

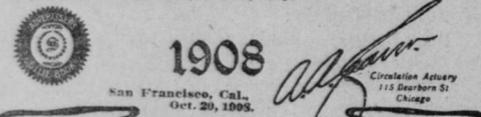
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ROOSEVELT, THE MAN

THERE is a note of Hamlet's soliloquy about the president's message. Here in good set phrase are itemized the oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely, the law's delay and the whips and scorns that patient merit of the unworthy takes...

He keeps things moving. For him hope springs eternal. The complex problems, the conflict of classes, the striving for selfish advantage that discourage and dismay certain finicky philosophers...

Roosevelt is not hidebound. He carries an open mind and listens to reason. If there is any good to be said of the trusts and the big combinations he is always ready to weigh and digest the plea for what it may be worth.

The message of Tuesday offers a fair example of the president's spirit and method. He sees that the man who preaches class hatred is as wicked as the grafter, and he insists on the control of the great aggregations of capital by wise laws and a just administration.

The railways of the country should be put completely under the interstate commerce commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. The power of the commission should be made thorough going, so that it could exercise complete supervision and control over the issue of securities, as well as over the raising and lowering of rates.

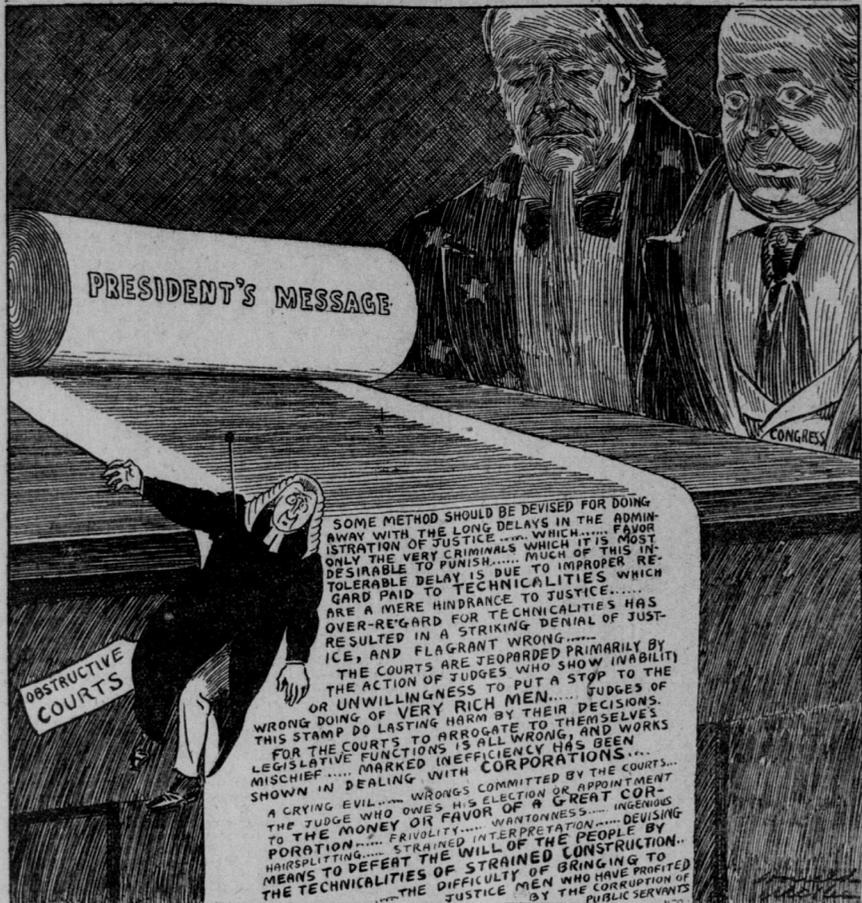
Thus the president would put the railroads outside of the operation of the law against trusts. He would permit combinations and traffic agreements, but would insist on the fullest publicity as to all details of financial and executive management.

CONGRESSIONAL INSURGENTS

THE opposition to the re-election of Speaker Cannon by the house of representatives has disappeared, and indeed never had a formidable backing. At the same time there is a governing belief that excessive power has been placed in this office and that important limitations are desirable.

The speaker names all the committees and is therefore able to exercise a powerful influence on the early stages of legislation. But that is only the beginning. The unwieldy size of the house makes it necessary to regulate in advance the order of business, the time assigned for bills and the speakers to be recognized.

Exhibit A "Herewith Appended"



SOME METHOD SHOULD BE DEVISED FOR DOING AWAY WITH THE LONG DELAYS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE WHICH IS MOST DESIRABLE TO FURNISH MUCH OF THE TOLERABLE DELAY IS DUE TO IMPROPER REGARD PAID TO TECHNICALITIES WHICH ARE A MERE HINDRANCE TO JUSTICE...

an absolute veto power. The president's veto can be overridden by congress, but the speaker's veto is final. Now it is proposed to take the organization of the committee on rules out of the speaker's hands...

SOME STRANGE POLITICS IN OREGON

THE Oregon political situation attracts attention all over the country because it is unusual and, indeed, unprecedented. At the direct primary last summer the voters declared in favor of Governor Chamberlain for election to the office of United States senator...

Answers to Queries

- NEVADA—Subscriber, Palo Alto, Cal. Must a person be a citizen of Nevada to commence an action for divorce in that state?
PAGO-PAGO—J. S. City. Where can reliable information be obtained as to Pago-Pago, Tutuila island?
SHRIMPS—B. C. Burlingame, Cal. What is the law governing shrimp fishing in California?
KING EDWARD—S. I. S. City. Was the father of the present king of England a Dutchman or an Englishman?
OCEAN—K. City. Where can I obtain a record of the temperature of the ocean at the Cliff house beach, Santa Cruz, Aragon, Redondo beach and at the beach of Los Angeles?
GAME IN CAPTIVITY—A. H. S. City. Will the game and fish commissioners of California grant a permit to one to keep protected game birds in captivity, such as quail, pheasants and grouse?
CONDUCTOR—E. Stockton, Cal. Where must one apply to become a conductor for the Pullman company?
HAGGIN—A. S. Marysville, Cal. Where was J. B. Haggin, the millionaire horseman, born?
WARM CLIMATE—Mrs. G. M. N. Sonoma. Cal. Where is the warmest climate in winter, generally, in California south of Monterey?
PARDONED—O. S. Does a man who has been convicted of a felony in California lose his civil rights? If pardoned are they restored?
COLLINS—A. P. Oakland, Cal. Where is the case of Collins confined pending the appeal in his case?
LICENSE—F. C. City. What is the legal charge for a marriage license?
TWO DOLLARS

Gossip of Railwaymen

L. S. Peck of the Santa Fe is a tall and stately gentleman of urbane manners, pleasing address and a knowledge of the tariff that is truly formidable. He can reel off rates like a phonograph and tell the maximums and minimums they carry better than the books themselves.

William Berman and H. Dodge, both of the Santa Fe, have been patronizing the Northwestern Pacific since Captain Payson has been president, and Berman has learned that there is no part of the world where so much sport can be had as along the line of that railway.

Up to date the eastward movement of canned goods, dried fruit, hops and lumber has not been such as to affect the car situation seriously. The Southern Pacific has notified all division superintendents that they should return promptly equipment belonging east of the Missouri river, and for that reason to give cars the preference for eastern loading.

A graduate of a Pennsylvania college who is in the department of posts and communications of the Chinese government says there are 9,000 miles of railway in China and the department has been instructed to build 150,000 miles of telegraph and railway, of which 8,000 miles are to be built within a year.

The Southern Pacific announces that it will shorten the running time between Los Angeles and New Orleans by one hour and a half, so that passengers leaving here on the 8 p. m. train will reach Los Angeles in time to catch the east bound express.

The Insider

Recalls Dr. Blue's experience with clubwomen in the early stage of the anti-plague war and how the death of a pet aroused interest

Surgeon Helped by Sad End of a Dog means the departure before many moons of Dr. Rupert Blue and his co-worker, Dr. Rucker, and that phase of this matter is causing any amount of regret. Both are particular favorites with the clubwomen of the city, who threw themselves heart and soul into the campaign waged against the rat.

The clubwomen had been called together to hear addresses on the dangers of the plague. President Moore of the chamber of commerce had told the hundred or more women in impressive language what he feared for San Francisco if steps were not taken to keep the covers on garbage cans and maintain immaculate meat safes and that sort of thing.

Finally a quiet little woman arose in the audience and said timidly: "I don't believe you ladies realize just what plague means. I was in Honolulu, and saw something of it there, and"—with a suspicion of a sob—"it can bring sadness very quickly. I had a dear little dog. We loved her so devotedly, and she fell a victim to the dread disease."

"We did everything we could for her for three days," she said in a shaking voice. "We made her little bed as soft as we could and tried to keep down her fever, but it was no use. She died!"

When Dr. Blue met Dr. Rucker a little later he said: "There's a woman we ought to get to speak for us, Rucker. She's a wonder—told some story about her child's death and got all the other women going right away."

The Smart Set

MISS HELEN JONES was the complimented guest yesterday at a delightful bridge party given by Miss Marian Miller at her home in Pacific avenue.

Mrs. Leonard Hammond was hostess yesterday at an informal luncheon given at the Fairmont. Among the guests were: Mrs. Richard Hammond, Miss Julia Langhorne, Miss Grace Hammond, Miss Hamilton, Miss Daisy Hammond, Miss Ballard.

T. H. Watkins of New York, who left yesterday for the east, was host at a farewell dinner given at the Fairmont before his departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Hall Baker are at the St. Francis for a few days, but will leave this week for their home in Tonopah. The wedding of this couple was an event of the winter and took place at the home of the bride's father, Senator George Perkins, in Vernon Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Risdon Mead entertained a house party recently at their country home near Byron. Among the guests at this affair were: Mrs. Ethel Amweg, Fred Teller, Walter Scott, Miss Marian Lally, Mrs. Ruth Sadler, Balbo Iravocovich.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Eyre entertained last evening at an informal dinner given at their home in Sacramento street for a number of the debutantes. The affair was given in compliment to Miss Katherine Donohoe.

The wedding of Miss Ida Price and J. P. Turner will take place the first week in January.

Mrs. J. C. Campbell will entertain this evening at an informal dinner to be given at the Fairmont in compliment to Mrs. Arthur Brown, who is visiting here from Honolulu.

Mrs. Harry Umben will entertain tomorrow evening at an informal dinner to be given at the Fairmont for a dozen guests.

Impertinent Question No. 81

What's the Matter with California?

For the most original or wittiest answer to this question—the briefer the better—The Call will pay FIVE DOLLARS. For the next five answers The Call will pay ONE DOLLAR EACH.

- Winning Answers to "When Are You Happy?"
\$5 prize to George J. Bush, 2389 Mission street, city.
Now; I'm not married, not engaged, have no best girl, and Christmas only three weeks away.
\$1 prize to F. E. Oliver, 333 Bush street, city.
When the power gives out before I have paid my fare.
\$1 prize to Elsie Johnson, Clovis.
When people say I'm getting thin—I weigh two hundred.
\$1 prize to Elmer G. Still, Livermore.
When I'm good, were it not for the lonesomeness.
\$1 prize to Rosamund Guernsey, 333 Kearny street, city.
When I see a lordly man try to stop the car by ringing up a fare.
\$1 prize to R. D. Fish, Red Bluff.
When I am on the water wagon; look at my name.