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Shocked as the civilized world is over the tragic end of the life of King Carlos of Portugal, it must be accepted as the natural and expected culmination of a series of political disturbances that have kept Portugal seething in a practical state of revolution for many months.

King Carlos had been a stubborn champion of his claims to absolutism. He looked upon the revenues gained by burdensome taxation as the personal perquisites of his kingly office and used them to maintain a large and luxurious court, despite the financial abyss in front of the kingdom.

Premier Franco, hailed as "the man of the hour" in Portugal, while exposing the corruption, extravagance and incompetence of the monarchy, sought to restore order through an improved form of government by means quite as drastic and radical as those championed by Carlos in defense of his absolutism.

It is impossible at this time and at this distance to forecast intelligently the immediate effect of this tragedy. Whether the influence that caused the removal of King Carlos will be content to seek relief and reform in government through the queen and the cabinet or will press for the overthrow of the monarchy remains to be seen.

KEEPING SOLDIERS IN CUBA. The administration at Washington has made an eminently wise decision that our troops shall not be immediately withdrawn from Cuba as soon as the affairs of that island are turned over to the natives one year hence.

This decision, it is understood, is based upon requests made by some of the most representative citizens of Cuba, men who are enthusiastically in favor of the restoration of the Cuban government, yet anxious that the independence of the republic be established on a firm and stable basis.

Over in South Omaha the city attorney has made a ruling that candidates for the school board are not to be nominated by direct primary under the Nebraska law. Last fall, however, candidates for the school board in Omaha were nominated by primary election and went on the ticket by virtue of that nomination.

There is blood on the mid-winter moon. Here comes the Dahman Democracy and challenges the Jacksonians to mortal combat, accusing the latter of being controlled by merely "alleged" democrats suspected of treacherous and traitorous designs upon the political life of Nebraska's great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan.

According to the proclamation of the Dahmanites, they have up to this time been in a "conciliatory" mood, but the carefully concealed purpose "to avoid the expense, strife and contention" of the primary election for which they have been loudly clamoring. But, finding their peace offering rejected, the Dahmanites are now resigned to the necessity of having a primary, much as they would prefer not to, and are girding themselves for the fray.

For fear that some people might be innocently misled, the Dahmanites want it known far and wide that they, the Dahman Democratic club, christened in the name of his honor, Mayor "Jim" of Iariat and other fame, are the only truly-labeled, blown-in-

THE BOTTLE AND BURNED-IN-CORK CHAMPIONS OF BRYAN.

house now includes four banks in South Omaha in its membership which were not members a year ago. This may account for a large part, if not all, of the increase.

In discussing the agitation for laws guaranteeing bank deposits, John Forgan, one of the leading bankers of Chicago, says: "If all deposits are to be guaranteed, the banker may ask himself, why not risk them in trying to make himself rich, seeing no one in particular will be the loser?"

SENIATOR HALE SHOCKED. For lack of other bumper to stand between the senate and legislation most urgently demanded by the president, the senate is devoting a portion of each day's session to the revision of the criminal code of the United States. The need of this revision is not questioned, as everyone knows what a queer jumble, conflicting and confusing, they present, but the necessity of considering it at this time is not apparent.

Democrats are poking fun at General Grosvener because he predicts that Bryan will have but 166 votes in the electoral college. They would enjoy their sport more if it were not for the fact that "Old Figgers" has a record for getting mighty close to the actual results.

Miss Ida Tarbell asserts that the recent paucity was caused by women who spend all the money they can get and have not learned to save or economize. As the women cannot vote and are not running for office the explanation will do, at least until after November.

The New York World has figured out that it costs the country \$150 a minute to maintain congress. Yes, and the financial cost is not the greatest feature of the burden.

The court-martial should acquit General Stoessel. It is certain that he held out as long as possible, since his wife was selling chickens at \$4 each and milk at 1 a quart.

With both our United States senators natives of Iowa, is it any wonder that the Iowa plan of dispensing federal patronage is likewise to be transplanted in Nebraska?

The best reason that the United States and Japan will not engage in war is that they have nothing just now to fight about.

"Pork Bar" Empty. Philadelphia Press. There are going to be no public buildings handed out by congress this year, so that we shall be compelled to keep the fires of patriotism going with government free aids.

Rivalry in Naval Programs. Chicago Record-Herald. The German Reichstag has voted to permit the government to spend \$100,000,000 annually during the next ten years in carrying out its naval program.

Hope Needs for Cover. Portland Oregonian. A message of dire import came rumbling under the sea a few days ago all the way from London to New York. It was from the syndicate of the former city that controls the entire output of diamonds from two of the greatest diamond mines of Africa to a diamond importing company of the latter saying that the present price of diamonds will be maintained at all hazards.

Exhibit Number One. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. While Mr. Bryan is on the subject of a third battle he might offer the Nebraska returns as an instructive exhibit. Mr. Bryan received in his own state in 1895 a total of 115,999, and in 1900 the figures declined to 114,015. In 1904 Parker got but 52,221 in Nebraska and there was a separate populist vote of 20,215. Mr. Bryan is the favorite son of two parties in Nebraska and has reduced both to a frazzle.

Promoting Conversation. Boston Globe. By the aid of electricity, the American people now exchange yearly hundreds of millions of telephone talks. They probably use the telephone ten times as much as they do the telegraph. And the telegraph is also utilized more than ever. If it were not for the telephone and telegraph, however, the pieces of mail matter in our post-office would be so increased that in the large cities many thousands of messenger boys would be required to deliver the communications now sent in a single day over the telephone wires.

ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE.

Important Declaration of Secretary Taft for the Presidency. President (R. I.) Journal (rep.). One peculiar qualification which Mr. Taft has for the presidency is derived from his judicial career. This president is more than a party leader, more than an executive officer; his potency far transcends the mere prerogatives of his position.

The limit of patience has about been reached with those members of congress who spend much time in calling the speaker a czar and abusing him for his alleged autocratic use of his power. The speaker has only such power as the house gives him by the votes of a majority of its members.

Mr. Bryan never makes any sacrifices for his party," says the New York World. Unjust. Mr. Bryan will have to cancel at least ten lecture dates, worth \$500 each, in order to serve his party as chaperone at the Denver convention.

The illuminating example set by Colonel Bryan in embracing Roger Sullivan seems to have been altogether lost on the belligerent Dahmanites and the Jacksonians.

Can Bryan Get Two-Thirds? Leslie's Weekly (rep.). The general expectation that Bryan, in spite of the disastrous results of his leadership in 1896 and 1900, will be the nominee of his party in 1908 may be disappointed if the fifty-three democratic representatives in congress who are reported as opposing his nomination stand by their guns.

Democracy and Democracy. Brooklyn Eagle (Ind. dem.). The Eagle will not abide by the action of the Denver convention, if that body has any Bryanism left in it. Bryan is not a democrat, and Bryanism is not democracy.

Governor Johnson. Minneapolis Journal (rep.). Governor Johnson is not an orator. But there are few men in the country who can give a better account of themselves before an audience. The Minnesota governor can talk faster for two hours and make more plausible ideas and skip more hard nuts than any other man in politics today.

Shouldering Cost of Occupation on Uncle Sam. Chicago Tribune. The urgent deficiency bill now before the house carries an appropriation of \$4,000,000 to defray the expenses of the present occupation of Cuba. A motion was made to strike out the item on the ground that the Cubans should bear the cost of an intervention which was necessitated by their own misconduct, but it was defeated.

It is no wonder that politicians of the older type are dumb with astonishment. It is no wonder that Mr. Wellman himself should have been so ready to indulge in such luxuries. It is true that there are a great many Cubans who are not taxpayers and would not be disturbed by thoughts of the cost of a revolution which offered them an enjoyable occupation. But there must be many whose insatiable ardor would be chilled when it was made plain to them that the full price of intervention had to be paid.

Thomas F. Porter, the poet mayor of Lynn, Mass., has written a poem in praise of the muddy streets. The burden of his lay is that the mud gives the tars, the bootblacks and the laundries work.

John R. McLean, owner of the Washington Post and the Cincinnati Enquirer, and once democratic candidate for governor of Ohio, has a fond for collecting tapestries, and has recently added an enormous hall to his town house in Washington to be used as a museum for the display of his treasures.

Taking More Chances. Indianapolis News. The railroads ask for a little more time in which to comply with the so-called nine-hour law. As the law was designed largely to prevent in some measure the frequency of train wrecks, it is to be assumed that the railroads are willing to take a further chance on the serious damage they suffer therefrom.

A FAR-REACHING DECISION.

Significance of the Labor Union Decree of the Supreme Court. Boston Transcript. The decision of the United States supreme court, declaring unconstitutional that section of the Erdmann act which forbids railroads or other carriers engaged in interstate commerce to discharge employees because of membership in labor organizations is one of sweeping significance.

It does not seem to us that the adoption of compulsory arbitration would be rendered impossible by this decision, if an effective public demand for such a device should ever arise. In that event, some constitutional way would doubtless be found to put the desired plan into force.

It is better, in any event, to have the recognition of trade unions come naturally and gradually through the influence of the organizations themselves, than by the action of congress in commenting on the constitutional expediency of legislation to enforce the employment of union labor.

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A REMARKABLE SHOW.

Bryan in the Act of Filling His Third Party Mortar. Pittsburgh Dispatch. One William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska is at present engaged in giving quite the most extraordinary exhibition ever given in American politics. Mr. Bryan is in Washington, the national capital, where every American citizen has a right to go and has a personal interest. The Nebraska is not there, however, to question or influence legislation; not to look upon the splendid buildings or monuments that belong to all of the people; not to con the treasures of art, or science, or of literature gathered in the national repositories. Mr. Bryan is there to look after a nomination for president that he assumes belongs to him by some right, and to see that it is not sequestered from him.

With some flourish of trumpets it was announced a few days ago that leading democrats were about to try to induce Bryan to nominate himself as candidate for the nomination in the interest of his party. They had been looking around and had decided there was no chance for democratic victory with Bryan as the party candidate. Then Mr. Bryan hastened to Washington, and there he has since remained, giving out assurances that he will not renounce his candidacy and the request of his enemies; that he will bear what his friends have to say, but—well, his candidacy must be endorsed or condemned by the plain people. He has not all comers and has given them what to him seem to be good reasons for clinging to that prospective nomination.

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