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This year the South is more interested in the senatorial election to be held in Massachusetts than it has been in any similar election in that State in many years, for there apparently is a better prospect of defeating Senator Lodge than there has been at any time since he was first sent to the senate more than 30 years ago. There is the best of reason why the South should wish to see Lodge retired to private life. Above and beyond any other man in public life, he is the unrelenting enemy of this section. Starting his animosity for the South with the force bill he introduced in Congress a third of a century ago, Lodge has never deviated a jot from the attitude of ill will that iniquitous measure be spoke for this section. In season and out of season he has led the forces of hate for the South. Nothing good comes out of the South, in his opinion, and if he could have his way the civilization of this section would be destroyed by the same means the fanatical South haters in the North employed to try to destroy it during reconstruction days. Not so much because he is a Republican, though that is bad enough, but for the better reason that his enmity for this section knows no bounds, is there good news for the South in the reports coming out of Massachusetts that Lodge has the political fight of his life on his hands and that he and his friends are scurrying about wildly to find a way to obliterate the handwriting on the wall. Former Governor McColl, about as good man as a Republican ever gets to be, is a thorn in the side of Lodge and is making trouble for the senator inside the Republican party, threatening to enter the primary for the nomination and later the general election as an independent candidate if he should fail in the primary. McColl is popular in Massachusetts and should he go into the general election, the country will see the last of Lodge in the senate of the United States on March 4, next, for the election of Sherman L. Whipple, nominated, or to be nominated, by the Democrats would thus be assured, if indeed it is not already assured regardless of whether McColl enters the race. Whipple is a lawyer of international reputation and one of the most powerful public speakers in the country. The South has good reason to hope that he will be elected.

What does it feel like to die? This question aroused the curiosity of T. B. Wagelius, Brooklyn chemist and psychic investigator, and he conceived a scheme to peek behind the curtain of death. Locked in his laboratory, Wagelius rigged up an apparatus that dripped an anaesthetic into an inhaler attached to his nostrils. The inhaler had an automatic register and with each successive experiment, Wagelius went one drop of the drug nearer death. Then, coming out of his stupor, he wrote down his experiences. "I am on the verge of discovering the great secret of death,"

he told his friends. Finally the drug carried him beyond the curtain and showed him what lies after death. But to death there is a one-way door—no one will ever know what Wagelius discovered. He has been buried. The mystery of death has always been a matter of deep thought. Why do men fear death and yet yield without dread to its twin brother, sleep? Probably because they go to sleep with a conviction that they are certain to awake in the morning, while death closes the door on mortal consciousness and opens the way into the unknown. People have an instinctive fear of what they do not understand. If we understood death, perhaps we would not fear it.

The members of the South Carolina Legislature responsible for the cut this year in the pension appropriation for Confederate veterans might read with interest a little story of the esteem in which a veteran of the Union army is held by the boys of his home community. This veteran, it seems, has no peculiar claim on the boys of the little town in which he lives other than that he is a survivor of the cause they have been taught to believe was right and they appreciate the service he rendered that cause. Some time ago the boys conceived the idea of presenting the old man with a purse to take him to the Gettysburg battlefield, but he fund grew so fast they soon had in hand enough money to buy him an automobile in which he is to take the trip instead of going on the railroad. It is hardly conceivable that the people of the North are more appreciative of the Union survivors of the Civil war than we are of our Confederate soldiers, but actions sometimes speak louder than words and it is anything but pleasant to recall that the already small pension the Legislature has been setting aside annually for several years for the

Confederate veterans was cut this year.

In the opinion of The Times, reason is lacking why this country should continue to spend hundreds of millions annually preparing for war. If we attend to our own business, there isn't the least prospect of the country becoming involved in war. The people are in no humor for war, they dislike even to discuss past wars, much less to consider wars selfish interests imagine might come in the future. This being true, the burdensome appropriations made by Congress for the army are spent to no good purpose—the money is wasted, it goes to support in idleness and non-productive employment many thousands of men, officers, non-coms and buck privates alike, who should be at work making a living for themselves and their families instead of doing nothing to earn the money the people are forced to provide for their upkeep. At most the United States does not need a standing army of more than 25,000 men. With a good militia organization in each State, which we already have, the country would not be headed for the bow-wows if we had no army at all. When the Democrats regain control of the government in the next presidential election one of the first things they will have sense enough to do will be to cut down materially the size of the standing army and to stop the useless, inexcusable waste of money on adjuncts of the army that have no redeeming feature to recommend them to public consideration.

The way to keep business from being slow is to push it along.

Sunshine is good for most crops, but wild oats flourish best at night.

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