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Mediation is still in its infancy in this country.

Will it be a disgrace to be convicted of violating the income tax law?

And now begins the annual uncertainty as to the size of the cotton crop.

But the baby that looks like its father very often makes a noise like its mother.

It is said that the new Shamrock is a freak. Well, if it wins the race it will be a wonder.

England may beat us playing polo, but we just dare her to bring forward a baseball team.

Just as we were all getting ready to accept Huerta's resignation he has again postponed it indefinitely.

The Washington baseball team, too, seems to be suffering from an attack of "psychological depression."

That new volcano in California ought to give an added impetus to the "See America first" movement.

Isn't it about time for Walter Wellman to bring his dirigible balloon out again and find some more defects in it?

In Texas the other day Mr. Onion, aged twenty, married Mrs. Turnipseed, aged forty-five. Lettuce pray for him.

The dullness of the Senate speeches may be explained on the theory that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Miss Jane Addams declares there is no "devil baby" in Hull House. All right, but we know one kid that comes very near to being one.

The police chiefs, in convention, have declared war against moving pictures that caricature officers of the law. It isn't necessary to caricature, some police chiefs.

A correspondent wants to know where Armageddon is. Why, at last accounts it was somewhere in England, but it moves about so much that we can't always keep track of it.

St. Louis city council proposes to require milk wagons and bread wagons to be equipped with rubber tires in order to minimize noise. Why discriminate against the water wagon?

Out in Texas, where they have been having a drought, the members of a church got their pastor to pray for rain. Now they have had a freshet and they are going to fire their pastor.

A Detroit girl has secured a verdict for \$4,000 in a breach of promise suit against a bellboy. Remember this, and don't be stingy with you tip the next time a bellboy brings you a pitcher of ice water. You don't know what his expenses may be.

Every time we see a new picture of Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV, the less we like her looks. There is something about her suggestive of the cup-lifter, since we have lost the golf championship and the polo cup, and Yale won the greatest boat race ever seen in this country, rowing the English stroke.

It is not easy to follow the Cleveland argument that the city adopted Eastern time in order to have one more hour of daylight for work or recreation. The hours of daylight will not be lengthened, and the city could begin business an hour earlier and stop an hour earlier without putting its clocks forward.

Fathers' Day passed off quietly hereabouts yesterday. Owing to the usual strict observance of the Jones-Works law, he wasn't seen about as much as on other days, and florists report that the supply of red and white roses, the Fathers' Day emblem, was ample to meet all demands. The promoters of the project might send postal cards to the fathers of the city notifying them that they had their day yesterday.

The 6000-ton ship Bismarck, the largest vessel afloat took the water at Hamburg on Saturday, christened by the Kaiser himself, when the Countess Hannah von Bismarck, granddaughter of the "Iron Chancellor," failed to throw the champagne bottle with sufficient force to shatter it. The Bismarck will have a total capacity of 1450 passengers. The rapid increase in the number of these monsters flying to and fro across the Atlantic is no doubt the principal reason for the growing number of accidents at sea. It is also the strongest possible reason why international regulations should be adopted without delay and rigidly enforced, providing every possible safeguard for the increasing thousands of lives that are constantly exposed to the dangers of ocean traffic.

While Congress is resting, wouldn't it be a good idea to enact legislation designating some part of the nation's possessions as an experimental territory, where a thorough trial might be given to the numerous reforms now being so earnestly advocated as important steps toward the millennium? Single tax, equal marriage, organized efficiency, municipal ownership, prohibition, the recall of judges, and Fathers' Day, all working harmoniously in one community, composed of their advocates and sympathizers, might bring about an ideal state of existence. In the meantime, the rest of the people of the United States could go right ahead working in their own way until convinced of the superiority of the reformed methods.

A Delicate Situation in Vera Cruz.

If Victoriano Huerta persists in ungratefully withholding his consent to the plan of the United States to throw him into the discard and install a provisional president of Mexico whose application for the job bears the indorsement, "O. K. Venustiano Carranza," or symbols to that effect; if Carranza is too busy planning to feed Huerta to the sharks to recommend any of his friends for high federal office; if Pancho Villa won't desert the cockpit long enough to read the bulletins from Niagara Falls; in short, if all of Mexico's patriotic statesmen prefer things as they are to the pacific promises of mediation, what will be the next step of the United States?

There is a disposition to hang upon the words that come from the mediation party as though the final announcement of its failure will mean that this country is to go to war with Mexico—a conclusion altogether unjustifiable and unreasonable. Armed forces of the United States are now in possession of Vera Cruz by virtue of the authority conferred on President Wilson to use them to compel Huerta to respect the flag of the United States. In his address to Congress the President ventured the opinion that such authority was vested in his office of Commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy, but said that he preferred to act only with the full co-operation of Congress. He emphasized the fact that his quarrel was with Huerta only, and that he had no thought of interfering in any way with the internal affairs of Mexico or with the right of the people of Mexico to adjust them in their own way. Having sent troops to Mexico, the President may withdraw them, leaving the situation as it was before the flag incident at Tampico; he may not use the troops now in Vera Cruz for the pacification of Mexico by force. Nor can he afford even to risk giving Huerta opportunity to force hostilities by sudden action to further his own ends.

The President's situation is delicate in the extreme. As it now stands, it will be within Huerta's power to force a battle at Vera Cruz the moment mediation collapses, if it does collapse. Our army is there for him to shoot at, if in his desperation such course appeals to him; and thus more American blood may be shed over the internal troubles of Mexico, with which this country should not be concerned. Obviously, the President cannot appeal to Congress to declare war while mediation is still in progress, and when its ends in failure this grave question may be determined for us by Huerta.

Besides, is it within the bounds of possibility that Congress would declare war with Mexico, which doubtless would mean war with Carranza and Villa as well as Huerta, because of any conditions which now exist? Congress would have been enthusiastically for intervention during the time when murder and robbery of Americans and subjects of European nations were of daily occurrence, but for a long period such crimes have scarcely been heard of, and it is difficult to imagine the Senate, which debated so long before giving the President the co-operation he asked in connection with the Tampico incident, declaring war in revenge for a long list of crimes of the past of most of which the forces of Carranza and Villa were guilty. Assuredly, Congress will not plunge this nation into war for the purpose of attempting to restore tranquility to Mexico by establishing a provisional government there which none of the warring factions seems to want. On no existing grounds is this government in the least likely to deliberately choose war with Mexico.

Then, what should be our next move, and should we wait for the announcement of a failure at Niagara Falls?

America's Sleuth de Luxe.

The prince of the printer's ink product of detectives was not in the least surprised when he learned that the International Association of Chiefs of Police had, without the use of prestidigitator or mysterious acids, removed his name from its membership roll. It is part of the business of a great detective never to be surprised, and William J. Burns is, by his own admission, a great detective. His keen and original processes of reasoning revealed to him just what was coming off at that Grand Rapids convention. Incidentally, he might have obtained the information from any policeman in any large city, but of course a real detective must never condescend to speak to a policeman.

The truth is, Burns was altogether out of place in any organization of policemen. He and the police are inevitable foes, because when the bluecoats see a masked man emerging from a second story window at midnight, carrying a bag of silver and a pistol, they stubbornly cling to the theory that burglary has been committed, scoffing in their thick-witted way at the deduction of the modern and progressive sleuth that the man with the bag is none other than the church vestryman taking the Sabbath collection to the bank, and that the revolver is for protection against the police.

Burns is a graduate of a school of detectives for which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote all the text books, and most entertaining books they are, though when the people who read them have any real detective business on hand they don't send for a graduate of Sir Arthur's school. They prefer the obtuse bluecoat or the clumsy precinct detective. Burns did his best to make famous and effective in real life the methods of Sherlock Holmes, seeking to achieve in the actual haunts of crime the brilliant triumphs with which his prototype dazzled the world on paper in attractive binding. Even as he rushed to the dock to meet Sir Arthur on his recent arrival in New York, to tell him of his success, the police chiefs were planning to rid themselves of the influence of a sleuth whose training tells him that a circus poster is a millionaire's will written in vanishing ink, and that a murderer is merely the trifling mistake of the village chirographist.

Hence Burns is out of the police chiefs' councils and free to pursue his destiny as America's sleuth de luxe.

The Evidence and the Blame.

If a man cannot tell by his own books and bank balance that the country is passing through the dulllest period since 1870, how far from home must he go in order to learn that business is "rotten," and that the tariff and business-strangling policy of the administration are to blame?—Rochester Post-Express.

Delusions in the Palmetto State.

In asserting that all the New York newspapers are "opposing" his political aspirations Gov. Cole L. Blaise shows he has been infected by the same microbe that is responsible for some of Mr. Bryan's delusions.

Nobody in New York cares whether Cole Blaise wins or loses, least of all the newspapers. If the voters of South Carolina send Blaise to the Senate he will add to the joy of nations just as "Pitchfork Ben" Tillman did before he reformed.

The June Twilight.

By EMORY J. HAYNES. "The day is dying in the West." But the twilight is suggestive of life. Real living, unexposed by care and labor, is in every softened hour of tinted light. Even the fading of the light is pleasing, for it suggests repose. The sun, cutting a notch in the purple horizon mountain, almost laughs in the last beams it sends across the valley. In a charming struggle with the mountain ridge the sun exalts and by his latest blink grows full of cheer.

How straight as arrows the golden rays, now visible as never at high noon, dart toward us. The radiation is in every direction, and not too fierce a light for the eye. One seems to get acquainted with the mighty sun at twilight.

And one finds himself at twilight. All the day long one has been looking for the other man and business with him. Now business is with one's self. To rest one's self, to breathe and live for one's self. The modified tints that show things show them at a distance and not concerning us. We are spectators of the world, not workers. The wave of toil has passed us, and is now beginning to fret Far Eastern shores.

The June twilight is so very long that musing has time, and reveries and memories. It is now nearly 9 o'clock and not too dark to follow the path across the fields. If only it might be so in December, the precious light of day remaining. And then the thought that so short a span separates from the twilight of 3 o'clock in the morning. Really these twilights have well nigh routed old night. The prophecy is almost become true, "There shall be no night there."

Now the laws become literal velvet. Twilight is the perfection of setting for lawns. Shrubbery also banks its green in the most becoming attitude, quite making amends for the fading of flowers. The trees assume a solemnity that is imposing, though half lights are not favorable, on the whole, to trees.

The brook gets lost, except that its whisper over the stones tells that it is still there. Ponds, however, are magnificent at twilight. Generally the surface of the meadow pond is like a mirror, for the winds have died down. Then the sky full of stars seems itself. In the reflection the stars are more visible by far than in the direct upward gaze. June's new moon is duplicated with a planet in its crescent. Indeed, in place of a pond one seems to be looking down into the depths of "the firmament beyond."

A lake and the sea, darkening in the deep shadows, are to me not restful at twilight. There is something homeless and defenseless in their vast sweep out of sight in the oncoming night. But the fond old world, above the singing dam—that is never so beautiful as when studded with a thousand evening stars. The vagrant twilight perfumes are abroad. Early dew has power to release the sweet smells of flowers and mowed fields. The new moon grass of June cannot be cured in a day, but is left on the ground in clods, from which the sweet aroma fills all the air. One is informed by the insect that this farmer, and that, the neighbors, have been cutting this lot and that, and it is high time they were also cutting that and this of your own fields.

Forests send out pungent frankincense to the departing god of day. A redolence that is a mixture of all sorts of pleasing odors continues till the darkness of night, and often longer, into the night. Through the open windows it comes to awaken you, but not as the alarm of the smell of smoke awakens one in the winter. Did you ever think on the power of the sense of smell to arouse one out of sleep?

The twilight is emotional. Lovers use it for appointed trysts. Music befits it. Poets are inspired by it. Many is the evening meditation of the aged. What a picture she was in mother's dressing years, seated by the westward gazing window, her spectacles on the open page of the book she loved, her eyes fixed upon the glories of the sky as if there appeared a gateway which she was soon to enter. Such beauty was loaned to her features, the radiance of her pallor. Such faith un-speakable. She sat silent, but with thoughts of peace. The twilight was to her an altar.

A Wide-open Principle.

A prominent Progressive of Kings is quoted as saying of the refusal of Roosevelt to run for governor: "The party does not need Col. Roosevelt. It is a party not of one man but of principle. It will now be about equally divided for Sulzer and Whitman." That shows a principle about as wide open as is possible in State politics.—New York World.

The Rise of Murray, of Massachusetts.

Youth will not be denied in the case of Representative William Francis Murray, whom the President has nominated for postmaster at Boston. At seven years Murray enlisted in the United States Volunteer Signal Corps for service in the Spanish war and became a corporal. In the eight years since his graduation from the Harvard law school, after taking his B. A. degree in the university academic course, he has been in the Boston city council, the Statehouse of representatives, the governor's council, and the House of Representatives at Washington. Mr. Murray is only twenty-nine when he made his bow in Congress. Now he is thirty-two. Corp. Murray's career, so far as it has gone, proves that there are plenty of opportunities for a young man in conservative Boston.—New York Sun.

Congress Behind Its Work.

Although Congress has been in session since the first Monday in December the indications are that the fiscal year will close with many of the big appropriation bills in limbo. Preparations are being made for the passage, on June 30, of a special resolution extending the current appropriations for ten days. Such extensions have been known before, but usually when the Senate and House were of different political complexion. Now both are strongly Democratic and hence the embarrassment the party leaders feel in having to confess that essential public business has been delayed by talk over anti-trust legislation and other matters which, if they have any value, are of campaign value only. The Congressional party leaders have not been conspicuous for leadership, and the party following, while amenable to White House direction, have not been subordinate to the party leaders.—Public Ledger.

Investigate, by All Means.

Nobody believes that Senators Overman and Chilton have been guilty of any wrongdoing in connection with the exploitation of a certain mine. Their explanation that the letter paper of the Senate committees to which they belong was used without their knowledge to advertise the enterprise is perfectly satisfactory. The abuse of government stationery in this manner is not new or uncommon. But it would be foolish to avoid an investigation, as it is said some of the Senators are willing to do. Neither Mr. Overman nor Mr. Chilton would consent to that, we feel sure. In these full investigations of Senate committees to which have been of no more value than blank sheets of paper had been used without their knowledge to advertise the enterprise is perfectly satisfactory. The abuse of government stationery in this manner is not new or uncommon. But it would be foolish to avoid an investigation, as it is said some of the Senators are willing to do. 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