

THE CALL

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Battle in Mexico City's Streets Is a Novelty of Warfare

For the first time in the epoch of improved artillery and long range rifle fire, a battle is being fought in the streets of a great city between two armies of approximately 4,000 men each. The City of Mexico, with a population about the same as that of San Francisco, has been the scene of four days of battle for that rich, but perilous prize, the government of Mexico.



Underwood Johnson Has Talent for Aiding Dubious Projects

Robert Underwood Johnson, who would boil the Pacific ocean so that San Francisco could get its drinking water near at hand and not have to go to Hetch Hetchy—Robert Underwood Johnson, himself a high minded, distinguished literary gentleman and editor—is the Old Dog Tray of American politics. He has a wonderful talent for fighting the battles of predatory interests; his hand must be as asbestos, so assiduous is it in pulling the chestnuts of big business out of the fire.

Japan, Cursed With Imperialism, Revolts Against Class Rule

Imperialism is today the curse of Japan. The samurai class want to strengthen the army and navy, the chief offices of which it has divided among its caste; the "plain people" of Japan see in militarism, as do their class throughout the world, only higher taxes and impoverished conditions at home.

FERRY TALES

It wasn't fair to listen, and if I had a proper sense of shame perhaps the admission that I did listen would not be thus publicly made. Like the policeman at the ferry crossing, however, I am a student of human nature, and in the interests of human knowledge the intrusion of the unsolicited ear may in this case be forgiven.

Shear Nonsense

"Do us think about arithmetic," said Uncle Eben, "is dat a whole lot o' folks gits de idea dat any kind o' 'figgerin' is all right if dey kin finish up wif a number dat has a dollar mark in front of it."—Washington Star.

AIMED SHOTS

Although not yet engaged as attorney to defend Chin Duck, indicted for smuggling Chinese into this country, we offer the substantial defense that the crime was committed during the open season for ducks.

What was gained by the aforementioned unsportsmanlike behavior was some first hand knowledge from authoritative sources of the little esteem in which the female of the species holds the male flirt. "philanderer." Webster calls him in his famous collection of short and disconnected stories. We used to call 'em "whifflesmies." The species is easily recognized.

ABE MARTIN

Accordin' t' th' nickel the-aters our actors are becomin' good in-jenors. By th' time some fellers git ready t' pay you it's jist like findin' it.

At a corner table, however, sat one of those annoying pests that are forever asking foolish questions. "Is this German beer?" he inquired of a waiter who spoke first class United States.

The Unhappy Man

Though cheerful the world and pleasant, and azure the skies o'er all, he can not enjoy the present for dreading what may befall. He's tortured by dire forebodings of what may occur next week, new wrinkles in griefs and goodings.

It is only fair to say, however, that a large supply of the national beverage, direct from Germany, was shipped out here and put on board the Cleveland for its homeward trip.

Queries Answered

FIRST NOVEL—Curious, Marysville. The first novel published in San Francisco was "Eventful Nave," a series of the spiritualistic order, written by F. Ewer, and printed in 1844 in the Pioneer Magazine, of which the author was the editor.

Proposed Legislation

BILLS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IMPARTIALLY ANALYZED BY THE CALL FOR THE LAYMAN'S BENEFIT

Two radical departures from accepted policies of administering state charities are proposed by the so called mothers' pension bill and the bill providing for children's relief and scholarship funds.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS—SENATE BILL

This bill provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 annually for the partial support of mothers of children under 14 years of age. The administration of the proposed law is made the duty of the juvenile courts in the several counties.