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The only business that congress can do until the lobbyists get the wires working is to have the chaplain lead in prayer.

New canals have been reported on the planet Mars. They seem to make the dirt fly up there even faster than Col. Goethals can.

No one killed or injured at the Vanderbilt cup race. Motor racing can never be conducted on these Sunday school picnic principles.

Roosevelt having said for the 7463d time that he is not a candidate, the third term editorial must now be laid aside for another six weeks.

It looks as if the Italians would conquer the scattered tribes of Tripoli at about the time the last prowling gangs of book agents are exterminated.

Although the tobacco reorganization will not probably reduce the price to the smoker, the law feels better now that its majesty is vindicated.

The government printing office having published 21,967,719 public documents the past year, is probably the greatest supplier of old junk in the country.

It is a misfortune to the men of this country that Dr. Wiley cannot get his pure tobacco law into operation before the Christmas cigars are put on the market.

In view of the way John D. collected his loans from the Merritt brothers, we have decided not to ask him for the loan of \$7.75 with which to buy Christmas presents.

Serious charges were made against the army in the inspector general's report, but if they had succeeded in beating the navy at foot ball all would have been overlooked.

A Smithsonian Institute professor says the world will continue its journeys round the sun for 10,000,000 years. That ought to give time for a decision in the Lorimer case.

Roosevelt is charged with having made a deal with Wall street, but there will not be much complaint if he worked off the two spots on them and gave them no high trusts.

Seventy thousand women registered for the city election in Los Angeles. This seems to indicate that California women are anxious to make use of their right of suffrage.

While we disapprove of the Sunday colored supplement, we fear still more the demoralization of our children from the Congressional Record which is again turned loose in our homes.

When the reporters are listening the congressmen will speak respectfully of the tariff board, but for purposes of practical politics they will place a higher value on the garden seeds.

The Irish players were riotously received in New York, but as the money kings have been so improvident as to erect their skyscrapers in the kitchen garden, no vegetable offerings were made.

J. P. Morgan is now located in the thirty-first floor of the Bankers Trust Co. in New York. As he has very little to do, he will be glad to stop and gossip with any of our citizens who may visit the metropolis.

Of course Banker Morse had no particular reason to fear punishment when he took the money. All the punishment usually inflicted on such an offender is to elect him director of a few more corporations.

It takes an eleven car train to accommodate the nine western governors who are touring the eastern states. They must be taking almost as much baggage along as it takes for the college girl to get by the winter term.

There was at first much opposition to fortifying Panama, but it seems to be agreed now that a \$400,000,000 canal is too valuable property to leave lying around the back yard nights with all these disreputable characters prowling about.

The report that President Taft is having a derby hat built is one of many signs going to show that the "plug hat" is gradually being relegated to Indian doctors, circus salesmen, and the more infantile sprouts of the smart set.

A great many good souls that are now advocating the referendum, the recall, and all the other so-called reform dose, were just as crazy about greenbackism, the grange movement, free silver, free trade and other isms in the past, and if they did live for another quarter of a century, they

are sure to swallow every new thing in politics that would happen to appear in sight.

As Carnegie only included one author, Shakespeare, in his list of twenty-one great men, what excuse has he to offer for giving 5,000 libraries to circulate Rex Beach and George Barr McCutcheon among a long suffering people?

WHO FURNISHED THE MONEY?

The labor unions are doing the right thing in denouncing the McNamaras. They ought to go further and demand that the parties who furnished the money to the McNamaras, be run to earth. Somebody furnished that money—the McNamaras didn't plan all that murderous conspiracy out of the love for human blood. Who furnished the money?

Senator Clapp of Minnesota calls President Taft a despot of the dark-eyed eye, all because the president saw fit to refuse to give his sanction to the admission of Arizona as a state under a constitution which permitted the recall of judges. Some people have very queer ideas of tyranny. Some people take themselves and their views so seriously as to be very funny. Senator Clapp is one of those people.

That the school building of the future is to be a social center for the community instead of a building to which our children are sent five days in the week, but is never visited by the parents, is certain. It is being agitated all over the country and new buildings are being constructed with this end in view and are supplied with audience rooms, platforms, and all that is required for holding public entertainments, lectures and musicales.

The democrats in congress can have the advice of their favorite statesman in regard to the best way of managing the Alaskan problems. When he was president, Thomas Jefferson wrote to Albert Gallatin, his secretary of the treasury, under date of Nov. 8, 1807: "I am afraid I know too little as yet of the lead mines to establish a permanent system. I verily believe that of leasing will be the best for the United States."

TO BE EXCITING SESSION.

The session of congress that opened Monday promises to be an interesting one. Presidential politics will cut a big figure, in view of the fact that next year is presidential year. It will be a year of vicious attack and sharp retort. No legislation to amount to anything is looked for, because every faction will be looking for a chance to slaughter every other factor's prospects to claim credit from the public. Buncombe will be on tap, say those who know, and the regular republicans, the insurgents and the democrats will all jockey for position.

Mr. Brandeis, who has made several important suggestions concerning the better management of railroads, makes a further interesting contribution in the "Engineering Magazine" for the present month, to the effect that efficiency and unit standards could be better maintained if the government should establish a bureau for railroad along the same line as the agricultural department, the department of commerce and labor, and other government bureaus. The time has come when the government has properly a great function in industrial business. The functions of the government in these departments is not only to prohibit and regulate, but much more the constructive field of ascertainment, experiment, and education.

Iowa has a woman's club that has chosen a most fitting and commendable object for which to labor. It is nothing less than a study of physical perfection and how to obtain it for the rising generation of Iowans. A campaign is on looking toward the instruction of every mother in the state in the needs and possibilities of child welfare. Theory is not enough; from now on, every infant in Iowa will be the subject of practice, and the standard is perfection. A woman physician who is a member of the club, has been sent to Europe to study standards and methods in all European countries for a year at the club's expense, and the matter is being managed in a most practical way. It is a splendid undertaking and the most far-reaching and important that any club of women has yet undertaken. Beside it the fight for the ballot sinks into insignificance. All success to the women of Iowa!

FINDING PRESENTS FOR MEN.

No, Genevieve, don't buy your best fellow that dinky little blotter holder that has to be rolled back and forth with a sea sick motion. Remember that George gets from his insurance agent flat strips of blotting paper that are twice as handy on his desk. Nor don't offer him bunches of shaving paper with a lot of frills and fluffiness that will merely catch dust. George probably uses a safety razor and cleans it at the hot water faucet. If you want to give him something he will really like, study the kind of neckwear he affects, and go down to the swellest men's furnishing goods

store you can find, and buy him a tie as near in color tone and pattern as you can to those he is already wearing.

Man is a conservative critter in his personal habits. If he likes inconspicuous patterns in his negligee shirts, don't pick him stripes as nifty as a barber's pole, that will give him a grinch every time he puts it on for duty's sake.

THE PAVING MOVEMENT.

Every Norfolk patriot will rejoice over the completion of the petition calling for the paving of Norfolk avenue from Seventh street west to Fourteenth, and of Ninth street from Norfolk avenue north to Prospect avenue. It is an improvement that is badly needed and its achievement will mean another big step for Norfolk toward the goal that it is aiming at.

The city will look to the mayor and council for speedy action in pushing the matter along, as they have already given assurance of their hearty sympathy with this progressive movement. With the completion of this projected paving, there still will remain one section of town that ought to get into the paving bandwagon. There will still be need of a paved street to the new depot at South Norfolk and with that accomplished, together with that which is proposed by the petition that has just been submitted, Norfolk will become an altogether different city than it ever has been.

Americans are likely to be more or less suspicious and ready to take offense when foreigners of note, especially Englishmen, tell us what they think of us, analyze our motives and criticize our institutions, but when Ambassador Bryce consents to tell the people of the changes he sees and the progress he notes since he first visited America forty years ago, we are all ready to listen to his words of commendation or warning. Forty years ago Mr. Bryce saw grave danger for this republic in the strife between the north and the south which was most bitter at that time, now he sees that bitterness scarcely more than a memory. Forty years ago there could be nothing much worse and apparently more hopeless than the government of American cities. Now he finds it wonderfully improved and progressing most hopefully toward a higher standard. Our civil service reform and our currency strengthening were liberally complimented and the great English ambassador expressed the belief that having lived down the other great evils that had threatened the life of the republic in the past, we should prove equal to solving the new and equally grave problems that confront the nation today. His words should give us courage to attack the problems of our day as bravely as our fathers did those of forty years ago.

THE McNAMARA CONFESSION.

The confessions of the McNamaras in the Los Angeles Times dynamiting case, one pleading guilty to murder and the other to blowing up the Llewellyn Iron works, brings to a close one of the most sensational crimes of history and will give general satisfaction to the public in the thought that the guilty have been found out. Twenty-one employees of the Los Angeles Times were blown into eternity by dynamite. The Times had for years been fighting union labor. The Times at one declared that the crime was a union labor conspiracy and labor leaders the country over argued there was no foundation for such statement. Some months after the crime, the two McNamaras were arrested on information that had been secured by Detective Burns. They were arrested in Indianapolis and hurried across the country to Los Angeles. Labor leaders denounced this as illegal kidnaping. An immense fund was raised for the defense. Clarence Darrow, who had acted as counsel for the defense in the Idaho governor assassination case, took charge of the McNamara defense. The matter of securing a jury was a difficult one. The trial had been in progress two months and only eight jurors had been secured. Then came arrests on the charge of bribing prospective jurors, and later a rumor that some of the sworn jurors had been tampered with.

Friday sensational rumors flew thick and fast. Then, in the evening, came the confessions, like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. Nobody expected them—at least, the general public outside of Los Angeles had not anticipated them. The crime of the McNamaras can not be laid at the door of labor as a whole. Laboring men, as a class, like most other men, would denounce such methods as damnable detestable and would stand staunchly for enforcement of the law. That the crime of the McNamaras in trying to coerce the Los Angeles Times to accept terms of union labor was a dastardly one, no man or element—neither capitalist nor laborer—would attempt to deny.

NEW AMERICAN CARDINALS.

The creation by Pope Pius X. of three more American cardinals is an event that means a great deal to Roman Catholic Americans. Previously there has been but one American cardinal, James Gibbons of Baltimore. One reason why the college of cardinals has remained so largely Italian was that in the early days it was so difficult to communicate with the members of the college from foreign parts. History records one case where a pope appointed a man who had been dead some little time, the news not having reached Rome. And one English cardinal never learned of his appointment, so many believe, although his death took place ten months after the event. The English court kept the news for him, and in these days of slow communication it never reached him in any other manner.

Many American Catholics believe that the Italian churchmen have been so absorbed in the artistic and material development of the city of Rome, that they have given far too little thought to the interest of the church at large. It is the belief of American Catholics that the American church shows a devoutness and loyalty that entitles it to larger influence. On the other hand, it is remarked that the unsatisfactory results of Italian churchmanship are shown by the failure of that church to plant a deeper feeling of loyalty in the hearts of the immigrants who come here from that country. A Jesuit father, writing in the Church Extension Magazine, illustrates this point by telling of his experiences in canvassing among a gang of Piedmontese Italians in an American mining camp, to secure funds for a Catholic chapel. None of them would give a cent, and finally they pelted the priest with coal. On applying to some Japanese miners, each of the latter gave him \$1.

On the basis of population, it is pointed out that the United States would be entitled to six cardinals. In the old days it might take a year to get a quorum of the college at Rome. But now Rome can reach Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore in thirty minutes any day, and in ten days he could be walking up the steps of the Vatican.

The situation, says a writer in the North American Review, was as if all our cabinet members and senators were chosen from New England, leaving the rest of the country to be satisfied with postmasters and internal revenue collectors. That Pope Pius was influenced by these arguments is apparent, and the four Americans will play a large part at Rome.

BOILING IT DOWN.

President Taft's message contains this time but about 6,000 words. For every one person that read his former 15,000-word production, there will be a hundred who will scan this effort closely. It was R. L. Stevenson, we believe, who once remarked upon the divine gift of leaving things out. There is a poem, dear to the heart of every newspaper man, that advises the would-be contributor to leave out every superfluous word and comma, after having skeletonized it to the very limit, to send it on to the editor, who then will begin to boil it down. People who never had literary or newspaper training have no conception of the increase in effectiveness that comes through cutting out superfluous words and phrases. Every needless sentence is so much dead wood that fatigues the mind, and weakens the structure as a means of persuasion. A magazine editor once showed us the manuscript submitted by a talented writer. The magazine people, to save valuable space, had gone through it and cut out about one-fourth of the words without affecting the force of the statement in the least degree. In the ordinary letter to the press produced by the untrained writer, about one-half of the words are absolutely needless, being merely repetitions of ideas expressed before.

President Taft seems to have gained some apprehension of this fact. Perhaps he has come to realize that the president's annual message to congress is his best opportunity to gain the public ear. He has just traveled some 15,000 miles to talk to 5,000,000 people. And yet through the newspapers he can by a tersely worded message get twice as many hearers without stirring out of the white house. In the old days it used to be customary for all the newspapers to print the president's message in full. Fifty years ago a newspaper would sweep local news and sensational doings out of its pages to give space to the one great public document that people were supposed to peruse carefully. For the last few years there has scarcely been a newspaper in the country that has been willing to give a verbatim report, on account of the growing length of the messages.

AROUND THE TOWN.

We're rather sorry John D. resigned just at this time. We'd hoped that he'd stick around till Christmas, at least, and that he might possibly send us a car of gasoline on that gladsome day. But he's resigned, and now we'll have to pay fifteen cents a gallon for the silly stuff. Isn't it queer how you think you need certain things to complete your happiness, and then when you get

em, find you're no better off than you were before? It's that way with buckwheat cakes. We couldn't wait for summer to end, in order that we could have 'em for breakfast. And now we find they don't agree with our stomach, and we never want to see a buckwheat again as long as we live. If we do see any more of 'em, we won't live long—that's a cinch.

Now why not pave some street to that new depot at South Norfolk.

We see by the paper that Russia's rulin' troops to Persia.

Written has struck an artesian well that pours out water 100 degrees hot. Now wouldn't that scald you?

This kind of weather makes a man want to get out and give Col. Hoge a run for his money.

Or go swimming with Sol.

Speaking of Hoge, that dream we had last summer of making the course in 20 still holds the record. G. B. C. claims to have dreamed that he made it in 29, but we doubt it.

Norfolk's on the way, all right, all right, and don't you forget it.

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Yes, Geraldine, you can keep on wearing your fall ones until it gets cold. The fact that it is now Dec. 6 doesn't cut any ice.

It sounds good to hear the brakeman call out "South Norfolk!" Lets the passenger know that this is some burg.

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SATURDAY NIGHT SERMONS BY REV. SAMUEL W. PURVIS, D.D.

THE HOUSE UPSIDE DOWN.

Text: "They that have turned the world upside down."—Acts xvii, 6.

Sometimes the devil unwittingly tells the truth. This is one of the times. The crowd now yelling the accusation through the streets of the saloon. But it was sin, not Paul, that had turned the world upside down. He was turning it right side up. It's according to your point of view. The Chinese begin to read at the end of the line and at the bottom of the page. The bat hangs upside down and laughs at a topsy turvy world. The skeptic stands on his head intellectually and says, "See me hold up the world!" The world smiles, but the skeptic still argues. Remember the "House Upside Down" on the midway at the Buffalo Pan-American exposition? Carpets, rugs, chairs, tables, dishes, were on the ceiling. Wall paper and pictures on the wall were upside down. Finally you got confused and you couldn't tell whether 'twas the house or you that was upside down. You felt that you were walking, fly-like, head down from the ceiling.

The truth is this is a topsy turvy world. One man saying to build a house, another selling below cost. One's fighting for justice, another fleeing from it. One man spending money for flowers for a woman, his neighbor spending money for a divorce. One man's at the drug store for medicine to prolong life; another's buying poison to end his. Thousands come into the world upside down and always continue so.