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Readers may have the Evening Ledger mailed to them in any out-of-town address...

High stations, tumult, not bliss create, None think the great unhappy but the great.

Thieves-Near City Hall-Headline. Near? Thank goodness!

Light without heat has been discovered by a French savant. Vice versa has been much employed by American politicians for many years.

All the military experts have to do with describing the Russian advance is to turn to their files of last summer, reverse the maps, and repeat.

Japan will build four superdreadnoughts. From our own experience we judge that Japan must recently have suffered from a violent outbreak of pacifism.

The Virginia Bill of Rights may be all right for Virginia, but it won't do for Mexico, where there is no government.-Joe Cannon.

Never mind! Didn't Mr. Bryan have us almost to the point where we had no Government either?

Tell all those persons who ask you if the movies have not seen their best days that the child is just off a milk diet and is beginning to eat meat.

Milk! Nonsense; champagne! It would be a pleasant thing if any one were naive enough to say: "What does it signify that the Mayor will recognize forty-eight men in the city as ward leaders?"

Deplorable as is the sudden activity of man-eating sharks along the upper Jersey coast, there is little occasion for a panic, and certainly none for avoidance of surf bathing altogether.

Senator Penrose might have been in Washington when the navy bill was being formulated, but he wasn't. In fact, he has not been in his seat for two months, and he was not there often before that.

One of the great pleasures of walking about in Fairmount Park is coming suddenly and with the effect of discovery upon its statues.

None the less, care should be taken that not all the city's statues are placed there. For one, the Pilgrim Father needs a more noble setting than a triangle anywhere along the way.

"PRACTICAL MEN"

McNICHOL, after all the cruel and bitter thrusts that he aimed at the head of the Mayor, opens the silly season by "amazingly" and "totally unexpectedly" appearing with Mr. Vare in the executive reception room for harmony.

The point is an arrangement for "proportional representation" in the way of jobs. It seems that Vare holds the ward leadership by a two to one majority.

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Philadelphia's position as part of the fabric of national political life was aptly defined by Elihu Root when as Secretary of State in Roosevelt's Cabinet he characterized the city organization that was fighting the reformers of 1905 as a combination "masquerading as Republicans."

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Tom Daly's Column

A HEAT STROKE. The mercury within the glass Was steaming at nine eighths, The day was hot. Aye! by the mass, My brain was broiled and sore; My tongue was like the silty grass That withered yesterday.

Well, to my den of toll there came A thing in human guise, A creature whom I shall not name, And laid before mine eyes An ancient bill that, to my shame, I owed for home supplies.

Deutschland's Deck Passengers WE NOMINATE for deck passengers (chairs and rugs free) on the Deutschland's return trip: Michael Francis Doyle W. J. B. The Athletics' Jinx Colonel Bogie General Carranza "Villa "Humidity George Sylvester Viereck

PERRHAPS our gentle readers might care to make a few nominations or send "bum voyage" packages containing such suitable dainties as parsnips, N. Y. Camembert cheese, bride biscuits, bread pudding (B. L. T. brand) and such like. Make haste, please.

DEAR Tom-You were speaking the other day about Albert Ross and his being the Harold Bell Wright of the early 80s. I maintain that I am the Silas Wegg of 1916, inasmuch as I am liable to bust into song, even in the presence of Mrs. Boffin, at the slightest provocation.

"I'm sure you should all be as happy as kings" And I am as happy as happy can be, There is so much to do and there's so much to see, Yet sometimes in terror I wake in the night, Having dreamed of a novel by Harold Bell Wright. TAB.

I. M. Daff reports this sign of a large contract on 6th street WANTED-GIRLS TO SEW BUTTONS ON THE THIRD FLOOR.

NEW contrab, who signs himself Big Bill, wants to know why we don't run a diary like F. P. A.'s in the N. Y. Tribune. Well, Big Bill, years ago when we first began writing Italian dialect stuff and the editors cocked up their ears and became interested in us, Frank Adams was the watch-dog who barked at every imitator who tried to horn in on our new lead; and-well, you know how it is, Big Bill-we're grateful, that's all. Besides, we couldn't do it as well.

CARRANZA TROOPS SEIZE HEARSE BANCH -Headline. Ah! Now they've gone too far!

EVEN if an evening contemporary did speak of us last night as "the United States" we may contemplate with equanimity even the worst that may eventuate upon the first Tuesday of November. Meantime there's a tableful of books dealing with the lives of the Presidents outside Jerry Cullen's book store on 6th street, and over the table, in Jerry's own hand, the sign:

THE ASST. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S HOLIDAY Samuel Ross Van Alman, assistant to Funeral Director Z. B. McFarland, and family of Bruce street are spending the week among friends at Holsinger Cemetery. -Altoona paper.

Folk Out o' Focus This pictured wee You used to know, Forgotten now, sirs? Can't you recall Those pangs at all? I'll tell you how, sirs-I Live o'er once more The day you wore Your first long trousers

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"AND YOU'RE NOT ORNAMENTAL, EITHER!"



AN UNSOLVED MURDER MYSTERY

Unsigned Confessions Were Received by the Police in the Dr. W. H. Wilson Case, but Man Who Sent Poisoned Ale Was Never Apprehended

IT'S POISONED! Save the bottle! With this cry of terror Dr. William H. Wilson, a Philadelphia physician, fell into a convulsion during which, a quarter of an hour later, he died in great agony.

Doctor Wilson had been enjoying a very profitable practice. On Tuesday, June 23, 1908, he received by express a small wooden box containing a bottle of ale, and accompanied by a letter typewritten upon stationery bearing the head of a Philadelphia brewing concern.

The box was received. It contained the "confession," copies of letters used in correspondence with Doctor Wilson's widow, and certain articles which caused a commotion at police headquarters. One was a steel die marked with the initial S and bearing a tag which stated, "Seal used on . . . impressions on wax sealing bottle at neck;" a type initial letter S of 36-point type, labeled, "The initial used on each side of the letterhead of the decoy letter;" several lines of type, set up, bound together and tagged, "Type used in printing decoy return blank;" also a small bit of wood bearing the impression of a hammer.

The Mysterious Letter The following day the Coroner received a letter postmarked Bristol, Pa., signed "An Injured Husband and Father," and purporting to be from Doctor Wilson's murderer. The alleged confession stated: "This letter is true in every detail, and it proves I am the person who attended to this matter. I will tell you that the ale contained cyanide of potassium and there were two seals with the letter capital S on the bottle."

THE ANDEAN MONUMENT The high-spirited and long-continued friendship of Canada and the United States, which, unencumbered by armament and dependent on arms, has continued for over a century, may have a parallel in the lower continent of the hemisphere.

OUR BAGDAD NOW! The chances are that Bagdad, even in the days of the caliphs and Aladdin and Ali Baba and the rest of them, was a dull town as compared with what Buffalo is just now.-Buffalo Courier.

OMAHA'S TROUBLES Railroad rate discrimination against Omaha has not been tamely tolerated. Omaha is entitled to treatment from every railroad equal to that accorded the most favored city.-Omaha Bee.

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.

RUINED SEERS OF BANKRUPTCY

Prophets of Evil Times Have Turned Out Evil Prophets of the World's Decline

Gilbert K. Chesterton, the English writer, once wrote that the favorite indoor and outdoor sport of the world was "fooling the prophets." The game is childishly simple and is played by two characters-humility and prophecy.

The inner joke of the game is that there are always two sets of prophets, defining diametrically opposite plans, so that the world really has to follow one of them, or both of them part way. One thinks of this in connection with prophecies of what is coming after the war.

It is a little too easy to say that this war is so unprecedented in magnitude that comparisons are ridiculous. Let those who feel this consult a most engaging chapter in Macaulay's "History of England," from which the following is summarized:

The national debt, says Macaulay, has become the greatest prodigy that ever perplexed the sagacity and confounded the pride of statesmen and philosophers. When the Peace of Utrecht was concluded in 1713 England owed \$200,000,000, about 16 per cent. of its present debt, and that incumbrance was considered by profound thinkers as a permanent crippling of the body politic.

In 1788, says another historian, the "staggering burden" of a two-billion-dollar debt was the determining factor in peace negotiations. Earlier, George Grenville tried to relieve England's debt by putting a part of it on the American Colonies, causing a war which rolled up the indebtedness still higher.

Monuments in the Park Editor of "What Do You Know"-Please give a list of some monuments and monumental features in Fairmount Park.

Age of Animals Editor of "What Do You Know"-Can you recall for me an old verse which compares the ages of animals; something about three times the age of a dog is that of a horse.

Agony Column G. F. C.-Why the "agony column" is meant that part of a newspaper containing advertisements for missing relatives and friends, appeals for reconciliations, etc.

African States R. R.-The Union of South Africa is composed of the Cape Province, Natal, Transvaal and Orange Free State.

The Bourgeoisie Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will you please tell me what bourgeois and bourgeoisie mean? Can such terms be applied to the proletariat?

New York City to Buffalo Editor of "What Do You Know"-Can you tell me if there is a possible way that can go from New York City to Buffalo on a trolley line? If there is such a line, kindly tell me how and where it can start from.

There is no direct line from New York City to Buffalo. Most of the distance is covered, but there are breaks. It would be necessary to go to Yonkers for a start.