

T. R. READY TO FIGHT CHARGE THAT HE IS A DRUNKARD

Marquette, Mich., May 26.—Theodore Roosevelt came to Marquette today to fight the charge that he is a drunkard.

His suit for \$10,000 damages against George A. Newett of Ishpeming, owner and editor of Iron Ore, a weekly mining paper, came to trial in the circuit court at 2 o'clock this afternoon. During the last presidential campaign Newett published the statement that "Roosevelt gets drunk, and that not infrequently, and all his intimates know it."

Attorneys for Col. Roosevelt declared they were not fighting Newett alone, and that monetary damages were not at stake. The ex-president wants his reputation vindicated, and seeks to set at rest stories spread by other people besides Newett.

Newett asserts he can prove his statements, and also claims he had the privilege of attacking a public character running for office. Affidavits have been secured by the editor, at heavy expense, which are alleged to support his charges against Roosevelt. Newett denies the allegations that the money for his defense, which will be costly, has been subscribed by trusts.

Dr. J. B. Murphy and Dr. Arthur D. Bevan, who attended Col. Roosevelt in Chicago after he was shot last fall, are expected to testify for the ex-president that he showed no signs of alcoholism while under their care. Newspaper men and prominent politicians will also take the stand in Roosevelt's behalf. Affidavits have also been secured to counteract those in Newett's possession.

Some of the Newett affidavits are said to charge that on some of Roosevelt's speaking tours through Ohio it was necessary for attendants to support him from the train, and that he appeared to be intoxicated.

An effort will be made to rush the trial, so Roosevelt's character witnesses, most of whom are public men,

can return to their business. The colonel himself will be one of the first to testify.

Col. Roosevelt stopped in Chicago yesterday afternoon on his way to Marquette, and toured the city in a taxicab. He was unrecognized by the crowds on the street. The colonel attempted to get into the Lincoln Park zoo after closing hours, but Park Policeman Martin Burns stood in the path.

"I am Col. Roosevelt," explained the ex-president to the cop.

"I recognize you, sir," answered Burns, "but it is 5:10, and visitors are not allowed after 5. Orders are orders, and go for everybody here."

OAK PARK WOMAN IS ONE OF 36 KILLED AT LONG BEACH

Long Beach, Cal., May 26.—Mrs. Mollie Gates of Oak Park and Mrs. E. E. Bush, Quincy, Ill., were among the thirty-six dead as a result of the Municipal Auditorium collapse after the close of the "Empire day" pageant.

The death list may be swelled, as a number of the injured are in a critical condition. Of the thirty-six corpses now lying in morgues and undertaking establishments here, only one is that of a man. All the others are women, girls and little boys, most of the victims being aged women.

A grand jury investigation was formally demanded in a petition submitted to the district attorney by British or Canadian residents of Long Beach, who had friends or relatives killed in the crash. The prosecutor has already detailed officers to observe the ruins with a view of discovering what caused the collapse.

So, David Starr Jordan has resigned his college presidency in order to work for world's peace. Luck, Davey! As prexy you were a dandy. As dove of peace, may your beak be full of olive trees.