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If our friends who favor us with manuscripts and illustrations for publication wish to have their articles returned they must in all cases send stamps for that purpose.

Armageddon, or what is left of it, reconvenes to-day at Chicago. If the great leader of the embattled host is absent from the gathering, the reason is well understood by the Bull Moose legions as well as by the rest of the world.

We venture the prediction that the next snatched issue by which Colonel Roosevelt is to profit politically at the expense of Mr. Bryan will be the enactment of Prohibition in the fundamental law by means of an amendment of the Federal Constitution.

The Chaotic Rules of War.

It is suggested that belligerents are now bound by the provisions of the series of fifteen conventions framed at The Hague in 1864, which were nevertheless subject to the provisions of the earlier convention of 1864.

The Choristers of Josephus.

It is painful to find the World asking this satirical and ungenerous question: "Why should a navy that has Josephus Daniels for a Secretary want to sing?"

One Boy Dead and One in a Cell.

Somebody equips a nice little boy with a nice little rifle quite capable of killing. The little boy goes out playing with two other little boys and something terrible happens. The little boy has fallen dead with a bullet in his small body.

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civilized nations without regard to the conference at The Hague. The enactment of The Hague in 1864 by no means revolutionized the ethics of warfare. Nearly thirty years earlier, for example, the Germans in besieging Strassburg and Belfort allowed the women, the children and the sick to leave the besieged places.

The New Policy of Hoping for the Best.

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Open the Hand Now!

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Admiral Mahan.

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Fortunately the tax on telephone calls as it applies only to those costing 15 cents or upward will affect a relatively small number in this city, but within its limitations it promises to be a thoroughgoing nuisance.

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It is a long way to San Francisco. And I'd rather ride than walk. Good-by to the Bowery.

There are a thousand good reasons.

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Under the gamdebao.

I dream, sweet love, of you. For my soul is cryin' for Old Bull Bryan Under the gamdebao.

And an improving sea-born ditty begins.

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in firing the fatal shot; he had probably no intention whatever beyond that of making a noise. He says he aimed into the air, and a comrade corroborates his story. True, he aimed badly, but then he is only a boy of ten.

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and clearheaded, dull eyed and stably, but with a job, a nest of life that no un-couthness can dull and a simple shrewdness that ignorance fails to adulterate, the Mexican peasant like the Spanish peasant is never out of the picture though not always quite in the frame.

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CHAOS IN THE RULES OF WAR. General Interest in the Question of the Vitality of the Hague Conventions. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: Though disagreeing with you about the causes of the present war, I want to say that one of your editorial articles is worthy a cartload of articles from the average American publicist or professor; for instance, your articles on the Hague convention, as ever against the large initialment of what is not known on that subject furnished by Sir, Roosevelt, Judge Holt, Mr. Bacon and the professors, and nausaeum.

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neutrality. In the case of that republic integrity is what the Powers guarantee, not neutrality, I believe, for in case of danger to foreigners the Powers are in the habit of landing troops for their protection. W. H. STRAWMAN. TORONTO, November 28.

Mr. William Bayard Hale on Ex-President Roosevelt's Oubtrast.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: An ex-President of the United States publicly advocated in a New York newspaper on Sunday a course of national conduct so dangerous that it would be difficult to find any other course than that of Mr. Roosevelt's idiosyncrasies to refrain from describing it as insanity.

Legislators Who Are Delegates.

A number of legislators are also delegates to the constitutional convention. The following are the names of the delegates: Albany—Robert S. Pollock, Frank J. Cole, William M. McKim, George J. Ryan, John W. Weed.

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G. O. P. WILL REVISE N. Y. CONSTITUTION. Republicans Will Control the Convention by a Majority of 61. SENATOR ROOT TO PRESIDE.

ALBANY, Dec. 1.—The list of the delegates who will comprise the convention which is to revise the State Constitution next spring shows that the Republicans will control the convention by a vote of 116 to 52.

The Democrats carried only the Second, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second (Manhattan-Bronx district), Twenty-third (Richmond-Rockland district) and Twenty-fourth (one of the Buffalo districts).

Senator Root to Preside.

It is generally conceded Senator Root will be chosen to preside over the convention, which must meet on the first Tuesday of next April. Every delegate will be given the power to appoint such officers and employees as is deemed necessary and to fix their compensation.

This situation has been discussed in Republican political circles and it is believed if the Legislature has not completed its work by early April that it will take a recess for a few days to permit the constitutional convention delegates to organize in the Assembly Chamber and arrange the preliminary for its work of revising the constitution.

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