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The men who invent wars are seldom the men who fight them out.

Who will deny that Mr. Rockefeller's ignorance is worth the salary paid him?

The smoking out of the tobacco trust will mean a bad smell all over the country.

The gentlemen who launched the Cortelyou boom will doubtless be asked to put it back.

The tobacco trust is now completing its proof that it is really an eleemosynary institution.

Philadelphia was wide awake and on the jump last week, trying to keep up with the visiting Elks.

It is quite plain that Mr. Rockefeller has not been reading up on the oil subject in the magazines.

Attorney General Bonaparte is considering the wisdom of applying a legal match to the powder trust.

"Rockefeller is an optimist," says an exchange. He has several hundred millions of reasons for being one.

President Duke of the tobacco trust says it is not a trust. Duke's mixture on definitions is really unaccountable.

A grafting public service corporation manager has finally been landed in jail. But it was for contempt of court.

Attorney General Bonaparte is after the tobacco trust. Somebody must have handed him one of the trust's five-centers.

The indications are that the men employed on the Isthmian canal work are moving more like dirt these warm July days.

It is reported that Senator Platt is going to resign the presidency of his express company, but that he is not yet aware of it.

The young lady rescued from a watery grave by Mr. Fairbanks has recovered from everything but the shock of the cold water.

The Duke of Manchester announces that he will not settle in the United States. A lot of other dukes will not settle in Great Britain.

Last Monday was Senator Platt's seventy-fourth birthday, but it really seems longer than that since we heard the first demand for his resignation.

The woman correspondent for a London journal who says she never met an American gentleman should endeavor to get into a little better class of society.

The Texas man who has raised a lemon as big as an egg plant should forward it to Oyster Bay. A gentleman there would like to forward it to Mr. Harriman.

The retirement of Secretary to the President Loeb is announced, Secretary of the Navy Metcalf having proved a good man upon whom to rest the vicarious sacrifices.

"What is a liar?" queries the Baltimore American. The dictionary gives the old definition. The new definition is: "One who has been 'big sticked' and dares to resent it."

Mr. Rockefeller advises the newspaper men to save money, but he is making it difficult for them to follow the advice. Mr. Rockefeller has already saved a large proportion of the visible supply.

The Philadelphia crook who confessed to sixty robberies probably was induced to confess and reform by the fact that, try as he would, he could not hope to equal the robbery record of some of the city officials.

A Wisconsin man has just received a letter mailed to him in Norway in 1875. Show this to your wife and convince her that it is not your fault if her letter failed to reach its destination in proper time.

There is something pathetic in the telegraphed report that the school children of New York are being taught to laugh. A child that does not laugh naturally is suffering from wrong environment.

It is reported that New York harbor is too shallow to accommodate some of the big new ocean liners. If it is lack of water the harbor commissioners might induce Harriman to finance the harbor.

In figuring on the fine to be imposed upon the Standard Oil company it is to be hoped that Judge Landis will take into consideration the fact that the people are now experiencing difficulty in financing the ice box.

President Winchell of the Rock Island railway officially announces that hereafter his company will not maintain lobbies at state capitals. If President Winchell means it he is giving the Rock Island some very profitable advertising.

The attention of Governor Hughes is called to the fact that the Burlington has adopted the two-cent fare all over its huge system. Will Governor Hughes criticize the Burlington for acting without investigation and due consideration?

The Washington Herald, noting the attacks of Collier's Weekly on Vice President Fairbanks, ventures the opinion that Collier's is "dubbing around on a dead card." We confess ignorance to the technical meaning of the expression, but it sounds about right.

The United States district grand jury, sitting in Chicago, has indicted the Santa Fe railroad, charging it with having granted rebates to a sugar manufacturing company. What is the name of the Santa Fe official who is to be appointed to a cabinet position?

The fact that in case of war with Japan the Japs would immediately seize the Philippines is advanced by a few administration supporters as an argument in favor of war. Anything to rid the administration of that "burden thrown into our laps by providence."

Mr. Schwab says: "This country can build five battleships to Japan's one." What Mr. Schwab means is that this country can pay for five battleships to Japan's one, and Mr. Schwab and his merry trust friends can build 'em as fast as the country will pay exorbitant prices for them.

Paragraphic Punches

We are in favor of a conscription system which will compel the war talkers to do the fighting.—Rochester Herald.

A London paper says King Edward is the hardest worked man in England. And yet we haven't heard of him pitching any hay.—Toledo Blade.

Adverting to a recent boat race incident: Wonder if Mr. Harriman has redeemed his promise to see that "young man" later?—Manchester Union.

Senator-elect Gore, Oklahoma's blind statesman, may reflect that there is no one with a seat in the senate so blind as the one who won't see.—Detroit News.

"The trust continues to jump from jag to jag in the jungle," says the Chattanooga Times. The trust should take a sober thought or two.—Washington Herald.

Among the other things Harriman has added to his stock of knowledge is that he is not a bigger man than Uncle Sam's navy.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

It is as a man who has made plenty of money out of mines and not out of poetry that Joaquin Miller wants to go to the United States senate. There is precedent for this.—Nashville American.

The national surplus for the year is enormous, but it comes out of our pockets, not into them. And it is the fruitful mother of temptations to national extravagance.—The Congregationalist.

Ohio's attorney general says he wants "to keep corporations in the state and see to it that they obey the laws of the state." No state asks more than this, and it does not seem unreasonable.—New York World.

Senator Daniel says a democratic candidate should not be too radical or too conservative. That is a proposition as "safe and sane" as the declaration that the tariff should be neither too high nor too low.—Nashville Banner.

Mayor Schmitz protests that Judge Dunne is prejudiced against him. Having heard all the evidence in the case, Mr. Dunne would be a remarkable judge if he didn't look upon Schmitz with some degree of suspicion.—Kansas City Star.

It may be true, as suggested, that Japan wants to take advantage of this country's unpreparedness and make war before the Panama canal is built, but why get excited? The canal will not be built for several weeks yet.—Kansas City Journal.

We have had presidential aspirants who were good duck-shooting hunters and fine horsemen, and it is not improper to have one who is a good swimmer or wader. The episode in the Yellowstone carries its special lesson to ambitious statesmen. Much may be accomplished in a year if due attention is paid to the lesson.—Chicago Tribune.

"Ding's" cartoon in Sunday's Register and Leader, depicting the agony of a pass-holder buying his first railroad ticket, almost brings tears to one's eyes. The writer began carrying annual passes and unlimited transportation when "Ding" was a small boy, and this week starts out on a 4,000-mile trip that cost more than he had previously paid for railroad fare in his whole life. Don't laugh, boys; this is a serious occasion.—Knoxville (Ia.) Express.

One of these brilliant interpreters comes to the front with the curious old conception that "the mastery of the Pacific" is something that must necessarily be fought for with 12-inch guns. Hence "war is inevitable." The superstition about the "mastery of the Pacific" may be long in dying, but any sane mind should see that there is as much sense in a struggle for the "mastery of the Atlantic." No one ever talks about fighting for the "mastery of the Atlantic." Why, then, should we gibber and chatter over the "mastery of the Pacific," which is a much bigger ocean?—Washington Herald.