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NOTICE. Readers may have the Evening Ledger mailed to them by any out-of-town address for any period of time.

A nickel is worth six cents now. But what are six cents worth? The average voter, even if he has Democratic inclinations, will want to see a health certificate for Woodrow Wilson before he votes a straight ticket.

There is an obvious error in the report that William and Edwin Vares formed a patrol for catching sharks the other day. The date is somewhere in 1915 and the results so far seem to be good—for the Vares.

Equal rights to all nations on the oceans will be guaranteed by Germany's victory in this struggle for our existence.—Captain Koenig

How about equal rights for all nations on the land? One case of infantile paralysis has developed in Philadelphia since the epidemic in New York city began to spread.

The new Convention Hall is to cost \$4,000,000. It is said that the fall of Athens can be traced back to the day when the treasury at Delos was robbed in order to pay for beautifying the Acropolis.

A highly spectacular and apparently successful raid was made in the Tenderloin Saturday night. The number of arrests made was far too great for a city which is supposed to be "wide open."

Among the many things done too late by the President is the appointment of Representative James Hay to a judgeship in the Court of Claims. Done a year and more ago it would have been a public service, unappreciated because the peculiar qualities which fit Mr. Hay for being out of the House were not known.

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A committee of 1000 members is now at work in Pittsburgh and one of their main aims is being formed in Philadelphia to seek the election of legislators who will vote for local option.

Two of the developments on the western front within the past few days are calculated to make theorists of the old school of strategy smile and wonder and say, "I told you so."

The first of these is the sudden resurgence of cavalry charges in France. In Belgium and elsewhere on the great retreat cavalry was invaluable to cover infantry movements.

favor prohibition, but who have the instincts of fair play and democracy and who desire the people of the country to determine by their counties shall be run. It has always been the boast of the liquor men and their supporters that they have sporting blood. If the bribery and corruption of slush funds are the marks of their sporting blood, it can be fairly said that local option is inevitable.

"DOING OUR BIT"

IT IS necessary to get down to brass tacks on this question of providing for soldiers' families. There has been a great deal of theorizing and sentimentalizing and passing of the "buck" but what all has been said and done (that is, left undone) the fact remains that a great number of the families dependent upon our guardians at the border are unprovided for and helpless.

There are a number of splendid ideas which it is now too late to advance except for the enrichment of conversation. It is interesting and only too true to say that Congress should have had ready a couple of hundred thousand trained soldiers, who would naturally have been young, unmarried men sufficiently detached from family life to bring no hardships to any one by enlisting.

Other points, not in the realm of IF, can be made with even more facility and with actual harm. It is being said that after all there is to be no bloodshed in Mexico; that the order of the Secretary of War directing the discharge of soldiers having dependents and the generous support given by many employers "who have agreed to pay their soldier-employees while in the field" have relieved anxiety to a great extent.

The salary of a private remains \$15 a month, whether he is doing patrol duty or rushing into battle, and border patrol duty will perhaps last longer than actual war would. If all who technically could have been mustered out because of having dependent families had stayed at home there would have been no National Guard left to speak of.

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Tom Daly's Column

Comes Written by myself Little Poetry

OUR BABY'S TALK Our baby's learning words and she is just as cute as she can be

You may not use a word so queer But if you do when she is near Be careful for she should hear She'd cry for some.

I might go on and tell a lot Of funny words that she has got But some of them are simply not To be described.

With pen and ink I can't repeat Her word for "milkman." It's a treat! She makes a milkman sound so sweet You'd want to kiss one.

TED HEDRICK, of the Chicago News, is guilty of this campaign slogan "Three hours for Hughes!" Very likely they may find that many right in the family, if they include the scissors-in-law.

MAKING out itineraries for the traveler in public is not altogether a bed of roses these days. The agent of a local line dictating a letter to intending traveler said: "We shall be very glad to have you make the trip under our care. Our uniformed messenger will be pleased to hand us your reply."

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WE GATHER from the court record printed in the Calcutta Englishman that Kristo Tall Mullick is a dairyman who served sour goods to young Kin Thin and Bama Churn Chuckerbarty. Among the witnesses were Ataboy Secum Shaw, who might have been better employed at the ball game.

So Like Ascetic and gourmand are like, after all. For each has the very same aim: One's always forgetting the good things of life.

OLDEST CIRCUS CLOWN AGED 118 STILL ACTIVE

"Say, listen," demanded Adelaide, a public school pupil of about ten years of age, "when you went to school didn't you learn that 'in' and 'out' mean 'in' and 'out'?" "Yes," replied the high school graduate. "Well, in Nicola's private school they teach him they're 'adjectives'—and, just think! he pays for that, too."

For Fine Prints in Season Go to... More German Stuff

WOMAN'S PARTY DECLARES ITS "WHAT IS IN THE RING"

THIS was adjudged the best of 50 advertisements contributed to the Vandellia (Mo.) High School Annual by the business and professional persons of the town.

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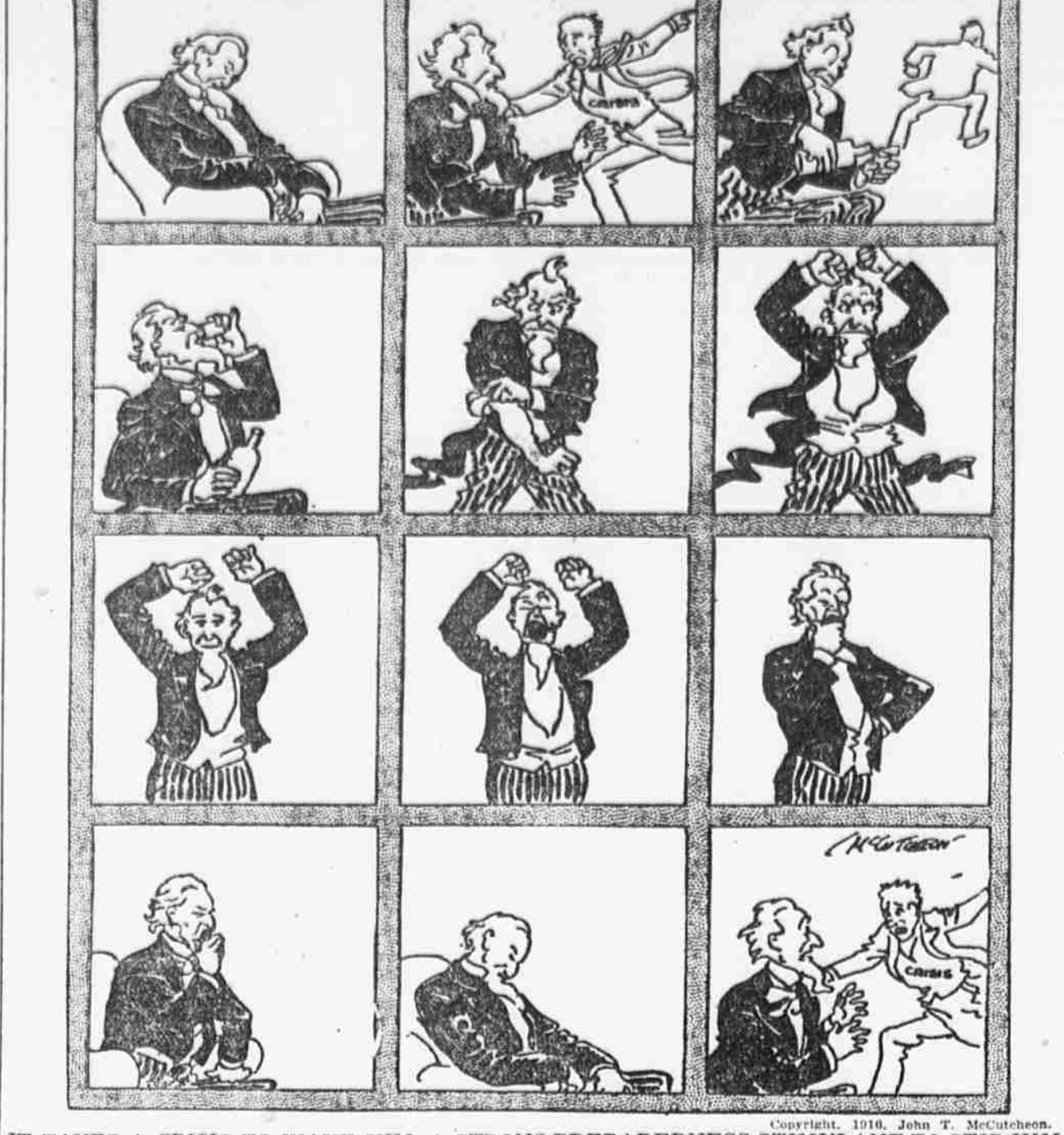
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IT TAKES A CRISIS TO WAKE HIM, A STRONG PREPAREDNESS STIMULANT TO STIR HIM, AND THEN HE IS ENERGETIC UNTIL THE EFFECT OF THE STIMULANT WEARS OFF

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A Writer With an Instinctive Hatred of Everything English Draws a Lesson From the Political Creed of the Puritan and the Pilgrim

HYPNOTIZED BY BRITAIN To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—Have Americans forgotten Bunker Hill, Yorktown, Valley Forge and New Orleans? Have they forgotten George Washington, John Adams, Patrick Henry, John Paul Jones and Andrew Jackson? Have they forgotten the Revolution and the War of 1812? Have they forgotten the cry of '54-40 or Fight?' Have they forgotten the Trent case and Grover Cleveland's ultimatum? They have done so in their indifference to the English interests in this country. They seem to have forgotten that England still looks upon us as her legitimate prey.

England has so hypnotized this country that we talk of Germany, without a possession in America, violating the Monroe doctrine, all the while ignoring the fact that England owns Canada, that in Canada there is every opportunity for "hyphenated citizens" to rise against us, that Monroe promulgated his doctrine for the benefit of the English and that Cleveland protected it from the encroachments of the English.

I am an American, with the instinctive American hatred of everything English. That instinct, however, is not blind. It is an instinct deduced from facts and not from mere idle misgivings in our allegiance to the English cause we show ourselves as a soured gentleman whose chief concern in life was to burn witches and to enact blue laws; but the Puritan was a "nut" on things other than witches and blue laws.

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FOUNTAINS OF IMMORTALITY

Elie Metchnikoff Found in Sour Milk the Springs of Bimini Sought by Ponce de Leon

THE death of Elie Metchnikoff in Paris the other day, was a loss to science as much as it was a loss to the great hope of the world. The great hope is eternal youth, and so long as Metchnikoff lived there were many who believed that he would find a way to those mythical springs which have captivated the imagination of mankind since time began.

One of the earliest references to the waters that heal and make whole is that in the story of Achilles who was dipped in the Styx, paradoxically the river of Death, to render him invulnerable. Alas for the world that in every spring of life there still lurks death unseen, for just as Thetis forgot to dip Achilles' heel, so moderns, wherever they bathe or drink, fall somewhere to guard themselves. In the Middle Ages and after, in the Renaissance, the search for an elixir of life went on as furiously as the search for the philosopher's stone, which was not a stone at all, but which was supposed to dissolve out all baser elements and transmute everything into gold.

In classic days there was plenty of incentive for seeking the fountain of youth, because there was established precedent. Iolaus was restored to youth, and so was Phaoon, beloved of Sappho. In the cauldron of Medea an old ram was cast and came forth renewed, and through her Aeson and Jason were young again. It is no wonder that with the return of men's sympathies to ancient days, the fountain of youth was sought again. The most notable of all excursions made in its behalf was that of Ponce de Leon, the Spanish explorer, who subjugated Porto Rico en route. For some reason the fountain, from which to drink or in which to bathe was so revitalizing, was placed in the Bahamas, on the little island of Bimini. There Ponce de Leon came to his bitter disappointment, but the spring which still persists is visited as a shrine by the sick and is supposed to possess healing qualities.

Den Jonson, in "The Alchemist" speaks of an elixir thus: He that has once the Flower of the Sun, The perfect ruby which we call elixir, Can confer honor, love, respect, long life, Give safety, valor, yea, and victory, To whom he will. In eight-and-twenty days 'Till make an old man of fourscore a child. Which is, roughly speaking, a large order even for a precious stone.

The rubies, potions and concoctions of the ancients were not so closely linked to religious beliefs as those of a more modern time. But in the last fifty years the swing has been back to the earlier type of magic, and the work of Metchnikoff is symptomatic of the return. For his discoveries were purely scientific. It was not to be born again, but to make the first birth more extensive that he offered. It must always be remembered that Metchnikoff was a bacteriologist.

Metchnikoff, the Russian, joined the hands of Virchow, the German, and Pasteur, the Frenchman, in a triple alliance of research. Virchow had discovered the white corpuscles, Pasteur the microbes. Metchnikoff first found the relation between them, that the white corpuscles were the body's defense agents against the microbes. At the work which made him famous outside of his class, that is, a popular scientist, derives from that discovery. Metchnikoff sought to the end for such bacteria which might aid the white corpuscles in their losing fight against the microbes of death. He was impressed with the violence of our resistance to death, and as he was an atheist, without definite views or hopes of a future life, he felt that our desire to live on ought to be gratified. Moreover, his study of the human body convinced him that it was so constructed as to persist for more than three scores and ten years, and to persist at a higher tension than it now does. Birds, he noted, retained their speed and their agility until almost the time of their death. Metchnikoff, after a careful study, decided that the operations of the large intestines in the human body were at fault, for destructive microbes could gather there and the agency for their removal, sugar, could not reach the large intestines intact. He prophesied that the time would come when that organ would be removed as simply as the appendix now is.

Metchnikoff drew his argument for a life of more than a century from the fact that he was born, Little Russia, and in Bulgaria, where much sour milk is drunk, many persons live to be over a century. The trouble with the argument is the trouble with most cures. If a man is at absolute rest in the Swiss Alps, takes sufficient exercise, does not worry, has no opportunity for smoking or drinking, and eats grapes he will probably be restored to health and say the grapes did it. Metchnikoff did go further because he was a scientist, not an innkeeper. He showed how and why the bacillus found in buttermilk fought and destroyed the agencies which shortened human life. He promised nothing excessive and although fellow scientists were occasionally exasperated by the foolish publicity given his views, they never questioned his fundamental soundness.

Professor Metchnikoff was a philosopher as well as a scientist, and he thought of life and death more consecutively, perhaps, than most men who devote their time to staying off the last hour. His own feeling was that if men lived as long as they should live, were not cut off impudently at sixty or so, they would welcome death as they now welcome sleep, with quiet satisfaction, at the end of a very long day.

WEEK-END

It is a dull day in England when there is not found some one way in which David Lloyd George has the British Empire...

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