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It is very likely only to be a toy war.

Borrow before Christmas, Lent afterward.

Several Presidential booms have seen better days.

The Monroe doctrine is not as frisky as it was sometime since.

The Monroe Doctrine is still on deck, but it has several silts in its sails.

There is such a thing as opening a barrel of trouble for the holidays.

Men who can drink or leave it alone, usually leave it alone—after they are dead.

Are you splitting on your thumbs preparatory to turning over that new leaf?

The professional politician never seems to tire of taxing public patience.

A little Peruvian bark was necessary, of course, in the Venezuela trouble.

It is hard work to make a dollar go far enough just now and it travels well too.

Denying Oklahoma statehood by congress will surely go into history as the crime of 1903.

The more the people of St. Louis amend their old city charter, the more the old thing seems to need fixing.

It is announced that every time a Lily White is mentioned to President Roosevelt he turns black in the face.

Have you noticed that the man who has the most leisure enjoys it the least? Some of them actually regard life as a burden.

The nations of the earth are putting a new face on the golden rule, to do unto others any old thing you are permitted to do.

It may be that figures won't lie, but there are those who figure in a manner to persuade you to think you are the biggest liar on earth.

England, Germany and Italy have been wanting, for a long time, to blow into the muzzle of the Monroe doctrine and see if it is loaded.

A Kentucky man claims to have a bottle of whisky that is forty-two years old. Must be something wrong with the cork in that Lottie.

A Washington editor is still clamoring for the extermination of the mosquito. That fellow must sleep in a basement with the newsboys.

Chicago issued three million dollars worth of bonds last November, and has been trying to sell them every since, but has found no buyers.

We were not aware that The Hague had been guilty of anything calling for such punishment as to be asked to arbitrate the Venezuelan tangle.

If the European nations slide back and fail to try for a permanent footing in South America, it will be through fear and not for the want of inclination.

Everywhere there is a prevailing opinion that the rise in the price of coal is due to two facts: that the people want the heat and the dealers want the money.

The entire world is now becoming interested right in the great Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which will be the greatest show of the kind the world has ever known.

A Japanese girl, educated in the United States, said there were two things she wanted to teach her people when she returned to her home country—ice cream and the Gospel.

It is not necessary for the people of the United States to go to India or any other foreign land to witness a famine. We can have a "famine" for beer in our own country in summer and a "famine" for coal in the winter.

The new governor of Tennessee has a hundred more applications for office than he finds places at his disposal. It isn't so much what we want in this life, as what we get, and sometimes we get that which we would gladly get help to let go.

Some of the Powers want the President of this country to act as arbiter of the Venezuelan trouble. The blockaded country ought to be perfectly satisfied with this, as Mr. Roosevelt has shown strong symptoms of an avowed "social equalist."

A Frenchman has contracted to pay \$400,000 for the lease of a tract of land 4,300 feet long by 600 feet wide adjoining the world's fair ground in St. Louis, to be used as a Midway No. 2. And yet some people imagine there is no money in such shows.

The price of coal oil has been advanced again one cent per gallon. This makes a raise of three cents since the middle of the year, and means increased dividends to those who control the output. Only cities with big colleges to be endowed, smile.

In the prosecutions in St. Louis of the hoodlums indicted by the grand jury 14 cases have been tried, 13 convicted, 1 discharged by the trial court, 1 case reversed by the supreme court of Missouri. Total sentences have been passed aggregating 52 years. This is pretty good work.

All the representatives in congress from Kansas, and the Kansas City Commercial Club have endorsed Senator W. A. Harris, the Democratic Senator from Kansas whose term expires next March, for a position on the Isthmian canal commission. Harris was a Colonel in the Confederate army.

The new man wielding the editorial quill on the Corinth Herald is as pointed as he is voluminous. One of his pertinent paragraphs in his last week's issue runs thus: "Why should we be taxed to educate an individual who is not, nor can never become our social equal? Don't all answer at once."

The President will probably protect the Monroe doctrine, provided of course Wall street will permit the cabinet to allow him to do so, in the interest of greater advantageous trade relations with the South American people, now somewhat miffed over the treatment received from the folks across the pond.

There are plenty of bills being introduced in congress to regulate trusts. But, then, there is a vast gap between the introduction of a bill and the passage of a law that carries with it any serious handicap to the classes that are running the country and furnishing the public with any sort of congressional exhibitions it happens to clamor for.

The latest advices from Manila, announce that the negro soldiers discharged from our army in the islands, are accepting the positions of drilling officers in murderous bands of lardrons, and are aiding materially, by their knowledge of military tactics and the use of fire arms, in harrassing the soldiers stationed on the various islands to keep order.

The telephone girls at Indianapolis, Indiana, went on a strike. The manager invited all of them to meet him for a conference. When they arrived he had provided a large amount of fine candy to which he invited all to help themselves, which they did, and as they eat candy and talked, their anger subsided and all went back to work. That fellow was on to the fact that molasses catches more flies than vinegar.

As the legislature is in vacation, it is a slow process for Mississippi to get into the South American game. The gang at Jackson can't get their bearings on exactly how to jump until brother-in-law Wilson can get his tip from Teddy. So long as the fellows up at Washington, who have the offices to give out, don't know what to do, there is little danger of that crowd around the state house at Jackson committing Mississippi.

It is a noticeable coincidence that practically every newspaper in the state of Mississippi not of the class that are thumbed to a greater or less degree by the present administration crowd at Jackson, are a unit on the question of apportioning the school fund between the races in proportion to the taxes paid by each. Declaring such a proposition unconstitutional is the merest subterfuge. What about the constitutionality of eliminating the negro from the ballot?

The territory known as the Louisiana Purchase, the centennial of which is to be celebrated in 1904, by one of the greatest expositions ever conceived by men, contains today, 100 years after its purchase, 12 of the 46 states of our great Union, besides Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, not yet admitted. The population now reaches 15,940,000 and the assessed valuation is \$6,000,000,000. The purchase involved an outlay by the United States government of \$15,000,000.

The next twelve months means much for Okolona. Every person who is in the least advised as to the effectual building of a prosperous and enduring commercial city knows we are approaching the parting of the ways. Okolona will either take on new life and new activity, and initiate a number of enterprises which means permanency for the city's trade, or it will permit the opportunities to pass her by unimproved. Such an opportunity once passed cannot be easily called back. We must have factories of various kinds, in which skilled labor will find remunerative employment, for the South is on an industrial advancement and will not wait for the towns that don't keep up with the spirit of the times.

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This country is soon to be visited by England's latest great beauty, Miss Agatha Thynne. The telegraphs preceded the lady's visit with a most vivid description of the various features which combine to render her so bewitching, and, of course, all the madders in the land will be on tip-toe to see her. It's dollars to Chinese coppers, that when the newly discovered great beauty gets a little American mud on her glass slippers she will come face to face with hundreds of genuine beauties, not uncommon in this country, a comparison with either of whom will cause her to turn black in the face with envy.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, who has gained much renown for his persistent efforts in favor of the Nicaragua canal, is now giving his attention to a plan in which he has some colored and some New England cooperation of colonizing the negroes of the South in the Philippine Islands. Strange as it may seem congressmen and senators are apparently interested in the plan, and it is altogether probable that the government will put up a lot of good money to be paid to commissions and others to investigate the matter and see what can be done about it. To the average individual the proposition looks very much like a hoax. In fact, it is thoroughly impracticable, and at best can only serve to talk about and badger over for a term of years, and finally flash in the pan, as the canal and other schemes have flashed. In the first place not one negro in an hundred would consent to be transported to the far off islands, and it is difficult to imagine what process could be adopted to force him to leave the section in which he was born if he did not choose to do so.

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That the machine in question will sift gold particles out of sand, as a fanning machine separates grain from the chaff, is no matter of doubt, inasmuch as the writer has seen the thing accomplished with his own eyes. The only question is as to the amount of the yellow metal contained in the desert sands, and the cost of working the apparatus.

The former of these two points seems to have been settled by thorough investigation. A series of 216 samples of sand taken across one stretch of desert 80 miles in width yielded varying quantities of gold, but the least amount obtained was 12 cents to the ton. Some of the samples rose as high as 18 cents a ton. Very little, one might think, but when it is explained that it costs only two cents a ton to separate the precious stuff from the sand, the enormous profit obtainable becomes apparent. This two cents covers all expenses involved in the getting of the gold in a pure state, including the running of the machine.

The machine, which is the invention of Dr. Elmer Gates, of Washington, weighs 3,000 tons. It is built to run over the desert on broad wheels and carries a powerful dynamo, together with a series of bucket conveyers operated by a chain. For electricity to run a separator handling 3,000 tons of sand per day the cost is only 15 cents per diem, the chief expense being for lifting the

sand in the conveyers to a height of four feet and dropping it through the hoppers.

The sand, as it is taken aboard, is poured into the hoppers in continuous streams. Each stream is about eight inches wide and half an inch thick, and falls vertically through a magnetic field (a space within the influence of a powerful electro-magnet), thereby inducing a static charge in the gold particles, which consequently fly off and away from the sand, being attracted by a metal knob of opposite polarity.

This seems rather complicated, but in reality is simple enough. The particles of gold in passing through the magnetic field are electrified, and, as a matter of course, are attracted by a pole of opposite electrification. They fly in the direction of a metal knob, which is provided with a tube and air suction, the latter drawing the particles through the tube into a bottle beneath.

The process seems actually magical. As shown to the writer, the gold particles could be seen to jump a distance of eight or more inches to the metal knob, flying through the air as though they were bits of iron attracted to a magnet. In this way, as the stream of sand fell through the magnetic field, every speck of gold was fanned out of it and carried down through the tube to add to the yellow accumulation in the bottle below.

Now, there are in the southwestern part of the United States hundreds of thousands of square miles of deserts which hitherto have been useless for lack of water. They are so much waste territory; literally there is nothing doing—a phrase more applicable to those regions than to any other areas known, unless on the surface of the moon. If they can be turned to profitable account by working their dry sands for gold it will be a great benefit to mankind.

Gold in two forms is found in these sands—flour gold and float gold. The former is a very fine powder of the yellow metal, while the latter might be compared to infinitesimal scraps of gold leaf. The float gold will actually float in water.

It is a question of extracting forms of gold which hitherto have not been commercially recoverable. Every smallest particle of the precious metal is separated out of the sand, and thus, if the latter contains only 12 cents' worth of it per ton, the net profit (deducting two cents a ton for expenses) would be ten cents a ton. Handling 3,000 tons of sand per diem, the profit per day would be \$300 for each machine.

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