



STORMS SCOURGE SOUTHERN STATES

Death List Grows Appalling in Size.

TOWN AFTER TOWN WRECKED

Fatalities Will Amount to Over 100 in Gulf States.

TORNADOES STILL RAGING

Wires All Prostrated and News of Suffering and Death Is Received Only in Meagre Form From Country.

DEATH ROLL OF STORM.	
Chicago and vicinity	21
Laport, Ind.	3
Harrisburg, Ill.	3
Carroll, Ill.	3
Youngs Crossing, Tenn.	3
Medina, Tenn.	2
Horn Lake, Miss.	18
West Marion, Ark.	1
Wheatley, Ark.	1
Golden, Mo.	11
Forest City, Ark.	1
Pium Point, Ark.	2
Jackson, Tenn.	7
Hillboro, Tenn.	3
Summersville, Mo.	2
Pittsburg, Pa.	4
Texas City, Ill.	4
Centerville, Tenn.	25
Fayetteville, Tenn.	16
Castle Gap, Ark.	1
Decher, Tenn.	19
Pulaski, Tenn.	20
Hartell, Ala.	4
Huntsville, Ala.	3
Danville, Ala.	3
Manahott Springs, Ark.	3
Harna, Tenn.	8
Nashville, Tenn.	1
Clarksville, Tenn.	1
Laconia, Tenn.	1
Beila, Tenn.	2
Quiton, Tenn.	8
Alton, Ill.	6
Total	200

ATLANTA, Ga., April 30.—At least 75 persons killed and three times that number injured and damages amounting to perhaps \$1,000,000—is the toll collected by a succession of tornadoes which swept portions of Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama and Missouri last night, today and tonight.

Wires are down throughout the stricken districts and only fragmentary reports of the tornadoes can be gathered. It is feared that the damage and loss of life will be even greater than indicated tonight.

Hundreds are homeless and distress is widespread. Wires are down throughout the district traversed by the storm. This may be responsible for reports of large casualties from various Tennessee towns. It is said eight or ten persons are dead at Jackson. Young's Crossing has five dead. At Franklin one woman is dead and two fatally hurt at Henderson.

Storm's Fantastic Tricks.
The storm played many fantastic tricks. It hurled James Jackson, an aged man of Montgomery County, Tennessee, 20 yards from his ruined house, snapping his neck, and he was found dead today.

It ripped 20 church steeples from their bellies, stood them point up in the earth and then hurled them into trees. It tore up the battlefield of Franklin, Tenn., as the cannon balls did in the Civil War. After scattering all the benches in the grandstand at Lortonia racetrack, Kentucky, it whizzed a fence railing through the front window of George Tibbitt's house into a pile of dishes and through the kitchen wall into the yard.

At Decher, Tenn., a man and child were buried under the roof of their home, torn off by the gale. The storm crossed the Mississippi River many times in its wild career through Dixie and at times tore patches a mile wide over country and town, later narrowing into a belt the size of a city block.

An exact list of the dead and an accurate estimate of the monetary loss may not be completed for many days, but from all along the path of the storm come tales of fearful loss of life and whole towns and villages are completely wiped out.

Storm Camp From North.
The storm wave seems to have had its origin in the North, and swept from the Lake Region south in irregular fashion. At Franklin, Ind., and Hillsboro, Tenn., there was much loss of life. The latter town is said to be virtually destroyed, while at Centerville and adjoining village the damage is reported very heavy. Near Pulaski the death list reached 12, with many injured.

Tornadoes Followed Valley.
The tornadoes followed the Cumberland valley, wrecking small towns and destroying farm houses. At Ebenezer 15 houses were blown down. At Charleston the storm swerved up the Hiwassee River in the Tennessee valley, destroying much property. At Fayetteville 15 were killed, and 250 houses demolished. At Cuba many houses were blown down.

THEATER COMPANY SEES CONSPIRACY

Taft's Sister-in-Law Made Defendant in Suit.

Complaint Alleges Mrs. Taft and Charles Murphy Want to Operate Playhouse Themselves.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Mrs. Anna Sinton Taft, wife of Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, and sister-in-law of President Taft, is made a defendant in a bill of injunction filed here today by Mort H. Singer, president of the LaSalle Theater Company.

The bill asks that Mrs. Taft, owner of the theater property, be restrained from interfering with the theatrical company's possession, and asks the extension for five years of a lease which expires tomorrow at midnight.

It is alleged that Mrs. Taft and Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National League Baseball Club, have entered into a conspiracy to deprive the company of its rights, and to operate a theater for their own benefit.

DOSE OF MEDICINE FATAL

Irving L. Randall Takes Too Much and Dies.

Irving L. Randall, 48 years old, who was a clerk employed in the hardware store of N. C. Merges, 256 Russell street, lies dead in his apartments above the store as the result of an overdose of a sedative medicine. He was discovered by his grown daughter, Miss Elsie Randall, a clerk with the Marshall- Wells Company, who made her home with her father, at midnight on Thursday night in a comatose condition. She aroused the neighbors and Dr. Curtis Holcomb, of 129 1/2 Russell street, was summoned and worked over the man almost constantly until noon yesterday, when he died.

At an autopsy last night in the undertaking establishment of Dunning, McEntee & Gilhaugh it was found that he had resorted from the paralysis of the respiratory organs and the heart, following the use of some narcotic. What he had taken was not discovered.

Mr. Randall had been a resident of Portland for many years. He was a native of Maine and had been employed at the Merges store for a long time. He has a brother living in Seilwood.

FAILS TO PROVE OFFENSE

Moore's Wife and Stowell Cleared of Charges.

CHICAGO, April 30.—(Special.)—Myron B. Stowell, prominent in Chicago social circles and a member of the Chicago Athletic Association, whose invalid wife is in Portland, Or., and Mrs. George E. Moore, wife of a prominent real estate dealer of Indianapolis, Ind., who were arrested a week ago in a downtown hotel, were discharged by Municipal Judge Blake today.

"You admit you cannot prove that this man and woman lived together in a downtown hotel openly as man and wife for any period, can you?" queried the judge.

"No," replied John Homer Lyle, representing Mr. Moore, who is prosecuting his wife.

"Discharged," said the court. There was an air of mystery about the entire case.

WOMAN HURT IN RUNAWAY

Mrs. W. J. Warner Leaps From Her Buggy and Suffers Broken Leg.

As the result of a runaway accident yesterday noon at Gresham, Mrs. Walter J. Warner, whose husband is connected with the Pacific Coast Syrup Company, 224 North Front street, and who lives at 703 Kearney street, this city, lies in the Good Samaritan Hospital with a badly shattered ankle bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner had started on their way to a ranch near Sandy. The horses took fright and began to run. Mrs. Warner became excited and unable to control herself jumped from the vehicle. She landed on her feet but the impact wrenched her ankle, breaking the ankle bones and the bones in the leg a short distance above the ankle.

The team was brought to a standstill a short distance away and Mr. Warner escaped unhurt.

PUSH EX-PREMIER IN BAY

Newfoundlanders Show Bond Their Dislike by Bath.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 30.—When Sir Robert Bond, the ex-premier attempted to land today from a steamer at Western Bay to address a political party rally, he was met by a crowd of voters in sympathy with Sir Edward Morris' party and warned that the electors of Western Bay did not desire to hear him. The ex-premier, however, declared his intention of making an address.

The crowd rushed for the landing place and in the confusion Sir Robert was pushed overboard. He was not injured and succeeded in climbing into a rowboat. He returned to the steamer and made no further attempt to land.

The incident is attributed to the intense political feeling throughout the colony.

HEARST'S PAPER IS GUILTY

New York American Labeled John D. Rockefeller, Says Jury.

NEW YORK, April 30.—A verdict of guilty of criminal libel was found today against the publishers of the New York American by the jury in the trial charging the publication of an article libeling John D. Rockefeller.

MOBS SHOUT FOR DEATH OF ABDUL

Ex-Sultan to Be Taken Away From Salonica.

MONASTIR HIS NEXT PRISON

Old Ruler Brutally Shot Favorite and Planned Massacre.

TROOPS BLOCK PROGRAMME

Wild Populace Hears of Scheme and Surrounds Villa Where Ruler Is Held, Clamoring for Vengeance.

PARIS, April 30.—Telegraphing from Constantinople, the Matin's correspondent says that Abdul Hamid probably will be transferred from Salonica to Monastir, as furious mobs surround the villa in which he is lodged, clamoring for his head, and the troops have difficulty in keeping them back.

"The former Sultan," the correspondent adds, "committed an abominable crime on the day of the entry of the troops into Constantinople. Mad with despair and jealousy, he shot dead his favorite, a beautiful Circassian girl of 18 years."

"Certain that the end of his reign had come, the Sultan had been induced to prepare for a general massacre on Saturday, the signal for which was to have been the firing of bombs.

"General Scherker, however, learned of the danger that threatened, and hastened the entry of the troops."

TEWFIK FORMS NEW CABINET

Arsenal of Fanatics Seized—Digging for Abdul's Treasure.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 30.—Tewfik Pasha finally succeeded in forming a new cabinet to preside over the Turkish Empire, a task he undertook reluctantly. The ministry follows:

- Grand Vizier—Tewfik Pasha.
- Minister of the Interior—Ex-Grand Vizier Ferid Pasha.
- Minister of War—Salah Pasha.
- Minister of Finance—Rifaat Bey.
- Minister of Marine—General Riza Pasha.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs—Rifaat Pasha.
- Sheik-ul-Islam—Sala Iddin Effendi.
- Minister of Public Works and Commerce—Gabriel Effendi.
- Minister of Agriculture—Prince Mavrodorato.
- Minister of Pious Foundations—Mahmoud Ekrem Bey.
- Minister of Public Instruction—Hakka Bey.
- Mehammed V. drove through the streets in a Democratic caravan today on his way to the mosque to offer up the regular Friday prayers. The pomp that attended to the function during the reign of Abdul Hamid was altogether lacking and the

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UNINJURED BY FALL; HURT WHEN TRIPS

FARMER DROPS FROM ROOF UNHARMED.

But When He Stubbed Toe Later, He Sustains Serious Injury, Breaking Kneecap.

Although he fell from the roof of his barn yesterday and in his fall turned a somersault, landing squarely on his feet and escaping from the accident without even so much as a scratch, L. Wood, a farmer, living near Laver's Landing on the Columbia River, above Vancouver, now lies in the Good Samaritan Hospital, the victim of a second fall that may cripple him for life. When he had recovered from the astonishment of finding himself standing on his feet, unhurt, after such a fall through the air, he turned, marveling to walk away, and as he did so stubbed his toe and fell, this time breaking his knee cap.

The surgeons say that this injury is one that in most instances leaves the victim with a stiff knee joint. Mr. Wood had been putting a roof on his new barn when a scaffolding he had improvised gave way, precipitating him to the ground below. He was brought to the city yesterday on the steamer Lone and conveyed to the hospital in an ambulance from Holman's stables. Mr. Wood said he did not know which to consider the most remarkable, his miraculous escape from the fall or the roof or the astonishing accident when he supposed that he was safe on terra firma.

COPPER TRUST IS PLANNED

William E. Corey Said to Be Back of Big Combination Scheme.

NEW YORK, May 1.—After recently conferring with 40 of the leading copper men, William E. Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, has under way a plan for combining the big copper interests of the country, according to the World today.

Henry H. Rogers and the Amalgamated Copper Company and United Metals Selling Company, with a number of strong independent interests are said to favor the project.

The combination is suggested with a view to regulating production, eliminating competition and introducing further economies in the industry.

CANADA RESERVES TIMBER

Government Will Control Cutting in 90,000,000-Acre Tract.

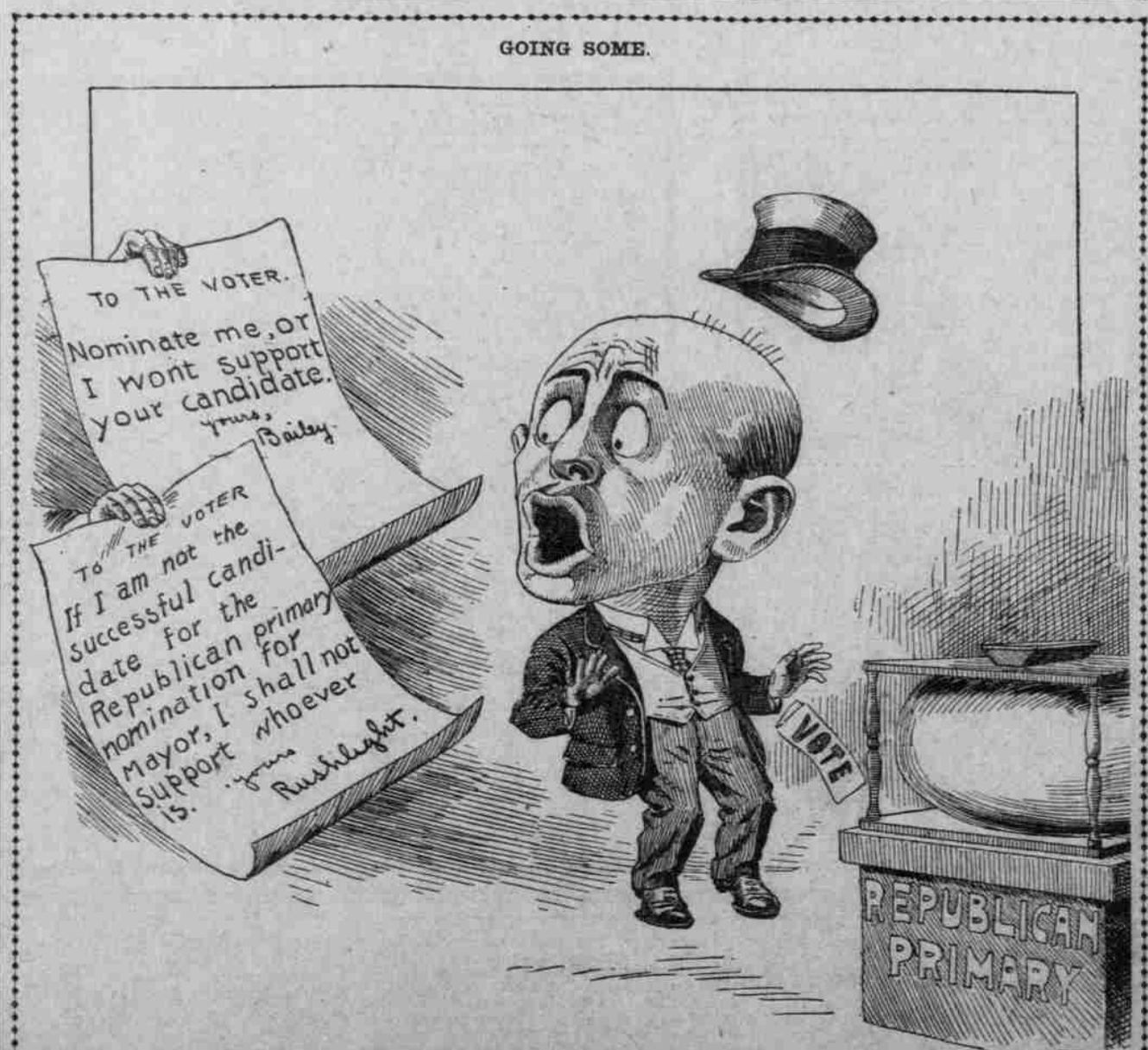
WINNIPEG, Man., April 30.—The Dominion Government has decided to reserve a belt of about 90,000,000 acres of timber land running south of the Crow's Nest line of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the international line, and from 50 miles east of the British Columbia boundary line into Alberta. The government will control the cutting of lumber on this land, which will amount to about 32,000,000 feet per year for the next 60 years.

WESTON BEHIND SCHEDULE

Fierce Storms of Past Few Days Delay Veteran Traveler.

MONTGOMERY CITY, Mo., April 30.—Edward Payson Weston arrived here tonight. He is considerably behind his schedule, being delayed by the high winds of the past two days.

GOING SOME.



LOTAN IS INDICTED WITH LIQUOR MEN

Deputy Auditor Included in Forgery Charge.

GRAND JURY RETURNS REPORT

Reinstein and Breslauer Must Explain Petition Episode.

ARRESTS EXPECTED TODAY

Investigators Also Score Employment Agencies and Ask That License Held by Hansen's Office Be Revoked.

Indictments against Sam Lotan, Deputy City Auditor, as well as against Maurice Reinstein and S. Breslauer, brewery employees, were returned by the County grand jury yesterday afternoon following a rigid inquiry into the nullification of the Excise Board petition in the City Auditor's office on the night of April 19.

Following the indictments bench warrants for the arrest of the three men were issued out of the Circuit Court, but have not yet been placed in the hands of the Sheriff for service. Arrests doubtless will be made today.

Lotan Indictment Surprised.
Forgery in changing a public document is the technical charge against the three men. The indictment of the brewery employees was expected, but there were many who believed Lotan would succeed in establishing his contention that he was made an innocent victim by the other two men. The jurors, however, in the light of the circumstances presented at the investigation, were not inclined to accept Lotan's story as wholly true. No distinction is made between Lotan and the other two in the indictments.

The indictments are combined in one document of a voluminous nature. Lotan's name heads the list, with Reinstein named second and Breslauer third. Sixteen typewritten pages are covered, this being necessary in view of the technical nature of the charge.

Alterations Are Shown.
The text of the initiative and referendum law under which the petition was circulated and the list of alterations in the petition charged against the three alleged conspirators are included. The document was drawn up by District Attorney Cameron. It is said that the greatest care has been taken to prevent technical inaccuracies which might afford attorneys for the accused men basis for quibbling and delay.

As yet the indictments have not been made officially known. They were presented to Circuit Judge Morrow at 4 P. M. by Deputy District Attorney Vreeland, together with the final report of the jury, which had just completed the April term. In accordance with the practice

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WOOLMEN GAIN IN RATES FIGHT

SUCCESS IN HAVING CHICAGO MADE "BREAKING" POINT.

Shipments Can Now Be Made to the Windy City From West and Then to East at Low Cost.

CHICAGO, April 30.—(Special.)—In the effort to establish Chicago as a great wool market, the National Wool Warehouse & Storage Company has encountered some queer obstacles in the rate adjustments from the West. The Eastern and Western railroads have at last agreed to "break" the wool rates at Chicago, making rates out to the West and rates out to the East, instead of the through rates which now exact from the producing centers to the Eastern markets.

This action has been taken despite the protest of the Eastern wool buyers, for it is in accord with the new ratemaking principle the railroads are trying to establish, which is that of "breaking" the rates at important centers.

From the wool-producing sections of the West, however, the rates are in need of treading out. From parts of Utah, for example, it has been discovered that it is cheaper to back haul wool nearly 1000 miles to Los Angeles and then reship from there to the Eastern markets, than it is to ship direct from Utah.

MR. SCOTT'S DECLINATION

Text of Letter to the President on the Mexican Ambassadorship.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 30.—The following letter was obtained for publication today: "Office of the Associated Press, 195 Broadway, New York, April 23, 1909.—To the President: Since you did me the honor several weeks ago, to offer me the Embassy of the United States to Mexico I am glad to have been so carefully considered the matter and have reached the conclusion that I must decline the honor. "It is solely the state of my own business that induces me to this conclusion; for I assure you that I am deeply sensible of the honor as well as of the complimentary manner in which the offer was made.

"It has seemed proper and even necessary that I should make an early declaration of my decision. In order that my name, so kindly suggested by yourself for this highly honorable distinction, might not stand as an obstruction to such worthy subjects as you have passed to the President may desire to take. Very respectfully,

"HARVEY W. SCOTT."

TO ARREST DELAVAN SMITH

Owners of Indianapolis News to Be Served With Warrants.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 30.—Stewart McNamara, assistant of the United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia, arrived here today and said that tomorrow Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News, would be served with warrants following on the indictment charging them with libel in connection with the Panama Canal purchase.

Mr. McNamara said that Messrs. Smith and Williams would be taken for preliminary hearing before Judge Anderson, of the District United States Court, in this city.

TIRE BURSTS, DOCTOR HURT

Four Teeth Knocked Out, Flesh Torn and Jawbone Fractured.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—While stooping over a tire which an automobile demonstrator was pumping full of air at Prescott today, Dr. F. W. Reese, of this city, received a blow from the bursting tire which lacerated his cheek and fractured the bones of his face. A steel outer case struck him in the face, breaking four teeth and leaving a bad gash, which was later sewed up at the St. Mary's Hospital. Fred Leahy, the demonstrator, suffered a badly bruised arm.

SHOOTS IN POLICE COURT

Armenian Takes Law Into His Own Hands at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., April 30.—Dr. G. K. Boyajian, an Armenian, today shot and fatally wounded his nephew, Harootian H. Gaspinian, while the latter was being arraigned in police court with his aunt, the physician's wife, on a statutory charge.

Dr. Boyajian then turned the revolver on his wife, and fired the two remaining bullets at her. One missed her entirely, and the other penetrated the crown of her hat.

CHIEF FOR NORTHERN ROAD

E. A. James to Be Manager of Alberta & Great Waterways Route.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 30.—New York capitalists behind the Alberta & Great Waterways railway have appointed E. A. James, former manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, general manager of the new road. It will be the most northerly railway in America, and connects Edmonton with an immense territory tapped by the natural waterways from Fort McMurray to the Arctic Circle. The road has been guaranteed \$20,000 a mile by the Alberta government.

TAF TO ENFORCE ANTI-TRUST LAW

Continue Policy of Roosevelt.

BUT BY DIFFERENT METHODS

Wickersham Declares Purpose of Government.

INNOCENT NEED NOT FEAR

Attorney-General Says Roosevelt Awakened People, Now Taft Will Vigorously Enforce Laws and Prosecute Guilty.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The Sherman anti-trust law will be enforced by the Taft administration. Robates will be prevented so far as possible. The work of the Roosevelt regime in this direction will be carried forward with vigor, though by different methods. Attorney-General Wickersham announced this today in an address before the New York bar.

Roosevelt Awakened Them.

"You all know," said Mr. Wickersham, "that the attitude of a very large part of this community towards some of the laws enacted by Congress was, prior to six or seven years ago, one of indifference when not of hostility. There was a prevailing impression that many of the laws dealing with economic subjects had been passed to be pointed to with pride rather than to be enforced. Then there came a rude awakening. The last administration set to work with vigor and energy, which was accompanied at times with newspaper clamor, to enforce these laws. Business men who eight years ago had not read the Sherman anti-trust law today know it by heart; and railroad men and shippers alike have an intimate personal acquaintance with the interstate commerce act.

Same Methods Not Needed.
"The work of the present administration is none the less important than was that of the last in continuing to enforce the laws, in endeavoring to effect the interest of the people in preventing the things which the people have come to believe to be inconsistent with the welfare

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