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### THOSE FARICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Uncle Samuel, as well as the officials of the states, has a great deal of curiosity. When such things as the terrible explosion at New York Sunday morning occur, he, along with the state, county and city officials at once puts on his specs and investigates in an effort to learn who is to blame, and why it happened. A ship is permitted to go to sea without proper life saving apparatus and when an accident happens and a number of persons lose their lives, a board of shipping and custom house officials whose duty it was to prevent it, investigate. The steamer Bear runs on the rocks and this same gang gets busy and investigates.

Munitions factories go up with a bang and the wisacres get busy and investigate, to see if they can find where it has gone to. Fire sweeps through a tenement house and a dozen or a hundred lives are lost and the necessary investigation at once follows. It matters not that never one of these investigations ever discovers anything, or fixes the blame on any one. The coroner gets busy and the higher ups gather, look wise and conclude that while someone is to blame it is impossible to discover who, and so it is pronounced unavoidable accident and the matter is allowed to drop.

A peculiar feature of it is that investigations where the blame might easily be fixed never result in anything. It is only in such cases where foresight cannot be used and where paid officials are not to blame that results come from an investigation. Such cases for instance as the bomb tragedy in San Francisco not long ago. There was no official to blame for that, and the investigation promises to develop something.

In the great explosion at New York it is known that explosives were handled where they should not have been; that there was left in cars hundreds of tons of slumbering death, that was a menace to the lives and property of thousands of citizens. Already as a result of the preliminary investigation three or four arrests have been made, of persons claimed to be responsible for placing explosives where these were placed, and against the provisions of the law. The attempt is being made to punish the persons violating the law, instead of getting after the officials whose duty it is to see that such laws are not violated. The port officials, those in charge of the shipping of the port are the responsible parties. The persons who violated the law and caused the death of the victims of the explosion should be indicted for murder, that is plain. What should be done with the officials who were accessories before the fact, and who allowed them to violate the law and endanger life and property, even though the explosion had not taken place?

The trouble with the American system of handling such cases is that the investigators supply themselves with several buckets of whitewash before tackling the job. A fellow official is never blamed. It would not be professional courtesy. On the same principle we should punish the burglar who enters and robs a house, but find nothing wrong with the policeman who stands guard after presenting the burglar the key to the house, and warns him if danger approaches. The persons who left those explosives where they were, would not and could not have done so without the knowledge of the officials whose duty it was to prevent them so openly and deliberately violating the law. Who should be punished the more severely?

The recent industrial inventory of the country to learn just what each state could do in case of war toward supplying the things needed shows many interesting things. Indiana can furnish canned food for any army Uncle Sam can raise. Nebraska can furnish shells at the rate of 1,000 a day. One New York silversmith is now making some millions of bullet jackets a week for allies and can do the same for Uncle Sam. And so it goes, the showing being one that is eminently satisfactory as to what private plants could do toward supplying all things needed in war. These plants and firms have all been listed, and can be made available on short notice.

There is surely an abundance of good picking in and around Salem. So far we have picked strawberries, currants, gooseberries, blackberries, raspberries and all such. Then we picked candidates for the offices. We picked cherries and loganberries and in a short time hoppedicking will begin and with it prune picking. Then we will pick a president and secretary of state, and after that we will—some of us—try to pick out a job at the state house next winter, and by the time that is over the strawberries will be ready for picking again.

The regular army officers say it will take three months to get the militia boys in regular army shape. Reading between the lines this indicates the boys will be allowed to come home at the end of that time. This is a certainty in case that commission materializes to arrange for settling the border troubles. We will be glad to see you boys, but come to think of it you will probably be so much gladder to see us, get a drink of Salem water and a square meal that we will have to stand still and let you do the hugging.

Salem is getting ready to send a big delegation to Marshfield when that city celebrates the completion of the railroad, and the Coos Bay folks when the time arrives may know that if there are any Salemites not there it is because they could not get there. We would all like to go over and help the prodigal, who never left home but who was shut out from it, dispose of its own fatted calf, or clams or anything else it has fattened for the occasion.

A dispatch from a Dutch town some fifty miles east of Brussels says that recently fifteen Germans deserted on the western front. They said it was impossible to live through the Anglo-French artillery fire without going mad, and they preferred desertion to insanity. This gives one a faint idea of the veritable hell it must be along the front where it is literally raining shells.

The New York world makes a brief but pithy comment on Mr. Hughes' acceptance speech and his statement concerning President Wilson's handling of the Mexican situation. It says: "His speech is a public confession of a candidate who is without a policy. His policy is to be one of firmness. But what form is firmness going to take? War? Intervention?"

The government won a ten million dollar suit at San Francisco, Saturday, when the quarter section of oil lands known as the McCutcheon section was declared government property and McCutcheon was ousted. This is but one of many suits involving property valued at more than a hundred millions which the government has brought to recover oil lands in southern California.

The weather bureau has promised cooler weather for Chicago, but at the same time tells New York and the northeast to get ready for what Chicago has had. With infant paralysis and the Hughes notification committee already with her, the action of the weather sharps savors of the inhuman.

The story of "Sudden Jim" in the Saturday Evening Post, evidently gave some eastern Oregon persons a hunch, for the logs at the mill at Sumpter have been spiked causing no end of trouble and considerable damage.

What has become of that city charter commission? It has been so long since it was heard from that most Salemites have forgotten there is such a body.

Prosperity has been coming slowly to Salem and now with the opening of the bathing beach she is fairly in the swim.

Many church bells in Europe have been melted to make war munitions. In that shape they should be forceful in calling sinners to repentance. This is reversing the "swords into pruning hooks" idea.



### THE TIGHT HUSBAND

"I wish you'd give me half a plunk," said timid Mrs. Spry. "Some calico and other junk I think I ought to buy." "You're always thinking up some plan for blowing money in," her husband said, "and that is why I'm always short of tin. A rouble here, a kopeck there, 'tis thus the money goes, a doubloom for some hand-made hair, a yen for furbelows. It is no wonder married gents in mental anguish dwell; now, I will give you fifteen cents, so spend it wisely well." A million wives, and doubtless more, are up against this spiel, when they approach the husband-bore, to touch him for a wheel. It is not strange the modern maid cuts out the wedding veil; she'd love to love, but she's afraid she'd have to beg for kale. That husband leads a misfit life who's stingy with his mon, who doles out pennies to his wife, and groans for every one.



### THE TATTLER

This is to be a lovely wet evening at the beach.

Undershirts are warming up for all there is in them.

Nobody looks worried any more when somebody says "Mexico."

The warmer the weather the more does humanity spread out over the landscape.

A steady demand for loganberry juice is reported from the fizz fountains.

"Try Salem first" does not mean like land or anything else to most folks.

It is as well to tell the truth. About the only real estate moving at present is on the back streets where the sprinkler don't go.

Why does everybody giggle when a grown-up individual appears on the street eating an ice cream cone?

There are a few fellows in this town who have been taking their summer vacations ever since last fall.

Rather an interesting crop report, that of the poultry which was weighted with sand and gravel before being brought to market.

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### STATE NEWS

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## Lieut. Bryan, U. S. N. stated before the Am. Soc. of Naval Engineers:

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### Swift & Co. Will Pension Employees

Chicago, July 31.—Swift & Co., packers, today announced a \$2,000,000 pension plan for employees, including those in the main plants here and in branch houses all over the country.

A notable feature is that employees do not contribute to the fund. Swift officials estimated that \$400,000 a year, in addition to the income of the \$2,000,000 initiatory fund will be required to conduct the system. About 35,000 men and women will come under the plan August 1, 1916, when it will go into operation.

Men in the employ of the company 25 years who have reached the age of 60, may be pensioned. When they reach 65, they must retire on pension. Women's ages are fixed at five years less. Pensions for incapacitated employees who have served less than 25 years are provided.

No pension will be less than \$240 per year and none over \$5,000 a year. In general pensions are to be one-half of the average salary received by the employee for the five years preceding retirement.

### Will Canvass Vote of the Brotherhoods

Cleveland, Ohio, July 31.—President W. S. Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today announced that the district chairman of the four railway brotherhoods will meet in New York tomorrow to canvass the "strike vote."

This referendum vote of the brotherhood membership, it is predicted, will give officials power to "act" in case they are unable to reach an agreement with the railroad managers' committee regarding an eight hour day at 10 hour pay and time and a half for overtime. Over 300,000 employees are affected.

President Stone said that he expected the vote would be counted by August 8. When it is counted, the brotherhoods committee will meet the railroad managers.

### JEWISH PAPER DYNAMITED

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Several thousand dollars damage was done and the family of editor A. M. Liebling of the Jewish Daily Press were blown from their beds early today when two bombs were exploded in the business office of the paper on the floor below. The explosion shattered window panes in houses for a distance of several blocks. Liebling says he was recently threatened because of testimony given at a labor trial.

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