, when he died? 2. Who was the first attorney general of the United States? 3. When was the Hudson river first explored?

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SHORT CUTS General Humidity got the nomination yesterday. Porch parties are going to be popular in Ohio this season. Provost Smith has graduated into the leisure he has justly earned.

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By the Associated Press The Times' editorial on the decision reached by the council of the League of Nations to postpone action on the plea of Persia for defense against the Bolsheviks is expressed in some quarters here. One section of the press openly attacks the council for its action.

Some of those present at the meeting of the council, it is declared, were given a bad impression. It is understood Prince Mirza Firuz, Persian foreign minister, despite his outward acquiescence, was much disappointed, although he comforted himself with the hope in the event that Bolshevik troops did not withdraw from Persia the league would take active steps to protect his country.

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The Herald, organ of labor, declares: "The league is already dead because it never lived, and this because the men who formed it were militarists and imperialists, greedy for power and territory."

A Copenhagen dispatch to the Herald refers to the unpublished correspondence between Persia and soviet Russia, and, clamping the latter, claims Persia has not answered the soviet government's protest against what it calls Persia's violation of international law.

Giving details of these violations, the dispatch declares a plenipotentiary from Moscow who went to Teheran last week toward Persia, was "seized and shot by the British and the Russian anti-Bolshevik forces."

It is also claimed that soviet consuls in Persia have been seized and deported. The revolutionary committee of Persia has issued a proclamation announcing the formation of a soviet republic at Teheran, according to a Times dispatch from Teheran.

Sensational reports emanating from Persia to the effect that fresh disturbances had broken out in Mesopotamia were met here with the statement that the latest official reports from Mesopotamia said the situation was much quieter than was reported to the northwest of Mosul, which was temporarily lost to the British, is again in their hands, it is stated.

There is no question of Great Britain increasing her military commitments in Mesopotamia and Persia, according to a statement by Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman, in the Commons yesterday. He added on the contrary the government was trying to reduce its commitments, realizing the necessity of decreasing military expenditures.

When the question was raised in the Commons as to whether President Wilson is qualified to delimit the Armenian boundaries in his private capacity, Mr. Bonar Law said that in the opinion of the British Government Mr. Wilson is qualified. The statement evoked cheers.

The subject was presented by Horatio Bottomley, who asked if there was any precedent for the head of a foreign state being invited in a personal capacity to interfere in international complications. He asked what were President Wilson's qualifications in his personal capacity and also: "Have we not had enough of such in his personal capacity?"



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LIMIT CATALANIAN POWER Spanish Council of Ministers Acts on Autonomy Demands

Madrid, June 16.—(By A. P.)—Catalonia's demands for autonomy were considered by the council of ministers today and approval was given a decree establishing the limits of power to be conferred upon the Catalanian Regional Diet.

Decision was reached by the council to issue treasury obligations amounting to 400,000,000 pesetas to meet the present deficit. Deputy Mendex, of Vigo, was named food commissioner by the council.

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