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A nation anxious for war can find pretexts without number. The United States is not looking for pretexts.

The Allies are so delighted by the American break with Germany that they will graciously permit Bernstorff to get back home.

Channel improvement in the Delaware has frequently been urged by the Evening Ledger as a necessity of national preparedness. It is imperative in time of war that the river should be deep enough at all stages of the tide to admit the biggest warships to the League Island Navy Yard.

There can be no two opinions on the importance of finding all the money needed by the State for highway improvement and for the public schools. Representative Baldwin's plan for the creation of a commission to discover new objects of taxation so that the money can be raised may not be the best one, but the people of the State are expecting the General Assembly to provide the money.

Mr. Herbert C. Hoover, whom Philadelphians have the chance to honor today, is the heart and soul of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, that "miracle of scientific organization," in Lord Curzon's phrase, which saved a nation. The bitter irony of Mr. Hoover's position was that his volunteer service in Belgium received encouragement from allied Governments because it was taken for granted that America was supporting him.

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The sixty-odd ships which the Germans sank in the first week of the new submarine campaign were in many cases small vessels whose loss is negligible. It was natural that in resuming lawless sinking-without-warning tactics on less than a day's notice the submarines would be able to bag many of the ships in the barred zone which had started upon their voyages before the order of January 21 was announced.

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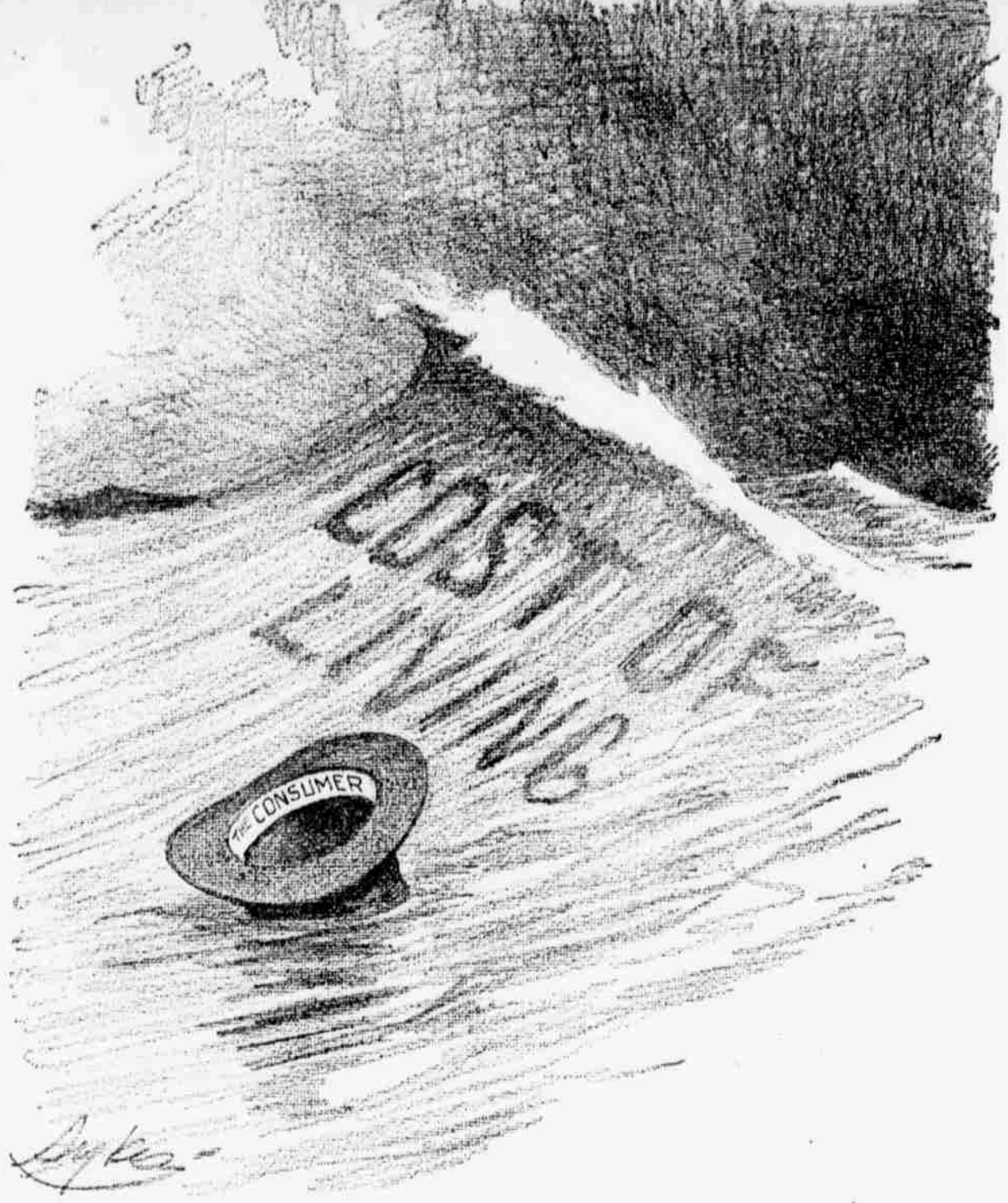
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What Do You Know?

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. In the Bible what are the Books of Moses? 2. Who is C. Alphonso Smith? 3. What is "red"? 4. Who was President during the Spanish-American War? 5. What is the capital of Porto Rico? 6. What is petromites? 7. What is the "Land of Good Deaths"? 8. Name the oceans of the world. 9. Who was the "Man of Destiny"? 10. Where is Walt Whitman buried?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Pico-Pico (also Pico) is a United States naval station on the island of Tutuila (Samoa), said to have the finest anchorage in the Pacific. 2. There are thirty-nine books in the Old Testament and twenty-seven books in the New. 3. Rome is the Eternal City. 4. "Firewater" is the expressive name given by the American Indian to whiskey. 5. There are 20,000,000 men of military age (between eighteen and forty-four years) in the United States, according to the 1910 census. 6. There were about 145,000 National Guardsmen in Federal service in September, 1916. 7. The Keweenawians are called the "Corn-crackers." 8. California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas border Mexico. 9. The "Elv" was Don Juan or Rodriguez, Count of Bivara, a noted Spanish hero of the sixteenth century. 10. Almirante Sato is the Japanese Ambassador to the United States.

Death Valley

J. L. E.—(a) The lowest point of Death Valley, Cal., is 276 feet below sea level. This spot, which is the lowest in the United States, by a coincidence is only eighty miles from the highest point in the United States (exclusive of territories and possessions), Mt. Whitney, which is 14,501 feet above sea level. Among other places below sea level are the Dead Sea, Palestine (1290 feet below sea level, the lowest in the world); the desert of Sahara (420 feet); Lake Torrens, South Australia (twenty-five feet); and part of Holland. Parts of the South American continent are at sea level. (b) There are a few watercourses in Death Valley—rivers and creeks—but they contain water only after heavy rains, which are rare. Springs where ordinarily drinkable water may be obtained in Death Valley are Saratoga Springs, in the southeast; Bennett Wells in the west; and a spring near the mouth of Furnace Creek, at the north end of Funeral Range.

Friends of Irish Freedom

J. M.—The Friends of Irish Freedom, of which there are three branches in Philadelphia, is an organization founded in New York March 4, 1915, with the stated purpose of encouraging and aiding the movement for Irish national independence, the development of Ireland's labor and industries and the sale of its products; the preservation of the Gaelic language, literature, music, manners and customs. It has collected \$250,000 for the relief of those who suffered during the recent rebellion. Officers are: Victor Herbert, president; Dr. Thomas A. Emmet, Justice John W. Goff, Monsignor Henry A. Brann, Judge O'Neill Ryan, James O'Sullivan and Joseph McLaughlin (Philadelphia), vice presidents; James K. McGuire, executive committee chairman; Thomas H. Kelley, treasurer and John D. Moard, secretary, whose address is 25 Chestnut street, New York.

Byzantine Art

T. M.—Byzantine architecture derives its name from Byzantium, the ancient name of Constantinople.

Pro Tempore

M. E. H.—A secretary "pro tempore" is a secretary "for the time being."

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE

FOUND the city concealed in each sentence: It required ten minutes for Sara to gather her wits. She was an expert carver on a ham bone. Whether I ever receive the goods or not, I have the satisfaction of having paid for them.

Tom Daly's Column

THE LEAK OVERFLOWS Sing a song of sus-pense, A racket full of pl Four and twenty black words, Every one a lie, Lawson's down in Wall street, Playing three-card monte, While upon the witness stand Whispers Ruth Visconti: "I see to him, I see, see I, I'm told, they say, Somebody's shy, If I see you, I'll stand right up And say it's true: Because, you see, It's sure no joke, Some flame must be With all that smoke. At least, because, See I, see he, See I, that's how It seems to me."

Canned Openers

Predigested Prudens Prepared for Post-prandial Praters Let us, for the sake of variety, assume that one of our pupils has been invited to respond to a toast at the annual midnight supper of the dis- and re-entangled members of the Reno (Nev.) Alumni and Alumnae Society. He will arise and say: "Ladies and gents of the Reno Alumnae—let's see, what's the name of your society? Been to the Casino, Walrus, Alimony. That'll cover it. Well, boys and girls, this is the life, eh? What?—even if it is burning the scandal at both ends. Been to the Casino, Walrus, Alimony in Henry VIII, yet? No? It's a 'romy' kind of a show. Old Hank sure was some lady killer, all right. Well, well, I fully expected to see O. Wattle, who's here this evening, but, alas! he didn't graduate in time; no, you see, everything was fixed, but at the last minute he and Elsieberta got sentimental. Yes, they couldn't agree as to who should have the custody of the French poodle. Ho! hum! merry old ball, the earth, isn't it?"

The Mother Goose Adv. Co.

George B. Newton, George be quick, Rush the coal, The kids are sick. NOLAN.

Local Items

Ralph Boyer looks so fine these days nobody'd believe he was just operated on for appendicitis. He is thinking some of having a slab of bologna set into his waistcoat so skeptical friends can see the wound he received at McBurney Point.

What was the name of that detective Abe Martin mentioned who, in trying to recover somebody's goatskin muff, followed the scent to a lively stable, where he became confused? Oh, well, it doesn't matter; but there are other confusing facts. We were on a Camden (P. and R. R.) ferryboat when we inhaled that thought yesterday.

All will hope that the Copenhagen Politiken is right in thinking that "the violence of the methods now used presages that the end is near."—Columbia (Pa.) Spy. Can't you just see the Spy ed. at breakfast, with the Politiken of Copenhagen propped against the castor, doing his morning hoping while the blooming English butler is hoping 'n' heggis.

Mr. Hanlon, of Ardmore, told some startling things in a letter to the editor Wednesday. British capital, we're told, owns one of our Philadelphia papers, and sez he: Do you know that Lord Northcliffe said to the man in the hat, "Are ye far down or controls eighteen very successful American papers?" No, but say, listen, wasn't that date an alcoholoid or something?

Important Irish News Dear Tom—In the Schuylkill coal region the brogue is far down under the third and fourth generations in the Schuylkill district it is Connaught. A school teacher in Scranton last week read the sentence, "The sun tints the evening sky." She asked Jimmy O'Connor the meaning of the words. "Tint is canvas tints sojers lives in, in'am."

We told you yesterday about the little paper-covered book, "written by a waiter with twenty-two years' experience." Take another leaf from his book—or make it two, pages 10 and 11: DON'T MAKE A LIBRARY OUT OF

Aren't you aware that a waiter is dependent upon those 12 chairs for business from which to derive his livelihood. His territory, time and space are limited. He relies upon the rush hour to reap his harvest. And still there are many selfish, greedy, cheap beings, whom I suppose live in a garret (or in a million-dollar mansion) who, when they try to get him over, were about to send for a rope and they did not know how much rope to bring. They called to the man in the hat, "Are ye far down or controls eighteen very successful American papers?" No, but say, listen, wasn't that date an alcoholoid or something? A. O. M.

Famous Triplets Dear Boss—Lollipop left out a lot of wotchy old-timers in compiling his list of famous triplets. Frinastone, I nominate: Wise woman and song. Red, black and white. Readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmette. He, she and it. Bailey, Banks and Biddle. Faith, hope and charity. Wyken, Blynken and Nod. Hop, skip and jump. Time, place and the girl. Bread and cheese 'or lines. There must be a flock of others, too. ALOYSIUS.

Why not name the "post fellow" Pressy Edgar A. Guest, of the Detroit Free Press, wrote his catchy verses, and it was several years ago, there seems to have been a conspiracy afoot to deny the credit that is his due.