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THE RAILROADS, THE PEOPLE AND THE STRIKERS

The American people have always been equal to every emergency. Every great problem which has arisen in our history has been solved without the disruption of the republic or the destruction of the free institutions that have been established by patriotic Americans at a sacrifice of blood and treasure.

The situation that now confronts the country is, shall these public highways be obstructed and blocked by periodic tie-ups on account of grievances of railway operatives? Shall the people who travel by rail be put in jeopardy of life and limb and shall the commerce of the country be subjected to periodic paralysis by these violent conflicts between railroad managers and operatives?

That last bonfire at the World's fair grounds was just a trifle late for the Fourth of July celebration. Sympathy for the Pullman porter who is compelled to forego his accustomed tip is particularly in order.

Mr. Rheem is still playing city electrician, but it is a game of solitaire in which the winner is also the loser.

Pullman can afford to remain unconcerned when the federal government volunteers to fight his battle at its own expense. The people pay the bills.

Whisky and sugar are expected to make the tariff bill slide through the conference committee and through both houses of congress.

The laying of macadam goes merrily on in the direction of the true claim of the gentleman from the Little Rock. But the next big rain storm is liable to leave more rents and creases in the rocky roadway than can be repaired in a week of Sundays.

Labor day is the next public holiday on the list, and now that it has been made a national holiday, its observance this year ought to be something out of the ordinary.

"Shooting the chute" is the pastime that is to supplant riding in the Ferris wheel set. All classes in the city seem bound to have some kind of shooting in these days.

The refusal of Mme. Carnot, the widow of the late president of France, to accept a pension from the government because she considers the honors paid to her husband sufficient testimonial of the nation's appreciation ought to be heralded abroad throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Money ought to be more plentiful just now than it has been for weeks past. All the holders of public and private bonds upon which semi-annual interest is due July 1 have received their payments and ought to be in a mood to spend some of it.

Brazil's congratulations to the United States on the occasion of the one hundred and eighteenth anniversary of the birth of the nation shows the friendly feeling that exists between the two greatest American republics.

The Board of Health seems to consider the interests of the garbage men only, to the utter exclusion of the demands of the public. The people have a right to have their refuse collected regularly and disposed of in an offensive manner.

The teachers in the public schools object to having the school year shortened because they fear that with less time they will be given a corresponding decreased pay.

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Although the question of an international agreement among the European powers to secure the gradual reduction of their stupendous military establishments is no longer being discussed in the sensational manner which characterized the debate several months ago, it would be a mistake to suppose that the movement had been abandoned.

The leading Chicago dailies—Tribune, Herald, Inter-Ocean and News-Record—have been hurling shot, shell and canister into the railway strikers morning, noon and night, and the strikers have now returned the fire by boycott resolutions.

The antagonism between the Czech and German elements in the population of Bohemia is becoming continually more acute. In Prague, where the Germans are outnumbered by the Czechs in the proportion of five to one, the municipal council recently decided that the names of the streets should be printed in Czech only.

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INDUSTRIAL NOTES

New Zealand uses Philadelphia locomotives. Missouri produces 1,200 tons of zinc a year. America makes 10,000 tons of paper a day.

The value of the steel manufactured in the United States every year is about \$500,000,000. A Lath, Wash. man has invented a bicycle that will be especially useful on the single track of a railroad.

When the aluminum cap was put on the Washington monument it cost \$8 a pound. Now it can be bought for 65 cents a pound.

An electric mosquito bar has been invented by the inventor of the mosquito net. It touches the insect receives a death shock.

By an English invention camel's hair, cotton plant and chemicals are being substituted for leather in machinery belting with considerable success.

A combined land and water cycle is a new French invention, while a water and land boat has just been built in the United States.

Aluminum is gradually working its way into various products in the iron line. Experiment has proved that aluminum with iron makes the latter more malleable.

The Eiffel tower, built wholly of metal, is an example, and a good example, of a step which is being taken in the construction of buildings to follow in the future.

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Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly accepting the results of modern science, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

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The maximum of expenditure having been reached under these laws, annual payments on this account, which is the largest single obligation the government has to provide for, ought to become less from year to year, and doubtless will do so.

It is not to be expected, of course, that the annual decrease will be of any such amount as the falling off during the last fiscal year, because a considerable part of that was unquestionably secured by a policy which will not prevail hereafter, or at any rate beyond the life of the present administration.

There is not a reasonable doubt that many worthy pensioners and others who are justly entitled to be placed on the pension rolls have been deprived of this governmental beneficence by the coin, Tibertus.

There have been persistent reports lately that Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria is about to be recognized by the European powers in general, and Russia in particular.

The delegates go unopposed, but their choice of W. S. Lewis for Judge and A. L. Hager for secretary.

Married at Sheboygan. RHENANDOAH, Ia., July 6.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Walter H. Taylor of St. Louis and Maud A. McCormick were married today by Rev. A. E. Griffith of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Much Damage in the Hills. DEADWOOD, S. D., July 6.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A heavy rain storm has prevailed in this section all day, and damage along the railroad has been considerable.

All Quiet in Corea. SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—The steamship Oceanic, thirteen days from Yokohama, arrived this morning. Since the landing of the vessel, a force of 1,500 Japanese to Zou for the alleged purpose of protecting the Japanese legation there have been "so startling changes in Corea affairs."

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