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FORCING A LOCAL ISSUE.

The recent decision of the supreme court by which the control of the fire and police departments of cities of the metropolitan class has been taken from a board appointed by the mayor and council and placed in the hands of a board appointed by the governor...

A GRAVE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

The new French ministry is confronted with a situation that threatens to have grave consequences. It grows out of the enforcement of the law recently passed in France which requires the authorization of clerical schools by the government...

WHOSE MEN ARE THEY?

Two years ago the republican congressional convention of the Second Nebraska district authorized its nominee, David H. Mercer, to name the members of the committee charged with the conduct of the campaign in this congressional district...

INDIANS ASSERTING THEIR RIGHTS.

Down in Mississippi and South Carolina it is a common adage that "a nigger has no rights that a white man is bound to respect." The same idea has prevailed to a greater or less extent in the region on both sides of the Rockies with regard to the Indian...

A MORE EFFICIENT NATIONAL GUARD.

In his address to the National Guard of New Jersey, President Roosevelt pointed out how much the country must rely upon these citizen soldiers and therefore the importance of having them well trained and disciplined and always in a condition of efficiency that would make them immediately available for service in case of war...

POINTED PROTESTS AGAINST C. O. D. METHODS IN CHURCH CONVENTS.

The Chicago Tribune is authority for the statement that in the northern part of Illinois there is an evangelist going about from church to church on these terms: "Forty dollars a week and fifty conversions guaranteed or money refunded..."

PROPOSED ANTI-TRUST CONFERENCE.

There has been received at the State department the Russian circular in which an international conference regarding trusts is proposed, but it appears to relate chiefly to the sugar bounty question as affecting the policy of the Russian government in dealing with the sugar industry of that country...

CHINA HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT UNCLE SAM IS REALLY ITS BEST FRIEND.

China has come to the conclusion that Uncle Sam is really its best friend among all the foreign powers even if he does put up a high board fence surrounded with triple strands of barbed wire to keep the poor Chinaman out of his backluck...

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Britain's new prime minister, Mr. Balfour, seems not only gratified to be able to labor the administration of an empire at peace with all the world, but also content to cultivate continued peace at any reasonable cost. And more than that, he does not hesitate to say so...

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Parliament has just received a report from a select committee that had been appointed to inquire into the increase of public betting among all classes and whether any legislative measures are possible and expedient for checking the abuse occasioned thereby. The gambling mania evidently is not confined to the United States nor are we the only ones puzzled by the problem...

WHEN THE FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS HELD ITS NATIONAL CONVENTION AT LOS ANGELES, THE BEE SENT A BRIGHT YOUNG WOMAN AS ITS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ALL THE WAY TO THE PACIFIC COAST TO GIVE ITS READERS AN ACCURATE AND SYNOPSIS REVIEW OF THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS GREAT TWENTIETH CENTURY CULTURE MOVEMENT.

When the Federation of Woman's Clubs held its national convention at Los Angeles, the Bee sent a bright young woman as its special representative all the way to the Pacific coast to give its readers an accurate and synopsis review of the work and achievements of this great twentieth century culture movement. The Bee is quite willing to have its enterprise in this respect compared with that of other papers who prefer to send reportorial sports across the continent to witness a prize fighting tournament between professional brawlers...

and this force will in a short time double reach 200,000. Of this number it is believed at least 150,000 would respond to a call for duty. This would be amply sufficient under all contingencies which may reasonably be expected for the second line of defense and would give the country breathing time within which to organize and equip its vast unorganized military resources...

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

New York World: Hot weather earned a benediction in northern Michigan by reducing a sermon to twenty-seven words. Boston Globe: The weekly newspaper out in Illinois that has begun the publication of the bible as a serial is probably acting on the theory that much of it will be news to many people...

CRUELITIES OF SOUTH AMERICAN WAR.

Detroit Journal: "Let's stop this war," says Chile to Peru, "before someone falls down and gets hurt." The Latest War Engine. The automobile, as a deadly contrivance, holds the record up to date, even as against the airship...

DEMOCRATIC MIXED DRINKS.

Atlanta Constitution: The rivalry for the democratic speakership of the next house is said to lie between Virginia Hay and a Texas high ball. No Rest for a President. Chicago Inter Ocean: There is some reason to believe that the president's friends may succeed in inducing him to return to Washington in order to secure a much needed rest...

ANOTHER WATER CURE.

Chicago Record-Herald: Compulsory baths at the Chicago municipal lodging houses have served to materially reduce the number of vagrants in this city. Why not have a little municipal lodging house, well equipped with tubs, on every corner...

GIVE US THE GOOD OLD NAMES.

Indianapolis News: Two new washdays are to be named Louisiana and Connecticut. It is named Louisiana and Connecticut. It is named Louisiana and Connecticut. It is named Louisiana and Connecticut...

AS TO RESPECTABLE JURY BRIBERS.

Chicago Chronicle: There is some reason to doubt the complete success of the bar association's plan to cure justice shop evils by requiring all lawyers in justice courts to be members of the bar. It may be remembered that the lawyers recently convicted of bribing a justice court jury were members of the bar in good standing...

HOW MISSING MILLIONAIRES ARE MADE.

Minneapolis Times: A Washington man stumbled over a rock and his foot scraped the moss from the corner of a vein of ore worth many millions. If you will read your little history books you will find that all the great mineral discoveries have been made in some such manner. Sometimes it was a dog chasing a rabbit, sometimes a careless man falling over a cliff and pushing out by the roots, sometimes a plucky mountaineer, sometimes a prospector with a will of iron, sometimes a prospector with a will of iron...

COMMERCIALIZED EVANGELISM.

Washington Post: The Chicago Tribune is authority for the statement that in the northern part of Illinois there is an evangelist going about from church to church on these terms: "Forty dollars a week and fifty conversions guaranteed or money refunded..."

THE GALA NUMBER ISSUED LAST WEEK BY THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE TO SIGNALIZE ITS INSTALLATION IN ITS MAGNIFICENT NEW BUILDING IS A FITTING SOUVENIR OF A NOTABLE EVENT IN AMERICAN JOURNALISM.

The gala number issued last week by the Chicago Tribune to signalize its installation in its magnificent new building is a fitting souvenir of a notable event in American journalism. The Tribune has long stood in the front rank among the great newspapers of the world, but only now finds itself suitably housed in a modern, up-to-date building, equipped with all the latest and improved facilities for getting out a twentieth century daily. Although it is difficult to see how this can contribute materially to the betterment of the paper, already a model of newspaper making, the Tribune is to be congratulated on its new home as much for the reading public so deeply indebted to it as for itself...

IT MUST BE ADMITTED WITHOUT DESCENT THAT THE BOERS HAVE BEHAVED ADMIRABLY SINCE THE PEACE TERMS WERE AGREED UPON WITH THE BRITISH.

It must be admitted without descent that the Boers have behaved admirably since the peace terms were agreed upon with the British. Granting that they got more than they expected in the way of concessions, their discipline could not be better illustrated than by their speedy execution of their part of the compact without serious lapses even by groups or individuals, much less by any large organized band of their people. The Boers seem determined to make the best of peace as soon as they possibly can instead of sulking and playing ugly as the temptation often leads. By this course they will certainly add to the credit marks earned by them during the war...

ONE OF THE POINTS ON WHICH THE REPUBLICANS OF WISCONSIN TAKE ISSUE WITH SENATOR SPOONER IS THE ELECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS BY DIRECT POPULAR VOTE.

One of the points on which the republicans of Wisconsin take issue with Senator Spooner is the election of United States senators by direct popular vote, which the senator has been actively opposing against the wishes of a majority of his constituents. Senator Spooner may be and doubtless is sincere in his position, but in that he does not represent the sentiments of Wisconsin people, who have a right to have their views voiced by their representatives. Whether he differs from the platform on the question of direct primary nominations and reform of state taxation is not so important, because those questions are not within the scope of national legislation, whereas the amendment of the federal constitution to permit of popular election of senators requires men in the senate in sympathy with the demand or at least not arbitrarily at cross with it in defiance of expressed declarations by the people at home...

BLASTS FROM RAME'S HORN.

The throne of grace is not a barren encounter. Deep digging must go before high building. The love is not faultless that follows at a fault. Trials are heavenly teachers in earth's guise. The stream of life rises not above its source. Culture is not character, but character is culture. There are no sins that a man may keep to himself. When a man is his own god he is other people's devil. Some men march to hell to the tune of heavenly tunes. Few ever intend to take more than a tiny taste of sin. The heart within to resist evil is better than a fence without. The only thing that comes to the man who waits is the dust from the procession. The problem is not to get education out of politics so much as to get education into the politicians. A woman may have opened the door to sin, but man gave it the glad hand as soon as he got home. PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

FAMOUS POLISH CARDINAL.

Prominent Part Played by Ledochowski in the Contest with Bismarck. New York Sun: For a time Cardinal Ledochowski, who has just died in Rome, was a prominent and picturesque figure in European politics. A Pole, appointed to the archbishopric of Posen-Gnesen at Prussia's request in 1875, he became the chief opponent of Bismarck in the long struggle between the state and the Catholic church that is known even out of Germany as the Kulturkampf. Ledochowski's uncompromising opposition brought on him a sentence of two years in jail which he served. He was made a cardinal by Pius IX, while in prison. The fight he made is part of German history. After his release he went to Rome and filled many high positions. At his death he was the senior cardinal priest and prefect of the congregation for the propagation of the faith. He was a leader of the ultra-conservative party among the cardinals, and opposed to all concessions to the modern spirit. A noble by birth, placed early in high office in the church, engaged in a fight for the church's existence, his ideas were naturally like those of the great prelates of bygone days, who were temporal lords as well. Leo XIII. has survived all the cardinals appointed by Pius IX save two. Cardinals Oreglia di Santo Stefano and Parechchi are the only men left who entered with him the conclave of 1875.

INSURANCE GAMBLING.

Democratizing Character of Policies on Lives of Noted Personages. Milwaukee Wisconsin: The English custom of insuring the lives of persons whose deaths would bring into general notice in connection with the preparations for the coronation and the sudden illness of the king, is undergoing discussion on an ethical standpoint. In this country such insurance would be impracticable, by reason of the insistence by American companies upon a medical examination of the person to be insured as a condition precedent to the granting of a policy upon his life. In England, however, this precaution is frequently waived. Not only have English companies sold numerous policies to the public insuring the life of the sovereign, but, according to current reports, London stock brokers were recently granted policies on the life of an American citizen, J. Pierpont Morgan, on their claim that they had an insurable interest in his life consequent upon financial transactions in which they and he were jointly engaged, and which would be injuriously affected by his death. It is conceived that grave temptations to crime might arise from the widespread use of policies contingent upon the death of an individual's life. As arson is believed to be frequently perpetrated for the purpose of collecting insurance, so murder, it is argued, might be attempted where a similar incentive for gain is permitted to exist. Case and Comment, a well known publication devoted to legal literature, says that the origin of insurance on the life of a sovereign was a relic of the feudal system—the liability of the tenant under that system to pay, in addition to his annual tribute to the lord, a fine on the lord for the privilege of continuing the tenure. This custom, in course of time, came to be modified so as to require the payment of the fine on the death, not of the lord, but of some prominent person, such as the sovereign, whose death would be that of quite a public knowledge. The amount of the fine might be a considerable burden. Hence arose the practice on the part of the tenant of taking insurance on the life of the sovereign or other person in the event of whose death the fine would become payable. The principle thus established has gradually extended, so that tradesmen, under large expense in preparing for King Edward's coronation, and contemplating the risk of heavy loss in case of his failure to survive for the ceremony, took insurance on his life by way of protection. The exact nature of these policies, Case and Comment says, has not been clearly stated. They have been spoken of as insurance on the king's life, but they have also been spoken of as policies for the season's profits of the tradesman, taking the insured upon financial transactions in which issued on the life of Mr. Morgan last summer, however, shows that it was a straight contract for the payment of a specific sum of money to the insurer on the death of Mr. Morgan. Everywhere the English courts, it is asserted, have never been called upon to sustain policies of this kind. In effect such policies are a wager between the company and the insurer—a gamble pure and simple. In most states of the American union there is a provision by which an elector loses his right to vote at an election if he has a bet on the result, the presumption being that his desire to win the bet would influence his action in voting more than his instinct of patriotism. Everywhere the courts hold that gambling contracts are not enforceable by suits at law. Case and Comment holds that where the risk assumed by a company insuring to an insurer a policy on another person's life covers merely the actual financial loss that the insurer would suffer by reason of the person's death, and does not cover a certain sum of money, which might exceed that loss, such policies afford no inducement to do harm, except, possibly, with the purpose of giving false proof of losses not actually suffered. Such contracts, on the other hand, as are reported to be contingent on Mr. Morgan's death, it rightly pronounces utterly in conflict with public policy, and it observes that when policies of this character come before the courts they will certainly be condemned.

THE DEMOCRACY OF DEATH.

Providence Telegram: John W. Mahony's demise emphasizes the democracy of death. The throne of grace is not a barren encounter. Deep digging must go before high building. The love is not faultless that follows at a fault. Trials are heavenly teachers in earth's guise. The stream of life rises not above its source. Culture is not character, but character is culture. There are no sins that a man may keep to himself. When a man is his own god he is other people's devil. Some men march to hell to the tune of heavenly tunes. Few ever intend to take more than a tiny taste of sin. The heart within to resist evil is better than a fence without. The only thing that comes to the man who waits is the dust from the procession. The problem is not to get education out of politics so much as to get education into the politicians. A woman may have opened the door to sin, but man gave it the glad hand as soon as he got home.

SAID IN PUN.

Life: Playright—My play is a clean play. Manager—Well, I'll try it, but I don't know how the public will stand it. Boston Globe: "How will you have your hair cut?" queried the talkative barber. "Off," snapped the disagreeable patron. And the barber cut it off.

AT THE GATES OF NIGHT.

W. D. Nesbit in Baltimore American. There are two gates that guard the Night: The one where shadows creep, And lullabies and softness are; Full-throated, soft and deep; Where twilight reaches forth her arms To all by day oppressed, And lulls them into happiness, Secure upon her breast. And from that gate, all dark and cool, The pit road stretches far, By palaces of sweet content, Where many dreamings are; Where blind may see and dumb may speak, And all such ills and sins and straits, And all such ills and sins and straits, The pauper is a king.

REGULAR GALE.

Detroit Free Press. "My love is like the breeze," he sang. "So light and breezy as the wind. And now he's married he begets Her everlasting blowing."

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