

ROOSEVELT'S LETTER

Comments on the Graft Prosecutions at San Francisco

ADDRESSED TO R. SPRECKELS

President Urges That the Prosecutors do Not Become Disheartened and by All Means Keep up the Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—The Call today prints a letter dated June 8, at the white house Washington, from President Roosevelt, to Mr. Rudolph Spreckels in which he comments upon the local graft prosecutions and urged the prosecutors to "keep up the fight."

"My Dear Mr. Spreckels—I know that you and Mr. Heney and the others associated with you must feel down-hearted when you see men guilty of atrocious crimes who for some cause or other succeed in escaping punishment, and especially when you see men of wealth and of high social standing banding together against you.

"My dear sir, I want you to feel that your experience is simply the experience of all of us who are engaged in this fight. There is no form of slander and of wicked falsehood which will not as a matter of course be employed against all engaged in such a struggle.

"Now I do hope that you and your colleagues will treat all this bitterness with entire disregard. It is of small consequence to you or to any of us who are engaged in this work whether men think well or ill of us personally; but it is of very great consequence that we should do the work without flinching. Therefore I hope you and Heney and your associates will keep reasonably good natured; but that above all that you will not lose heart. You must battle on valiantly, no matter what the biggest business men may say, no matter what the mob may say, no matter what may be said by that element which may be regarded as the best society. You must steadfastly oppose those foolish or wicked men who would substitute class consciousness and loyalty to class interest for loyalty to American citizenship as a whole for loyalty to the immutable laws of righteousness, of just and fair dealing as between man and man.

"It is just as bad to be ruled by a plutocracy as by a mob. It is profoundly un-American and in a social sense, profoundly immoral, to stand for or against a given man, because he is or is not a brave, upright and able man, but because he does or does not belong to a labor union or does or does not represent the big business interests. In their essence, down at the foundation of things, the ties that are all important are those that knit honest men, brave men, together and it is mighty poor substitute if we replace these ties by those that bind men together whether they are good or bad simply because they follow a particular business, have a given social standing or belong to a particular organization.

"Indeed, if there can be any degrees in the contemptuous abhorrence with which right-thinking citizens should regard corruption it must be felt in its most extreme form for the so-called "best citizens" the men high in business and social life, who by backing up or by preventing the punishment of wealthy criminals set the seal of their approval on crime and give honor to rich felons.

"You have heart breaking difficulties with which to contend. You have to fight not only the banded powers of evil, but alas that it should be said, the supineness and indifference of many good men on whose zealous support you had a right to feel that you could rely. Do not be discouraged; do not flinch. You are in a fight for plain decency, for the plain democracy of the plain people who believe in honesty and in fair dealing as between man and man. Do not become disheartened. Keep up the fight.

"Very sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT," Rudolph Spreckels, Esq., San Francisco, Cal."

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SECRETARY GARFIELD SAILS

HONOLULU, June 20.—Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield sailed last night on a visit to the island of Kilauea and a tour of the island of Hawaii and Mani. He will return next Thursday and take passage on the Steamer St. Louis for a visit to the Island of Kauai. In a speech at the Commercial Club today Mr. Garfield said:

"Your questions of race, labor and land shall have my consideration. Your labor conditions are not satisfactory. Some of you have not been giving enough consideration to the mainland view point of the new and enlarged national returns in the orient and you fail to realize that what may have been all right in the past may not be all right now or in the future.

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ROLLER AFTER GOTCH

Seattle Physician on Trail of World's Champion Wrestler.

MAY MEET ON JUNE

Gotch Says Doctor is the Best Mat Artist in the United States Outside of Himself—Gave Him His Hardest Bout.

Frank A. Gotch, world's champion wrestler, according to his own statement, stands a possible chance to lose his title to Dr. Roller in a match which will be decided in Seattle, Wash., on June 20.

Gotch states it is his opinion that Dr. Roller is the best wrestler in the United States, of course barring himself. Gotch says that he thinks he will be able to defeat Roller, but that he expects one of the hardest tussles of his career. Gotch met Roller in a match in Seattle a year ago last fall. He was the American champion at that time and offered to throw Roller twice in an hour. When he reached Seattle, he asserts, he was not at his best, as he had been traveling all the previous night. His friends warned him that Roller was a hard man to beat, but he had heard the same thing on hundreds of occasions in other cities and merely laughed at their advice to be careful with Roller. Speaking of the match with Roller, Gotch said:

"When Roller entered the ring I was a bit surprised. He stood six feet one inch and weighed close to 210 pounds. He was about twenty-five years of age and appeared a perfect athlete. I afterward learned that he played Rugby football at one of the eastern universities. Nevertheless I sized him up as a strong, big athlete and did not expect much trouble.

"I roughed it up with him hard for the first fifteen minutes. I found that he knew the game and was fast and strong. Nevertheless I thought I had him, so I slowed up for the next quarter of an hour so as to make a big spurt, during which I would sail in after him and toss him so hard and quickly that I would take all of the fight out of him for the second bout.

"To my surprise, Roller, when I slowed down, also started taking matters easy. When I rested up I went after Roller as hard as I ever went after any man. I was thunderstruck when I found that he not only came back on me strong, but fairly carried me about the mat by his rushes and hard work. He had me tired in a few minutes and, picking me up, slammed me down on my head. You bet I was scared. When I managed to get on my feet I ran and stalled about as I never did before or hope never to do again. To tell the truth, I was lucky to avoid being thrown, and the sound of the bell at the end of the hour was the most pleasant sound I believe I ever heard.

"Roller could make a lot of money if he would give up his practice at Seattle and take up wrestling as a business. He does not want to leave Seattle and is what might be considered an amateur at the game. He defeated Beel in two straight falls recently, and I think that Beel can defeat Charles Olsen. I rank the American wrestlers Roller, Beel and Olsen. Roller has a standing offer of \$1,000 in a Seattle bank for a wrestling match with anybody. I am going after that \$1,000, and, besides, I think we will get a big guarantee to wrestle on June 20."

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GRADED LESSONS

And Reasons Why They Should Be Used

SPEECH OF DR. M. HAZARD

President of the Sunday School Editorial Association at International Sunday School Convention Held at Louisville, Ky., June 20.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 20.—The following address of Dr. M. C. Hazard, of Boston, and who is president of the Sunday School Editorial Association, was delivered here before the International Sunday School Convention:

There is a prevalent impression that graded lessons will be more difficult to teach than the uniform lesson. Dr. M. C. Hazard in his paper sought to show that on the contrary the graded lesson would be easier to teach, and thus be a benefit particularly to the small, country, frontier or backwoods schools. The advantages of the graded lessons over the uniform lesson grow out of the fact that they are selected with reference to the capacities, aptitudes and requirements of each grade in the school. Psychology shows that at different ages the mind of the child requires different nutriment. Graded lessons are based upon this fact, and provided for each grade the lessons suitable for it. Over the system of one lesson for the whole school they start with this advantage that in each grade the scholars are in sympathy with the material provided for it. The lesson does not have to be adopted to them; it is already adopted.

The system of one lesson for all in the school absolutely ignores the need of scholars of varying ages for different material. It gives to one portion of the school the matter which is just suited to it, and tries to adopt the matter to the rest. In doing this some teachers succeed in interesting their scholars, but it is evident that it takes more brains, training and tact to adopt an unsuitable lesson than it would to teach one which at the start is just fitted for them. The graded lessons, therefore, will be a help to those who do not have this ability and training.

There is no foundation for the idea that the graded lessons will require as teachers those who have a considerable knowledge of child psychology and pedagogy. So far as possible every teacher should know something of them, but in the new system that knowledge will be more necessary than in the old. A familiar acquaintance with them will be necessary by those who select the lessons, that they may be exactly suited to the different grades, but not in those who make use of them, any more than it is needful that those who make use of a good macadam or Telford road should know how it is constructed.

In changing from the uniform to the graded lessons a school would lose the possibility of holding general teachers' meetings. But few teachers' meetings are successful, mainly because the special needs and difficulties of the different grades are not considered. Teachers of the smaller

children, who neglect their own teachers' meeting, often at considerable trouble attend a Primary Union because they there get just the help they need. The fact suggests that it will be easier to get together the teachers of the same grade, for having the same problem to meet they will get more help from each other. Better teachers' meetings of this sort will result from having graded lessons.

Graded lessons are conceived upon the right principle—the right material for each grade in the school. If that principle be well carried out, there can be no question as to their ultimate adoption by the schools. I fully believe that American teachers are quick-witted enough to perceive what will serve them best. The graded lessons before us have been so carefully prepared that it would be folly not to give them a fair and full trial.

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