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THE POLITICAL SITUATION

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The second factor is the long, expensive, and rather fruitless session of Congress. There is no doubt that the inability or incapacity of the Democratic majority to pass the appropriation bills within a reasonable time, with a prolonged session as the result of that failure, has had some effect upon the public mind.

It has been said that if the Republican party was united President Taft would have an easy task in securing re-election. There is much virtue, or otherwise, in an "if."

Will the Republican party become practically united before election day? Upon the answer to this question much depends. All that can be said at the present time is that it is gradually getting together.

Nevertheless, it looks more and more as if, as the campaign progresses, the one all-absorbing topic would be the tariff. The Republicans recall the dismal days of 1892-95, while the Democrats blame the high cost of living upon the protective system.

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has already voiced the line upon which this effort will be made in his statement that a vote for Roosevelt contributes to the election of Woodrow Wilson. There is no better way for the Republicans to elect a Democratic President than by dividing their forces between Taft and Roosevelt.

At the present time there are indications that this is what they propose to do, but there are less than sixty days between now and election. Sixty days is a brief time in which to do a tremendous work.

Mr. Roosevelt must have smiled to himself when he gave out his list of contributors showing that more than one-half of his campaign fund has been contributed by Mr. Perkins, of the Harvester Trust, and Mr. Munsey, of the Steel Trust.

The Republican managers at once saw the vulnerability of Mr. Roosevelt's position and attacked him on the ground that Perkins and Munsey were simply paying off old debts.

He is not, however, to be allowed to have everything his own way. Hitherto the Republican leaders have ignored him. They were content to know that he could not be elected.

The Democrats, too, are going after Roosevelt. They are to send Mr. Bryan to follow him. It is not yet evident what policy of assault Mr. Bryan will pursue.

There have not been, as yet, any exciting features in the campaign. The Republicans, with the exception of an occasional fling at Mr. Roosevelt, are conducting themselves with ladylike propriety, and the Democrats are equally courteous.

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NEWSPAPER COURT GOSSIP FROM ACROSS THE OCEAN BLUE

Berlin high life has been returning to the capital sooner than usual this season, owing to the inclement weather at the seashore and the summer resorts.

Col. Count Beroldingen and his countess, a former Miss Mary Kaup, a native of New York, though already grandparents, have finally come to the conclusion after all these years of married bliss, that they are unamused to each other and that a separation was the only thing for them.

Count Beroldingen, whose late father served two Russian kings as court marshal, began his career as an officer in the army of Wurtemberg.

A brother of the countess, a Mr. Kaup, the family had returned to Germany from America for a good reason, the heroes of this romance being little children—was among the disciplined officers, and so was the husband of her sister.

The villa de San Martino, on the Island of Elba, which Napoleon is said to have occupied during his exile, is reported to have been purchased by the Marquis Ruspoli for \$60,000.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A Presidential year once more. The politicians bawl. Our nation totters, as of yore. To its untimely fall.

That, is one, speaker says this thing. While we in anger chafe. But then another takes the ring. And says the country's safe.

You know just how it is, my friend. And so can take your cue. The situation all depends On whom you listen to.

Then you didn't fish much while away? "No," said the real estate man. "I did hang a hook overboard one day, with a worm on it. A number of fish investigated my proposition warily, but negotiations never got beyond a nibble. Then I decided that fishing was too much like the real estate business, so I quit. I went away for a rest."

September 15 in History. September 15, 1541—Henry VIII goes to the county fair and takes a blue ribbon prize for his sheep.

We'd All Like to Know. "Have you any objection in pling to wealth? Perhaps you have an ambition to gratify. Is there anything you want to do?"

Maud Muller studied up a bit. Acquired some skill. And now she has a rural skirt In vaudiville.

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PROSPERITY.

Prosperity is a blissful condition in which everything is coming in and going out with a great noise.

During prosperity money is very plentiful and there is great profit in everything. It is so easy to make money that if a man didn't hurry up and spend it he would have to take it home in a wheelbarrow every evening.

Money during prosperity is like the button in the old game, "button button, who's got the button?" As soon as a man gets money he passes it on to his neighbor and the man who has it when hard times come is prosecuted for running a trust.

Prosperity is a very fine thing and makes a man feel like a President as he stands in line shaking hands with \$10 bills as they go by.

Prices are very high in prosperity because no one is going to spend \$5 worth of time haggling over a 10 cent rise in the price of beefsteak.

During prosperity people eat portobuse steak for lunch and buy piano players on time. They trade perfectly good automobiles for better ones with brighter paint, and cry with disappointment.

Every one has a fine time during prosperity. Prosperity is lots of fun, but we would be better off if we had less prosperity, and more savings banks.

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AN EXPERIMENTAL ELECTION FOR THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Washington Correspondent New York Post. For the first time in long years residents of Washington, D. C., will vote this November in a Presidential election.

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