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Last Days of the Discredited Congress

The congress which assembles in Washington today is not the new body of lawmakers fresh from the people, chosen on November 8, but the old congress which went in with President Taft two years ago.
Cannon still presides in the house. Payne is still chairman of ways and means, and Tawney of appropriations. Aldrich, Hale and Lodge still sit in the senate.
For three months yet, the forces of reaction fill the seats of the mighty. What will they do with their last days of power?
They may use the opportunity to forge more weapons of privilege to employ in its warfare against the common good.
That would be contemptible.
They may use it to play politics and endeavor to maneuver the discredited administration and party into a strong position for 1912.
That would be human, though not entirely laudable.
But they may surprise the country by adopting another course—by interpreting the election returns as a mandate from the people to ACCEPT THE PROGRAM OF THE PROGRESSIVE LEADERS AND MAKE IT THE LAW OF THE LAND.
That would be patriotic.
Let us hope the expiring sixty-first congress will rise to the occasion by accepting its highest opportunity in the finest spirit of democratic statesmanship.

The Strike That Struck

The Brazilian sailors won their strike, for that was all the "revolution" amounted to. The boys wanted more pay, shorter hours, and fewer lickings.
And they won because they "had the punch"—that is to say, they had on their side the unanswerable argument of FORCE.
When workmen win it is because they have the power to injure their employer's business by keeping the shop idle when there is money to be made by running it.
When employers win it is because they have on their side the strongest argument of all, HUNGER AND COLD.
An industrial system which rests on force rather than reason and justice is behind the times. The day is coming when it will be humanized and civilized.

No Wonder

Former United States Senator George Turner of the state of Washington has seen fit to attack Collier's in connection with the general controversy about the interior department. In order that our readers may know how much Mr. Turner's views can be trusted we furnish them with the following facts:
Turner appeared before the house committee in Washington in advocacy of the Guggenheim railroad in Alaska. He is allied with a water power company in Spokane which is opposed to conservation.
He sprang to the defense of Ballinger at the National Irrigation congress in Spokane in August, 1909.
We can furnish further information about his interests in Alaska railroads if it ever becomes necessary.—Collier's Weekly.

PENCIL POINTS

ANOTHER cut in meat prices announced. But we haven't yet got over what the butcher did to us when we announced the lost announcement.
WE knew it—no, darned if we knew it—we suspected it—regular trousers have to be worn about the shins under the stylish narrow skirts. Anyhow, Fashion says so.
"GREAT crops! Revival of business sure!" says one of Ciewe's Wall street circulars. But, for the life of us, we can't figure out what crops Wall street raises or what crops it's cheering about.
COURAGE! Burbank's working on a brand of turkey that can't be warmed over.
BOSTON minister opened services by saying, "All girls over 40 years may wear their hats," and some of 'em took their hair off with their hats in their hurry.

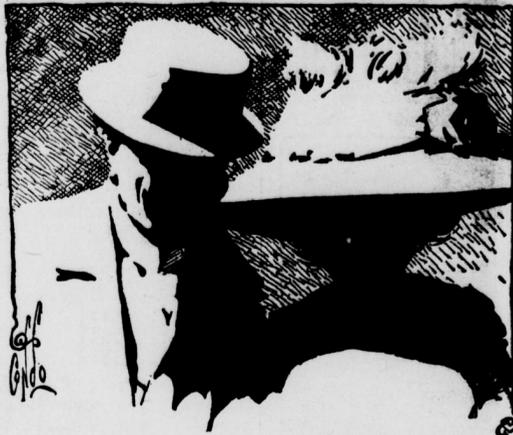
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A GOOD WORD FROM RENO



"I don't believe Reno, Nev., is such a wicked town."
"No? Why not?"
"Think of the wickedness in the towns that furnish the divorce cases."

Outbursts of Everett True!

