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mental vigor of this brilliant and tireless student of the past and present the University of Pennsylvania and, indeed, the highest realms of letters and learning may be said to have suffered an irreparable loss.

SIMS' HOMEcoming WAS NOT A PRETTY SPECTACLE... No Credit Due Any of the Factions Contributing to the Painful Episodes Started by His Injudicious Anti-Sinn Fein Speech

Mr. Weiglin, who, with his friends in Council, took from Mr. Develin, of the Law Committee, all power over proposed legislation in Harrisburg last winter and put the duty of securing new legislation in new hands, might have done something to bring about the passage of the bill if he had cared to.

Mr. Weiglin is pressing a desire now to make a permanent arrangement for the operation of the Frankford elevated by the P. R. T. and is criticizing the lease submitted to Council because it makes only a temporary arrangement.

There is nothing in it to prevent the city from making a deal with the conditions on which it may be based as known. It is disingenuous to criticize an avowedly temporary lease on the ground that it is not permanent.

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superstructure of a submarine with a bomb dropped from a height of 1200 feet is to prove that the larger battleships would be a relatively easy target for bombers working from an altitude of 3000 feet or more.

THE NEW BOSS OF THE BUDGET... THE Director of the Budget is a man of large experience in financial affairs. He is of undoubted courage and has large powers of initiative.

As Director of the Budget he will be in a position to make himself, as one Congressman said in describing the powers of his office, "the second most powerful executive department of the Government."

No better plan could have been devised to bring about a businesslike estimate of the sums needed for the support of the Government. It puts the members of the Cabinet under discipline and compels them to accept the estimates for their departments as parts of a complete whole.

When Mr. Dawes begins his work on July 1 there should be that stirring among the dry bones in the Washington departments which believers in business efficiency long have been hoping for.

THE NEWEST BOLSHEVIST... COLONEL McCAIN'S disclosure of a plan formulated by the coal monopolists to drive Herbert Hoover out of the Cabinet will not surprise any one who knows how the minds of profiteers are accustomed to work.

Hoover is a quiet man, and quiet men are dangerous when roused. If the barons are not bereft of their senses they will let Hoover alone. They will take time to consider the incredible energy, the almost matchless resourcefulness of the softly speaking gentleman upon whom they have ordered a war of annihilation.

GRAHAM'S UNWITTING PLEA... REPRESENTATIVE GRAHAM'S objection to a Constitutional Convention is really one of the best arguments for it which has been advanced.

WINGS AND WAR... WHEN, in the recent war, air fighters were sent out to battle with lively and resourceful enemies on land or water, they were usually under orders to maintain a normal altitude of 10,000 feet or more.

OUR CROPS DRYING UP... The State in the Grip of a Water Famine—Farmers in Need of Rain—The Rain-makers of the Government

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN... DENIZENS of the city are just awakening to the fact that we are on the verge of a disastrous drought.

There are few who will forget the terrible drought of the summer of 1917. It got so in Kansas and the surrounding States that the people despaired of saving anything in the way of crops from the desiccated earth.

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BEFORE the "rain-making" business went on like "Tommy Jones' famous sprout," the Rock Island engineer employed a rain-maker who traveled about the country in a special car.

THE standard compositions are those which I arrange the basis is made up of the best works in the repertoire of band music, while the encores are made up of the lighter numbers.

ONE of the features of this attempt to dispel droughty and water-hating superstitions is to give authors for proof that battles were always followed by copious rains.

Today's Anniversaries... 1836—James Mill, celebrated historian and philosopher, died in London. Born in Scotland, April 3, 1735.



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

THE free band concerts given during the summer months are doing a tremendous work for the advancement of the best music among the people of Philadelphia.

What Do You Know? QUIZ... 1. When and where did camp-meetings originate? 2. Which country has the larger population, England or France?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz... 1. Colleen bawn means blonde girl. The words are Gaelic.

Popular Standard Works... It is surprising how much audiences like certain standard numbers such as the "1812 Overture" of Tchaikovsky.

SHORT CUTS... It evidently wasn't for luck that Fordney touched wood. There are indications that Old Sol conspired the calendar yesterday.