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Revised motto: Speak softly and carry a big dove.

The army sideboard seems due for some severe regulation.

John Chinaman is so dense he cannot see that the protective tariff is not a boycott.

Miss Tarbell is still waiting for a telegram of congratulation from Mr. Rockefeller.

Public Printer Palmer should ask "leave to print" his side of the case in the Record.

Later developments indicate that Mr. Bowen will not be long in getting a fine vindication.

The search for "something just as good" has begun, with Francis B. Loomis as the beneficiary.

Up to date Nicaragua has not been heard to complain about the slowness of the canal work.

Reports have come of another uprising in Samar. The nine-year-olds are now about twelve-year-olds.

Japan will hardly try to collect from Walter Wellman the indemnity that Walter promised for Russia.

The president can now read those somewhat slighted Bible passages referring to the Prince of Peace.

Up to date the peace terms have not disclosed an inkling of what Manchuria is to get out of it.

The peace treaty has sixteen articles. Sixteen articles to one peace—the old ratio still holds good.

Doubtless those 80,000 Russian prisoners in Japan are also emphatically opposed to a cessation of hostilities.

Secretary Shaw will hardly deny that the deficit is growing much more rapidly than his presidential boom.

Bishop Potter's subway saloon having proved a dismal failure, the bishop should experiment with a subway church.

The nation that is always boasting about "standing on its dignity" is usually overdue for a sudden slip and a severe fall.

A large number of people would like to know if the president saw the Fairbanks boom while he was down in that submarine.

It might be well to oil the commercial hinges of our own door before becoming too insistent upon the open door in the east.

Dr. Chvatal of Chicago insists that in order to check the growth of crime the annual summer school vacation must be abolished. A bas Chvatal! Conspuez Chvatal! His mere suggestion is calculated to start riots and breed crime.

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Long distance swimming is now the rage. A number of Wall street promoters are trying to swim out of the water in their stocks.

A scientist has gone to Africa to study monkey language, and Newport is thinking of charging him with undue discrimination.

Cuba begins another fiscal year with a surplus of \$20,000,000,000. But Cuba is young yet, and her statesmen are not yet wholly matured.

It seems to be up to Colonel Lafe Young to return from the Orient and fix up the strained relations between Secretary Shaw and Governor Cummins.

Mr. Rockefeller's declaration that he never tasted intoxicating liquor is not enough to make him first up for the prohibition nomination for president.

The spectacle of Mr. Foraker responding to the "4-11" fire alarm from the Herrick camp is calculated to make Ohioans sit up and rub their eyes.

That "Lincoln party" in Philadelphia will be wonderfully prominent by contrast if it comes anywhere near living up to its name—in Philadelphia.

"What shall the treaty be called?" is a question that now agitates the newspapers, diplomats and statesmen. How would "the treaty of commonsense" do?

About all the Panama dirt that is being thrown seems to be the dust stirred up by the trans-continental railroads in their efforts to deceive the people.

The New Yorker who has invented a new life raft should hasten to make one and throw it out to the Shaw presidential boom, which seems to be about waterlogged.

Regard for the well being of sister nations impels us to the hope that none of them will make the mistake of judging the United States army by its Captain Taggarts.

Professor Goldwin Smith says the domestic is going out of existence. This merely means that she is taking the other three evenings and Sunday forenoon out.

The Buffalo man who wants to submit his son to a surgical operation in the hope of curing him of lying certainly has no desire to furnish any material for future canal commissioners.

Senator Long of Kansas has promised free trade to the Filipinos, but the farmers of Kansas have no immediate prospect of relief from the tribute levied upon them by the Dingley tariff.

Sixty thousand fraudulent names have been dropped from Philadelphia's registration list. This means that the machine is being kept busy getting up a list of some 61,000 names to substitute.

Governor Herrick will prove himself an exceedingly strong man if he succeeds in carrying Boss Cox to victory, but what shall we say of the voters of Ohio if they vote for Boss Cox's candidate?

By degrees the beef trust cases are being postponed further and further, and in time they will reach a date when they will come in handy as republican campaign material during the congressional battle of 1906.

The fact that Marshall Field paid the highest tax is not convincing evidence that he is the richest man in America. It is merely evidence that Mr. Feld came nearest to telling the exact truth about his possessions.

It is to be hoped that Commander Young of the Bennington will be able to clear himself of the charge of laxity of discipline and therefore responsibility for the Bennington disaster. But Secretary Bonaparte is to be commended for his disinclination to swing the whitewash brush. The whitewash industry at Washington has been overdone of late.

The proposition to christen the battleship Vermont with a quart of genuine Vermont maple syrup was not acted upon. A quart of genuine Vermont maple syrup would be worth as much as the battleship.

Labor marched in solid ranks on September 4. Now if labor would march as solidly on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November something worth while might be accomplished in the interests of the toilers.

Chicago hotels and restaurants are fighting the beef trust. If the hotel and restaurant managers are not above accepting a suggestion we submit that they might use a trust porterhouse steak to swat the trust over the caput.

It looks very much like we would have to put those governors, engineers, assistant engineers, inspectors and commissioners to work in Panama. About all the available laboring material seems to have been exhausted in appointing men whose duty it is to see that other men do the digging.

The "standpatters" accuse the Cummins men of disturbing the harmony of the republican party, but as a matter of fact

### The People Will Revolt

Governor Cummins is pursuing the only course that can give permanent strength to his party. It is an insult to the intelligence of the people to say that they will long support a party dominated by the corporations. If agitation for reform endangers a party temporarily, the ignoring of known evils threatens the very life of a political organization.

The beef trust managers have entered a plea for more time—and secured it. The grand jury

### Beef Trust Secures Long Delay

spent one hundred days gathering evidence against the trust, and sixty days have elapsed since then. And while the government was ready to proceed the trust magnates entered a plea of unpreparedness and asked for more time. They knew they would get it. Only their chief counsel was present on the day set for the hearing, although the government was represented by the attorney general and had scores of witnesses present. The plea of unpreparedness would seem to be a very specious one. It appears to be the same old game of delay so often and so successfully worked by those who have ample means whereby to take advantage of every turn and technicality of our involved statutes.

When Mayor Dunne of Chicago appointed Miss Jane Addams to be chairman of the chief committee of the Chicago

### Chicago Honored By Jane Addams

board of education, the honor conferred was not so much upon Miss Addams as upon herself as mayor and Chicago as a city. As head of the committee on school management Miss Addams may be depended upon to do her whole duty without regard to political schemes or selfish striving. Of her the Chicago Evening Post says: "The elevation of Miss Adams' character, her exceptional mental gifts, her genius for social reform, her almost unique experience in dealing with difficult and complex issues constantly arising in a formative social period like ours, all contribute to her remarkable fitness for the post she has reluctantly accepted." Miss Addams is the founder of Hull House and her work has been a blessing to thousands upon thousands.

Notwithstanding the liberal coat of white-wash given to Francis B. Loomis it transpires

### Loomis and Bacon

that he is to be retired instead of given another diplomatic post. Despite the efforts to keep the facts from the public it develops that Loomis was appointed to the Venezuelan mission through the importunities of the Orinoco Improvement company, at the head of which was Charles Kurtz of Ohio. Kurtz is a politician of the Cox stripe. A disagreement between stockholders of the company reveals the part that Loomis was to play. Mr. Loomis' successor as assistant secretary of state will be Robert Bacon of New York, and it may be of interest to know that Mr. Bacon was until very recently junior partner in the banking firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. The corporations organized for the purpose of exploiting South American republics seem to have nothing to fear from the state department.