

should wish for a plenty. I would rather have the money that is not spent for fireworks."—Puck.

**THEY STAND BETWEEN.**

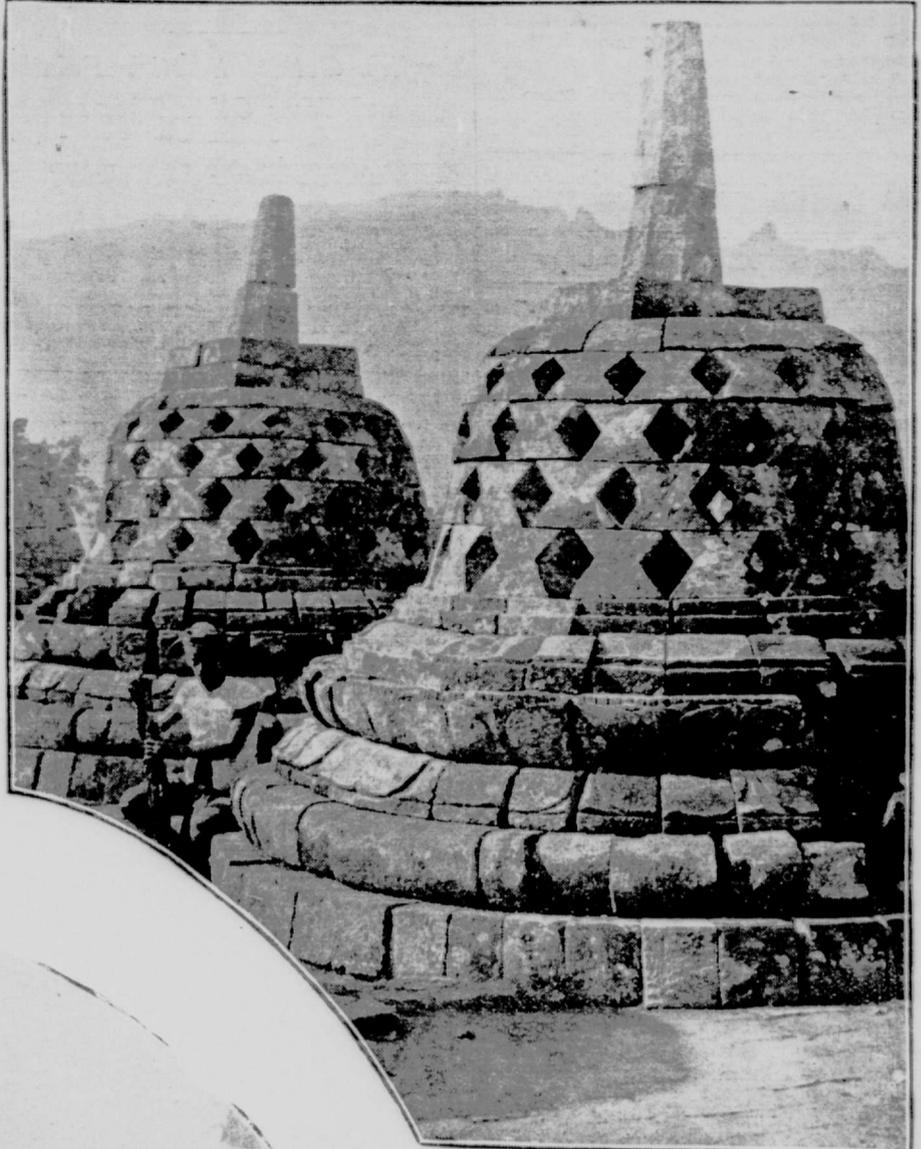
*The Work of Private Secretaries of Great Importance.*

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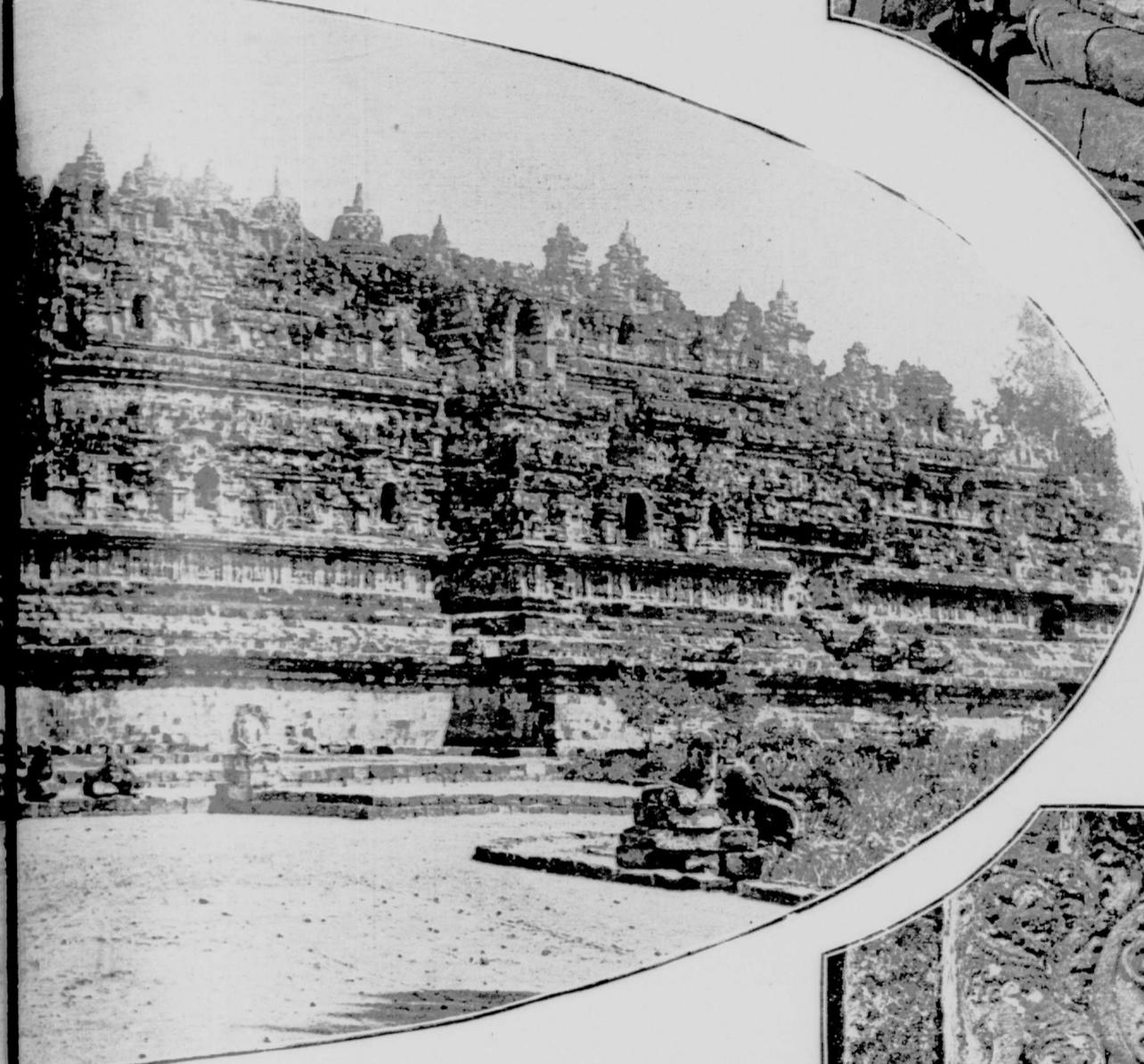
Any one who has ever tried to get an interview with President Roosevelt or a personal letter from him knows that there is a man named Loeb who must be overcome before the inner circle is reached. If you have a brilliant idea that will allow Andrew Carnegie to benefit either yourself or several million suffering humanity you must convince a man named Bertram that you are talking sense before Mr. Carnegie is even aware of your existence. Likewise, if you make the pilgrimage to Rome to receive the blessing of the Pope you must first see Monsignor Bisleti before the inner doors of the Vatican are thrown open to you.

It takes a great man to be a secretary to great men; in some cases if the two were to change places the world would run on just as smoothly. There is a story told of a public man who had frequent intercourse with a former President. One morning he came into the private secre-

... though, are hundreds of Span-  
... and Englishmen overseeing or  
... Filipino field hands.  
... his people wisely. He knows  
... and treats them from their point  
... than from that of the white man.  
... he treats them like little  
... the offence was com-  
... he knows that the "spanks"  
... mischievous intent. The Fili-  
... would a naughty child. The Fili-  
... just punishment and will fol-  
... administered it wisely. When  
... gives them a little  
... it is a pretty nickel watch for  
... wife; maybe it is a pocketknife  
... a pretty plaything for one of the  
... He invites them into one of the  
... at the Dalupaon or Elnahian and  
... a hallé (dance) in one of the great  
... and those are ballrooms, too; floored  
... mahogany boards, wine red, two  
... in width and glistening in the light  
... candelabra overhead like plate-  
... It is not an unusual sight to see  
... youth dancing and enjoying him-  
... has had a sound spanking that  
... evening. For John Orr knows that  
... has done wrong is not satisfied  
... punished for it. Otherwise he thinks  
... bears him, and at the next oppor-  
... commits a greater offence. When  
... Orr administers simple reme-



LATTICED DAGOBAS. EACH CONTAINING A SITTING FIGURE OF BUDDHA, ON THE CIRCULAR TERRACE OF THE BORO BOEDOER TEMPLE.



TEMPLE OF BORO BOEDOER, NEAR BATAVIA, JAVA.

... ceives the foreign ambassadors assigned to the Vatican; he must continually steer clear of the petty rules of etiquette that make miserable the diplomatic life; he must direct the foreign policy of the Church which requires the mature ability of a statesman. Monsignor Bisleti is the man you must see if you have a favor to ask; he is the last barrier on the road to the presence of the Pope.

Lord Knollys, private secretary to King Edward, is another uncrowned monarch of the ante-chamber. He has the gift of politeness down to such a fine point that letters from him on the most trivial matter are given to the papers, as letters of great favor and distinction.

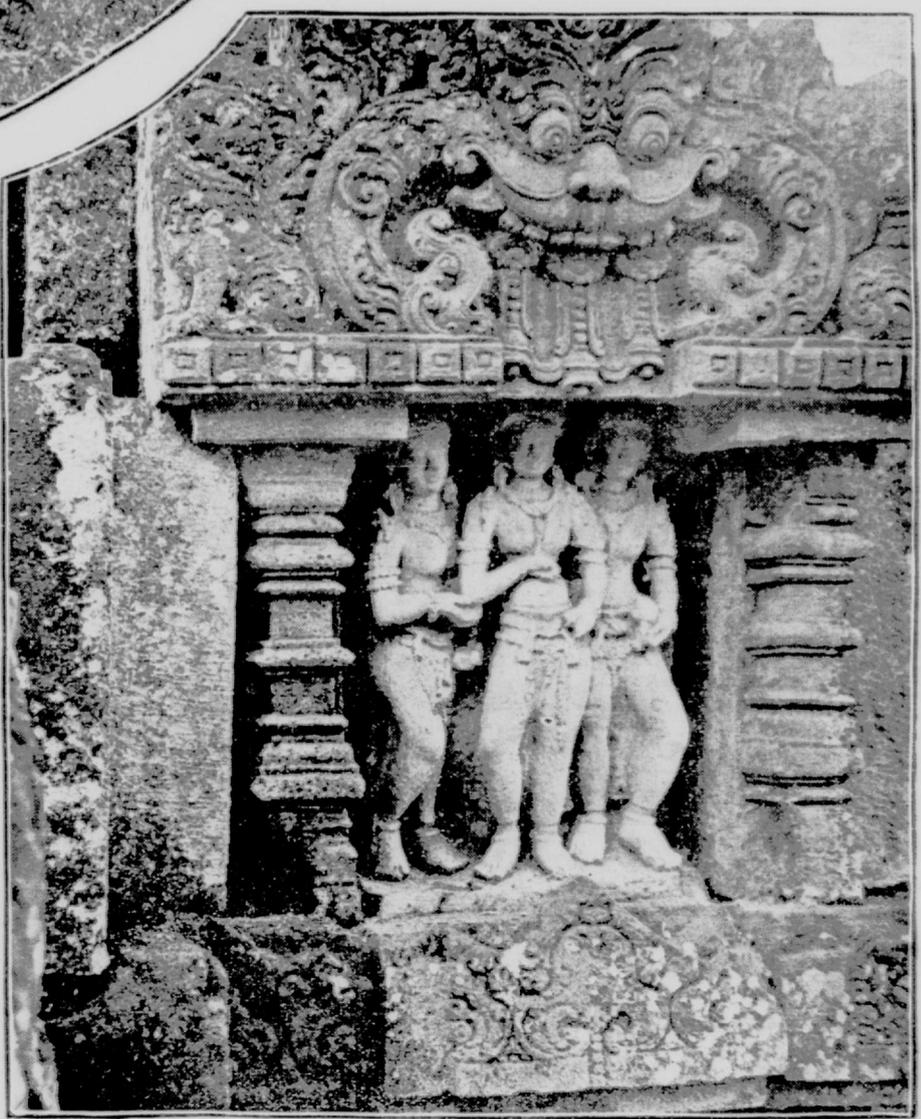
... usually drive away the uncomplimentary not severe illis.  
... would men ventured through the rest of the world.  
... miserably fatal bows and arrows.  
... the life of a woodcutter in a far-off land and another dart just breaking through a fearful swelling of another man.  
... When they brought the body of John Orr said never a word.  
... into the great house and lifting from the mantel loaded it with what started out for callao birds. He stayed many hours and returned without a word on his arm he had gathered a bundle of bows and arrows, which hang to the mantel, with their rusty tips.  
... who work for Orr are paid in dollars every week. If they like to go to his store, and if they prefer to go to Pasacao or Nueva Carceres. But always there with plenty of rice so that a man would not starve in the famine catch the country.  
... who is wrong he is locked up by the man who is in the pay of John Orr for a month.

tary's office when that man was out. He looked anxiously about. One of the clerks came up to him and said: "Mr. Blank, do you want to see the President?" "No," answered the man, "it is very important, and I want to see the private secretary himself."

It is Mr. Loeb who answers 99 per cent of the President's mail, and since every person who writes is certain that his letter is important and as 98 per cent of them are rubbish, you can see that the task is not easy. Whenever the President travels Mr. Loeb goes with him, and at every station he meets men whom he has talked with for three minutes about four years ago; he has to recall their names and faces and greet them as old friends, for to forget them would be a slight that would wound the heart and pride of the local "Filipino."

Mr. Bertram, Mr. Carnegie's private secretary, has a task that, in its way, is quite as difficult. The world is full of persons who could spend another man's millions to perfection, and sooner or later their ideas float into Mr. Bertram's office. It takes a staff of clerks and a man with a fine head to answer them. Mr. Carnegie never sees those letters; it is only once a month that a real good idea comes in. All the rest have to be answered in language that will soothe as well as decline.

Cardinal Merry del Val is really more than a secretary; he is the diplomatic head of the Catholic Church, and his work is more difficult than Secretary Root's. He is the man who re-



A GROUP OF HOURIS WHO ACCOMPANIED BUDDHA, KNOWN AS THE THREE GRACES OF INDIA.

**BETTER WISH.**  
... grew the pessimistic man,  
... the money that is spent for fire-  
... every year."  
... a comfortable sum," remarked  
... "but while one is wishing he