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THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR MARCH WAS 109,671. Philadelphia, Friday, April 27, 1917.

Warm spring weather seems to be in the "slacker" class. Long before the war began the Kaiser went on record as opposing Mongolia.

Our anxiety over the likelihood of Russia concluding a separate peace is often comforted by counter-balanced by tales that Austria and Turkey are still more eager to stack arms.

Prohibition of the sale of fireworks is being considered to save gunpowder. It is not only the powder that must be saved. July 4th enthusiasm can well be conserved until we have made the meaning of that day a permanent fact for the whole world.

NO TIME FOR HYSTERIA

THERE are two kinds of economy. One kind is sensible and the other kind is hysterical. The Government is not proposing to send any money out of the United States. It is proposing to extend large credits to our allies.

There are commodities in the use of which the utmost frugality is imperative. There is only so much food in the world. Every ounce of it wasted is that much taken from the mouth of some person who needs it.

NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE

THE submarine menace grows mightier. England's shipping losses for the last week are greater than those of any previous seven-day period since ruthlessness began.

The scraps at Hartburg do not get the publicity given the little affair going on over in Europe, but unless citizens keep their eyes open they may wake up to find that the battles at Hartburg have cost them more money than the battles in Flanders.

"WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE GREAT WAR?"

THE slogan, "Every Boy Scout feed a soldier," is cheerful, and the way the scouts are organizing for farm work promises the fulfillment of that splendid ambition.

THE STORY OF DEAD CHURCHES

German Frightfulness Responsible for the Ruin of 327 Village Sanctuaries in Northern France

By HENRI BAZIN. In northern France alone three hundred and twenty-seven village churches have been entirely destroyed by the Germans. I have not only seen some personally, but have examined official photographs of each and every ruin.

These 327 village churches were modest and without renown. Yet they were quaintly beautiful, in great part of ancient piety, devoted in many instances for three centuries to the constant worship of God.

The Angelus Will Sound No More

The bell in its tower had sounded the Angelus from "a great white steeple." The Angelus heard afar in beetfield and vineyard, waited for as a daily part of many a simple, beautiful, pious life.

IN WARRING LANDS. Spring drifts across the greenish Sligo hills. Moist veils the North Atlantic eastward spills.

The Torture of Rheims

For Rheims is still within the range of German 218 and 174 shells from the hills of the Ardennes. Within range of barbatic fire, and unharmed, this fire goes on, intermittently, with a regularity that is almost tragical.

Tom Daly's Column

THREE TO ONE. Signor, remember yesterday. How mad I am bygone you say. Don't worry all Estalton.

I speak for all on 'tal of eet. Today ces you an deess street. Beey stronga man for deeg da trouch.

You threek ces lassy man dat weell. So work, from carla mara outeell. Da stars ces china from da sky.

Most Novel of Filivry Stables. "Would you complain to the P. M. General of the Interior Department about this unsafe garage?"

GEORGE W. SCUDDER has a deep bass voice and we have long ears; that's how he happens to be able to report this. We sat near his customary luncheon table yesterday.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Shortcomings of the Truant School—The Truth About Greece—A Suffrage Letter

THE TRUANT SCHOOL. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—If the saying, "There are really no bad boys," is to become current, why in the world do we allow the truant schools to remain?

THE TRUTH ABOUT GREECE. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The organ of the representatives of the Athenian clique in Washington publishes today a new manifesto in the form of private telegram from Athens.

SUFFRAGISTS AD GOVERNMENT

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—In regard to the defeat of the woman suffrage amendment in the lower house of the Legislature, we feel it is well to know just what our enemy is and to force it to the open.

OUR COAT LAPEL is clutched by Rolfs: "Hand-to-hand battle with U-boat." "Say a hand. Can anything that has no heart have hands?"

BEING, as we are, engaged in supplying (though in a small way, of course) the very desirable—er—commodity referred to, our chest visibly bulging when we read in the window of H. O. Hurlburt's



HELL BENT

of the suffrage champion there, Mrs. Henriette Baily Lyon of Wilmington. With Rhode Island and Michigan coming in with presidential suffrage, giving us 164 electoral votes, we think we have a chance of winning presidential suffrage even with the Legislature as at present constituted.

WHAT IS A MAN?

What is a man? How much is he worth from a scientific viewpoint? According to one way of looking at it, a man is worth about \$2.50 a day from his shoulders down and anywhere from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 a year from his shoulders up.

EDITING BY MOTOR

The Paris Temps informs us that the little Belgian newspaper called La Libre Belgique is still alive, and has celebrated its first anniversary of its existence.

IN A CLASS BY ITSELF

Great Britain has organized a directorate of three to take the place of her large cabinet of twenty odd members.

What Do You Know?

- 1. Name one of New Jersey's two Senators. 2. Who is Shuckleton? 3. Pronounce "shibins." 4. Distinguish between the meaning of "laccerate" and "macerate."

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. The Department of Labor estimates that 2,000,000 men will be needed on the nation's farms this summer. 2. France aided the United States in its struggle against England for independence.

Washington's Address

R. Y. Jr.—George Washington's advice against "foreign entanglements" in his farewell address to the American people was as follows: "Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence—I conjure you to beware."

THE STAINLESS STANDARD

I can see the colors lifting. Where the April gale increases. Streaming o'er the urban miles. Seas of red and blue are drifting skyward as the silk releases.