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Judge Pritchard is now lustily calling for help in letting go.

That Ohio peace pact seems to have had a regular Korean finish.

Judge Pritchard seems bent on performing a regular King Leopold sort of a stunt.

"Tissue of falsehoods," exclaims Mr. Taft. That's another claim on the presidential succession.

The attention of Senators Platt and Depew is called to the fact that the emperor of Korea really has.

The rescued maiden and log cabin features of the Cortelyou boom have not yet been brought out of cold storage.

Of course it is not a case of territorial grab with Japan. It is merely another little sample of "benevolent assimilation."

Presumably Mr. Harry Orchard will now step forward and blushing insist that he, too, has had an immunity bath.

It seems that the San Francisco net is letting a lot of big bribe givers escape after catching a lot of little bribe takers.

The New York Press devotes a column to what it calls "our laggard judiciary." Yet the judiciary is always rushing in.

A microscope that magnifies 150,000 times has been manufactured. But still tariff revision by its friends is not discernable.

Senators Foraker and Dick have not yet grown hoarse thanking the Ohio republican state committee for its endorsement.

Lieutenant Perry expects to set sail for the pole about September 1. Presumably he has the relief expedition all arranged for.

The chief objection to the Oklahoma constitution comes from eminent gentlemen who were not allowed to dictate its provisions.

The gentleman who predicted a cool summer will hear something to his disadvantage by calling around almost any old office room.

Secretary Cortelyou's latest customs house order is an indication that he is preparing to play for the returned European traveler vote.

Senator Knox has opened up headquarters in Pittsburg for his presidential boom. He seems to be well sooted with its progress so far.

A New York paper says that Mr. Knox is willing to be president. All that is now necessary is for about seven million others to side in with him.

And just to think that those Alton bonds would not have been such good trading stock had it not been for the kindness of Governor Roosevelt of New York.

Those who believe that Mr. Rockefeller did not collect his witness fees from the government are a guileless lot. Wait until he renders the government a bill for oil.

What's the use of trying to tell the New York World what a democrat is. The World wouldn't recognize the real thing if it collided with it in the middle of the road.

How much longer will the people of the different states spend thousands of dollars to secure the enactment of needed laws, only to have some federal judge veto them?

Providence has thrown Korea into the lap of Japan, but to date we have not been informed that Japan fung \$20,000,000 into the lap of some other nation as a sort of philopena.

Senator Foraker is delighted that no democrat ever nominated him for office. Funny, isn't it, how often we can find things upon which we can exchange mutual congratulations?

An exchange informs us that the portrait of the first treasurer of the United States, Michael Hillegas, adorns the new ten dollar bill. What, hasn't it been on them all the time?

The United States steel corporation has just sold the Japanese government 12,000 tons of steel rails. Doubtless they are delivered in Tokio cheaper than Americans can buy them at the rail mills.

The republicans enjoyed themselves for ten years while the democrats quarrelled and the democrats are now viewing with complacency the quarrel which is to determine which faction will control the republican party.

The governor of Pennsylvania rose superior to politics long enough to appoint an expert boilermaker to the position of boiler inspector. This is enough to cause consternation at Harrisburgh and Philadelphia.

Mr. Harriman has just completed a \$700,000 residence in New York City. We presume one room is asbestos lined wherein he can think his thoughts unafraid every time boat races and Alton deals are mentioned.

The Pittsburg Dispatch says that Mr. Bryan is "trying to explain away the Madison Square Garden speech." The chief trouble with the Dispatch is that it does not confine its "fake" features to its telegraph columns.

"Freedom in Korea," says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "means that the Koreans are free to do anything the Japanese will permit them to do." Well, what of it? That's all the freedom that has been granted to the Filipinos.

Mr. Harriman has learned that it is safer to steal a railroad, or wreck it, as he pleases, than it is to interfere with a dinkey little boat race. Mr. Harriman will confine his efforts to plain ordinary railroad robbery and wrecking hereafter.

Ex-Comptroller Dawes is spending his vacation making addresses in defense of the good trusts. The good trust, in the opinion of Mr. Dawes and others, is the trust that pays good fees and comes through promptly with the campaign subscriptions.

One of Attorney General Bonaparte's objections to the Oklahoma constitution was that it provided that the writ of habeas corpus should never be suspended. Yet that very provision has been in the Vermont constitution for upwards of seventy years. Vermont will now please move over among the undesirables until it can correct this evil thing.

Paragraphic Punches

After flying over Manhattan and visiting Wall Street the Beachey airship was wrecked. This is not the first time a high flyer has come to grief after a trip to Wall street.—Baltimore American.

At last the postoffice department will permit the use of one-half the front of a postcard for writing on, the back-part being presumably reserved by the sender for the postscript.—Detroit News.

Oklahoma asks advice of the president as to her constitution, and gets a lemon. That serves Oklahoma right. Who would be free himself must make his constitution and by-laws.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Chicago Tribune has printed the picture of "the most beautiful woman in America," and several thousand other women now have a poor opinion of the men who acted as judges.—Washington Post.

Secretary Taft says that the latest Panama story is a "tissue of falsehoods." The term sounds familiar. Secretary Taft is evidently qualifying himself to carry out the president's policies.—Philadelphia Record.

There is not much use of publishing the annual admonitions, "Don't rock the boat" and "Don't Swim far beyond the breakers." As a rule people who do that sort of thing don't read newspapers.—Washington Star.

Anyhow, if the government gets a receiver for the cigar trust, we may hope that in running the business he will give more attention to the quality of wrappers and fillers and less to the gilt bands.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

As long as the lawyers for the Standard Oil decline to submit evidence in defense of that criminal organization, it is to be hoped that the court will impose the full penalty of \$29,240,000.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The navy department figures prominently in the plans looking to the revolutionizing of our naval policy and the unnecessary defying of Japan. What does the department of state think about the situation? Where does Secretary Root stand?—Washington Herald.

Since that heroic rescue Fairbanks story was set afloat, the Fairbanks supporters have been glancing in the direction of Taft with a beat that if you can expression.—Topeka Journal.

Having laughed at Mark Twain's white clothes, the English may presently see the ludicrous element in the combination of high hats and bobtail coats which their own costumes so frequently display.—Washington Star.

Missouri is the fourth honey producing state in the union. If the vast swarms that put in their time under the politicians' bonnets would only get out and do their duty, Missouri would even beat the world.—St. Louis Republic.

That New York savings bank which allows it to get out that it has \$100,000,000 in deposits must have implicit confidence in the view that the absorbing tendency of Harriman and his like has been positively restrained.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Gee, Bernard Shaw says he "can not understand" why the Bible should continue to be the best seller among all books. He can hardly expect to arouse a discussion concerning the things he does not understand; there would be no end to it.—Washington Herald.

The Toledo Judge who has sentenced twenty-three business men to jail for violating the anti-trust laws is a judicial anachronism. This is no way to demolish trusts and combinations. He should have appointed receivers to "bring the business into conformity with the law." Doesn't Judge Morris read the Washington dispatches?—New York World.