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Any blots on that new leaf that was turned over ten days ago?
It seems almost time for a split up, now between Villa and Carranza.

If the tango keeps its gait, it may become as popular as the old Virginia reel.
The old saying that "talk is cheap" came into vogue before the modern Chautauque.

Chorus of contingent-fee hold-up lawyer: "Oh, Mr. District Judge, please help us to keep it dark."
Note from Paris: Spring fashions will be a revelation. Still last summer's revealed quite a good deal.

Perhaps what Sancho Villa meant was that he would eat his next Christmas dinner in Mexico City.
The peculiar appropriateness of holding that conference on race improvement at a famous health recuperating resort proves itself.

"When will Hearst's newspapers stop bartering the president?" asks an exchange. Probably not until Mr. Hearst becomes president.
"The church of God may be oppressed, it can never be suppressed," says a religious teacher and writer. Never so long as it keeps to its mission.

The Row in Missouri.
In the row precipitated by the effort of the railroads in Missouri to keep the overcharge, amounting to millions of dollars, exacted by them from the traveling public while they had the 2-cent rate law hung up in the federal courts, we are thoroughly on the side of the attorney general voicing the claim of the mulcted passengers.

It is just such performances on the part of the railroads, assisted by friendly federal judges, that have made this method of enjoining the operation of state laws particularly odious. If the railroads could, by merely starting an injunction suit, get away with the plunder for as long as they might succeed in holding off the final decision, then no law cutting off a privilege, or imposing a burden, would ever become effective except at the end of long-drawn litigation.

Special Privileges for Ministers.
What is there about the calling of a minister that demands that he enjoy special privileges. Why should he be the beneficiary of clergyman's discounts, cut rates and gratuities of various kinds? Why should ministers be forced into the attitude of objects of charity? Is there anything in the training or life of the minister of the gospel that cultivates in him the spirit of dependence? Or does the chief onus for this custom fall on the minister's flock and not on himself?

All will agree, we believe, that it would be much better, both for the minister and the church and the business of both, if he were kept above this line of possible reproach. Would it not tend to add dignity and bearing to the minister and his work, to the church and its office in the community, if it became generally known that he asked nor received neither charity nor special privileges more than accorded other men? And who will deny that the minister and the church need to stand before the world upon the highest possible plane of dignity and influence?

As to the preacher's financial ability; it is seldom what it should be. He is usually poorly paid, relatively considering his period of preparation, his exclusion from outside sources of income, his necessity to sustain appearances and meet the obligations of his station in life. The church ought to see to it that its ministers are sufficiently compensated to pay their own way and then insist that they do it. There is no good reason why a church should treat its minister in a niggardly fashion. It pays him on a very meager basis for the first few years and rarely overpays him, then when he reaches full maturity, when he should be fronting his very best score of years of work, it turns to look for a "young man." That is not a theory, it is a stern reality and a bitter one. And in the meantime the minister has had no chance to provide for that contingency.

The church should be foremost in recognizing not only that the laborer is worthy of his hire, but also that the laborer in the Lord's vineyard should be above dependence on beggarly benevolence.
Morality and Wages.
Now that the country is somewhat sobered from the effects of its hysteria and delusion over the idea of meager wages causing all the moral delinquency among girls and women, it may be able to appreciate the force of the finding at Kansas City, where a woman expert making an investigation for the Welfare board, discovers almost no direct relation between such immorality and income. In fact, she says her investigations have convinced her that morality should not flounce whatever in a demand for better wages. Similar inquiries in other cities lead to similar conclusions.

But the gravest wrong lies not in the false assumption so often not in its unjust imputations. In the first place, it is grossly wrong to assume that a level of low wages to girls implies immorality. As has already been said, it is unjust to thousands of good, honorable, working girls and women. It was blunderbuss reasoning to affirm that the question of wages is wholly a moral question instead of a mainly economic one. Whatever problems are here involved cannot possibly be solved by reckoning from the wrong basis, for we never reach right conclusions from false premises.

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Scarcity of foodstuffs is held to be the principal reason why the cost of living is so high. And yet there seems to be plenty of food if the would-be consumer has the price.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
COMPILED FROM BEE FILES
JANUARY 12, 1914.
Governor Grant of Colorado and Edward Eddy of Denver are here for the annual meeting of the Omaha & Grand Smelting and Refining company.

Thirty Years Ago—
Governor Grant of Colorado and Edward Eddy of Denver are here for the annual meeting of the Omaha & Grand Smelting and Refining company. The total output of the Omaha plant during the last year was \$12,953,350 in gold, silver, lead and blue vitrol.

Twenty Years Ago—
Incorporators of the Metropolitan Traction Depot company held another meeting at the Merchants National bank to further plans for the building of a modern union station. There were present President Herman Kountze, Secretary Thomas Swobe and Messrs. Hamilton, Murphy, Smith, Rogers, Stone, C. W. Lyman, C. J. Karbach and John Rush. So much dissatisfaction had arisen over the original depot ordinance that a new one was drawn up and submitted to the projectors by John M. Thurston, general solicitor for the Union Pacific.

Ten Years Ago—
John B. Cooper and the stock yards together sustained a loss of between \$60,000 and \$80,000 by the fire destruction of his horse stables at South Omaha. Mr. Cooper's loss was about \$25,000. Eighty-six of his horses were killed.
National bank annual elections chose these as presidents: First National, Herman Kountze; Nebraska National, John W. Yates; Omaha National, J. H. Millard; United States National, Milton T. Barlow; Union National, G. W. Wattles; Commercial National, C. W. Lyman; Merchants National, Frank Murphy.

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Indianapolis News: And yet, notwithstanding its ferocity, it is understood that there are several people who do not feel the least interest in the base ball war.
Cleveland Plain Dealer: The Treasury department reports that the 30-cent piece is becoming unpopular. Have you noticed any particular people throwing them away?

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Pert Observations
In spite of the frightful manner in which we are all led to believe they are imposed upon, women live longer than men.
By the time a man is 40 he begins to realize that he will never be president. By the time he is 50 he knows he never will be rich.

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Here is a Chance to Help.
OMAHA, Jan. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: With great respect I like to inform the philanthropist people of Omaha and pray to them to help me study the English.

Stories in Figures
Philadelphia spent \$30,000,000 in new buildings last year.
In a year Uncle Sam. smoked just 2,700,000,000 cigars and 14,000,000,000 cigarettes.

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