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After a day or two of rest, the Times again complaining of the "growing and ever-receding avarice and power of monopoly and the mammoth trusts," does bring the o-copus really real paper?

Moved. BY PROMPTLY request of the chief executive of the federal state and city governments, ready acquiesced in by a mourning people, Thursday is to be set apart as a day of memorial for the honored dead.

Today the nation is undivided in its support of the new president. Would that this unanimity might continue.

Seed-time and Harvest. THE UTTER collapse of the Amalgamated association's ambitious strike to force a monopoly over the labor employed in the mills of the United States Steel corporation will, of course, be followed by the retirement to obscurity of Theodore J. Shaffer, the leader who failed. A strike leader who fails always goes down and out of sight.

This strike, begun without warrant and carried through at a cost of millions of dollars, most of it charged back upon the public, is a typical instance of what agitation and yellow journalism do for the undoing of labor.

There are always possibilities that the president may die in office—God forbid that it should ever again be by the hand of an assassin—and surely the man who must in such an event fill this position should be given every opportunity to become familiar with every detail of the administration's policy.

Is it not possible that our wisest thinkers may soon deem it necessary to ask for an amendment to the constitution making the vice-president a member of the president's cabinet?

The guess is made that Senator Lodge will largely shape the new executive's policy. It is inaccurate. His policy has already been shaped and accepted. And the shaper thereof was the late William McKinley.

Coincidences. SOME NOTEWORTHY coincidences are pointed out by Milton H. Northrup, Syracuse's veteran editor, in the Post-Standard of that city.

In the past two years we have had in our industrial centers a veritable epidemic of strikes and what have the strikers gained? The one victory of any magnitude was won by the anthracite miners, who, in the matter of the charge for powder, had an impregnable case.

These totals are for 22,593 strikes and 500 lockouts. More than half of them failed as utterly as Shaffer's strike failed, despite the highly-pitched applause of fire-breathing orators.

He deserves it. We do not pity him a bit. Had he taken a torch and set fire to millions of dollars' worth of workmen's homes he could not have inflicted a less called for less than has come to his deluded following through his incompetent and unprincipled leadership.

or two from the now historic Milburn house that has witnessed the pathetic death scenes of the late president, John Tyler and Andrew Johnson, both southerners—the one from Virginia, the other from Tennessee—constitute the remainder of the list of vice-presidents who were called upon to act as presidents.

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administration will receive the approval of the whole country, and enroll his name with the strong, vigorous statesmen who deserve the gratitude of the nation.

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