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### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Let us be of good cheer, however, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.  
—James Russell Lowell.

### MR. TAFT AND THE NEWSPAPERS

The boyish pique shown by President Taft in his reference to newspaper criticisms of his administration in his Newark speech is pathetic, and his reproachful insistence upon his desire to "make good" is sadly ingenuous. It is the hurt protest of a man who is doing, as he thinks, the best he knows how, and who feels it keenly that the newspapers will not accept him at the face value of his good intentions.

Yet how can they? There is nothing clearer in this country than the need of proper regulation of wealth, natural and undeveloped wealth as well as developed wealth in closely controlled industries. The newspapers that demand such regulation have no private axes to grind. They are voicing the demands of their readers as they see it, and that is their duty.

Quite as clear is the fact that however good Judge Taft's intentions may be—and the general disposition, in spite of everything, is to give him credit for good intentions—in seeking to carry out those intentions by surrounding himself with such counsellors as Aldrich and Cannon he is attempting the impossible. Before real progress can be made the chief obstacles to progress must be removed, and these chief obstacles are the very men upon whose judgment and advice the president relies. Members of his party, who voice the people's aspirations and desires get but cold comfort from the president. They are objectionable to the "organization," and Taft is with the organization, body and soul.

It is plain enough that the president is of the old school which places party above principle. The president's principles are clean enough, and somewhat sluggishly progressive. But he counts preserving "party solidarity" as his chief duty, and that means the perpetuation of a party organization that is rotten to the core. No man ever entered the presidency from whom more was hoped. No president ever finished his first official year amid wider or more deep-seated disappointment. Good intentions are well enough, but everybody knows what hellish road is paved with them. A desire for progress which seeks achievement by the aid of sworn enemies of progress is a pathetically futile thing. Judge Taft is sacrificing progress to party solidarity, real achievement to the perpetuation of a party organization that is banded together to block achievement, and the welfare of the people to the wishes of a cabal of vice regents of special privilege.

The newspapers would be traitors to the people if they did not cry out against such blundering use of the high opportunity that has come to Mr. Taft to be of service to the people.

### ANOTHER COMPARISON

The cost of living in this country is high, we are told, because of the great increase in the supply of gold, the measure of values.

The cost of living is high, we are told, because too many people live in the cities and not enough on the farms, so the country does not produce enough to feed itself. This is a particularly entertaining reason, especially when we hear the man who gives it explaining to another audience directly after that the tariff has nothing to do with the cost of food products because this is the greatest food-exporting country in the world.

Now whatever effect the increase in gold supplies may have upon prices—and it has some effect, because gold is proving itself to be about as unstable a basis of values as bimetalism possibly could be, and those who urge this reason are proving that Mr. Bryan was right in 1896 when he said that to increase the supply of basic money would increase prices—whatever effect this process has is worldwide, and is not confined to the United States.

With these reasons in mind, here are a few comparisons of prices between Buffalo and Toronto recently made. Buffalo is in the United

States and Toronto is in Canada, but they are only a few miles apart, so the comparison is very instructive.

The best creamery butter was 35 cents in Buffalo and 27 cents in Toronto. The difference was about the same on the best dairy butter. Fresh eggs were 38 cents in Buffalo and 35 cents in Toronto. Full cream cheese was 17 cents in Buffalo and 13 cents in Toronto. Live chickens were 17 cents in Buffalo and 12 cents in Toronto, and turkeys were 24 cents in Buffalo and 15 cents in Toronto. Dressed chickens were 18 cents in Buffalo and 14 cents in Toronto, and dressed turkeys were 26 cents in Buffalo and 15 cents in Toronto. Beef was about the same in both places, and dressed hogs were a little cheaper in Toronto than in Buffalo.

You could buy cabbages in Toronto for \$1.25 a barrel, but they cost \$1.50 to \$2 in Buffalo. Potatoes were 30 to 35 cents in Toronto and 45 to 48 cents in Buffalo. Beans were \$1.90 to \$2 a bushel in Toronto and \$2.80 in Buffalo. Apples were \$1.50 to \$2.50 a barrel in Toronto and \$2.50 to \$3.50 in Buffalo.

One would think, perhaps, that it would pay the Buffalo people to do their shopping in Toronto. No; they can't. The tariff won't let them.

Is there anything about the increase in gold supplies that will account for those differences in cost of things to eat? Not a thing. Is there anything in the theory that too many people live in the city to account for it? Not a thing; because, you will remember, this is "the greatest food-exporting country in the world." Prices can't be due to scarcity so long as that statement is true.

Then it must be something else. Remember why Buffalo people can't shop in Toronto and get the benefit of its lower prices? Because of the tariff. Doesn't that seem to help throw a little light on conditions?

Good city officers will make a better and greater Globe.

"The races are over; nobody will miss them," chirps the El Paso Herald. All of which leads to the inference that nobody did miss them.

Secretary Rohrabacker has every indication of a live wire, but he must have the support and co-operation of the people generally if the city is to make the progress desired.

It might be a good idea for the chamber of commerce to take up the matter of a city ticket and give us a Globe ticket indeed. The task is well worth the while and prompt action should be taken.

The friends of Mr. Oldfield are insisting that he make the race for mayor on an independent ticket. Mr. Oldfield in the past has served the people well and would undoubtedly make a good chief executive.

It didn't take a live chamber of commerce very long to discover that one of the greatest needs of the Globe district was a gasoline motor service between Globe and Miami. And the committee appointed will deliver the goods.

The president of the Carnegie organization has been doing a little figuring on his own account and now announces to the world that physicians have become too numerous. They're a harmless lot of fellows; and, besides a little matter like that will readily adjust itself. The same old prayer for deliverance from the college professor will still go up to heaven.

### EDISON THE OPTIMIST

Boston Globe: Those are most delightful dreams in which Thomas A. Edison revels. Science and social labor, he believes, will completely transform the world and dominate the future. The problems of fuel, of cheap motive power, of aerial navigation, of supplying abundant food and clothing to every one and of cheap, warm and comfortable housing for all the world will be solved, and "in 200 years, by the cheapening of commodities, the ordinary laborer will live as well as the man does now who has \$200,000 annual income. Automatic machinery and scientific agriculture will bring about this result. Industry will constantly become more social and interdependent. There will be no manual labor in the factories of the future. The men in them will be merely superintendents watching the machinery to see that it works right."

Edison's advantage over the famous dreamers of the past—Plato, Sir Thomas More and other Utopians, including even Bellamy and Howells—is in fact that he possesses some sort of scientific basis for his visions, some sort of scientific reason for the hope that is in him. The world needs such dreamers in its business. "The plan is seemly and noble, but details are melancholy," says the Yankee Buddha. But Edison sees not only the "plan," but also the details. And meanwhile, until Edison's two centuries shall have elapsed, it is probably best for each one to ignore as far as possible the increasing cost of living, which they say is only temporary, and to follow the example of Voltaire's Candide, who after a life of many vicissitudes came to the conclusion that all he could do was "to dig in his garden."

### THE HYDRA STILL LIVES

Pubk: Greek mythology tells of the Leneau Hydra, a monstrous dragon which had nine heads with a formidable antagonist, even for Hercules, and to make matters worse, the beast had a habit of substituting two new heads for every old one incapacitated. The destruction of this monster was one of the "twelve labors" of Hercules, and Hercules might have gone on hacking heads indefinitely, increasing his troubles with every hack, had he not cauterized the Hydra's wounds. That checked the head-supply and, ultimately, the Hydra. It is a long jump from Greek mythology to the house of representatives, but nothing is more certain than that the Hydra privilege and private monopoly will grow another head in place of Speaker Cannon as soon as the latter is removed. So much is printed about the revolt against Cannon and Cannonism that it is natural to think it a personal controversy. We are apt to overlook the fact that Cannon is important as a political figure only because of what he represents, not because of anything he is. The revolt against Cannon is not a revolt against an uncouth congressman from Illinois, whom the newspapers have "unclejoed" into the limelight; it is a revolt against the brazen safeguarding at Washington of private interests at the expense of public rights. Cannon is doomed, apparently, but Cannonism will go right along in other hands if it is given half a chance. Just when virtuous persons are whooping it up and congratulating each other and the country at large on the "overthrow of Cannon and Cannonism," the Hydra at the capital will take advantage of the opportunity to grow another head. In other words, the interests and influences which have kept Cannon in control—kept him because the results he produced were so eminently satisfactory—will slip some sleek, highly respectable republican Pecksniff into the speaker's chair as Cannon's successor, and the game will go on. The only way to check it will be to cauterize the Hydra's wound with an unmistakable demonstration of public opinion.

### In The Halls of Congress

BY TAV.

Special Washington Correspondence.

Washington political circles are no better informed now as to what attitude Theodore Roosevelt is going to take in the approaching congressional elections than they were a month ago. Standpatters, progressives and democrats are straining their ears for sounds that will indicate which side of the fence the strenuous ex-president and rhyno hunter is going to be on, as regards the Taft and LaFollette factions of the republican party. But so far not an inkling of information appears to have been received from Africa.

Pending information from the correspondents awaiting Roosevelt in Cairo, both standpatters and progressives are claiming Roosevelt's sympathy. The progressives are unable to see how Roosevelt can endorse Taft without endorsing Aldrich and Cannon. The three are inseparably linked.

The president, Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon form a triumvirate. They co-operate even on the smallest things, and each of the triumvirs publicly pays tribute to the wisdom and statesmanship of the other two.

If Colonel Roosevelt should go so far as to endorse the Taft-Aldrich-Cannon administration, as John A. Stewart, president of the New York State League of Republican Clubs, asserts he will do, it is difficult to see how he can retain his present hold of those western editors who have recently been voicing their dissatisfaction with the Taft administration. An endorsement of Taft by Roosevelt will in all likelihood mean that Senator Robert M. LaFollette will step into T. R.'s place as the logical one to rescue the republican leadership from the control of the trusts and special interests.

But will Roosevelt endorse the work of Taft? In their eagerness to arrive at some conclusion, both standpatters and progressives have gone over his record with a fine tooth comb. Here are some of the things they found:

That as an assemblyman in New York state, as civil service commissioner, and as police commissioner, Roosevelt was regarded less as a republican than as an independent. He was theoretically, at least, in those days, a believer in free trade. He co-operated freely with Mr. Cleveland when the latter was governor of New York, and he opposed the nomination of James G. Blaine in 1884. Caricatures of that period represented him as mugwump, grouping him with George William Curtis and Carl Schurz. Yet none the less he was essentially a party man, and after Blaine received the nomination, Roosevelt supported him. His own explanation of his attitude at that time was interesting, and may be now carefully weighed by anyone who may desire to try to prophesy what Roosevelt is going to do when he returns to American soil. He said:

"I intend to vote the republican presidential ticket. A man cannot act both without and within the party. He can do either, but he cannot possibly do both. It is impossible to combine the functions of a guerilla chief with those of a colonel in the regular army. The one has great-

### The Dream and The Deed

The Dream is the babe in the love-lit nest,  
And the rollicking boy at play;  
The Dream is the Youth with the old; old zest  
For the rare romance of a day.  
Then the Deed strides forth to the distant goal  
That has dazzled since life began;  
For the Dream is the child of the rampant soul—  
But the Deed is the man!

The Dream is the peak that is seen afar,  
And the wish for the eagle's wings;  
The Dream is the song to the beckoning star  
That the world-waif fondly sings;  
Then the Deed comes crowned with the strength and skill  
That doth perfect a golden plan;  
For the Dream is the child of the Sovereign Will—  
But the Deed is the man!

The Dream is that mask that would make men fair,  
And the boast that would count them brave;  
The Dream is the honors that heroes wear  
And the glory that high hearts crave;  
Then the Deed gives battle to pride and pelf  
As only a conqueror can;  
For the Dream is the child of the better Self  
But the Deed is the man!

No song was so sweet, and no star so bright  
As the Dream of the Nazarene;  
From Virgin's bosom to Calvary's height,  
It sang and it shone, serene.  
Then the Deed proclaimed Him King of His Kind  
As the blood of the Martyr ran;  
For the Dream was the child of the Master-mind—  
But the Deed was the Man!

er independence of action, the other is able to make what action he does take vastly more effective. I am by inheritance and education a republican. Whatever good I have been able to accomplish in public has been accomplished through the republican party. I have acted with it in the past, and wish to act with it in the future."

Again the query: What will Roosevelt do? Will he be regular, like Taft, Aldrich and "Uncle Joe," or a "guerilla," like LaFollette, Clapp, Bristow, Dolliver, Cummins and millions of western republicans?

### REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Finance is making money for yourself out of other people's.  
Intelligence is much more comfortable to live with than intellect.  
Most people can be convinced more easily with a club than with logic.  
A woman can admire a man for his virtues, but love him for his faults.  
A man would rather brag about how well he can make his furnace work than really have to do it.

Procrastination is the thief of many a good time.  
The spirits fail to materialize at a temperance seance.

Be sure of your aim before attempting to slap a mosquito.  
Scare a man into being good and he will boast of his virtue.  
Honest men do what they can; dishonest men do whom they can.  
When a man blushes, a woman is apt to wonder if he isn't a lobster.

### MORNING SMILES

She—You used to talk eight languages, I remember.  
He—Yes; before I was married.

"I was sorry not to come to your wedding, madame, but I was not in Paris."  
"Never mind. You must come next time."

She—Mrs. Globe is always so ready to express sympathy.  
He—Yes; it is such a pleasure to the dear lady to find her friends in a position to be sorry for.

First Dyspeptic (sadly)—I married a cooking school girl.  
Second Dyspeptic (more so)—That's nothing. My wife's a graduate of a correspondence school of domestic science.

Youth—Own up! You don't hate me, do you?  
Beauty—To tell the truth, I hate you like sin.  
Youth—Oh, my darling! How happy you make me!

"I must say that man annoys me by his extreme delicacy about going right to the vitals of a matter."  
"He unquestionably uses a great deal of red tape."  
"He doesn't even use red tape. He uses pink ribbon."



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