

the revenue and the transfer to the Government of the issue of all paper currency, have simply infuriated the Tory classes in the Commonwealth. It will, however, pass by swinging majorities for two reasons. (1) The pressure of the population problem. At all costs good estates have to be forced into the market in small holdings, so that the British farmer may be induced to settle here on a decent area on which a good living can be made. (2) The swing of the pendulum in favor of direct taxation to raise revenue for the Australian navy and the Australian conscript army. The people voted land tax at the election because they wanted the landowner to pay now, not sixteen years hence, for the defence of that land.

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#### Government Land Sales in the Philippines Checked.

All who have watched the progress of the fight against sales of great areas of lands in the Philippines to foreign exploiters (promoted by the Administration under the authority of an opinion by Attorney-General Wickersham), which culminated in the passage of a resolution by Congress for investigation into these sales offered by Representative Martin of Colorado (pp. 395, 564), will read with interest the words of the Secretary of War in his last address at Manila, as reported in the *Vanguard* of Sept. 9th:

I will say in general in regard to the Friar Lands, that at the time of making contracts for other sales of large amounts it was not supposed that there would be any opposition. The principal idea was to reduce the bonded debt as rapidly as possible. Now that opposition has declared itself and the affair is being investigated by Congress, no large sale of these lands will be authorized until the situation is entirely cleared up.

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#### Prohibition as a Federal Question.

A new Federal question has been raised in Memphis. Because the prohibition law of Tennessee is enforced in other parts of the State but not in that city, and the proper State officials refuse to enforce it there, either by police or judicial proceedings, members of the Law Enforcement League make the point that the State deprives them of "the equal protection of the laws," contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Upon their application, based upon that point, Judge John E. McCall of the Federal court at Memphis, has granted a preliminary injunction restraining 114 Memphis saloons from selling intoxicants.

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## NEWS NOTES

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A Correction.—The phrase on page 2, column 1, of last week's issue, "imperio in imperium," should have been, of course, "imperium in imperio."

—Cholera continues on the increase in Italy (pp. 948, 973).

—David Bennett Hill, former Governor of New York, died on the 20th at his country home near Albany at the age of 67.

—Congressman Eugene N. Foss (pp. 295, 1001) has been substituted for Frederick W. Mansfield (p. 971) as Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts.

—Thomas Thompson Eckert, chairman of the board of directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died on the 20th at his home near Long Branch at the age of 85.

—Ex-President Roosevelt spoke in Massachusetts last week for the re-election of Governor Draper and Senator Lodge. He also spoke in New Hampshire in behalf of the Republican candidate for Governor (p. 847), Robert P. Bass.

—Edwin R. Wright, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor for four successive terms, was re-elected on the 21st at the convention (vol. xii, p. 1044) at Rock Island by a vote of 170 to 46 over Thomas A. Shea of Bloomington.

—Ethel Leneve, charged as accessory after the fact to the murder of Cora Belle Crippen (Belle Elmore) by Dr. Crippen (pp. 1001, 1011, 1023), was placed upon trial at the New Old Bailey, London, on the 25th, and after a trial lasting but a few hours was acquitted.

—The Philadelphia "Athletics" of the American League, on the 23d, at Chicago, obtained the world's baseball championship by defeating the Chicago "Cubs" of the National League. The "Athletics" won four games out of an actual five and a possible seven (vol. xii, p. 1021).

—The resignation as president of Princeton University of Dr. Woodrow Wilson, now running for Governor of New Jersey on the Democratic ticket, to take effect immediately (p. 898), has been formally delivered and accepted. John Aikman Stewart, a trustee for 42 years, has been appointed president provisionally.

—Luigi Luccheni, who on September 10, 1898, assassinated the Empress of Austria at Geneva, Switzerland (vol. 1, no. 24, pp. 1, 10), committed suicide on the 19th by hanging himself to the bars of his cell window in the prison called l'Eveche at Geneva, where he was confined as a life prisoner, Switzerland not imposing capital punishment for any crime.

—Mayor Gaynor of New York accepted resignations on the 20th of Police Commissioner W. F. Baker and his deputies, Frederick H. Bugher and Charles Kirby, and appointed in their place James C. Cropsey as police commissioner, and Clement M. Driscoll as first deputy and Capt. William J. Flynn (chief operative of the United States secret service) as second deputy.

—The death of the widow of the late Judge Murray F. Tuley (vol. viii, pp. 797, 808), recalls the incident of their going arm in arm to the polls to vote together when women in Illinois were first granted the narrow privilege of voting for University trustees. Mrs. Tuley was Judge Tuley's helpmeet, as he was hers, in their citizenship as well as in their household affairs, and of the same democratic