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Madero and His Army.

If Madero ever had real control over his rebel forces in Mexico he must have lost it, as shown in the disorderly assault upon Jaurez. He did not order the original attack, it seems, and says he gave no orders to advance, although press correspondents say they heard him issue such orders some time after fighting had begun.

Anti-Affinity Law.

The Columbus Journal believes Ohio should follow the example of Kansas in enacting a law punishing men who desert their wives and families. It holds up to public approval the so-called anti-affinity law enacted by the last Kansas legislature as a model.

Transcontinental Telephone.

Completion of connections by telephone between New York and Denver via Omaha marks another milestone in the utilization of this great invention. Yet the spokesman for the American Telephone and Telegraph company says the lines will soon be connected up from New York to San Francisco.

Advertising for Mayors.

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attorneys and policemen in Nebraska who fail to enforce the letter of every law as other people read it, he will be kept busy from now on twenty-four hours a day, and then some.

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But the Nebraska law, apparently, is even wider in its protective measures than the Kansas statute, for it applies to a recreant wife or mother as well as to deserting husband or father, imposing on her precisely the same penalties as upon the man.

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It is fair to expect that talking at distance however great will become an ordinary business transaction and that the rates can and will be made popular just as has been the case with the telegraph.

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spent that much, but good old Dame Nature has contributed to our park system that which could not be bought for many times the money we have spent. The number of dollars a park system has cost is not the best measuring rod.

More Official Confirmation. Indianapolis News. Inasmuch as it would probably be impossible to find out any more than we suspect, the investigation of the trusts is not likely to cause any shocking effect.

Two of One Mind. Chicago Inter-Ocean. Woodrow Wilson told the Knits and Fork club of Kansas City that great care should be taken in choosing democratic leaders.

A Showing Worth While. St. Louis Republic. When 15,000 men of the army, or even 11,000, if that be the really correct total, can live under canvas in Texas and California for two months with only one case of typhoid, the Spanish war must be conceded to have had lessons for us as valuable as the privileges it brought for Cuba.

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Partial returns are at hand for about half the states, and general conditions appear to be much the same in the east and the west. New York had 236,730 farms in 1900 and 244,690 in 1910; the number of improved acres was 15,600,000 and 14,826,000. In Illinois the number of farms was 572,583 and 576,499, and the improved acreage was 37,250,000 and 36,600,000.

In the entire area reported there appears an increase of less than 5 per cent. in the total number of farms and about 15 per cent. in the total improved acreage. The most salient figures in the returns are those showing an increase in the value of farm property, especially in the west and in states in different regions the advances in the value of farm land and buildings have been, in percentages: New Hampshire, 25; Massachusetts, 21; New York, 23; New Jersey, 21; Pennsylvania, 15; West Virginia, 18; Illinois, 15; Wisconsin, 7; Kansas, 10; Minnesota, 25; Missouri, 18; Nebraska, 24; Oregon, 24; Colorado, 23; North Dakota, 24; South Dakota, 26; and Idaho, 47. Only less striking are the figures showing the increased expenditures for labor, an increase entirely out of proportion to the increase in cultivated acreage. Not less than 70 per cent. more money was paid for labor in 1910 in the states reported than in 1900. This is a partial explanation of the higher cost of farm products.

In Missouri, where there was a decline of 3 per cent. in the number of farms and a gain of 1 per cent. in improved acreage, the amount spent for labor was 23 per cent. larger and that for fertilizers was 78 per cent. larger. In Kansas, with a 3 per cent. increase in farms and 18 per cent. in acreage, the labor expenditure went up 90 per cent. In Illinois, with a 3 per cent. decrease in farms and 1 per cent. increase in acreage, labor expenditures increased 96 per cent. In New England, where there was an actual decrease in farms and acreage, labor expenditure increased 50 per cent., and practically the same condition appears in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The eastern states have also gradually enlarged their expenditures for fertilizers.

People Talked About

Mr. Boas is the New York manager of the Hamburg-American Line of Ocean Steamships, is an enthusiastic yachtsman, and has been decorated by the emperors of Germany and Austria and the kings of Italy and Sweden. Mrs. Elizabeth Menzies, of Newport, Me., is thought to be the youngest great-grand mother in the state. She is 87 years of age and a native of England. Her great-grandchild, Elizabeth May Dorson, is two years old.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas is flying to the relief of the lady mayor of Humboldt and "his state is going to be made as dry as it is possible to make it." This is well. Kansas is too temperamental to be trusted with stimulants.

By the action of the Arkansas legislature, a definite limit of intoxication is established for state officials. Each will be entitled to one square drunk. That might be accidental; but a second offense would be prima facie evidence that it was premeditated.

Ex-Senator Chasuncey M. Depew of New York proclaims himself the happiest man in America. No official duties; no begging the president for patronage, no listening to speech making in Washington. No applications for railroad passes. No demands for after-dinner speeches. An occasional board meeting; plenty of money; good health; a jolly disposition; and no public affairs! What more could an old man ask?

Around New York

Ripples on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

Heroism worthy of a medal or a more useful reward towarded above the commonplace in New York the other day, and is now enrolled in the gossip of millinerydom as a classic of carnage. A mere man at that. He appeared in a Broadway store with an enormous hat, defended, it is said, by British explorers searching for the Ark of Covenant and what not, mentions the Jordan tree of Kak-el-Fakir, which overhung the site at least as far back as the Caliphate of Hum Ya-Mon.

In 1900 surface railways in what is now New York carried 50,520,000 passengers; in 1910 they carried 1,485,682,400. The yearly number of rides per capita rose from 100 in 1890 to 120 in 1895, 230 in 1900, 345 in 1905 and 511 in 1910.

For these striking ratios of increase, says the New York Herald, there are many reasons, all operating with increasing force. It grows even harder to walk from home to work as the city expands; faster transit enlarges the area of activity; riding for pleasure grows much more common; and a nickle does not look so big as it did when wages and the price of commodities were lower.

The question is often debated as to whether persons who lose their lives in a fire developing with great rapidity undergo extreme physical suffering. An authoritative opinion is expressed by the New York Medical Journal, which says: "Unnecessary anguish of mind has probably been felt by relatives of the unfortunate workers who were killed in the recent fire in Washington Place by reflection on the supposedly agonizing pain caused by the flames. Why a great bulk of highly inflammable substances is quickly consumed in a closed space, the result is the production of large quantities of carbon monoxide."

"This gas, it is well known, combines with the haemoglobin of the blood to form a compound that refuses to combine with oxygen. The result is a speedy and probably painless asphyxiation before the flames have had a chance to attack the bodies of the victims." "No, we do not like women customers," said the manager of a large safe deposit company down Broadway a street, quoted by the Sun. "And over half of our boxes are subscribed for by women. In the first place they come too often and stay too long and take up too much room when they are here. They distrust us and think we have the keys to their boxes. Of course, we haven't. But the mere necessity of two keys, one for us and one for the boxholder, and the necessity of using both keys at once in order to unlock the vault creates an impression that we are prying into women's affairs. Then they are afraid that somebody will interrupt them in the booths where actors for clipping coupons are kept. The scissors must be chained down after this. Too many are carried off every day. Then the women are always afraid the doors of the great vault are going to close and lock them in. But the worst of it all is that those same women don't keep anything valuable in their boxes." The manager whispered: "Love letters! That's all, in nine cases out of ten. Ridiculous, isn't it? No, I'm not married and never have been."

At certain hours of the day New York's harbor takes on the appearance of a great railroad freight yard. During the last month 1,622 cars have been ferried across the North river from New Jersey to Manhattan on an average in a day. To transport these miles of cars some 250 great car-floats cross the river every twenty-four hours. This does not include the heavy traffic between New England and the south—both of passenger and freight cars—which passes on down the East river. It is a surprise to find that, in spite of the enormous volume of shipping about Manhattan Island, the railroads occupy the greater portion of docking space. Between the Battery and Sixtieth street, for instance, there are eighty-five great piers, of which forty-three are allotted to railroad and forty-two to steamship lines. Of the total length of ship's bulkheads in this section 50 per cent. are used by the railroads, 37 per cent. by steamships and 13 per cent. by traffic.

One reason for high taxi-cab fares in New York City is said to be the high charges made by hotels for the privilege of letting cabs stand along their fronts. There are something like 1,400 taxis in the city, and they pay license fees to the city of \$20 each or \$14,500 in all. But the hotels and leading restaurants are being paid, it is declared, at least \$100,000 a year by the cab owners for stands in front of their places.

PEPPERY PARAGRAPHS.

Kansas City Star: Up to this time President Diaz's resignation is very much like that of James Wilson, secretary of agriculture.

Washington Post: An Omaha girl somnambulist walked downtown dressed in blue silk pajamas. Well, maybe she was asleep!

Houston Post: The inquisitive subscriber of Wharton has stumped us at last. He asks us where a telegram will reach Mr. Bryan. All we can answer is that Mr. Bryan's voting residence is Lincoln, Neb.

Baltimore American: A western railroad showed genuine consideration for its men when it reduced salaries of officials in order to avoid reduction of wages. The men higher up can better afford cuts than the little fellows at the bottom digging their way up.

Chicago Record-Herald: The Arkansas house of representatives has passed a bill providing that any public official who gets drunk a second time may be ousted. The trouble will come when the defendant's lawyer makes his accusers specify concerning the manner of determining when a man is drunk the second time.

Sixty Years the Standard Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER A straight, honest, Cream of Tartar Baking Powder. Made from Grapes. Makes better, more healthful food. Sold without deception. NO ALUM—NO LIME PHOSPHATE "Aim to feed must therefore act as a poison."—Prof. Johnson, Yale University. Read the label. Buy no baking powder unless the label shows it to be made from Cream of Tartar.

LOOTING THE MOSQUE OF OMAR.

New York Sun: It is strange that none of the dispatches that recount "the desecration of the Mosque of Omar" by British explorers searching for the Ark of Covenant and what not, mentions the Jordan tree of Kak-el-Fakir, which overhung the site at least as far back as the Caliphate of Hum Ya-Mon.

New York Herald: If it is true that the excavators have absconded with sacred relics surreptitiously obtained the indignation of the Turks is readily understandable. What right a band of foreign archaeologists has to loot Solomon's temple any more than to plunder St. Sophia's itself is not apparent. The explorations of western delvers in Asiatic dust-heaps have sometimes given rise to a belief that they were conducted on the theory of a higher law of archaeological treasure trove.

New York Tribune: It does look a little like sharp practice for a company of forgers to bribe the guardians of Omar's mosque, make secret excavations, dig up relics, and scuttle away home without the authorities of Jerusalem knowing what they were about. But if they really found some important relic of Solomon's time, it is not that of Moses, the whereabouts of which, as a Jerusalem paper declares, "none know except God and those Englishmen," they deserve at least a hearing. The implied partnership of the Almighty and the Englishmen in knowledge ought to count for something in their behalf.

BREEZY TRIFLES.

"That prima donna sings like an angel," said the musician. "Yes," replied the impresario, "and she catches pretty near wanting me to pave the streets with gold for her."—Washington Star.

"Have any serious trouble with your new automobile?" "Not a bit. So far I haven't hit a single man without being able to get away before he got my number."—Toledo Blade.

"It is a great mistake for a man to pretend to be rich." "Have you tried it?" "I thought my pose would secure me invitations in society. All it brought was a bunch of Black Hand letters."—Chicago Post.

"Hi!" said Burlock Bonas, mysteriously. "I have discovered that the man you think so lacking in energy, really has a great deal of push." "How did you find it out?" asked the admiring friend. "Hi!" I saw him this morning buying

a baby carriage and a lawn-mower.—Baltimore American. She—You were in that elevator that fell fourteen stories to the basement. Mercy! How did you feel? He—I was never so taken down in my life.

"Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives!" sighed the long nosed, sharp chinny party. "Well, it isn't your fault," said the party of the second part; "you're always trying to find out and tell."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Doctor, my baby sucks his flat continually. What is the matter with him?" "Saying, anyhow," he has an advanced case of chirography. "Mercy! What is chirography?" "A desire to suck the flat."—Toledo Blade.

Mendelssohn was writing his "Songs Without Words." "What's the use of words?" he said: "you never understand what the average singer is saying, anyhow." Still, as he might have reflected, it takes an awfully good performer to make a piano talk.—Chicago Tribune.

MOTHER.

You may sing me your song of golden hair, You may sing of raven tresses, You may sing of a sweetheart young and fair, To whom your heart confesses; But I'll sing of one whose feeble step In the valley fainter grows; Of her silvery crown Who wanders down Where the setting sun is glowing.

You may press to your heart the wind-some bride And cover her lips with kisses, As you proudly exclaim: "The world is wide. But there is no love as this is!" Yes, the love of maid will oft prove vain, Hearts growing cold that once seemed tender; But true as you star, That gleams from afar, Is she whom my love I render.

As time recedes, like the ebb of the tide, And the wave-wet shore's left dreary, When gone in youth with its insolent pride, And the soul from the struggling wear, 'Tis then, again, I would comfort seek; With thy trembling arms about me; How that gentle smile My worries beguile; Nor trifles, nor cares can flout me!

Then quaff, if you will, to her head of gold Or drink to those raven tresses, And drain your beaker, like lover bold, To whom your heart confesses; As for me, here's to her whose feeble step In the valley fainter grows; To her silvery crown Who wanders down Where the setting sun is gleaming. Kearney, Neb., 1911. N. H. JOHNSON.

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