



## TWO FOUND DEAD; DUEL OR MURDER

### Gory Tragedy on the Peninsula

## CASE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

### One Killed With Shotgun; Other With Sharp Ax.

## WEAPONS LIE BY BODIES

### Bodies of Oscar Hiett and John Dale Discovered on Lonely Duck Preserve by Wife of Former, Who Is Thought to Be Cause.

Oscar Hiett, aged 22, and John Dale, 54 years old, were found lying dead, the victims of a desperate duel, or a fiendish murder, at a duck preserve on Columbia Island, two miles southeast of St. John, at 10:20 o'clock yesterday forenoon. An ax and a shotgun, lying between the bodies, revealed the manner of death. Hiett had been killed by a charge of bird shot fired from a distance into the side of his head. Dale's death resulted from a blow with a sharp ax across the forehead. The bodies lay side by side and there was no evidence of any struggle. Seemingly the two lay where they had fallen. Dale was on the preserve as a watchman for H. L. Pitcock and F. W. Leadbetter, who own the place. Hiett had been staying with him at intervals and Mrs. Hiett was there with her husband occasionally. Although the theory now favored by the authorities after a day of minute investigation is that Dale shot Hiett, while partly drunk, and was then struck down by the younger man, an element of profound mystery prevails. A number of peculiar facts surround the case and the theory of a fatal combat between the two men is not yet fully accepted without question.

## Woman Cause of Quarrel.

The men are known to have quarreled over Mrs. Hiett, bride of less than a year. The trouble over the woman occurred just before Christmas and since then the men have seemed to be friends again. Dale is known to have said he would separate the couple, which lends color to the duel theory. On the other hand, two valuable shotguns, belonging to Mr. Leadbetter, are missing from the clubhouse. Dale, too, is reputed to have had considerable money buried on the preserve. The report of a quarrel and evidence points to the belief that each man killed the other, but the authorities are in no wise satisfied that the two were not murdered by others. Mrs. Hiett, the comely young bride over whom the two men have quarreled, was the one to discover the two bodies. In company with her 12-year-old brother, Claud Bushor, she went to the duck preserve in search of her husband. She says he left her Sunday morning in Albina, saying he was going to see Dale and that he would return to her by 1 P. M.

## Wife Makes Ghastly Find.

Indescribably horrible was the spectacle she met in approaching the clubhouse, which rests in a thick clump of bushes, a hundred yards from the lake. Out in front of the cabin, beside a frame lean-to used for the storage of wood, she nearly stumbled over the bodies of her husband and Dale. She displayed considerable courage and did not become hysterical. Sending her brother to call C. V. Bergen, a dairyman whose place is a quarter of a mile distant, she remained by the body of her husband until Bergen arrived. She was crouched beside the ghastly object, crying when Bergen came. He sent her away at once and she said she would go to the home of her mother, Mrs. F. R. Bushor, 1037 Lively street, St. John. She also asked that Hiett's body be sent there.

## Dale Was Heavy Drinker.

Hiett was last seen alive Sunday morning, when he left his wife to go to Dale's place. Dale was last seen Saturday afternoon, when he was about Portland in company with Hiett. His employment on the duck preserve had terminated and he was on the point of removing all personal effects from the clubhouse. Although he had made frequent claims to being prosperous, he borrowed \$5 from Bergen, the dairyman, on Friday. Saturday he drew \$15 pay from O. L. Pierce, secretary of the Pittcock & Leadbetter Company, which hired him. Most of this money supposedly went for liquor, as Dale was a heavy drinker. Four nickels were found in his pockets when the body was searched. There was no evidence that the pockets had been rifled.

## Just when Dale returned to the clubhouse is not known. No one in the vicinity recalls having seen him Sunday. No one heard any shooting on the duck preserve Sunday afternoon, when the tragedy must have occurred. Nor had any one noticed Dale was in a sultry mood for the few people he met Saturday thought he seemed particularly jovial. He was not known to have a quarrelsome disposition.

## Sheriff Starts Investigation.

Word of the tragedy was brought to the city by Bergen. Sheriff Stevenson (Continued on Page 12)

## EXPERT GRAFTERS EXPOSE GRAFTING

### BANLIER-CONVICTS DO GOOD WORK ON PRISON BOOKS.

### Three in Pittsburg Penitentiary Discover Shortage of \$26,000 and Expose Warden.

PITTSBURG, March 8.—Convicted bankers, prisoners in the Western Penitentiary here, have discovered an apparent discrepancy of more than \$26,000 in the penitentiary accounts.

The Board of Visitors of the penitentiary appointed Henry Reber, ex-paying teller of the Farmers Deposit National Bank, and now a prisoner, to audit the books some time ago. Finding what he regarded as a discrepancy and being unwilling to assume all responsibility, Reber engaged the assistance of William Montgomery, ex-cashier of the Allegheny National Bank, and J. B. F. Rinehart, ex-cashier of the Farmers & Drivers National Bank of Waynesburg, Pa., both convicts. They agreed with him, it is said.

The Board of Visitors is awaiting the return of Warden Johnson before taking further action.

## "THE VIRGINIAN" TO MARRY

### Dustin Farnum Will Wed Leading Woman Who Figured in Divorce.

CHICAGO, March 8.—(Special.)—Dustin Farnum, the actor, and Miss M. E. Conwell, his leading lady in the "Squaw Man," are soon to be married. Mr. Farnum announced that the wedding might be in the near future, but he would not give the exact date. The actor took out a license last Thursday under the name of "Delancy" Farnum, aged 34, and Mary E. Conwell, aged 27. Her residence was given as 1414 W. Madison street. "I thought I had thrown the switch on everybody," the actor said, "but I see you have the goods on me. The marriage license is for 30 days, anyway, and that is all I care to confess now."

Miss Conwell was Mr. Farnum's leading woman two seasons ago, and the publicity spotlight was turned on her at the time that Mrs. Farnum sued for divorce.

## DESTROY STRANDED BOAT

### Cablegram Says Steamer Aeon Was Pillaged and Dynamited.

HONOLULU, March 8.—According to a cablegram received here, the wrecked steamer Aeon, which went ashore on Christmas Island last August, and the public bound from San Francisco for Australia, has disappeared. It is supposed that the abandoned vessel was pillaged and destroyed with dynamite.

The Aeon was a British freight steamer, which left San Francisco on July 8 with a cargo for the Antipodes, and a number of the team of several officers of the Atlantic battleship fleet, who expected to meet the fleet in Australia. Nothing was heard of the vessel until late in September, when a cablegram was received from Fanning Island that the steamer was stranded during a heavy fog. The passengers and crew were taken off the island after having been there for a month.

## PAWN VIOLIN FOR DEFENSE

### Los Angeles Man Gets Court Permission to Raise Attorney's Fees.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 8.—(Special.)—To raise funds for his defense on a criminal charge and in a divorce action, William H. Brown obtained permission from Judge W. P. James today to take possession of the oldest known violin in the world and pawn it. The instrument is "community property" of the Brown family, which Brown was not permitted to use by a restraining order he connected with his wife's suit. It was bought by Brown in a second-hand store several months ago for a few dollars, and is now valued at from \$500 to \$600. It was made by Gaspar Dufour Pruggar, a Bulgarian, in 1516, and is thought to be among the first violins ever made. Brown expects to "pledge" it to raise \$1000 to pay his attorneys.

## BENSON AGAIN ON TRIAL

### Accused This Time of Having Bribed Two Land Office Clerks.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 8.—John A. Benson, of San Francisco, one of the fortunate members of the Hyde-Benson land ring acquitted last year by the courts of this city on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government out of public lands in Oregon and Washington, will be placed on trial here April 12, on charge of having bribed two land office clerks, Harlan and Volk, who furnished him advance information relative to the proposed creation of forest reserves, and who helped expedite land selections in which he and the ring were interested. Benson is alone accused of bribing in this case.

## FEAR FOR POPE'S HEALTH

### Pontiff Confined to Room With Attack of Influenza.

ROME, March 8.—The Pope was visited by his doctor today, who found him better. The physician insisted that the pontiff remain in his room and for the present hold no audiences. It was said last night that the Pope's indisposition had taken on the character of influenza and that his condition inspired some apprehension.

## BEST AUTO SHOW IN WEST OPENED

### Speed Devils Incarnate Are Shown.

## 102 CARS THERE TO BE SEEN

### Building Is Transformed Into Fitting Shrine.

## SUCCESS BEYOND QUESTION

### Motors of Every Description Gathered for Display and Instruction of All Classes—Automobile Club Highly Praise.

## BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

Mercury stood in a shadowy corner of the Armory last night and remarked, sotto voce, to the shades of Old Man Weller and Paul Revere, which permeated the atmosphere next his shoulders, "What d'ye know about this?" Whereupon Weller "snipped" his coach-whip and answered testily something about it being just like himself to get one of the blasted things, not to mention a "vinder."

Truly the old order changeth, and that fine old clairvoyant, Mother Shipton, gave "a full and complete reading" when she made her immortal prophecy. Let us hope, however, that she slipped up on her dire prediction about the end of all things being near when the bus-bugzy came into its own, or words to that effect.

You have never seen the genus automobile at its best unless you were at the opening session of the first annual show of the Portland Automobile Club last night. It "held it over" any representative assemblage of motor cars ever got together in the Northwest.

## Portland May Well Boast.

The Portland club's some hundred members have full license to boast somewhat of their debut in the matter of exhibitions and the town owes a vote of thanks to Secretary William F. Lipman, who more than any other one man contributed to its success; to President R. D. Inman and the other officers, field and line. At the most recent Madison Square show in New York a short while ago there were entered 153 cars of all designs. Over at the Armory there are 102 aristocratic and pedigreed vehicles to demonstrate that Portland is on the automobile map in capital letters. Considering that we still confess to a disparity between the population of the two cities, the present show is remarkable.

Practically all the leading American manufacturers were represented by their latest and best products. While the motorcar is not as yet the carriage of the masses, some fine cars were shown which are within reach of people of merely comfortable means, and there were others which only a millionaire might covet with any hope of ultimate possession. There were simple little runabouts, five-

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## Taft Plans Visit TO PACIFIC COAST

### MAY EXTEND TRIP SO AS TO SEE ALASKA.

### Seattle Fair to Be Objective Point of Swing From Denver Through-out the Northwest.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Special.)—President Taft today confirmed the rumor that he will devote the greater part of next Summer to taking a trip to the Pacific Coast, and if possible to Alaska. The statement came by way of the acceptance of an invitation from Senators (Smoor and Sutherland) that the President attend the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held in Salt Lake City from August 9 to August 13. Taft told the Senators that he would make a swing through the West, and that he thought he could arrange his itinerary so as to take in the encampment.

His plans are to visit Denver, all Pacific Coast states and the Alaska-Yukon Exposition, and if time permits, to extend the journey by going to Alaska, which he has never visited, but in which he is much interested because of his connection with its affairs while he was Secretary of War. He is particularly interested in the Alaska-Yukon Exposition, as he thinks it will do the Philippines much good by its advertisement of them and their commercial possibilities.

## BANKWRECKERS GO TO JAIL

### Colonel Britton and Commissioner Schroeder Sentenced in East.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Convicted of the larceny of \$4900 from the Eagle Savings & Loan Company, of Brooklyn, Colonel Edward E. Britton and Quarantine Commissioner Edward H. Schroeder, formerly president and second vice president, respectively, of that institution, were given indeterminate sentences in Sing Sing Prison today.

Britton and Schroeder were charged in various indictments with the larceny of upward of \$48,000 from the Eagle Savings & Loan Company in furtherance of their promotion of the Home-stake South Extension Gold Mining Company in South Dakota.

Colonel Britton was once Colonel of the 114th Regiment, National Guard of New York.

## MAN DIES AS BROTHER DID

### Four Years Later to a Day California Farmer Meets Same Death.

REDDING, Cal., March 8.—(Special.)—Daniel McKenzie, a farmer living near Lamona, was killed on the railroad last night at the same spot and in the same way in which his brother was killed four years ago to a day. McKenzie lay down and went to sleep on the track half a mile north of Lamona. Train No. 228 struck him and cut his body in twain. The engineer saw McKenzie as the train came around the curve, but not in time to come to a stop.

## NEVADA GETS UP TO DATE

### Senate Votes Down Resolution for Free Silver Coinage.

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 8.—A resolution demanding the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 20 to 1 was defeated in the State Senate today. Party lines were abandoned, Republicans and Democrats joining in voting down the measure.

## BEARS CHARGE ON BULL WHEAT PIT

### Beat Down Price When Report Comes In.

## LARGE SUPPLIES ON FARMS

### Boomers Get Severe Blow From Government Figures.

## PATTEN STILL STANDS PAT

### Says Reported Farm Reserves Do Not Exist—Beginning of End of May Deal Seen in Decline, but Bulls Are Strong.

CHICAGO, March 8.—(Special.)—Net declines of 1 to 2 cents were made in wheat today. May delivery suffering the most. There was a perfect avalanche of selling orders on the market after the Government figures came out just before the close. The report showed farm reserves of 145,592,000 bushels, or 21.8 per cent of the previous year's crop. This was any-where from 10,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels larger than generally anticipated.

## Bull Clique in Bad Way.

Many of the shrewdest men in the trade believe the beginning of the end of the May deal has come, and that the bears are about to come into their own again. Nearly every one, however, concedes that the bull leadership is in clever hands, and that, if there is any way to maintain itself, that way will be found and utilized with the utmost skill. At the same time there is an immense swinging of belief over to the proposition that the May deal looks to be in a bad way. There is a Government report in correct, there is a big store of wheat back in the interior and on the farms, but Mr. Patten takes exception to the Government figures.

## Patten Ridicules Figures.

"The report is too ridiculous for belief," said Mr. Patten, when asked concerning his views of the Government report. "I would pay no more attention to it than if it said our farm reserve was 400,000,000 bushels, instead of what it claims. It will have no more lasting effect on me than a snowflake in Summer. Private reports from men whose practical opportunities for knowing the truth are the best put the March reserves of wheat in Nebraska at 10 per cent, Kansas 5 per cent and Missouri below 5 per cent. The Government figures make these states 25, 15 and 20 per cent, respectively."

## Why Don't Farmers Sell?

"If the wheat is there, why is the farmer not selling it? He can get \$1.25 for No. 2 red—a price he has not had since the latter year. In Pennsylvania and New York states they are not selling."

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## CHICAGO BURGLARS TWICE STEAL SAFE

### TAKE 250-POUND BOOTY WHILE SLEUTHS SNOORE.

### Owner of Safe Finds It After Theft, Detectives Guard It, Thieves Score Again.

CHICAGO, March 8.—(Special.)—Burglars entered the home of Walter F. S. Schneider, of 124 Edgewood Place, and stole a safe weighing 250 pounds, containing all the family plate and Mrs. Schneider's jewelry.

The thieves were detailed to watch the safe after it had been found in a deserted plot of ground, by Mr. Schneider, the thieves having failed to open it. Both men fell asleep and awoke early today to find the burglars had returned and removed the safe in the night, being unaware that Mr. Schneider had unlocked it and removed the valuables.

"I think that comes pretty near being the limit," said Mr. Schneider today. "First I pay for police protection, and my home is robbed, while I am away a few hours, of a safe that three men could hardly carry. The police can't find the safe, but I manage to locate it myself. I couldn't carry the safe, so I notified the police a second time. They detailed a couple of men on the case, who curled up in a doorway while the burglars drive up in a wagon and get away with the safe."

## ONCE BEAUTY; NOW PAUPER

### Jose Mansfield, Heroine of Flak Murder, Perishes.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 8.—(Special.)—Jose Mansfield, a famous New York beauty of the '70s, for whose love Ed Stokes called "Jim" Flak, a resident of South Dakota, and has been for some years past.

This once famous beauty, who had some of the most famous millionaires of her day at her beck and call, since coming to South Dakota has been living under another name, which doubtless was expected to effectually conceal the past and prevent her identity as Jose Mansfield being revealed. She is a resident of Watertown, where she is known as Mrs. Mary Lawler.

For about seven years she has been a resident of the city. She is now about 70 years old, practically helpless as the result of a stroke of paralysis, and being penniless, is dependent upon charity for support.

## ROME AGAINST SOCIALISM

### Catholics Must Quit Either Church or Political Party.

MILWAUKEE, March 8.—A special to the Evening Wisconsin from Mantowoc, Wis., says: Members of the Roman Catholic Church who are affiliated with the Socialist party must choose between that party and their church. This was broadly intimated by Rev. Father Kubiszewski, of St. Mary's Polish Catholic Church, on Sunday, in an address from the pulpit.

The priest said a circular letter from the Pope was the basis for his statement, and similar statements would be made by all Catholic churches in the state. The priest reached here by the nomination by the Socialists of Peter Kaufmann, a member of the Catholic Church, for City Treasurer. Kaufmann has withdrawn from the ticket, however, and, it is said, will sever this connection with the party.

## ST. PAUL ROAD NEAR READY

### Golden Spike to Be Driven April 2. Trains to Coast May 1.

BUTTE, Mont., March 8.—On May 1, according to word received here, the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway will institute its freight service through to the coast, and on July 1 the passenger service will be begun. The golden spike will be driven April 2 at Gold Creek, in the presence of the Milwaukee general officials, W. D. Rockefeller and other magnates.

## IMMIGRANTS CROWD "HUB"

### Boston Gets 1500 From Southern Europe by One Steamer.

BOSTON, March 8.—That the tide of immigration is again on the flood was apparently indicated today when 1500 immigrants arrived here on the steamer Romanic from Mediterranean ports. This is the largest number landing from any steamer at this port for 16 months.

## FLORENCE ROBERTS SICK

### Actress Reported on Verge of Nervous Breakdown.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 8.—Florence Roberts, the actress ill at the Eastmore Hotel here, she left her company at Cheyenne, Wyo., last Friday night, and came here. Her physicians reported that she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

## VESSEL SINKS; CREW GONE

### Disaster Befalls Spanish Steamer Off French Coast.

BREST, March 8.—The Spanish steamer Mouro of Bilbao has foundered about two miles off Cape de la Chevre. The fate of its crew is unknown, no boat of the ship having been seen.

## KNIFE THROUGH DUTY ON LUMBER

### Committee Proposes to Cut It in Two.

## PUT HIDES ON FREE LIST

### Steel Schedule Will Be Slashed Cruelly.

## IMPORT DUTY ON COFFEE

### Stamp and Inheritance Taxes May Be Imposed to Make Up Loss in Revenue—No Addition to Beer and Other Spirit Duties.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—A cut of one-half in the duty on lumber and manufactures of lumber is understood to be one of the changes provided by the new tariff bill, which is being printed preparatory to its final revision by the public members of the House ways and means committee. Another change, according to information from reliable sources, is that hides have been placed on the free list. There has been much contention over the duties on these two articles.

## Lumbermen Fight Reduction.

During the hearings of the lumber schedules the testimony was such as to cause the impression that lumber would be put on the free list. It was said that the forests of the country could be conserved only by admitting lumber free of duty. It is said Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester, is preparing figures in a further effort to have lumber admitted free of duty.

Representative Fordney, of Michigan, a member of the committee, has championed the cause of the lumbermen and the latter have been working energetically to prevent a reduction. They contend the rates should be increased, in order that the American industry may compete with the cheaper labor employed in Canada and because of the better facilities for transportation afforded by the proximity of the Canadian lumber camps to waterways.

## Free Hides, Cheaper Leather Goods

The effort to obtain hides free is being made principally by the New England shoe and leather manufacturers and is strongly opposed by the cattlemen of the West. It is said that the farmers have agreed to a material reduction on leather manufactures.

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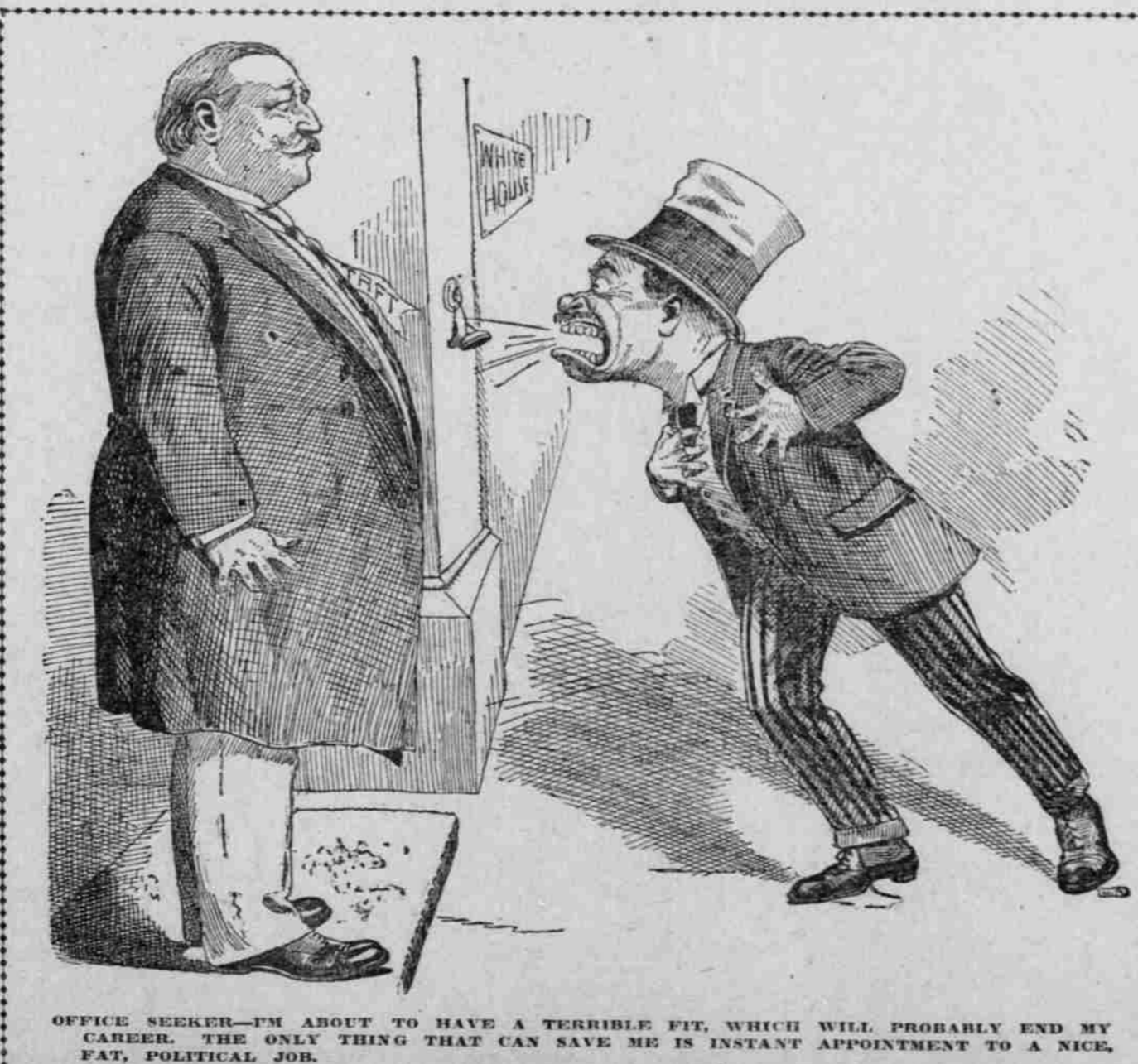
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OFFICE SEEKER—I'M ABOUT TO HAVE A TERRIBLE FIT, WHICH WILL PROBABLY END MY CAREER. THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE ME IS INSTANT APPOINTMENT TO A NICE, FAT, POLITICAL JOB.