



## THE WORLD REFUSES TO HUSH FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

### Makes Reply to His Message to Congress

### READY FOR LAW SUIT

### Paper Insists That a Thorough Investigation of Panama Transaction be Made

### DEFY PRESIDENT'S THREATS

### World Says no Man Ever so Grossly Libelled the United States as Does This Man Who Besmirches Congress and Bulldozes Judges.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The World in course of its answer to President Roosevelt's reference to that paper in his special message to congress today, says:

"Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken; he cannot muzzle the World.

"While no amount of 'Billingsgate' on his part can alter our determination to treat him with judicial impartiality and scrupulous fairness, we repeat what we have already said, that congress should make a thorough investigation of the whole Panam transaction, that the full truth may be known to the American people.

"The World appreciates the importance and significance of Roosevelt's statement when he declared to congress that the proprietor of the World 'Should be prosecuted for libel by the governmental authorities and that the attorney-general has under consideration a form under which proceedings against Pulitzer shall be brought.'

"This is the first time a president has ever asserted the doctrine of les majesty or proposed in absence of specific legislation, criminal prosecution by the government of citizens who criticize the conduct of the government or conduct of individuals who may have had dealings with the government."

The World says that neither the King of England nor the Emperor of Germany would arrogate such a power to himself, and it mentions the failure of John Adams' attempt to enforce sedition laws.

"Yet, Roosevelt is absence of law, officially proposes to use all the power of the greatest government on the earth to cripple the freedom of the press on the pretext that the government itself has been libelled—and he

is the government."

The World says it is true it printed public reports concerning the Panama Canal affair which resulted from W. N. Cromwell's appeal to the district attorney during the campaign to stop the publication which was said to be in the hands of the Democratic National Committee.

"It is true, also, that when Roosevelt made his attack upon Delavan Smith, the World called attention to the criticisms which Roosevelt must have known to be false and misleading and appealed to congress to end all the scandal by full and impartial investigation. If this be the reason, let Roosevelt make the most of it.

"Roosevelt's lamentable habit of inaccurate statements makes it im-

## TOM LONGBOAT WINS MARATHON RACE

### DORANDO PIETRI COLLAPSES WITHIN SIGHT OF THE GOAL POST.

### HARD FIGHT FROM START

### Men Run Rack Neck and Neck at 25 Miles—Dorando Was Leading by Two Lards—Thousands of Spectators Present.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—As on the memorable occasion of his first Olympiad, Dorando Pietri collapsed within sight of the goal tonight and Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, who had led by a yard or more nearly all way, won the Marathon race at Madison Square Garden. The race was hard fought from start to finish and kept the thousands of spectators in wild excitement. At 25 miles Dorando was leading by two yards. A moment before Longboat had made a remarkable sprint and put himself on an even footing with the little Italian. Dorando immediately regained his first position and the men were fighting it out in the 26th mile, with Dorando in the lead, but visibly weaker. The chances of Longboat appeared to improve in the second and third laps. In the third lap, while the crowd was crying itself hoarse both the men slackened perceptibly. Then suddenly Dorando staggered and dropped. Longboat finished alone. The time for the distance of 26 miles, 395 yards, was 2:45:05 2-5.

The time was 35 2-5 second slower than the Marathon mark established by Dorando when he defeated Hayes over the same track three weeks ago

## TAFT'S MAJORITY IS OVER MILLION

### Total Popular Vote Shows an Increase of 1,341,531 Over Presidential Election of 1904

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The total popular vote of the presidential candidates at the last national election was made known today in an official form by the filing of the last of the official vote that of Michigan. The total shows the following votes cast: Taft, 7,637,676; Bryan, 6,393,182; Debs, Socialist, 448,471; Chafin, Prohibition 241,252; Hisgen, Independent, 83,168; Watson, Populist, 33,871; Gilhaus, Socialist Labor, 15,421.

The total for all candidates was 14,853,041. This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531, the total number of

votes cast in the presidential election of 1904. Compared with that election, the candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties increased their votes this year. A reverse is true of prohibition, populist and socialist-labor parties.

Bryan received 1,315,211 votes more than Parker and Taft 14,190 more than Roosevelt. Debs ran 45,368 ahead of his predecessor. The heaviest loss is shown by the populist with a loss of about 34,000. Chafin ran 71,284 behind the mark set in

possible to accept his judgment or his conclusions. In his message he does not state correctly even so simple a matter as his pretended grievance."

The World says it never printed a statement that Charles P. Taft or Douglass Robinson made any profits whatever; that it printed and accepted Taft's denial and would have done likewise regarding Robinson if it had succeeded in obtaining a denial from him.

"The World has no evidence that he was associated with Cromwell and would accept his word to that effect; but Robinson is an estimable gentleman of high character whose reputation for veracity is infinitely better than that of his distinguished brother-in-law.

"If the World has libelled anybody we hope it will be punished, but we do not intend to be intimidated by Roosevelt's threats or by Roosevelt's denunciation or by Roosevelt's power.

"No other living man ever so grossly libelled the United States as does this president who besmirches congress, bull-dozes judges, assails the integrity of the courts, slanders private citizens and who has shown himself the most reckless, unscrupulous demagogue whom the American people ever trusted with great power and authority.

"We say this not in anger, but in sincere sorrow. The World has immeasurably more respect for the office of president of the United States than Theodore Roosevelt has ever shown during the years in which he has maintained the reign of terror and vilified honor and honesty of both public officials and private citizens who opposed his policies or thwarted him in his purposes.

"So far as the World is concerned, its proprietor may go to jail, if Roosevelt succeeds, as he threatens, but even in jail the World will not cease to be a fearless champion of free speech, free press, and a free people."

## OLDEST WOMAN DENTIST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mrs. R. Truchett, who was said to be the oldest woman dentist in this country, died last night in Bellevue Hospital, aged 78 years. Pneumonia was the cause of death. She was the first woman in the United States to receive a license to practice dentistry.

## BOARD OF HEALTH NOW IN CONFERENCE

### REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY COAST SEAPORT MEET AT PORTLAND.

## WANTS BETTER PROTECTION

Pacific Slope Public Health Association Organized at the Meeting and Officers Are Elected With Dr. Foster President.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Representatives of the boards of health from nearly every seaport on the Pacific Coast, from Victoria to San Diego, are in conference here today and brought into existence the Pacific slope public health association. The object of the association is to secure protection against the plague, which members of the convention declare by no means stamped out on this coast. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. N. K. Foster, Sacramento; vice-president, Dr. C. Yennie, Portland; secretary, Dr. E. E. Hegg, Seattle; treasurer, Dr. A. L. Broderick, San Francisco. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and Dr. A. W. Fagan, of Victoria, were elected on the board of directors.

Much to the surprise of the searchers, a hammerless revolver, with all chambers loaded, was found in a pocket, notwithstanding the fact that the late chief's pistol was found after his death in a restaurant where he had dinner on the night of his death.

There were no marks of violence on the body, but an autopsy will be held to assist, if possible, in clearing up the manner of death. The inquest probably will not be held until next week.

Old newspapers for sale at this office, 50 cents per hundred.

## BIGGY'S BODY IS FOUND IN BAY

### Picked Up Floating Off Goat Island

### IS MUCH DISFIGURED

### Uniform and Badge Besides Other Articles Prove His Identity Without Doubt

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The body of Chief of Police Biggy, who was drowned from the police launch Patrol opposite Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay on the night of November 30, was found this morning by the crew of the freight ferryboat Transit. It was floating off Goat Island, face upward, with the arms outstretched. The harbor police were at once notified, and, procuring a launch, Sergeant Donovan recovered the remains. The face is very much disfigured, but the body has been fully identified as that of the dead chief.

When the corpse was taken from the waters it had on the long coat and gloves worn by Biggy on the night of his disappearance. The launch with the body landed at the Mission-street wharf.

Before the launch with Sergeant Donovan and several police officers on board reached the place where the body was first seen, it had been picked up by the crew of the scow schooner Georgia Woods, who aided in transferring it to the police boat. News of the recovery of the remains spread quickly, and an immense crowd assembled at Mission street wharf, where they were landed.

In the presence of Acting Chief Cutler, Chief Deputy Coroner Kennedy and other officials, a search of the clothing in which the body was attired was made immediately upon arrival at the morgue. By means of the two badges which Chief Biggy wore, a locket with his monogram, a muffler, stickpin, his police whistle and other articles, the identification was made beyond the shadow of a doubt.

The watch which Chief Biggy always carried was stopped at 9:12 o'clock. So far as could be ascertained, there were no papers in the pockets to which any significance could be attached, and it was concluded that if Chief Biggy had a written resignation prepared on the occasion of his visit to Police Commissioner Hugo Keil at the latter's home in Belvedere, he had disposed of it in some manner before he met his death.

Matt Johnson, who killed Fred J. Holock in a saloon was sentenced to serve the rest of his life in the penitentiary. In addition to these, good progress was made in the trial of Antonio Petarso accused of murdering Vencenza Desantis—Details of Crimes.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—A man-slayer, convicted of manslaughter, and another sentenced to the penitentiary for life, was today's record in the series of trials for homicide now progressing here. Casper Blickenstorfer was found guilty of manslaughter for the killing during quarrel with Charles Hegburn. The men were both teamsters and became involved in a row over the manner in which Hegburn's team was cared for. In the heat of passion, Blickenstorfer struck Hegburn over the head with a piece of two by four.

The Morning Astorian contains all the local and Associated Press reports.

## DALLES CITY SINKS.

### Steamer Strikes a Rock and Goes Down in Shallow Water.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—The river passenger steamer Dalles City, which plies between Portland and The Dalles, struck on a rock and sank in three feet of water at Carson, Wash. The passengers were badly frightened but none were hurt.

## HAS GOOD BACKING.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The Tribune today prints the following news article under a New York date: It is learned that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. will likely undertake the financing and re-organization of the Western Maryland Railroad. This is the link that the Goulds acquired several years ago, supposedly for the eastern outlet of their transcontinental railway system then mooted. The idea now seems wholly abandoned.

## ANTI-DELUVIAN SIGNS.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 15.—Workmen employed on the waterworks tunnel under Toronto Bay yesterday found human footprints in the blue clay 70 feet below the water level. The find was in inter-glacial clay deposited from 50,000 to 100,000 years ago, and is considered the most important geological discovery relating to that period made in America. City Inspector W. H. Cross said: "It looked like a trail. There were over 100 footprints from large prints to the printing of a child's foot three and a half inches long. All were toed in. You could not see the hollow between the ball and heel in many of them. All pointed north except where some turned off to the side."

## MAY SHE BE HAPPY!

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The report that Fritz Scheff, the comic opera star, and John Fox, Jr., the author, had been quietly married on Sunday, was confirmed by an official announcement last night. They had been engaged for some time and the wedding was no surprise. Mrs. Fox appeared last night as usual in a production in which she is starring. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. Fox's brother, Rector Fox, at Mount Kisco, N. Y.

## BLICKENSTORFER AND JOHNSON GUILTY

### FORMER CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER; LATTER IS SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

## PORTLAND DOES FAST WORK

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## SCHWAB'S VALUABLE TESTIMONY AT TARIFF HEARING

### A THRIFTY SOLDIER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Charles Harvey, a retired soldier who has been post quartermaster sergeant of Fort Rosecrans for some time drew yesterday from Col. Geo. R. Smith, chief paymaster of the Department of California, the sum of \$13,900, the amount he has saved from his pay through the army deposit plan. This is the second largest sum the chief paymaster of this department has ever paid out to a soldier. Besides this amount Harvey will receive for the rest of his life \$67.50 a month for retired pay. He will go to San Diego, where he expects to build a home in which to spend his declining years.

## KELLY - PAPKE FIGHT ENDS IN DRAW

### JEFFRIES DECISION IS LOUDLY PROTESTED BY KELLY'S BACKERS.

## PAPKE'S PUNISHMENT AWFUL

### Kelly Leaves the Ring Without a Mark While His Opponent Retires With His Face Beaten Into a Pulp—Go 25 Rounds.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Hugo Kelly and Lilly Papke, former middleweight champion, fought for 25 fast rounds tonight. At the close of the final round, with both men fighting strong, Referee James J. Jeffries called the bout a draw. Kelly left the ring without a mark, while Papke was a sight, both eyes were closed and his cheek bones were pounded to a pulp. The draw decision was loudly protested by Kelly's backers and a majority of the spectators.

## HEAVY FORGERIES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Edward E. Perkins was arrested here last night charged with forging about twenty checks, amounting to about \$10,000. Until August he was employed as a bookkeeper for Spiegel, May, Stern & Co. Sidney M. Spiegel's name is the one forged. Perkins made no effort to escape but turned his attention to his wife who became hysterical when told her husband was under arrest. He denied he had forged state regarding what the British Spiegel's name and said: "It is a house of commons had done in that case of mistaken identity."

## MRS. MARTIN IS FOUND GUILTY

### Jury Returns Verdict After Being Out Less Than Ten Minutes—Charged With Dynamiting Home

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, charged with conspiracy in dynamiting the residence of Judge Ogden, March 19, 1907, was found guilty today by the jury after being out less than ten minutes. The case had been on trial for several months and has been replete with sensational incidents. Judge Wells fixed the time for sentencing Saturday morning. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment. The motive of the crime was revenge upon the judge for an adverse decision in a

### Is Not in Favor of Any Change for Steel

### DISPUTES CARNEGIE

### Admits That Conditions Nine Years Ago Would Have Permitted Change

### "INSURGENTS" LOSE OUT

### Give up All Hopes of Revision of the Rules When Gardner Fails to Obtain Adoption of Amended Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Disagreeing with the published views of Andrew Carnegie with regard to the steel schedule of the tariff, Charles M. Schwab, former president of the United States Steel Corporation gave valuable testimony before the house on ways and means committee at the tariff hearing today. While he practically admitted that the conditions which existed nine years ago would have permitted the reduction of steel schedules at that time, he said the cost of every item entering into the manufacture of steel rails had increased to such an extent that conditions should be changed to permit of tariff reduction. Schwab declared that in five years, "Bessemer" steel would have been entirely replaced by "open hearth" process and within ten years "open hearth" process would have given away to "electric process." These changes, he said, would improve the quality of steel, but they would also slightly increase its cost. Schwab said he is not in favor of any change in tariff on steel and steel products.

Hopes of the so-called insurgents of the house of revision of rules of that body were dissipated today for the time being at least when Gardner of Massachusetts failed today to obtain the adoption of the amended resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of eight to consider the subject and report to congress what they deem necessary. A substantial majority of the house voted to take away from the committee on foreign affairs a consideration of the resolution which in its original form when told her husband was under arrest. He denied he had forged state regarding what the British Spiegel's name and said: "It is a house of commons had done in that case of mistaken identity."

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## FIRE FIEND AT WORK.

MINA, Nev., Dec. 15.—Fire starting at 1:15 o'clock this morning in the Davis Hotel, destroyed the entire business section, causing a loss of over \$125,000. No fatalities.