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THE ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT.

THE Miller case, as The Call first predicted last spring, has crystallized into a political attack on President Roosevelt. The American Federation of Labor, under Mr. Gompers, has made the mistake of denouncing that in administering the civil service law the President shall order that only the members of labor unions shall be eligible to civil service employment in the Government Printing Office, the bookbindery and the bureau of engraving and printing.

To this demand the President has answered that the laws are enacted for the benefit of the whole people and cannot and must not be construed as permitting discrimination against some of the people. I am President of all the people of the United States, without regard to creed, color, birthplace, occupation or social conditions.

That is a declaration of that equality before the law that is being so rapidly lost sight of by the radical leaders and hot-headed advisers of union labor. One of the leading walking delegates in Chicago, commenting on the Miller case, said: "Union labor will oppose President Roosevelt because he refuses to discriminate in our favor. We demand discrimination."

Every sound and sensible American citizen will see that this demand raises an irrepressible conflict. The courts have decided what was inherent in the rights of man from the beginning and is indispensable to liberty and the maintenance of free institutions, that the right of private contract is inviolable, that it is a property right and must be defended against invasion by any power whatsoever.

It is that right which the unions demand that the President of the United States shall destroy. Every lawyer and every intelligent layman and every man fit for American citizenship will see that whatever right belongs to the Government, as an employer of labor, and whatever right belongs to labor, seeking Government employ, belongs to every private employer and to every man who seeks private employment.

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There was a time when the demand for a merchant fleet capable of carrying our immense foreign commerce was not fully understood by the great mass of the people. It was looked upon as the demand of a special interest seeking governmental favors, or as a demand of the seaboard States for special benefits.

A significant evidence of the change of Western sentiment on this subject is afforded by the resolutions adopted at the late meeting of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress. On the subject of ocean shipping the resolutions declare: "That the decline of our overseas American merchant marine in American bottoms down to 9 per cent is an anomaly in the industrial development of the United States, and for a nation with a greater coast-line and greater resources than any other, and an unbroken record of enterprise and intrepidity on the ocean. That every ship is a missionary of trade; that steamship lines work for their own countries just as railroad lines work for their terminal points, and that it is as absurd for the United States to depend upon foreign ships to distribute its products as it would be for a department store to depend upon the wagons of a competing house to deliver its goods. That it is the sense of this congress that the Congress of the United States should enact such laws as will tend to build up the American merchant marine."

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A Los Angeles highwayman secured ninety dollars as booty not long ago and he must pay the State twenty years of his worthless life in penalty. A man who will give up twenty years of his existence at the rate of four and one-half dollars a year is more of a madman than a criminal.

GREEK AND BULGARIAN. GREEK opposition to the Bulgarian insurrection in Macedonia has not received the attention it merits from the general public. As a rule the disturbance in the Balkans has been depicted as an uprising of Christians against Moslems, and the Moslems have been painted about as black as ink can make them, while the Christians have been represented as Christians in very fact and feeling instead of mere titular Christians.

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The cat militant has had his innings in a local court of justice and has won. He has been monarch of the midnight roofs from time immemorial, but he invaded a home and has driven a long suffering husband to the divorce court and a separation from the wife of his bosom.

A Shaasta girl, generally and unfavorably known in the county as a horse thief, has been captured and will be sent to a reform school. This rude interruption of the young lady's chosen career will remove from the county an element of distinct picturesque interest as well as reducing the victim to the humdrum and monotony of enforced respectability.

An amateur detective, singularly ignorant of his environment and daring to the point of idiosyncrasy, spied upon some Kentuckians the other day and was beaten to death. Before the unfortunate fellow was loosed upon a wicked world he should have been told that assassination is one of the laws of the unwritten but thoroughly understood Kentuckian code of honor.

Twenty members of the Hospital Corps of the United States army are to be dieted at New Haven for nine months, the purpose of the experiment being to determine if we eat too much. An equal number of jolly, rotund gourmands of clubdom might have been chosen as better subjects and twenty overfed lives might have been reformed.

MOONLIGHT BAY EXCURSION. The Young Men's Christian Association will hold its second annual moonlight excursion to El Campo on the bay steamer General F. E. Noble tomorrow night.

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BISHOP WANTS GRACE CHURCH FOR CATHEDRAL.

Among Episcopallians in the diocese of California who are conscious of the growing strength of the denomination and the commanding position which the jurisdiction holds in its relation to the diocese of the far West, there has been a disposition for many years to provide a cathedral in which the Bishop might exercise absolute authority and control and perform ecclesiastical ceremonies pertaining to his central authority.

New York is now building a twenty-million dollar cathedral for Bishop Potter and Washington will soon undertake the construction of one to cost \$5,000,000. Denver has one and Minneapolis, as well as many other leading cities in the United States, have the same.

The Grace paper goes on to say that the Government and the people of Greece have been diligent in providing relief for the victims of the warring Bulgarians and Turks. The subscriptions have extended to the Greeks of this country, and it is said liberal contributions have been made to the fund.

It will be seen that the issue in Macedonia is by no means so simple as some of the anti-Moslem zealots would represent it. Persons who are asked to contribute money to a cause led by the bandits who abducted Miss Stone and held her for ransom under a menace of death ought at least to make sure that their contributions are not going to be used to furnish ammunition for perpetrating outrages against their fellow Christians, the Greeks.

Russell Sage has lost title to Minnesota lands involving one million dollars and the homes and modest fortunes of one hundred and fifty American farmers. It is such gratifying incidents of law as this that tend to make the closing years of the millionaire miser appropriately miserable.

A LONDON PROBLEM. LONDON is engaged in studying a problem that may some day be an American problem. Of late years there has been a steady migration to the city of a low class of people from continental Europe.

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CAROLINE FORD WINS SUIT FOR LATOUR ESTATE.

Caroline Ford is entitled to the \$20,000 left by Felix Latour, according to a decision of the Supreme Court rendered yesterday. The testator married in 1877, lived with his wife for two years and disappeared. She never saw him after that.

In 1896 Latour was living at the home of Caroline Ford in Lake County. When he died it developed that the woman was the sole beneficiary of his will. Mrs. Latour and four other relatives appeared on the scene and demanded a share of the estate.

From the evidence adduced at the trial it seems that Latour supposed a stroke of paralysis several days before death and that when he made his will he was unable either to speak or to write. He communicated his wishes by signs and the will was prepared from the information that could be elicited from the dying man by that manner.

By a vote of four to three the Justices of the State's highest tribunal declare that the will must stand. Justice Angellotti writes the opinion and with Justice Shaw and Chief Justice McFarland directly concur. Chief Justice Beatty writes a strong dissenting opinion. Justices Henshaw and Lorigan also dissent.

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DEFECTS IN THE PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM.

The following communication from an expert is of particularly timely interest since the voters of this city have elected to bond the municipality for a sewer system, plans for which have excited comment and censure:

Damascus, Placer County, Cal., Sept. 29, 1903. Edith S. Placer, San Francisco, Cal.—Dear Sir:—I have noted with much interest the exposure in the issue of your paper of the plans of the sewerage system proposed for the city of San Francisco and for which the city has voted a bond issue of \$1,000,000.

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But better than all else is those who want to read the literature that is most popular to-day and which will go far toward making up the classics of the future, there is no limit to the good things.

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THE GADDEN GIRL.

Have you seen the Gadden Girl? Do you know anything about her? If you are a woman don't say that you never heard of her, for just at the present time she is one of the most original creators of fashions in Uncle Sam's realm. She is the originator of the iridescent pearl for hair ornaments and she wears them in quantity that is nothing short of amazing.

And what think you of the musical jewels? That is another of the Gadden Girl's fads. Jewels set to dulcet harmonies—a fad in itself sufficient to make a belle of any girl even less remarkable than the Gadden Girl. While as for color schemes in dress—However, pictures tell more than words ever can, in the descriptions of feminine raiment at any rate, therefore the front page of the next Sunday Call will be more eloquent than reams of writing to the women readers. If you want to see novelty in coiffure, novelty in jewelry, you won't miss the Gadden Girl.

Nor will you miss "The Woman of the World," by Colonel Kate, which is an article conceived and written by this clever writer in this clever and a best style. Moreover, it contains things that every clever man and not a few women want to know. Of course you are still wondering whether Colonel Kate is a man or a woman? That is a tantalizing mystery that adds immeasurably to the charm of these exclusive articles.

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