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THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR MAY WAS 125,011 Philadelphia, Friday, June 9, 1916.

None can be free who is a slave to and ruled by his passions.—Pythagoras. Teddy is still a practical man.

Can it be that both conventions are really meeting in Oyster Bay? It was so cloudy in Chicago yesterday that it was impossible to see any of the dark horses.

The German cruiser Seydlitz is reported sunk, but the dispatches do not say what became of the powder. We don't realize what a country we are to lose.—Chauncey Depew.

Ambiguity betrayeth the politician. Penrose and Crane are on top in Chicago and no one is protesting, not even the Colonel. He is dickering with them.

Why should the Progressives want to make the Republican candidate when their candidate has made the Republican platform? General Joffre ought to stick to his last. His praise of America and assurances of French gratitude are not fair play.

When Mr. Bryan, amateur reporter, in search of information in Chicago remarked to a regular reporter that he did not know whether to believe what he was told or to use his own judgment, the regular reporter was unkind enough to say that both were a little unreliable.

widening to a greater breadth of hospitality toward their ambitious energies. In the arts, in the humanities, in science, they receive degrees from professors who deem them of mental calibre equal to that of young men.

HARMONY IS PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is the dominating note of both Chicago conventions. The test of patriotism now is harmony. THE interest of Pennsylvania is in principles and not in personalities.

The remarkable spectacle is presented, therefore, of two great bodies of men dedicated to the furtherance of an identical program, but held at arm's length by the injection of personality into the situation.

It is plain that the country either is or is not in the throes of a great crisis. If it is not, the meetings in Chicago are virtually without meaning.

There is no question of the ability of the man. It and his sturdiness have been proved over and over again. But with all his strength he has the Achilles heel and he cannot hide it.

Medical Inspector Cornell is headed in the right direction when he demands the appointment of more physicians to examine school children. Inspection has already justified itself in the decrease in the number of cases of contagious diseases among the pupils.

No matter when his retirement came, there would have been some sadness in seeing Charles E. Courtney go. As coach of Cornell he won the sort of respect which can only go with amateur sport—untainted and unquestioned.

The acme of literary taste in American politics would certainly be realized in the campaign speeches of the two contestants (Wilson and Hughes) in their use of pure diction, rhetoric and classic learning.—Speech of "Al" Falta Bill" Murray, of Oklahoma.

Commenting on the merger of three Philadelphia medical schools, the New York Evening Post notes the fact that it is symptomatic of the trend away from scattered schools and toward concentration. Ten medical schools have disappeared each year since 1907.

A glance at the graduation lists of various schools and colleges puts Iowa, which has apparently voted down woman suffrage, to shame. The lists show that a very large proportion of those who are equipping themselves for intelligent service, and therefore, we take it, for intelligent voting as well, are young women.

Tom Daly's Column

Comes Written by myself Little Poetry

Teeth are made of ivory Which is hard as hard can be And they grow up in your jaws Early in your life because Even in your babyhood You must learn to chew your food.

Part of our job, we know, is to spread sunshine. Unfortunately, one can't make the sun shine on both sides of the street at once; one can only do one's best.

The mail from abroad brings us The Caterer, in which we find a jest which was one of the last the late Peter Doomer told us 10 years ago. It is the story of a Scotsman at a certain fashionable dinner who, after taking several glasses of champagne, whispered to his neighbor the hope that there was some whisky coming.

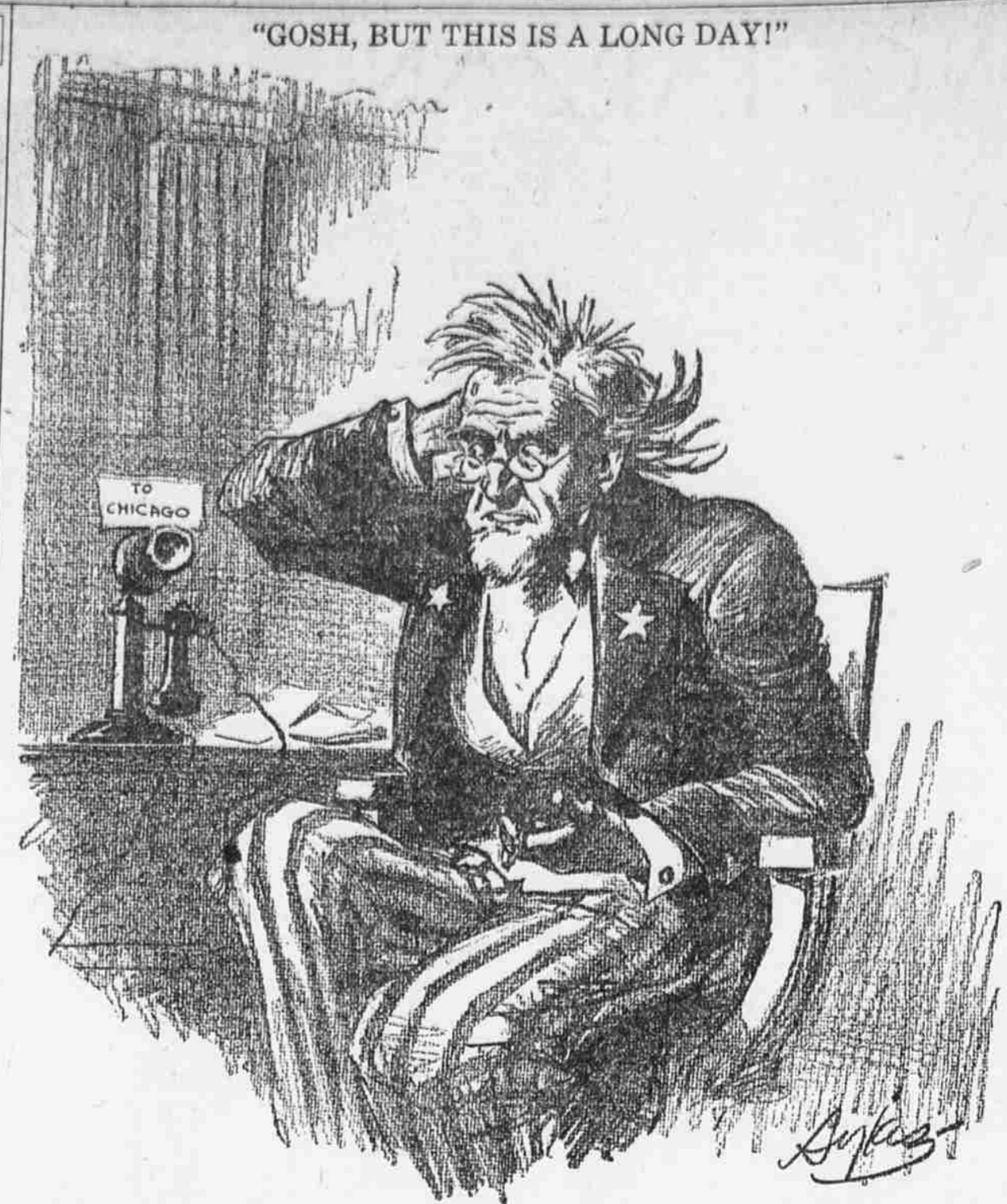
What Is Your Sword of Damocles? Mine is that is when my first-born is old enough to say cute things, tonsillitis or something will make me too hoarse to whisper even.

Lines to Make an Allegory Pop and Mom and Al one day Went into a cabaret Just to while the time away— Pop and Mom withal.

Will Lou. There wasn't much to eat, Little bread and little meat; So, just for an extra treat, Pop and Mom eat it.

Odd Fish I. The Barometer. EDGAR LAWRENCE, a pessimistic but civil engineer, will please bow to the audience. Very good, Edgar; very good!

Kute Kid Stuff CATHERINE R. is three. Her eyes are two; and she uses them. Recently she was riding in a Girard avenue car, kneeling on the seat, looking north. At 15th street she noticed the pronounced drop in Girard avenue to Thompson and she shouted for the benefit of the carload of passengers: "Papa, who bent the street?"



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Nine-tenths of Government Is Administrative and Only One-tenth Political—Identity of the Endless Mountains Discussed

This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is the policy of the Evening Ledger to assume no responsibility for the views of its correspondents. POLITICS AND BUSINESS To the Editor of Evening Ledger: At the beginning of the presidential campaign, the Bureau of Municipal Research has seen fit to remind us that government is not a political device, but an administrative one.

WHAT HUGHES WOULD DO To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—Concerning the probable candidature of Justice Hughes, the regular Republicanism need not worry at all about either the support or the non-support of the irregular Progressives. Justice Hughes could win the election with considerable ease against both Roosevelt and Wilson.

AT ANY PRICE Mr. Bryan says that the reports connecting his name with the prohibition nomination are certainly nothing in it, so far as I am concerned," he said. If there is nothing in it for Mr. Bryan, that settles it.—Boston Globe.

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OR BURGLARS Some people probably would like to know whether it is a political convention or a gathering of cartoonists.—Hartford Post. SOME OTHER MOTHER'S BOY Some other mother's boy can be a soldier. Not my own 'tittle toony-wooty pet! Don't talk to me of what I owe my country. Some other mother's boy will pay the debt. It isn't fair to ask so much of my boy When other mothers' boys have blood to shed.

AN OLD SONG REVIVED Editor of "What Do You Know?" The following are part of the lines asked for by "Reader" in the EVENING LEDGER of June 7. I heard them sung by an evangelist, East Side of New York, some 45 years ago, and the impression they left on my 13-year-old mind has never been effaced.

THE PROPHET OF "TERRIBLE THINGS"

Belloc and His Interpretation of French Revenge—A New Way of Telling Old Truths

"THE white heat of energy which will explain very terrible things, and mask by the future and undreamt of here." This fragment is the epitome of Hilaire Belloc's forecast of the Great War.

At a time when every other day brings some new talk of inconclusive peace as a probability, the reason for this unpromising steadfastness of so sober and reliable a historian as Belloc is worth study. The reason is bound up with his remarkable career and personality.

An Englishman, who has sat in the House of Commons, it is as a man in whom the French blood is predominant that Belloc interprets Europe. After his schooling in England he served in the French army as a driver in the 8th Regiment of artillery. His religion is that of Catholic France and not of Protestant England.

For this reason when, upon the German invasion of northern France, the public men of England were losing their heads, Belloc calmly kept his. He knew what the French artillerymen could do because he was one of them. He knew that the spirit that made the amateur French army repulse the professional Prussian army at Valmy in 1792 would show itself when the time came, and to him the battle of the Marne was simply the resurrection of the spirit of Danton and Carnot, which saved the Revolution and democracy, rolling back once more the tide of Prussian and Austrian autocracy.

So, while suggestions of an exclusive peace have come from every other belligerent country at one time or another, no Frenchman has uttered any such suggestion, except the biting one that peace will come when Germany is on her knees. Belloc believes that Germany will presently be on her knees. He bases his belief largely on the numerical superiority of the Allies and the exhausting of the German reinforcements.—Attrition, the constant loss of irreplaceable men. This attrition is of course accompanied by attrition of the allied armies, but it is maintained that the German method of fighting causes them greater net losses. France is willing to pay the cost of "bleeding Germany white." Terrible as that is, there is no reason to doubt that Belloc has rightly interpreted the French as being steadfastly devoted to that end. Russia is able to lose two men to Germany's one, and seem ready to pay the price to the end. England, because she is not suffering so severely as her allies, has no excuse for not continuing. Therefore, already outnumbered, Germany is in the position of the chessplayer, who is outnumbered and who is forced to exchange loss after loss with his opponent until he has nothing left. This is the Belloc theory of the war.

The theory stands or falls with his theory of reading the present temper of the French in the light of their temper in similar crises in the past. If he is right, the war will, indeed, end on the basis of the war map, in the words of the German Chancellor. But that war map would consist of one line—a black and narrowing circle around the city of Berlin.

GLUTTONS As Germany claims that the Allies are licked, and it appears that they, like Oliver Twist, have the exceptional habit of asking for more.—New Orleans Daily States.

A NEW NAVAL PROGRAM A few more encounters like that which in the North Sea the other day and another's navy will be at the top.—Kansas City Journal.

What Do You Know?

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

- QUIZ 1. Name the ten commanding officers in charge of the British fleet in the recent battle in the North Sea. 2. What is meant by a "decree nisi"? 3. The word "palatine" is frequently used to describe a compact body. What was the original phalanx? 4. Have any negroes become United States Senators? 5. What was the original "Old Guard"? 6. What are "genre" pictures? 7. What section of Philadelphia has been known as Blue Bell Hill? 8. England, to bottle up the German fleet, must hold the line from Scotland to Norway. About how long is that line? 9. What is the chief national sport of Spain? 10. Who were the Guelphs and the Ghibellines?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Vice Admiral von Scheer, commanded the fleet. 2. "The good people," a name given to the fairies by the Irish peasantry. 3. Palestine, the extreme eastern end of the Mediterranean. 4. A pedometer is for measuring distances traveled by walking. 5. Bees do not suck honey from flowers, but do sweet liquid which they convert into honey. 6. Cups of tea are those which "cheer but do not exhilarate." 7. The first steamship called across the Atlantic under the American flag, in 1819. 8. The section near Waterloo and Cumberland. 9. Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India in 1877. 10. "MS" means manuscript; "MSS" manuscripts.

Some American History

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Who was General Forbes in American history? (1) Who discovered the Philippines and Hawaiian Islands? When? (2) What was the Indian population in Pennsylvania when Penn landed? (3) How many Indians were in America at the time of the Revolution? J. J. G. John Forbes (1710-1758) was a Scotch soldier who served in America during the French and Indian War. In 1758 he led the force which marched across Pennsylvania and took Fort Duquesne. He died in 1759 in this city. (2) Magellan is credited with the discovery of the Philippines, in 1521. The survivors of the crews of two wrecked Spanish vessels landed on the Hawaiian Islands in 1527. (3 and 4) The number of Indians in Colonial times is largely a matter of conjecture. A summary of the estimates of early writers puts the number east of the Mississippi at about 200,000. As they were more numerous along the coast and in rich agricultural districts, it is probable that there were a great many in Pennsylvania in Penn's day—probably not fewer than 10,000.

The Sinking of the Hatsuse

M. T. T.—The Japanese battleship you speak of was the Hatsuse. She was sunk off Port Arthur in 1904 by contact with a mine.

An Old Song Revived

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