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THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIR-CULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR ADGUST WAS 117,834

Philadelphia, Thursday, October 5, 1916.

Life is short to the fortunate, long the unfortunate.-Appollonius.

Raising the tax in Philadelphia is imply raising Cain.

It appears that Managet McGraw subject to considerable criticism because he would not shut his eyes.

Why all this fuss about the Colonel shaking Taft's hand? Did he not shake him-hands, legs and all-some four years ago?

France about to call 1918 class to the

The 1920 class in America is already wearing the green.

Ambassador Gerard coming to Amer-From the exhausting labors of

ding the President's notes to the German Foreign Secretary?

Frank Munsey, in Paris, predicts ition for the United States within ten years. But he, and others with the price, can go to Paris when they are thirsty.

John J. McDevitt is to nominate J. J. McDevitt for the presidency in this city next Monday. We seem to recall that something like this occurred in St. Louis In June.

Champ Clark, who urges the re ection of Mr. Wilson on the ground that one good turn deserves another, forgets the contrary declaration of the Baltimore platform.

The Department of Agriculture has taken steps to prosecute dealers who soak grain, but is would be more interesting if it could soak the dealers who are trying to soak the public.

The President is to talk today at the celebration of the fiftleth anniversary of the adoption of the Nebraska Conon, but it is dollars to doughnuts that he will not say anything about the State's most distinguished citizen.

the house passed the billion mark. The first time was in 1906 and the second time in 1910. There was a slump of ten billions in 1911 and recovery of four billions in 1912. In 1914 the transactions fell until they were smaller than in any previous year since 1968. People who follow such matters will await with considerable curiosity the sports from the clearing houses in the est of the United States to discover what ground there is for the claim of Mr. Wilson that he and his party have succeeded in their campaign to free the country from the "financial dominance " tearts flaW lo

### THREE MOVES TO A CHECKMATE

THERE have been three moves made by the proponents of delay and emasculation since the news was wormed out of the Mayor that he intended to call in a New York expert to tell the people what kind of a transit operating agreement they ought to have in place of the one agreed to in principle by the P. R. T. First, the Mayor announced that there was no tentative agreement that he had ever heard of.

Prompt production of the evidence, in the form of an approval by the executive committee of the directors of the P. R. T., exposed the fallacy of that claim.

Secondly, the Mayor declared that the co-operative agreement did not hold, anyway, because new lines had been added since the agreement was made.

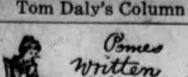
Thereupon this newspaper immedistely printed an excerpt from the agreement itself, which expressly provided that the agreement covered not only the lines specifically named, but also any highspeed lines thereafter to be built. This knocked the ground from under the second claim.

The third refuge toward which the advocates of "expert" delay have turned is the 1907 contract, which they aver binds the city to give the P. R. T. a ninety-day option in the matter of the operation of any of the new lines.

We are able to knock that claim also into a cocked hat by the publication in adjoining columns of an opinion rendered by former City Solicitor Ryan, in which that learned lawyer, now a member of the Public Service Commission, states that the P. R. T. has no option of any kind whatever on any lines to be constructed

by the municipality itself. THE attempt deliberately to deny the existence or importance of the 1914 agreement, thereby depriving the city of an asset of unusual value in future negotiations, and to proceed de novo, throwing away the enormously important work done under Director Taylor, is so flagrant a sacrifice of the rights of oitizens that it. is not concelvable they will endure it. Nor is it conceivable that they will tolerate having a transit agreement made under the virtual direction of a man who seems to have been called to Philadelphia

chiefly because he is on record as in principle opposed to many vital features of the Taylor plan. He would doubtless be an excellent representative for the P. R. T. in the negotiations, but as an expert to represent the city of Philadelphia,



by myself Little Poel

JOY IN DEFEAT ertainly am plad indeed The baseball season's Mone at last And that our town club lost the lead For now all talk of it is past.

Oh if you lived with us my dear You'd quickly know how great a bother Such talking is for there are here So many boys including Father.

For in the season every day It jors a lady's ears who harks To all these silly things they say Here printed in quotation marks Big Alexander stymied them"

"He mashied in the hole" "That putt of Cravath's was a gem" "It hit the pennant pole" "They beat the Brooklyns seven up" "He took his cleek and sunk her"

"Their medal score will win the cup" "His home run hit the bunker."

I certainly am glad indeed The baseball season's done at last And that our town club lost the lead For now all talk of it is past,

The Philadelphia Rhyme

This contest closed at the mid hour of ast night and we slept well for the first time in weeks. There will be some delay in selecting the winner. We may put it up to Dignam, of Chicago, who instigated this thing.

THE OWL CRITIC. If the monstrosities ridiculous and rare t stuffed ball of feathers sitting up there.' a youth to a barber as he sat in his chair. "He has a beak like a parrot, eyes like a hawk. Lags long shough for an African slork," And—the harber kept on shaving.

"His head is too large his tail is too short." Continued the youth with a cynical snort. Inviting the barber to make a reloct. "His color is brown when it ought to be gray. And, in fact, he resembles an Iodian lay." Rot-the barber kept on shaving.

As this old owl with a spasmodic lurch And a sly knowing look came down from

And a siy more the routh not caring one bit Contronted the youth not caring one bit And screeched very loudly who who he who whit. Which sent that poor willy bey into a fit. Still-the barber kept on shaving. —Percy Barrenger, in Buffalo Courier.

These three stanzas are quite good, but they sounded much better fifty years ago. when James Thomas Fields first wrote them and called them "The Owl-Critic," for there were other stanzas added to them, which Mr. Berringer forgot to crib.

Dear T. D.—Here is a case quite parallel to that of the farm tractor. Paris. Sept. 29.—Three German asroplanes brought down in 2 minutes and 30 seconds by a stop watch is the laiset exploit of Lieutenant Georges Guresmer.—Morning contemp.

Another case of using inventions of peace engines of destruction.

Williams made good after Captain Mathews had tried four drop-bloks earlier in the game, and the futur drop-bloks earlier in the game, wide of the target. One of Matty's kloks went through the uprights, but was not allowed, as Penn was holding at the time.—Sunday Contemp. AND yet, as S. F. M. points out, Penn was only credited with a 3-0 victory.

**BEWARE THE BUNKHOUND!** 

Serving the City Beautiful He Bites All Unlovely Things

The poor Bunkhound's feet are sore from running about after the Mayor and sundry members of his Cabinet, so we have bought him a little cabinet of his own-that is to say, a value in which we

may tote him about to various places when the is unable to walk. 1



to exist in certain quarters about the rights of the city in the matter of new rapid transit lines, the Evening Ledger prints the legal opinion which A. Merritt Taylor obtained from Michael J. Ryan when both gentlemen were in the service of the city.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

May 11, 1915. In re building of subway on Broad street and elevated on Frankford avenue.

A. Merritt Taylor, Esq., Director, Department of City Transit, Bourse Building, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir-I have received your letter of the 10th instant in reference to an ordinance which has been introduced in Councils to authorize an increase of the indebtedness of the city of six million (6,900,000) dollars for the construction of a subway in Broad street and an elevated railway from Front and Arch streets to Rhawn street, and asking three questions

corporate limits and within the limits of adjacent cities, boroughs and townships This power is separate and independent from that which existed in 1907 and relates to the construction or other acquisition of transit facilities by the city as a municipality. When the city, therefore, determines to take advantage of the act of 1913 and to build and operate railway lines of any character its power to do sd is unrestricted, and it is not obliged to offer the option to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company before it shall itself proceed with the undertaking. These considerations are equally applicable both to the Frankford glevated line and to the Broad street subway.

2. Your second question is directed to the legality and propriety of the form of the draft of the ordinance authorizing the borrowing of the sum of \$6,000,000 for the purpose in-dicated.

I answer: This ordinance is in the

5. An Englishman speaks of his weight as being "tweive stone." How many pounds in a stone? What is ordnance?
Are utensils called tins really made of pure tin? 8. The New Testament speaks a great deal of "publicane and sinners." What were the publicane? the total amount invested in gold mines greater or less than the total amount of profit? What are Jim Crow cars? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

hotels

Champions

Jurisdiction of Voter

War Prophecy

Kansas is south of Nebraska

Hard woods: Oak, walnut, elm, ash, beech, mahogany, maple. Noft woods-Pine, spruce, fir, cedar. Helvetian: the Swiss. Charles Roade (1814-84) wrote "The Clois-ter and the Hearth."

5. The quick: the tender or sensitive fish be-low the skin, or especially the nalls; the tender part of wound where healthy tissue begins, sense of feeling or emotion. E. H. SOTHERN

First Bersen "THE CHATTEL" Appearance CAST INCLUDES PEGGY HYLAND Lesther: skin of an animal treated so that it will be percus, flexible and virtually immerial able 7. W. Barelay Parsons, a civil engineer of New York.

Garrick This & Next Week, Even & 8. Spindrift: spray blown along surface of the Extra Mat. Thurs., Oct 9. "Great Commoner of the reconstruction pe-riod." Thaddeus Stovens. COHAN and HARRIS Precent The Biggest Drama of Modern Time 10. "Heist with his own petard"; blewn up by his own bomb. Kings in Business

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A FRIEND

When I have said my last farmed And bads my world good-night What will they think of me and tal What will they think of me and tal

O heart, be faithful; heart be true And love be deep and strong! However time stands still with you Your day can not be long.

I hope that you will smile and say "He was so true a friend That friend and lovers all the way Were with him to the end."

I hope that they will only tell This thing, and speak aright. When I have said my last farewell And bade my world good-night. —St. Louis Post-Dispate



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Margaret Romaine

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be played by Hip T

the Democrati performances with the platform promises of 1912, one cannot help remembering Chauncey Depsw's famous remark that a platform is made to get in on and not to stand on.

President Emeritus Ellot of Harward, who believes that a man can get an education in four years, naturally revises his judgment of 1913, when he said the Government was in charge of amateurs and concludes that they have been in school long enough to learn their lessons.

Twenty-five million dollars have n invested in new factories in Philaelphia in the last nine months, but what es will there be for them if we have a Congress committed to opening the doors of America to the manufactu-rers of other countries?

How great a panic seized the aver community when infantile paralysis an to spread is indicated by the fact at even now five thousand parents rese to allow their children to go to ol, in spite of the fact that there is as danger than in a trolley car, as the salth authorities assure them. It is a ad thing to teach a boy or girl to be id, and when there is no excuse for midity such precaution does more harm than good.

It is no mare idle curiosity, this talk tow long the war is likely to last. It solemnly debated at the annual meet-of the Lake Superior stockholders in aden as to whether siz, eight or ten more as to whether six, eight or ten on the must elapse before the great war are the corporation is soloying will be more. Bounebody suggested that the earnings in three months were \$7. .000, and even if that were exagated the remark is typical of the tive note to which our industry rates. It must not be forgotten ogh it will take months to adjust peace, it will take only one flash of wireless to stop the war orders, which By long before the armies to will be the inand workers who are engaged in

inst Saturday. The total of the Clearing Work Clearing House amount of a billion dollars. tending your they were a

which he is brought here and the pro nouncements he has made here, he is an impossibility. As well summon Democrats to write a Republican tariff law or

a Prohibitionist to put through a license statute. The entire proceedings of the last week seem to be intended, first, to cause delay, and, secondly, to relieve the P. R. T. of the obligation under which it rests by virtue of the 1914 tentative agreement; thus enabling it to secure the main

thing which it is after, namely, a preferential payment which would be to all intents and purposes a guarantee forever of dividends on P. R. T. stock.

It may be possible to achieve the first object, delay; but we venture the opinion that there is no group of politicians in this city who can engineer the second.-

# PROGRESS BACKWARD

We found the offices were well guarded by anivel service and our only regret was that we couldn't pry more of the appointees loose and fill their places with Democrata.—Vice President Mar-

THESE remarks more accurately than Lanything the President has said describe the attitude of the Administration toward the cause of civil service reform. They are quoted by Nelson B Spencer, chairman of the executive committee of the Civil Service Reform Assoclation, in an arraignment of the party in power for its disregard of the letter and the spirit of the civil service laws. Mr. Spencer charges that examinations of candidates for 59,000 fourth class postmasterships were held, and that the Postmaster General asked Democratic Congressmen to report on the qualifications of the successful contestants, alcer to consider any information received the character and residence of the ants. Then Congress specifically ex-mpted from the civil service laws nearly empted from the civil service laws nearly all appointees under the income tax law, all deputy collectors of internal revenue and deputy marshals, although they had, been in the classified service since 1856; all employes of the Federal Beserve Board and all employes of the Federal Beserve Board and all employes of the Federal Beserve Board and all attorneys and examiners of the Federal Trade Commission.

This means that practically all of This means that practically all of this new positions created have been turned over to the epoliamen, and that the spoils principle has been applied in the appointment of the fourth class post-markers. This is a pretty sweeping in-dorement of the charges which Mr. Higher has been cabling.

first time yesterday and took him to a luncheon of the Rotary Club. He didn't bits any one but us-for the bad speech we made-but he growled horrifically while a Mr. Smith, of Syracuse, was

talking. But, psychologically, the most interest ing thing we've noted about our Bunkhound was his behavior during last night He moaned in his sleep and turned and twisted and gnashed his teeth. It was most curious. Toward morning he fell into a deep doze and there was almost a smile upon his face. While he still slumbered we read in our favorite morning paper (and later in all the other morning papers) of Mr. Hughes's "quick trip to Philadelphia to address the Shriners at Metropolitan Opera House." Coming down town later we learned it was a hoax and that a double of Mr. Hughes had fooled some of the audience and all of the morning papers. And the

Bunkhound dreamed on and smiled,

Dear T. D.-Have you seen this sign on the 5 and 10 cent store at Twenty-seventh and Girard avenue. Se WELL WORTH 100

T. W. H. Yes, and that's another of those little tricks in advertising that's "well worth" the Bunkhound's attention.

Commerce Reports, misquoting l'Econ omiste European of September 8, says: In July of this year 65 new companies were formed in Russia with a total capital of 105,880,000 rubes.

Sounds like the Russian army.

#### The Proposal: A Dialogue The man speaks:

Love me, I say, and heed my crying; Love while we may, for Time is flying; Love me today, ere Love is dying; Love me, I pray.

The woman speaks:

Love comes to stay, knows no retreating; Love lives alway, tho' hearts cease beating; Do not diamay, tho' life he fleeting, Love lives for ays. CASA WAPPY.

Along the trolley line between Allentown and Bouth Bethlehem. A. M reports, there is a field of wheat, along one side of which runs a weil-trolden path. At the fence line is a substan-ial weil-feitered sign, which runds: "If fou Canned Walk on a Two-food Walk I will Close Up Alliageting."

F. J. S. writes all the way from Wil ington to suggest that when we're rough with that d. p. Philadelphia hyme we start a contest for Inappro-iate Slogans, and he offers for entry 0, 1:

- For an Undertaker-"Eventually Why

We may be with We may be with However, he blac reports: However, he blac reports: However, he blac reports: UTOMONITIAN REPAIR PORTS FILMS We may be wrong, but we see

used it for th with reference to the general subject co nected with such drdinance. You ask:

1. "Is the city obliged to offer the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company the right to build the Frankford ele-vated line, as provided in Article III of the contract of 1997, before undertaking the construction thereof as a municipality?"

I answer: When the ordinance and contract of 1907 were passed and exe cuted the city was without the power to build subways, elevated railways or other lines of transportation, and such ordinance and contract were drawn with that fact necessarily in view. By Section 7 thereof the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company surrendered its right to build a subway in Broad street and its right to construct the Frankford elevated railway was confirmed, the time for the building thereof being extended to three years from June 1, 1907. That period has expired and the independent right of the transit company to build the Frankford elevated line has therefore lapsed.

tial Section 3 of the contract and ordinance of July 1, 1997, provided that if in the future Councils should, either of its own initiative or upon petition, determine that new lines of surface, elevated or underground railway should be constructed, it should by ordinance determine the route of such line and the terms and conditions under which it should be built, financed and operated, and the transit company should thereupon have ninety days within which to accept the plan so defined, and certain terms and conditions governing the construction and operation of such new lines are there set forth. For in

stance, it is provided that any rights ac quired by the company under the third section should be subject to all the terms and conditions of the contract with respect to a voice in the management, supervision of accounts, division of profits and the ultimate acquirement of the roads by the city, and provision is made for the raising of capital for building

these new lines by means of bond issues or by increase of the capital stock of the

company, but if the said Rapid Transit pany did not accept the plan so de ined within the said ninety days, the be made to any other company.

These provisions clearly indicate that as right to construct new lines, which was intended by the 1907 agreement as city was to barter away, is manifestly ally the right which the city at that time mly the possessed, namely, the right to have its of railway built by companies possess of railway built by companies possessing the charter powers to construct them and of course could not relate to lines which the city might Maelf build, for a that time is had no legal authority ar

act of June 17, 1918 (P. L. \$19), a p

usual and I think correct form, but it would be better, though not strictly necessary, to add to the title the words. "Via Front street, Kensington avenue and Frankford avenue to Rhawn street." This would preclude the possibility of a claim being made on behalf of any property owner along the proposed route of the elevated line that the title of the ordinance did not fully disclose its precise location. The ordinance as drawn follows the forms heretofore used in authorizing the borrowing of money: "from the highest bidder or bidders either by popular subscription or by advertisement." This form of expression is pos sibly subject to the literal criticism that a loan issued by popular subscription does not go to the highest bidder because,

the price being fixed in advance, there is no bidding. It might be more accurate to phrase it in this way: "Either by popular subscription or from the highest bidder or bidders by advertisement." do not regard this suggestion as easen

As your third question, with its supplementary remarks, is predicated upon the supposition that the opinion of this department might have been to the effect that under the provisions of the contract of 1907 the city is bound to offer to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company the right to build the Frankford elevated line, and since such is not my opinion, no further answer is requisite. Very truly yours, MICHAEL J. RYAN, City Solicitor.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW The "open door" in the Orient, guarded by Japanese soldiers, might as well be shut. It is mere ventilation, an invitation to no-body. Truths are rarely told by diplomata. —Brooklyn Eagle.

The phrase "President Wilson kept us out of war" tells the truth, but not all the truth. To be exact, it should read: "Presi-dint Wilson kept us out of war with Ger-many and her allies."-Chicago Journal.

A friendly adjustment was never yet mat between men whose tongue was foreign and depended on interpretars. Nor do we believe that we will ever get "what is com-ing to us" unless we allow that South Amer-ica is one of those white man's countries that is worth while.-Louisville Heraid.

The controversy between the trainmen and the ratiways that led to the enactment of the Adamson law has demonstrated the worthlesaness of the Erdman constitution law, under which an attempt to negotiate a harmonious settlement of the labor dif-ferences was made by the Foderal Medi-ation Roard—Inflanapolis News.

The Ku Klux myed civili The Ku kint moved civiliation in Ap ica; more particularly, of course, it a it in the South; but if the fouth had i geread to the rest of the country and United Bistes would have been tools deandeut instead of a progressive ha mation of mongrey blood, without al LOCUST

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# THE HOUSE OF GLASS WITH MARY RYAN

S. P.—No kings can properly be consid-ered as being in husiness, though of course the private investments of nearly all mon-archs involve business enterprise and profits. The sly allusions in the German press to the "barber king" are explained by a Serbian as thrush at king bars. Forrest Limited Engagement Evgz. Sit5. Mats. Wed. 4 Mi-JULIA SANDERSON JONALD BRIAN JOSEFH CAWTHORN Comedy

press to the "barber king" are explained by a Serbian as thrusts at King Peter. His Majesty was the owner of a barber shop as well as of a patent medicine. But he can point the finger of mockery at the Austrian Emperor, who runs a delf factory. The latest German field marshal, the King of Wuerttemberg, was described in one of the French papers as "the proprietor of two hotels." Broad This and Next Week. Evgs. 8:30. Mats. Wed. a MARIE TEMPEST Cyril Harcourt's A LADY'S NAME Sparking Comedy HROWNE and N. T. C With W. GRAHAM BROWNE and N. T. C Best Stats 51.50 at Popular Mat. We Extra Pop. Mat. Columbus Day, Oct. B A.S. O.—The Phillies, having won the pennant in 1915, have been called the "cham-pions" this year. Next year Brooklyn will be called "the champions" by virtue of win-ning the pennant this year.

Globe Theater MARKET AND AUDITOR THE CONTRACT OF A LIFORNIA'S A 40 NATIVE SONS

Jurisdiction of voter M. C.-If you have been properly regis-tered by the division election officials it is not necessary for any one to introduce you to the judge of elections in order that you may vote. If you feel that you may be challanged, however, it might be ad-visable to be accompanied by a friend known to the officials. Svengali, the Mysterious, and Oth

1916-17 ACADEMY OF MUSIC Stin Mon. Evgs., Oct. 30, Nov. Jan. 1, Peb. 12, Mat. Boloists : Boston Symphony Destinn Fri Gabrilowitad OrchesUra Dr. Karl Muck Conductor Prices, 19, 87.50, 55, 55, 56, 50 Boxes, 515, 56 Orchestra

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'Little Peggy O'Moore NEXT WEEK-THE NATURAL LAW

War Prophecy N. M.-R is frue that at the beginning of the war a great many absurd claims were were all to have for total it. M. Matter here, it his new book. "The Wrack of the worthese suscept two. One of these is the interval of Father Jean Baptists Banney. Our dars, a very saintly priest, who died in 1859. After prophecy, as it was published in an 1873 text, reads: The end of serma struggie. His prophecy, as it was published in an 1873 text, reads: The sub-itation and distroy everything upon their matter the west of the result them, but will be west to divance i and, after that, we what cut off their provinsions and make ther when their country i we shall follow them in the following striking sentence. They will sear to cammise may but there will not the date of the war referred to it is stated in the following striking sentence. They will sear to cammise may but there will not be take." "Now." comments it Masterline, there date were begun in July 104, but R.F. Keith's THEATER THEATER Muriel Worth "A Breath of Old Virgin Marion Weeks: Haus Hanks, and Other St TODAY AT 2, 250 and 500 TODAY AT 2, 250 and 500 TONIGHT AT 8, 25c to \$1.



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