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They have a \$36,000 commission in New York State to try and reduce the high cost of living. Probably just \$36,000 added to it.

There is strong talk about running Colonel Roosevelt for governor of New York, but Mr. Perkins, the big boss with the barrel, says he must not run for anything except president.

Mr. Perkins does not say upon what ticket the Colonel shall run.

It is said that there are so very few people who know who represents the congressional district that "Uncle Joe" Cannon did, that he has decided to run again and put it on the map.

It looks as if quite a number of the Republican ex-congressmen will remove the "ex." next fall.

The only real, live, metropolitan Republican journal in the middle west, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is against repealing the American idea.

That paper believes that the United States should have all to say regarding the management of the canal which our people paid over \$400,000,000 to build.

Mr. Bryan and some of the followers of President Wilson are taking a poll of the delegates to the Baltimore convention to see how they stand on the Panama toll question. Of course most of them are for the repeal. Why? They are candidates for appointments. The poll is like the Tribune poll—always the way the Tribune wants it or they don't publish it.

The question of local policy regarding saloons was settled here two weeks ago Tuesday, and the question of electing a ticket representing either faction has both been settled on the side of anti-license, with the exception of one trustee. It cuts no figure by how much majority or by whose vote these results were obtained, the results reflect the opinion of a majority of the legal voters, and a majority rules in this country.

There is a great deal of talk about the suffrage bill passed at Springfield, and signed by Governor Dunne, being declared unconstitutional. From the opinions of some of the best constitutional lawyers in the state the law is all right, and quite a number thought that if the state supreme court was going to declare the law invalid it would have done so before any of the recent elections were held.

That the court would not have allowed any such mix-up, if they intended to declare it unconstitutional. This looks very reasonable. Undoubtedly there will be criticisms of the law and recommendations for improvements, but we believe, that the law, as a whole, will be held constitutional. This is the only real ground for hope for the "wet" people and that is a slim one.

There are all kinds of reports in circulation about what the "wet" people are going to do, but we believe they are going to accept the result, and abide by the wishes of the majority of the voters. Of course the board of trustees is really for license, but above that we believe they stand for obeying the law, no matter whether they like it or not. It is the right thing to do.

The ordering of the Atlantic fleet to Tampico, Mexico, was a surprise. A few days ago some U. S. sailors were ordered to Tampico to procure supplies, and while there were arrested. They were released in a few minutes. Admiral Mayo ordered that the Mexicans apologize, and that the officer ordering the arrest be punished, and that the Stars and Stripes be publicly saluted. The matter was reported to

President Huerta and he immediately apologized and said the arrest was a mistake of an incompetent officer, and ordered him punished. Huerta did not think it necessary to publicly salute the flag under such circumstances and did not order it done. It does seem that the flag has been disgraced by other acts in Mexico a thousand times more than this act would indicate. Indeed this looks like a big bluff besides some of the insults to this country.

An incompetent officer makes an arrest, and release comes almost immediately, and half the naval force is ordered out. American citizens have been murdered and robbed time without number and hardly any notice taken of it. It looks like an excuse for a big lot of first page stuff to gain a little notoriety. We may be mistaken but we don't believe this move will amount to anything any more than to demonstrate that our country has a navy. If the United States is going to declare war let her go there with at least 200,000 well trained soldiers and do the job quickly and well and take possession of the country until the cutthroats get sense enough to govern it, or else drive them out of the country and take possession of it.

It won't be long before the United States will need more territory. Every patriotic citizen feels that he should stand by the country, right or wrong, but it is quite evident that outside of the newspapers and the military of the country, there is less excitement than at any time when war with a great nation has been spoken of. The people, as a man, will stand by their country and the President, but many of them are doing it with a feeling that they have when they see a big man thrash a bad boy for throwing a snow ball or faking an apple or a watermelon.

Mexico has, practically, no navy, and if one of our great fighting crafts would happen to brush against it or fire one shot, the Mexican navy would be no more. Let's do it right or keep hands off. There is no use of this country spending millions unless they accomplish something besides making poor, old boozy Huerta apologize or salute the flag.

THE TOLL QUESTION.

Speaker Champ Clark, of Missouri, carried Illinois for the Democratic nomination for president, and only for the two-thirds rule would have been president today. At one time he had a majority in the Baltimore convention. Speaker Clark is one of the old school politicians, and a man beloved by those close to him, regardless of his political views. He is surely a red-blooded, patriotic, American citizen, as shown by his recent speech on

the Panama Canal toll repeal matter in the house. He opposed the President's views in strong language. Here are a few of his sayings:

"The amazing request of the President for the repeal, like the peace of God, passeth all understanding." "We want war with no nation, but rather than surrender our right to our complete sovereignty over every square foot of our globe-encircling domain we will cheerfully face a world in arms."

"The declaration for free tolls for our coastwise trade was writ large in the Baltimore platform."

"I'd rather see it (the Panama Canal) blown up than have the British control it. I'd rather have it filled with bowlders than yield a particle of it to foreign control. It is ours forever, for better or worse."

"And now may the God of our fathers, who nerved 3,000,000 backwoods Americans to fling their gauges of battle into the face of the mightiest monarch of the world, who guided the hand of Jefferson in writing the charter of liberty, who sustained Washington and his ragged and starved army amid the awful horrors of Valley Forge, and who gave them complete victory on the bloodstained heights of Yorktown, may He lead members to vote so as to prevent this stupendous folly—this unspeakable humiliation of the American Republic."

This coming from one of the leaders of the party which advocates this repeal, means a great division in the Democratic party.

While there are some Republicans who favor the repeal we believe the patriotic voters of the nation will retire them to private life at the next election.

Not only did the Democrats have the free tolls for our coastwise trade in their platform, but every party did, and especially strong was the plank in the Republican platform.

Since the vote for the repeal in the House there has been two congressmen elected—one a Republican from a district in New Jersey which went Democratic two years ago, and one in a strong Democratic district in Massachusetts. In both cases the candidates condemned the President's policy of repeal and won. These are pointers that the American people of all parties will not stand for the humiliation.

"THE PITIFUL LAND OF MEXICO."

Says F. J. Splitstone, special representative of Leslie's, in an article entitled "The Pitiful Land of Mexico," the fourth of a series, says the Inter Ocean:

To outward appearances here in

Mexico City the war has not had very much effect on business. But surface indications are deceptive, and when one has gone about for a time and made the acquaintance of some of the substantial men of the city he learns that in spite of the calm, the quiet, the seeming gayety of this beautiful city it is full of tragedies. Everywhere the story is the same. Trade has fallen off until there are few firms that can meet their expenses, even though expenses have been cut to the last possible cent. Business is bad, factories are running on part time, currency is scarce, the rate of exchange is absurdly high and the pinch of hunger is beginning to be felt by the working classes.

In the outlying country, he says, the situation is infinitely worse. The greater part of the country is overrun by bandits. They term themselves revolutionists, but as a matter of fact they are under arms, for the most part, for the sake of loot. Only in the north is there any semblance of organization. Even the Zapatistas, who claim to be fighting for a more or less definite economic principle—the division of the land among the poorer classes—have no real organization. Today the Zapatista carries his gun and is a patriot while he robs a village and ravishes its women. Tomorrow his gun is buried in a secret place and he is merely a peon, stolidly going about his work in the fields.

A thousand towns in a dozen states live in mortal fear of the revolutionists. Hundreds of towns have been sacked. From almost within sight of Chapultepec castle come stories of crime that cannot be told in the printed page in all of their details. In Mexico things are being done in this twentieth century that rival the worst deeds of warfare in the Dark Ages.

It is no war under the rules of the game that is being carried on in Mexico. It is sheer barbarity. It is a struggle that consumes the land where it is fought. It is founded upon license to rob, to kill, to outrage. Towns are robbed and burned, ranches destroyed, railroads torn up, bridges burned, telegraph lines cut, horses and cattle driven away—all in the cause of "constitutional government."

He adds:

When a man who has worked all his life in the cotton field, or on the sugar plantation, for 50 cents a day, and has had to keep a wife and family on that sum, finds himself on a horse, with a gun in his hands, and the liberty to take whatever he fancies; with wife and family left behind, with no responsibilities except to play

tag with death at excellent odds, what can you expect? It is a life that appeals to savage instincts. It is a life that yields him more than he has ever known before or can ever expect to find again. Naturally he is not going to give up his gun and restore the horse to its former owner if he can help it.

This corroborates what has frequently been set forth in these columns. It is a riot of disorder which is consuming the land.

Yet it is apparent that the vast mass of the Mexican population is preyed upon rather than preying. The bulk of the ignorant and slothful population does not now what the fighting is about and asks only to be left alone in its ignorance and sloth.

In these conditions lies the one hope. Let some man get control who is big enough to put down disorder and the vast mass of the people will go with the tide and not raise a hand in protest.

If in the end the United States finds it necessary to intervene it will not be necessary to conquer the Mexican people. They will gladly accept any rule that assures them safety of life and property.

THAT REMINDS US—

That reminds us that the bill to jail tango dancers failed of passage in Massachusetts. There are some who try it who ought to be locked up.

That Secretary McAdoo has a redeeming feature which should not be overlooked. He looks like Connie Mack, the great Philadelphia ball manager. Such is fame.

That canal tolls, gunmen, Villa and Huerta and all such are now in the shade. Ty Cobb and the ball players are first page stuff now.

That the Federal League opened at Baltimore between that club and Buffalo, and there were 30,000 people present. Not so bad for "outlaws."

That it is a good time to clean your lawn, put up your screens and stop talking "wet" and "dry."

That it seems to be hard to give up but if the saloon keepers ever expect to have another show, they will close up and obey the wishes of the people. Even their best friends are condemning them for threatening to run any way.

Read this paper over carefully and see if it does not merit your subscription.

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