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Fast It Is

If what we are about to say were our own thoughts, or we had coined them of our own volition, then we might be charged with old-foginess or worse. But we will quote from that secular publication, Leslie's Weekly:
We are not only progressing, but we are madly rushing on. It is the fastest of all fast ages. The twentieth century is on the run. Girls are women before they are out of school. Boys still in knickerbockers think they ought to vote and assume the responsibilities not only of their households, but of State and National affairs.
We have no time to think. We must plant today and reap tomorrow. The magician places a seed in an earthen pot, tosses a cover over it and in a moment reveals the growing tree. He typifies the spirit of the times. Our old Constitution, the Constitution of the country for over a hundred and thirty years, is frayed at the edges, threadbare, worn and played out. The ten Commandments, which have stood for ages, must be revised and readapted to a century of progress.

The iconoclast is in the saddle and the demagogue is his spokesman. It is the age of theory, the theater and the moving-picture show. The graceful dances of the past are obsolete. The minuet has given way to the turkey trot and the bunny hug. Riches accumulate and men decay, while decency is dethroned.
What has become of the delightful courtesy and deference of the older days, in the home circle, in the office and in the public place of meeting?
Whither are we drifting?
Who will gainsay that there is more truth than poetry in what "Leslie" says?

Can It Be So?

Before a committee of the Federal Congress the other day a Miss O'Reilly made some horrible charges against the canneries of this state and of the country at large. She charged that filthy conditions prevail in the canneries; that employees, afflicted with loathsome diseases are at work preparing and canning the canned goods which are used largely these days by a large portion of the population, that child labor, rather child slavery, is the rule in these factories under the direction of foreign padrones who farm out the labor and reap large commissions thereon.
Can all this be possible? What were our state and local boards of health doing? Where were our state and local factory inspectors?
Or is all this the product of a sensational yellow journalist anxious to sell "copy" to the high bidder?
Surely, 1913 is furnishing all brands and conditions of weather.

Governor Sulzer has set such a swift pace that he may not be able to keep it up.

Not Right Now

Perhaps, there was not sufficient proof to convict and hold the man Ector, who was indicted in Lawrence for inciting to riot. Perhaps, the New York yellow journals which yelled themselves black in the face at the way Ector and his fellow-anarchists were treated in Lawrence were justified then. We use the word "anarchists" advisedly because we consider Emma Goldman to represent the highest type of American citizenship in comparison with Ector and his pals, notwithstanding the laudation of the yellow journals and magazines aforesaid.

Ector is now in New York city directing the strike of the waiters and cooks in the metropolitan hotels and restaurants. He has advised his followers to act peaceably for a while. "After that, if strike breakers are brought in, you know how to act." Is not that a plain incentive to violence? But that is not all. The other day Ector told his followers that "if you do have to go back under unsatisfactory conditions, do it with your minds made up that it is the unsatisfactory conditions, the unsatisfactory proposition in the world for capitalists to eat food prepared by members of your union."

This sounds very much like inciting and encouraging murder by poison, the recourse of the Black Hand and the Oriental thug. We hope Ector has been incorrectly quoted. If he has not, he should be arrested, indicted and sent to prison. He is not fit to be at large, neither is he the man to manage a strike, however laudable it may be or how badly treated the strikers may have been.

Help the Babies!

There is no more worthy charity in Rochester than the Infants' Summer Hospital. Other charities, there are, to be sure, perhaps equally deserving but none more so. Its managers and staff never turn away a sick baby. Some way is always found to help the suffering little ones. Secularism has no place in its conduct.

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The man who is compelled to clean his sidewalk while he sees the vacant lots adjacent go uncleared may be pardoned if he waxes a bit hot under the collar.
"John Jerome Rooney, state tax commissioner" sounds real good. Its wearer evidently is not ashamed to let the whole world know what he is.
President-elect Wilson has the faculty of putting things so that you understand how he feels about it all. Whether the country at large agrees with him will be manifest after he is inaugurated and settles down to real work.

As we sow so shall we reap. Are we sowing for a good or a bad crop?
"Alhambra" is a word that is often heard this week. Evidently, some Rochesterians and others have been investigating.

Mr. Munsey's plan to amalgamate political parties may not produce the desired result, but it has made a fine free advertisement for the Munsey papers and magazines.



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S 19—St. Canute, K. M.
M 20—The Holy Name
T 21—St. Agnes, V. M.
W 22—St. Vincent
Th. 23—Espousals of B. V. M.
F. 24—St. Timothy, Bp. M.
S. 25—Conversion of St. Paul

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Report of the Condition of The Merchants Bank

OF ROCHESTER
January 1, 1913

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Loans	\$3,763,149.31
Bank Building	188,255.25
Bonds and Mortgages	650.00
Cash on Hand	\$410,768.21
Cash in Banks	591,479.42
R. R. and Other Bonds	348,111.25
(Market Value)	
Liabilities	
Capital	\$150,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	288,522.27
Mortgage on Bank Building	110,000.00
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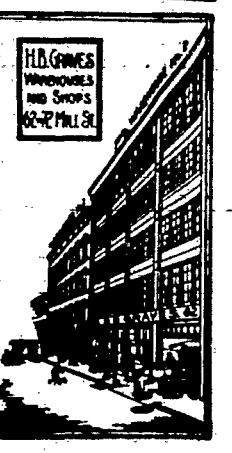
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