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# Joseph Pulitzer, Journalistic Genius

World Famed Editor, Accused by President Roosevelt of Libel, Rose From the Ranks by His Own Efforts—Widely Informed and Endowed With Great Intellectual Power—Founder of New Journalism.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

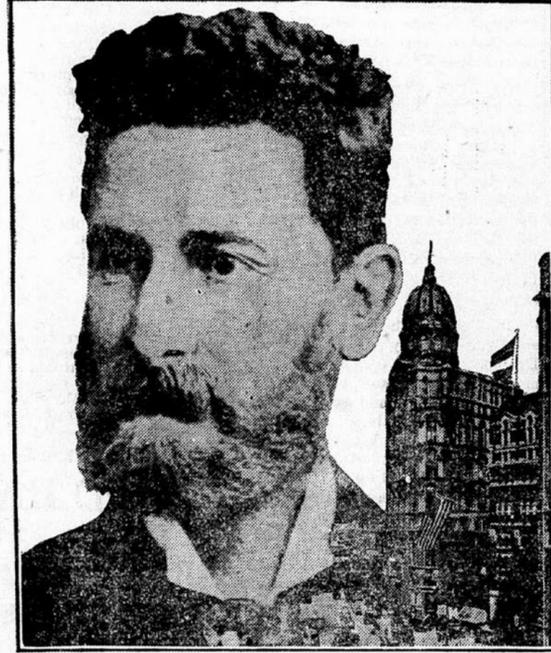
It is not every newspaper man who is of sufficient importance to call for a special message from the president of the United States and to cause the governmental machinery to be set in motion for the purpose of sending him to jail. Both of these distinctions belong to Joseph Pulitzer, the editor and proprietor of the New York World. He has been the subject of other distinguished denunciations, William J. Bryan having ripped it into him through several successive issues of the Commoner. Thus Pulitzer has achieved the condemnation of the heads of both the great parties, to say nothing of having been roasted by nearly everybody else of consequence in the United States. Yet through it all the World has claimed the largest circulation of any morning paper in America, has had admittedly one of the ablest editorial pages in New York and has been making money by the million. If anybody ever thrived on the meat of enmity, Joseph Pulitzer is the man. Since he bought the World in 1883—aye, since he started the St. Louis Post-Dispatch several years earlier—he has been abused—copiously, violently abused—but his papers have gone right on in their career of success. He may be blind, but they have eyes. They see things that do not exist perhaps and see other things distorted and out of proportion, but they see minutely and far. And these papers are but Pulitzer projected and objectified. If "an institution is the lengthened shadow of a man," the

ular case. He it was, so says rumor, that years ago outlined the World's policy of editorializing, cartooning, caricaturing, man-handling and otherwise maltreating Theodore Roosevelt and that the Panama articles in question were but the result of this general policy.

It is further intimated that the Pulitzer responsibility is established in another way—viz, by the fact that he is more or less close to the railroad kings, his son, Ralph, having married into the Vanderbilt family, and that the railroads, especially those of the transcontinental variety, are opposed to the Panama canal, thus furnishing an additional reason for printing the articles complained of. However these things be, Pulitzer is the man they are after, and if they do not succeed in landing him behind prison bars it will be due only to the fact that the jury renders some other kind of verdict. From the double barreled action that has been brought in New York and the District of Columbia, from the digging up of old and forgotten laws enacted nearly a century ago, from the unusual form of subpoenas served and from the fact that the attorney general himself is conducting the proceedings it is evident that the administration will leave no stone unturned and no trick untried to get its man.

**Respect For Popular Rights.**

During the war the Chicago Times attacked President Lincoln and the government in a particularly virulent manner. Some friends one day asked



JOSEPH PULITZER AND THE NEW YORK WORLD BUILDING.

New York World and St. Louis Post-Dispatch are the ideals, purposes and labor of Joseph Pulitzer put into form. They are the effects of which he is the cause, or, if not the sole cause, at least the first and chief of many causes. It was this fact which was recognized by the president in his special message when he said of the Panama canal stories:

I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, articles from correspondents or articles in the news columns. The real offender is Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World. While the criminal offense of which Mr. Pulitzer has been guilty is in form a libel on individuals, the great injury done is in blackening the name of the American people. It should not be left to a private citizen to sue Mr. Pulitzer for libel. He should be prosecuted for libel by the governmental authorities.

### A Personal and Public View.

Never since John Adams and the alien and sedition laws has a mere editor been so dignified and magnified. Mr. Pulitzer has suddenly been exalted into a question of state, an issue, a public evil. He is no longer simply a blind old man with oversensitive nerves, fussing at the slightest noise and putting about the earth in a yacht with a bunch of secretaries and doctors dancing attendance. That is only the personal Pulitzer. The public Pulitzer is quite another man—giantic, sinister, the symbol of sensational journalism, the incarnation of libel, the objective of executive wrath. Ugh! It is enough to make a sweet girl graduate shiver to think of this journalistic ogre slandering the whole American people in the persons of Mr. Douglas Robinson and Mr. Charles P. Taft. To paraphrase Henry VIII's literally cutting reference to Buckingham:

Send him to jail! So much for Pulitzer!

It is hinted that there is another reason why J. P. is "it" in this partic-

Lincoln to have the paper suppressed. The martyr president replied:

I fear you do not fully comprehend the danger of abridging the liberties of the people. Nothing but the very sternest necessity can ever justify that. A government had better go to the very extreme of toleration than to do aught that can be construed into an interference with or to jeopardize in any degree the common rights of its citizens.

The respect for popular rights, the patience, forbearance and lack of malice in Lincoln are qualities that would do honor to any time or clime. It is fortunate that his centenary is celebrated this year. Would that his spirit could temper the things of today!

### "Cannot Be Muzzled."

As already mentioned, Pulitzer has been blind for many years. On his sixtieth birthday, celebrated last year, he announced that he had withdrawn from active newspaper work altogether, a statement printed by all the papers except his own, a significant exception. Yet, despite the skepticism in the World office, it is believed that for the most part he has lived up to his pledge. At the time President Roosevelt's special message appeared Mr. Pulitzer said:

So far as I am personally concerned, I was at sea during the whole of October, and, in fact, practically for two years I have been yachting on account of my health. I never read a word or syllable of this Panama story, was not in connection with the paper and had nothing to do with it. Mr. Roosevelt knows all this perfectly. He knows I am a chronic invalid and mostly abroad yachting on account of my health.

At the end of a long and vigorous editorial the World said:

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

It is but fair to say that, without regard to party and without relation to the opinion held of Mr. Pulitzer or his papers, the step taken by President

consvelt in this matter is more generally regretted than any he has made since in office. The best friends of the president—outside of the toady and official class, of course—regard it as a mistake. The American people have a saving and wholesome sense of humor. They regard these Panama canal stories as the kind of tales that often appear in the heart of a campaign. Such things ought not to be printed, but they have been printed, many of them much worse than these, in every presidential canvass almost in our history.

At their best or worst they are political stories and never would be thought of or heard of again unless thus called to public attention. In the heat of a campaign we are all liable to lose our heads, editors as well as others. This is the common sense view of the case and the one held by the sane, temperate American people as a whole. And when it is once realized that there is a serious attempt to put a blind old invalid in jail because of a campaign story he never saw or heard of, and this under a law more than eighty years old, the public will take the true measure of the case. It will serve a good purpose, however, if it discourages the publishing of these reckless fakes during campaigns.

### Man of Wide Information.

As for Joseph Pulitzer, the public knows little about him, except that he has founded a new kind of journalism, which many people regard as bad; that he endowed a college of journalism, which most newspaper men regard as a joke; that he is a man of great intellectual power, of keen mind, wide information and retentive memory, and that he spends much of his time in Europe. But that is only a small part of Pulitzer. Like most notable men, he is an anomaly. He built up great properties, amassed a fortune, and just at the time he was in a position to enjoy life fate struck out his sight and tore to pieces his nerves, so that he had no capacity for enjoyment left. Somebody has said that the great work of the world has been done by invalids, and if that be true Pulitzer is explained. I suspect, however, that, like all other sweeping statements, the idea that the race has been carried forward by sick people is about two-thirds phrasemaking to one-third truth.

Another anomaly of Pulitzer is that while he prints very noisy colored supplements he cannot himself stand noise. A London paper told with great glee how the American editor took an English house and was disturbed first by a bugler and then by a peacock. Pulitzer sent one of his men to buy off both bugler and bird, but without success. Then he moved.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1847, Mr. Pulitzer came to the United States in 1864, immediately enlisted in the Union army and served till the end of the war. His parents were well to do and had educated him by private tutor, but the father lost all the property, and the boy was practically penniless when landing in New York. He slept more than one night in the public parks. After the war he went to St. Louis and became reporter on a German paper, rising ultimately to the position of managing editor and part proprietor. He was a member of the legislature and became a spellbinder of parts, speaking in English and German with equal facility. He had been a supporter of Carl Schurz and joined the Greeley movement in 1872, going as a delegate to the Liberal Republican convention at Cincinnati. After that he was a Democrat.

### Founded New Journalistic School.

In 1878 Mr. Pulitzer bought some afternoon papers in St. Louis and combined them in the Post-Dispatch, which was successful from the start. In 1883 he took over the New York World, a rundown paper of little standing, and brought it to the front in the same brilliant and sensational manner. It is but just to say that Joseph Pulitzer is the founder of the new school of journalism usually known as yellow, of which William R. Hearst is a later and more glaring disciple.

In addition to his newspaper triumphs, Pulitzer was elected to congress, but resigned after a few months owing to broken health. It was at about this time he lost his sight and became little more than a nervous wreck. Since then he has traveled about the world or has lived at one of his many homes, his one desire being to flee from the noise maker. Until within a few years at least he kept in close touch with his papers, sending them unsigned cablegrams on all sorts of subjects and bringing them up to his own views of great questions and policies. With his corps of secretaries, who read him papers, letters and books of French, German or English literature each day, he kept in touch with the world from which his blindness isolated him. These secretaries were his eyes and hands. The mind that directed all was his own.

Pulitzer has had sent scores of poor young men to college and gave \$1,000,000 to found a school of journalism in Columbia university, with the promise of a second million when the school was in working order.

W. K. Vanderbilt once said, "Joseph Pulitzer is the most intelligent man I ever met." It required an intelligent man to start the modern illustrated, featured and display head newspaper, and that Joseph Pulitzer unquestionably did.

### New World's Bowling Record.

The world's bowling record for tournament scores was recently broken at the Ohio state bowling tournament, held in Columbus, the Krollman five man team from Cincinnati rolling a total of 2,931. This was four points better than the record of the Bonds five man team of Columbus, made at the tournament at Cincinnati last year.

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