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September 8, and Tom Watson still lives.

Old King Corb is losing no ground these days.

Courts will soon resume business, now that the Chautauqua season is over.

Wild pigeons are said to be flocking to Long Island. We don't blame them.

Barbed wire is in big demand; congressmen are building their new fences.

Still, the Woman's club may be classed as the big stick of domestic authority.

Of course, the people will have the final say as to the adoption of this "New Nationalism."

A Des Moines baby has been named Halley's Comet. Gradually and by degrees Iowa is gaining on Kansas.

A basket ball expert of Pittsburg is named Lighthouse. He ought not to be blamed if he goes up in the air now and then.

A reader of the Washington Post wants to know "What is an Osawatimite?" Must be a man who gets it in the neck.

Speaking of California's strong opposition to the new tariff, how would it suit her to have the duty on lemons reduced?

A Bully was wounded in a fight in Oklahoma City the other day. And he is said to be a bully good gun fighter, too.

"Constant Reader" asks for the definition of "emergency money." That is the kind you get when you do the "rush act."

Wu Ting-fang goes to The Hague tribunal, which guarantees in advance a good time to the others who attend this solemn meeting.

A New York comedian was arrested because of one of his jokes. "The same old story of vicarious atonement—the few suffering for the many."

Water Wellman's ship has been attacked by the sheriff at Atlantic City. Best reason in the world for his not discovering the North Pole.

The McKean motor is making the effete east sit up and take notice. Some day they will really learn that we really are some wiff in these parts.

The Oklahoma boy who played Indian and lost an eye may still congratulate himself that he was not a real Indian, for he would have lost his all then.

The veracious reporter assures us that Mr. Pinchot not only had tears in his eyes, but also in his voice as he arose to address the conservationists. These irrigationists just cannot help overflowing.

That Omaha needs a city hospital has been known for many years. The situation presented by Dr. Connell is not a novelty. It has long been a question of ways and means and the solution is not easily apparent.

Upheaval in California.

The republicans of California have taken the first step to relieve that state from the thrall of railroad domination after a period of thirty years. That is the meaning of the nomination of Hiram Johnson for governor, which is being so widely heralded as a triumph of "insurance."

The republicans of California did precisely what the republicans of Nebraska did ten years ago—they finally woke up to the realization that the sovereignty of power rested in the people and not in a private corporation or two, and that they did not have to endure corporation control of politics unless they chose to, so they decided to take into their own hands the business of running the state government. They have yet to complete the job by making Mr. Johnson their governor, which they undoubtedly will do in November.

Since the thrilling days of the Missal Slough warfare, which was nothing more nor less than a struggle between the right settlers and the Southern Pacific for homesteads in the heart of the San Joaquin valley, until the present, the power of that railroad has been dominant in California affairs and whether it was exercised by Collis P. Huntington or E. H. Harriman or his successors, matters not—it was exercised with the same grim tyranny, and the people have paid for it in fearful toll. And now the struggle in this primary election which has resulted in the nomination of Hiram Johnson is no more of an insurgent victory than such a result would have been in 1880, except insofar as insurgency stands for the tangible expression of a sovereign indignation of a sovereign people against the oppression of private powers seeking selfish privileges.

The Eucharistic Congress

No religious convention ever held on this continent surpasses in notable significance or numbers the eucharistic congress now in session at Montreal. Villa Marie never before has felt such an impulse of pious zeal. From every land on the globe 135 archbishops and bishops, hundreds of priests and more than 200,000 laymen are there assembled to revivify their faith, the faith of the Catholic church, in the eucharist. The pope sends his personal representative in the venerable Cardinal Vanutelli and through him transmits his message of love to the faithful; the king of England sends his personal message, a circumstance whose significance cannot be lost sight of in the light of history and tradition, and other great powers are in some way represented.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper in its solemn meaning to the Christian world must always be kept alive if the faith is to flourish and this is a fact which the great Catholic church has ever recognized. It is little less than astounding to the world to pause and think of hundreds of thousands of men coming from all lands and vast distances for the common purpose of renewing their allegiance to this bond, of pouring the libation of their hearts on this single altar of devotion, but the wonder is lost in the appreciation of the one great truth. The spirit that moves them and holds them in this simple faith is the same that for centuries inspired the search for the Holy Grail and that holds together millions of men and women of all nations in one faith.

No wonder the Catholic church moves with such amazing system and control, such directness of purpose; no wonder it holds such firm grasp upon its members, the masses. Unity was the keynote of Cardinal Vanutelli's address at this congress and the secret of that unity which holds Catholics together, he declared to be this sacrament. Here is a great lesson for others who may not be Catholics, or who may not believe in Catholicism, and it is a profitable lesson.

Employers' Liability Waste.

John Mitchell points out that \$70,000,000 was wasted in this country under the present system of employers' liability in personal injury cases from 1894 to 1905 and he is advocating the compensation system as a means of preventing this needless expenditure of money and giving both employer and employe better results. Mr. Mitchell, in explaining his statement, says:

I am not yet prepared to say what the relative cost would be under a compensation system as against the present liability system. Figures compiled by authorities, however, show that in eleven years the liability companies of America took in \$20,000,000 in premiums from American employes.

These companies paid out in the settlement of claims of injured workmen \$2,200,000, or about 10 per cent of the amount they took in. Of the \$18,000,000 paid in settlement claims, it is safe to say that 25 per cent was expended by the injured workmen in the payment of attorneys' fees and court expenses.

In the final analysis, then, the injured workmen received less than \$20,000,000 out of the nearly \$20,000,000 paid by the employers during this period in premiums to the liability companies.

In other words \$18,000,000 was wasted, yes, worse than wasted, because the money was used in burdening our courts with litigation and in delaying or defeating the settlement of just claims.

It should require no skillful argument to convince anybody that a system such as this is wrong, for it not only works great deprivation and injustice upon the employe, but inflicts a needless hardship on the employe.

Yet the employe has himself to blame for it. If he prefers to pay out in lawyers' fees and court costs \$70,000,000 rather than let that amount go toward the indemnification of injured workmen or their families, that is his lookout and what consequent losses he sustains through such a system entitles him to no commiseration. But it is strange that he would prefer such a thing. His interests, as well as those of industry in general, would be far better subserved by a system of reasonable compensation that would not place his employe on the defensive and force him to fight through tedious and expensive court trials.

Whether it is right or not that industry should bear the burden of the pecuniary loss sustained by workmen as a result of accidents, it is a fact that industry has to bear the burden of pecuniary loss sustained in the wear and tear of its inhuman machinery. It is a matter that demands attention and the president and congress are giving it attention. In a recent statement, President Taft refers to this very problem as one that must soon be settled, and if it can be settled by the joint counsel of employer and employe it will be so much better for all interests.

Why is a Pledge?

The dilemma into which several more or less distinguished converts have forced themselves by filing for nomination on the populist ticket as well as their own recently prompted The Bee to inquire of what force and effect is the pledge required by law as part of the filing "to abide by the result of the primary and qualify if elected." The Bee suggested that if this pledge means anything it must mean that the successful candidate in each primary is legally bound to stay in the game and go through irrefragable of whether he is successful or unsuccessful in landing on any other ticket. To this the Red Cloud Argus, a little paper published not far from the home precinct of Governor Shallenberger, declares:

Does The Bee insinuate that Shallenberger is under obligation to run on the populist ticket, because he received the populist nomination, and avows that he would qualify, if nominated? We do not agree with The Bee. Undoubtedly Shallenberger, when he took the oath, meant only that he would qualify as a candidate for election, in case of his nomination on both the democratic and populist tickets. It was not for a moment supposed that the oath obligated him to run on one ticket when he was a candidate on two tickets, especially since it was well known that he regarded the populist nomination as a secondary affair, a humble auxiliary to the democratic nomination.

That sounds fine, but suppose the situation reversed and Governor Shallenberger, nominated on the democratic ticket and beaten for the populist nomination, would the oath "to abide by the result of the primary and qualify if elected" be appealed to in case the populist nominee called on him to retire in his favor? Should the populist dog wag the democratic tail, or should the democratic dog wag the populist tail?

The same point is raised as to a local situation presented by the Argus in which one of the candidates for nomination in the primary, who received a minority of the votes, proposes, nevertheless, to become an independent candidate. Does the pledge he took "to abide by the result of the primary" disqualify him from accepting a petition nomination and running against the man who beat him out? If the pledge has any binding force it would, of course, be equally binding on the defeated as on the successful candidate. If this pledge, which was designed to make majority rule effective, means nothing or is unenforceable, then the primary race is simply a trial heat, leaving the entries free to drop out or run again at their own sweet will.

The decision in the centuries-old fisheries controversy between Great Britain and the United States, while it gives to the English the one point that they most desired and contended for, yet gives to the Americans five out of seven points and therefore represents a substantial victory, in a way. In addition to the outcome this presentation of the case to The Hague tribunal is a distinct triumph for Senator Elburn Root, whose six-days speech has been pronounced the greatest ever made to this international court of arbitration. Yet, when the time comes, certain newspaper enemies of Mr. Root will caricature him as a mere puppet of the money powers, willing to deceive their own readers into the belief, for personal reasons, that he is not one of the giant intellectual forces of the world.

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