

SOCIALISM SEEN AS COMING ISSUE BY EX-PRESIDENT

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—That socialism is the central political issue to which the country is coming was the opinion expressed by ex-President Taft on an article on "The future of the republican party" in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post, just out.

The ex-president's view is that his party not only is not done for, but that its greatest work is before it, in combatting this doctrine. He does, indeed, outline for it a constructive program, mentioning many of the things he believes it should do when next afforded an opportunity. "But before and of higher importance than all of these," he says, "is the rescue of the country from the serious danger to which it is exposed in this attempted undermining of our stable civil liberty."

The writer, in speaking of the last national election, refrains from using the first personal pronoun, referring to himself instead as "the republican candidate." He did not, he admits freely, prove a strong vote-getter, attributing his poor showing to the severe criticism and attack to which he had been subjected throughout the preceding four years, to "representations or misrepresentation" of his personality, motives and sympathies and to "unfair accounts" of the Chicago convention, widely circulated, through Colonel Roosevelt's "genius in the matter of securing publicity."

ZERO WEATHER IN MIDDLE WEST

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—A sharp drop in temperature was reported today by the weather bureau for the territory lying between the Rocky Mountains and the Great Lakes. Temperatures of from five to twenty-five degrees below zero, the forecaster, said, might be expected tonight.

Devil's Lake, N. D., was the coldest spot in the country today, with 32 below. At Duluth the thermometer registered 28 below zero. Other middle-western temperatures ranged from four above to ten below zero.

NO ABDICATION FOR HUERTA SAYS DIAZ

HAVANA, Feb. 11.—"President Huerta will never abdicate for Mexico's good," said Felix Diaz here today. "He will fight to the last ditch in the streets of the capital. He cares nothing for women, children or foreigners. Only death will remove him. He has the Indian's stubbornness."

Diaz approved of President Wilson's order lifting the embargo on the shipment of American arms to the Mexican rebels.

THIRTEEN TRY SUICIDE FIVE ARE SUCCESSFUL

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 11.—Eight despondent men and five women attempted suicide here during the past twenty-four hours. Five were successful.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Rain west, rain or snow east portion tonight and Thursday; southeasterly winds.

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That "a little girl in blue" broke up her once happy home was the plaint of Mrs. Hildegard McKenna Pultz, daughter of Justice McKenna, of the United States Supreme Court, who received a decree of absolute divorce from John Leggett Pultz, member of an old New York family.

FEDERAL TUG POTOMAC LOST IN VAST ICE FLOW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The navy department had become extremely anxious today concerning its tug Potomac, lost in the ice somewhere north of Cape Breton after an unsuccessful effort to help the American fishing fleet stuck in a vast floe in the Bay of Islands.

Hundreds of wireless calls to the tug have been flashed from North Sydney without a response. A good many officials of the department believed a day or two ago that the tug had been smashed by the ice cakes and gone down with its crew of thirty-six men.

The more hopeful inclined to think, however, that it was simply stuck fast. Secretary Daniels was considering the advisability of sending one of the navy's most powerful vessels to hunt for the missing craft, and if it found it, to crash a way for it through the ice and tow it to safety.

STEFANSSON SAYS KARLUK IS SAFE

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 11.—That the Canadian Arctic exploring vessel Karluk and its crew are safe was the opinion expressed by Vilhjalmur Stefansson in a message received today from him by the government authorities here.

The ship, presumably caught in the ice, drifted away under cover of a fog while Stefansson, who had charge of the expedition, and three companions were on the north Alaskan coast hunting. The quartet made their way to Point Barrow, and when the latest message was dispatched by courier to Ottawa they were camped at Collinson Point, engaged in scientific investigations.

The explorer said he thought the Karluk might drift a long distance, but believed it would be heard from in the course of the summer.

COXEY WOULD NOW LEAD THE STATE OF OHIO

MASSILLION, Ohio, Feb. 11.—Announcement of his candidacy for governor of Ohio on the socialist ticket at the primaries next August was made here today by "General" J. S. Coxe, who led an army of unemployed men on a march from Massillon to Washington in 1894.

SCIENCE STRICTLY BARRED WHEN BUD MEETS WATSON

Red Watson will shortly get another chance to make or break himself in the ring when he wades into Bud Anderson of the northwest a week from next Friday evening, says the San Francisco Call. It's going to be a full-fledged, man's size twenty-round contest. The winner will have a chance to do some future good for himself, while the loser must seek refuge in the ash can of pugilism.

This Watson lad has had all the chances in the world, but he has been in the habit of tossing blower after blower, and setting himself in Dutch all along the line. As Tom Corbett says, "He's as daffy as a toad, but at that he can fight, if somebody would only take a wallop at his with a club every time he tosses a big steam under his belt."

What we need here is some talent, not only in the heavyweight division, but in the other classes as well. Here is a chance to shoot a couple to the front. Anderson long has been posing as a lightweight, but he has just about as much chance of doing the 135-pound figure as Fatty Rhodes. Now he has finally gotten jerry to himself and is doing welterweight stunts.

Both are strong, rugged youngsters who ought to be able to stand plenty of the old gaff and come back for a fresh supply of it. If they watch Red closely and cause him to lay off all the rough stuff he should stand up and give Anderson many a resounding wallop, while Anderson can be counted upon to do the same by him. Scientific methods will be positively barred.

LOCAL OPERA BEST SHOW OF SEASON

It is a sad commentary on the dramatic taste of Medford when a cheap 10-20-30 cent production will pack the Page night after night and a really artistic production like that staged last night and tonight by local artists has vacant seats. Medford has evidently degenerated in a theatrical way.

Cast
Pirate King—George Andrews.
Samuel—his lieutenant, Ralph Burgess.
Frederic—a pirate apprentice, Fletcher Fish.
Major General Stanley—A. C. Burgess.
Sergeant of police—Carl Middleberger.
Mabel—General Stanley's youngest daughter, Mrs. Nellie Hazelrigg.
General Stanley's daughters:
Kate—Miss Dorothy Wicks.
Edith—Miss Florence Hazelrigg.
Isabel—Mrs. Stella Quisenberry.
Ruth—A piratical maid-of-all-work, Mrs. Florence Halliday Haight.
Ensemble
Ladies—Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Coffin, Mrs. Colvig, Misses Hazelrigg, Coffin, Boyle, Coffield, Wood, Murphy, Jacobs, Purucker, Rader, White.
Gentlemen—Messrs. Colvig, Corum Metz, Sooy-Smith, Beach, Lawrence, Wilson, Gregory, Childers, White, Howard, Glasgow, Purucker.

MUTT AND JEFF COMING TO THE PAGE

After two seasons of veritable triumph, Gus Hill comes back for a third season with his perennial success, "Mutt and Jeff," in an entirely new dress. "In Panama" is the title of the story that is to form a background for Bud Fisher's inimitable characters, which easily assume the credit of the greatest and most durable success of the cartoon world. The new production is an innovation of playcraftsman's work, embodying about all of the real meat of standard amusements.

In this season's entertainment, there isn't a thing left but "Mutt and Jeff." The story, music, lyrics, scenery and electrical effects are all new. Some startling mechanical transformations are shown with a genuine thrill. Mr. Hill has selected a cast superior in every respect to any he has yet been able to offer. All in all "Mutt and Jeff" will surely live up to the title of the one great big hit of the show world, and "it will go some."

It comes to the Page Monday, February 16.

Secure seats in advance is an old cry, but in this case it is very necessary, as "Mutt and Jeff" always play to overflowing houses.

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