

OLD MEMORY CHIPS.

Taft's tariff idea that will barely cover the difference between domestic and foreign cost of manufacture will not suit Aldrich and his standpatters. The margin of unearned profit is not broad enough for them in that kind of protection.

George Bernard Shaw thought he was drowning the other day, but, like most of Shaw's thoughts, it proved to be only a dream.

George Fred Williams is back from Europe, and we shall know soon all about what's the matter with everything.

Colonel Bryan was in another railroad wreck recently, but he survives every wreck, both railroad and political.

Mrs. Eva Fox Strangways, now in the toms in New York for passing bogus checks, says that "money is the only qualification needed for breaking into Gotham society." She neglected to state, however, that it is necessary for the breaker-in to be able to put up some sort of bluff at being the real owner of the money in question.

"The American people owe a great deal to the trusts," says a French writer. Well, we do not see what is to be done about it, unless the trusts will lend us the money to pay up.

After an unusually quiet week, our old friend Raisouli is lime-lighting again.

The cheapest thing about the Panama Canal is the cash it is going to cost. The great thing about a task as stupendous as this is to get the work done,

and for the first time since it started it has recently been pushed with a vengeance. Only the other day Major Goethals declared that at the present rate of progress the canal would be completed long before the scheduled time.

The work down on the isthmus is too important to be hampered by any red tape. Let the dirt fly! We have a surplus. Spend it! Spend it! Spend all that is needed to build the canal.

The Chattanooga Star of Saturday last had a long editorial on "Imitating Hell." City politicians are rather strenuous in Chattanooga.

Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, is decidedly against the third-term proposition. That will undoubtedly tend to keep up the third-term talk.

"Booker T. Washington stands out clearer today than ever before," says a contemporary. Booker evidently appreciates the advantages of a white background.

"There are canals on Mars," says a scientist, dogmatically. Oh, well, suppose there are; the one we almost have in this country is sufficient worry.

The new \$10 bill is very pretty, indeed. The last one we saw looked like a streak of yellow gold.

By selling itself to another company the Chicago and Alton railroad slipped out of Mr. Bonaparte's net.

Prince Wilhelm confesses that he is surprised by much that he has seen over here. But this is the land of the unexpected. Even its oldest inhabitants never get through being surprised.

An aged spinster couldn't be half as shy of discussing her age as Roosevelt is about talking of the tariff.

"Hutchinson," says a Kansas paper, "needs more houses for rent." Kansas always was odd. In this part of the country the landlords seem to think they need "more rent" for their houses.

Mayor Tune, of Tennessee, wishes that the paragraph people would stop making a play on his name.

A flash of lightning is reported to have peeled a sack full of onions. The lightning has always been noted for its eccentricities.

The Hughes baby just arrived in the governor's mansion, New York, is named Elizabeth, and there are some who are hoping that she will be the virgin queen of the White House.

It costs California \$200 a day to keep ex-Mayor Schmitz in jail. But that little syllable, ex, is worth that and more too to San Francisco.

The weak point in Taft's speech is his advice to postpone for eighteen months the correction of an iniquitous abuse like the present tariff.

After all Mr. Haywood seems to have reached oblivion much sooner than he would have done if that Idaho jury had made a martyr of him.

Uncle Joe Cannon has cut down his allowance of cigars to three a day. That buttermilk campaign of the Indiana gentleman seems to have had its effect.

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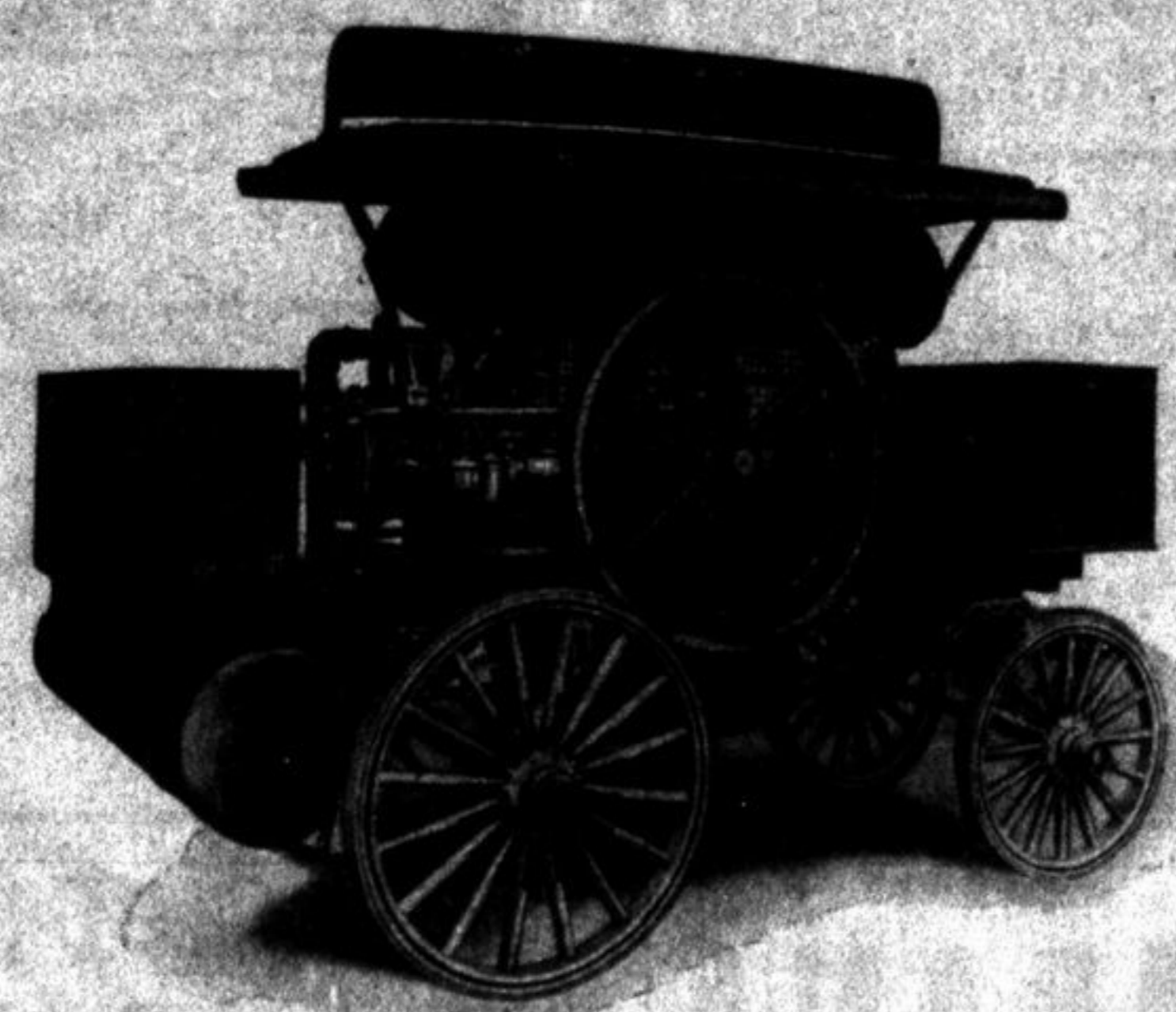
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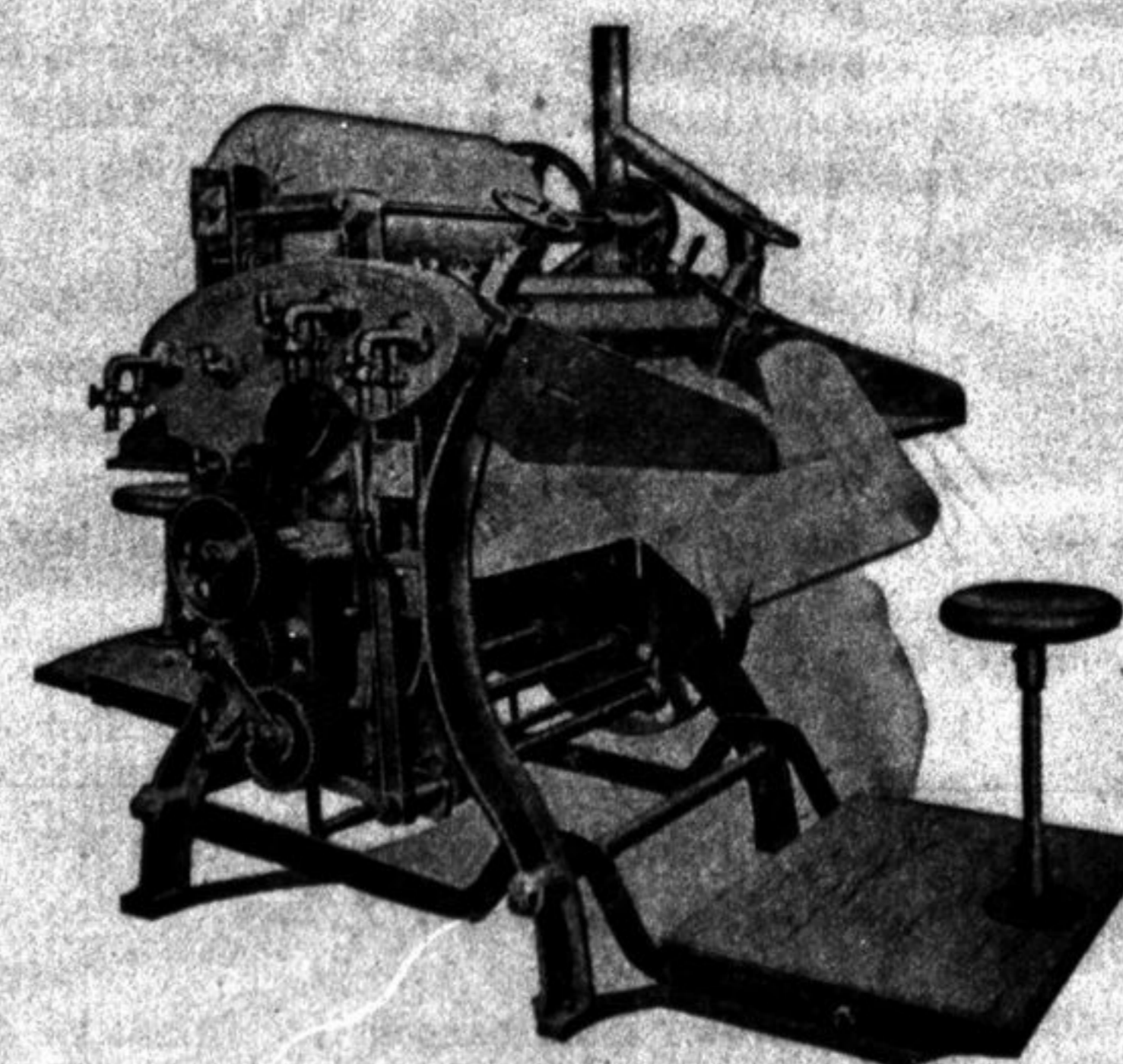
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