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BRYAN FOR A FREE PRESS.

Commenting on the trouble between President Roosevelt and Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World, William J. Bryan comes out strongly on the side of the latter and warns the president that he cannot muzzle the press. Under the heading, "President Oversteps the Limit." The Commoner says:

"President Roosevelt has sent to congress a message which announces a new and dangerous doctrine. It is the duty of every publisher, every believer in free speech and a free press to resent the presidents attempt to use the government to terrorize those who would criticise the action of public officials. No official can claim exemption from criticism merely because he is an official, and no act of government is so sacred that the humblest citizen may not express an adverse opinion upon it.

"It is a matter of little consequence whether the charges made by the New York World are true or false—that can be determined by a suit at law in the ordinary way—but it is a matter of great importance that every editor and every other individual shall be free to express his opinion on any subject connected with public affairs.

Thinks Inquiry Best Course.

"The World demands an investigation of the Panama purchase, and it is for congress to determine whether the investigation shall be made. The fact that the president thinks no investigation is necessary is immaterial.

"If a law is passed which requires the president's concurrence he can sign or veto it—that is his constitutional right. If, upon receiving his veto the house and senate approve of a measure by a two-thirds vote the measure—according to the constitution—becomes a law in spite of the president. In so far as the senate and house can constitutionally act without the president's concurrence they are at liberty to do so without consulting him or in spite of anything he says. In so far as either house has the right to investigate it can do so whether he approves or not. An investigation is the best method of bringing out the facts, and if there has been misrepresentation the president ought to urge an investigation rather than oppose it.

"But his proposition that the government can institute libel proceedings against an individual or paper for criticism of the government's action is not only a new doctrine but an extremely objectionable one. If any individual has been libeled he has action at law. If the individual concerned does not see fit to prosecute his remedy the goverment cannot become his champion.

"The Panama purchase was made by the administration in pursuance of an act of congress. If any improper influence was brought to bear upon the senators or members to secure the passage of the purchase act the public has the right to know it, and any senator or congressman wrongfully charged with being improperly influenced can resort to the court to enforce his legal remdeies.

President Cannot Use Office.

"If any individual is wrongfully charged with briging improper influence to bear upon any senator or congressman, he can bring an action to protect his name and his honor. The president says the purchase act was in the hands of Attorney General Knox, and that he (the president) approved of everything Mr. Knox did. If either the president or Mr. Knox is charged with improper conduct the courts are open to them, but the president cannot use the attorney general to punish those who criticise him, Senator Knox, or any other official.

"Whatever offense the World has committed—if it has committed an offense—is not against the government but against the individuals who have temporarily acted for the government but against the individuals who are accused of bringing improper influence to bear upon any officials.

"Mr. Pulitzer is on solid ground when he resists the president's attempt to convert newspaper criticism of officials into criticism against the government itself. The president's message is indefensible in so far as it asserts the right of the government to prosecute the World or Mr. Pulitzer, and he will find he has overstepped the limits of his authority if he attmepts to use the attorney general's office in the way that he has proposed. The president is not the government; a criticism of him is not a criticism of the government."

Can Roosevelt Suppress Facts?

If President Roosevelt knows things about members of either house or senate, which show them unfit to represent the people, can he properly suppress such facts?

His recent message contained a passage relating to the use of the secret service for the investigation of congressmen which was Greek to most readers.

Congress adopted a resolution appointing a committee to formulate action on the president's "unfortunate" language. And now it is an open secret that Roosevelt has thrown down the glove and threatens to blow up congress with revelations concerning honorable members which will make Hearst's campaign revelations seem tame.

But it is also hinted that if congress is "good," these revelations wi not be made.

Mr. Hearst bought his information from men who stole it. The press of the nation generally justified Mr. Hearst in this extraordinary course, on the theory that the end justified the means.

But suppose Mr. Hearst had used this information for which he paid to make Rockefeller, Archbold, Sibley, Foraker and McLaurin "be good?" He would have been denounced as a blackmailer.

If the president has similar information compiled by secret service detectives, he did not pay for it. The public paid for it. If the president had paid for it, would it not be a sort of blackmail for him to suppress it on conditions imposed by himself?

And if its accumlation has been paid for from public funds, is not the public entitled to it?.

If there are other Sibleys, Forakers, McLaurins in congress, and the president has proof of it, ought he to keep the proofs to himself? Can he honorably do so?

What do you say, Mr. Roosevelt?

It's up to you.—Des Moines Daily News.

VOTE ON PRESIDENT.

The total popular vote of the various presidential candidates at the last national election has been made known in official form by the filing of the last official vote, that of Michigan. The totals show:

Taft, republican	7,637,676
Bryan, democrat	6,393,182
Debs, socialist	448,452
Chafin, prohibition	241,651
Hisgen, independence	73,186
Watson, populist	22,871
Gilhaus, socialist labor	15,421
Total for all candidates	14,852,239

Over Million Increase.

This exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in 1904.

The candidates of the republican, democratic and socialist parties increased their votes this year. The reverse is true of the prohibition, populist and socialist labor parties. The independence party did not figure in the presidential election four years ago.

Bryan Snowed Parker.

The biggest difference in a party vote is hown in the increase for Bryan of 1,315,211 over the total cast in 1904 for Parker. Taft received 14,190 votes more than Roosevelt in 1904. Debs ran 45,361 ahead of his predecessor on the socialist ticket. populists who had 50,878 votes in this year than in 1904. The prohibitionist candidate ran 17,284 votes behind the 1904 mark of his party and the socialist labor candidate received only about 50 per cent. of the vote of 1904.

States With Big Vote.

New York with 870,070, Pennsylvani 745,779 and Illinois 629,932 gave Taft the greatest numebr of votes, while as to Bryan the order was New York 667,468, Ohio 502,721 and Illinois 450,810.

Debs received his largest vote in Pennsylvania, 39,913, Illinois, 39,711 and New York, 38,451.

Hisgen's vote in New York was 35,817, and in his own state, Massachusett, 19,237, which together formed nearly two-thirds of all he received. In six states not a vote was cast for him. Nine states registered not a single vote for the prohibitionists. The socialist labor candidate received votes in only thirteen states and in only nineteen were votes cast for Watson, populist.

FOR A FREE PRESS.

If any serious attempt is to be made to bring a criminal prosecution against Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World by the attorney general of the United States because the New York World has published statements concerning the Panama canal which the president believes or even knows to be untrue, there should be a determined resistance organized by the newspaper press of the entire country.

Mr. Pulitzer may be wholly malicious in what his newspaper has said about the speculation in the forty millions that were paid for the canal. But for the national administration to proceed to shut his mouth by a criminal prosecution or threat of criminal prosecution is merely to revive in the United States the famous controversy over John Wilkes, a controversy of two hundred years ago, which ended in the discomfiture of the British government and inspired the letters of Junius.

Free discussion, whatever lengths it may run to, is so much safer than publication censured from Washington, even under the most wise and most patriotic administration, that the people cannot for one moment consent to see the criminal libel law made use of by the government to reach an independent and courageous newspaper. This charge that there was speculation in the forty millions paid by the government is not new. Henry Watterson reiterated it at the time the purchase was made. The friends of the Nicaraugua would have been [illegible] there. Panama route but for the speculation there was in the purchase. Probably but few people believe that all of that forty millions reached France or the French investors in De Lessep's illtimed venture.

We are just at this time engaged in recalling the memory of John Milton, after three hundred years. John Milton wrote the most famous essay of English prose, a defense of unlicensed printing. Every argument that could be brought for a censored newspaper press he reviewed and refuted sentences that still are vital. A free and untrammeled newspaper press in the United States will frequently mean uncalled for criticism, unmerited detraction, unwarranted assertion. But before anybody becomes too much disturbed at this prospect let him consider what it will mean to have the government authorized to bring criminal prosecutions against any newspaper that may excite the indignation of the president.—Register and Leader.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

Sometimes I think that Christmas night's the best.
Before the nursery fire, when we undressed
And all the toys are put away, except
Perhaps my engine and the baby's bear,
Then Mother comes away from all the rest
Downstairs to tell our Christmas story there.

She takes the baby on her lap and we
Sit around her on the hearth-rug, so we see
The pictures in the fire, and then she tells
About how shepherds watched their flocks by night
And what the angel said, and how the three
Wise Kings came riding—and the big star's light.

And then she tells how it showed the way
To just a stable where the oxen stay.
And there they found Him in His Mother's arms,
A little baby Christ-Child—and He smiled;
And that (she said) is what made Christmas day
For you and me and every little child.

Before the nursery fire, when we're undressed,
Sometimes I think that Christmas night's the best.

—From December Everybody's

Cutting It Short.

A British lieutenant in the Second battalion, Lincolnshire regiment, who was called Leo Quintus Tollemache-Tollemache de Orellana Plantagenet Tollemache-Tollemache, gave notice by means of advertisement that he renounced the names of Quintus Tollemache-Tollemache Plantagenet Tollemache and should henceforth upon all occasions and at all times sign and use and be called and known by the name of Leo de Orellana Tollemache only.

Canada's Inland Sea.

People at home who have only seen Hudson bay on the map have mainly regarded it as a patch of polar desolation, forbidding and unexplored. In reality it is nothing of the kind. It is a huge inland sea as large as the Mediterranean reaching down into the center of the Canadian continent.—Milling.

Dumb Money.

Little Elmer—Mamma, this nickel you gave me this morning must be counterfeit. Mamma—Why do you think so, dear? Little Elmer—Well, I hear papa say that money talks, and I've had this money a whole day and it hasn't said a word.—Chicago News.

Just Names.

She had passed a season abroad, and in London, she said modestly, her success had been unprecedented. The earl said he could readily believe that.

"The dinner," she resumed, "that Lady Featherstonhaugh"—

"Excuse me. The name is pronounced Freestonhay," said the earl.

"Well, at the dinner Lord Dalzell"—

"Though written Dalzell, it is pronounced Deal. But pray go on."

"He and Sir Dugald Colquhoun"—

"You mean Calhoun. Yes?"

"And Lady Leveson-Gower and Mr. [illegible] correct pronun[illegible] rupting you."

"Not at all. All these persons and Lord St. Maur drank"—

"Not St. Maur—Seymour. Well?"

"Oh, I forgot what I was going to say. You've quite put me out with your corrections."

"And your story was just getting interesting, too," said the earl regretfully.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Professor Blackie's Opinion.

A correspondent sends an anecdote concerning the attempt of a serious minded lady to lure Professor Blackie into giving his opinion of Sankey's hymns at a time when they had an enormous vogue. The lady was giving the professor lunch, and he tried to fob her off by praising a Stilton cheese on the table. Some time after the lady sent him a copy of Sankey and a piece of the cheese, hoping thus to draw him. She succeeded to the extent of these four lines of verse:

Thrice blessed is she that hath done what she could
To make a lean man fat and a bad man good.
For the body, cheese; for the soul, Sankey;
For both thankee.

—Glasgow Herald.

A Polite Turn Down.

Sir Algernon West in his reminiscences tells this story of Robert Browning: "When he had become famous some one wanted very much to meet him. A kind friend arranged a meeting, and the guest besieged Browning with questions and conversation during dinner, and even after dinner he continued buttonholing his victim. 'Come,' said the poet, 'this will never do. They will say I am monopolizing you!'"

Soda and Water.

For sheer simplicity of phrase and conception few have surpassed that delightful old lady who, with a shrewd twinkle in her eye, inquired whether "soda water" should be written as two separate words or if there should be a siphon between them.

Golden For Him.

Bunker—I see by the papers that Ardupp has just celebrated his golden wedding! Why, he was only married yesterday. Hunks—Yes; but he married an heiress.

Be sure that the wisest persons are the least severe.—Montague.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHAIR SALE.

Comfort Rockers

We placed on our floors this morning another lot of those elegant, Large Comfort Rockers. They are made by people that know how to build a comfortable Rocker. Every curve and line in the chair fits the body, and the greatest amount of comfort is thereby secured. This is just what you want for the house, and it would be a delightful Christmas present for any adult member of the family.

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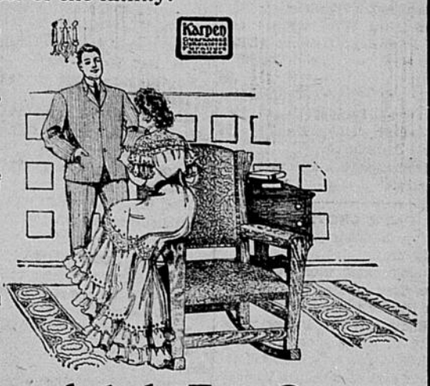

Parlor Chairs, Library Chairs, Morris Chairs, Bedroom Chairs. Chairs for the Den and Chairs for the Kitchen. Chairs for Fifty cents, and Chairs for Fifty Dollars. You can find anything you want in this immense stock, and at prices to suit every pocket-book.

Do You Want A Chair Absolutely Free?

We are going to give one away on Christmas morning. We have done this for many years past. It costs you nothing but a trip to our store to try for this. Cut out this Coupon and write your name and address upon it and bring it to our store. Don't send it. Come and bring it. We want to get you in to see our stock of Chairs We have a box that we will put all these coupons in, and on Christmas morning at 11:45, we will open the box and someone will get a chair absolutely free. This is worth trying for. You don't have to buy a cent's worth of goods, we make this offer strictly as an advertisement

Here is the Coupon. Cut it out now while you think of it and after you have done this, read over this advertisement again. You may have skipped something that is of more importance to you than this Chair offer.

Brown, The Furniture Man's Chair Coupon.
Name _____
Address _____
Cut out this Coupon and bring it to our store.

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