

This Date In History—March 14.

- 1590—Decisive battle of Ivry and victory of Henry of Navarre, which secured him the crown and ended the religious war.
- 1803—Frederick Theophilus Klopstock, German poet, died; born 1724.
- 1826—Victor Emmanuel, in whose reign the unification of Italy was completed, born in Turin; died Jan. 9, 1878.
- 1891—A mob in New Orleans captured the city prison and killed 11 Italians, alleged members of the Mafia and charged with collusion in the killing of Chief of Police Hennessy.
- 1894—John T. Ford, well known theatrical manager, died at Baltimore; born 1829.
- 1898—Henry Bessemer, inventor of the Bessemer steel process, died; born 1813.
- 1900—Roberts' army occupied Bloemfontein, former capital of the Orange Free State. Rev. Thomas Kinulcut Beecher, noted Congregationalist minister, died at Elmira, N. Y.; born 1824.



Teddy, the strenuous, has lost some of his metal since he became president. Responsibility is excellent salve for the scrapping man. Risk will sober the most aggressive.

"I beg to report" Lord Kitchener is busy just now. The Boers seem to be very much alive. It is time for England to come to her senses and wind up her horrible war with a handful of people.

"Long live the Emperor," cried Carter Harrison on Prince Henry's recent visit to Chicago. Mayor Harrison pretends to be a democrat. If he had been a real one, with no bad taint in his blood, those words would have choked him. What could have been the matter with Carter? Shades of his father!

Lord Roseberry, England's great statesman, has a great opportunity to bring about a settlement of the war in South Africa with honor to England and justice to the South African republics, that have won the respect of the world by their struggle against such odds. They are entitled to the right to govern themselves as they see fit.

John P. Altgeld, who died Wednesday was a misunderstood man. He was a man of great mental depth, a man who believed in the voice of the people, who was a democrat in the strictest sense of the word. He defended the lowly, upheld equality of opportunity and fought for equal rights. He was struck down with apoplexy immediately after making an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Boers, whose cause was his own cause for months past. Mr. Altgeld came from the ranks of the lowly, had gained eminence from his own sturdy efforts, and he never forgot the strugglers in the lower walks of life. Altgeld dead will be tendered greater justice than Altgeld alive. He will be accorded a place among the great lovers of democracy, who have quit this sphere in answer to nature's call. His voice will be no longer heard in the land, but his good work will live after him!

The savings bank deposits of the United States amount to about \$2,579,000,000, and somebody cites it as proof that Americans take care of their money. There are people who seem to be under the impression that the hoarder of money is the only person that "saves" it. Bless their souls, if every man and woman and child on earth squandered every cent they got hold of, the money would be still in evidence just the same, for deposit in savings banks and for other purposes. We should not forget that the man who spends his money liberally and legitimately is even a better man than the one who hoards and saves it. The saving virtue is not the highest one by any means, and it has been cultivated even too much. Somewhere it is written, "Moderation is the silken thread that runs through the pearl chain of all virtue." The man who stints and saves is not moderate. The cancer of selfishness eats at his soul, and with "love of money," works until it destroys it. Anything that is done to excess is destructive.

Astoria people have contributed \$1000 for the benefit of the Boer women and children in the concentration camps in South Africa. This is a generous contribution for so small a city as Astoria for an object so far

away. It shows that Astoria has her full share of people whose hearts are in the right place. Astoria has set a good example for the other towns of Oregon. But, after the money is contributed, it is possible it cannot reach the people to whom it is given, on account of the action of the state department at Washington, which recently refused to give passports to a gentleman and his wife, who had been entrusted with money to take to South Africa for the succor of these miserable people, on the ground that Great Britain might consider it "meddling" on our part. Truly, "courtesy between statesmen" is being carried a little too far. President Roosevelt had better contract the late President McKinley's habit, keep his ear close to the ground. Surely he had better be alive to the wishes of the American people than to those of the governing class in England!

STATE TAXES ARE HIGH.

The people who pay taxes universally complain about there being one fourth to one-third higher than last year, when they were considered higher than ever before. What will they do about it?

People cannot understand how when the expenses of running the county government has been reduced one-half—that is for current expenses—and the debt of the county wiped out, still the taxes are higher. Some talk as though getting the county out of debt were to blame and want the county run into debt again. That is false logic. The levy for county purposes is about three mills less than last year. The school tax and state school tax is the same. The state government tax is higher by about a mill and a half. The new cash road tax is one and one-half mills added to the cash tax levy.

Hence the reduction in county taxes is more than overcome. The legislature appropriated nearly two millions and the increase in state revenues required this year, over the average amount for seven years, is \$460,000. This fact has been published over and over again.

The people have a right to howl about taxes being higher as the candidates for the legislature in most cases promised the people reduced taxes to get their votes. They promised to levy no new taxes, to create no new offices. But the legislature after it is organized plunges into the vortex of a struggle to elect a senator, becomes as unmanageable as a lot of sawlogs that have broken from their boom in a flood.

The only remedy is to send men of the highest integrity and business ability, and men who want no personal grafts, to the legislature, and bind their hand and foot to a good business program.

After the people get the initiative and referendum they will have a little more control over their representatives. Until then lay down an iron clad program—thus far and no further can you go in spending public money.

\$3.00 a day men who seek to get to go to the legislature to make out of it what they can for themselves are dangerous and expensive. The man who seeks that three dollar a day job must do business after he gets it to pay his debts.

If he don't get big appropriations, make new offices, create clerkships, and scatter boodle with a lavish hand how is he going to pay his campaign bills and hold his place with the party for future promotion?

Send men to the legislature who are not grafters and hobbler them with an ironclad pair of business program hobbles to pay taxes. There is no other way to hold down the boodle avalanche.—Salem Capital Journal.

SECRETARY HAY AS A POET.

It is quite the proper thing nowadays, says the Pilgrim, to congratulate the nation that at last the scholar, even the literary man, has appeared in American politics. He has long been a factor in the public life of Great Britain, but the tone of American statecraft has been distinctly unlitary, the verdict of the Pennsylvania congressman of Lowell, that he was nothing but a "damned literary feller," long standing in the fullness of its scorn against any author appearing in public life. The advent of Roosevelt changed all this, for he is the author of eleven respectable books, besides uncounted magazine articles, which are, to quote a eulogist, "discharged at a stenographer like bullets from a rifle"—it really ought to have been a magazine gun to make the simile perfect.

But in a literary administration the wooing of the muses is sometimes attended by embarrassment if not with disaster. There is Secretary Hay, for example. In his earlier day John Hay was a poet, a real one and not a mere poetaster. Prosperity not wholly disconnected with the Standard Oil Company founded his poetic bark, for as Aldrich says truly—

"A man would live in a garret aloof, And have few friends and go poorly clad, With an old hat stopping the chink in the roof, To keep the Goddess constant and glad."

And moreover the Goddess insists upon and inspires high ideals, a lofty love for the right and one's fellows. The Goddess was with John Hay in those days, and right loyally he responded to the inspiration. We recall no poetic expression of the right attitude of Americans toward all men striving for liberty, than this closing stanza from John Hay's "Liberty": "So all in vain with tenuous ones essay To set the metes and bounds of liberty."

For freedom in its own eternal law: It makes its own conditions and in storm Or calm alike fulfills the eternal Will. Let us then not despise it when it lies Still as a sleeping lion, when a swarm Of gnat-like evils hover round its head; Nor doubt it when in mad disjointed times It shakes the torch of terror, and its cry Shrills o'er the quaking earth, and in the flame Of riot and war we see its awful form Rise by the scaffold where the crimson ax Rings down its grooves the knell of shuddering kings.

Forever in thine eyes, O Liberty, Shines that high light whereby the world is saved, And though thou slay us we will trust in thee."

Beautiful and lofty is the sentiment of these lines and cruelly hard to reconcile with the position of Mr. Hay as the foremost cabinet official of two administrations determined to drive the sword, and gun, and torch, and starvation, and robbery, and rapine all aspirations for liberty from the hearts of a weak people whom the fortunes of war have delivered over to American power. Nor is this the one instance in which John Hay the Politician has given the lie to John Hay the Poet. Under the devotional title, "Thy Will Be Done," he sang some years ago the inalienable right of rebellion against tyranny, even at the risk of the ax:

"When tyrant feet are trampling Upon the common weal, Thou dost not bid us cringe and writhe Beneath the Iron heel; In thy name we assert our rights, With sword and tongue and pen, An' de'n the headman's ax may flash Thy message unto men."

"Thy will! It bids the weak be strong. It bids the strong be just; No lip to fawn, no hand to beg, No brow to seek the dust. Wherever man oppresses man Beneath the liberal sun, O God! Be there thine arm made bare, Thy righteous will be done."

It is small wonder that when a Denver woman wrote to Secretary Hay inquiring about the curious divergence between his poetic preachments and his political practice his private secretary should have responded:

"The secretary is unable to relieve the confusion of mind you seem to be in regard to the contradiction you see between his words and his acts."

It is easy to sit in the sunshine And talk to the man in the shade; It is easy to float in a well-trimmed boat And point out the places to wade. It is easy to tell the toiler How best he can carry his pack; But no one can rate a burden's weight Until it has been on his back. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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