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Mr. Addicks doubtless feels he can stand it as long as he gets the money.

The gentlemen who hope to profit by a ship subsidy bill are entitled to rejoicings.

Tariff revision is in the hands of its friends—that is, in the hands of the friends of the tariff.

Mr. Morgan has returned the stolen cope. However, he is keeping plenty for the future.

The lesson of 1904 seems to be a duplicate of the lesson of 1894, with the natural increase due to age.

The eminent politicians who spoke of "general apathy" seem to have mistaken something else for it.

The Colorado supreme court doubtless looks upon the election of Adams as a great disrespect for the court.

What would President Roosevelt do if the canal strip should secede and set up as a republic on its own account?

"Tariff revision is in sight," says the Philadelphia Ledger. Will the Ledger please pass its telescope—or microscope?

By defeating Governor Garvin for re-election the people of Rhode Island lost a great deal more than Governor Garvin.

Governor Peabody has the poor satisfaction of knowing that he issued his Thanksgiving proclamation before it happened.

The mere fact that J. Edward Addicks ever had a fighting chance to secure a senatorial seat is a disgrace to Delaware.

A large number of cities are willing to hold expositions, providing Uncle Sam will guarantee them against financial loss.

Every time a Filipino gazes upon the Liberty Bell some one doubtless calls attention to the fact that the bell is badly cracked.

Do you want to buy your son a Christmas present? Send for a copy of "Under Other Flags." See advertisement on another page.

Among those who rejoice over the results of the recent election, one Taylor from Kentucky, now of Indiana, is not the least mirthful.

"We are tired of defeat!" exclaimed Senator Daniels at the St. Louis convention. Let us hope that Senator Daniels is now completely rested.

Mr. Lawson says that Massachusetts legislators are bought like sausages. Perhaps that is because the Massachusetts voters too often vote like sausages.

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English and Russian diplomats feel that they can amicably settle that little fishing smack episode if Alfred Austin will postpone writing verses about it.

Mr. Lawson calls his story "Frenzied Finance," but a careful reading of it tends to confirm the opinion that a better name would be "Rotten Finance."

Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., still insists that money will not buy happiness, but up to date he has not denied that it buys legislation and has considerable influence in court.

Those Minnesota republican managers will probably never again undertake to defeat a democrat by charging that his mother took in washing to support her little ones.

A Maryland man laughed himself to death over the result of the election. No prize is offered to the one who makes the first correct guess as to the ticket that man voted.

"Hope only is left!" exclaims Marse Henry Watterson in agonized accents. If Marse Henry had a little more of the old faith he would not feel so lonesome and blue.

After claiming to favor tariff revision a lot of administration organs are now talking about "mild revision." By that they doubtless mean "perfectly harmless" revision.

Perhaps the Missouri building on the exposition grounds concluded that it were better to vanish in smoke than to live longer under the changed conditions down there.

The author of the book entitled "The Man Roosevelt" has been appointed Indian commissioner at a salary of \$4,500. Who is it dare deny that literature holds out great rewards.

The New Haven Union has an interesting editorial upon "the blueness of the sky." It has no reference to the election returns, but is merely a scientific discussion of the subject.

Since returning to Washington and resuming his official duties, Secretary Shaw's eyesight has improved. He is now able to see the deficit of \$26,020,210 for the fiscal year to date.

"Much has been given to us, and much will be expected from us," said President Roosevelt in his Thanksgiving proclamation. Doubtless Chairman Cortelyou could prove it by submitting his books.

Mr. Lawson's revelations of bribery in the Massachusetts legislature came a little late for the campaign. Had he written a month earlier a different tale might have been told in the Old Bay state.

During the campaign the bureau of corporations and industry denied that it had any dealings with the trusts. Isn't it about time that the bureau employes hustled out and made some show of earning their salaries?

Some of the republican papers are now advocating tariff reform. That is all right. We are not apt to get any tariff reform from this administration, but we have a chance to get another administration in four years.

Attorney General Moody says he wants to remain in office for a while longer in order to do something startling in regard to the beef trust. There's nothing startling any more about getting out injunctions that do not enjoin.

Mr. Burnett Tiffany declares that no man can be a gentleman with \$18,000 a year. We know of several who manage to be quite gentlemanly with that income. It depends altogether upon the man. Has Mr. Burnett Tiffany ever tried it?

The Nashville American, which claims to be pre-eminently conservative, declares that radicalism can not win, and points to 1896 as proof. Will the American now kindly point to 1904 as proof that "safe and sane" conservatism is very much more successful?

Algernon Sartoris, grandson of General Grant, opposes the introduction of the jury system into the Philippines, saying that the lower natives are too easily corrupted. Algernon should have a lot of those "lower natives" sent over here where the jury system is so beautifully honest and altogether incorruptible, and let them learn.

Referring to the fact that crude oil jumped four cents the day after election the Minneapolis Journal asks: "Is it possible that the Standard Oil crowd bet on Parker?" We have no means of knowing whether the Standard Oil crowd bet on Parker or not, but there is ample evidence to show that the Standard Oil crowd knew what great possibilities the election of Roosevelt offered to the trusts.

The republican electors recently selected in Missouri are talking of going to Washington in a body in order to signalize their unexpected triumph. They had better make the most of their victory, for it will be a long while before Missouri goes republican again. They may ride to Washington in great style, but if they stay there until the next election they will in all probability have to walk home.

The Milwaukee Wisconsin, a republican paper, says of the Colorado election: "Outside of Colorado there has been much interest in the Colorado election, and a widely expressed hope that Peabody would win." "Widely expressed hope" is very good. It is a revelation concerning the associations of the Wisconsin's editors, and recalls the story of the fly that alighted on a big wheel just before the wheel began turning. When the wheel started the fly exclaimed: "Gracious, but I'm getting wonderfully strong!"

Another gratifying sign of the growing independence among voters is offered by the returns from the Eighth congressional district of Massachusetts. Congressman McCall, republican, has represented the district several terms, and has more than once shown his independence of caucus rule. He favors Philippine independence and tariff reform, and during the campaign contributed to the Atlantic monthly an article which his republican colleagues complained of as being "a plea for the election of Parker." But Congressman McCall made his campaign on the lines laid down by himself. He received 21,551 votes, as against 18,626 for Roosevelt in the district.

The London Spectator, in speaking of our controversy on the subject of imperialism, says, "a great and virile constituency never really dreads expansion." This is an imperialistic view and is in line with the attempt that is constantly being made to represent the doctrine of self-government as the "doctrine of weaklings" and the harsh, cruel and unjust doctrine of colonialism as the strong, manly and progressive doctrine. It implies a lack of conscience, for certainly a good conscience ought to be able to control a man however "great and virile" he may be, and a good national conscience ought to be able to restrain a nation from wrongdoing, however "great and virile" the nation may be.

In his last installment of "Frenzied Finance" Thomas W. Lawson makes serious charges against the legislature of Massachusetts, and declares that Massachusetts legislators are "bought like sausages." He also gives some inside information concerning the Addicks-Morgan gas deals in Boston, and his revelations of bribery are shocking. It is announced that several of those implicated in Mr. Lawson's article are about to bring suit for libel, but the author declares he is not only willing, but even anxious to be sued. The Commoner ventures the prediction that Mr. Lawson will not be sued by any of those whom he has pilloried in his articles. Having been on the inside Mr. Lawson is doubtless familiar with the subject under discussion, and having considerable discretion—which is always the better part of valor—the trust magnates will content themselves with having their subsidized organs denounce Mr. Lawson as a reckless, unprincipled adventurer who is attempting to blackmail them.