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On the Fourth of June prepare for the Fourth of July.

And now do we see the smoke of this Tobacco trust?

Does anyone know whether Congressman Victor Berger has lost the art of speech?

System is a good thing in your work, provided you do not make it the whole thing.

The hot weather probably will put a temporary check to this warm Shakespeare-Bacon debate.

Our Mr. J. P. Morgan will attend the coronation. Perhaps if it suits him he may decide to buy it.

This is the day we long have sought and mourned because we found it not—the day the home team won.

In contemplating July 4 folks may congratulate themselves that it only took a day to sign the papers.

Champ Clark, Bill Stone and Joe Bailey would make things hum as acrobats in a three-ringed circus.

In their fight against the spread of Mormonism the church people have carelessly overlooked Nat Goodwin.

Justice Harlan probably would jump ten feet if the word "reasonable" were shouted suddenly in his ear.

There is a little chapter in American history that might afford some help to Mexico in its task of reconstruction.

None of the other steel kings have come forward to bet John W. Gates that he was not telling the truth about those inside deals.

The approaching commencement would not be the real thing unless preceded by the usual debate on, "What shall she wear?"

A comic opera depicting the Mexican revolution in song and dance is yet to make its appearance, but we may be sure it is on the way.

Mr. Bryan has the advantage of Mad Mullah, however, in being able to air his anger in the very newspapers he loves so much to denounce.

A New Jersey clergyman preached about locusts and a swarm of them flew into the church. Good thing he did not preach about hell fire.

From the clumsy, unsuccessful way they handled the attempt to blow up Madero, those Mexican dynamiters would easily prove an alibi in the Los Angeles case.

Mr. Gary says Mr. Morgan had nothing to do with putting through the deal for the Tennessee Coal and Iron. But would it have gone through had Mr. Morgan objected?

Now that Mexico is about to reorganize its government and may be open to suggestions, perhaps an eminent Nebraskan might get a few of his paramount issues adopted.

Gates says he raised the ante on Tennessee Coal and Iron to 90; Gary says he raised it to 100—to save an overloaded banking firm. It is to be hoped there will be honor enough in this deal for all.

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Mexico's Election.

Madero, thus far, is the only avowed candidate for the presidency of Mexico, but as the election will not be held until October the others have ample time to enter the race.

Of these four men, judging from their public records, Madero would seem to be the least available, from a foreign, as well as domestic standpoint. He was the candidate defeated by Diaz last year and the leader of the revolution.

Reyes is a great military force. Beyond that it is questionable if his powers are distinctive, and, while great military powers will be needed by the reorganized government of Mexico, Reyes undoubtedly could be of greater assistance as the adviser to the president in a military capacity—head of the army—than as president.

As former ambassador to the United States and a force in effecting peace, de la Barra would be a useful man at the helm. His influence abroad would be positive. He probably could command confidence at home.

But of the four men now before the country, Senor Limantour would be the most acceptable so far as the outside world is concerned, but that is not the world that is going to name Mexico's president.

While Judge Gary of the Steel trust is advocating government control and publicity of great corporations the house investigating committee is trying to discover the exact facts relating to the absorption by the United States Steel corporation of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company.

Such experiences as this tend to discredit sincerity of the big corporation men for franker and more open relations with the government. What is needed is public confidence in the integrity of business and confidence between business and the government.

What's the Matter with Kansas? Even the sunflowers nodded when Will Allen White asked, "What is the matter with Kansas," politically, and since then the state has been burning up with restless energy to leap into the forefront of everything that looked like a political reform.

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Modern Improvement.

Our level country would make road-building along the lines of the "good roads movement" easy and not costly. Yet our people have failed thus far to do anything concertedly in that direction.

Good roads wield such a wide and diversified influence that no state can afford to neglect its opportunities to build them. They are largely economic, since they tend to lessen the cost of transportation, by facilitating travel and bringing the country and town, or the producer and consumer, nearer together.

The Smartest Ever.

"This was by all odds the smartest thing I ever did in my life." So writes General Frederick Funston in the first of a series of autobiographical papers referring to a certain incident in his military career.

Why it was the fact that while waiting in San Francisco to be ordered to the Philippines he met his wife and married her then and there before going further.

Travel as a Disease.

Invailing against travel as a disease which should be stamped out, an anonymous writer in one of the current magazines declares the mania for travel to be "the great epidemic of the modern world."

What Russia Has Conceded.

Under pressure of persistent diplomatic prodding from Washington Russia has finally condescended to observe a part of its treaty of 1832 with this country, giving the "rights of residence and travel" in the czar's domain to American citizens.

It is shameful that our government has submitted to such indignity from a country like Russia so long as it did and it should not stop short of complete victory in this case.

Why So Much Crime?

The prevalence of crime is agitating the country. Philosphers and criminologists are busy offering theories and remedies, but crime goes on. The Independent, it seems to us, comes near hitting the mark when it says: "The American public regards crime lightly. It is, in fact, amazingly indifferent to crime and its prevention."

That eminent organ of enlightenment and reform, Collier's Weekly, figuring on the possibility of the democrats capturing the next United States senate, and conceding that they will hold their own, declares that in order to gain control "they must, in addition, win five republican seats.

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People and Events

The Akkood of Swat was the original campaigner against flies. "Officially, May is rated the warmest one since the name. But the weather man not acquainted with all the Mays.

What a lot of satirical chaff would have been lost to mankind had Dogones been guided by the "light of reason" in his famous pilgrimage.

Just as soon as the buried victims of auto and motorcycle races are forgotten, a few farmers on the inhumanity of Mexican bull fights will demonstrate our zeal for the uplift of neighbors.

Revolution made and revolution ended the public career of Porfirio Diaz. He went into exile from Vera Cruz, the port he entered thirty-five years ago, so disguised that he eluded the emissaries of the Juarez government.

Senator La Follette's speech on the Lott case extended over four days. Omitting the "elapsing time" his performance equals twelve hours of vocal exercise—nearly three hours short of the famous continuous performance of William Vincent Allen of Nebraska in the same chamber.

ONE CENT POSTAGE IN SIGHT.

Washington Post. For the first time in thirty years, according to Postoffice department figures, the Postoffice department is self-sustaining.

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John Taiman in Progressive Printer. Years and years ago, when I was just a little lad, and an after school hours used to work around the farm with dad, I used to be so worried out.

Growing Arbitration Sentiment.

Boston Transcript. The decision of Germany tentatively to enter into arbitration negotiations is a remarkable surprise, as it has been reported that the German government was very cool towards arbitration in any form.

Lure of the Spotlight.

Buffalo Express. Champ Clark is beginning to wonder if being just a plain presiding officer and keeping out of sight is not running the vice presidency a close race for oblivion.

Victimating Tom Johnson.

Pittsburg Dispatch. Tom Johnson has been victimated. Cleveland, after a year of 3-cent fare, with an additional cent for transfers, has raised the traction rate to the point where under the agreement a straight 3-cent fare must be conceded.

No Coupons Attached.

Chicago Tribune. For the information of the urchins waiting outside it should be explained that no coupons go with the decision of the United States supreme court in the case of the tobacco trust.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

God alone knows how much is lost when a child is started wrong.

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