

Editorial

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THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR FEBRUARY WAS 98,372



Germany, in hoping to save the old treaties, wanted to play 'heads I win, tails you lose.'

There should be substantial money prizes offered by the Government to the crew on armed merchantmen who succeed in sinking submarines.

It is to be hoped that, if the calling out in church of the names of auto owners whose cars have been stolen while at services becomes universal, nobody will insist on specifying the make of the stolen cars.

The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin declares that China's note breaking off relations with Germany was taken from American dictation. Thanks for the implied compliment to our mastery of the world's most difficult language!

The announcement that fifty-seven cases of spinal meningitis were reported in four weeks to the Board of Health is a new argument for improved street cleaning.

Mr. Mann is to be cordially congratulated upon his declaration that he is willing to support Champ Clark for speaker 'in the interest of unanimity.'

Hindenburg is counting without his Nivelle if the battle now in progress on an eighty-five-mile line is to be turned into one of open maneuver over the trenches. The French generals would like nothing better.

The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, of Ohio, whose plant has been offered to the Government, is the largest manufacturer of barbed wire in the world.

The airplanes that will fly over the city on the occasion of Saturday's rally, while church bells are ringing and whistles blowing, will be an impressive feature of a great, inspiring event in Philadelphia's history.

As to insure special protection for her vessels and subjects here, are unanswerably true. He pours salt in the wound when he hints that the state papers of 1785, 1789 and 1828 have been 'in effect abrogated by the German Government's flagrant violation' of their provisions.

"JINGING" AND GOING

THE flag will be waved and the "Star Spangled Banner" sung on Saturday in Independence Square, and there is good, sound, solid, matter-of-fact reason for it.

Also there is sound reason in what those who say it is all jingo nonsense are thinking. They say we should do something practical and definite instead of mere flag waving.

Officers of the army and navy are doing practical enough work and are in great need of the practical services of those very civilians who are demanding practicality.

Those who insist upon practical endeavors are invited to read an article on this page by a naval expert, in which he explains exactly what an able-bodied man of business can do without going far from home or even risking his life.

The Independence Square rally is, in this light, a solemn responsibility to undertake; we, who urged that it be held, understood that responsibility.

What applies to this profession applies to many others. It is hard to define in every case just which men are most needed at home. Certainly those engaged in producing and transporting food and munitions and all equipment needed by the United States and the Allies should not leave their appointed tasks.

But Saturday's rally will not be a recruiting affair, however desirable it may be that men make good their cheers with a firm resolve to enlist or enroll themselves as ready. It will be primarily a message from the birthplace of American liberty to the nation, and the spirit of that message will stir throughout the land.

VICTORY FOR OUR ARMS

THE safe arrival in Europe of the liner St. Louis should impart to all Americans a thrill of victory quite unlike our feelings when a defenseless vessel sneaks past the U-boat menace.

The St. Louis threw down the gage of battle. She sailed defiantly and backed by a nation's resolve to defend violated sea right at any cost.

But joy in the event must not lull us into a false sense of security. Although the immunity of the Entente's armed merchantmen from attack has been significantly large, further measures of protection suggested for our vessels may not be airily dismissed.

WHAT BUSY MEN CAN DO FOR NAVY

Work in the Reserve Described. Service That Is Not Technical Nor Far From Home

By a NAVAL EXPERT

MOST of us are anxious and ready to do something for the country—to be ready for our bit when the emergency comes; but we hardly know in what way to go about it.

Still, we have behind us all the time the thought that we may be required to enlist in war times, and be sent away willy-nilly, and that in a moment of crisis we would do it in a minute if the necessity came and the call was strong, as in England; but we do not see ahead any such likelihood, and do not like that "into something" that would enable us to keep an eye on our business and family and still fill a place that must be filled by somebody.

Such a chance is right here with us now. Every effort is being made to fill 6000 places for duty near home and in the naval district, and still have a choice of men to send to the front.

Enrolling for Future Work There is a chance for a lot of us to do our bit. It means that we enroll now to perform the duty when called upon.

The Strike-Breaker My grandfather's clock was a shabby affair. It was in the last days of the war. And toiled of the hour. All days it struck right.

One day my small boy put the works on the bum; He settled their striking for all time to come.

WE'VE FELT THIS WAY OURSELF All indications seem to point to us clearly that a vast number of our readers are really asking too much of our often weary correspondent.

Dear Tom—As an illustration of the influence of heredity and evolution in piety and piety in the history of the Prussian War and the Kaiser Bill of those days, grandfather of our own dear exponent of the policies of Me and Gott and Frightful.

SOMEbody has said that "only the worth-while things are parodied." So we're quite untroubled by this perversion of our own poetic preachment:

Like the sea on a storm's cur, Life will be dead flat for her. If you always smooth her fur—

Always when you're feeling bad, Spunk her!

If you're out of sorts and mad, Spunk her!

Speak as though you meant it, too. Let the whole true heart of you Speak its ardor when you do Spunk her!

If you think she's "soft" you're wrong. Tease her!

Lies don't ever help for long— Work her!

Keep her workin' like a boss; Knead her till she's soft as wax. Then when she knows who's the boss Kiss her! Kiss her! Kiss her!

Our comment upon the variable pun surrounding the Ledger flagstaff brought this letter to us:

Dear Sir—In view of the enclosed clipping, I write in behalf of the Bucks County Historical Society to say that we are rapidly extending our collection of the history of old Philadelphia.

Lead us in holy ire The path our fathers trod; The music of thy fire Shall thrill them through the sod.

THE birds are arriving in town and countryside. Why not kill the worthless alley cat and at least bell the petted house cat?

Tom Daly's Column

As a schoolboy we felt the freshman's natural reverence for the faintly mustached senior and outgrew it. As a senior we knew the admiration inspired by the "old grad" who was already a wise citizen of the world, and we outgrew that; but we have never lost, and we know now that we never shall lose, the reverent affection aroused in us nearly thirty years ago when we met our first editor-in-chief.

March was just doing its prettiest when you wrote, to make the footstep of a hand road to travel—snow, sleet, slush, drifts, mud. The meanest end of hell, you said, was in the end.

So, to lose one's eyesight is a little inconvenient! Well, to retain one's soul-sight through four-score years and six is something to inspire a selfish world.

THE Interned soldier, Ernest Konen, thanks sincerely and by anticipation the American people.

Hoping, dear sir, that you will favor a poor interned soldier, I thank you very much by anticipation. With kind regards, yours respectfully, ERNEST KONEN.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

An Interned Belgian Asks for Assistance—Patriotism of the P. O. S. A.

FROM AN INTERNED BELGIAN To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I, the undersigned, Ernest Konen, Belgian interned soldier, 224 Batterie de place, Baraque 27, Camp 1, Zeist, Holland, take the respectful liberty to write to you in order to ask you to be so kind as to insert the following advertisement in your esteemed newspaper the Philadelphia EVENING LEDGER:

In order to assist his poor mother who is still living in Belgium, where war is greater and greater, the Belgian interned soldier wishes and should be very glad to sell some small articles which he made in the camp, such as rings and brooches, which are indeed fine souvenirs. They who would be so good as to order, act of charity. But he does sell the ring or brooch for fifty cents, and he requests you to send measurements when ordering rings.

WHAT WILL THE ANSWER BE? To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—As a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, it was my privilege recently to listen to an address by the State president of that order in which he used these dramatic words: "I do not want war. I am well satisfied to continue living in peace. My hands are raised in prayer that I may be able to do so."

These sentiments, it appears to me, should appeal not only to all Sons of America as an order, but to all loyal Americans of whatever station—"If we do not bring to an end the placing my devotion and loyalty to the American flag second to none, I find it well-nigh impossible to persuade myself to believe that it is our duty to go 3000 miles to meet it."

True, Germany has sunk our ships, murdered our men, women and children upon the high seas, and in many other ways given us much provocation. But let me ask, in all seriousness and earnestness, did not we as Americans and a professed neutral nation largely shirk in the responsibility for some of those acts because of our persistency in aiding her enemies with munitions and other supplies? We say it was a matter of business. The law gave us the right to do so, and it was the bringing to us an era of unprecedented prosperity. Very true. But is not prosperity purchased at the price of human blood and brain waiting into which I have carelessly given an account of its stewardship and the question is asked, "How did you acquire this great wealth; did you get it honestly?" Then, what will the answer be? Allentown, Pa., March 25, W.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I regret to note an error in your usually excellent editorial page. This refers to the article regarding the "Better Use of Daylight" of March 21, which says, "This setting back of the clock is all right, but it is likely to shorten the tango parties."

I agree with one part of your statement. Our idea is to shorten the tango parties, but we cannot do it by setting the clock back, but we will accomplish it by pushing the clock forward one hour, which is the movement we are all interested in. I know you will agree that it will do the public far greater good to gain an hour for fresh-air amusements in preference to late hours at tango parties. I know that we can rely upon your paper's support in advancing the clock one hour from May until October. The subject has been discussed.

Very sincerely yours, HENRY C. MERCER.

If we happen to be in the neighborhood when the dismantling occurs we'll be pleased to pluck the weathervane from the arms of any gatherer of kindling who attempts to carry it off upon his head. You shall have it, Mr. Mercer, if we have any say.

"ACH, I KNOW IT, AND SHE CAN'T SEE!"



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. What is "spotted fever"?
2. Who was President of the United States during the War of 1812?
3. About how many men are needed by the Army to bring it to the present enlisted strength of 87,000 men?
4. Who are the Maza brothers?
5. What is a window?
6. Who is "Ralph Connor"?
7. What is a Roman road?
8. Name the ruler of Denmark.
9. Is silver heavier than lead?
10. What is a squeegee machine?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Mails in Indian corn—American corn, as distinguished from European corn (wheat, oats, etc.).
2. The red flag is the emblem of the social democrats all over the world.
3. All the National Guard units have been withdrawn from the Mexican border.
4. Lieutenant General Winfield Scott, commander of the United States army, captured Mexico City in the war with Mexico.
5. H. G. Wells, the English author, wrote "The War of the Worlds."
6. Ceramics are vases, urns, etc., made of baked clay or of clay mixtures.
7. Dr. Karl Helfferich is Vice Chancellor of the German Empire.
8. The pulpheads in the Bible were collectors and adulterers and sometimes were harsh and oppressive.
9. Utopia, meaning "not a place," was an imaginary island in the far North Atlantic, "Utopia," which had perfect laws, etc.
10. The fine arts are painting, sculpture and architecture and sometimes include music, drawing, engraving, poetry, music, dramatics and dancing.

Dreadnoughts
Editor "What Do You Know?": Under "Warships," you state that the British Dreadnought was the first ship of her class. I would like to inform you that the honor is held by the U. S. S. Michigan and South Carolina, and the fact is acknowledged by the greatest English authority, Fred Jane, of Jane's "Fighting Ships." The Dreadnought was launched, had her trials and was in commission, however, before our ships. Jane distinctly states that the Michigan and South Carolina were the first all-big-gun ships of the dreadnought type and are entitled to be considered the first dreadnoughts. Consult one of the older editions of his year books and you will see this fact stated in parentheses below the article describing our ships. I would further state that so far I have received three \$5 contributions from three persons of settled convictions who had to be shown that they were wrong in stating that the Dreadnought was the first of her type. J. B. W.

Flower Language
W. E. B.—The earliest nations had their flower language, or florigraphy, which was intimately connected with mythology, religion and national life. Among the most commonly known symbolic meanings attached to certain flowers are the following: Oak, patriotism; bay, poetry; myrtle, beauty; olive, peace; ivy, revelry; rose, love; apple blossom, preference; buttercup, suckle; anemone, frailty; antipater, dalliance; coquetry; daffodil, unrequited love; lilac, fastidiousness; narcissus, self-love; marigold, contempt; goldenrod, encouragement; lily, majesty; purity, calla, marriage; poppy, oblivion; amaranth, immortality; gentian, virgin pride; geranium, deceit; foxglove, insincerity; hyacinth, sorrow; hollyhock, fidelity; lily, thoughts; heliotrope, devotion; sweet William, gallantry; candy-tuft, indifference; cowslip, youthful beauty; white violet, modesty, and snowdrop, friendship in need.

Split Tickets
FOUR READERS—It is permissible for a voter to split his ticket, voting for some Democratic and some Republican electors in presidential elections. As a result, in 1912 California's electors voted for Woodrow Wilson and a Republican elector.