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Still sticking?

It seems that Walter Wellman is again air- shipping on the political situation.

The navy hasn't had so much war since the day Cervera's fleet went out of business.

Every mine accident is an argument in favor of child labor laws and a wage increase.

The rapidly changing styles of battleships may render it unnecessary to bring the fleet back.

It is to be hoped that the navy will settle its little internal fight before anything happens abroad.

Up to date the name of the coal dealer who is to command the navy colliers has not been made public.

Georgia has kindly rushed to the assistance of Georgians who mounted the water wagon on January 1.

Dividends consisting of issues of watered stock will not help the financial stringency to any appreciable extent.

It was merely a coincidence that the day Indiana launched the Fairbanks boom was the coldest day of 1907.

Columbus, Ohio, shows up with the cham- plion mean man. He robbed the Salvation Army's Christmas poor box.

The mustering officers of the "Million Army" are very busy, but they are prepared to register all that come.

It is reported that our fleet has twelve pianolas aboard. This fact should be made known to every possible enemy.

The magazine writer who condemns our battleships as death traps spoke perhaps from the standpoint of an opponent.

The Chicago News says "President Roose- velt is a calm and even-tempered man." The News is not living up to its name.

Rev. Dr. Jennings in making his complaint that workmen are of the opinion that the church is prejudiced against them, gives a fairly good exhibition of what may have caused any such opinion to exist.

The Tenants' Union in New York is striking against high rents. This will enlarge the in- junction field of the federal judges.

"There are two Roosevelts," declares the London Globe. The Globe has been misled by an echo reverberating through the Ohio hills.

Doctors now declare that the oyster does not carry typhoid fever germs. But typhoid germs are not the reason why we so seldom eat oysters.

It seems that Justice Harlan and Justice Brewer belong to that old-fashioned crowd that believes the constitution to mean just what it says.

Senator Platt having endorsed the Hughes boom, Governor Hughes has sensibly refrained from admitting that he is in the hands of his friends.

Mr. Rockefeller once wrote to Tolstoy for advice as to how to spend his money. He might get a pointer now by communicating with Judge Landis.

The Washington Post says the modern wa- ter wagon is equipped with punctureless tires. Perhaps, but the whip socket still fails often to do its duty.

Senator Bryan of Florida is thirty-one years of age, but those who claim that he is the young- est man ever sent to the United States senate forget Henry Clay.

The Pittsburg Dispatch says Pittsburg is the best advertised city in the United States. Considering the kind of advertising we cheer- fully admit the claim.

With a surgeon at the head of the army and a surgeon at the head of the navy—both possibilities—most of the ills of our military arm ought to be cured.

The attention of the Paragraphers' Union is called to the fact that there are fifty-three pay days in 1908. If that isn't enough to make 'em feel funny nothing will.

Subscribers to The Commoner who commenced with the first issue of the paper should renew their subscription now, to avoid the possibility of missing an issue of the paper.

The chief trouble about this thing of quot- ing from last year's message in this year's mes- sage is that it keeps so much costly metal tied up and littering the "phat racks."

Mr. Cleveland is of the opinion that the country should make provision for ex-presidents. This may portend that the available supply of fat insurance jobs is exhausted.

"Congress will not do much for the people," sagely observes the Buffalo Times. By eliminat- ing the words "not," "much" and "for" the statement will be even nearer the truth.

It is reported that immediately upon reach- ing Washington Secretary Taft sat at his desk and went through many papers. He might have saved a lot of time by subscribing to a clipping bureau.

"Japan's spies have maps of Portland," ex- claims the mayor of that city. Well, we can furnish maps of Japan on short notice. All we need is time to hunt up a couple of old geog- raphies.

A St. Louis woman threw \$2,000 worth of diamonds into the furnace and the fact was tele- graphed all over the country. It seems to us that we do about the same thing every time we feed the furnace.

"Where did the gold go?" plaintively asks the Wall Street Journal. What does it matter? Even as far back as 1896 we had enough to do the business of the country, all that was lack- ing being "confidence."

The democratic candidate for president in 1908 will be nominated by democrats who have remained loyal to democratic principles as enun- ciated in democratic platforms.

With a surgeon commanding a ship of the navy and another surgeon commanding an army division, it is up to West Point to begin turn- ing out graduates capable of removing an ap- pendix or amputating a limb.

Speaker Cannon says he expects to live to be one hundred. When he celebrates his one hundredth anniversary it will be by saying that he believes the tariff ought to be revised by its friends in a few years more.

Senator Knox and Dr. Hannis Taylor are engaged in a dispute concerning the authorship of the constitution. This may be a scheme to divert us from the arduous duty of trying to guess what the courts will say the constitution means.

The Buffalo Evening News declares that the corporations can not command a corporal's guard in the republican national convention. By mistake the paragraph appeared in an editorial instead of John D. Wells' always readable hu- morous column.

It still appears that the czar of Russia is perfectly willing that the people shall elect a douma, but strenuously opposed to allowing the douma to do anything that is worth while. Nicholas should send over and get a few pointers from Speaker Cannon.

Noting that the suicide list in Indiana shows a decrease the Washington Herald remarks that "people out there are not writing as much poetry as usual." What the Herald means to say, doubtless, was that Hoosiers are reading less poetry than formerly.

Noting a remark concerning a photograph of three queens and five kings in a bunch the Columbia State asks if that was a "royal flush." Desiring to impart information when we can the question was referred to a Texas friend who informs us that it is not, but that it is prima facie evidence of a subsequent inquest by the coroner.

Steps are being taken to provide relief for the families of miners killed in recent mine dis- asters. This is proper. And as soon as the relief is extended the next step should be to prevent a recurrence of such accidents. It might help some to compel the mine owners to insure their miners against death by mine accidents.

Mr. Bryan's friends will please not hold him responsible for such paragraphs as that which has been going the rounds of the press recently, to the effect that his daughter would be a delegate from Colorado and put him in nomination. Mr. Bryan's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt lives in Denver, but she will not be a delegate and will not put him in nomi- nation.

NEW POSTAL RULING

The postmaster general has issued an order effective January 1, 1908, which requires pub- lishers of weekly papers to drop from their sub- scription lists the names of all subscribers whose subscriptions are twelve months or more in ar- rears. Cancellation of the paper's second-class mail privilege is the penalty for failure to com- ply with the above rule.

THE FLEET'S JOURNEY

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the Pacific, the American sailor has writ his name large in history and added unmeasured glory to the flag he loves so well and has so gallantly defended. From admiral on the bridge to the humblest stoker in the furnace room; from the gunner to the "powder monkey;" from the man at the wheel to the man at the throttle, they may be depended upon to recognize every duty and to do it like American men, like Amer- ican sailors, and like the worthy followers of Jones, Lawrence, Perry, Decatur, Farragut, Porter, and all the hosts whose valiant deeds and sterling patriotism are the glory of Ameri- can naval history.

So here's a Happy New Year to Jack Blue at sea. May he enjoy a pleasant journey and a safe return. No man can tell what the results of the journey may be, but this we know—whatever they are, the American sailors will do their duty like men.