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Perhaps Russia and Japan are merely making faces at each other. Christmas week is a good time to remember the poor and unfortunate.

Pope Pius X is not as poor by ten millions of dollars as he thought he was a week ago. These frequent Wall street bulletins convince the doctors that cotton needs a nerve tonic.

It is a fair presumption that Colonel Bryan went to Russia to find out what real imperialism looks like. What a Godsend the Panama treaty is to the democrats who have been searching high and low with calcium lanterns for a paramount issue.

When a man in good health commits suicide, the undertaker wonders right off to which he should feel grateful—womanhood or Wall street. That Iowa who proposes to wage war for pure sergism should bear in mind that he is striking vitally near the nation's sacred buckwheat cake.

Three bank robbers escape for every one captured. But, on the other hand, three banks escape for every one robbed. Let us be grateful for that. This incessant mid-winter speculating as to the base ball lineup of next summer reminds us that there is at least one "fan" that never ceases blowing.

In order that there may be no doubt about its knowing which side of the bread is buttered, Peru hastens formally to recognize the new Republic of Panama. President Roosevelt desiring to make matters quite clear to Senator Daniel, has praised Acting Secretary Loomis for his "tactful and comprehensive treatment of a difficult subject."

Chicago is to be given choice between keeping down its hotel rates or losing the republican national convention, and as Chicago is no fool, it isn't hard for anybody to guess which will be done. Though Governor Cummins has not yet entered upon his second term, Iowa republicans are speculating as to his successor. For obvious reasons, Iowa democrats are not bothering about the matter at all.

PLAYING FOR TIME.

The indictment of Senator Charles H. Dietrich on charges of bribery and criminal conspiracy with federal officers concerns not merely the senator himself as an individual and citizen, but directly affects the people of Nebraska and the country at large.

Recognizing the gravity of this case and the magnitude of the interests involved, Judge Munger has had a new trial jury drawn and designated December 28 as the date when the trial should begin.

Mr. Summers is evidently playing for time. He knows what is now a matter of public notoriety, that the indictment of Senator Dietrich alone prevented his summary dismissal from office.

Senator Dietrich is either guilty or innocent of the crimes with which he is charged. If guilty, he merits the penalties prescribed by the law, and should be deposed from his position in the senate so that Nebraska may be creditably and honorably represented in the United States senate.

THE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION. The opposition of the democrats to the action of the administration regarding Panama looks like an effort to make political capital, for although they profess to be anxious that an isthmian canal shall be built they denounce the means to that end provided in the recognition of the Republic of Panama.

We do not think Senator Morgan will be able to make a majority of the American people believe that the treaty relations entered into with Panama, by which our government is pledged to maintain the independence of the new republic, constitute in effect a declaration of war with Colombia.

The Alabama senator is entirely correct in saying "that neither the president nor the senate and the senate as the treaty-making power of the United States, has the lawful power to wage or declare war against any foreign power without the consent of congress."

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The venerable members of the United States senate have passed a resolution instructing the bureau of printing and engraving to use more legible type in printing the Congressional Record.

It has an unquestionable right to do. In the exercise of this right we believe it is fully justified in preventing an invasion of Panama, since to permit that would certainly jeopardize American interests there, now far more important than ever before.

There might have been some semblance of excuse for the failure of the late federal grand jury to indict former Indian Agent Mathewson, who has passed out of the public service under pretext of deranged health, but the grand jury justified itself by going out of its way to give Mathewson a certificate of character, in declaring that it was unable to find any evidence that he had been derelict in his duty as a public officer.

The members of the grand jury had abundance of proof to show that Mathewson stood in with Indian Trader O'Connor, who held leases to more than 5,000 acres of Indian lands in violation of the rules of the Department of the Interior, which positively forbids Indian traders from acquiring Indian land leases.

The grand jury, moreover, had positive proof that District Attorney Summers had caused the indictment by a former federal grand jury of parties who had exposed the horrible condition on the reservation, in order to shield Mathewson and the conspirators who were robbing the Indians of their patrimony.

A GOOD SELECTION. In tendering the position of civil service commissioner, made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor, to General John C. Black of Illinois, President Roosevelt has made a most commendable choice.

Should General Black accept the position of civil service commissioner he will give to its duties the same fidelity and earnestness that have characterized him in other public positions.

A NEW YORK PAPER says that not in a score of years has such a scarcity of prospective underwriters of the securities of corporations existed. The days when people battle among themselves to become a member of a syndicate, or subscribe to issues of new corporations, appear to be over for the present.

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The latest information is of a peaceful tenor, but it is quite possible that this will be changed within the next twenty-four hours. It is now stated that the proposals submitted by Russia and objected to by Japan were not intended to be an ultimatum and that negotiations between the two governments, which for several weeks have been in progress at Tokyo, will be continued.

President Roosevelt's Plans and Perils

Alfred Henry Lewis in Saturday Evening Post.

President Roosevelt intends Panama to become an argument in the mouths of his friends when they go forth to name him and elect him as his own successor. With all the power in his hands—and no one has yet measured the power of a president—he will push the Panama business to its finish.

It should be observed that among a majority of the battle-battered leaders of his party President Roosevelt is not a favorite. The Hammas and the Platys and the Quays do not rejoice in him. One might have said the Deweys, but such as the junior senator from New York are mere passengers aboard the republican ship and have no enrollment among its officers.

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large money to be made in syndicates, but under existing conditions there is little or nothing to be made in syndicates. How long this situation will continue it is impossible to say, but it seems safe to assume that it will be some years before there is any marked revival of syndicate projects and it is probable that they will never again, or at any rate not during the present generation, be on such a scale as during the past five or six years.

According to a special dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean, a newspaper boycott is said to have been declared against the proposed gift of \$47,000 by John D. Rockefeller for the erection of a religious temple at the Nebraska State university at a cost of \$100,000, of which \$33,000 was to be raised by popular subscription.

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Why not make some relative or friend happy by giving them a pair of Gold Spectacles or Eye Glasses? Come in now and buy the glasses, and after Christmas we will fit the eyes correctly and change the lenses free of charge.

A big line of goods that make suitable presents to physicians and nurses. The H. J. Penfold & Co., 1408 Farnam Street, Omaha, Neb.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Vernon County (Wis.) Censor: Next Sun day at 3 o'clock Rev. E. Chapin will deliver an anti-union sermon.

Bloomington (Ky.) Bugle: There was preaching at Mount Olive Sunday, Broths Hughson having the mumps.

New York Mail and Express: The senate of the United States is now going to be prayed for by a Unitarian. His prayers probably will not hurt it any. It remains to be seen whether they will do it any more good than the rest have done.

Indianapolis Journal: A St. Paul minister, Rev. David Morgan, has declared that clergymen are parasites. The statement is interesting, coming from such a source; there is a better chance for them to get on in the world if the rich have few heirs.

Kansas City Times: There would be a curious mingling of the church and state if the supreme court should fine for contempt the Protestant ministers, the Catholic priests and the Jewish rabbis who have protested against the release of Ed Butler.

What makes you think he has proposed? Because when I asked her how old she was she forgot to get angry.—Detroit Free Press.

Why do you think she is so very much in love with him? Because she let him hang the mistletoe over her favorite chair.—Chicago Post.

May—Last night was the happiest in my life. I had a great time of pleasure. Fay—What do you consider "one round of pleasure"? May—An engagement ring.—Philadelphia Press.

Did her father refuse you in so many words? Well, I wouldn't like to say how many. He's a fast talker, and they all seemed to run together—and the old man and I ran together, too.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wife—Now, don't you think my new hat is a perfect dream? Husband—In doing your shopping, my dear, why don't you get all the necessary things first? Wife—Oh, somehow they seem so unimportant.—Detroit Free Press.

If we was all as smart an' important as we sometimes think we is, 'soid Uncle Eben, 'de fact talker, they all would be standin' round bossin' and dar wouldn't be nobody doin' a lick o' work.—Washington Star.

She smiled down at the happy boy. If suppose that new mustache is very dear to you? "Yes," he admitted. "I ought to be marked down," she said—and there was a perceptible emphasis on the "down."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MY MOTHER'S HAIR IS GRAY. I saw a couple o' whose heads. The waves of time had passed. Wore thick hair with silver threads. Each brow with furrows pressed. Tender light shone in his eyes. And then I heard him say: "My mother's hair is gray." Ah! quick, then, to silence hushed. The low and earnest tone Brought back a time when another's hat Do dark and shiny shone. Within each hair a memory rose. Of years long passed away. A fair face, tender loving eyes, Ere mother's hair was gray.

The magic of his eloquence A multitude could sway. He spoke the words so moving grace. That struck a chord—a melody Of proud affection that would guard His manhood day by day. "To me gray hair is beautiful! My mother's hair is gray." MRS. A. H. BELKNAP. Hastings, Neb.

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