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of Philadelphia in the moment of her supreme offering. She is used to walking with honor. She has felt the pangs of a nation's birth and paid more than once with blood, drop by drop, for the integrity of her principles and the perpetuation of her ideals.

COMPENSATION, NOT PENSIONS

Arguments For and Against New System Heard in Washington

Special Correspondence of the Evening Ledger
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.
Whether a pension system, which has now been in operation in the United States for half a century, is to continue may be determined by the passage of a bill to amend the war risk insurance act, which Congress is now considering upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, supported by the President of the United States.

THE NAVY IN ACTION

JUST why the American navy escaped the malign influences of unpreparedness advocates it is hard to say. Certainly they did their best to prevent development of a proper military establishment. But a kindly fate smiled on naval expansion. Since the days of John D. Long we have had a fine, vigorous modern fleet in some degree worthy of our dignity as a nation.

Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET
The Saturday of Saturdays in Philadelphia town!
An' from the rising of the sun until its going down
The news of all the universe will center in the street
Whose walls resound with cheering an' the tramp of marching feet.

Tom Daly's Column

Grandfather in his easy chair will tell us what was done
When Lincoln called for volunteers 'way back in '61
An' how the young defenders rose, three hundred thousand strong,
An' regiment on regiment took the battlesong.



AUGURY OF VICTORY

SOME pacifists and Philistines have been gadding about the country reading the Constitution out loud and calling on high heaven to witness that liberty is being outraged in its citadels and freedom murdered in its breeding place.

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A NEW SOLDIER'S VIEW OF PARADE

Not Like the Triumphs of Returning Victors—"Our Triumph Is That We Go"

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—The thousands of young men who march through the city streets today are following a ritual which is as old as civilization. But there is this distinction between ancient triumphs and modern American parades. As much emphasis is placed today on the departure of the troops as on their return.

"JEWISH WORLD" IS LOYAL

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—May I ask you kindly to publish in your valuable paper a brief statement as to the truth in the matter of the anti-conscription circular issued by the Socialist party which was printed in our establishment.

What Do You Know?

- 1. The fine line at the top or bottom of capital letters is described by a certain technical name. What is that name?
2. What was called "a cheese box on a raft"?
3. What is John Parker and of what State is he a citizen?
4. What was the Roman name for what we call France?
5. What was the central principle of the teaching of Buddha?
6. "Scherzando" is a musical direction. What does it mean?
7. Carle described a leader of the French Revolution as "the sea-green incorruptible." Who was this leader?
8. "Scallywag" or "Scalawag" originally was applied to animals rather than to men. What was its original meaning?
9. In what American political campaign was the slogan "The full dinner pail" used with greatest effect?
10. What is a chameleon?

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ARTILLERY OBSERVERS

Artillery observation is one of the most important branches of the service. So indispensable is the art in connection with modern artillery that a noted authority recently stated that if there had been no airplanes while the other had none the war would have been over in six months.

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