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Safety for railway passengers will never be guaranteed by ticker tapes.

Maxim Gorky says he found nothing congenial in the United States. That makes it unanimous, too.

The man who exhibits a sore thumb too often soon finds that people have lost interest in injured digits.

"Ohio is for Taft!" shouts an exchange. Foraker is for him, too, and intends getting him if possible.

Mr. Carnegie having "got his" is now offering the railroads some good advice about what they should do.

Having dropped into a \$50,000 a year job Uncle Leslie Shaw is advising the working people to live economically.

Our national wealth is \$107,000,000,000, including the franchises we gave away when we didn't know any better.

In view of his recent actions would it be out of place to refer to Senator Foraker as the "dark horse" candidate?

It has come to the point where travelers are not so much interested in getting there quickly as in getting there whole.

Senator Foraker will find it easy to prosecute a "camera crusade." The people will gladly furnish him the negatives.

The sugar trust has been sued for \$30,000,000, and if the trust loses the case it's one lump of sugar for your morning coffee.

It seems to be the general opinion that Mr. Jerome is willing to use Mr. Hummel for witness purposes only, not professionally.

Miss Margaret Anglin says that "sweeping a room may be made a poetic action." Some poets might try that method of raising the dust.

The Ohio mayor who refused to draw his salary because he did not earn it did not set any brainstorms in motion in other mayoralty offices.

It is said that the recent flurry in Wall street cost some of the speculators \$150,000,000, at least \$30 of it being in genuine legal tender currency.

Former Senator Burton is wasting time. Everybody knows why he was sent to jail. What people want to know is why Burton was the only one.

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Those railroad managers are running on a slow schedule to the White House terminal.

Count Boni has written a newspaper article in which he declares that he was shocked by American society folk. He has been handed several hard jolts.

The railroads that are "retaliating" by decreasing service should take warning of the gentleman who amputated his proboscis in order to spite his visage.

Wouldn't it be a good joke on those congressional visitors in Panama if they were rounded up and made to shovel dirt on the canal for a week or two?

A shortage of twine in the postoffice department is reported from Washington. Don't worry. There will never be a similar complaint about the supply of red tape.

Progress on the canal is necessarily slow. So many congressmen go down there that the lone man with a shovel can't throw dirt without hitting a lawmaker.

The Washington Post informs the public that liquid air can now be manufactured for 2 cents a gallon. Hot air is even cheaper than that in Washington.

The railroad managers will have to hurry. The baseball season will open in a few days and then nobody will pay any attention to railroad threats of retaliation.

Nine hundred veterans at the Leavenworth Soldiers' Home were recently poisoned by eating hash. Now will the paragraphers treat the compound seriously?

A year from now the people of this country will be entering upon an active national campaign. The way to achieve victory next year is to organize for this year.

Before going to the White House the railroad presidents sent a flagman ahead to prevent a head-on collision. They ought to do something like that with their trains.

By the way, have the recent revelations in the management of railroads convicted the populists of having been wrong in their charges fifteen or twenty years ago?

In view of political developments in Pennsylvania we cannot find it in our hearts to blame the republican leaders of that state for wanting a press muzzling law.

The Sioux City Journal used the words "Mr. Bryan" nineteen times in one editorial recently. The Journal might save composition bills by "phatting" the words.

The Minnesota supreme court has decided that irrigation is perfectly legal and Mr. Hill will proceed immediately to squirt \$60,000,000 of water into his railroad stocks.

James J. Hill says inland waterways will help to solve the transportation problem. Quite correct. That's the only way to use water in this transportation business.

Mr. Reuf of San Francisco is now putting up a plaint about not being given a fair show. That is usually the way with men when they are given a dose of their own medicine.

If Senator Foraker and Secretary Taft insist in trying conclusions for the Ohio delegation it may mean that "Boss" Cox will have another high bid for the use of his machine.

"Trusts are an economic evolution," says Richard Olney. The people are determined to remedy the situation by inserting an "r" before the last word within the quotation marks.

The court martial that acquitted the young officer who filed charges against General Wood now finds its membership listed among the falsifiers discovered by Columbus Roosevelt.

The man who deliberately wrecks a railroad train is sent to the penitentiary. The man who wrecks a railroad is put upon a pedestal and pointed to as a "Napoleon of Finance."

"The country needs me," says Mr. Harriman. Why, it positively wants you, Mr. Harriman; wants you right where it can keep a watchful eye and a restraining hand upon you.

The New York Herald editorially discusses "the increasing prevalence of heart troubles." The spring season usually has that effect, especially on those under 25 or 30 years of age.

Mr. Carnegie is scoring the stock gamblers. The men who gamble in stocks take desperate chances. Mr. Carnegie is above such a course of action. He insists on having a sure thing.

Noting the determination of the people to make the corporations "tote fair," Mr. Cleveland hauls out the old "widow and orphan" wail and starts it off with the air of a man launching something original.

"Why should men teachers receive more than women teachers who do the same work?" queries the Buffalo Courier. Only because the women teachers seem willing to stand for that sort of injustice.

The Liberty Bell will be taken to the Jamestown exposition. While there it will feel more at home than in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, where liberty seems sadly restricted by the grafters.

It is reported that J. Pierpont Morgan has studied the question until he is an expert at fire-proofing. Water is the best thing with which to fight fire and Mr. Morgan has plenty of it in his stocks.

It seems much easier to upset a court martial verdict of "not guilty" than it is to haul upon the carpet a man who was jumped over the heads of about 1,200 of his superiors both in office and in experience.

"What is a democrat?" plaintively queries the New York World. In view of the fact that the World has not associated itself with the democrats for a number of years its ignorance is not to be wondered at.

Governor Folk has at last performed an act that meets with the commendation of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. This is not an indication that Governor Folk is growing better, but that the Globe-Democrat is growing fairer.

Large bodies move slowly, which explains why Mr. Cleveland was a little late in getting around with his deprecation of the fact that the people are determined to make the railroads be good. But he managed to arrive, all right.

"I am an honest man," says Mr. Carnegie. It pays to observe laws that you cannot evade, but it pays better to buy laws that will enable you to acquire honestly—or legally—what would have been stolen loot before the law was purchased.

Mr. Cleveland is quite certain that the next campaign should be fought on the tariff issue. But if anybody attacks the corporations Mr. Cleveland would doubtless consent to drop the tariff subject long enough to administer a "stinging rebuke."

A Missouri editor declares that it is no more harm to catch a fish on Sunday than it is to run down a yellow-legged chicken for the preacher's dinner. The decision in this debate will depend on whether it is closed by a fisherman or a minister.

The president, noting that peace has again been restored in the Philippines, has issued a call for an election for delegates to the first Philippine assembly. No, the 15,000 troops will be left over there for a while yet. There may be a call for some more "benevolent assimilation."

Owing to the fact that the constitution of the new state of Oklahoma was written by Oklahomans and is entirely satisfactory to them, a lot of special interests that were jarred loose are quite certain that the new document is "socialistic" and "anarchistic" to a reprehensible degree.

It is reported that Senator Foraker has ordered \$2,000 worth of his photographs and will use them for political purposes between now and the convening of the republican national convention. That would make a thousand \$2 bills, and they have more than once been found to do good service under certain circumstances.