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that list of famous characters of fiction upon which the lady from Philadelphia, the good angel of the immortal Peterkin family, holds one of the highest places. Whenever the Peterkins blundered into trouble they always sent for the Philadelphia and she never failed to repair the ravages their awkwardness had caused.

When, for instance, the Peterkins put salt instead of sugar into their coffee one historic morning, and failed to restore its flavor by chemical experiments, their adviser suggested that they prepare a new pot of coffee, a solution of their difficulty that proved immediately satisfactory.

The time has come, however, when from Colonel House can be withheld no longer, even by the most exacting and suspicious Missouriian, the recognition due to a real personage whose colonial job is not imaginary and whose power emanates from a personality that may be retiring but is not feeble.

Mr. Wilson's Appeal to Congress. Of the legislation to deal with the railway crisis which President Wilson urged upon Congress yesterday there appears to be only one measure which is framed for the emergency of an imminent strike.

Another Niagara Bridge. The House of Representatives yesterday passed a bill appropriating a million dollars for an international toll bridge across the Niagara River at Niagara Falls.

A Germ That Knows No Barrier. If the germ of poliomyelitis were a personal devil, endowed with all the ingenuity commonly attributed to the chancellery of darkness, it scarcely could confound the quarantines of this region more exasperatingly than it does.

The Situation in Greece. Conditions have become such in the Balkans that it seems impossible for Greece longer to maintain her neutrality. Rumania's declaration of hostilities leaves Greece the only nation in southeastern Europe not at war.

The Colonel House Peril. There is a portion of the public, by nature sceptical, that has considered the noted but mysterious Colonel House of Texas a kind of cross between a myth and a joke; an imaginary personage whose alleged influence and activities were used by the Administration to persuade the nation that if the wisdom of the Executive, its first line of defence, proved unavailing, there existed in reserve a Solomon-like being whose sagacity would stand like a rock to save the country from disaster.

believe the Kaiser could hand over to his brother-in-law this much coveted land. But the Italians have played a shrewd game of international politics; they have taken advantage of the withdrawal of the Austro-German troops from the east Adriatic coast to land a strong force at Avlona and to advance into southern Albania, taking possession of points which the Greeks had already occupied. Upon this occupation the Italians expect to base their claim for southern Albania. There is no longer much hope for the realization of VENIZELOS's dreams of a Hellenic empire reaching to the Asia Minor coast, but there is yet a chance for expansion in Epirus.

When Harvard University increased its curriculum by a course in play-writing, there was more or less protest at such unconventional use of the time of students and professors. But what is to be said of the college that seriously imparts to its students the difficult art of writing so-called "scenarios" for the cinema? Nothing would seem so antagonistic to the successful composition of the "photo play" than education in even the smallest degree.

There is no place for old women in the political game.—PATRICK E. MCCABE. "Iona" McCabe speaks from a ripe and checkered experience. This city achieves one ambition after another. In the person of HEINRICH ZIMMERMAN it has landed a native on the New York National League baseball team.

Why Does Not the President Use the Power He Already Possesses? If the stockholders or directors of every railroad in the United States combined or conspired in any manner to obstruct transportation in order to force up the rates for hauling freight and passengers, they would clearly be violating Section 1 of the Sherman anti-trust act and subject to the penalties it provides.

Those Brutal Lawyers. This woman was about 45. She sat on the veranda of a pretty white and green bungalow in a fashionable town in New Jersey, ate chocolates, and now and then gave directions to a maid who was setting a table for tea.

Ten Reasons. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—SIR: Professor Irving Fisher of Yale gives "Ten Reasons Why I Should Vote for Wilson." I hope that Professor Fisher is not following in his political dissertations the logical method that used to characterize Professor Sneath's lectures upon philosophy.

Help Me, Caesar, or I Sink! For "Caesar" read "Congress." Secretary BAKER is developing an ability in changing his mind that most endeavor him to his discoverer. The disappointment of the Yale batteries at Tobyhanna—they are to be mustered out on September 1—is apparently not shared by the faculty at New Haven. Graduate education must go on somehow, and the undergraduates at Tobyhanna must remember that they have had a bully summer and are hard as nails.

An Ideal Hay Mite Mergers. Advertisement in the Lowell Courier. Mrs. Clara D. Adams, clairvoyant and impression reader and strictly fresh eggs, 136 Hampshire street. The Homeward Stream. Mark, mark, the dogs do bark. The trunks are returning to town. Some with rage and some with tags, and some with a velvet gown.

TO PREVENT NATIONWIDE STRIKES. A Law for Voluntary Industrial Establishment Suggested. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—SIR: The transportation lines are the country's arteries. They flow the nation's life blood. Interrupt this flow and we have national life paralyzed and we have national death.

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What would be gained by returning the Republican party to power?—JOSEPH DANIELS. Well, for one thing, a competent and dependable Secretary of the Navy. If WILLIAM H. TAFT was not recognized as he walked four blocks in Chicago the other day, the time is no doubt coming when there will be no difficulty in recognizing him in the chambers of the Supreme Court in Washington. President HUGHES with a vacancy to fill would please the whole country by appointing the man who appointed him.

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