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THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR NOVEMBER WAS 81,801.

RAISING THE ANTE
THE way to get the Republican convention for Philadelphia is to make it impossible for the National Committee to accept the invitation of any other city.

RAISING THE ANTE (continued)
The Chamber of Commerce Convention Committee has evidently decided to raise the ante and to offer \$150,000, instead of \$100,000, to be used as the financial officers of the National Committee see fit.

LAWS TO PROTECT OUR NEUTRALITY
THE Attorney General is most restrained when he says in his discussion of needed changes in the neutrality laws that "in two or three respects immediate action seems necessary."

LAWS TO PROTECT OUR NEUTRALITY (continued)
There is no national law, either, making it a crime to place bombs or other explosives on a ship sailing from United States ports with the intent to destroy the vessel at sea.

LAWS TO PROTECT OUR NEUTRALITY (continued)
When Congress acts upon the recommendation of Mr. Gregory it will be possible to punish in the United States courts the plotters against the safety of our commerce, and it will be easier also to prevent complications arising out of the attempted participation of Americans in insurrections in the small countries bordering on the Gulf of Mexico.

LAWS TO PROTECT OUR NEUTRALITY (continued)
The need of laws covering these points is so evident that no argument should be required to persuade Congress of its duty.

LAWS TO PROTECT OUR NEUTRALITY (continued)
The city government must plead guilty to the indictment of delay found by the City Parks Association. Progress upon the Parkway has been so slow that it has become almost a public scandal.

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The President says that America must preserve its peace and self-possession. It's all right about the peace, but between British seizures and German submarines our possessions seem to be slipping away from ourselves.

willfulness to submit to all sorts of abuses rather than make a protest. If he could reach his hand from the Elysian fields, in which his admirers hope he is now dwelling, he would grasp that of Crowther with a hearty grip and say, "Put her there, old boy! You have done the proper thing. If you do not stand up for your rights no one else will."

KEEP THIS NEW BUSINESS

JAMES J. HILL, used to say that when the railroad sidings were crowded with loaded freight cars which could not be moved the terminal facilities were outgrown. This condition exists today on all the roads leading to the North Atlantic ports.

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AMERICAN HUMOR

THE Philosopher of Archer Road is asked to move over a little and share a place in the shade with the critics of Wasseroberger's Restaurant. Fortunately Mr. Dooley is used to it.

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NEVER TOO OLD TO BEGIN

THE difference between a man and a horse is that the horse never thinks that he is too old to begin. Take the case of Billy Dispute, a racing animal which has won considerable money on the trotting circuit.

Billy Dispute was not worried about his age. He could trot, and he trotted as though he were in his prime. If he were asked to write his philosophy of life he would doubtless say that all a horse knows or needs to know is that it is a disgrace to take the dust of any other animal on the road.

Hungary is tired of the war and is willing to admit it. It begins to look as if the fight for transit was not won yet.

Columbus has discovered the President, but it must understand that he is not all America. "U. S. Seeks Light on Searching of Ships."—Headline.

THE HERO OF ANDALUSIA

THE act of Samuel Crowther, of Andalusia, in holding up the Pennsylvania Railroad sends a thrill of envy through the heart of every less courageous man.

His son was killed while crossing the railroad a year ago, and there has been no settlement of his claim for damages. Until he is compensated for the life of the boy he will keep the freight. That was his purpose last night.

It is not possible to defend his action by the ordinary rules of conduct. Yet what is a small farmer to do when a big corporation ignores him? There is probably not a man in the whole nation who does not wish that he had the nerve to do what Crowther has done.

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Tom Daly's Column

FIRESIDE DREAMS
An old colonial fireplace!
What memories cling around it!
Such quaint carved frame, such hallowed stone,

It graced a sporting squire's hall—
Those peas once held his rifle—
Long years before the sordid clow,
Who bought the mansion, tore it down

He was, in truth, a sordid wretch,
This clod who took my money,
I wonder why folks get so daff
About such junk," he said, and laughed

Poor wretch, indeed! What soul had he
To conjure up the spirit
Of kindly cheer and olden grace
That once enlivened that fireplace,

But I who've stovied in rented flats,
How could I help but love it?
And so I've stored my prize away
Against the coming of that day

And you, my friends, you, too, shall bless
The happy day I found it,
For I'll invite you all to call
As soon as I've the wherewithal

To build a house around it.

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Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms

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We feel we should not too often interpose between Professor Hill and the reader, but, being somewhat conscious of remissness, we trust we will be pardoned if we horn in here (an expression unknown in the professor's day) to make a little apology.

It is an expert penman and flourisher that Professor Hill is to caricature conspicuously in the corridors of time, and we should, therefore, have presented him, in propria persona, ere this, but we have been handicapped by our inability to select from a wealth of material that specimen of his handiwork which best trumpets his genius.

This work of art has aroused the enthusiasm of poets and humorists. When Gelett Burgess, the purple cowboy, first looked upon it in the company of some friends he was

Like stout Cortez when, with eagle eyes,
He stared at the Pacific—and all his men
Looked at each other with a wild surmise.

But the next moment he was stirred to address the work of art, quoting the opening lines of Shelley's "Ode to a Skylark":

Hail to thee, blithe spirit!
Bird thou never wert,
Here we were to have cited some of the professor's choicest specimens of letter-writing, but we have exhausted our space. They will keep for another occasion.

Overdoing It
Chinmick—"Say, did you see de cover on de Sattady Eve. Post dis week?"

We've renewed the acquaintance of that prodigal thief—prodigal, that is to say, in the sense of coming back home after having been away awhile. The creature seems to have grown awfully while it was absent from us, for we're sure it used to give bigger portions of itself than we got at Dooner's yesterday.

Perfectly Proper Petey and Punky
Said Petey Dink to Punky Dink:
"Would 'st be mighty to get drunk?"

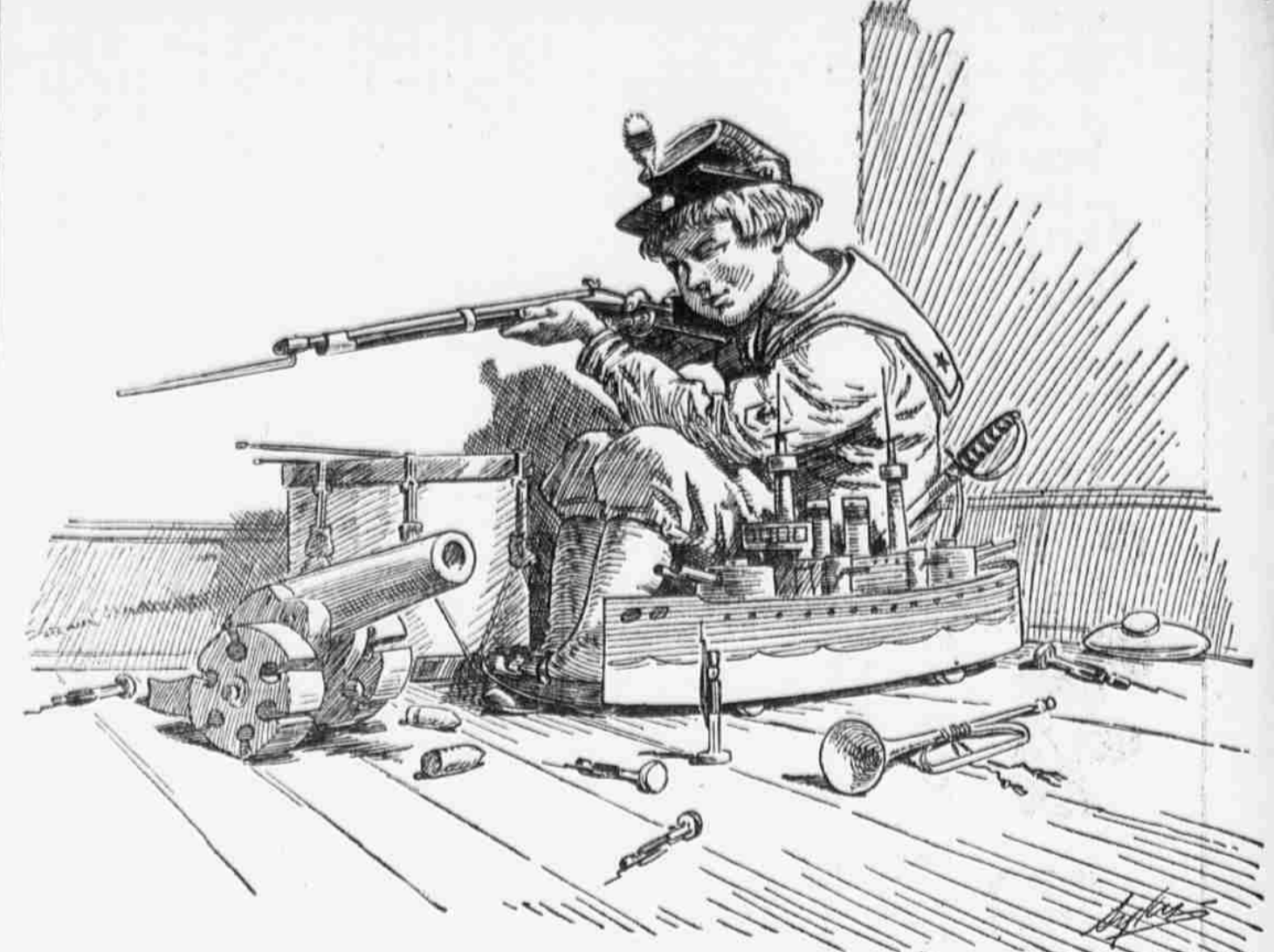
The Contractor Speaks
Two or three thousand people were assembled at the cornerstone laying. It was on a Saturday in the month of May. Everybody had his hat on. When the papers, new coin and a parchment copy of the Old Testament were placed where they belonged and the stone swung into place, the chairman took it on himself to ask the contractor for a few words.

And here comes this—now—Montague Glass with yet another story again. His first discussion of current topics through his mannikin, Zapp and Bireky, plentifully blesses another page of this paper. Here's a health to Potash, Perimutter, Zapp, Bireky and de ganze meepokutter!

Above Bar
The son of a Swarthmore clergyman brought home his monthly report card and was criticized by his mother because of the low marks on several studies. Look here, son, there is certainly no excuse for a mark of 75 per cent. on department; you ought always to have a hundred mark!

"See, Ma! They call me an angel now."
D. A. H.

JUST WONDERING IF THIS TEACHES A CHILD THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



INDIA, COVETED JEWEL OF THE EAST

Renewal of Struggle of Three Centuries Ago for Possession of This Oriental Treasure House—"India," Said Peter the Great, "Means Supremacy in Europe"

"ON TO INDIA!" The cry has been raised in Berlin. A highway of battle and conquest and imperial power from Berlin to Baghdad, and on through Mesopotamia to the head of the Persian Gulf, even to Britain's Asian treasure house of wealth, seems too vast an undertaking, with foes on every side, foes behind and before; but the bigger the task and the more stupendous the effort the stronger seems the appeal to the war managers of Germany.

But the Teutonic designs on India are older. They are at least as old as the "Berlin-to-Baghdad" project. The Baghdad Railroad is Germany's "Suez Canal," the symbol of her dreams for empire eastward, the connecting link from Berlin to the Persian Gulf—and beyond lies India, the pearl of the British Empire's crown.

Peter the Great's Injunction
And what of Russian ambitions? The history of the nineteenth century is filled with the rivalry of Great Britain and Russia, as poignant and as relentlessly pursued on both sides as any rivalry in ancient or modern times. It concerns not only Constantinople, but India also. Some of it has been written in the strangling of Persia, but its concluding chapter has not yet appeared.

"Money Graveyard of the World"
The aim of each nation that has ever sought dominion in the great region known as India has been commercial and not colonial. As Admiral Mahan pointed out in "The Problem of Asia," India constitutes a highly important "base" of military and naval power as well as an area valuable in itself.

vast amount of interesting information concerning the absorption of treasure by this great country. India is what two different writers have called respectively "the great sink of precious metals" and "the money graveyard of the world."

Small hoards into this enormous hoard of treasure have been made unwillingly in times of famine, but as long ago as 1864 a writer estimated that the precious metals locked up in India, in trinkets alone, amounted to \$2,000,000,000.

Immense fortunes in India are in jewels, but there is no authoritative method of computation of the extent of this form of wealth. The Imperial Gazetteer of India described fifty years ago a shawl of pearls, with an arabesque border of diamonds, rubies, sapphires, and emeralds, valued at \$5,000,000.

India, probably, has never been well understood by Occidental peoples. British exploitation and philanthropy present a story mixed in reasons for praise and blame. Certain it is that in India may be found the most heterogeneous aggregate of peoples in the world.

From the latest commerce reports comes a

INDIA, COVETED JEWEL OF THE EAST (continued)

If India is still a mystery even to her rulers, it was only a name to the Greek and Roman world. Alexander's visit was brief. Greece was Greece and Rome was Rome, and beyond were the barbarians. East was East and West was West after the crusades.

Romance and History
The period of British rule is but a small fraction of India's history. Eastward from the Iranian plateau the Aryans descended into the Punjab as early as 2000 B. C., and spread through the peninsula, expelling or subduing the aboriginal tribes.

A NEWSBOY'S CAREER

The life of Frederick Parry Morris should provide inspiration for every true American. Coming to this country from England as a boy, he found his opportunity as a newsboy on Long Island, working his way up the ladder until he reached the top rung of business success.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN AIR RAIDS

Photography, of course, is playing an ever-increasing part in aerial reconnaissance. It is increasing part in aerial reconnaissance. It is increasing part in aerial reconnaissance.

GLIMPSES OF MORTALITY

(Stephen Phillips, the poet, died Thursday in London. The following is a selection from his "Mortuary.")
And never I remember of all human things
My mother, often as a child, I pressed
My face against her cheek, and felt her tears;