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the action of a steel rat trap, however great his book-learning may be. There must be a streak of grouchiness in a good line officer.

THE WOLF'S INSOLENCE

IT IS hard to keep cool while reading that Berlin, through the Papal Nuncio at Munich, has agreed to evacuate Belgium, provided that little country "gives a guarantee that any such menace as that which threatened Germany in 1914 would in future be excluded."

REAL CAUSE FOR REJOICING

IN THE thirty-one weeks of recorded fruitfulness the U-boat efficiency has sunk to its lowest level in the week just ended. Only fifteen vessels were sunk.

BREAKING THE ICE

IN MASSACHUSETTS they elect a Governor once a year, a system which keeps a man up to the mark from a minute he is elected. Mr. McCall has been nominated for a third term by an enormous majority simply on the strength of his record.

GUYNEMER

IF FRANCE had had a dozen Gwynemers the war might be over. He was credited with having shot down fifty-three German planes by official count, but he destroyed at least twenty-five others.

NO ROOM FOR THE SLOUCH

THE Grouch is decidedly a popular figure nowadays. He is the man who wins a commission. Disagreeable as he may be in the office, in the training camp his stern demeanor attracts the attention of the powers that be.

GOOD REASONS FOR CIVIC PRIDE

A New History of Early Philadelphia Life Has Interesting Point of View

EARLY Philadelphians resembled in some respects the Philadelphians of the present day in that they neglected their civic duties. It is recorded that while the city was still small the responsible men were in the habit of going about the streets at night before they went to bed to see that everything was in order.

THE EARLY MIGRATIONS

Philadelphia, indeed, has a history of which its citizens should be proud. It was founded by men of means with a serious interest in life and it grew as boom towns grow in the West. From 1681 to 1700 fully 15,000 people migrated here from Europe in response to the inducements held out by William Penn.

WARFURISMS

In every war argument two men are completely convinced from the start. There's a lot of money in stocks these days. (Privately: We lost ours there.) With our dye industry peaking up as it is, the American blonde will not disappear, after all.

A Bouquet for Us

The affatus divine, the breath of the wine, That every one welcomes so gladly, For no other bard does it really blow hard But Tom 'n' his lute in daily.

A LESSON IN POLITICS

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A Huguenot Refugee

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THWARTED BY A WOMAN

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Tom Daly's Column

THE PASSING OF PUCK (James Earl Russell) And swift As light as thistle drift, With elfin prank and joke, His passing was. The breath Of Death Scorse shook his feater's bells, But summoned him Into the shadows dim And spared his heart the sadness of farewells.

"Don't believe the people who say there is no good in the novels of Harold Bell Wright," says M. C., who "describes himself as the 'champion long-distance commuter.'" "I have found Harold Bell's books invaluable," he adds, "and I hope my testimony may be helpful to fellow sufferers. By keeping one of the books constantly in the kitchen we have been enabled to hold our servant girl. But we have exhausted the list now and she is becoming restless. If—as is likely—a new book is under way, could I not secure advance sheets in some way?"

LAMENTATIONS (A true story)

They say he is noisy and barks at the kids, And sasses the newspaper boy; I only remember he greets me at night With curvets and prances of joy. They claim that he brings aged bones to the porch And bulks on the sofa his lair; I know that he breathes a great sigh of content As he curls up at night by my chair.

Warfurisms

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MAYOR STIRRED FIREMEN'S WRATH

Holding Up of Two-Platoon System—Comment on Current Topics

THE FIREMEN'S PROTEST

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—As the secretary of the Citizens' Committee and as an honorary member of the Firemen's Association, I have been deeply concerned by the Mayor's attitude toward the firemen's protest against the two-platoon system.

A REMEDY SUGGESTED

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Your editorial, "Plain Facts Plainly Stated," appearing in Tuesday's issue, takes rather a hopeless view of the political situation in Philadelphia, but through a rift in the clouds your version seems to perceive a "truly metropolitan Philadelphia."

INSIDE STUFF

A certain Jewish reporter on a certain Philadelphia newspaper, sent on an out-of-town assignment, submitted in his expense account an item of \$1.05 for three meals on last Wednesday, which was Yom Kippur.

PARTISANSHIP AND THE ARMY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—One of the strangest difficulties in our Government is the fact that the Government is not a government of the people, but a government of the army.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What is Bulgaria's stated position as to the Kaiser's "Mittel-Europa" plan of world empire? 2. What former United States Ambassador has been mentioned in reports as a possible candidate for the presidency? 3. What is a "midnighter"?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. It is not lawful to sell liquor to the United States service. 2. The candidate for the second Liberty Loan starts in this city on October 1. 3. The marriage of a man and a woman is a civil contract, not a sacrament.

THE GERMANTOWN ROAD

LOCALITIES take their peculiar color and character from out-of-the-way facts sometimes. Looking at the Germantown road of the present day one might be hard put to it to explain its formation. The curious explanation has been offered that the dirt road, while passable during the winter months, was so narrow and so uneven that it was impossible for the Indians of choosing the easiest way they did so even if the way in question happened to be a crooked one.