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THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THIS EVENING LEDGER FOR FEBRUARY WAS 104,115.

PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1916. In peace, as a wise man, he should make suitable preparation for war.—Horace.

Life predicts the use of babies in the trenches in 1917. In the infantry, probably.

The appointment of Mr. Baker indicates that the President will continue to be his own Secretary of War.

Portugal at least has the satisfaction of being safe from any immediate danger of invasion from Germany.

As the national defense plans are all dough, perhaps a Baker is the best kind of a man to take charge of them.

That "fire in yarn works" reported in the newspapers the other day did not occur in the office of the Providence Journal.

No one had to ask who he was when the President sent to the Senate the nomination of David R. Francis to be Ambassador to Russia.

Ambassador Morgenthau refers to the war as a ball game, with the United States as umpire. Hark to the familiar cry: "Kill the umpire."

Mr. Brandeis may have one consolation—if he runs the present gauntlet unscathed, he may regard his character as being entirely impregnable.

The Washington street car strike will give the resolute Congressmen an opportunity to exercise their abilities without meddling in international affairs.

When Edward Howard Griggs talked about "An Enemy of the People" in Witherspoon Hall yesterday he was not referring to the Great Faunal Naturalist.

From the way in which "Billy" Sunday is raking in the shekels, it is evident that the people are willing to cough up for at least one kind of preparedness.

Perhaps the lion was so deeply interested in Verdun that he forgot all about his engagement to reach here on March 1. He arrived yesterday, a little tardy, but with his roar in good condition.

much waste when 10 per cent. of the annual crop is a failure. Conservation of the natural resources of America is important, but conservation of the human resources of the nation is still more important.

NOT DEBT, BUT REVENUE

Increase in borrowing capacity was authorized only for two income-producing projects, port improvement and transit.

When Mr. Taylor began to plan his transit system for Philadelphia he was confronted at once with financial difficulties.

He then went before the Legislature and the people of the State with a proposal that the borrowing capacity of the city be increased from 7 per cent. to 10 per cent.

There was a great underlying reason for this. Taxpayers might reasonably object to an increase of debt from which there would be no return in actual money.

The 3 per cent. extra borrowing capacity was for the purpose of allowing the city to lend its credit to build facilities.

For instance, when a city borrows money to pave a street the benefit is incidental.

Can something be got for nothing? In a way it can. A company builds a factory for \$15,000,000.

The people did not contemplate permitting Philadelphia to borrow additional millions for non-income-producing projects.

The effort, therefore, to make the taxpayer think that a great burden will be put on his shoulders if the Taylor plan is consummated is misleading.

Moreover, unexpected developments due to the war have made the Darby L. more than ever feasible, there now being adjacent to the Darby district a great body of workmen who must be given quick transit to the city.

What the taxpayer has to fear is not that transit will cost him money, but that the McNichol amendment to the Constitution will later be carried through, which would make the extra 3 per cent. borrowing capacity available for any permanent improvements, even those which would not produce any revenue return at all directly.

It is just as well to remember that the obstructionist theory that the lines will not pay is of scarcely any importance in view of the fact that Mr. Taylor's estimates are based on a most thorough and comprehensive study of population and probable patronage of the new lines.

This is to be a great city—great not only in the number of inhabitants, but great also in the facilities and conveniences of life which they enjoy.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

IT IS reported from Washington that Newton D. Baker, to whom the War portfolio has been offered, "is in accord with President Wilson's policy for national defense."

If we knew what the President's policy is this would be more reassuring. Mr. Garrison resigned because the policy of his superior seemed to be inchoate.

Mr. Baker is reported to be a converted pacifist. He now believes that something should be done for national defense.

Tom Daly's Column

IF BOB GREER had "obeyed that impulse" we wouldn't have had to wait so long for this: "Some time ago when I saw your comment on Mayor Smith's decision not to officiate at marriages I meant to write to you about what happened when I was secretary to Mayor Weaver."

"About two months later the bride came back. She wanted to see the Mayor. 'You remember how good he was about giving me that money,' said she. 'Well, when we got outside in the corridor that day George wanted I should give it back to him, and I wouldn't, and I ain't seen anything of him from that day to this; and I want the Mayor to get me a divorce.'"

Rondeau TO AN OPERATIC BEAUTY (Seen on the stage from the last row in the top balcony; and later, on the sidewalk, stepping into her car.)

Oh, perch here, on my knee. Thy kiss Would fill my yearning cup with bliss. Oh, to enfold thee with this arm.

THE POSTCARD. Here's here comes another one of those postcards, only it aren't coming head-first this time.

Right You're just a poem, Bess, I said, And I was right you see, I knew the way she tossed her head.

It Didn't Happen to Us, But We Overheard It "BUT I assure you," the visitor was protesting to the editor, "the stories I'm submitting here were original with me."

PREPARED PEOPLE I HAVE MET. The man in the restaurant who butters his three pieces of bread while waiting for the steak to come.

THE POSTCARD. Look, look, Charlie here comes another piece of it. Look, look, a series about five feet long. You never seen a suit as big as this before—or behind. Oh, you're gonna be surprised.

Classifying Your Countrymen (It's respectfully dedicated to H. H. H.) VII If you meet some "brays" or "golds" Who only of their hometown talk

Our Uplift Series Little Lessons From Classic Lives ONE bright, sunny day in the year 497 B. C., Rok, a little Stone baby, who afterward became the great lawgiver, might have been seen sauntering into the Council of the Wise Men, near the Rock of Wok.

THE POSTCARD. Put this alongside the other two pieces, Charlie. Yes sir, when I was in Africa I seen a flock of ants that—oh, you better begin to ask me about it. Gee! you're gonna be surprised!

Dr. Alexander Hamilton in Philadelphia MONDAY, September 17, 1744—This day was very sharp and cold for the season, and a fire was very grateful.

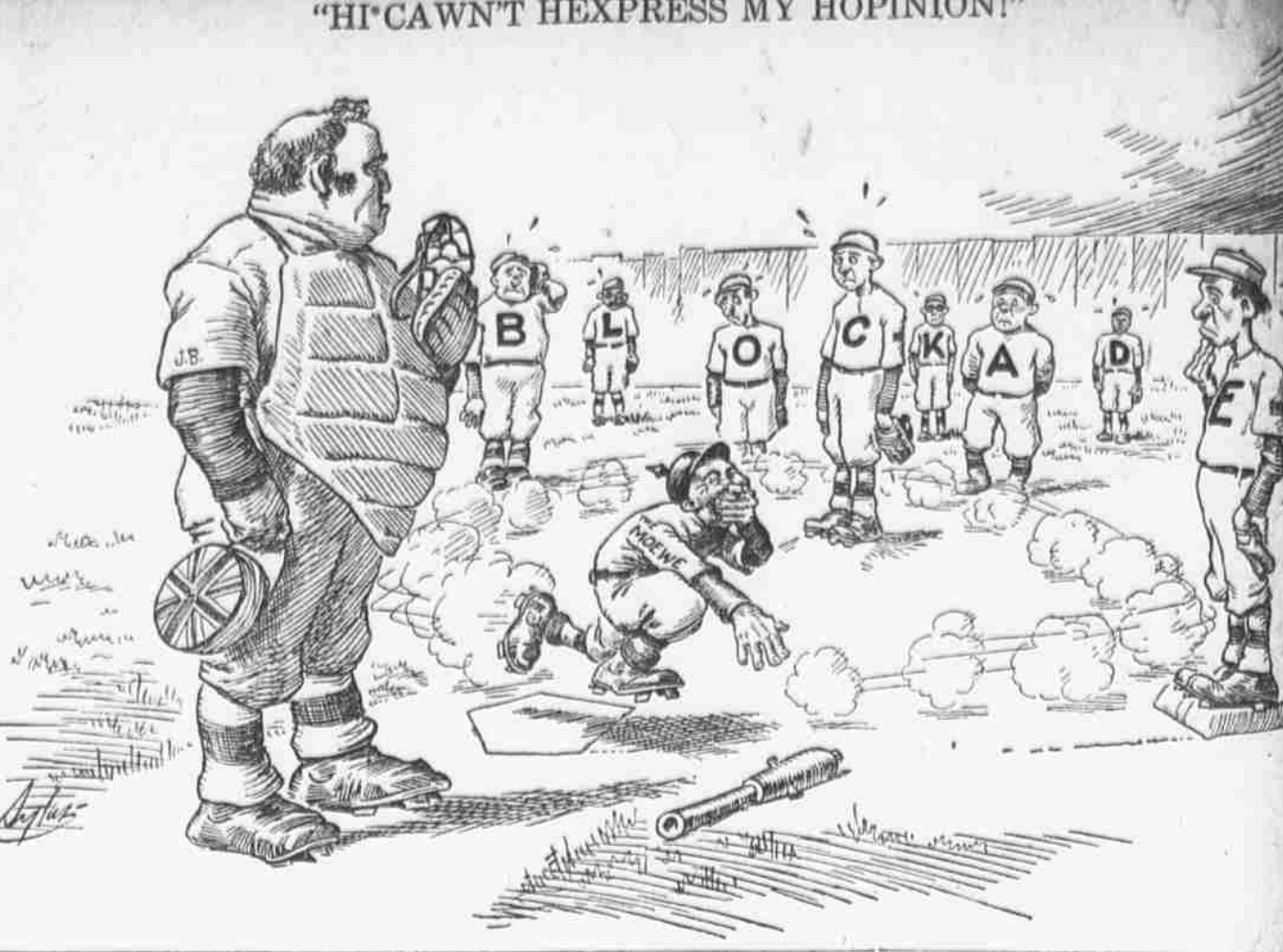
THE POSTCARD. Here's another piece, but you won't know till you see the head. You must say to me "How many pieces can you distribute a suit into, Frank?" and then I'll tell you.

THE POSTCARD. Here's a dyer's advertisement to you. The More We Dye the Better We Live. The Better You Live the Better You Die.

THE POSTCARD. New, Charlie, look your best and don't look! Here's the best, coming. Now, put on your best! It's the biggest ant in captivity. Yes, it's a Black Ant.

SCENE: Car on Route 34. Time: 5:30 p. m. From the rear of the car came a cry: "Woman fainting!"

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BLOCKADE RUNNERS OF THE CIVIL WAR

While the Federal Patrol Was Making International Law Bold Evaders Were Playing a Perilous and Romantic Game

SOMEHOW the British blockade never became really interesting until the German cruiser with a name that looks like the cry of a cat slipped safely into a home port after eluding all enemy ships in its path.

"Hats off," in ex post facto fashion, to the steamer Kate, heroine of 44 successful trips through the Federal blockade in the Civil War.

On the character of the Carolinian coast hangs a curious tale of what might have been. At Pocotaligo, in October of 1862, two batteries of artillery and a company or two of dismounted cavalry succeeded in repelling an all-day assault of 3000 Federals and driving them back to their ships.

What Might Have Been The name of California, signifying "hot furnace," is derived from the Spanish. It first appears in a Spanish romance, published early in the 15th century, as that of an island lying somewhere in the western sea near the equator.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW The wicked effort of some nervous near-statesmen to usurp the powers of the President is about over.—Chicago Journal.

Red Cock and Bull Story Editor of "What Do You Know"—I cannot find in the few books of reference I have at hand the origin of the saying, "A cock and bull story." I appeal to you for help.

Red Letter Days Editor of "What Do You Know"—Is a red letter day anything more than a day in which something happens of great importance to yourself?

Quiz 1. Name a Senator who was once a member of the Cabinet. 2. How long has stenography been in general use?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Columbus had a rude sextant for determining his latitude by observation of the fixed stars.

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What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

- 1. Name a Senator who was once a member of the Cabinet. 2. How long has stenography been in general use? 3. Which produces the greater wealth annually in the United States, manufacturing or agriculture? 4. Name, if there is any, a city park in the United States larger than Fairmount Park.

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