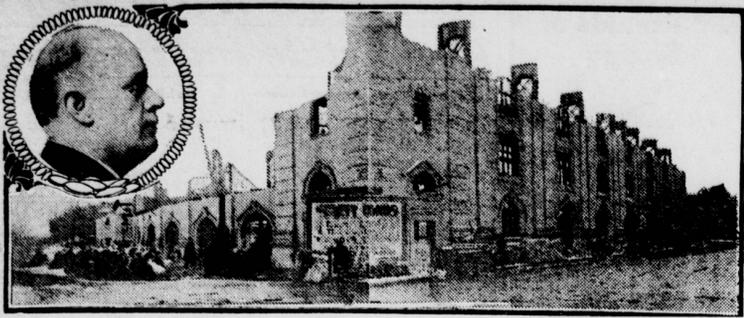


**DENVER SMASHES RECORDS TO ENTERTAIN DEMOCRATS**



MAYOR SPEER AND DENVER'S AUDITORIUM AS IT LOOKS TODAY.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—All precedents are to be broken by Denver in preparing for the next democratic national convention which has just been awarded to this city.

The city will expend city funds, raised by a bond issue, in equipping the finest auditorium in the west for the accommodation of the hosts of democracy. The structure will be ready a month in advance of the convention.

A small army of workmen is to be put on the building at once. The bonds have been authorized and the money will be available shortly.

"We will put on three eight-hour shifts and work continuously until the auditorium is completed," Mayor Robt. Speer says. A municipally owned auditorium is the mayor's own scheme.

When the announcement came that the \$100,000 in gold from Colorado's mines, and the prospect of cool breezes even in the hottest season, had won the convention, expressions of doubt were frequent. The big structure was only just begun. Skeptics freely predicted that a junk pile rather than auditorium would greet the delegates.

The mayor is more confident of completing the auditorium than he is of being able to attend the convention as a delegate.

There is a taint upon Speer's democracy. Although elected a democrat the last state convention refused to recognize the credentials of himself and his followers, who were elected delegates at the regular primaries, declaring his delegation to be "corporationists."

Democrats through the state still regard his democracy as only skin deep and insist that the rejected ones be given no place in the national gathering. For all that the mayor will make a fight for a seat.

**BOILERMAKERS' STRIKE MOST EXPENSIVE**

Information received from engineers and firemen employed on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways bear out the statements that the boilermakers' strike has been the most expensive wage fight luxury the railroads ever indulged in. The number of men involved is comparatively small, yet the strike has cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to date and the end is not yet in sight.

The cost of generating power has been doubled since the inauguration of the strike. It is stated that where it was possible to haul a load of freight over local division with from 12 to 17 tons of coal it now requires from 24 to 35 tons of coal to do the same work. The engines are in poor condition and there is little improvement in the class of help the roads are securing. The kind of boilermakers now in use are called "handy men," and few if any are practical workmen.

At one time the Northern Pacific preferred to service any engine that would run. It is customary to use certain engines on certain work, but this rule had to be abandoned and even then the road would have been entirely tied up had it not been for the fact that the company had secured some new engines just before the strike.

The roundhouse and shops are now full of engines needing repairs, which are progressing slowly and at increasing cost because of lack of efficiency.

The local boilermakers have never wavered in their loyalty to their union. Only one member has deserted and there is no apparent still out.

Even should the companies succeed in beating the men out they will realize that they have had the fight of their lives and have won the most expensive strike in their history against a handful of mechanics. It is considered unlikely that they will feel like taking on another labor battle in the immediate future.

**INHERITANCE TAX WOULD COST THIS LITTLE MAIDEN \$50,000,000**

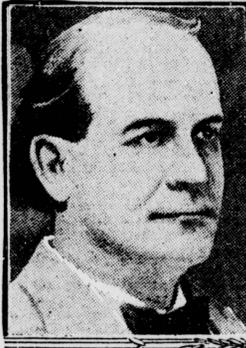
BY GILSON GARDNER  
Special Correspondence to The Press.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The government would take between forty and fifty million dollars tax from Andrew Carnegie's estate, if an inheritance tax law were now on the books, such as recommended by President Roosevelt in his message. Little Margaret, the steel king's only child, would have to worry along on a paltry \$150,000,000 or \$160,000,000.

This is, of course, assuming that Mr. Carnegie does not get rid of his estate before he dies. It is also assuming that the current Pittsburg estimate of his estate, namely \$200,000,000, is approximately correct.

The president cited the inheritance tax laws of England, Germany and France in making his recommendations. He did not outline any specific rate of tax, but suggested that the principle is worth considering.

If we had a law like the one in England, Mr. Carnegie could leave the bulk of his estate to his daughter Margaret without paying any very heavy tax to the government, but if he tried to leave it to distant relatives, collateral heirs, or to some institution like a library, it would at once become subject to a tax of 20 per cent. In England the bigger the fortune the higher the tax, until five millions is reached, when the fortune pays the flat 20 per cent rate.

**THREE CAMPAIGNS HAVE PUT MARK ON BRYAN'S FACE**



BRYAN IN 1906

These two pictures of Wm. Jennings Bryan show what three campaigns for the presidency can do to a man. They look like the reversed pictures of a "before and after" advertisement.

The first picture of Bryan was taken in 1896, just before he made his first campaign. The other picture was taken this year. The latter shows the lines of worry; the wrinkles that come with a busy life and the passing years. It shows that Bryan has passed through a time of stress and of care.



BRYAN TODAY

Miss Eva Hoffman and Fred E. Empey, of this city, were married yesterday at 2 p. m. by Rev. H. I. Basmus. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hoffman, 717 Euclid av., in the presence of relatives and intimate friends.

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**PAPER TRUST HAS SAFE GRIP ON THIS CONGRESS**

**HITS HITCHCOCK HARD JOLT**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Poor Frank Hitchcock! If ever a man was taken for a goat, he is that man. For months he worked and worked—and no one in the public service works like Hitchcock—rounding up the republican party in the South; rounding them up for Roosevelt—and then along comes Roosevelt and kicks him in the face, so to speak.

Of course, Roosevelt had to do it. Anyway that's what his friends say. T. R. has been living up to the letter and spirit of his promise not to be a candidate, and he could not let a prominent official (Hitchcock was assistant to Mr. Cortelyou when the latter was chairman of the republican national committee) round up the delegates when he was supposed not to be a candidate.

But that is not what hurt. The crowning sheaf of ingratitude was added by the president in his intimation that all this work was being done for Cortelyou.

Those who know Hitchcock know that this was cruelly untrue. Hitchcock is in fact rabid on T. R. He thinks him the model of all that's good and great. To serve him in any way, or to help his cause has been the whole of Hitchcock's life. He has toiled and milled and thought and schemed—burning the midnight oil—and all the object of his thought and work was Roosevelt.

And the n'to be hounded and accused into the bargain of treachery! Well, that is going some!

And this after he had declined to follow his old chief to the treasury department, and had really broken with Cortelyou!

Moral: Be sure when you want to carry a man's umbrella that he does not want to carry it himself.

**BRIEF CITY NEWS**

The Wonder department store's annual Christmas ball last night in Masonic temple was an enjoyable occasion for the employes of the store and friends. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Culbertson were the host and hostess of the evening.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Any publisher who has cherished a hope that Speaker Cannon would assist in having the tariff duty removed from wood pulp or white paper may dismiss that hope at the earliest convenient opportunity. The speaker will do nothing of the kind, and the speaker will see that the ways and means committee does nothing at all.

Speaker Cannon puts the responsibility for his refusal on the senate. "If," says he, "anybody can guarantee to me that the senate will give unanimous consent to take up this item alone, and pass it without opening up the whole subject of tariff revision, I will see that the house passes the bill."

That is not what the speaker said for publication. He did not say anything for publication, except that the matter had been referred to the ways and means committee, and was therefore not an appropriate subject for an interview. So his real opinions were conveyed through his secretary, Mr. Busbey. But, as the readers are entitled to read and not formal opinions, and as that is what your correspondent told the secretary and the speaker, the real sentiments are set out as above.

There is no doubt that Speaker Cannon is quite right in his assertion that unanimous consent is not possible in the senate on the subject of removing the duty from white paper in that body of noted trust defenders—the paper trust would find at least one voice. And one would do as well as 12.

So there you are. Opinions may differ as to the political or economic wisdom of precipitating a tariff agitation at the present time. Cannon does not think it would be wise. He feels strongly that it would be unwise. Nor does he propose to permit one to be started.

Of course there is no chance to start a bill for amending the tariff in the senate because the constitution provides that all legislation affecting revenues must originate with the house. And in the house they must originate with the ways and means committee; and in the ways and means committee they must—in point of fact—originate with the speaker. So there you are, back again to your Uncle Joe.

Unless the senate will give unanimous consent—which the senate will do when Harriman votes for Roosevelt—Cannon will not originate a bill to put paper on the free list.

So the publishers may make the most of it.

**STREET CARS TOO COLD FOR SOME**

A general complaint is made at the lack of warmth on cars of the W. V. P. Co. The board of health has compelled the company to keep open four ventilators on each car. This is one of the reasons the cars are cool, but it is a wise precaution. The principal reason for discomfort is that the heating arrangements of the older model of cars in use never was the best. With the opening of doors and the open ventilators, not to speak of the cracks along the sides and ends of the car, it is not to be expected that there will be much warmth in them.

When one conductor was asked to secure more heat he said that it might be the heat was not turned on. An investigation showed that the switch was marked wrong, and when the electricity was supposed to be off it was in reality on, and when supposed to be on was off. It was stated that there was a number of cars fixed in this manner.

"It is a hard matter to suit everyone," said the conductor. "Recently a doctor residing on Baldwin and Hamilton came into the car and although the night was cold pulled up his window. Not satisfied with this, he crossed the aisle and pulled up another. He was no doubt stilling while every other passenger was protesting. Under circumstances like this, what can a man do?"

**BROTHER KILLS BROTHER**

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—William Hofmeister, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. Conrad Hofmeister, living at Quartermaster harbor, on Vashon island, was accidentally shot through the body by his brother, Henry, and died from his injuries.

**KILLED BY PENKNIFE**

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—P. Perry, an off-bearer at the Edgewood sawmill, was killed by a blow in the groin from a flying slab, which jammed a penknife he had in his pocket through the right femoral artery.

**POLICEMAN TO JUDGE MINOR CASES**

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—Chief of Police Kouler has aroused a storm by an order making policemen trial judges in cases of minor offenses. The move is endorsed by Mayor Johnson, who believes the submerged tenth is more sinned against than sinning. Critics say the police will protect their friends and make the city a paradise of criminals.

**LUMBER MILLS TO RESUME OPERATION**

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 26.—An order that will assure the resumption of work at the plant of the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. has been received by the firm. The order is for 2,500,000 feet of lumber to be delivered to the vessel in March. The name of the vessel that will take the cargo from this port is not named.

**W. J. BRYAN SENT TO SENATE**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 26.—William J. Bryan has been appointed senator from this state to fill out the unexpired term of the late Stephen Mallory. He is no relation to the celebrated Nebraskan of the same name and initials.

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NEW DERBY  
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**Notable Figures at Nation's Capital**

James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, who will again be chairman of the appropriations committee in the



REP. J. A. TAWNEY

his job with a jimmy and a stick of dynamite. Colonel Goethals, now head of the canal, has hung out a sign, "No More Help Needed," and the work is going on bully.

The Masonic quartet pleased a large audience at the Princess rink last evening. This is said to be one of the best quartets west of St. Paul. Tomorrow evening will be featured as "Teddy" night. All skaters will wear large cowboy hats.

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