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The Panama canal will be all right if it floats ships as fast as it sinks money.

Mr. Taft is still smiling, says a Washington dispatch. Hasn't he cause to smile?

Almost time for robin, the booby, the open car, the dandelion and the end seat hog.

Of course, the loving cop presented by the senate to Mr. Fairbanks is designed to hold buttormilk.

You may ride all day on a Switzerland railway for \$1.09. But it's a long walk to Switzerland.

There is a suspicion that the simplified spelling reform is going to Africa for an indefinite stay.

Weather bureau reports from different parts of the country indicate that March is living up to its traditions.

The weather man will not be thanked for scheduling a sample of Washington weather for this banana belt.

Mr. Bryan says he does not read fiction. Then his serial on "Solving the Mystery" must be considered as tragedy.

"Lucky" Baldwin left \$20,000,000 and four wives. When it comes to dividing the estate the lawyers will share in the luck.

A photograph taken on inauguration day shows that Vice President Sherman has not broken himself of the side-whiskers habit.

The legislature of Illinois does not appear to have any better success than the people had at the primaries in selecting a United States senator.

"Where does the war peril lie?" asks the Spokane Spokesman-Review. In the cable dispatches and the speeches of the California sand lotter.

Carrie Nation declares that she likes England and will remain there indefinitely. Once in a while we get a chance to play even with John Bull.

"The world is full of change," says the St. Louis Star. On the contrary, the complaint has been that the world has been short of change since late in 1907.

We take it for granted that Mr. Roosevelt will fully post himself on the liberal laws before he settles down permanently to the business of being an editor.

Mexico reports that certain promoters are trying to corner pulque. It is easier to corner pulque than it is to corner the man who uses it as a regular beverage.

Detailed plans for the rebuilding of Meesha have been announced. F. Marion Crawford, who declared that the city would remain a charnel house, has another guess coming.

St. Louis is to have a hotel in which it will be impossible to get a room without a bath. The proprietor is evidently not going to bid for the patronage of his fellow townsmen.

President Taft might as well announce at once that he does not expect to furnish the Washington correspondents as much stuff to write about as did his distinguished predecessor.

Moral Effect of Roosevelt.

It is too early to determine with exactitude the general effect of Mr. Roosevelt's seven years' occupancy of the presidential chair on the destiny of the nation. It is impossible that so vigorous and assertive a person as he should occupy this high office for so long a term and not produce some lasting impression on the affairs of the country of which he is a citizen.

He stamped his administration with a rugged honesty, both of purpose and of practice, that is having its reflex in the affairs of the nation generally, and in this way, if in no other, he rendered a service distinct and valuable.

American statesmen have never been deeply impressed with that peculiar quality of governmental aptitude which, while avoiding direct mendacity, evades the plain truth while preserving its semblance.

When the Venezuelan controversy with Great Britain arose under the second administration of President Cleveland one of the correspondents at Washington, who represented the London Times as well as serving a number of American papers, expressed a fear that war would result because of the lack of skill in diplomacy on the part of Americans in authority.

"An Englishman's Home." Apparently an Englishman is never so happy as when he is scared about some impossible danger that he believes is threatening the empire.

The scene of the drama is in a "middle-class" English home on a foggy holiday. The father is playing solitaire and waiting for his roast beef dinner, while the boys and girls of the family are planning picnics and tennis games as soon as the weather clears a bit.

Money for Expositions. Senator Hale's exercise of his grouch in the closing hours of congress defeated modest appropriations for giving the United States representation at two expositions next year, one at Vienna and one at Brussels.

Touching a Sore Spot. British pride has been grievously hurt and something soothing will have to be offered before there is any more of this "Hands-Across-the-Sea" business.

Enter the Buncombe Club. The Ananias club is dead! Long live the "Buncombe" club! This is the cry of Washington in greeting to the new organization fathered by President Taft.

Paris theatrical managers are said to be on the verge of bankruptcy. They should import some of those alleged French plays that are now making fortunes for New York theater managers.

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thinking of Canada as a great, big, prosperous nation, forgetting that it is still tied to British diplomatic apron strings. England naturally feels this unintentional slight more keenly than it would if Canada had not been talking quite so freely of late about breaking the home ties and starting in the nation business on its own hook.

A Regrettable Failure. Friends of civilization and all reforms that are calculated to advance it will regret the signal failure of the international opium conference at Shanghai to take any action looking to the suppression of traffic in the drug.

No Excuse for War. The Japanese have adopted the plug hat with enthusiasm, but so long as they don't wear 'em with sack coats we can have no excuse for war there.

Cuba Dialle of Friend. Cuban Americans are not very popular in Cuba, notwithstanding the good results brought about by American intervention. The natives did not enjoy the cleaning up and they do not appreciate freedom.

Hope Gets a Fall. Prominent citizens who are figuring on taking luncheon with the new president will leave with deep regret that Mr. Taft takes only an apple for lunch, and does not leave any core.

Enough for All Needs. There is some difference of opinion as to how many lawyers the Taft cabinet will contain, but we are sure there will be enough to warrant the presumption that the president will be addressed as "your honor" occasionally.

Too Good a Customer. In counting the strength of the next two naval powers, Great Britain has excluded the United States. It does not think this country would be mean enough to attack it.

Potatoes From Germany. A decided reflection on the industry, thrift and commercial good sense of the American farmers was contained in a cargo of potatoes that arrived in New York the other day from Strasburg, Germany.

Roosevelt, the Champion of Right. The nation will always remember this remarkable man with deep gratitude and affection. He has assiduously taught the golden rule in the market place, with the aid of the big stick and otherwise.

A Great Country. Apropos of Judge Gary's remarks on the greatness of this country, a man given to dabbling in impressive statistics remarked last evening: "Yes, it is a great country—much greater than we are apt to realize."

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SERMONS BOILED DOWN. DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. Petrified creeds always have the sharpest angles. She (belligerently)—Do you know of any state in the union in which woman has the upper hand without the ballot? He—Oh, yes. She—Which state is it? He—(nearly) "The state of matrimony."—Baltimore American.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Signs of spring multiply in the shop windows. Oyster Bay is on the map, but not in the limelight. Kansas follows Missouri in outlawing bookshops. An exodus to the state of Haskell is on.

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