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Improved Sanitary Conditions in the Canal Zone

The report of the Department of Health of the International Canal Commission for the month of August, 1906, is a gratifying contribution to the well-earned reputation of the Canal Zone...

With a force of approximately twelve thousand men engaged in this work there was on the average only three hundred and one constantly sick, giving a rate of one, being less than twenty-five per thousand...

Dr. GORGAS reports one case of biliousness in a man who lived at Ancon and worked at La Boca. He was first observed on August 23, death occurring three days later...

The efficiency of Colonel GORGAS'S work under the new regime is bearing fruit. The sanitation of the Canal Zone is far better than that of New Orleans and the delta of the Mississippi...

In a speech to the Richmond Branch of the Hon. LESLIE MORTIER SHAW gave this summary of the respective positions of the two great parties as to the tariff:

"The Democrats only claim that the principle of free trade, which they profess to construct their tariff laws, is the correct principle. They claim to eliminate every element of protection from all their tariff laws...

"Does Mr. SHAW state correctly the Democratic position? The rhetoric or poetry about 'protection as a robbery of the many to enrich the few' occurs in the Democratic national platform of 1894...

"Why is it that the Croats do not cooperate in such opposition, but, on the contrary, support the so-called Independents? Because the Magyars, taught by their experience of 1848-9, when Croatia's hostility was fatal to the liberties of Hungary, have carefully refrained from subjecting the Croats to the same high handed treatment...

"That is, the Republicans are the only fellows that can alter the tariff safely. Rates can be changed. There was also a Republican declaration about 'the adoption of all practicable methods for the further extension' of foreign markets...

"Protection, which guards and develops our industries, is the cardinal policy of the Republican party. The measure of protection should always at least equal difference in the cost of production at home and abroad. We insist upon the maintenance of the principle of protection, and therefore rates of duty should be readjusted only when conditions have so changed that the public interest demands their alteration...

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The Republicans need to be careful not to wait until the time is overripe. They cannot afford to wait many years hanging on by the apron strings of prosperity. Prosperity and hard times have their alternate cycles...

Carious Features of the Hungarian Crisis

We are told by reliable sources that the intended meeting of the so-called Independents in Budapest had to be postponed, owing to the fact that it would be broken up by the Austrians...

Minneapolis is having 'million bushel days' in the receipts and shipments of grain. The railroads are swamped, though the railroad employees are working day and night in a vain endeavor to overcome their accumulated and accumulating orders...

Our bank clearings last week amounted to \$2,547,000,000, an increase of \$510,000,000, or 25.4 per cent. over the same week of last year. Again New York led the increase with 30 per cent.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has ordered 175,000 tons of steel rails at an outlay of \$5,000,000. This is 50,000 tons over last year's orders, and the largest ever put out. The 16,000 steel freight cars ordered by the same company will consume 190,000 tons more steel.

Eighty-four railroads showed for July increased gross earnings of 10.19 per cent, and increased net earnings of 9.33 per cent. Also for August fifty-nine roads some big ones yet to be heard from showed an increase of \$3,073,079 on \$60,425,274 gross earnings, or 5.36 per cent. Also for the first week in September thirty-four roads showed \$347,913 increase on \$8,307,618, or 4.37 per cent.

"Uncle Sam Farmer" will get this year at least \$60,000,000 more for his wheat crop, at least \$50,000,000 more for his corn crop, and many millions more for his hay, oats, barley, rye and other crops.

It is good American business, finally, that graft and greed are being exposed, that trust funds as a consequence of these exposures are going to be actually trust funds, and not means for speculation for wholly or partially individual profit, and wholly corporation loss if the speculation goes wrong.

Divers moralists, sociologists, college professors and other superior persons are never tired of shouting that this is an age of self-seeking, a bluffing and brazen age. It is the more happiness to see the violets of modesty growing where not everybody would think of looking for them, in Missouri. The Journal of Kansas City, the home of the Hon. DEBSTER WATTS, notices 'the growing demand of the West for fuller recognition in national politics has been accorded in the past,' and finds that 'there is a strong conviction in the West that it is time that it insisted that Western man shall be President.'

It is time for the unrecognized West to assert itself. It is time for the West to have a President. In the last forty-four years the only Western Presidents have been LINCOLN, GRANT, HAYES, GARFIELD, HARRISON and McKINLEY, and the Kansas City Journal declares that 'ROOSEVELT is Western from hat to boots; in fact, he is the westiest of West-erners.'

It must end, this discrimination against a part of the country ever reluctant to stand up for itself, and hitherto content to let the monopolistic East engross the offices. 'In the East,' says the Missouri philosopher says, 'they worship the almighty dollar,' but the dollar above the man; whereas 'in the West we are more inclined to worship God and practice the rugged virtues from Puritan forefathers,' whose aversion to the almighty dollar almost reached the form of monomania.

When the President of the United States took train for Washington and closed his summer outing, the visitors' book at Sagamore Hill, assuming that such a record exists, must have been full to overflowing. In it were inscribed the names of many notable and interesting persons, of many merely notable or merely interesting individuals, and of many neither notable nor interesting. A liberal education in politics, art, literature, war, sport, domestic science—in short, in sociology—might be won by a study of those who journeyed to Oyster Bay, the motives that took them thither, and the reasons for their receptions.

There is one man, however, who, although his acquaintance with the President of the United States has extended over a number of years, has not had his name registered in the visitors' book at Sagamore Hill. He has enjoyed intimate association with THEODORE ROOSEVELT in the past. He has accepted proudly public applause for his efforts in behalf of Mr. ROOSEVELT. He has not hesitated to allow the notion to spread as far as it might that he was upon terms of peculiarly close political friendship with Mr. ROOSEVELT.

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And yet his name is not in the Sagamore Hill visitors' book, wherein are inscribed those of many men less often seen and heard. ROOSEVELT'S GUESTS. It was not received by the President of the United States at Sagamore Hill in the summer of 1905. The protection afforded to the President of the United States by the Federal Secret Service agents during his summer vacation was strikingly complete and effective.

A South African letter states that the developments of the Rand mines of trouble with the Chinese may lead to their repatriation. Some five hundred are at large, wandering over the Rand without means of subsistence, and occasionally committing murders in their efforts to obtain food. The Rand mines are accumulating stores for defense and transport to the Rand, and the Rand is in a state of alarm. There are more than a thousand Chinese now in the mines, and the mine compound managers, who have been made magistrates, have devised a novel method of reconnoitering losses incurred by the subsistence or desertion of their Chinese workers. They charge the fines to the whole body of the Chinese employed at the particular mine to which a culprit belongs, and they are not allowed to take the fines of all to loan their men at work and maintain order.

Regarding the German trouble in South-West Africa, the same letter says that the Germans have between three and four thousand Dutch transport riders with them. When captured by the Hereros these Cape Dutch are not harmed, but are turned off with injunctions to go and fetch more wagons with supplies. Was expected that the Hereros would have considerable trouble in putting down the Hereros, as they were being well supplied with arms and ammunition from across the border.

Some of the Japanese papers published immediately after the news of the acceptance of the peace terms became known contain illustrations depicting the prevailing sentiment in the Hoshi Shimbun of September 4 there is one entitled 'The End of the Game,' in which Baron ROSKIN and Mr. WITTE, the latter with his tongue out, are holding a conversation. The Hoshi Shimbun of September 2, and the Jiji Shimpu of September 3 has a cartoon representing Baron KOMURA on a scaffold painting the Bleing Sun black, his official colleagues helping him. In the Hoshi Shimbun of September 5 Baron KOMURA'S portrait is shown flanked by two grotesque figures, that on the left with a long iron instrument covered with spikes, and the other with a Samurai sword. The two figures signify that he should have his tongue torn out. Overhead there is a demon of hideous aspect. Count KATUBA, the Prime Minister, also comes in for his share of pictorial indignation, his portrait being surrounded by skeleton heads of Japanese soldiers killed in the war on one side, and the angry faces of the popular indignation on the other. The Hoshi Shimbun of September 2, and the Jiji Shimpu of September 3 has a picture of the burning of the official residence of Viscount YOSHIKAWA, Minister for Home Affairs. The same paper has illustrations of KONO HIRONAKA, a member of the Japanese Parliament, addressing the indignation meeting in Hibiy Park, Tokyo, on September 5, and of the rioting that took place when the police opposed it. Mr. HIRONAKA'S portrait gives the impression of a natural born mob leader fitted to sway great crowds, with the menacing character of the pictures relating to Baron KOMURA makes his return to Japan a matter of public interest.

High Schools and the Pay of Principals. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—There is not a salary question in the history of the State that has been more widely discussed than that of the pay of principals. It is a question that has been discussed in every town where there is a school, and it is a question that has been discussed in every town where there is a school. It is a question that has been discussed in every town where there is a school, and it is a question that has been discussed in every town where there is a school. It is a question that has been discussed in every town where there is a school, and it is a question that has been discussed in every town where there is a school.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—The high school principals are paid more. The fact is that high schools are of little real value to the public that supports them. Only a few children enter them, and most are the number who complete the course. It would be well if the money now spent on them were diverted to the lower grade schools for the improvement of their courses and the better pay of their principals.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—There are more applicants for work as teachers in the public schools than there are openings, even at the salaries now paid. Why, then, should we raise those salaries? JOSEPH J. COUGHLIN, New York, Oct. 2.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I should like to be able to take the time for the November election, the names of the Republicans who voted for that piece of class legislation—taxing stock sales, while speculation in grain and cotton are exempt. The New York Stock Exchange is always a fair market for a strike of any sort. In spite of the large profits of this tax and the representations of the committee who went to Albany to protect the money had to be raised; the law was applied and the 'baysides' were triumphant.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I am tired of the discussion about the propriety of women wearing their hats in church and the views of the Lord about it. The solution of the problem is very simple. Let the young and pretty women with the hair that off their hats as they will. It will surely be a pleasant sight in the eyes of the Lord. But the old and ugly women with hats and heavy veils, of course. NEW YORK, Oct. 2.

Home Thrust. Enquirer—Why does a novelist always dress his hero in some engaging white stuff? Mrs. Kulker—Because a man expects a woman to stick to one dress forever—Why, yes, Harry, I could get a new one for \$50.

In the North American Review for October articles by Cardinal Gibbons on Lynch law, by Richard Olney on railroad rates and by Andrew Carnegie on an agreement between England, France and the United States will attract attention. Prof. Jenks writes on commerce with the Far East. Mr. W. H. Mallock on 'Science and Immortality' and Mr. H. E. Wood on 'The Public and the Coal Mines.' Other papers deal with religion, metaphysics, Catholic education, divorce, Lord Curzon, results of the war and the Joint High Commission with Canada.

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